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Freshmen Welcome

by Al Weber

THE preparations for this year's Freshman Welcome actually started 5 months in advance. This preparation was to start a Big Brother- Big Sister Program between the upper classmen and incoming freshmen. To do this, each upper classman was given the names of 4 to 5 incoming students to correspond with during the summer. Through these letters the new students found out about things like forestry, forestry club, and college life, and it also gave them someone to go to when they had a question.

So—when it was time to start school again this fall, all the Big Brothers and Sisters told their Little Brothers and Sisters about Freshman Welcome. It was very successful, because we had the best turnout of freshman in quite a few years. The atmosphere, at Holst Tract State Forest, was very relaxed with everyone seeming to know at least one person who was there. This led to other introductions and soon everyone was carrying on like they had known each other for years.

Dr. Thomson brought his horse shoes along again this year and taught many novice horse shoe pitchers the correct way to pitch them. He taught the more experienced pitchers a thing or two, also. While the horse shoe pitching was going on, a few members were setting up a net for the annual faculty-upperclassmen verses underclassmen volleyball grudge match. As this was being done, Dr. Mize and Dr. Colletti were trying to round up some players for the faculty-upperclassmen team. The hardest thing they had to do was convince some of the faculty members to play, but finally Dr. Schultz and Dr. Hall gave in. After the teams were formed, the game began. Neither team proved to be superior over the other one, but then that depended on which team you asked. There were some bad plays made, also some very good ones and everyone seemed to have a good time. Refreshment breaks were taken often, due to the heat.

Supper time and exhaustion seemed to arrive at the same time, so a meal of hamburgers, hot dogs and

beans was prepared. After eating some members decided to head back to Ames, while the rest stayed and told stories around the campfire until later in the evening. ■

Christmas Caroling

by Anita Montag

THOUGH turnout was small, the students who did go caroling had a great time. The night of December 12 was perfect for singing. It was warm and there was very little wind, unlike last year.

After the serenading tour of Ames, stopping at the faculty homes, we returned to the Christmas party in Bessey Hall. There we enjoyed a variety of Christmas goodies and the entertaining antics of Jeremy Mize.

Thanks to all who helped with the party, and to those who missed it—see you next year. ■

Ski Trip

by Bernie Bornong

THANKS to the snow making machines at Winter World, Humboldt, we were able to have our annual ski party on January 16. The only snow between here and Colorado was the 8-10 inches of man-made snow at Winter World. About 25 club members and guests made the hour and a half journey, and were rewarded by an excellent time. Chili and beverages, munchies and lively conversation around the fireplace kept the skiers warm. Despite rumors of a "Raffle", the winners of door prizes were as follows: first prize was a Buck Hunting Knife and went to Eric Leacox, second prize was an unbreakable thermos and went to Karl Krech and third prize was a Swiss army knife and went to Jill Collins. ■

Firesides

by Anita Montag

ON various Sunday evenings, ten to fifteen I.S.U. Forestry students can be found in the home of a professor. The fireside program gives the students an oppor-

tunity to get to know each other, and their professors better.

During the evening the students sit and talk about various subjects and obtain a better understanding about the professors' position, and in turn the professors are better able to understand the students' position. The students and professors establish a mutual ground of friendship which improves the classroom atmosphere. So far this year, Dr. Hall, Dr. Manwiller, and Dr. Thomson have been hosts for firesides. ■

Spring Foresters' Day

by Jo Mueller

SPRING Foresters' day was a day of hard work and a lot of fun this year. The event was held on April 12, 1980 at Holst Tract State Forest.

The day was devoted to several pressing problems at Holst Tract. One was the general clean-up of the areas where groups often gather. This was accomplished by several ambitious foresters with garbage bags in hand.

Trail maintenance was also a topic of business. One water bar and nine check dams were constructed on the north-south ridge trail connecting the main road and the north boundary. Debris was also removed from the trails and used to deter traffic from traveling on unstable areas adjacent to the trail.

The main road was blocked off 200 yards from the old lodge to prevent vehicle damage in that area and eight water bars were built in strategic places along this road to prevent erosion.

Work began at 10:00 a.m. and the projects were completed by 1:30 p.m. The rest of the afternoon was spent hiking, playing volleyball, and relaxing. A supper was provided by the Forestry club at 5:30 p.m. for the hungry bunch. The day was ended with a roaring campfire, short talk, long stories and plenty of laughter. ■