

LATERAL LINES

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PAST PRESIDENTS CORNER—DONNA HANEN MUHM

With summer mostly gone, the neck-snapping reality of the end of my term is upon me. How did it get to be the end of the summer? Didn't we just start taking eggs and stripping fish last week? It seems that way to me, and yet, here it is, time to hand over the reins to a capable and qualified President-elect. My first thoughts are, wow, these terms are just way too short!

Too short only from the perspective of what we hope to accomplish measuring up to the reality of only having a year to get it done. And in reality, if given twice as much time, would we accomplish all we wish for? Probably not. For the demands on our time are many, and the time we can devote to our passions is never enough. But what a great organization we would have if all of us could just devote a small amount of our time to making this Chapter the best it can be!

I have been involved in the American Fisheries Society since my college days - just a "few" years ago. It has always given me great inspiration and a feeling of belonging to a greater whole. Like anything else, you can be as involved as you want to be, and the greater your involvement the greater your reward. Especially in times like these, we all

need to work together to ensure that our fisheries resources are cared for, protected, and carried forward into the future. Only through our own involvement can what we hope for become reality.

I like to think the theme of my term was LEGACY. I had the great honor of carrying through the work of my predecessors and seeing the Student Subunit officially become a part of our Chapter. Their success and involvement has brought synergy to our Chapter - together we are much greater than a sum of our parts. We have truly established a relationship that is of benefit to us both - we have their youth, energy, and enthusiasm to add to our wisdom and experience. I sincerely hope that our future together will be a bright and happy alliance.

In closing, I'd like to share a special fishing story of mine. As most of you know, I was employed in the private sector at a fishing tackle manufacturer for several years before returning to the DNR. Our research team had a laboratory in Florida on the gulf coast just south of Tallahassee where we conducted lots of field tests. On one occasion I was allowed to take my daughter Kelly, who was just ten at the time, along

for some inshore testing. We were fishing with a guide along the inside shoreline of the barrier islands lining that coast when Kelly's rod was nearly ripped from her hands. Something huge was on her line and she was bound and determined to get it in the boat. She played the unknown creature for over 30 minutes until she was nearly exhausted. Finally the line got a little slack as the monster came close to the surface of the water. Just visible at the side of the boat was a ray nearly six feet across! Kelly's eyes were like saucers as she asked the guide what it was she had captured, and whether or not we were going to eat it. Just then the ray flapped its wings, dove to the ocean floor, and snapped her line. We spent the rest of the day catching a wonderful variety of sea life - speckled trout, redbfish, sharks, mullet, and pinfish - and watched dolphins come so close to the boat that we could reach out and touch them. But for Kelly, as the rest of us, nothing will ever compare to the one that got away!

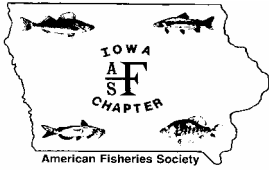
A special thanks to all of those who helped me in my term, and a big dose of good luck to our new President Mark Flammang. I'm sure he'll appreciate your support!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Get FREE money*
- *Extreme Habitat Make-over: Lost Grove Lake.*
- *"Treasure Map"*

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PRESIDENTS CORNER—MARK FLAMMANG

I was sitting here in my office this morning trying to figure out what the remainder of the week holds for the Rathbun fish management crew. Like everyone, our hot summer period has given way to unseasonably cool conditions, and we are right in the middle of a busy free-for-all that is fall. Today is a rare treat; my daughter is at work with me this morning. In between her trips to the aquarium to see the fish and the turtles, or the trips to Elaine's desk to fetch a piece of waste paper from the garbage she asks what I do for my job. It's a prophetic question, don't you think? How often have the fisheries management biologists been asked what they do? How often have we had to answer that question? I had a whole additional page of text that explained my thought process here, so be thankful I spared you the rhetoric and deleted it. The bottom line is, the more I work in my job, the more I realize it is a little bit less about tweaking the best bass regulation (although that is still a huge and important

part of our job), and more about making our lakes and rivers better for fish and fishing. That's a nice short answer that she can take home to her 1st grade friends, don't you think?

On another note, I want to thank some folks that have helped me with the transition to the AFS President, and with planning the upcoming meeting. I know it's customary to thank folks at the meeting, but I want you all to be aware of the work that goes into planning such an affair, and the outpouring of VOLUNTARY HELP I have received. First, thanks to Donna Muhm who walks me through my responsibilities and lends a hand often. Thanks to Randy Schultz and Jeff Kopaska who are hard at work helping put together a program for all the states in our Tri-State meeting in January. Lannie Miller has been working his fingers to the bone helping ensure we have social get togethers with the other

Chapters that will be both productive and fun. Thanks to Ben Dodd and Sarah Katz for their efforts on the raffle end of things, securing future funds for Chapter use. Thanks to Kim Bogenschutz who keeps me in line financially. My "thank you" of today goes to Alan Johnson, our newsletter editor, who is hard at work putting the final touches on the newsletter in which this note will appear. I would also like to thank the membership, you all, in advance for your attendance at the Tri-State AFS Meeting to be held January 18-20 (Thursday-Saturday) at the Holiday Inn and Suites at the Ameristar in Council Bluffs Iowa. See you all there!



ISU-AFS Student Subunit President's Annual Report

—Andrew C. Jansen



The 2005-2006 academic school year has been quite exciting for the Iowa State University Student Subunit of the Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Since the formation of the organization last year, the students have jumped into activities with both feet. We began in the fall by providing a fish community assessment for the Squaw Creek Watershed Coalition, a local interest group in Ames, Iowa. The fish data will add to the current IOWATER monitoring data on this local stream. In addition to providing useful scientific information to the community, the activity gave students the opportunity to learn about fish identification and stream electrofishing. Thank you to Jim Colbert from the Squaw Creek Watershed Coalition for helping us get started and we hope to continue this project to create a long-term database. Soon after the Squaw Creek project, the subunit traveled to Lost Grove Lake in eastern Iowa to construct fish habitat under the instruction of Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) fisheries biologist Don Kline. It was a busy day of drilling holes in tires, forming tire logs, and dragging tire logs to various areas in one of the coves of the new lake. From this activity, students gained valuable insight about planning a lake construction and about the many forms of fish habitat.

The second semester was jumpstarted as the subunit was announced the most active student subunit in the North Central Division. The subunit proudly displayed the award at the annual meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Dubuque, IA. The annual meeting gave students an opportunity to listen to some great presentations on current fisheries research in



Iowa and Wisconsin and even present some research projects of their own. Members Nick Ahrens and Chris Penne received best paper award from the Iowa Chapter at the meeting.

As the semester progressed, the subunit was able to invite speakers from the Iowa Chapter to their meetings to hear more of the research being conducted in Iowa. Donna Muhm, Iowa Chapter President, was first to jump at the opportunity. In late February, Donna presented findings on experiences in northern pike culture at the Spirit Lake Hatchery. In March, the subunit was fortunate to have Don Kline from the IDNR in southeast Iowa give a presentation on fish habitat basics. Don was especially pleased with the subunit's help last fall on Lost Grove Lake and invited the students back next year. Denny Weiss and Mike Steuck from the IDNR fisheries research station in Bellevue, IA came to the next meeting in early April. Denny presented the findings on paddlefish research in the Mississippi River and even performed a dissection of a preserved paddlefish to give the students a firsthand look at paddlefish biology. Mike Steuck presented his findings from a radio telemetry study on winter habitat selection of bluegill in the Mississippi River. The subunit was joined by Brad Parsons, president of the North Central Division, for the final meeting of the semester in late April. Brad gave an excellent presen-

tation on the evaluation of walleye stocking in Minnesota and introduced some of the current fisheries research projects being conducted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The subunit would like to thank all of the guest speakers for their time and for diversifying the subunit meetings. We hope to continue this meeting format to create an avenue for exchange between the subunit and other fisheries professionals. Some potential ideas subunit members brought up for next year's workshops include net and gear repair 101 and unique sampling techniques. If anyone is an expert in these areas and is interested in conducting a workshop, please contact the new subunit president Jon Lore.

In addition to the meetings during the spring semester, the students also held a kids fishing clinic on April 8 with boy scout and girl scout troops from the Ames area. Despite their busy schedules with coursework, the students were able to put on a well-organized, and fun kids fishing clinic. The scouts learned about fishing basics including knot tying, tackle, fish identification, casting, and fish cleaning. They were then given a fishing experience with personal supervision and instruction from the subunit members. The day was a complete success and the subunit is prepared to make arrangements for next year's clinic. Many subunit members quickly switched their fishing clothes for business professional clothes to attend the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management's (NREM) Annual Recognition banquet that very evening. The subunit held a raffle at the banquet featuring four prizes with the grand prize being a Scott fly rod. Over \$400 was made that evening for future subunit activities. A big thanks to the state chapter for providing the financial support to obtain

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some of the prizes.

Another fundraising activity was performed at Iowa State University's VEISHEA celebration. The subunit held a casting contest outside of the Department of NREM's tent on the central campus of Iowa State University. Contestants were given an opportunity to cast at the targets in hope of obtaining more raffle tickets for chance to win an Apple iPod mp3 player, a Dasani mountain bike, and five gift certificates to local restaurants. The contestants were also given a Vault™ soda for participating in the contest. The subunit would like to give a special thanks to Scott Mottet of Coca-cola for the generous donation of the mountain bike, Vault™, and refreshments for the kids fishing clinic.

Lastly, it should be noted that the subunit has created and maintained a website for both the Iowa Chapter and Student Subunit. The website features all of the subunit's current and future activities and includes an excellent picture gallery. Webmaster Chris Penne is spectacular at keeping the websites updated with immediate additions. Be sure to check out the most recent photos from the kids fishing clinic and VEISHEA activity.

I would like to thank this year's officers Jon Lore (President-Elect), Chris Steffen (Secretary), and Dan Rosauer (Treasurer). Their hardwork this year is much appreciated. I wish next year's officers Jon Lore (President), Adam Havard (President-Elect), Corey Deboom (Secretary), and Iaian Bock (Treasurer) the best of luck. They are all talented individuals that will do a great job with their new responsibilities. There are many ideas already developing for the next academic year. This group's enthusiasm and work ethic allows them to be very productive young professionals. In cooperation with

**Iowa AFS Student Sub Chapter Officers for
2006 – 2007 academic year**

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| President | Jon Lore |
| President-elect | Adam Havard |
| Secretary | Corey DeBoom |
| Treasurer | Iaian Bock |

Scholarship and Awards



2006 Iowa Chapter AFS Scholarship: Todd Caspers



Phil Fox Award Sponsored by the Izaak Walton League
Corey DeBoom



Kenneth Carlander Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Dave Rowe

AFS Exemplary Service Award Andy Jansen

Minutes of the 2006 Annual Business Meeting
Grand River Center, Dubuque, Iowa, 18 January 2006

President Donna Muhm called the annual business meeting of the Iowa Chapter (Chapter) to order at 4:03 PM. Fifty-six members attended the meeting.

President Muhm requested approval of the agenda. Mike Mason motioned to approve the agenda, Jim Wahl seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

President Muhm introduced the executive committee (EXCOM) and committee chairs. Donna Muhm is serving as president. Mark Flammang is president-elect. Kim Bogenschutz is serving as secretary/treasurer first term. Past president and membership chair is Dan Kirby. Newsletter editor is Alan Johnson. The committees and their chairs are Audit, Ben Dodd; Resolutions, Don Herrig; REAP, Dick McWilliams; Continuing Education, Clay Pierce; Student Affairs, Mike Quist; Nominations, Gary Siegwarth; and Best Paper, Kim Hawkins. Andy Jansen is the Iowa State University Student Subunit (Student Subunit) president, Jon Lore is president-elect, and Dan Rosauer is treasurer. President Muhm also introduced Brad Parsons, president of the North Central Division (NCD).

President Mum requested approval of the 2005 business meeting minutes. Mike Mason moved to approve the minutes, Martin Konrad seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

President Muhm welcomed the attendees in her presidential address and gave a brief update on the Iowa Chapter and the Student Subunit. Details follow in the committee, Student Subunit, and technical committee reports.

Financial Report (attached) – Secretary/Treasurer Bogenschutz summarized the treasurer's report and concluded a balance of \$7072.89 as of 28 December 2005. Income was a combination of chapter dues and rebates, annual meeting registrations, raffle, and interest on the checking account. The report was approved by Ben Dodd, the audit committee chair.

NCD President Parsons commented on the accomplishments of the Chapter as recorded in the Iowa Chapter 2005 Report to the North Central Division. He specially noted the cooperative effort of the Chapter by adopting a cove in the soon to be completed Lost Grove Lake to improve fish habitat. He congratulated the Student Subunit on winning the 2005 Most Active Student Subunit award from the NCD and noted that they will be submitted in the national AFS most active student subunit competition. Regarding continuing education, President Parsons would like to see chapter courses incorporated into division courses. He also encouraged attendance at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference as a way to network and learn. The NCD passed a resolution at its annual meeting in support of authorizing and funding dispersal barriers in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to prevent the movement of aquatic invasive species. President Parsons encouraged members to take advantage of student travel awards and to nominate colleagues for fisheries excellence and meritorious service awards. The NCD has a new website, and members are encouraged to submit content ideas to the webmaster. Stu Shipman is the NCD president-elect, and Joe Hennessy is the 1st vice president. The NCD recently completed its strategic plan and revised its procedural manual. President Parsons noted that the NCD salmonid technical committee has not been active recently and needs committed members. He also encouraged membership in the parent society and attendance at its annual meeting in Lake Placid, New York, in September.

Committee Reports

REAP (attached) – **Dick McWilliams** gave highlights of his written report. He stressed that even though the number of Chapter members is small compared to membership in some of the other REAP Alliance organizations, we have a big impact as professionals. Dick encouraged members to stay involved and attend regional REAP assemblies scheduled for this year.

Continuing Education (attached) – **Clay Pierce** reported that there has not been a continuing education course since the last annual meeting. Potential course offerings for 2006/2007 are web-based tools for fisheries and natural resources in Iowa and simulation modeling for fisheries management. Clay also requested ideas for future courses.

Membership – **Dan Kirby** reported there were 67 regular members and 9 student members at this meeting.

Nominations – **Gary Siegwarth** said that he had difficulty recruiting nominees this year and promised a weekend cabin getaway to all nominees. He is already soliciting nominees for the next election and encouraged members to volunteer.

Student Affairs – **Mike Quist** replaced Bob Summerfelt as chair of the student affairs committee. Mike introduced Andy Jansen as the recipient of the 2004 ISU undergraduate scholarship and David Rowe as the recipient of a Chapter student travel award and the Ken Carlander Memorial Scholarship.

Student Subunit – Andy Jansen detailed activities of the Student Subunit. Projects in 2005 included members earning their Fish Iowa certification, fish community sampling in Squaw Creek and its surrounding tributaries, and construction and placement of fish habitat in Lost Grove Lake. Chris Penne and Jon Lore developed both the Student Subunit and Chapter websites. Projects planned for 2006 include selling T-shirts, conducting a casting contest/raffle at VEISHEA, hosting a kids fishing clinic, and attending the Iowa DNR Fisheries statewide meeting. Andy requested Chapter members make presentations at the Student Subunit meetings and provide volunteers experiences for Student Subunit members.

Resolutions –Don Herrig replaced Mike McGhee as chair of the resolutions committee. President Muhm gave the report in Don's absence and requested ideas for resolutions. Jim Wahl suggested writing a resolution in support of the proposed river otter season. Denny Weiss is on the task force studying the proposed season and remarked that river otter populations are increasing in Iowa and damage to fisheries resources are evident. Letters of support should be written to Dale Garner between now and March. Jim Wahl will draft a resolution with Ron Andrews and send it out for comments by email. Scott Gritters reported that the Wisconsin Chapter has a draft resolution regarding shovelnose sturgeon roe harvest, and we may want to write one also.

Best Paper – Kim Hawkins replaced Lannie Miller as chair of the best paper committee. President Muhm explained that a certificate for the best paper will be awarded at the end of the meeting, and the plaque will be ordered and presented at a later date.

Program – Mark Flammang reported that the 2007 annual meeting will be held jointly with the Nebraska and Kansas Chapters in Council Bluffs. He requested that members submit ideas for the meeting to him.

Bylaws – Donna Muhm explained that new bylaws were drafted in 1992 but subsequently were not finalized. New bylaws were drafted in 2005 and placed on the Chapter website for review. One of the main changes was incorporating the Student Subunit into the bylaws. The new bylaws were voted on and passed by a margin of 56 to 0. The AFS Governing Board will vote on the new bylaws in March, and they will go into effect after that.

Technical Committee Reports

Walleye – Donna Muhm did not attend the winter meeting but has notes from it for anyone interested.

Centrarchid – Lewis Bruce attended the summer meeting at Wyalusing State Park in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The meeting opened with a centrarchid bioenergetics workshop, followed by presented papers and the business meeting. Cindy Tomcko was elected as the new chair.

Rivers and Streams (attached) – Greg Gelwicks gave highlights of his written report. The spring meeting was in March at Rock Island, Illinois, and consisted of state chapter reports and twelve presentations. State chapter reports are on the NCD website. The committee is planning a symposium titled "Statewide and Regional Stream and River Monitoring Programs: Overviews and Applications" at the 2006 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Greg commented that the committee is always looking for workshop and symposium topics and likes to hold workshops at the spring meetings. This year's spring meeting will be held March 21-22.

Esocid – Joe Larscheid was not present.

Salmonid – Gary Siegwarth reiterated the report from NCD President Parsons that this committee has remained inactive. However, he did state that there is a localized group forming in the driftless area.

Ictalurid – Dan Kirby reported that this committee has been active for four years. The annual meeting was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the 2005 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The summer meeting will be held at Rathbun. The committee is planning Catfish 2010, a symposium on catfish management, hosted jointly by the NCD and the Southern Division. Greg Pitchord is the new committee chair.

Old Business None

New Business None

Awards and Recognition – Donna Muhm President Muhm thanked Wendy Sanders and Sue O'Loughlin for helping with the meeting registration. She then recognized Dan Kirby for being the past president. Scott Gritters recognized Dave Moeller, recently retired northeast district fisheries supervisor, and requested members to submit photos and ideas for his retirement program.

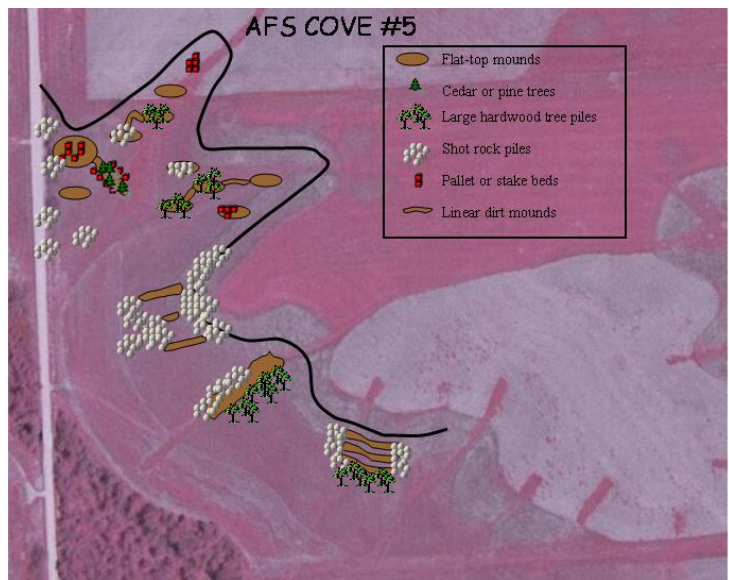
Dave Moeller motioned to adjourn, Mike Steuck seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:18

AFS Extreme Habitat Makeover: *Lost Grove Lake*

The Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society accepted the challenge of planning the fish habitat for a section of Lost Grove Lake. Lost Grove Lake will be built in Scott County by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to provide fishing water near major metropolitan areas of the State. Davenport and Clinton are within 10 miles of the lake site. The lake basin was sectioned into 18 fish habitat units. Volunteer groups were invited to sign up to create a plan for construction of fish habitat in a specific area. The volunteers could choose from fish structure types outlined in a Fish Habitat Catalog or design their own structures. The volunteers visited the site and attended at least one fish habitat meeting. The AFS team liked site number four. This site was a corn field prior to IDNR purchase and contained a large bay and a long section of open shoreline. The AFS team decided to put in 10 underwater flat top mounds, 8 linear dirt mounds, 22 piles of rip-rap, 22 pallet structures, and numerous tree piles. The volunteer teams can work at the site to construct fish habitat and/or allow construction by a contractor during the fish habitat project. The cost of fish habitat construction for this the AFS site is nearly \$80,000.00. AFS team members have been on site during the 2005 fish habitat work days and AFS Student Chapter members helped with fish habitat in Fall 2005. More fish habitat work days will be scheduled this Fall and next year to allow volunteers to get a feel for the lake site and fish habitat from the ground up.—Don Kline, Fisheries Biologist, Iowa DNR

TREASURE MAP

The eccentric Don Kline has lost an undisclosed portion (\$80,000??) of his retirement fund and in true "O Brother, Where art Thou" fashion, has asked our help in locating it. Don seems to have a distrust of financial institutions so he carried this large sum of money in a coffee can in the back of his work truck. He suspects that the Folgers can rolled out of the truck and was buried by a dozer constructing a mound. He is a little unclear as to the specific mound or mound type that hides his booty. Until the treasure is found, Don will continue working the salt mine.



Meeting Announcement and Call for Papers



American Fisheries Society Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska Joint Meeting

January 18-20, 2007

Holiday Inn & Suites at Ameristar, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Make plans to attend the American Fisheries Tri-state meeting with the Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska Chapters. We will meet along the banks of the Missouri River to share camaraderie and discuss fisheries management, research, and culture advances, needs, and developments. Presentations on all fisheries-related topics are invited. Local points of interest include casinos and the new Bass Pro Shops Store in Council Bluffs.

LOCATION & REGISTRATION

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday and Hampton Inns (Adjacent and connected to the Ameristar Casino), 2202 River Rd, Council Bluffs, IA 51501. YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS; advance reservations recommended. Call (888) 682-0900, and mention American Fisheries Society. Room rates are \$85 / single or double occupancy. **This rate is guaranteed through December 27, 2006.**

Registration is \$70 for regular members plus applicable Chapter Dues. Included are the Thursday and Friday Socials, Friday deli buffet lunch, and all breaks. Student costs are \$35. An advance registration form is available on the Chapter website <http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/isu-afs/>, and registration will also be conducted on-site. Attendees are encouraged to preregister by November 15, 2006.

FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submissions from all areas of fisheries and aquatic biology are welcome as oral or poster presentations. An abstract submission form is available on the Chapter website <http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/isu-afs/>. **Abstracts must be submitted by October 15, 2006. All abstracts should be forwarded to Jeff Kopaska at jeff.kopaska@dnr.state.ia.us. All abstracts should contain a title, authors (including addresses and contact information), student or professional paper, poster or oral presentation, a short title (6 words or less), and an abstract of no more than 250 words.** If you have questions about or problems with abstract submission, contact our program co-chairs Randy Schultz at (641) 774-2958 (randy.schultz@dnr.state.ia.us) or Jeff Kopaska at (515) 432-2823 (jeff.kopaska@dnr.state.ia.us).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 18

- 12 – 2 p.m. Executive Committee meetings
- 3-4:30 p.m. Chapter Business meetings
- 6 – 9 p.m. Social mixer
- Dinner on own

Friday, January 19

- 8:00 – noon: Oral presentations
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (provided, deli buffet)
- 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Oral Presentations
- Break with snack provided at 10:00 and 3:00
- 6-8 p.m. Social mixer and raffle conclusion
- Dinner on own

Saturday, January 20

- 8 a.m. – noon Oral presentations
- Break with snack provided at 10:00 am

Chapter News....



Right—"Chicken Basket" procured with Iowa AFS Grant Funds

Left— Kevin Hansen, "Do you want fries with that?"

Iowa AFS Habitat Grant at Work: Mussel sampling in Northeast Iowa.

Scott Gritters, Principal Investigator.

Scott submitted a proposal and request for the habitat grant, and his effort was rewarded. "Everything worked out perfect, and having these items [sampler basket, gloves, bug spray, etc] was great exposure for Iowa Chapter of the AFS. As you may have heard we had tremendous turnout for the sampling and the LIP training went over well. I am guessing over 45 people turned at one point or another. We found anywhere from 9 to 12 *higginsii*, and documented occurrence and habitat on a number of rare mussels. We sampled the Wapsi at independence, Central City and Olin. A crew checked out and documented several species on Buffalo Creek and we made a return search on part of the Iowa River." *Scott Gritters, Fisheries Biologist, Iowa DNR.*

Parent Society approves bylaw changes:

The Iowa Chapter received word in April that the changes to its bylaws were unanimously approved by the AFS Governing Board on 11 March 2006. The Iowa State University Student Subunit also received a letter stating that their petition, bylaws, and elections were unanimously approved by the AFS Governing Board. Both the chapter and the student subunit were congratulated and wished continued success in all of our activities.—Kim Bogenschutz, Fisheries Biologist Iowa DNR.

FREE MONEY!

Got a project to benefit Iowa Fish and Fisheries?

Need financial assistance?

Check out <http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/isu-afs/Iowa%20AFS%20Webpage/Iowa%20Chapter%20of%20AFS.htm> for information on how you can get help from the Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to help!

Scott Gritters tapped into this fund to do his mussel project on the Iowa River. *"If we have another one of these events again (and we probably will) I am going to apply for another grant."*

Joan Duffy Student Travel Award

On 11 June 1999 the fisheries community lost a friend and dedicated professional when Ms. Joan Duffy was killed in an automobile accident. At the time of her death Joan was the Southern Lake Michigan Fisheries Management Unit Supervisor with the Michigan DNR. Joan was also a committed member and leader in the North Central Division of AFS (NCD). Joan was a strong advocate for the NCD student travel award program. The program was conceived while Joan was an NCD Executive Committee member and her enthusiasm and conviction were an important catalyst in the process. Joan's commitment to the travel award arose from her own experience as a student at Michigan State University. She frequently spoke of how important those trips were in her professional development. They remained important in her professional life, as she often took personal leave to attend AFS meetings when agency rules restricted her paid travel. Student travel support was at the core of what Joan valued in AFS.

In honor of Joan's commitment to AFS and student travel, the NCD awards outstanding students with the Joan Duffy Student Travel Award. The award supports up to \$200 of support to help offset costs associated with attending the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference (MFWC) and is provided to one student from each state chapter within the NCD. Although the award is open to both undergraduate and graduate students, applicants must be an Iowa Chapter AFS member to be considered for the award. Applications for the award should include (1) a brief description of the student's academic background and fisheries experience, (2) career goals, and (3) justification for attending the MFWC. Applications should not exceed one page (single spaced) in length. All award applications and at least one letter of nomination (electronic submission of materials is appropriate) should be sent to Mike Quist (see contact information below) no later than **October 20, 2006**. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mike or one of the Iowa Chapter officers.

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