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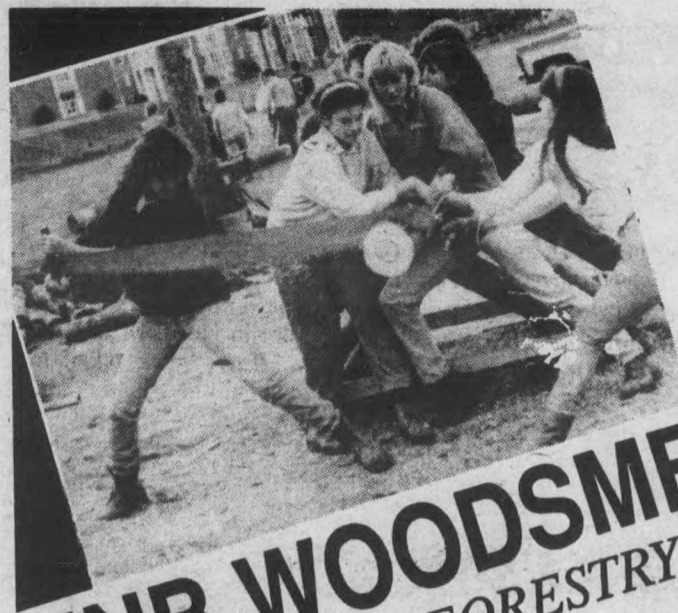
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# UNB WOODSMEN BID FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT TITLE

## 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FORESTRY COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT UNB'S COLLEGE FIELD

by: Rod Cumberland

It's that time of year again. The time of the year that the Forestry Association at UNB funnel all their efforts into organizing the largest Intercollegiate Woodsmen's (Lumber Jack) Competition in Eastern Canada.

The University will be shaken Saturday morning by the sounds of 25 energetic and hungry teams trying to saw, chop, split, throw and climb themselves to be the overall winner of the 24th annual contest. The Competition has a long history and carries with it a lot of prestige, evident as far away as Thunder Bay, Ontario (Lakehead U.) and as far south as Vermont (UVM) and New Hampshire (UNH). McGill (MacDonald) from Montreal will send their best to knock heads with the Aggies from NSAC in Truro. Irregardless of origin, they will all lock horns at 8:00 a.m. at the Chapman field parking lot, just below the Aitken centre.

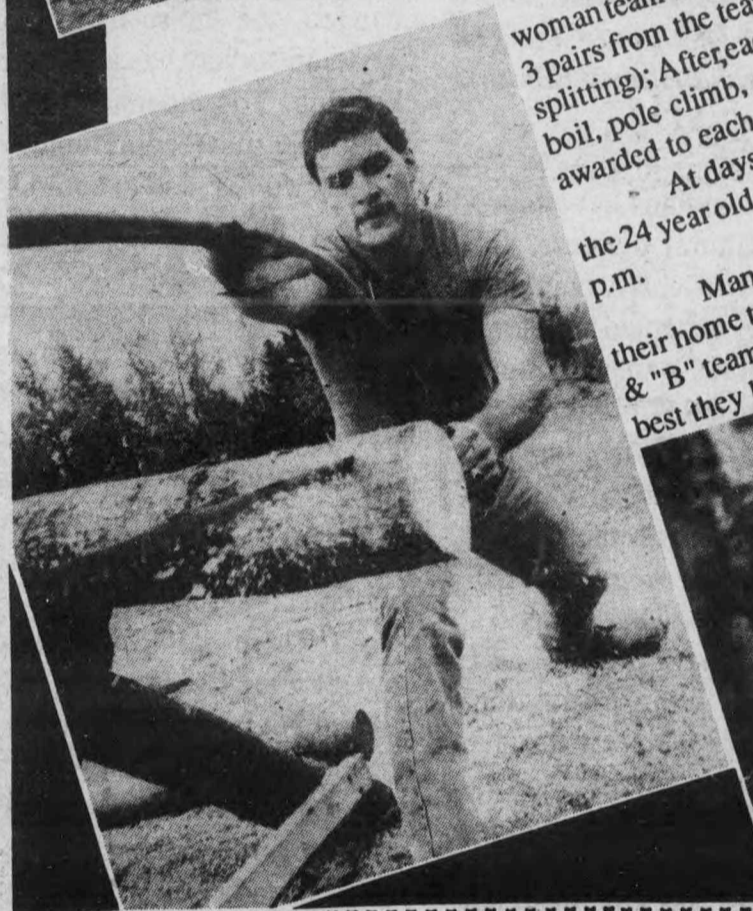
The Woodsmen's competition, which had its beginnings many years ago, (at College Field), initially took the form of a friendly inter-collegiate competition amongst faculty and students in Forestry. Then, during the mid-60's, a more formal inter-collegiate competition was established along with Faculty night as part of what is now referred to as 'Forestry Week'.

Just what do these so called "Woodsmen" do? The Competition is based on a 6 man/woman team competing in 4 team events (Cross Cut, Buck Saw, Fell & Twitch and Pulp Throw); then 3 pairs from the team compete in one doubles event (either Log Roll, Horizontal Chopping, Quarter splitting); After each of the 6 men/women compete in one singles event: axe throw, pulp throw, water boil, pole climb, chain saw and vertical chop; most of the events are timed events, and points are awarded to each team based on the fastest time.

At days end, the points for each event are tallied and an overall winner will walk away with the 24 year old Championship Cup. Note: the awards will be presented at the competition site at 8:00 p.m.

Many students here don't realize that UNB'ers have a good reason to come out and support their home team. The UNB "A" team has captured top honors the last 3 years in a row, and both "A" & "B" teams are in excellent contention this year. We also have a women's team who are looking the best they have in years. The UNB "A" team are coming off a big win 2 weeks ago as they took top honors at another competition in Maine.

So if you're tired of watching teams manoeuvre balls, come catch the UNB Woodsmen manoeuvre axes sharp enough to shave with and cheer our home teams on to a 4th victory!



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