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JOHN CRAIGHEAD IS NAMED
ALUMNI FELLOW BY PENN STATE

MISSOULA, Mont.--

Dr. John J. Craighead, professor of forestry and zoology and leader of the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Montana, Missoula, has been named an Alumni Fellow by Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

The award was established this year by Penn State and was authorized by the Penn State Board of Trustees in conjunction with the school's Council of Academic Deans and the Alumni Association.

In a letter designating him as an Alumni Fellow, John W. Oswald, Penn State president, said each year "five or six of the university's eminent alumni" will be named Penn State Alumni Fellows, a permanent title authorized by the Penn State Board of Trustees.

As a recipient of the award, Craighead, who received the "Distinguished Alumnus Award" at Penn State in 1970, will spend the first week in April on the University Park campus in informal contacts with students, faculty and administrators.

"We believe that this (Alumni Fellow program) can be an effective approach for improving students' educational opportunities by exposing them to outstanding alumni who are willing to talk about specific competencies, attitudes and methods for achievement," Oswald said. "It seems an exciting prospect for blending the interests of the accomplished professional, the student and the teacher."

Since his appointment to UM in November 1952, Craighead, who received his bachelor's degree at Penn State in 1939, has been leader of the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at UM under the auspices of the Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Interior.

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He was awarded a master's degree in ecology and wildlife management in 1940 and Ph.D. in vertebrate ecology in 1950 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

As leader of the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at UH, Craighead supervises operations for stimulating interest in wildlife research and problems. He directs graduate students in research projects leading to M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. His research interests are focused on population ecology and raptor predation. Craighead has published extensively on the grizzly bear and he is completing a monograph on the ecology of the grizzly bear as an endangered species.

Craighead and his brother, Dr. Frank C. Craighead Jr., Moose, Wyo., president of the Environmental Research Institute, are coauthors of four books, "Hawks, Owls and Wildlife", "Hawks in the Hand", "How to Survive on Land and Sea" and "A Field Guide to Rocky Mountain Wildflowers." The Craighead brothers pioneered radiotracking of large mammals.

Recently Dr. John Craighead, in cooperation with NASA and colleagues, conducted experiments to determine the feasibility of utilizing satellites to track and monitor the activities and movement of elk and black bear. Publications on this work appeared in "Bio Science" and "National Geographic" magazine.

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