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Xi Sigma Pi

by Linda Haugen

Xi Sigma Pi is a national honorary fraternity which recognizes outstanding forestry junior and senior undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty. The Alpha Gamma chapter was established at ISU in 1965 as a service-oriented honorary. Each fall the new initiates choose and complete a service project before initiation.

This year the project chosen was low income housing improvement for Ames Housing. When the project was finished, the initiation banquet was held at McMahon's Brown Bottle Restaurant. Sylvan Runkel took everyone on a walk through the woods via slides following the formal initiation ceremony. New undergraduate initiates were Randy Byrd, Randy Clark, Jay Eason, John Gleason, Linda (Haefner) Haugen, Eric Main, Jane Riesberg, Eugene Rilling, Nancy Roys, and Brien Schumacher. New graduate members are Larry Bair, James Blohm, Young Woo Chun, Daniel DiCarlo, Edgar Gutierrez, Gail Hall, John Kean, and Cheng-Hsiang Lin.

In addition to the service project, Xi Sigma Pi provides Forestry division judges and contributes toward Forestry Consortium Awards at the Hawkeye Science Fair each spring. Reinee Hildebrandt was responsible for organizing this activity this year.

Xi Sigma Pi is divided into 5 regions in North America. Iowa State is in the West Central region along with 8 other chapters. Each year one chapter in the region is designated to choose 2 scholarship recipients from nominees submitted by each of the other chapters. The scholarship recipients receive a monetary award. For the past 2 years an Iowa State student has been selected as a recipient, this year Brian

McGee was chosen to receive an award.

The Alpha Gamma chapter also sponsors a book award to the outstanding sophomore in forestry, given in memory of Keith A. Bauer. Michelle Cram received the award this year.

The 1983-84 Chapter officers were Jerry Olson, Forester; "Kome" Onokpise, Associate Forester; Brian McGee, Ranger; and Doug Stoke, Secretary/Fiscal Agent. The newly elected 1984-85 officers, in the same order, are Dennis Haugen, Eric Main, Nancy Roys, and Eugene Rilling.

The National headquarters for Xi Sigma Pi are rotated every two years. Once every 84 years, Alpha Gamma is the chapter with this responsibility. In 1982-84 Iowa State was the designated Forestry School to host the position. The national officers of Forester, Associate Forester, and Secretary/Fiscal Agent were held respectively by Harold S. McNabb, Jr., Paul H. Wray, and Frederick S. Hopkins, Jr. They were responsible for keeping the records of all members and initiates and publishing a 5-year record, writing the annual newsletter, attending the national meeting at Portland, and attending to all other national level business. ■

**"With enough trees,
we'll all breathe a little
easier."**

"Trees, like other green plants, help purify the air we all breathe, by replacing carbon dioxide with oxygen.

"And with all the smoke, the exhaust, and the fumes in the air today, we need all the help we can get.

"The point is—we need our forests like never before. And we need to manage them wisely.

"Our job is growing. Help us all breathe a little easier. Write for information on what you can do."

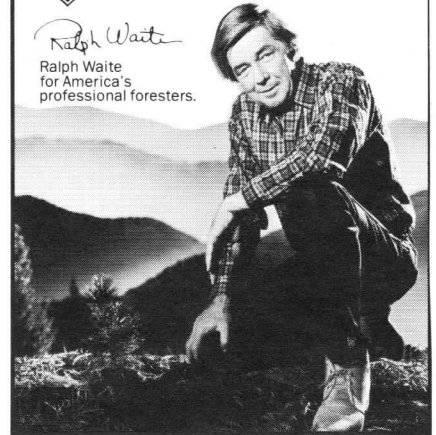


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Xi Sigma Pi members: Top Row (L to R): Edgar Gutierrez, Reinee Hildebrandt, Gail Hall, Maureen Connolly, Nancy Roys. Bottom Row (L to R): Dr. Manwiller, Dr. Countryman, Eugene Rilling, Jay Eason, Brian McGee, Doug Stokke, Randy Clark, Eric Main, Dr. Hopkins, Linda Haugen, Dennis Haugen.