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## Esprit de Corps

With a fresh fall of snow and a blast of icy Arctic wind, Forestry Week with all its activities and excitement has once more invaded the campus.

What is Forestry Week?

Forestry Week sponsored annually by the foresters, is the result of much planning and work on the part of the members of the faculty. Almost all of the students registered in forestry contribute to the various events; and all the members of the faculty are caught up in its fervent round of activities in one way or another.

There are two reasons for all of this blood, toil, sweat, and tears: the first is an attempt on the part of a minority group to make its presence felt and seen on campus; secondly, it tends to relieve the monotony which tends to overtake the campus at various times.

Sometimes this second reason is not realized by the members of other faculties and they fail to take their intended role in the round of activities. We would like all members of the university to take an active interest in the various forestry displays and to participate in the public events, such as the Bushmen's Ball.

We would also like to point out that unwarranted attacks on our work (especially Paul Bunyan) do not reflect any degree of originality or daring; they do, however, point out that others are being surpassed in their attempts to compete with our efforts.

This concentrated effort by the students results in a growing and glowing "esprit de corps" which leads to strong and lasting friendships; this is especially evident at that most famous of all spears, the Hammerfest. Those outside of the faculty will never see the proof of this, but must accept it on my word of honour — we Foresters know.

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## Message

# From the Dean

Forestry Week, 1961, takes place in the fifty-third year since the Faculty of Forestry was established at UNB. It is marked by this Forestry Edition of the Brunswickan, by the Hammerfest, and by those other organized events for which the forestry undergraduates on this Campus lay a just claim to fame. Indeed, word of their accomplishments had travelled as far as the shores of the blue Pacific, from which I have recently arrived.

The profession of forestry is relatively new on this continent



## IN SUPPORT OF THE TIMBER CRUISER

by C. S. STOTT

In a small puddle, for many years, I have croaked my championship of the dirt forester. Now let me add to my list of champions the dirt forester's first cousin, the timber cruiser.

In a very large sense the timber cruiser is the historian of the forest: he keeps the historic records on the trees; he opens the book of the woods and reads what is written on its pages; he deciphers the past and records the present; the future of the forest is in his hands.

In the old days, when most private forests were cut without a knowledge of professional forestry, the timber cruiser estimated timber to be bought, sold and liquidated.

Today, when most public and industrial forests (but not many small woodland areas) are being cut within the limit of their growth, the timber cruiser is more practical. He makes perpetual in-and-out inventories in order to measure net growth as well as net volume. His record keeping helps to build. It is the way it must be with inventories under sustained yield practices.

This new timber cruiser is the inventory specialist for the forestry profession. It is his interesting task to keep the vital statistics on the woods. He is the recorder

and, for that matter, throughout the world. Would Israel have become a desert, which must be watered in order that it may bloom again, would the mountains of China have been denuded, or the white pine of New Brunswick have become a tree relic, if the science of forestry had evolved earlier? Professional education in forestry only started in the United States at the turn of the century, in Canada by 1907.

Foresters have a vital role to play in developing sound land-use policies. Forty-eight per cent of Canada, 80 per cent of New Brunswick, is forest land. Economically, Canada's forest-based industries provide a net export of one and one-quarter billion dollars annually, helping to offset our excess of imports over exports in other commodities of over one and one-half billion dollars a year.

Undoubtedly oblivious to these startling facts, yet stimulated nevertheless by some urgent but little-understood motivation to study forestry, vast numbers of freshmen, and a fair quota of

others, have registered this year in forestry. A common reason given for this action is a liking for the out-of-doors; others take forestry for exactly the opposite reason — they wish an arm-chair job. Yet both may well find his niche in forestry.

At last count, the registration in forestry was 245, with a record number of 87 in first year, 55 in second, and an average of 35 in each of the upper years. This is the largest enrollment since the post-war peak created by returning veterans over ten years ago. Some of this increased enrollment, especially that in second year, may be attributable to decreased enrollment — for administrative rather than academic reasons — at our nearest English-speaking competitor, the University of Toronto. But, in general, our growth in enrollment is natural, is keeping pace with that of the University as a whole, and may be attributed to the expanding demand for forestry graduates, not spectacular in nature, yet assuring the forester good prospects of obtaining a challenging and reasonably remunerative job upon graduation.

Worthy of note, also, are the changes in the teaching staff that have taken place in the Faculty of Forestry over the past summer. After more than thirty years at UNB, friend of and beloved by all who knew him — and that includes virtually every one of the 832 foresters that have graduated from UNB to date — Dean J. Miles Gibson retired and went to Vancouver, B. C. to live. Meanwhile, Dr. S. L. Pringle, professor of forest management and economics, resigned in order to accept a post in Rome with the F. A. O. of the United Nations.

To offset these losses, the competing forest schools at British Columbia and Toronto were raided to provide suitable replacements. Your new Dean of Forestry has seen a total of thirteen years experience, from forest ranger's assistant to research forester, with the British Columbia Forest Service, and a further thirteen years of teaching and administration at the University of British Columbia. Mr. Norman Kissick, with forestry degrees from Toronto and Yale, and with industrial experience with the Marathon Paper Company in Ontario, comes to UNB from the University of Toronto where, among other duties, he managed the University forest. He is thus eminently well qualified to teach in the field of forest management.

(taken from U.S. Force Service)