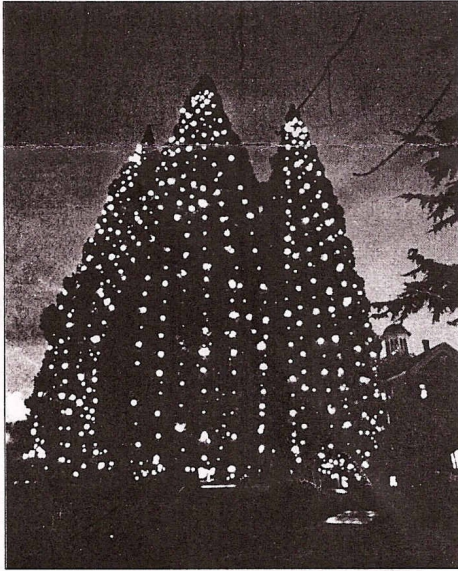


NEW TRADITIONS: FIRST LIGHTING OF THE STAR TREES



It is a tradition 55 years in the making. The class of 1942 planted five Sequoias at the northwest edge of campus; now towering to 125 feet, the trees form a perfect five-pointed star when you look up through the center.

During the fall of 1997, Maynard Drawson and Warren Franklin approached Jim Booth, director of alumni and parent relations, to see if he would be a campus advocate in an effort to light the Star Trees for the holidays. Booth worked with different campus constituents, from grounds crew to donor relations, and began to work on funding for the event that was rapidly approaching. When Dick and Linda Carney, along with several other sponsors, stepped up to offer their help, the idea was made possible. On Dec. 6, 1997, the Star Trees were lit for the first time, a symbol of the relationship between the Salem and Willamette communities.

Sponsors for the event included: Dick and Linda Carney; CFP, Inc.; Elwood's Tree Service; Radio 1490 KBZY; MaPS Credit Union; Boise Cascade; Oregon State Capitol Facilities; Maynard Drawson; Beta Theta Pi fraternity; and Willamette University.