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Society of American Foresters

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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

Over the past year the student chapter of SAF has continued with our strong tradition of supporting special events such as, educational activities, free seedling distributions, and tree plantings. We have also tried to form stronger ties with the state chapter through better attendance at state meetings and the development of the Student Mentor Program.

The educational activities provide Iowa State students with the opportunity to promote their program and field, and to gain some public speaking experience. Activity days are conducted with three different age groups: third graders, eighth graders, and sophomores in high-school. Presentations are given both in the classroom and outside. The subjects covered vary widely, ranging from how to plant a tree to career opportunities.

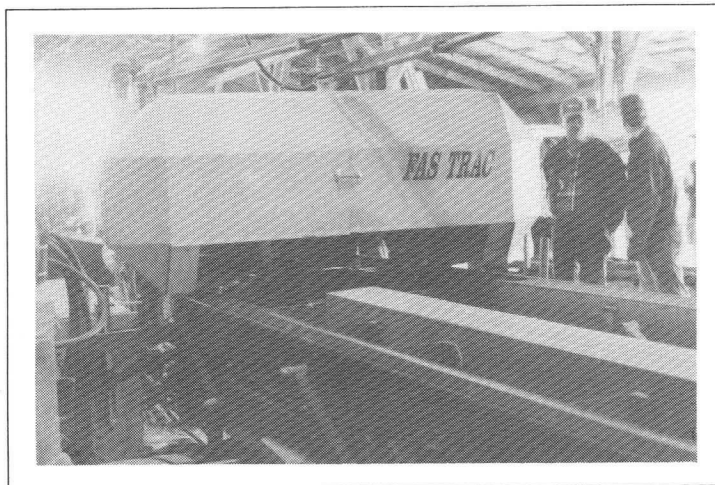
The seedling distributions and tree plantings take place each year to commemorate the anniversary of Earth Day. Both of

these projects are co-sponsored with the Forestry Club. This year will see 12,000 Norway spruce seedlings given away and two small groves of the Crandon poplar clone planted in the ISU arboretum.

The new Student Mentor Program is an effort to link students at Iowa State with professional foresters in the state. The students are encouraged to spend at least one day with the volunteering professional of their choice. Evidence is already coming in to show that the program will be a success.

Officers for the past year were: Chair, Chris Ball; Chair-elect, Dave Hansen; Treasurer, Ken Trytek; and Secretary, John Fish.

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Fas Trac band sawmill seen on SAF field trip to Wisconsin



Left to right: 1st row: Todd Derifield, Ryan Reichenbacker, Chris Ball, Tom Huegerich, Tobin Pedersen, Ken Tryteks Jr. & Sr., Garth Horning, Shane Harmon. 2nd row: Club Advisor Dick Schultz, Dave Hansen, Kristen Weber, John Haes, Mike Saunders, Nate Goodrich, Steve DeCook, John Fish