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Dr. George W. Thomson
Department Chairman

Dr. Thomson's most memorable event is WW II, specifically being in England during the invasion and getting bombed (artillery fire "bombed" not a three-day leave "bomb"). The little free time Dr. Thomson has is usually spent doing household chores, but he also finds time for reading, travel, photography, and gardening. One thing he would like to change in this world is to have the people of different cultures exposed to each other, rather than labeling a person by the "government" he or she is associated with.

1943 BS Forestry/ISU
1947 MS Forest Management, Plant Physiology/ISU
1956 PhD Soils, Silviculture/ISU
1947 Joined the ISU Staff
1975 Became Department Chairman

Dr. Joedy P. Colletti
Assistant Professor of Forestry

Dr. Colletti and his wife (Sharon) have 1 child, Stacy, who is 11 years old, going on 50. When Joe (as he is affectionately called) isn't teaching Forest Economics or Quantitative Analysis he can be found running on the sidewalks of Ames or sitting at home watching pesticide commercials and pondering the imponderable question, "Is it farther to Des Moines or by bus?" As a parting note, Joe feels that life should not be taken too seriously or you'll begin to go bald.

1972 BS Forestry/Humbolt State Univ.
1974 MS Forestry/Univ. of Wisc.-Madison
1978 PhD Forest Economics/Univ. of Wisc.-Madison
1978 Joined the ISU Staff
Dr. David W. Countryman  
Professor of Forestry

Dr. Countryman enjoys most outdoor activities, especially hunting, fishing and F.A.S.I.F.E. (Forestry Annual Southern Iowa Fishing Expedition). Dr. Countryman and wife Roberta (Bobbi) have 2 children, William (15) and Michelle (12), who usually answer to “Hey You.” His most memorable experience at ISU has been his relationship with graduate students. He advises all beginning foresters to develop as many skills as possible.

1966 BS Forest Management/ISU
1968 MS Forest Management/ISU
1973 PhD Forest Mgt. and Planning/Univ. of Michigan
1975 Joined the ISU Staff

Richard R. Faltonson  
Greenhouse Manager

Mr. Faltonson (Rich) received his Bachelor’s degree in Horticulture from ISU in 1977. He conducts Propagation and Regeneration experiments in the greenhouse and is a guest speaker for many Forestry classes and labs. When not working in the greenhouse he enjoys running, x-country skiing, photography, home carpentry, and spending time with his wife Sue, and eleven year old daughter Rachel. Rich will always remember this past summer when he was sponsored by a grant from the Professional Scientific Council to tour the seedling nurseries of the N.W. (most unforgettable is the $150 tow bill he got when his car broke down).

Dr. Richard B. Hall  
Professor of Forestry

Dr. Hall (Rick) likes to participate and attend athletic events, canoe, hike, fish, and jog(?). Dr. Hall has had several memorable experiences while at ISU, one enjoyable experience occurred when he was Advisor to the Forestry Club, SAF, and the Ag Honors program chairman all in the same year. A not so enjoyable experience was when he received the Most Beloved Teacher award in 1983. If he could change one thing in life it would be to put 30 hours in a day and 10 days in a week, with no more commitments.

1969 BS Forest Management/ISU
1974 PhD Plant Breeding and Genetics/Univ. of Wisc.-Madison
1974 Joined the ISU Staff
Dr. Elwood R. Hart
Associate Professor of Entomology

Dr. Hart (Woody) is a man with many hobbies, some of his favorite pastimes include riding motorcycles, gunsmithing, music (classical & progressive country), and reading (sci-fi, poetry, and history). He likes to try the "untried," for instance he would like to push the Big Red Button just to see what would happen (purely for scientific reasons of course).

1959 BA Biology/Cornell College
1972 PhD Entomology/Texas A & M
1974 Joined the ISU Staff

Reinee Hildebrandt
Teaching Assistant - Forestry Extension Ass’t.

Ms. Hildebrandt has experienced several memorable situations while teaching Forest Recreation this past year, but they are not experiences she wants the world to know about. Reinee received her BS in Forest Recreation from ISU in 1980 and her M.S. from ISU in 1982. When she has time away from teaching, assisting the extension office, and working on her PhD she likes to jog, bicycle, travel, swim, go to movies, collect stamps, and attempt photography. If she ever finds the time she would like to learn taxidermy (due to bad experiences with squirrels). Her most memorable experiences at ISU have been meeting her husband Bill, and receiving the Most Beloved Teacher Award at this year’s Game Banquet.

Thomas D. Hillson
Lab Technician/Research Ass’t.

Tom Hillson acquired his BS and MS degrees in Botany from ISU in 1971 and 1976 respectively. His position involves conducting genetic research for the faculty and grad students. He looks forward to the day when he has unlimited funds to use on immunological research (actually he looks forward to the day he has unlimited funds for anything). He enjoys spending his free time with photography, his wife Glenda, and his 600 children (orchids). He advises beginning foresters not to look for the easy way through school because there's a lot to be learned in Forestry and if you don't learn it now you may never get a second chance.
Dr. Frederick S. Hopkins, Jr.
Professor of Forestry

Dr. Hopkins enjoys the wide open spaces, traveling with his wife Pat, and mountain climbing (less than 10% slope). His most memorable event occurred during the summer camp of 1968. This camp was held in Montana and during the July 4th weekend the students did everything imaginable: one group got lost, another group was caught in a bank slide, and another party was introduced to a grizzly bear (we still have the torn tent).

1946 BS Industrial Forestry/Univ. of Michigan
1947 BBA Business Administration/Univ. of Michigan
1947 MF Marketing/Univ. of Michigan
1959 PhD Forest Economics/Syracuse
1959 Joined the ISU Staff

Dr. Steven E. Jungst
Associate Professor of Forestry

Dr. Jungst's most memorable event was "teaching" his first summer camp, which was also his first assignment as an instructor at ISU. An event which was almost his most memorable was when he just about threw a bucket of water on Dr. Thomson’s head while he was an undergraduate (if this had happened you probably wouldn’t be reading this article today). Dr. Jungst is interested in woodworking, hunting, fishing, computer programming, and golf (when Iowa weather allows it).

1969 BS Forest Management/ISU
1976 MS Forest Biometry/ISU
1978 PhD Forest Biometry/ISU
1975 Joined the ISU Staff

Dr. Mon-Lin Kuo
Assistant Professor of Forestry

Dr. Kuo specializes in the wood products area. He enjoys working with wood, photography, and spending time with his wife Carol and their 4-1/2 year-old daughter Vanessa. He has had many memorable experiences while at ISU and all have included student interaction, which he feels is very important. His advice to beginning foresters is to decide what you want to do with your life, set goals, and achieve those goals.

1965 BS Forestry/Chung Hsing National Univ., Taiwan
1971 MS Wood Science/Univ. Of Missouri
1977 PhD Wood Science and Technology/University of California at Berkeley
1980 Joined the ISU Staff
Dr. Floyd G. Manwiller  
Professor of Forestry  

Dr. Manwiller enjoys woodworking, refinishing furniture, hunting, fishing, and teaching at summer camp. His most memorable summer camp experience occurred when he was an undergraduate. He was with a group of students who went for a boat ride, the boat died in the middle of the lake and they drifted to the other side of the lake. By the time they got back to camp Dr. Bensend was certain the boat had sunk and was ready to organize a search party.

1961 BS Forest Management/ISU  
1966 PhD Wood Science and Plant Cytology/ISU  
1978 Joined the ISU Staff  

Dr. Harold S. McNabb  
Professor of Plant Pathology and Forestry  

Dr. McNabb is very interested in working with young people and does so through student activities, like, the Boy Scouts of America, and church activities. Some of his most memorable experiences include: becoming a full professor in 1964, seeing students succeed, and his relationship with Woody Hart ("a pest man") while teaching PP SW 416. Dr. McNabb commonly travels abroad, he uses this experience when he advises students to do the best they can because we have the potential to do more than students in other countries.

1949 BS Botany and Chemistry/Univ. of Nebraska (Lincoln)  
1951 MS Forestry and Plant Science/Yale Univ.  
1954 PhD Forest Pathology and Plant Physiology/Yale Univ.  
1953 Joined the ISU Staff  

Dr. Carl W. Mize  
Assistant Professor of Forestry  

Dr. Mize will always remember receiving his FIRST Most Beloved Instructor Award, when Barry Graden asked for the envelope and said those famous words, "surprise, surprise it's Dr. Mize." If he could change one thing in this world it would be to eliminate all weapons of mass destruction. When he finds the time he likes to play GO, bicycle, run, backpack, fish (when fish are hungry), and party.

1969 BS Math and Chemistry/Brockport State University, New York  
1973 MS Forest Ecology/Humbolt State Univ.  
1977 PhD Quantitative Silviculture/College of Forestry at Syracuse  
1977 Joined the ISU Staff
Dr. Dean R. Prestemon  
Professor of Forestry

Dr. Prestemon specializes in wood utilization and extension forestry. His most memorable experience occurred at the Univ. of Calif.-Berkeley when he took his PhD prelims along with working, doing research, and raising a family of 6 kids with his wife Jean. When he finds the time he likes to read, fish, and attempt woodworking. He advises students to read more and to develop good communication skills as well as technical skills.

1956     BS     Forestry, Wood Utilization/ISU  
1957     MS     Wood Technology/University of Minnesota  
1966     PhD     Forestry/Univ. of California-Berkeley  
1965     Joined the ISU Staff  

Dr. Richard C. Schultz  
Professor of Forestry

Dr. Schultz (Dick) lives in Roland, IA where he is active in several community activities, including the Volunteer Fire Department, the Story Co. Conservation Advisory Bd. and the Roland Park Board. Dr. Schultz’s most memorable summer camp experience occurred when he was an undergraduate and Dr. Thomson showed the class the correct way to fell a tree, and it fell backwards. If it were possible, Dr. Schultz would decrease the time spent with bureaucratic red tape and increase time spent with his family and students.

1965     BS     Forest Management/ISU  
1968     MS     Forest Biology/ISU  
1970     PhD     Forest Biology/ISU  
1979     Joined the ISU Staff  

Dr. Wray works with Extension Forestry at ISU. When he’s not with his wife Joyce and children, Jason (6) and Jessica (3) he prefers to be on the lakes and streams fishing for the mythical “record crappie.” His advice to beginning Foresters is to “be positive and maintain an upbeat personality.”

1968     Forest Management/ISU  
1974     PhD     Forest Biology/ISU  
1975     Joined the ISU Staff  

Dr. Paul H. Wray  
Associate Professor of Forestry
Secretaries
(L to R): Kris Bell - Undergraduate Advising Secretary
Holly Anderson - Graduate Secretary
Rose Turner - Department Head Secretary

Meeting of the Minds
The ISU Forestry Department faculty