

# VEISHEA 2000

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Over the weekend of April 14 through the 16, 2000, the annual celebration of VIESHA was held on the ISU campus to promote the university. On Saturday the Forestry Club tent was set up on central campus along with many other campus organizations. Forestry Club members as well as the Arboricultural Club filled the tent with displays and information on the forestry field at ISU and forestry in general.

Colorado Blue Spruce seedlings were available to the public upon donation. Many children as well as adults made donations to start their own trees. Several local residents commented about seedlings they had bought in previous years from the forestry club that were now nearly mature trees. About 1000 seedlings were distributed this year.

Chainsaw sculptor Jim Clark of Timber Road Carvings attracted many people to the forestry tent as well. Jim lives in Manilla, Iowa and showed his talent in carving wildlife sculptures. Sculptures done on site included bears, squirrels, and Indians.



Keri Bolluyt and Adam Luhman wait for their chance to bag some seedlings.

A display on tree buds was created by Forestry Club members. A wood identification display and other brochures were provided by the Forestry Department. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources State Forest Nursery supplied pamphlets, pens, pencils, and other items to be given to the public. Smokey Bear was present at the tent for most of the day thanks to the DNR.

The Arboricultural Club had a table in the tent this year that provided information on urban trees. Smokey Bear key chains were sold by the Arboricultural Club and seemed to be popular gift items.

A display about the Forestry Department was set up in the Alpha Zeta Honorary Agriculture Fraternity tent. Alpha Zeta asked all of the departments in agriculture to provide information at their tent. The Forestry Department provided a pictureboard and pamphlets on the department.

Amber Mayo helps some VEISHEA visitors pick out their





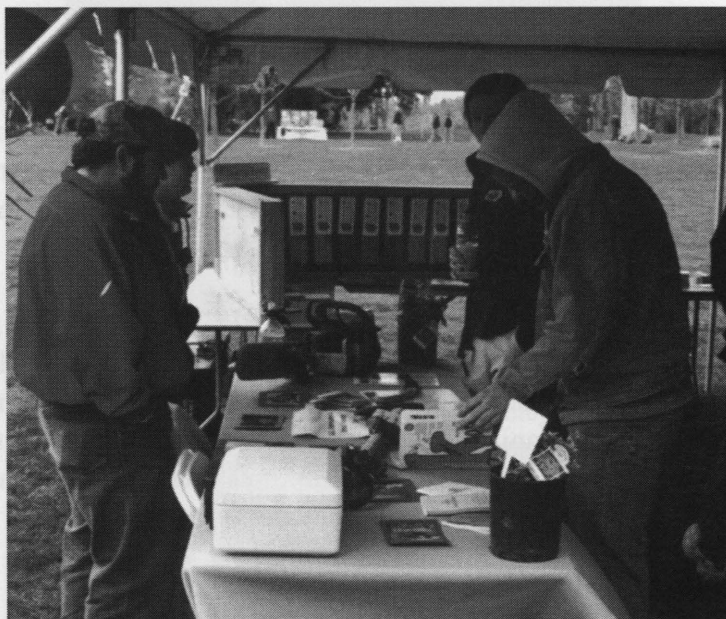
Smokey, what have you done to DR. Colletti?!?



Some Forestry Tent visitors identify twigs of campus trees.



Left: Jim Clark displays his chainsaw carving techniques.



Right: Ben Thomas and Jen Gade tell visitors about arboriculture



Smokey chillin' with the kiddies.