

# Smith to Book Talk at SWOSU About Passive Fear

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A retired educator and truck driver, Smith currently lives on the family farm southeast of Weatherford where he grew up. A graduate of Weatherford High School, he became interested in electronics in high school and earned an amateur (ham) radio license. With the promise of electronics school, he joined the United States Air Force five days after high school graduation. After an honorable discharge from the USAF, he worked in electronics in the Dallas area and started writing electronic hobbyist magazine articles. During this time, Smith designed a large refrigerated saltwater aquarium and owned a pet octopus. When he decided to study biology, he moved back to Weatherford and enrolled at SWOSU. While at the university, he designed a radio telemetry system for tracking rattlesnakes at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

He graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree from SWOSU in 1970. While a master's student at Baylor University, Smith studied alligator thermoregulation with a sophisticated multichannel radio telemetry system that he designed for large alligators. He graduated with a Master of Science degree in Biology from Baylor University in 1973. While pursuing a doctorate in zoology from Texas Tech University, he studied alligator thermoregulation and graduated in 1975.

Smith has taught in Kansas, New York, Texas, California and Oklahoma. He has published over 100 technical papers and was a keynote speaker at an international telemetry conference at Oxford University.

Smith is still publishing papers, two of which were recently accepted by Creation Research Society Quarterly, a creationist journal of which he will soon be biology editor. He has also written many popular electronic how-to articles and children's stories for Ranger Rick and Highlights magazines. His research has been showcased in Science News and the Today Show.

Additional information on Smith's research can be found on his website at [www.NorbertSmith.com](http://www.NorbertSmith.com).