Departmental Activities

Ames Forestry Club

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This has been a busy year in Forestry Club activities. Last Spring the club played host to the Mid-West Foresters' Conclave held at the 4-H camp south of Boone. There were about 100 guests from the other member schools, including Missouri, which recently joined the group. The Conclave committee had their hands full with arrangements for sleeping quarters, meals, prizes and entertainment. Despite the rain, the Conclave was an unqualified success with the possible exception perhaps being that ISU didn't rank very well in the final standings.

Fall quarter, as usual, was a very busy time and the National Convention of the Society of American Foresters was held in Minneapolis in October. A large number of club members attended the convention and the Alumni Banquet honoring Dr. Larsen. As a result of the full Fall schedule, the Fall Foresters' Day was postponed until Spring when better preparation can be given to it.

Because of the excellent job the Christmas Tree Sales Committee performed, the venture showed a very good profit this year. A large part of this was due not to tree sales but to the sale of cones that club members gathered while on summer jobs. Because of the demand for the cones (sugar pine size) shown this year, plans are now being formulated to have summer workers in the West spending their free time and weekends playing like squirrels and gathering cones.

The Forestry Club is especially grateful to Dr. Carl Goebel for the outstanding job he has done this past year as our faculty advisor.
The Lumber Jills

Last spring the Forestry Student Wives Club changed its name to the Iowa State Lumber Jills. This name is being widely used for similar wives clubs around the country. Presently, the club has 30 members and holds regular monthly meetings in the lounge of the Women's Gym. A special program is planned for each meeting. This year's programs have included talks by Mr. Russ Dvergsten on "Mental Health" and Mrs. Marilyn Twitchell on "Charm."

Every Christmas, candy and cookies are sent to the Polk County Home and toys are sent to the Woodward Home for retarded children. With the cooperation of the men's Forestry Club, diplomas are given to the wives of graduating seniors. Last spring these diplomas, known as "P.H.T.'s" (Putting Hubby Through) were given to the wives at a breakfast get-together.

The purpose of the Club is to bring the wives of the forestry students closer together through social activities. An extra social meeting was a mixer which enabled husbands and wives to become better acquainted with fellow forestry pairs. One of the highlights of the Club's social activities is the tea given the forestry faculty wives each spring.

This year's officers are: Joan Bassett, president; Ann Chapman, vice-president; Ardis Pritchard, secretary-treasurer; Virginia Lundstrum, historian; and Mrs. George W. Thomson, faculty advisor.

The Driftwood

The "Driftwood", the newspaper of the Forestry Department, is a spasmodical (as opposed to periodical) publication of news about activities, students, instructors, and general forestry information. Entertainment is the purpose, humor the highlight, and irregularity the interest-holding factor.

One of the feature articles in each fall issue is the coverage of the past Summer Camp, and the "spread" last fall by Jim Rocca was a fine job of humorous recollections and "ribs" at the instructors. Incidentally, this ribbing of instructors seems to be a well-established part of every issue, and hasn't resulted in too many flunk-outs as yet. Another feature of the "Driftwood" is the opportunity it provides for students in the Department to try their journalistic skill and to express their ideas and opinions on topics of current and pertinent interest. An editorial by R. C. Pierce on the relationships and obligations of students and instructors was a fine example of this type of writing. Other articles of professional and news interest make the "Driftwood" an enjoyable and entertaining publication, and Jim Shadle, Editor, and his staff have done a fine job "meeting the deadline"?? this year.
1961

The 1961 annual Game Banquet was held March 14 at the Collegiate Presbyterian Church. As traditionally done, the meal was planned around a type of wild game. For 1961 it was “Texas Longhorn” direct from an Iowa feedlot due to lack of wilder fare. After the meal the Farmhouse Four provided some barbershop harmony for the entertainment. The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Robert Dills, Professor of Watershed Management at Colorado State University, who spoke on the importance of watershed management in our nation today. Presentation of the new Forestry Club Officers and awards to students for scholarship and achievement rounded out the enjoyable evening.

1962

For the 1962 Game Banquet we once again had real game, venison provided by Ken Benda (‘40) and student Dale Netherton, and antelope from Extension Forester Bob Davidson. Keith Jensen (‘60) Ph.D. candidate in silviculture and plant physiology was presented a plaque in recognition of a $600 fellowship grant he received for his research from Koppers Foundation of the Koppers Company, Inc., Wood Preserving Division, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Keith is doing research on seed source and photoperiod relationships of Scotch pine.

Part of the entertainment for the banquet was provided by Perry Bolin’s renditions of some popular ballads and folk songs which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The rest of the entertainment was included in the program by Dr. Wayne Scholtes, Professor of Agronomy and Forestry and “Chief Knocker,” who gave a spicy and very interesting account of his research on the pedological importance of the Indian burial mounds at the Effigy Mounds National Monument in northeastern Iowa. The record-setting crowd of one hundred forty attendents will surely agree that they had an enlightening, entertaining, and filling evening, and will be looking forward to Game Banquets of future years.
Midwest Foresters Conclave

On April 29, 1961 the Iowa State Foresters were host to the 8th Annual Midwest Foresters' Conclave at the Boone 4-H Camp Grounds. The participating schools were: University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Michigan College of Mining and Technology, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, Purdue University, and Iowa State. The conclave is held each year to promote good relations between the six accredited forestry schools in the Midwest and to give the aspiring foresters a chance to test their basic forestry skills.

The conclave day was started off right with a big breakfast, then the competition began with dendrology, pacing traverse, match splitting, and tobacco spitting for the morning's events. Chain throwing, log throwing, log chopping, log rolling, one and two-man bucking, and the special pole climbing event kept the "eager beavers" busy for the afternoon. In the evening Dr. Stoltenberg gave a talk, and the awards were presented. The Michigan Tech men walked away with top honors, followed by Michigan U., Purdue, Missouri, Michigan State, and a tie between Minnesota and Iowa State. Both competitors and spectators thoroughly enjoyed the day, and all are looking forward to the 1962 Conclave at Michigan Tech.
Open House

Visitors at Veishea inspect the displays of the various aspects of our profession at the Forestry Department Open House.

Tug-'O-War

The “Woodchoppers” grunt and groan as they successfully strain to overcome the “C.E.’s” in the traditional tug-o’-war across Lake LaVerne. A mighty effort by our brawny heavyweights won back the coveted broad axe trophy from the civil engineers, our campus rivals.

Announcing The George B. Hartman Travel Fund

A new award for forestry students will provide a ten-day visit to a major forest area for three upper-classmen in the company of two staff members. The funds to provide for these awards were donated by Iowa State Forestry Alumni and friends at the time of Professor Hartman’s retirement as Head of the Forestry Department. These funds will be adequate to make this award annually for the next five years. There are several purposes of the award.

a. To extend the influence of Professor Hartman, and to honor him.
b. To recognize worthy upperclassmen in a unique way.
c. To extend the name and “personality” of the Iowa State Forestry Department in the United States.
d. To maintain first-hand contact between alumni and the award winners and staff members making the trip.
e. To promote student participation in class discussions by drawing on those student observations gained while making the trip.

Students to be awarded the honor of going on the trip will be selected by the teaching staff from a slate of six or eight students nominated by a three man committee of staff members.

The students selected shall be those who embody the personal qualities of Professor Hartman, and who will reflect honorably on his name.

Award winners must have:

a. Enthusiasm for the profession and loyalty to the Forestry Department of Iowa State University.
b. Good, but not necessarily highest, academic scholarship.
c. Sincere interest in representing the Forestry student body and participating in all phases of the trip.
d. Achieved Senior standing in one of the options of the forestry curriculum.
e. Completed 150 credit hours toward graduation.

The trip will be carried out under the direction of the Head of the Forestry Department and one other member of the Forestry Faculty. Their expenses will be covered by funds from other sources.

Travel will be in one automobile. The general operation of the trip will be as follows:

a. The trip will be in conjunction with annual national meetings of SAF, FPRS, NLMA or such regional meetings as may be held in key geographic areas, or in conjunction with any worthwhile invitation.
b. Faculty members will guide the students to a forestry activities in the area of the meeting. Both land management and industrial processing activities will be observed and discussed.
c. No geographic restraints will be placed on the trips except that available funds must be made to last at least five years and the areas visited will be those which will do the most good in carrying out stated objectives.

The first trip is scheduled for the Atlanta SAF meeting, Fall, 1962.

It is the belief and sincere hope that this new award will be much coveted and will do much to honor the name of Professor Hartman and to stimulate enthusiasm for competence among forestry students.