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FPRS Student Chapter

by Eugene Rilling

The student chapter of the Forest Products Research Society (FPRS) is in its second year of establishment at ISU. The members feel this club will become and remain a tradition within the Forestry Department. Throughout the year the club participated in field trips, sponsored donut sales, and cut trees for future firewood sales.

Chapter officers for the 1983-84 school year were Randy Clark and Jeff Kern, Co-Chairmen; Tom Symonette, Vice-Chairman; and Eugene Rilling, Secretary-Treasurer.

By meeting with professionals and by touring facilities in the region, the FPRS provides students with the opportunity to learn more about the forest products industry with "hands-on" experience.

The Midwest Section of the FPRS held its fall meeting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This meeting covered the topic of how to increase sawmill efficiency. Experts in this area lectured on research findings during the first day, followed by tours of the Amana Furniture Factories on the second day. Seven ISU students attended this meeting as did students from several other Universities.

The National Meeting of the FPRS will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on June 24-28, 1984.

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by Theresa Callery

In October Janet Beall, Theresa Callery, Reinee Hildebrandt, Deb Knickrehm, Tim Morrow, Doug Rubel, and Kristi Struchen travelled to Portland, Oregon for the 1983 SAF National Convention. Several recent ISU alumni — Anita Montag, Paul Reid, Jeff Prestemon, and Clark Ott, made an appearance at the convention too.

While in Portland, not a minute was wasted. Carl Mayer, at ISU Forestry alumni, showed us the highlights of Oregon and Washington; an exhausting 3 days of sightseeing and convention activities left us with sore feet but a lot of great pictures and stories. Carl and his wife Rosalie acted as guides and as hosts by opening up their home to Janet, Theresa, Kristi, and Deb during the convention.

The theme of the convention was "New Forests for a Changing World." Two days of lectures revolving around that theme included topics such as: Economics, Policy and Law, Land Use Planning and Design, International Forestry, Technology Assessment and Future Analysis, Recreation, Urban Forestry, and many others. Along with the lectures, field trips were offered. Some of the trips that ISU students went on were the Forest Ecology and Soils trip, the Columbia Gorge trip, and the Student Tour to the Tillamook burn area and to the Oregon coast.

Between attending the convention and sleeping, there was still enough time to make trips to Mount Hood, Timberline Lodge, Mt. St.Helens, and several historical sights in Portland.

The 1984 convention will be an international event and will be held in Quebec. The dates for the '84 convention are August 5-8. A few students are already making hopeful plans to attend.