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## Editors' Letter

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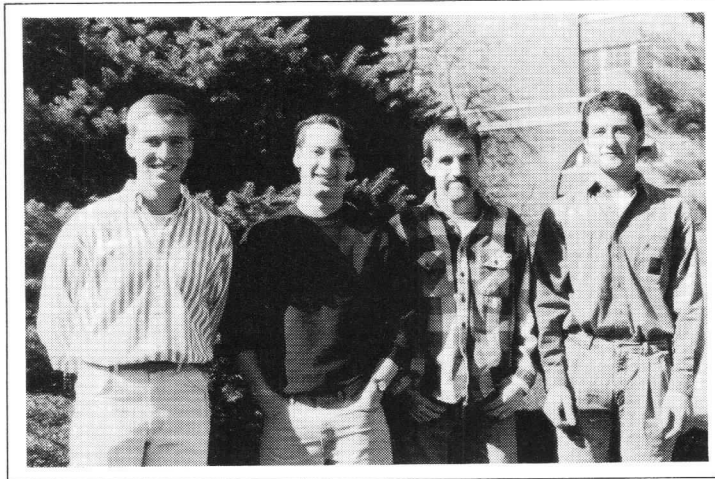
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The focus of the *Ames Forester* this year is: "Agroforestry - Alternative Agriculture for the Future." Agroforestry and short rotation woody crops (SRWC) have been a big part of the research done in the forestry department over the past few years. These systems, combining farming and forestry practices, may play a major role in Iowa agriculture in the future. We are excited about the developments in the SRWC program and would like to share them with you.

There has also been a major change in the way in which the *Ames Forester* was put together from past issues. A Macintosh Classic computer was purchased with *Ames Forester* and department funds. Cutting and pasting of articles and pictures is a thing of the past. You now have the first high-tech publication of the *Ames Forester*.

This year we decided to include advertisements in the *Forester*. Although these have not become a major portion of the magazine, we would like to continue them in the future. The support that our advertisers provide gives us the flexibility to try new things and make improvements in future issues.

We would like to thank all the alumni and other sponsors who have contributed to the *Ames Forester* through subscriptions and patronships. Without your help the *Ames Forester* would not be able to continue to be published. Thanks also to Todd Derifield who did a great deal to get the *Forester* published this year and John Fish for taking the photos.



The Crew - left to right: John Fish, Chris Ball, Ryan "Jazz" Reichenbacker, and Todd Derifield

We also need to thank David Hansen and Lynn Baldus for their critical review of the *Ames Forester* before publication.

The 1991 *Ames Forester* has been a learning experience for both of us as well as a lot of fun.

Co-editors,

Ryan Reichenbacker  
& Chris Ball

