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**Society of American Foresters**
by Kirsten Held

"Town Meeting Forestry—Issues for the 1980’s" was the theme of the 1979 SAF Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. Iowa State University representatives to the October 14-17 meeting were Dr. Thomson and four students—Jeff Kaeberle, Koral Santman, Mark Woolley, and Kirsten Held.

The students, all seniors, especially enjoyed the opportunity to meet professionals from all aspects of the forestry field and discuss career opportunities. A good place to meet practicing foresters, as well as other students, was in the student hospitality room. A place to rest sore feet, eat munchies and read company brochures was also available in this room. Another highlight of the student room was the quiz which was designed to show students they didn’t know all the answers—yet. After working on this forestry quiz separately, Kirsten and Koral decided that two heads were better than one and filled out the answer sheet under the name Koral Held (or was it Kirsten Santman?).

Alumni had a chance to swap stories, renew old friendships, and meet the four students at the ISU reunion. Though ISU foresters are scattered over the entire U.S., the ties to the school remain strong. Students and alumni both enjoyed old summer camp movies that were shown at the reunion.

Even after attending meetings all day, the students still found enough energy to explore the city of Boston in the evenings. Jeff quickly became acquainted with the subway system and saw much of the city on the way to the convention from his hotel on the other side of the city. Kirsten and Koral toured the city with students from other schools and seemed to be working under the philosophy that they had to eat enough seafood in one week to last a year!

The convention ended pleasantly for the ISU foresters in attendance. Dr. Thomson was honored as an SAF Fellow at the closing banquet. After replacing a misplaced airline ticket for Koral, taking a last glimpse of historic Boston and saying goodbye to old and new friends, the group from ISU headed back to the warm confines of ISU.

**Forest Products Research Society**
by Gary Stephan

On October 2nd, nine ISU students and two professors headed to Madison, Wisconsin to attend the annual FPRSS Midwest Section Meeting at the Concourse Hotel. The theme of this year’s meeting was, “Something New Under The Sun.” Thursday began with a lecture on lightweight truss-framed houses, a new concept in prefabricated house construction utilizing only 2x4’s. The subsequent lectures included: “Light Frame Construction For Solar Benefits,” “Air Type Solar Heating Systems In Residential Construction,” and lastly, “Structural Design To Utilize Passive Solar Energy.”

The meeting concluded Friday morning with a bus tour of active and passive solar heated houses, a demonstration lightweight truss-framed house, and the University of Wisconsin Farm Center.

After a hearty lunch, we were given a special tour of the Forest Products Laboratory. The main emphasis was a mini-lecture on a new electronic method for increasing the yield of individual logs called Best Opening Face (BOF). The tour proved to be very educational and rewarding to everyone. Afterwards, everyone headed back to the warm confines of ISU.
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Albert Lea, Minn. - Laminated Products
Jefferson, Pa. - Hardwood Veneer
New Freedom, Pa. - Hardwood Veneer
Hancock, Vt. - Prefinished Paneling
Marshfield, Wis. - Hardwood Doors
Onalaska, Wis. - Hardwood Lumber
Prairie du Chien, Wis. - Hardwood Lumber
Rothschild, Wis. - Pulp and Paper
Schofield, Wis. - Region Headquarters