

# Wildlife Chapter News

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## Special points of interest:

- Faculty and staff updates
- Program and facility news
- Volunteer opportunities
- Join the Wildlife Chapter- HSUAA

This event  
has occurred.

### ATTENTION:

The first annual meeting of Wildlife Chapter - HSUAA will be held in conjunction with the Western Section The Wildlife Society conference in Monterey, at Noon on Friday, February 2, 2007, in the Portola Plaza Hotel. **Ask at the registration desk for meeting room location.**

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## Hello HSU Wildlife Alum!

Thanks for remaining connected to the HSU Wildlife Department. As Department Chair, I would like to share some news and tell you about our grassroots initiatives to recruit the next generation of wildlife biologists to the program.

- Old favorites, Doc Harris and Archie Mossman are well and still living in the area.
- Long-standing profs, Dave Kitchen, Rick Botzler, and Rick Golightly, are still with us, as well as Mark Colwell and Luke George.
- Rick Brown, the campus veterinarian, continues teaching courses and studying the black bear (*Ursus americanus*) at Hoopa.
- Jeff Black and Matt Johnson joined us in 1998 and 2001, respectively. Their specialties include waterfowl ecology and neotropical passerine migration.
- In spring 2006, we welcomed Micaela Szykman Gunther. She brings a wealth of experience from Africa where she studied Spotted Hyenas (*Crocuta crocuta*) and wild dogs (*Lycaon pictus*) via the Smithsonian.

A good way to see what we are up to is by viewing professor's homepages: [www.humboldt.edu/~wildlife/fac\\_staff/index.html](http://www.humboldt.edu/~wildlife/fac_staff/index.html)

We wish you every success and encourage you to continue to do your part for the natural world.

Yours Sincerely, Jeff Black  
Professor, Department Chair HSU Wildlife Department

## Members Needed for New Alumni Wildlife Chapter

In June 2006, Conservation Unlimited Alumni Association officially became the Wildlife Chapter - HSU Alumni Association (HSUAA).

Until January 2008, 100% of the dues and donations paid by new members will be allocated to the Wildlife Chapter for activities benefiting the HSU Wildlife Department. Dues are \$45 per year. In future years, as members renew, the Wildlife Chapter will receive a \$10 portion of the dues paid to HSUAA for projects benefiting the Wildlife Department. The remaining portion is used by the HSUAA to support alumni events, scholarships, publications

and communications, and chapter support. Visit: [www.humboldt.edu/humboldt/alumni/](http://www.humboldt.edu/humboldt/alumni/), or contact: [alumni@humboldt.edu](mailto:alumni@humboldt.edu), for information on the benefits of being a member.

Register today! Use attached form or register online at: [www.humboldtalumni.onlinemunity.com](http://www.humboldtalumni.onlinemunity.com). Click on membership.

Wildlife Chapter - HSUAA will continue to provide the successful short-term loan program for Natural Resources students. We will continue to raise funds to support the Wildlife Department with equipment purchases, such as

spotting scopes, display cabinets, and new and upgraded computers for use by wildlife students (a donation in the amount of \$5,392.50 was given in 2006 for the purchase of computer equipment). We hope to partner with the Wildlife Department to sponsor a scholarship program in the future.

The attached registration/donation form can be used to support additional equipment donations to the Wildlife department. We are currently seeking donations to fund equipment purchases in 2007.

## WILDLIFE CHAPTER - HSUAA

### Wildlife Chapter -HSUAA Current Officers

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## Catching Up

HSU still offers one of the best undergraduate wildlife curriculums in the nation! After the foundational courses, students specialize by choosing from the 'Critters' management classes (Ecology and Management of Mammals, Non-Game, Upland Game, Waterfowl), Upland or Wetland Habitats, the advanced courses (Diseases, Energetics, Ethology, and Populations), and the Senior Thesis. Check out



the curriculum at:  
[www.humboldt.edu/~catalog/programs/wldf.html](http://www.humboldt.edu/~catalog/programs/wldf.html)

The renovated Wildlife & Fisheries building (finished in 2000)

is great. If you have not been back to visit, you should. We have many new museum displays in the hallways and in the classrooms. The main lab was recently fitted with 24 new computers and a water-fowl heritage decoy cabinet, thanks to contributions from collectors, carvers and the Conservation Unlimited Alumni.

## We Need You!

The wildlife major at HSU attracts about 275 students. Nationwide, however, there is a downward trend - fewer high school graduates are choosing majors in the natural resources. This seems strange given heightened concern for global

environmental issues. The Humboldt wildlife major has a good reputation among professionals, but we suspect there will be an increasing need to 'get known' by high school and junior college biology teachers and career

counselors who can reach young student prospects. Some alumni have volunteered to spread the word about HSU in their local area. Please let us know, by checking the box on the form below, if you would like to get involved.

## Student and Alumni Chapter News

The student club, Conservation Unlimited is going strong, and the Conclave team continues to dominate in regional and national competitions. Recently, the undergrads created student chapters of the Wildlife Society and Ducks Unlimited. A few years ago, the grad students created the Wildlife Graduate Student Society and have some

great Humboldt Wildlife merchandise for sale:  
[www.humboldt.edu/~wildlife/current/index.html](http://www.humboldt.edu/~wildlife/current/index.html)

We encourage you to join the HSUAA and the Wildlife Chapter. The Wildlife Chapter receives support from the HSUAA for events, database management, mailings, and scholarship

matches. Member benefits include library privileges, email account, consumer discounts, group insurance rates, and more. Please use the form below to register or register online at: [www.humboldtalumni.onlinecommunity.com](http://www.humboldtalumni.onlinecommunity.com). Click on membership.



### Registration Information

- \$45 annual dues Wildlife Alumni Chapter—HSUAA Membership  
Join now! This year your entire membership dues go to the Wildlife Chapter!
- \$10 annual dues Wildlife Alumni Chapter (current HSUAA member)

### Additional donation opportunities

- \$25, \$50, \$100, \$1,000 or \_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife Chapter Scholarships
- \$25, \$50, \$100, \$1,000 or \_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife Department Trust Fund  
(supporting recruitment and the purchase of classroom/lab equipment)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street \_\_\_\_\_  
C/S/Z \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- Tell me more about Alumni spreading the word about the HSU wildlife program.
- I would like to receive/keep my humboldt.edu email address. Below is the data required for activating my account, including my HSU ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
OR my Social Security #. \_\_\_\_\_  
HSUID/SS# \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: HSU**

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*Membership in the Alumni Association is important. Member support of key programs – such as alumni scholarships, grants, special events, and publications – is what drives our success.*