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April 1, 2004

A grand celebration of the 25th Anniversary was held in the Campus Center on April 1, 2004. The over 200 attendees included students, faculty, friends, sponsors, and patrons from around the world. The full-day event included seminars and roundtable discussions followed by a reception and banquet. Distinguished guests included several "old timers" who participated in the original founding of the Center for Firesafety Studies and who present at the 1979 faculty vote to authorize the MSFPE degree.

At the February 15, 1979 faculty vote (L to R) Wayne Moore, Dean Ray Bolz (deceased), Robert Fitzgerald, David Lucht, President Cranch, Donald Zwiep

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Other highlights of the celebration included announcement of the Robert W. Fitzgerald Scholarship Endowment and Provost Carney’s introduction of the next Director of the Center for Firesafety Studies, Dr. Kathy Notarianni. Dr. Duane Pearsall, our major lifetime donor, received the Presidential Medal from President Parrish. And the Society of Fire Protection Engineers announced the David A. Lucht award to be presented in his honor by SFPE on an ongoing basis.