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1983 WILD GAME BANQUET

by David Wormley

"Welcome to the 1983 Forestry Club annual...", these were the opening words from Les Miller, this year's MC at the Forestry Club Annual Wild Game Banquet. To those foresters who could attend the banquet, an inspirational feeling of professionalism was present from beginning to end.

Dave Wormley was the banquet chairman. He, along with Jay Eason, Les Miller, Tim Morrow, Mike Scanlon, Jon Sealine, Gerald King, Sr., Larry Tibbles and John Wormley donated game for the event. The game they provided, for the 141 guests who attended, included beaver, squirrel, pheasant, rabbit, duck, deer, trout, and buffalo.

The evening began with the recognition of Distinguished Professor of Agronomy, Dr. Wayne Scholtes. The awards that were given to Dr. Scholtes included the Frudden Award, which was given by the Iowa Society of American Foresters. He was also recognized by the Forestry Alumni, the Forestry Department, and the Forestry Club.



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The guest speaker was Dr. Stephen Pyne, professor of history, from the University of Iowa. He was exceptionally knowledgeable in fire management as was evidenced by the book he wrote, FIRE IN AMERICA--A CULTURAL HISTORY OF WILDLAND AND RURAL FIRE.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation of academic awards to the students. This year's winners were: Forest Products Research Society Award - Tom Symonette and Brian McGee; Society of American Foresters Award - Jeff Prestemon; Iowa Hoo-Hoo Club Award - Sharna Robinson and Linda Haefner; Keith A. Bauer Award - Linda Haefner; John Milton Cone Award - Brian McGee and Maureen Connolly.

The Forestry Club and the Society of American Foresters recognized their 1982-83 executive members and incoming executive members for the 1983-84 year.

The Game Banquet would not be complete without the informal moments recognizing graduating seniors and our favorite teachers. This year two senior awards were given, with the first award going to the outstandingly average student and founder of Xi Sigma Mu, Greg Van Fosson. The second award went to Les Miller, who wished to gather some honey without permission from the bees. The most prestigious award of the evening, Favorite Teacher, was given to both Dr. Hall and Dr. Schultz. These two apparently tried to cross a stream in vans and found out the hard way that motor vehicles are not good swimmers. It also seems that Dr. Hall was found sleeping through one of Dr. Schultz's classes that he found tiring.

Once again the Wild Game Banquet has passed, but its memory of professionalism remains. The Game Banquet represents a fun time to remember and honor forestry professionals of the past and of the future.

