



# Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences

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### SEPTEMBER, 2012

**9/3 Labor Day Holiday (University closed).**

**9/24 Classes begin.**

**OCTOBER DATES – Please mark your calendar:**

**10/13 James Males Retirement Party (details coming soon)**

**10/19 Dedication, James E. Oldfield Animal Teaching Facility (Homecoming Weekend)**

## Oldfield Teaching Facility Nearly Ready for Classes!



Classes will begin the week of September 24 in our new Oldfield Animal Teaching Facility. Construction of the building is rapidly nearing completion. Outside, landscaping will begin September 5. Inside, workers are completing a punch list, with installation of final faucets, door hardware, trim, etc. Flooring will go down in offices and the conference room on September 6, and in the labs during the next week or two. We will dedicate the new facility October 19, Homecoming Weekend; be sure to mark your calendar!

## Congratulations New Grad



Congratulations to **Elizabeth (Libby) Fellows**, who successfully defended her M.S. thesis on August 30. The title of Libby's presentation was "Gene Expression in the Canine Peripartum Placenta;" her major professor is **Dr. Michelle Kutzler**. Libby completed a B.S.

degree in Neuroscience at St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, in 2009. Her program there included an internship with Cheetah Conservation Fund, Kenya, and in her senior year, research investigating the effects of orbitofrontal cortex lesions on behavioral flexibility in rats. Her undergrad studies were followed by work as a wrangler on a ranch in Crested Butte, Colorado, and at an upscale boarding facility for dogs in Park City, Utah. Libby began her M.S. studies at OSU in 2011. She is now in the midst of applying to veterinary schools as well as looking for a research or instructor position.

## Welcome Visiting Professor

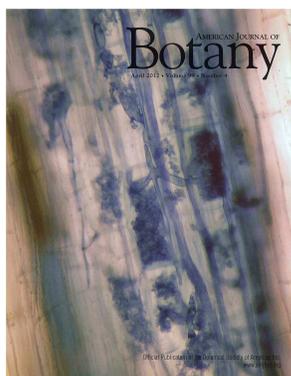
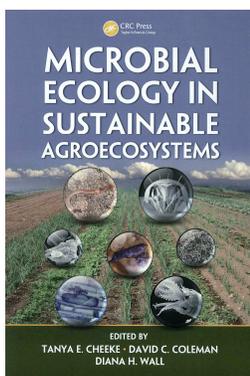


**Dr. Ayse Arzu Yigit**, visiting professor from Kirikkale, Turkey, will be working in Gita Cherian's lab the next couple of months. Arzu is a professor in the Department of Physiology, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, at Kirikkale University. The focus of her research is antioxidant systems. She will be working with Gita on antioxidant systems during avian embryogenesis.



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## News and Notes



**Dr. Peter Cheeke** has had books published by CRC in the past, but his daughter, **Tanya Cheeke**, has “hit the jackpot” at a much earlier age, according to her Dad. Tanya, currently a Ph.D. candidate and Environmental Protection Agency Science to Achieve Results (EPA STAR) Fellow in the Department of Biology at Portland State University and visiting scholar at Indiana University, is co-editor of a recently published book, *Microbial Ecology in Sustainable Agroecosystems*. Tanya’s research focuses on the symbiotic plant-fungal relationships in transgenic *Bt* maize and the effects of the cultivation of *Bt* crops on the abundance and diversity of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi in the soil ecosystem. One of her photos was selected for the cover of the *American Journal of Botany*, April, 2012.

## September Birthdays

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Mary Meaker .....	13
Fred Menino .....	17
Mike Borman.....	23
David Froman .....	25
Steve Davis.....	26
Jim Males.....	28



**Bor-Rung Ou** (M.S. '90; Ph.D. '94) and **Jan-Ying Yeh** (M.S. '90; Ph.D. '95) were happy to visit their fellow graduate student, **John Killefer** (Ph.D. '90)

in August. Bor-Rung continues to work as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Animal Science and Biotechnology at Tunghai University in Taichung City, Taiwan. Jan continues to teach biochemistry, animal physiology, and genetic engineering in the Department of Biotechnology at Asia University in Taichung. Jan and Bor-Rung call Corvallis their second home, and often spend summer months here. Their elder son, Tingwei, is a senior in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at U.C. Davis, and their younger son, Tingyoung, is a senior in highschool in Taichung.

## In Memoriam...



**Dr. Glenn Klein** passed away in Corvallis on August 8, at age 84. Glenn earned his B.S. degree in Agricultural Education at Oregon State College in 1951 after serving in the Air Force two years. As an undergrad, he spent nine months in New Zealand as

Oregon’s first International Farm Youth Exchange Delegate. Glenn earned his master’s at the University of Maryland, and a doctorate degree from Arizona State. He began his career in Extension as a 4-H agent-at-large. After working as Jackson County 4-H and Youth Extension Agent, he took the position of State 4-H Extension Specialist at Oregon State, a job that came with international assignments in Tunisia, Lithuania and New Zealand. Glenn retired from OSU in 1990 after nearly 40 years of service. He received awards for both his professional volunteer service, including the Faculty Distinguished Service Award, the Kiwanis International Hixon Award, Kiwanian of the year, and Corvallis Senior First Citizen.