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WOODSMEN'S COMPETITION '92

Today, UNB is home to the Woodsmen Team who keep a little of forestry history alive. The UNB Woodsmen Team is a sport team comprised of 21 members from the Faculty of Forestry. They practice and compete in intercollegiate competitions. The events, such as horizontal chop, cross-sawing, pulp toss for distance, pole climb and axethrow, emulate forestry practices and camp activities of the woodsmen of William Kurelek's day. These events test strength, skill, speed, and stamina.

In addition, the UNB Forestry Association helps maintain 'that good life' by organizing and hosting an annual competition. Tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 17th, the 27th Annual UNB Woodsmen Competition will commence at 8:00 AM in the parking lot below Chapman field.

The competition hosts over 30 teams from the northeastern United States and as far west as Ontario. It is obviously an event that requires many hours of preparation and solicits the aid of the entire Faculty of Forestry.

At the forefront of the project is Brian Kerr, a fifth year forestry student and Vice President of the UNB Forestry Association. Brian and his numerous subcommittees have worked diligently to bring about this traditionally large and well-organized competition.

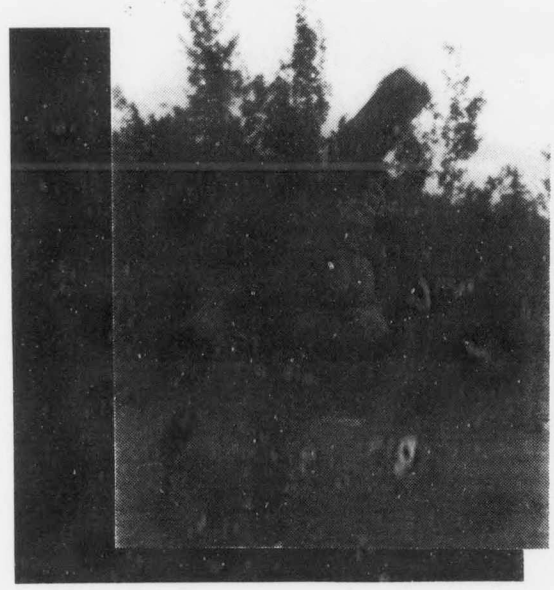
The usual preparations, of advertising, sponsorship, computerized scoring, t-shirt and food sales, invitations, rules/regulations. There are preparations unique to this sport such as trees to be felled and cut into chopping saw logs, sawhorses to be built, 30 felling poles to be pitched and a 35 foot climbing pole to be raised.



Brad Dillon is one of a team which does a horizontal chop. Each person chops until the log splits. The fastest consecutive time wins.

"In the twenty-three years since my two Estons the woods for the last time, there's been a real jack... Was our old way, for all its hardships, socially satisfying? I leave the answers to others. I've been a part of that good life before."

William Kurelek, *Lumber*



Lenore Skinner doing Pulp Toss for Distance event. The person who throws the pulp the greatest distance wins.

And, the work doesn't stop there. On Saturday Forestry undergraduates, graduates and professors will all rally to lend a hand with scoring, timing, and judging. The time and effort required and given by the entire Forestry Faculty to carry on this annual tradition (for its 27th year) are remarkable and commendable.

COME JOIN US.....

Tomorrow morning the parking lot below Chapman field will be bustling with men and women in workboots and jackets that sport their school's name. Axes of various sizes and shapes will glint keenly in the sun and the mechanical whirr of hungry chainsaws will be

After a hearty Beaver breakfast, competitors preparing for the day. Personal expectations of competitors coaxing them to be grim and silent will be grinning boldly eager to retain their consecutive year.

The first event begins at 8:00 AM. Team members chop a vertical pole (which is attempting to land it on a spike in the ground) members loop a rope around one end of the pole and pull it across the ground for a given distance. This is done in heats which allows spectators to watch in close succession. This is an event that is a competition owing to the difficulty of transporting size logs.

WHAT IS A UNB WOODSMAN?

For the UNB Team being a Woodsmen is a week. So that you are the best when you are good time winning," says Jason Lortie who is Jason came to UNB this year after competing in the event.



John Walker doing Cross-Cut Sawing event. It is a team relay event where each pair cuts 2 cookies. The fastest time wins.