

Howell member of ISU soil judging team

Glen Howell, a senior agronomy student from Letts, is a member of the Iowa State University Soil Judging Team, which placed second in a regional contest at South Dakota State University recently.

This placing qualifies the team to compete in the National Intercollegiate Soil Judging Contest to be held next April at Oregon State. The national contest is sponsored by the American Society of Agronomy and will include 50 to 60 teams. ISU placed first in the 1992 national competition held in California.

The soil judging team consists of four members, a head coach and an assistant coach. The head coach is assistant professor of agronomy, Jon Sandor. The team's expense are funded through private donations, corporate grants and by the individual student.

In the regional contest, the team scored 1425 points out of a possible 2060. The University of Minnesota team placed first with a score of 1434.

The contest consists of evaluating 4 or 5 pits dug 5 to 6 feet deep. Each team member is allowed one hour in the pit and the only tools they use are a knife, a tray and an acid bottle.