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## Christmas tree sales brisk

It's time to deck the halls again, and Christmas tree sales are booming.

A sales person at Safeway said long-needled pines are selling better than firs despite their higher price. Scotch pines sell for \$16.95 while firs sell from \$5.98 to \$7.98, depending on size.

Earl May's has a variety of trees. Scotch, White and Norway pines starting at about \$15 and Balsam and Douglas firs run from \$3.49 to \$15.

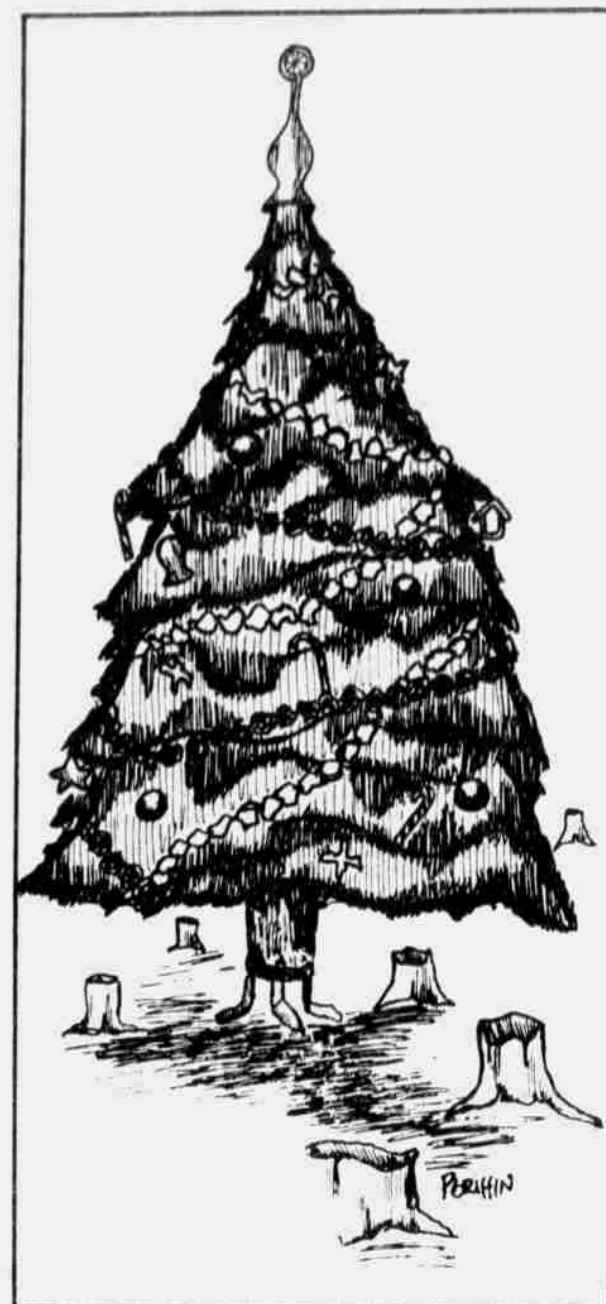
Cutting your own tree is a popular trend, and most of the local tree farms are already sold out or have only a few trees left. Walter Bagley of Prairie Pines said they sold out the first day they opened, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

"I think more and more people want a tree they know is fresh. Also, when the weather has been so nice, people are more inclined to get out and cut their own," Bagley said.

Prairie Pines grows the usual varieties of pine and fir and usually sells several hundred trees a year. Most of the trees can be sold when they are about seven years old.

"We also have some special oversized trees, mostly bought by organizations for public displays," Bagley said.


Mr. B's, a nursery operation, sells both cut trees and live potted trees. They report greatly increased sales of live trees this year, which can be planted outside later. These trees run from \$5 to \$28 for a four-foot spruce or fir. Mr. B's is also selling cut trees at \$3.50 a foot.



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## Teams place in tournaments

The UNL debate team took first place at a tournament at Iowa State University this past weekend, and the UNL individual events team placed fifth at a tournament sponsored by Midland Lutheran College in Fremont.

In debate, the team of Kate Joeckel, Lincoln, and Roger Aden, Scottsbluff, won the cross examination debate association division of the tournament. Joeckel also was awarded the first place speaker trophy in that division. Also in CEDA, the team of

Pat Rhoads, Omaha, and Carol Francis, Bellevue, placed third.

At Midland Lutheran, Jim Friedman, Ogallala, and Deb Renter, Valley, won Dramatic Duo. Renter also placed second in interpretation of prose and third in communication analysis. Friedman was a finalist in interpretation of prose. John Heine-man, Pawnee City, was second in program on a theme and was also a finalist in interpretation of poetry.

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