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Forest Products Research Society - Iowa State Chapter

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This year the Iowa State chapter of the Forest Products Research Society (FPS) was involved in several exciting endeavors. With larger than normal group numbers (15) plus the wisdom of our faculty advisor Dr. Monlin Kuo, we were able to take on larger tasks. With a steady income of approximately $30 a month from a recently constructed recycling bin for beverage cans, the club was in good financial condition and is considering several different means of appropriation including scholarship opportunities.

Early in the fall semester the club assisted seven student members and two faculty/staff (John Smith and Dr. Monlin Kuo) to the 1995 Midwest Section Fall Meeting. This meeting was held on September 13th in Rockford, Illinois, and was aimed at educating current users of wood products, and promoting the importance of wood products in society. Throughout the weekend, several intriguing events took place including a tour of a truss mill production facility and several great lectures.

The main task currently at hand for the Forest Products Society is the construction of large wooden signs, for use on a self guided tour at the Ames waste water treatment facility. We are currently in the design process and are working closely with Chris Ball and Joe Colletti. Construction will begin early spring semester and the signs will be installed when the ground thaws. The signs will include one large “welcome” type sign much like those at state parks with information and maps. There will also be 10 removable tour station signs. This project will entail the design, cost-estimate, construction, and installation from the club members.