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1987 CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

by Bryce Duncan



Annual Christmas tree sales are the ISU Forestry Club's main income. If sales are low, the club operates on a rather tight budget.

This year's Christmas tree sales were a big success. Our crews braved low temperatures, high winds, and long hours. After endless searching at the plantation, I managed to find some dry wood to fuel the burning barrel. Our location at the front of the Memorial Union provided us with shelter from the cold and an endless supply of hot chocolate.

We were blessed this year with an ample supply of hearty salespersons. We managed to sell 299 of the 300 white and Scotch pine trees on hand. The last tree was nicknamed the "Charlie Brown" tree and was given to Dr. Colletti who provided it with a good home for Christmas. Many of the upperclassmen showed up to lend a hand. Even a few freshmen got in the act. Freshman Ryan Reichenbacher was voted "Most Valuable Christmas Tree Salesperson" and was awarded a forestry T-shirt for this honor. Twelve students worked more than eight hours and qualified for a five dollar discount at Bonanza, courtesy of the Forestry Club.

Sales went relatively smoothly this year with the help of Dr. Hall, Dr. Colletti, and Co-chair Matt McColley. Customers were full of Christmas cheer and it was an excellent year for Christmas trees.

A word of thanks goes out to our customers, crew members, and Gerald Grebasch for letting us store the trees at the State Nursery. Without these people, this event would have never gotten off the ground.

