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The 1987-1988 school year proved to be fulfilling and rewarding for the ISU Student Chapter of the Forest Products Research Society. Now in its sixth year, the chapter was kept busy with a variety of activities such as club meetings, the freshman welcome, mill tours, and as host of the FPRS Midwest Section Meeting. We also enjoyed the addition of a good group of new members to the chapter.

The students participated in a tour of the Bacon Veneer Mill in Grundy Center on April 17. The tour was conducted by John Stacey, ISU Alumni, manager of the firm. John guided us through the various processes of the mill from the purchase of logs, to soaking and debarking, to the slicing and drying of the veneer. Many of us were surprised at the distribution and worldwide markets that they are involved with.

On October 30, 1987, we loaded up a van and headed to Vinton, Ia., for a tour of the Big Timber Lumber Mill. The mill processes strictly red oak into lumber. We found the mills bandsaw heading and three dry kilns very impressive.

The big event of the year was the FPRS Midwest Section Meeting October 14-15 conducted at the Holiday Inn - Gateway Center here in Ames. The theme was "Utilization of Solar and Biomass Energy: A Brief Update". Speakers included professors from

ISU plus a technician from the US Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting included tours of an energy plantation near Ames, and the US Department of Energy Laboratory on the ISU Campus. Our own Dr. Kuo was inducted as President of the Midwest Chapter for the following year.

Fund raising was again a success with the sale of "Iowa State Forestry" belt buckles. The buckles are a solid pewter, limited edition that have proved to be a very popular item among alumni and ISU Forestry supporters. The funds acquired from the sale of these buckles contributes to the learning experiences sponsored by the chapter such as mill tours and guest speakers. The belt buckles can be purchased from the ISU FPRS Chapter, 251 Bessey Hall, ISU, Ames, Iowa 50011. The price is \$10 or \$12.50 by mail.

The chapter is looking forward to another great year and would like to thank all those who have contributed to our success. Officers for 1987 were: Lori Zipse, Chairperson; Craig Woodley, Vice-Chairperson; and Larry Desmet, Secretary-Treasurer.

-Brad Karlovec



Front Row (L-R): Dr. Kuo, Mike Capkek, Craig Ray, Rob Seyler, Doug Webb, Dr. Manwiller. Back Row (L-R): Scott Davis, Steve Albright, JT McCubbin, Bryce Duncan, Brad Karlovec, Steve Galloway, Paul Johnson.