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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

by Marty Wimmer

After getting off to a slow start during the fall semester, the student chapter is rolling full steam ahead. On February 17, Bill Haywood from the Blackhawk County Conservation Board, and John Stacey from Bacon Veneer talked about "Life After Graduation." Their program was very interesting and they assured us that the jobs are out there, provided we are willing to do a little work to find them. This program was co-sponsored by SAF, Forestry Club, and FPRS. On March 17, Roger Bruene from the Ag. Placement Office talked to us about the do's and don'ts of resume writing and interviewing. Then on March 25, following Mr. Bruene's tips, we staged mock-interviews with Robert Pinneke, Director of the Story County Conservation Board. Students who interviewed were required to write a cover letter and design a resume. It was a good experience for all who participated.

The national office provided an incentive for student participation this year, by offering some fine books to new members. From January 1 to March 31, new members received their choice of either Forest Cover Types or Terminology of Forest Science Technology Practice and Products. Overall, it's been a very prosperous year for the student chapter. I'd like to thank the officers and everyone else who helped to make this past year a successful one. 1986-87 officers: Chairman, Marty Wimmer; Chairman-Elect, Paul Tauke; Sec./Treas., Keith Mousel; Forestry Club Rep., Chris Jensen; Undergrad. Rep., Rob Hilken; Faculty Advisor, Dr. Richard Schultz.



XI SIGMA PI: NOT JUST ANOTHER HONOR SOCIETY

by Richard Meilan, Forester
Alpha Gamma Chapter

Based on conversations with several of my colleagues, I believe there is some confusion regarding the role of Xi Sigma Pi as a campus organization. As a result, I willingly accepted an invitation to write this article in order to explain our purpose and to clear up some misconceptions.

Xi Sigma Pi is a national honor society that recognizes achievement in the field of forestry. To be nominated for election to membership, an undergraduate must be a junior or senior who has completed no less than 65 semester hours of credit, with a grade point average that ranks within the upper 25% of the class. Graduate students must have completed at least 10 semester hours in forestry courses with an outstanding academic record. In addition to academic standards, nominees must be of the high moral character. Attributes such as honesty, industry, willingness to cooperate, friendliness, dependability, and leadership weigh heavily in the selection process.

Upon receiving affirmative votes from three-fourths of the voting members, the candidates must complete a community service project prior to formal acceptance. This year, three undergraduates and three graduate students were inducted into the Alpha Gamma Chapter. Four of this year's initiates, Craig Woodley, Sharon Houar, Lisa Schwien and Tom Hasvold performed trail maintenance and raked leaves for the Campfire Organization's day camp north of Ames. The other two initiates, Kathy Flanigan and Risper Nyong'o, had conflicting commitments on the date scheduled for this project, so they will work as volunteers for the Iowa Special Olympics at the end of May.

This year's initiates were honored at our annual initiation banquet held in the Cardinal Room of the Memorial Union. Our guest speaker was Gerald F. Schnepf, an I.S.U. Forestry alumnus (class of 1962) and Xi Sigma Pi member. He described the overall mission of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and some of the projects he has been involved with as its director.

Besides the community service projects, a variety of other activities are carried out,