

## PREFACE

The 25th Anniversary Water Conference was held on April 24 and 25, 1980. This silver anniversary conference had as its theme, "A Quarter Century of Water Research." The papers presented were divided into three sessions. The first session was devoted to past research accomplishments and to the history of our current water use practices. We were fortunate to have speakers for this session who have been active in water resources for the whole quarter century.

The afternoon session of the first day covered current water resources activities. Faculty and student scientists presented research reports on Institute-sponsored projects. The participants were also briefed on the current activities of several key federal water agencies. Other groups presented displays in the Stucky Hall conference room. That evening, Pat O'Meara of the National Water Resources Association gave an entertaining and informative talk following the banquet.

The next morning was devoted to looking into the future. The future relationships between water and energy, federal programs, agriculture, municipal use, and mining were examined.

The water conference was once again a success due to the contributions of both speakers and participants. In addition to the formal presentations, the conference provided a meeting place for people interested in water to get together and discuss important issues. Photographs on the next page show some of the conference activities. The papers which follow give a perspective of a quarter century of water research, past, present, and future.



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