

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

by Bil Davis

This year we faced a few roadblocks while preparing for the annual Forestry Club Christmas Tree Sale. The first came at the very beginning of the preparations when we were told the sale could no longer be held in the traditional spot south of the Memorial Union due to traffic problems with the parking ramp. After looking at various locations we decided to set up shop in the motorcycle parking lot between the Union and Lake Laverne.

This year we again purchased our trees from Merrillam, Wisconsin and Genesea, Illinois. Due the hot, dry summer, white pines were virtually unavailable. This caused a problem because white pine was our most popular Christmas tree; thus we were forced to substitute red pine for the absent white pine. The red pine was not easily marketable so we ended up with 30 of our original 450 trees remaining after the sale.

All in all we had an enjoyable sale which netted over \$1300. I would like to thank everyone who took part in the sale, especially Gregg Engelken and Marty Wimmer for the use of their trucks for transporting the trees, and to Duane Elliott and Floppy for letting us advertise our sale on their T.V. program.



Everyone was awed by the X-mas trees



What would a dog want with a tree?

Firesides

by Deb Knickrehm

The 1983-1984 Firesides were a huge success. These small informal get-togethers allowed students to get to know the professors outside the classroom. They were held on Sunday nights and either a snack or meal was provided along with plenty of conversation about the good old days and of the future in Forestry. We also learned that Dr. Manwiller used to practice his wood identification on his wife's kitchen utensils & furniture.

There were many firesides this year. Dr. Jungst and Dr. Countryman held theirs in the fall, while Dr. Manwiller, Dr. Thomson, & Dr. Hopkins held theirs in the spring. There was a large number of students who attended this year's firesides. The professors as well as the students enjoyed the get-togethers. The photo below is from the fireside held at Dr. Thomson's home.

