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SAF NATIONAL CONVENTION

Society of American Foresters Convention

by Anita Montag

THE SAF National Convention was held in Spokane, Washington on October 5-8, 1980. The topic for the convention was "Land Use Allocation: Process, People, Politics, Professionals." Representatives from Iowa State University who attended the convention were Dr. and Mrs. Thomson, and seven students. Those students included Nita Rauch, recently graduated; Seniors, Connie Reints, Carole Gillespie, and Mike Scanlon; Juniors, Michelle Numella, and Anita Montag; and Freshman, Sharon Baas.

The convention provided the opportunity for the students to meet and talk to practicing foresters, and to meet some of the I.S.U. alumni. Provided entertainment included a presentation of the musical comedy "Li'l Abner." Unusually pleasant weather marked the convention. It was warm and sunny, instead of the normally cool fall weather we had expected.

During the banquet that marked



the end of the convention, Kirsten Held stepped forward to accept the Students Publications Award. The 1980 Ames Forester, edited by Kristen, was awarded Third Place. Connie Reints was also given recognition for being the first woman

to cross the finish line in the Foresters Run.

On the drive home we all agreed that despite the stacked up homework, and the delayed tests, the convention was well worth the week off of school. ■

by Jo Ellen Mueller

THE Xi Sigma Pi society had its beginnings back in 1908 at the University of Washington to encourage and foster high standards of scholarship and personal performance in the forestry and natural resource profession. Since that time the organization has grown, with chapters being formed at numerous universities all over the United States.

At Iowa State University the Alpha Gamma Chapter was established in 1965. Since then, juniors and above whose 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.

Four officers are elected each year. Currently they are: Chapter Forester—Jo Ellen Mueller, Associate Forester—Dave Peters, Secretary/Fiscal Agent—Michelle Hutzell, and Ranger—George Mortenson. Our faculty advisor is Dr. Fred Hopkins. ■

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