1-1-1983

SAF Student Chapter

Jerry Olson

Iowa State University

Follow this and additional works at: https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/amesforester

Part of the Forest Sciences Commons

Recommended Citation

Available at: https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/amesforester/vol70/iss1/10

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at Iowa State University Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in Ames Forester by an authorized editor of Iowa State University Digital Repository. For more information, please contact digirep@iastate.edu.
The Role of SAF

by John C. Barber,
SAF Executive Vice-President

Membership in the Society of American Foresters is especially useful to students and recent graduates. A common cliche among jobhunters goes, "It's not what you know but who you know." I like to think that our profession, with its well-respected SAF accreditation of forestry programs, stresses education over contacts. But even in forestry, the people you know can make a big difference in your career.

Membership in SAF is one of the best places to meet high-level contacts you may not see when starting out. Participation in committees, working groups, and task forces offers a rare chance to show off your managerial abilities and to work as an equal with some of the leaders of the profession. Some of these leaders may end up as employer contacts for you.

Of course, SAF offers many direct benefits, such as a yearly free employment ad in the JOURNAL OF FORESTRY and a job placement service.

The monthly JOURNAL itself is especially valuable to someone starting out in the profession. Many recent grads, who find themselves caught up in the technical end of forestry at first, often give the JOURNAL little attention because the articles don't always apply directly to them. I think this is a big mistake for anyone who wants to rise quickly. First of all, it pays to know what's going on in other regions of the country. Chances are good that you won't remain in the region in which you were trained. Secondly, the JOURNAL offers a broad perspective of forestry, with a nationwide outlook on technical innovations, policies, and controversies. Any ambitious forester should use this material as special training for supervisory duties later. Provincial foresters do not make good supervisors. Lastly, there are few better places than the JOURNAL for getting a point across to the entire profession. The editors are anxious to see ideas for the popular back page "My Chance" column from students and recent grads.

The JOURNAL isn't the only place to keep up with the profession. SAF's Continuing Education Program recognizes members who attend technical programs--and tells the members' employers about their continuing achievements. And the SAF Regional Technical Conferences are among the best ways to catch up on new innovations. Also, benefits may be derived through attendance of an SAF National Convention, where thousands of foresters get together to learn ways to solve some of the most interesting problems.

So far, I've mostly mentioned personal benefits. But forestry counts on a large, active membership to foster foresters' conservation concerns. In the spring of 1983 the Society launched a nationwide information effort to strengthen the public's image of foresters. Ralph Waite, star of television's "The Waltons," appears on television, radio, and printed messages that have been distributed across the country. And SAF continues to be active, locally and nationally, in educating legislators and testifying on environmental policies and legislation.

Personal benefits, public efforts--All this is why SAF membership is important to every forester in the nation.

SAF Student Chapter

by Jerry Olson

L to R: Kristi Struchen, Amy Lippitt, Eric Johnson-Undergraduate representative, Reinee Hildebrandt-Graduate representative, Annette Breuer, Gail Hall. 2nd row: Paul Reid, Clint Kyle, Mark Hammer, Jerry Olson-Chairman, Mike Norris, Mark McCulloch, Tim Morrow, Greg VanForestry.

In May, 1982, our student chapter of the Society of American Foresters was formed. Our first activity of the year was in September, when eighteen students attended the SAF National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. We were pleased to have one of the largest student turnouts of the schools that attended.

In November, an employment forum was held which included sessions on "Employment Opportunities in Forestry" and "Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills."

The highlight of our 1983 activities was when Bob Hass, Iowa SAF Chairman, presented the Iowa SAF student chapter with their official charter. The presentation was preceded by a delicious chili supper coordinated by Dr. Joe Colletti. Chairman Hass presented the charter immediately following a speech in which he stressed the importance of having a positive attitude.
Other activities during 1983 have been organization of the Iowa SAF Newsletter and elections of the 1983-84 executive committee.

In April, the Forestry Club, SAF, and FPRS planted 9,000 Scotch pine seedlings to establish a Christmas tree plantation for a private landowner. It was a great experience for all who participated, and an excellent fundraiser for the different groups.

L to R: Carol Duff, Pam Eggers-Secretary/Treasurer, Theresa Gallery-Chairman-elect, Linda Haefner, Janet Beall, Anita Montag. 2nd Row: Jeff Prestemon, Mike Scanlon, Dave Wormley-Forestry Club representative, Jerry Olson-Chairman, Frank Gerken, John Browning, Pete Dowd.

The FPRS Student Chapter—An Important Foundation for your future

by Arthur B. Brauner, FPRS Executive Vice-President

On behalf of the Executive Board and members of the Forest Products Research Society, I wish to extend our sincere congratulations to the students and faculty of the Iowa State Department of Forestry in this 70th year of publication of the AMES FORESTER.

We are certainly pleased that the 1982/83 academic year marks the founding of the Iowa State FPRS Student Chapter. I am convinced that the Iowa State students involved in utilization and product programs will find their involvement in FPRS a rewarding experience that will pave the way to numerous lifelong professional contacts.

The formation of the Iowa State Chapter brings the number of FPRS Student Chapters to 26, including 24 in the U.S., one in Canada, and one in New Zealand. Your Chapter has now joined a network of over 600 students who share the common interests of efficient utilization of wood and wood products.

There are many tangible benefits to be accrued through FPRS Student Chapter involvement. The unifying organizational structure provided by the Chapter encourages activities that individuals do not have the time or finances to support. Through monthly meetings the Chapter may host high quality speakers, create fund raising projects to raise money for travel to FPRS section and annual meetings, and plan numerous other activities that can further your professional, social, and academic goals.

The STUDENT NEWSLETTER offers the Chapter an opportunity to interchange ideas with students from all sectors of the U.S. and several other countries. "The Graduating Student Directory," published annually in the March issue of the FOREST PRODUCTS JOURNAL provides an invaluable link to potential employers.

These, and many other tangible benefits are in themselves ample justification for involvement in FPRS. However, the primary benefit, which is much less tangible, is the astounding network of contacts that FPRS opens to those who make the effort to avail themselves of the many FPRS programs and services. In my daily contact with members throughout the world, I am continually amazed at the breadth and depth of expertise embodied in the FPRS membership.

During your student membership years, the FPRS has made a commitment to provide you access to FPRS programs and services at very little cost. In fact, the student dues you currently pay do not even cover the basic cost of sending you the FOREST PRODUCTS JOURNAL. The underwriting of your dues during your student years is a sign of the interest that FPRS members have in assuring the injection of new and dynamic ideas into the FPRS network.

As in any pursuit in life, the returns you receive from your association with FPRS will be directly related to the efforts you expend. You have created a sound foundation in the formation of a Student Chapter and I hope each of you will continue throughout your professional careers to build upon this beginning foundation through continued active involvement in the FPRS programs.

FPRS Student Chapter

by Sharna Robinson

In October, 1982, a new student chapter of FPRS (Forest Products Research Society) was charted here at ISU. The purpose of starting a new FPRS club in the Forestry Department is to bring together students with related interests. The FPRS chapter at ISU was developed to work together with the SAF student chapter and the Forestry Club to encourage student involvement with forestry-related activities.

Throughout the 1982-83 academic year, the FPRS chapter has been involved in many learning experiences. There were ten students that participated in the Midwest FPRS meeting held in Evanston, Illinois. The advancement of computer technology in forestry was the focus of the seminars held at the conference.

Craig Fischer, who is an old ISU alumni working with Masonite, was back from Laurel, Mississippi, for homecoming this year. He spoke to us about his work, gave us tips on practical classes to take,