CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

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Several events highlight the 1993-94 school year for the student chapter here at Iowa State University. Last October, three members, Mark Gossman, John Haes, and Karl Arbogast, attended the Iowa Chapter fall meeting in southern Iowa. The theme was forestry and rural development. Although I did not attend, I was told that the meeting and the field trip was fun and quite insightful.

For the first time in several years, we had students attend the National SAF Convention. Three members, John Haes, Rob Rubsam, and Mike Saunders, made the trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, in November. The meeting was quite educational and we all enjoyed meeting with students from around the country at Hooters and the Slippery Noodle Inn in downtown Indianapolis.

This spring has been highlighted by two events—the annual Earth Day tree giveaway at North Grand Mall here in Ames and the “Forestry in a Nutshell” program held annually at Sawyer Elementary. They both ran smoothly and gave younger members of SAF a chance to learn the ropes from us “old timers”.

I want to thank my officers this year for their help—I couldn’t have done it without you. I also want to wish the newly elected officers the best of luck for next year. They are: Chair, Clinton Kabele; Chair-elect, Rob Rubsam; Secretary, Ben Wehrspann; and Treasurer, Vicki Dodge.

Mike Saunders

Christmas Tree Sales

The Iowa State Forestry Club again held its annual Christmas tree sales for the 1993 season. It took place at the Horticulture Gardens north of the university powerplant. Despite cold temperatures and the lack of snow, club members eagerly helped patrons with the trees they had picked out. A few faculty members also lent a hand. The club purchased Balsam fir, White pine, and Scots pine in heights ranging from five to eight feet. The trees were bought from the Hollow Acres Tree Farm in State Center, Iowa. About fifteen trees were cut out and sold from the 13th street forestry club tree plantation. We had many customers who had bought their trees from us in past years. Others were new, as well as some who happened by, but thought the club still sold trees at the Memorial Union. All in all, the club made some money for the coffer and students got some bonus points for working. The club had a couple trees left over that they wanted to donate to charity, but we couldn’t find anyone to take them. Hopefully, these trees have made good homes for wildlife at the plantation.

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