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DULUTH--Recognition of outstanding contributions to campus journalism and a talk by author-naturalist Sigurd F. Olson, Ely, will feature a Pi Delta Epsilon initiation-recognition dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday (May 28) in Kirby Student center.

Olson, nationally acclaimed author of "The Singing Wilderness" and "Listening Point," will speak on the title, "A Book is Born."

Joyce Rogers, Duluth, president of the sponsoring chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, oldest honorary undergraduate journalism fraternity in the nation, is chairman of arrangements. New initiates will be introduced.

A selection committee will choose outstanding examples of writing, layout and other special editorial responsibilities produced by UMD students.

Olson's talk at approximately 8 p.m. will be open to the public. Area teachers, writers and others interested are especially invited.

Reservations for the dinner itself may be made by calling RA 4-8801, Ext. 210.

Olson has been described as "one who knows with rare intimacy the mysteries of the lakes, rivers and forests of the Quetico-Superior area and the country stretching beyond to the Arctic."

A native Chicagoan who has lived in the wilderness region most of his life, Olson formerly taught biology and was dean at Ely Junior college.

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He is president of the National Parks association, a post to which he was first named in 1953, is ecologist for the Isaak Walton League of America and consultant to President Eisenhower's Quetico-Superior committee. In 1945-46 he was on special assignment with the U.S. Army and State Department in Europe.

He has just received a citation from the Izaak Walton league for outstanding services in bringing to public attention, through the spoken and written word, the values of recreation and conservation in America's park and wilderness areas.

Acclaimed for his sensitive and richly written accounts of life and lore of the wilderness country, he is completing a third book, "The Lonely Land," based upon one of his many Canadian expeditions.

This summer he will go with a group of Canadians on a 500-mile canoe trip touching upon the Arctic coastline and traveling little-used water routes.