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## Traveling to a Title: Retirees in Omaha

No offense intended, but Omaha, Nebraska, doesn't usually come to mind as a tourist destination. The lure of the College World Series, however, was reason enough to lead some 700 Beaver Believers on a trek to the nation's heartland back in June, 2006. Adding extra excitement was the prospect of a national title, which would be only the second ever for OSU and the first since way back in 1961. Among the hopeful travelers were several OSU retirees, including Don Wirth (retired Director of Alumni

Relations, '99) and Chuck Smith (retired Mechanical Engineering, '96) and his wife Marian. All three had already been at the World Series the prior year (when OSU departed early after two quick losses) and had so much fun that they vowed to return if the team qualified again. It had, and in fine fashion.

"It was great!" exclaimed Marian. "The best athletic event I have ever attended," said Don. An opening game 11-1 thrashing at the hands of the Miami Hurricanes hadn't been enough to completely discourage most Beaver fans, although both Marian and Don admitted to having revised their hopes for awhile: "Let's just win one.



Then another. And another." And both agreed that OSU fans represented the institution very well, just as the team did on the field. Much of the baseball-rabid Omaha community quickly adopted the Beavers as their favorites. Don even had a hard time finding an OSU t-shirt to purchase just before the final

game. He reports that people approached him regularly to say, "We hope you guys win."

Besides the World Series itself, other local attractions included plenty of nice restaurants serving famous Omaha steaks and, for Marian and her grandkids, a "fabulous" zoo. (The Beavers' pitching coach, Don Spencer, is the Smiths' son-in-law, so the trip became a family affair for them.) What was the single most outstanding memory for these OSU retirees? The final out of the championship game, of course, with all of "our kids" immediately rushing out onto the field and diving into an ecstatic "pile of Beavers" after their thrilling 3-2 victory over the North Carolina Tarheels. "What a magnificent moment, to realize that we had won the national championship!" All in all, it was a wonderful, excitement-filled week and a half for players and fans alike. And, as Don puts it, "The boys not only won it: they won it with class."

Do you often forget if you've renewed your OSURA membership or when it's due?

We've started listing your membership expiration on the address label next to your name on our mailings. If there's no date, you have not renewed for this year.

## Sports Trivia Question

Who was Dale Story?



## President's Message

Because this is my first newsletter column as OSURA President, I should introduce myself. I retired in 2003 after 29 years as a faculty member in the Physics Department. While at OSU, I was active in faculty governance, and I served as Department Chair for 14 years. Since my retirement, I have continued to do research in nuclear physics, have done a little part-time teaching, and have worked on a new edition of a textbook that will be published next year. My wife Paula and I celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this summer and are enjoying being first-time grandparents. I joined the OSURA Board in 2004 and was handed the symbolic Presidential gavel by Past President David Eiseman at our annual meeting in May 2006. As an OSURA member, I have found it especially rewarding to become reacquainted with faculty and staff members with whom I worked during my years at OSU, through the many OSURA members who attend our events and who volunteer to assist with OSU activities.



New to our organization structure this year is an active committee system; our organization has become too big and too complex for all of its activities to be planned by Board members. President-elect Kathy Heath is chairing our Program Committee. Watch for announcements of social and cultural events that they are planning. A new Member Services Committee, chaired by Bill Wilkins, will be developing programs to keep retirees better informed about financial and wellness issues. Board member Bobbye Koeper is chairing our

Volunteer Committee, which will coordinate our response to requests to help with OSU activities. Treasurer Kathy Meddaugh is chairing our Finance Committee, which will be developing a budget plan for OSURA.

At our annual meeting in May 2007 we will be awarding our first OSURA scholarship to an undergraduate student who is studying in a major leading to a career dealing with healthy aging. Former Board member Ron Lovell is chairing our first Scholarship Committee, which is developing a policy for screening applicants.

Our 2006-2007 OSURA year is already off to a good start with our third annual Golf Tournament at Trysting Tree. More than 60 golfers and non-golfers enjoyed the competition and companionship on a classically beautiful Corvallis late summer afternoon. Thanks to Bill Brennan and the tournament organizing committee for a successful start to our year.

As we start our programs for this new year, I want to urge all of our members to invite a non-OSURA member, either a retiree or an imminent retiree, to join them in attending an OSURA event. I am especially concerned that we try to bring surviving spouses of OSU retirees into the organization. If you know of any retirees or surviving spouses who are not members of OSURA, send us their names and we will send them a special invitation to join and to participate in our activities.

Check out our web site at <http://oregonstate.edu/osura/>, and click on Photo Gallery to see the photos from our 2006 annual meeting. Thanks to Pete Peters for taking these excellent photos and to Laura Nichols for organizing them on our web site. (Please let us know if there are any unidentified or misidentified folks in the photos: this is our historical record!)

— Ken Krane, President

### Save-The-Date

May 9

OSURA Annual  
Meeting, 3-5 p.m.

If you have any ideas for upcoming programs, workshops, or have suggestions for this newsletter, please contact Laura Nichols at 541.737.4875 or [osura@oregonstate.edu](mailto:osura@oregonstate.edu)

### In Brief

■ Watch for upcoming presentations on how to deal with 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology, now being planned by OSURA's Member Benefits Committee. Initial topics being scheduled for early 2007 include "Identity Theft," "Computer Privacy and Security," and "Understanding Credit Reports."

■ Planning continues for a first-ever OSURA Talent Show, with winter term 2007 as a revised target. The planning team remains ready and willing to hear your suggestions of individuals or groups to take the stage and wow an audience. Please contact Gale Hazel, Kathy Meddaugh or Gary Tiedeman with your ideas.

■ "Outstanding Volunteers" were awarded at the OSURA Annual Meeting in May for the 2005-2006 year. Award recipients were Arnold Appleby (Crop Science), Mary Ann Roberts (Zoology), and Bill Wilkins (Liberal Arts). Award winners were chosen by the OSURA Board based on their volunteer service throughout the year.

# New Board Members for 2006-2007

Three outstanding people were approved to fill existing OSURA board vacancies at the annual meeting held May 10. They are Gerry DeMoss (Department of Recreational Sports), Erin Haynes (Alumni Relations) and Michael Rainbolt (College of Business).

Michael Rainbolt holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering and an M.S. in Hydraulic Engineering, both from Washington State University. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1966 and retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1989. His Army posts included that of Deputy District Engineer for the Seattle District Corps of Engineers, Surety Inspector in the European theater, and Director of Engineering and Housing at Fort Monroe, Virginia. He became Professor of Military Science at OSU in 1986 and was later Assistant to the OSU Registrar (1993-2001) and Academic Advisor in the OSU College of Business (1989-2005). He received the Outstanding Administrator Award from the College of Business in 1997 and was a



Corvallis First Citizen nominee in 2003. Other current board memberships include the Military Officers Club and the Benton County Foundation. Mike's interests include assisting ROTC students with educational financing; he has raised over \$330,000 in scholarship funds since 1991. He also enjoys running, hiking, camping, fishing, stamp collecting, and computers.

Erin Haynes grew up in Puyallup, Washington. He entered OSU in 1968 (on a football scholarship) and graduated in the School of Health and Physical Education. He was active with student government and was the Senior Class President. He was hired by the OSU Admissions Office in 1972, where he was responsible for out-of-state student recruiting. He was awarded the Ed.M. degree from the School of Education in 1979. Haynes was made Assistant Director of Admissions in 1980, as well as Director of Annual Giving, and later became Director of Gift Clubs. In 2003, he joined the Alumni Association as Director of Membership. He has worked with numerous student groups over the years and has advised his



college fraternity (Phi Delta Theta) since 1974. He has also become an expert on campus tours in the course of giving over 1,500 such tours since 1969. Eric is married to OSU Alum Cherie Foster Haynes and has two children: Emily, 26, and Dan, 16. He retired from OSU in May of 2005. He is involved with church activities, Boy Scout fundraising, and Rotary International.

Geraldine (Gerry) DeMoss has become Gerry Beltrand through recent marriage. Because her plans now include spending a good part of each year in Arizona, she has regretfully resigned her new position as board member. The board hopes to select a replacement by November. We all wish Gerry our very best as she begins a new chapter in her life.

## Sports Trivia Answer:

Dale Story was the OSU cross country runner who not only won the individual title when the Beavers collected their first national championship 45 years ago but was reported to have run the race barefoot in the snow!

## Many Thanks to Ron Lovell

This issue marks the arrival of a new Editor who is cursed with the challenge of attempting to fill the large and extremely capable shoes of **Ron Lovell**. Ron's term on the Board has expired, and, despite a barrage of pleas, inducements, and threats from yours truly and others, he could not be persuaded to continue as Editor. We thank Ron

profusely for his years of service to OSURA and, especially, for his excellent work in monitoring and improving its newsletter. Prior to experiencing the joys of retirement with the rest of us, Ron had a distinguished career as a journalist at OSU and, before that, as a magazine writer in Los Angeles, Denver, Houston, and New York. Ron will now be able to

devote even more time to his career as a novelist, writing from his home on the Oregon coast. His recently published novel "Searching for Murder," the fifth in the popular Thomas Martindale series, is now available. Take a look: the action unfolds on the campus of (wink, wink) "Oregon University."

—Gary Tiedeman, Editor

## Annual Golf Tournament Results

The Third Annual OSURA Golf Tournament was held at Trysting Tree Golf Course on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 6, 2006, with 40 golfers and 30 non-golfers participating. Sean Arey, Trysting Tree Golf Professional and Manager, led a cart tour of the course for non-golfers, and Brian Watts, OSU Men's Golf Coach, spoke about the men's

program following dinner. A good time, as usual, was had by all. Tournament Chair Bob Wess announced the following winners for the day.

**Low Gross (team)** - Ann Asbell, Les Boudreau, William Daley, Mark Keppinger

**Low Net (team)** - Harold Kerr, Glenn Klein, Duane Johnson, Jack Ross

**Longest Drive - Female:** Ann Asbell

**Longest Drive - Male:** Kyle Chaffin

**Closest to Pin - Female:** Sandra Wess

**Closest to Pin - Male:** Kyle Chaffin



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