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**Soils professor receives statewide achievement award**

The Wisconsin Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) presented the 2005 Chapter Achievement Award to Ron Hensler this year at its annual meeting and banquet. Hensler is a professor and coordinator of soil and waste resources in the College of Natural Resources (CNR) at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP).

He has been adviser to UWSP's Soil and Water Conservation Society Chapter since the early 1970s and has shared his knowledge, expertise and insights with hundreds of students leaving a lasting impression as evidenced by the award program's write-up.

"Doctor Hensler not only opens his ranch to the student members of SWCS but he also uses it as a unique teaching tool outside the classroom to incorporate field experience and knowledge . . . Doctor Hensler has gone far above and beyond what is asked and expected of him. His students hold the highest respect for him and truly love him. He is unquestionably one of a kind."

The national SWCS was begun in 1945 as a nonprofit, scientific and educational organization dedicated to the science and art of good land stewardship. The organization's mission is to recognize the interdependence of people and the environment. There are approximately 80 state and student chapters across the country with nearly 10,000 members. UWSP's SWCS chapter was begun in 1968.

In 2002 UWSP's student chapter received the Outstanding Student Chapter and Student Chapter Achievement Awards.

Hensler, who joined the UWSP faculty in 1971, holds bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from UW-Madison.