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Sweet Taste of Success
Those of us who have lived a few decades understand that life can take some interesting twists and turns. You wake up one morning and ask yourself, “How did I get here?” I’ve asked myself that question a few times since I became Dean of CASNR in 2012. But regardless of how we might find our way into various situations in life, the things we do once we get there are what really matter. Changes can bring opportunities or burdens – perhaps often both in the same package. Our decision is whether to rise above the burdens and make the most of the opportunities or to try to find the nearest exit as soon as possible and return to a less-burdensome comfort zone.

Although I’ve made the decision on occasion to slide back to a comfortable place, I like people who choose the former option – meeting opportunities head-on and dealing with the challenges. This issue of Landmarks has stories about CASNR alumni who made the most of opportunities when their circumstances changed. Larry Butler retired from a noteworthy career with the NRCS with plans to do consulting work. That all changed one day when he was watching RFD-TV and had an idea for a television show that would capture his passion for managing natural resources. Now a few years later, I’m certain Larry wakes up some days and wonders just how he got to be a successful “star” and producer of a television show on the same network. For Tommy Wilkins, life has always been about making the most of opportunities. Even before he completed his bachelor’s degree in CASNR, he was working in various positions related to the produce side of the grocery business. When changes occurred in the management of the company he had built his career with, he met the challenge by adapting and moving to his present position with Grow Farms Texas and has rapidly helped them develop strong niche markets around the country.

At the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, our goal is to provide students with opportunities that allow them to respond to the twists and turns that life will bring. Through outstanding instruction in the classroom, numerous extracurricular activities like our many competitive teams, social and cultural activities around campus, study-abroad programs, internships, and undergraduate research opportunities, we are doing our best to educate “challenge-ready” graduates.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Landmarks. Thanks for your continued support of the college and its people and programs.
Alumni play a major role in our accomplishments. Texas Tech would not be the university it is today without the foundation laid by former students and professors, current faculty, staff and students, and the support of our alumni and friends. Your contributions as students, and now as alumni, are reflected in our successes.

One of my favorite things in this job is seeing students graduate and become professionals in the agriculture and natural resources industry. Seeing how our degree programs propel students, and how our alumni advance the industry is inspiring. In each issue of Landmarks, we feature alumni, faculty and students doing just that, and I hope you feel the same inspiration I do.

I hope it inspires you to give back, as well. Your successes are our successes, and it takes all of us to continue that success. There are many ways you can participate. Volunteer with the Dr. Bill Bennett Student Success Center to provide information to prospective students or serve as a career development resource for current students. Or, make a donation to support scholarships, programs, research and initiatives. Visit www.Give2Tech.com and select one of the funds listed in CASNR. Any amount will truly make a difference, and your support is greatly appreciated! The percentage of alumni donors that give, whatever the amount, makes a difference in our university’s national rankings of best universities (US News and World Report).

Again, your support aids in scholarship funding and helps us attract the best and brightest students to continue in our tradition of excellence. Feel free to contact me any time with questions on how you can give back. I look forward to hearing from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

50TH CLASS REUNION
WELCOMING THE CLASS OF 1965 AND BEFORE!
Thursday, May 7, 2015
Luncheon: 11:00 a.m.
Campus Bus Tour: 1:00 p.m.
McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center

VOCA TIONAL AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
July 27-31, 2015
Alumni Reception:
Tuesday, July 28th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Waco Convention Center | Waco, Texas

54TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING BREAKFAST
Saturday, October 10, 2015
Keep an eye on your mailbox for more details!

MANY OF OUR EVENTS ALLOW YOU, AS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHANGES AS WELL. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE EVENTS!

Change continues to be a theme around campus, and in our office as well. This year we welcomed two new faces to our Development and Alumni Relations family. Peggy Espinoza-Horn has taken over as our Coordinator of College Development. She comes to us after more than 17 years with CASA of the South Plains. We also welcomed a new Student Assistant. Shannon Tower is an Agricultural Communications major from Copperopolis, Calif.

The CASNR Annex received a minor facelift, as well, with a makeover of its courtyard area. The plaza project was part of the Landscape Architecture class 4404/5316 Materials and Details. Students in the class designed the plaza and began building it to better understand what is needed when development construction documents. One of the requirements was for the design to revolve around sustainability. The project then had to be “de-constructible” so that the materials could be salvaged and reused during any possible reconstruction.

Construction moves ahead on Plant and Soil Science’s new $13.6 million expansion and renovation of what will be known as the ‘Bayer Plant Science Building.’ The project adds 21,122 square feet of new construction, and includes 2,440 square feet of renovation and exterior upgrades to the existing home of the Department.

Among the upgrades are new open labs with expanded support and graduate student spaces, as well as an instructional lab, departmental suite and space for research equipment. Renovations within the existing building will create new space for faculty, staff and graduate students, and will provide a connection to the new building. The building project is being funded by donations, including lead contributions from Bayer CropScience.
When Tommy Wilkins ('82 BS Horticulture) followed his father into the produce industry, the apple obviously did not fall far from the tree.

“When you see what a farmer has to go through to grow produce, that intrigued me,” Wilkins said.

But, the younger Wilkins – the first in his family to graduate from college – blossomed and grew in the industry in ways not possible a generation before because of advances in agriculture, technology and transportation logistics.

During his 40-year career, Wilkins has worked in all aspects of produce sales in Texas and California, from representing producers to retailers to being a broker between the two.

Today Wilkins lives in McAllen, Texas, where he is director of sales and business development for Grow Farms Texas LLC. The company is a joint venture between well-established produce providers Ciruli Bros. LLC in Nogales, Ariz. and The Horton Fruit Co. in Louisville, Ky. The goal is to expand retail offerings on products grown in Texas or crops brought into Texas from Mexico.

“We’ve been able to develop a retail business in about 14 months,” Wilkins said.

He joined Grow Farms Texas in September 2013 after developing and managing the produce procurement division for The United Family (formerly United Supermarkets) in Lubbock, Texas.

“I think the whole 20 years I was responsible for produce for United there wasn’t many domestic operations that I didn’t visit,” Wilkins said.

He learned such “kicking-the-dirt” visits from his father, Harold Wilkins, as a way of developing important relationships with growers, knowing where the produce came from and ensuring that it is flavorful, ripe and safe.
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Butler (’74, BS Wildlife Management) is the creator, executive producer and host of the 30-minute television program “Out On The Land” shown weekly on RFD-TV. Since the pilot aired on Jan. 1, 2013, Butler has completed five seasons totaling 65 episodes.

The show explores the American landscapes and highlights best land practices of ranchers, farmers and other landowners. Each episode is designed to be educational, entertaining and professional.

“I can let an individual tell his conservation story through RFD-TV,” said Butler, who lives in Weatherford, Texas. “Out On The Land” is an apt name for the show, given Butler’s previous award-winning career with the United States Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service) from 1974 to 2007. After starting in an entry-level position in San Angelo, Butler retired more than three decades later as the federal agency’s Texas State Conservationist and one of 26 top NRCS executives.

“Out On The Land” is Butler’s first television venture, but it is a natural fit for his land stewardship knowledge and education skills.

“The first time I heard Larry speak was at a beef cattle short course. I was impressed with his knowledge, but also doubly impressed with his passion for the land,” said Sue Price (’77, BS Education). She and her husband, Gary, appeared in a season one episode in 2013 after winning the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Environmental Stewardship Award in 2012. Like he does with many of his guests, Butler interviewed the Prices outdoors on their ranch about 50 miles south of Dallas, Texas.

“It’s fun working with Larry. He makes you feel real comfortable. He’s very relaxed and not pushy,” said Frank Price (’73 BS Agricultural Economics) – no relation to Sue and Gary Price – who ranches with his son Sims near Sterling City, Texas. The Prices were recipients of the NCBA’s Environmental Stewardship Award in 2013. But more importantly, Frank Price praised Butler for using the show to “promote good environmental science.”

In addition to interviewing more than a handful of Texas Tech University graduates, Butler also has featured the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources’ Department of Natural Resources Management.

In his free time, Butler enjoys hunting, golfing, and public speaking where he shares original poetry and stories related to the American land and its people. Western singer and songwriter Michael Martin Murphey has had him on stage during shows on more than one occasion. Butler also works with a nonprofit that harvests excess deer and donates the venison to the hungry.

“The highlights of my career are working one-on-one with landowners to make their ranch better for themselves and their kids,” Butler said.
CONNECTING WITH LANDOWNERS
It was while working at his first station in San Angelo, Texas that Butler's career became more than a vocation.

“I really didn’t get the passion until I began working on the land with landowners. This just wasn’t about land management. This was about their lives,” Butler said.

Butler realized that he was in a unique position to work on diverse lands across the country, observing best practices and sharing that information with countless landowners.

“I got to go from ranch to ranch to share information about what works. Even though I didn’t own land, I could help people who did,” Butler said.

While at the NRCS, Butler earned a master’s degree in Recreation and Resources from Texas A&M University in 1980 and a doctorate in Range Science in 1990 from Utah State University.

“He’s one of the best range men I’ve ever known. He has a diverse background. With the NRCS he’s worked all over the country. He’s got a lot of knowledge in a lot of different country,” said Kent Ferguson (’77 BS Range Science and Management), a former NRCS colleague and friend who appeared in the pilot episode. He and his wife now raise cattle on a ranch near Waco, Texas.

Butler considers his work with landowners an honor.

“My philosophy for working with others is to have respect for their land, their operation, their private information and their goals and then showing them proven methods that are science-based that can help them achieve those goals,” Butler said.

He greatly enjoyed working with individual landowners, something that his move up the NRCS ranks often precluded. His television show “Out On The Land” has allowed him to return to his first love.

CAREER ROOTS
The germ for Butler’s love of the land is easy to identify. Growing up he often spent time running trotlines, hunting quail and enjoying other outdoor exploits with his grandfather, Willie Richard Dunlap (1901-1976), a cowboy turned teacher and school administrator for several West Texas towns. Dunlap was in the first class when Texas Tech (then Texas Technological College) opened in 1925.

“He tied education and outdoors together for me,” Butler said.

He credits his father for setting a high bar in character, integrity, and honesty. Butler’s father worked for a gas company, and his childhood was spent in the West Texas towns of Ranger, Blackwell and Bronte. Butler finished high school in Ranger, where he excelled in math and science.

During his freshman year at Texas Tech as an electrical engineering major, Butler discovered that all the career presentations by professionals in the field did not excite him. He started searching for a new major by flipping through the college catalogue and saw that wildlife management aligned with his outdoor interests.

“I wasn’t sure what one did with that degree, but I knew that really interested me,” Butler said.

Looking back, he credits much of his career success to the instruction and guidance of five faculty members – Bill Dahl, Ph.D., Russell Pettit, Ph.D., Ron Soosebe, Ph.D. and Darrell Ueckert, Ph.D. – and senior lecturer John Hunter.

“At Texas Tech wildlife and range management were taught in the same department, so there was a lot of crossover,” Butler said.

He was also a member of the college’s Range Plant Team, where students had to be able to identify a plant by just a leaf and know multiple facts about them. That emphasis on plants was instrumental in Butler being hired by the NRCS/SCS following graduation, he said.

Meet Dr. Larry Butler
Career: From 1974 to 2007, Butler worked up the ranks at United States Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, serving as a range conservationist, biologist and district and area conservationist in San Angelo, Del Rio, College Station, San Antonio and Pecos. Butler was also a regional range conservationist for 13 western states based in Utah, a range conservationist in the West National Technical Center in Oregon and director at the NRCS Grazing Land Technology Institute in Fort Worth. His final NRCS appointment was as the Texas State Conservationist.

Since retiring from NRCS, Butler consults with landowners and is the executive producer and host of “Out On The Land” on RFD-TV.

Select Recent Awards:
2014: Outstanding Contribution to Range Management, Texas Section Society for Rangeland Management
2007: CASNR’s Distinguished Alumnus Award
2006: USDA Senior Executive Service Performance Award
2005: Society for Range Management’s Outstanding Achievement Award, and Dept of Natural Resources’ Outstanding Alumnus Award

Family: Butler and his wife, Dodene, have been married 10 years. He has two sons, and she has a daughter.
Where They Are Now

**Earl Madding** (‘59 BS Agricultural Education) retired after 30 years of working in vocational agriculture teaching, administration, and auto dealership. He now spends his time traveling and playing golf.

**Thomas V. Alvis** (‘59 Agricultural Education) is working with Mosak, Casey & Associates dealing with School 313 agreements.

**James Jinn M. Smith** (‘64 BS Agricultural Education) is the chairman of the San Juan Resource Conservation and Development Council in Colorado.

**Bruce Baccus** (‘73 BS Animal Business) retired in June from Rabobank International as CEO and General Manager of Rabobank Canada.

**H.P. ‘Trey’ Harbert, III** (‘73 BS Agronomy) retired from BP in 2012 and Kinross Gold in 2014 as a senior environmental project manager. He now lives in Butte, Mont. with his wife Launee and spends his time fishing, hunting and skiing.

**Barry Street** (‘79 BS Agricultural Economics) is now the chairman of the Membership Committee for the Texas Tech Alumni Association Board.

**John Osborne** (‘82 BS & ‘83 MS Agricultural Education) is now teaching agriculture at Schleicher Co ISD in Eldorado, Texas.

**Jay Rutherford** (‘85 BS Agricultural Economics) was one of 14 Jackson Walker attorneys selected as 2013 Fort Worth Worth Top Attorneys by Fort Worth Texas magazine. Each year, the magazine selects the attorneys as the best in their field by their peers.

**Tom Maynard** (‘86 BS Animal Production, ‘87 MS Agricultural Education) is celebrating 14 years as Texas FFA Executive Director and is a member of the State Board of Education for the Texas Education Agency.

**James Jinn D. Ray** (‘87 BS Range Management) has been working as a wildlife biologist and scientist for Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC for the past 15 years, after a nine-year stint with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

**Greg Cujomo** (‘98 MS Range Science) is now the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences at the University of Minnesota.

**Norma Ritz Johnson** (‘90 BS Agricultural Communications) has been promoted to executive vice president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. She oversees the government and community relations functions and external programs.

**Brandon Harrison** (‘99 BS Agricultural Economics) has been farming cotton and wheat since college. After working for the Farm Service Agency for 7 years, he was hired by Happy State Bank in 2011 as an agriculture lending/commercial lending agent.

**Josh Stewart** (‘99 BS and ‘34 MS Agricultural Education) is an instructor at Oregon State University and working on his Ph.D.

**Colin Murchison** (‘00 BS Agricultural and Applied Economics) is an attorney for Jackson Walker, LLP and was selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers – Texas Rising Stars 2014 by Thomson Reuters in the Texas Monthly magazine. The list represents the top 2.5 percent of Texas attorneys who are under 40 or have been practicing for 10 years or less.

**Corey Lowrance** (‘04 BS Agricultural Education) recently moved to Imperial, Texas as the agriculture teacher.

**Stephanie Edwards** (‘07 BS Animal Science, ‘12 MS Agricultural Education) is now teaching at Texas City High School.

**Greg Decker** (‘09 BS and ‘12 MS Horticulture) was recently promoted to Plant Trials Manager at the Dallas Arboretum. She oversees all aspects of the trials program which trials more than 3,000 varieties of annuals and 600 perennials each year. The data that is collected helps suppliers and breeders know what performs well in North Central Texas.

**Amanda Wall Head** (‘10 BS Agricultural Education) is teaching at Amarillo Caprock High School.

**Matt Kehrer** (‘11 MS Agricultural Education) is now teaching agriculture for Ralls ISD.

**Ashley Larkin** (‘11 BS Interdisciplinary Agriculture) got married December 27, 2013 to Austin Smith, and is now Mrs. Smith.

**Meredith Couts** (‘11 BS Agricultural Communications, ‘13 MS Agricultural Education) started teaching at Frenship ISD in July 2014.

**Lyssa Smith** (‘13 BS Agricultural Education) is now an agriculture teacher at Brownfield ISD.

**Magan Escamilla** (‘13 BS Agricultural Communications, teaching certificate) is now teaching at Vanguard High School in Leander ISD.

**Alicia Garza Tull** (‘13 BS Food Science) welcomed a baby girl in December 2014.

In Memory

W. Paul Phillips
47 BS Soil Science

H. G. Sprawls
47 BS Animal Husbandry

Bob Ray Hensley
49 BS Agricultural Education

Waylon R. Carroll
50 BS and ‘54 MS Agricultural Education

Ronald G. Stewart
54 BS Agricultural Economics

Robert Leon “Bob” Gee, Jr.
69 BS Agricultural Education

Gary E. Sorrenson
72 BS Agricultural Engineering

Carmen S. Moran
83 BLA Landscape Architecture

G. Barron Wetsel
97 MS Agricultural Education

Dr. Donald Ashdown
Former faculty in the Department of Plant and Soil Science

New Venture

After retiring from the NRCS in 2007, Butler did consulting work. He had the idea for the show in September 2011 while in his home office with the television on RFD-TV. He thought the regular agriculture shows talked a lot about livestock but little about the land. After a prayer to God, he wrote a one-page proposal for a television show on land issues. The next day he polished the document and emailed it to RFD-TV.

The following week a network executive emailed that the idea was great and to send his pilot. Butler called to discuss the project and ask how to make a pilot. The executive referred him to a couple of videography professionals in the Waco-Temple area, and eventually the team completed a pilot by January 2012. The network then greenlit the show.

As executive producer, Butler buys the airtime, sells sponsorships, lines up episode topics and handles all other logistics. Butler is also the show’s host and does most of the voice-overs. Episodes have been shot in nine states, including Florida and Montana.

Talking land issues with Butler is easy, said Stephen J. “Tio” Kleberg (‘54, BS Animal Sciences), a director of the King Ranch near Kingsville, Texas. Kleberg appeared on an “Out On The Land” episode to discuss the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute.

If people were to ask for a reference for Butler, “the first thing I would tell them is you can trust him. He’ll respect what you ask him to discuss or not discuss,” Kleberg said.

Although he had no television background, Butler considers “Out On The Land” the capstone of his career because it brings together land and education. Fans of the program have contacted him to express how the program inspired them to tackle issues on their land or helped educate their children.

“I did alright for a boy who didn’t have a plan. But I knew that if I did a job well I would move on,” Butler said.

“Out On The Land”

Airs at 6 p.m. (Central) Tuesdays on RFD-TV. Visit rfdtv.com for local availability on your cable or dish provider. Previous episodes can be viewed at outontheLand.com.

Current sponsors are Dow AgroSciences, Total Feeds, Inc., Stay-Tuff Fence Mfg Inc. and Blake Fulenwider Automotive Companies.
IN THE NEWS

The Red Steagel Endowed Scholarship was recently established by the Texas Tech Alumni Association to provide scholarships to undergraduate students majoring in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

In honor of agricultural economics alumna, Bill Womble, the College announced the creation of the Womble Pre-Law Endowed Scholarship. Established by the Dr. Rob and Jean Smith Foundation of Dallas, funds generated by the endowment will be used to assist CASNR students that are interested in going to law school.

The Soil Judging Team won first place overall at the Regional Soil Judging Contest sponsored by the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America. They led by three high placing individuals and took first in team judging.

The Department of Animal and Food Sciences was recently ranked among the Top 20 in the country, according to GraduatePrograms.com. The online guide ranks higher education programs based on student evaluations that cover a variety of topics, such as academic competitiveness, career support, financial aid, and quality of network.

The College established the Senator Robert Duncan Texas Legislative Internship Endowed Scholarship. Created by the agricultural economics alumnus and newly appointed Chancellor, funds generated by the endowment will be used to give scholarships to students participating in the long-established CASNR government internship program. Specifically, recipients of this scholarship will intern for Texas’ 26th Senatorial District.

The Livestock Judging Team took first place, and three members finished in the top 10 individually, at the National Barrow Show, considered by many as the “World Series of Swine Shows.” The team finished four points ahead of the second place team, Iowa State, and this is only the second time Tech has won the Barrow Show in its history of competing there.

The Department of Agricultural Education and Communications’ agricultural communications undergraduate program was ranked as the best in the nation, according to a new University of Arkansas study. Forty programs across the country were identified in the study. Characteristics of U.S. Agricultural Communications Undergraduate Programs. The research focused on creating an accounting of existing programs, a description of those programs, identifying program demographics and identifying top programs.
The annual Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturalist Awards recognize individuals for contributions to various areas of agriculture. This year’s recipients were Glenn Schur for agricultural production, Linda Taylor for agribusiness, and Patti Jones for public service.

GLENN SCHUR - AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
The Plainview native is owner/operator of Glenn Schur Farms, where he has been a sorghum grower for Grain Berry Cereal for seven years. Farm operations include Schur Limousin, a 100+ registered cow/calf operation. He received his bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Tech in 1980. Schur is a current member of the CASNR Advisory Board and serves as Chairman of the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation. Awards for Schur include the Blue Legacy Award (2011); CASNR Distinguished Alumni Award (2008); and the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership award (1990-1992).

LINDA TAYLOR - AGRIBUSINESS
Taylor is owner and operator of S P Taylor Insurance Agency, a Ropesville-based crop insurance agency. She was office manager, co-owner and operator of Bayer’s Gin, Ltd. between 1976 and 2009. She is a member of the Plains Cotton Growers Finance Committee, the Bayer Museum of Agriculture, and the Texas Farm Bureau, among others. Taylor received her bachelor's degree in business administration in 1965 and master's degree in education in 1969, both from Texas Tech. Honors include Leader Legacy (2009); and Honorary Recognition from the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Board of Directors, as well as service on numerous local boards and committees.

PATTI JONES - PUBLIC SERVICE
The Honorable Patti Jones was elected Lubbock County Commissioner for Precinct Four in 2000. She has the distinction of being the first woman to serve on the Commissioners Court. She has served as Past President of the South Plains Soil and Water Conservation Association, Vice President of the Bayer Museum of Agriculture, the Texas Department of Agriculture Appointee to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Board of Directors, as well as service on numerous local boards and committees. Jones is from a multi-generational farming family and today continues the legacy built with her late husband, Steve. She and her youngest son, CASEY (2003 BS Interdisciplinary Agriculture) and daughter-in-law Lacey, operate today as JJJ Farms, LLC.

ANGELA M. REID
Angela M. Reid, the 2015 Agriculture Educator of the Year Award, was named for her work in agricultural education, leadership and history. Reid’s service extends to many organizations, including the Texas Farm Bureau, the Texas Pork Producers Council, and the National FFA Foundation.

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