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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 Eggerss-Secretary/Treasurer, Theresa Callery-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 chartered 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,