

About the Terry Amundson Presentation Award



Terry Amundson was chairman of the Student Activities Committee when he died in a summer 1987 car accident near his home in rural southwest Wisconsin. Terry had been a PhD student of Tom Yuill's and received his degree jointly from the Veterinary Science Department and the Wildlife Ecology Department in 1980. His thesis was titled, " The role of medium-sized mammals in the epizootiology of La Crosse virus and other selected pathogens."

By then he had WDA's won 'Best Student Presentation' twice, something no one else has ever done. After completing his degree, he went to work for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a disease biologist. His outgoing personality and professional expertise in virology, epizootiology and wildlife biology made him a natural fit for that job. His contributions to science and to wildlife management are recognized by the naming of the WDA best student presentation award after him.