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Front Row (left to right) - Jeff Dawson, Dave King, Ken Smith, Wendy Cheng, Greg Jones, Paul Wray, Gene Campbell.

Back Row (left to right) - Tim Max, Bob Revell, Brad Upfield, Ron Eberle, Hans Zuuring, Olu Olawoye, Dean Gjerstad, Al Schuler.

In the fall of 1969 there was deemed a need for a graduate student organization in the forestry department. An informal organization was formed and named the Forestry Association of Graduate Students (F.A.G.S.).

Its original purpose was twofold. First, it was to serve as a social organization to assist students in adjusting to graduate study and become better acquainted through occasional social gatherings. Second, it was to better provide for an improved medium of exchange for ideas and suggestions for improving graduate education and cooperation among undergraduates and faculty. Monthly noon meetings provided a forum for discussing current problems and issues concerning graduate education.

As an outgrowth of the second purpose, the graduate students have become more active in departmental decision making through the addition of Association members on various departmental committees. Presently the Association has elected members serving on the Graduate Student Senate, the Department Curriculum Committee, and the Department Graduate Committee.

Future objectives of the Association include more involvement in departmental affairs. It is believed that in our rapidly changing society it is essential that students become more aware and knowledgeable of current technological changes and policy developments in the forestry profession. In this manner they will be able to more accurately interpret the implications of these changes and developments and make a stronger and more valuable contribution to the Iowa State University, Department of Forestry.

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