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College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences

Tuesday, March 6, 1973

U of I to Host 9th Annual Conclave

The 9th Annual Western Students Wildlife Conclave will be held at the U of I this year on March 30 and 31.

Hosts of the Conclave, the U of I Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society, have chosen as the theme "Decision Making in Fish and Wildlife Management". Questions that will be discussed include: What values have been and will be attached to fish and wildlife resources? How have the values been established? How can fish and wildlife resource decision making be improved?

Discussions are held in a symposium format with one panel of students and one panel of management and/or professional personnel. The moderator is a U of I student. Representatives from eleven western state schools, plus British Columbia and Alberta will constitute the student panels, while representatives from the Forest Service, BLM, Bureau of Reclamation, Corps of Engineers, National Wildlife Federation, and State Fish and Game Departments from Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana will constitute the management panels.

The general sessions will be held on March 30 in the SUB. Times of the Symposia planned are:

- 10:30-12:00 noon concurrently
- I. The USFS & BLM - "Fish and wildlife resources in the multiple use management scheme."
II. "Planning, evaluation, and policy making in state fish and game department management."
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. concurrently
III. The Bureau of Reclamation, the Corps of Engineers and the EPA - "Fish and wildlife resources in project planning."
IV. The timber, agriculture, outfitting and guiding industries, the Sierra Club and the sportsman - "Evaluation and use of wildlife and fish resources."
2:45 p.m. singly
V. "Congressional decision making and fish and wildlife resources."

In addition to the Symposium, several other activities are planned. On Friday, March 30, a Baron of Beef dinner will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, followed by a "Bash" at the American Legion Hall from 9:00 p.m. 'til whenever. The Bash features a band and all the beer you can drink. Cost for the Banquet and Bash together is \$3.75, the Bash alone, \$1.00. No charge is made for the symposium. Saturday, March 31 includes a demonstration of horse and mule packing given by Steve Mealey and Howard Hash. This will be held at the University Barns, (beside the Meat Lab) at approximately 9:00 a.m. At 1:00 p.m. a Wildlife Bowl (in the style of the old College Bowl television show) will be held at the SUB followed by a general business meeting and awards ceremony for both bowl and symposium participation. No fees will be charged.

As a special event, on Sunday, April 1, the Society will sponsor a float trip on the Snake River up to Hells Canyon. It is open to all University students and the charge is \$15.00 for the day.

For further information or reservations or tickets for the Conclave events or the Snake River trip, contact the Wildlife office, room 105. All interested students are encouraged to come, listen and interact.

Coming Up . . .

- March 6 - SAF lecture: Richard Walker, Nez Perce Nat'l Forest. "Wilderness: Management Problems". Starts at 7:30, SUB.
March 8 - Forestry 412 field trip to PFI. Leave building at 1:15 p.m.
March 23-24 - SAF Annual Meeting in Spokane.
March 30-31 - Wildlife Student Conclave at U of I.
April 1 - Float trip on Snake River to Hells Canyon.