

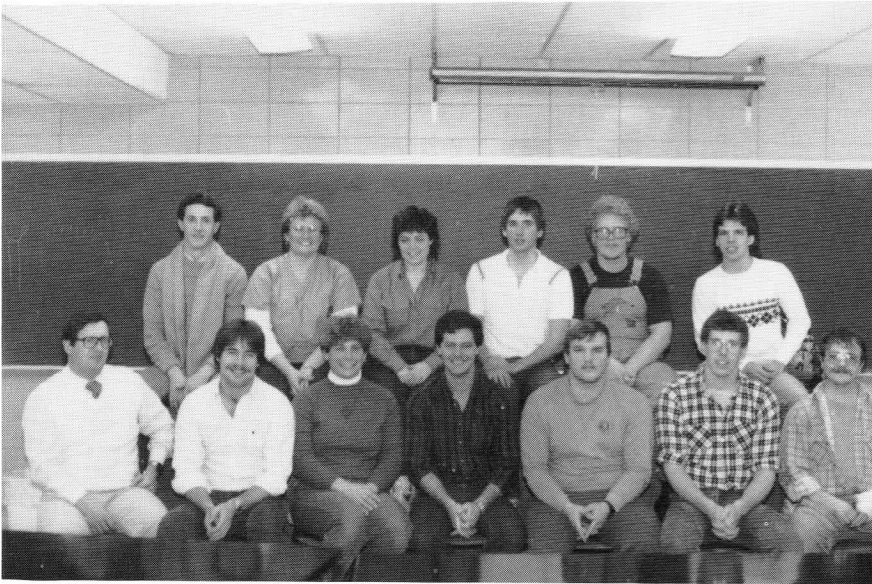
SAF Article

The 1985-86 year for the Iowa State University Society of American Foresters Student Chapter was a busy one with many fun and interesting activities. In July, students, faculty, and alumni attended the SAF National Convention in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Each year, from opening session to closing speech, the conventions have offered a broad spectrum of information on all aspects of forestry, and this convention was no exception. From remote sensing, policy, recreation, hydrology, and silviculture, to name a few, foresters participated in increasing professionalism and scientific knowledge in our field. The topic of women in forestry took a front seat at the convention this year. The current roles held by women foresters, and the opportunities that the future holds, were among many topics covered. The student tour, as good as ever, allowed the students to see the different ecosystems as the bus climbed in elevation to Rocky Mountain National Park. That night's entertainment included a chuckwagon

supper and a real live cowboy band in Estes Park. Along with the advance in knowledge offered, was the chance to meet again with old friends and respected professionals.

To start the school year off right the Forestry Club, the Forests Products Research Society, and the Society of American Foresters Student Chapters sponsored a Freshman Welcome Picnic. A large crowd of students and faculty showed up for the good food and activities ranging from softball, volleyball, frisbee, and horseshoes.

In October, the Iowa SAF, in conjunction with the Iowa Wildlife Society, sponsored a fall meeting covering Floodplain Resource Management. The meeting was held in Burlington, Iowa with a river trip down the Mississippi from Keithsburg, Illinois to Burlington. Along the way we stopped at a few dredge spoils along the shore, and also discussed bottomland management practices on an island.



In November, seven students and one faculty member took a trip west to tour the newly proposed Pioneer State Forest in the Loess Hills. We spent the night before at the Lewis and Clark State Park, and experienced winter camping. The next morning Ron Williams, Park Ranger, showed us his "pet" project of constructing a life-size replica of the boat that Lewis and Clark took up the Missouri River. Then Joe Schwartz, District Ranger of the northwest section, took us on the tour of the Pioneer State Forest. He showed us how he grades Black Walnut, and also some scenic areas of the forest. It was a fun and exciting trip for everyone.

The spring activities will include election of the new executive officers, which will be announced at the Game Banquet, April 5; cutting and splitting firewood

throughout the semester; inviting some of the international Forestry Graduate students to speak at the meetings; taking a trip back to the Pioneer State Forest in April; and working on the SAF display portion of the Forestry Veishea display in May.

We are gaining a few new student members every semester, which adds to the diversity of the student chapter. To sum it up, this past year was stimulating as well as fun. If the new Executive officers keep the momentum and interest up, next year will be another good year for the SAF Student Chapter.

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