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FORESTRY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

With the highest of spirits, Iowa State Foresters seeking graduate degrees surge into 1991 carrying with them the many achievements made manifest through the previous year's hard work. Participation in the Forestry Graduate Student Association promotes the harvest of abundant opportunities for academic growth and research activities.

In November of 1990, the first campus-wide Fall Forestry Lecture was established through the work of Edgar Gutierrez. From the Institute of Tropical Forestry in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, we brought Dr. Frank Wadsworth to lecture in the Oak Room, Memorial Union on "Our Role in Saving the Tropical Forest." In addition, Dr. Wadsworth addressed the topic of "Research Needs For Management of Tropical Forests" during an upper-level silviculture class. Dr. Wadsworth enjoyed visiting several of our research sites nearby and contributed thought-provoking insight to our efforts. He was quick to establish close rapport with the students and faculty alike, and his brief stay in Ames will not be soon forgotten.

Also in the Fall of 1990, the first Forestry Graduate Student Colloquium was given. The purpose of founding the colloquium was to provide graduate students a means of discussing, freely and informally, any topic relating to forestry in which they are interested. For our first colloquium, the topic of "Experimental Design in Forestry" was discussed by Dr. Paul Hinz. Dr. Hinz's talk proved to be everything we had hoped to institute in such a forum, and more colloquia are being planned for 1991.

Administrative business was booming in 1990, as we participated in the Society of American Foresters accreditation review, as well as the

United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research Service's review. In each case, graduate students met with review teams to discuss ISU Forestry academic and research-related matters. In addition, a few FGSA members collaborated with the Graduate Student Committee to review and revise an aged Forestry Graduate Program Handbook.

FGSA social functions included potlucks enjoyed by all, in the Spring at Dr. Schultz's home, and in the fall at Jan Thompson's home and farm complex. Furthermore, on many Fridays Forestry Graduate Students could be found discussing the world's problems at our favorite oasis, Dugan's Deli.

To be certain, the foundation of 1990's achievements provides a solid footing for another year of FGSA activities.

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