Secretaries

Karen Den Hartog, Deb Krogmeier, Linda Schneider (from left)

A Special Man

Dr. Dwight Bensend was honored with an Outstanding Teacher Award. One of six ISU faculty so honored, he was selected by the College of Agriculture.

Departing Faculty

At the end of February 1977, John C. Gordon left Iowa State University to accept a position as head of the Forest Science Department, Oregon State University School of Forestry.

Dr. Gordon received his B.S. in Forest Management from Iowa State University, went to the University of Helsinki to study silviculture, then returned to Ames to earn his Ph.D. in Plant Physiology-Silviculture in 1966. He was an Instructor of Forestry at I.S.U from 1965-1966, then spent four years with the U.S. Forest Service, N.C. Station investigating the physiology of wood formation. Dr. Gordon returned to I.S.U. in 1970 as an Associate Professor of Forestry, and was promoted to Professor in 1973.

Xi Sigma Pi

Christopher Walker
Chapter Forester

This society was set up in 1908 at the University of Washington to encourage and foster high standards of scholarship and personal performance in the forestry and natural resources profession. Here at Iowa State University we have a chapter, Alpha Gamma, which was established in 1965. Since then, Juniors and above who show excellence
in the field of natural resource management, and who show those character traits indicative of high performance potential, have been invited to become members.

Those who accept the invitation to join undergo an initiation consisting of dressing neatly for a week (a considerable hardship to some!) and wearing a wooden tree (6" or 7" long) hung around the neck on a white and green ribbon. The new initiates must meet as many current members as possible in the week, and obtain their signatures on the back of the tree. This tradition helps old and new members to become acquainted. The $5 national dues covers life membership and there may be local dues for active membership in any year.

Each year the members select an individual as the Outstanding Sophomore of the Year. The name of the winner of this honor is inscribed on a shield given in memory of Keith A. Bauer, a Xi Sigma Pi member of this Chapter who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in September 1965. At present the nominee is not awarded a prize, but recently members have agreed to begin raising a fund for investment, the interest from which will be used to purchase books to enhance the recipient’s library. Ways of raising this money are under discussion.

The society awards a $200 scholarship to an undergraduate student member from each of the six regions. Within our region there are six other universities. The administration of the award is done on a rotation system by one of the chapters in the region. Each of the other chapters is allowed to submit one candidate, and since the administering chapter is not allowed to submit a candidate, the chances of winning the scholarship are one in five—not bad odds! We have nominated a member this year and the announcement of the winner should be made sometime in March.

There are four elected officers—Chapter Forester, Associate Forester, Secretary/Fiscal agent, and Ranger. Currently they are respectively myself, Marcia Fisk, Carol Cochrane and Chuck Maynard. Elections will be held for 1977/1978 officers before the end of May. Our faculty advisor is Dr. Larry Promnitz.

Presidental Review
Forestry Club
Bob Meier

The Forestry Club faced many changes and enjoyed many successes during the past year.

We were fortunate to have Mr. Steve Jungst join Dr. Hall as a faculty advisor to Forestry Club. They have both been a great help to the Club.

There have been many changes in the Forestry Department during the past two years which have affected the Forestry Club. One of these changes has been the opening of the departmental decision making process to students. Thanks to Dr. Thomson the Forestry Club president participates in faculty meetings and students participate in the selection process for new instructors. These changes have given students more opportunities to exercise and expand their decision making and management abilities. I feel this is an important addition to the educational process.

During the past year the Forestry Club has remained very active and has added several new activities. We placed third in the Spring-Fling competition sponsored by the Agriculture Council. The Student-Faculty Skating Party went well. I hope this type of activity can be increased. The Loquacious Loquat newsletter has been started up again and is keeping the students informed about Departmental and Club activities. We cannot forget the addition of snow at the skiing party, even if it was artificial.

Last spring the Forestry Club was active with the Game Banquet, the Seedling Project, and the Veishea Display. Fall started with Freshman Welcome at Soper’s Mill. The Conclave Team returned from Michigan Technological University at Houghton, Mich. without the Bear Skin after scoring several points. Holst Tract was the scene for Fall Foresters Day. Christmas Tree Sales and the Skiing Party finished out the year. We were again active in a wide range of intramural sports with the hockey team earning an 11-1 record.

The future of the Forestry Club looks good. A new constitution will help alleviate some of the problems encountered during the past year. Participation has been good with over forty members attending many meetings. After a year of working with the people who will be leading the Forestry Club next year I am confident that Forestry Club will continue its success.