1-1-1995

Forest Products Society

Brian Brown
Iowa State University

Follow this and additional works at: https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/amesforester
Part of the Forest Sciences Commons

Recommended Citation
Available at: https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/amesforester/vol82/iss1/11

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at Iowa State University Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in Ames Forester by an authorized editor of Iowa State University Digital Repository. For more information, please contact digirep@iastate.edu.
Howdy, Hi All! Welcome to an update about the goings on of the Iowa State Chapter of the Forest Products Society. The officers for the 1994-1995 school year were: President—Brian Brown, Vice-President—Mark Mangrich, and Treasurer—Kevin Sharkness. Seeing how we are writing this early in the spring semester, we will update you on what happened last semester and what our plans are for the spring semester.

During the fall semester, the FPS attended the Midwest Section's annual fall meeting in Chicago, with a little help from the department and SAF. Lectures, food, and fun were had by all in attendance. The highlight of the trip was hearing ISU's very own Zhiqun "LEO" Liu lecture about the corn flour adhesives he had been working on.

During the fall, we also discussed fund raising opportunities. We pursued the idea of bringing back the famous ISU Forestry brass belt buckles that were sold back in 1986. Unfortunately, the company that made the originals went out of business. We also discussed the possibility of building more walnut bookends. Unfortunately, the skilled laborers for the project have yet to materialize. We also had a pizza party and movie meeting, and of course, because Dr. Kuo picked up the movie, it was a western.
Also during the fall semester, a large percentage of the FPS had the
topportunity of taking Dr. Manwiller’s wood adhesives course. In it we learned
the fundamentals of adhesives, glue bonds, and glue-bonded products. For
our laboratory, we got to get up close and personal with the Mysterious, yet Mighty
RIEHLE testing machine located in the dark, crusty bowels of Bessey Hall.
Throughout the course of the laboratory, all students secretly desired to test the
extreme hardness of large pieces of fruit, using the Janka ball test attachment on
the RIEHLE testing machine. To my knowledge, no one gave in to his or her
desires.

The semester’s end saw the
graduation of three key members of the
Forest Products Society: former Vice­
President—Dave Moore, and former and
present Treasurers—Kevin Sharkness
and Chris Birch. Good luck out there,
guys!

The spring semester is here and with
it we are pursuing more fund raising
venues, such as exclusive FPS hats. (We
might have to rob a bank or something
guys!?) And we are currently in the
planning stage for our spring tour.

Spring semester has also brought
with it a former FPS member and recent
ISU Forestry graduate, John Smith. John
has accepted a research assistant
position with the ISU Forestry
Department. Congratulations and good
luck, John!

This spring semester, most of the
remaining FPS members are enrolled in
Dr. Kuo’s wood chemistry class. It
involves the indepth study of the
chemistry between wood components and
their relations to the properties and
manufacturing of wood products. In the
laboratory, we were given the opportunity
to select the wood species of our choice,
chip it, pulp it, and make paper using the
Kraft pulping process. We will also be
using the RIEHLE testing machine to
test the strength of our respective pulps.
Mabye we will be given another chance
to test that produce, only time will tell.

Through all of our trips, meetings, and
discussions, we attempt to learn the
numerous possibilities that await us at
the end of our undergraduate education.
We also hope to learn a little about forest
products as well. We would like to extend
a special thanks to Dr. Kuo for the time
and resources he has investd in us.
Hopefully we will see a couple more
westerns this semester too.

GAME BANQUET
REPORT FOR THE AMES
FORESTER

On Saturday, March 25, 1995, the
annual Forestry Wild Game Banquet was
held in the Scheman building on the Iowa
State Campus. The evening began
shortly after 6:00pm with a buffet of
assorted wild game and all the
trimmings. The assortment of game
included: caribou, venison, pheasant,
duck, rabbit, turtle, squirrel, quail,
beaver, pigeon, goose, turkey, and a
variety of fish. After the opening by
Shane Delaney and the prayer by Dr.
Jungst, the feasting began.

When no more could be eaten,
everyone moved to Benton Auditorium for
the recognition of this year’s award
winners, the announcement of the new
club officers, and the featured guest
speaker.

Honored guests who were in
attendance for the evening included Mr.
Burkhart, who is the sponsor of the
Conservation scholarship, and Mrs.
Cone, who has supported the Forestry
department for many years and given the Cone scholarships. Also in attendance was David Young, who played a major part in establishing the Cone scholarship, and Dean Topel.

The feature presentation for the evening entitled, "Ecosystem Management on the Black Hills National Forest," was given by Roberta Moltzen. She is currently the Forest Supervisor on the Black Hills National Forest, Custer, South Dakota.

With a wonderful turnout, the banquet was considered to be a great success. The support of the Forestry department that was shown is greatly appreciated by all. Thank You to all who donated game and helped to make this year's Wild Game Banquet a success. We are looking forward to seeing all of you again next year!

Rob Rubsam & Shane Delaney
Banquet Chairmen

1994-1995 Awards

Freshman Scholarships

George and Dorthy Thompson Endowment
Jamie Hart

Forestry Freshman Scholarship

Melinda Hefley
Heather Collins

Memorial Scholarships

J. Milton Cone Memorial Scholarship

Chad Garrett
Shane Delaney

Conservation Scholarships

Shane Delaney
Robert Rubsam
Jeffrey Cronin
Chad Garrett
Phill Kinney
Chad Loreth
Society of American Foresters Awards

SAF Fall Sequence Leadership Award
Tom Schultz

SAF Student Membership Award
Phill Kinney

SAF Full Membership Award
Ben Wehrspann

Forest Products Society Awards

FPS Student Membership Award
Chad Garrett

FPS Book Award
Mark Mangrich

Xi Sigma Pi Awards

Keith Bauer Book Award
Rob Rubsam

G. B. McDonald Memorial Senior Leadership Award
Tanya Anthofer

Forestry Club Student Involvement Award
Shane Delaney
Robert Rubsam

Diamond Hitch Awards

Forestry Club President
Brian Flage

Ames Forester Co-Editors
Amanda Benbow and Loran Ramsey

SAF Chair
Clint Kabele

FPS Chair
Brian Brown

Xi Sigma Pi

Xi Sigma Pi is a forestry honor society founded at the University of Washington on November 24, 1908. The Alpha Gamma chapter at Iowa State University is the 26th chapter out of 43 chapters and was installed May 28, 1965. The 1994-1995 executive committee for the Alpha Gamma chapter are; Robert Bardon,
Forester, Brian Flage, Associated Forester, John "Chip" Murrow, Secretary/Fiscal Agent, and Chris Birch, Ranger. The advisor for the chapter is Dr. Dean Prestemon.

The objectives of Xi Sigma Pi are to secure and maintain a high standard of scholarship in forestry education, to work for the improvement of the forestry profession, and to promote a fraternal spirit among those engaged in forest related activities.

To become a member, an initiate must be a junior, senior, or a transfer student regularly registered in a forest management curriculum, have completed at least seventy-four credit hours, rank scholastically in the upper 25% of his or her class, and has completed at least 10 semester hours in forest resource management courses. Graduate students regularly registered with major work in forestry may be elected to membership if completed 10 or more semester hours in forest resource management courses, enrolled for at least one semester in which a chapter is located, and must have an outstanding academic record in his or her graduate work.

The Alpha Gamma chapter of Xi Sigma Pi has nominated 14 initiates for the 1994-1995 school. The initiates are required to complete a community service project during the academic year in order to become members of the society. This years service project for the Alpha Gamma chapter was cleaning up central campus.

Each year at the Forestry Club Game Banquet an outstanding sophomore is awarded the Keith Bauer award. The Keith Bauer award is named after Keith Bauer, a graduate student in silviculture, who died in an automobile accident in 1965. The award is based on scholastic achievement and professional qualities that best exemplifies the qualities of Keith Bauer.

---

**Christmas Tree Sales**

*By Cory Levendusky*

The snow was white and cold as it fell with grace. Then the snow melted and ran when it hit my face. Trees were sold and trees were seen throughout the three week period that the trees were sold. This year we sold white pine, scotch pine, and balsam fir from the Horticulture Gardens. We ordered 180

---

Christmas Tree Sales

By Cory Levendusky

The snow was white and cold as it fell with grace. Then the snow melted and ran when it hit my face. Trees were sold and trees were seen throughout the three week period that the trees were sold. This year we sold white pine, scotch pine, and balsam fir from the Horticulture Gardens. We ordered 180 trees from Hoffmans-Christmas Trees plantation and only about 156 were sold. There was a time when I thought that all was lost and a profit would not be made, but as a star led the wise-men, I got a second wind and tried harder to sell the remaining trees. We were blessed and our hopes became reality when Hoffmans agreed to buy back the remaining 24