

SAF Current Issue Forum

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ISU Student Chapter of SAF holds discussion forum with natural resource professionals and students.

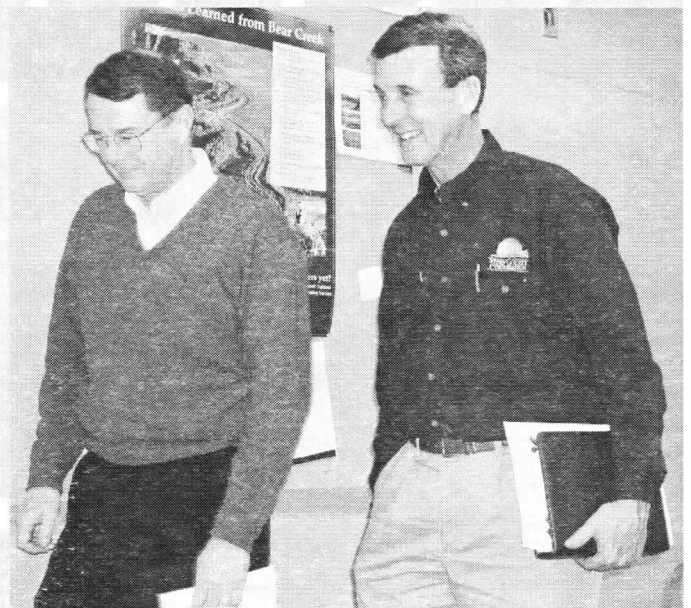
On February 18th, the Iowa State University student SAF Chapter held an informal discussion panel to review current events and hot topics within the field of natural resources in Iowa. This event was organized primarily to prepare students for the upcoming Iowa SAF legislative breakfast at the state capitol, in which forestry professionals from around the state meet with state lawmakers to discuss policies and platforms regarding Iowa's natural resources and how they are utilized.

The forum featured guests Steve Lekwa, Director of the Story County Conservation Board, and Dr. Mike Kelly, Chair of the Natural Resources Ecology and Management Department at ISU. Mr. Lekwa and Dr. Kelly both provided very insightful and comprehensive viewpoints on some of Iowa's hottest issues in natural resource management, from current trends in agriculture and land use, to the fate of Iowa's Forest Reserve Law and the DNR State Tree Nursery. Dr. Steve Jungst, advisor to the ISU student SAF chapter, was also able to draw on a wealth of knowledge and experience to help bring the students up to speed on Iowa's natural resource laws and policies. All in all, the discussion panel was a very informative and worthwhile event that brought interested students, instructors, and professionals into one circle of communication. It was very helpful in providing the students with some talking points for the SAF legislative breakfast, in which over twenty ISU Forestry majors attended this year.

- Joe Herring



Steve Lekwa, Director of SCC



Dr. Kelly and Steve Lekwa