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Forester, Brian Flage, Associated Forester, John "Chip" Murrow, Secretary/Fiscal Agent, and Chris Birch, Ranger. The advisor for the chapter is Dr. Dean Prestemon.

The objectives of Xi Sigma Pi are to secure and maintain a high standard of scholarship in forestry education, to work for the improvement of the forestry profession, and to promote a fraternal spirit among those engaged in forest related activities.

To become a member, an initiate must be a junior, senior, or a transfer student regularly registered in a forest management curriculum, have completed at least seventy-four credit hours, rank scholastically in the upper 25% of his or her class, and has completed at least 10 semester hours in forest resource management courses. Graduate students regularly registered with major work in forestry may be elected to membership if completed 10 or more semester hours in forest resource management courses, enrolled for at least one semester in which a chapter is located, and must have an outstanding academic record in his or her graduate work.

The Alpha Gamma chapter of Xi Sigma Pi has nominated 14 initiates for the 1994-1995 school. The initiates are required to complete a community service project during the academic year in order to become members of the society. This year's service project for the Alpha Gamma chapter was cleaning up central campus.

Each year at the Forestry Club Game Banquet an outstanding sophomore is awarded the Keith Bauer award. The Keith Bauer award is named after Keith Bauer, a graduate student in silviculture, who died in an automobile accident in 1965. The award is based on scholastic achievement and professional qualities that best exemplifies the qualities of Keith Bauer.

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*By Cory Levendusky*

The snow was white and cold as it fell with grace. Then the snow melted and ran when it hit my face. Trees were sold and trees were seen throughout the three week period that the trees were sold. This year we sold white pine, scotch pine, and balsam fir from the Horticulture Gardens. We ordered 180 trees from Hoffmans-Christmas Trees plantation and only about 156 were sold. There was a time when I thought that all was lost and a profit would not be made, but as a star led the wise-men, I got a second wind and tried harder to sell the remaining trees. We were blessed and our hopes became reality when Hoffmans agreed to buy back the remaining 24
trees. As the needles were swept up and the lights turned off, the Forestry Club’s profits totaled close to $1,300 dollars.

A special thanks goes out to all that have helped with this year's sales, because without your help, this year's sales would have been a total loss. I would also like to thank Matt Cosgrove for his time and help with organizing and selling of the Christmas Trees.

Veishea

Ah, Ames in Spring. Every year we, as foresters, look forward to spring as the yearly herald to the working season. The buds begin to break and the mud begins to flow. And each year is marked by Iowa State’s spring celebration: Veishea. Believe it or not, Veishea is more than just a drunk-fest and an excuse to riot. For foresters, it is a chance to show our fellow students and the residents of Ames just what exactly it is we do. It also gives us a chance to chop up cottonwood logs and dress up like Smokey Bear. Every year the Forestry Club builds a display that is located outside, northwest of Curtiss Hall. We rope off an area where we demonstrate the two-man saw on big old cottonwood logs. We

find some poor schmuck willing to dress up in a Smokey Bear costume to entertain the children and we give away spruce seedlings. The seedlings are the major consideration of Veishea. Back in September we planted approximately

4000 blue and white spruce seedlings in pallets at the Forestry greenhouse. Through months of care by the greenhouse staff and one concentrated thin (done over a two-day period using manicure scissors), the seedlings have grown to their present towering height of about five to six inches. The seedlings are given away with a small card explaining proper care. We usually receive donations from people who take seedlings. A lot of children enjoy picking out their own trees to take home to plant. It’s an all around fun time and a nice break from the stress of the forestry spring workload.

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