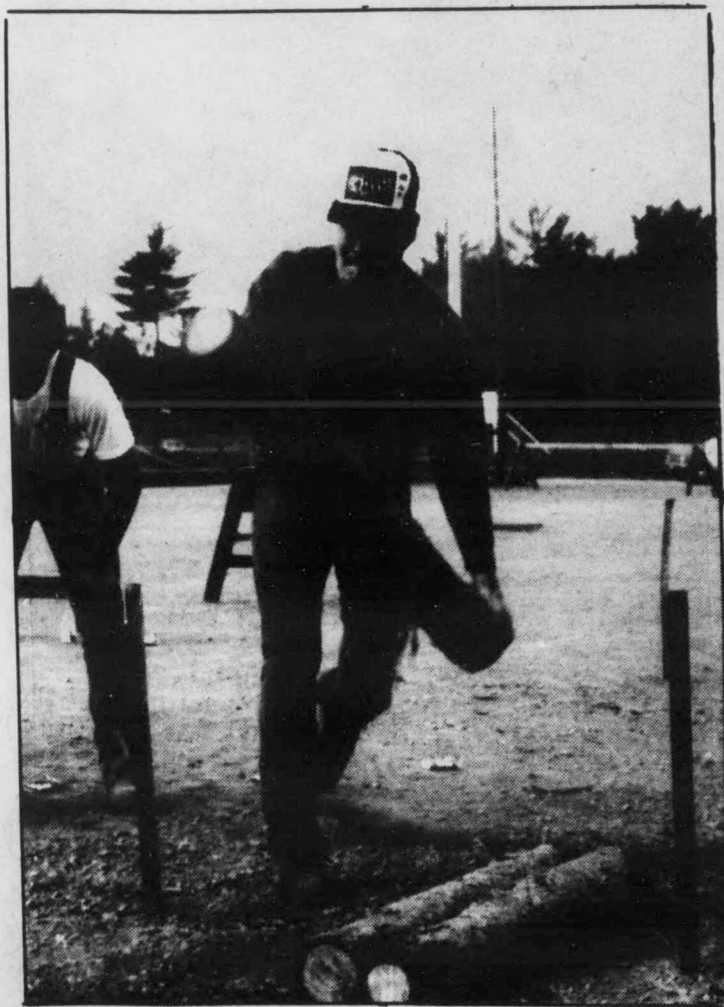


For four years they've been the undefeated champions. . .can they do it again?  
Tune in tomorrow for . . .

# 25th ANNUAL UNB INTER-COLLEGIATE WOODSMEN'S COMPETITION



power saw



pulp toss



team picture

Did you ever wonder who chops up all that wood in the back of the parking lot by Chapman Field? And who are these people keeping up with the latest colors in their green jackets?

They belong to the only sports team on-campus that is limited to a single faculty. For 25 years, the Forestry and Forest Engineering students (male and female) have created and kept a tradition: the UNB Woodsmen. Their main purpose is to keep alive the skills our grandfathers had at "handling wood". They do so the fun way, by making it a sport and competing with other students from all over Eastern Canada and the U.S.

Five nights a week for two hours, you can see the Woodsmen practicing their vertical chops, pulp toss, cross cuts, and a whole bunch of other fun stuff! According to the main coach, Rob Anderson (For V), upperbody strength is a major factor in a competition. Obviously our woodsmen are strong in that area since they've won the top title of this event four years in a row!

The neat thing about them is that they've had a women's team for just about as long as they've had men's! Surprising? Yeah! I thought I'd see girls with industrial size shoulders, but hey! They're of an average build and wear steel toed boots like ladies! And they compete in the same events as the men's teams, no favors! Way to go!

The 21 members are divided into 3 teams: A - experienced men with Rob Anderson as coach B - intermediate and rookies with coach Bevan Locke C-the only women's team, coached by Cindy Fife

Their biggest rivals Saturday will be MacDonald College of Montreal, Sir Sanford Flemming of Lindsay, Ont., as well as the Nova Scotia Agricultural School. UNB's performance over the last four years allows them to feel confident about this year's championship. However, "we can't get too cocky" says Rob Anderson. By the effort they've put in so far, that should be no problem.

Rod Cumberland, a forestry graduate has been kind enough to write a little about the history of our Woodsmen over the past 1/4 of a century...So here it is, Rod's masterpiece:

Lumberjack sports and woodsmen's competitions have been a part of the faculty of Forestry since the faculty's inception back in the early 1900's. Needless to say then, it has been a part of UNB tradition longer than most can remember. They initially took the form of friendly competition between the faculty and students - always held at night and usually at the soccer field at Queen's Square. After many years of the so-called "Faculty Night" a half dozen forestry students thought they'd travel to MacDonald College in Montreal one January weekend to compete in the same sort of events, at one of

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
06:00 a.m. - 07:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST
07:30 a.m. - 08:00 a.m.	OPENING CEREMONIES
08:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Fell and Twitch
09:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Power Saw Pole Climb Vertical Chop Axe Throw Pulp Toss for Distance
11:30 a.m. - 01:00 p.m.	LUNCH
10:00 a.m. - 02:00 p.m.	Swede Saw Cross Cut Pulp Throw
10:00 a.m. - 04:00 p.m.	Horizontal Chop
01:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m.	Log Decking Quarter Split
04:00 p.m. - 05:00 p.m.	Water Boil
05:00 p.m. - 06:30 p.m.	SUPPER
05:00 p.m. - 06:00 p.m.	Chain Carving
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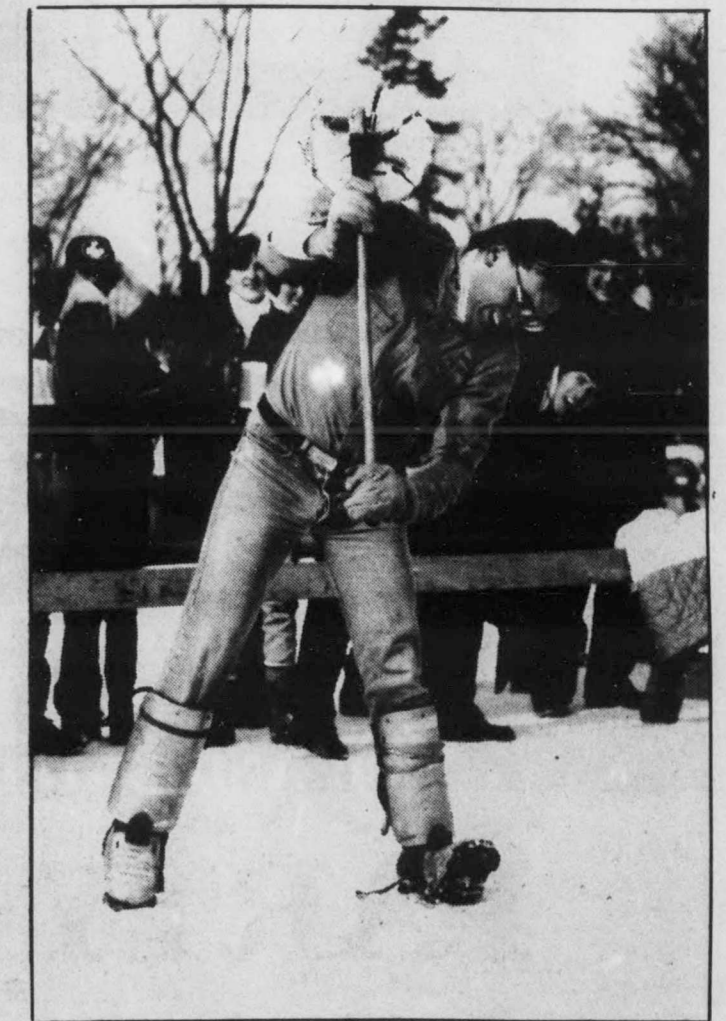
the first "Woodsmen's competitions" ever held in Canada at the collegiate level. UNB fared quite well, and on their return talked about holding a similar event. Spearheaded by Dave Baird and the enthusiasm of Tim Casley, the first annual UNB intercollegiate woodsmen's competition was held at the University of New Brunswick in 1964, - the victors proved to be the Maritime Forest Ranger School, and they returned the following year to capture top honours just to prove it was no fluke. Since then, many have drove, flown, bussed and trained to the Woodsmen's capital of the east to take a shot at winning the overall cup - and many have. UNB Woodsmen have won the cup only 10 of last 24 years, with schools such as University of Maine, and MacDonald College having their fair share of the winnings. Events were usually done using spruce for sawing and chopping, mixed with interesting Lumberjack "skills" such as chain throwing, tobacco spitting and orienteering. However, to keep up with the changing face of Lumberjack sports in the 80's, wood has changed to poplar - a species not so damaging to the axes, and events such as pole climb and horizontal chopping were added. Now, UNB's Fall Championship has taken the form of a first class competition, always fielding the best teams from across Canada and the eastern US, hungry to take home the 25 year old "Tractors and Equipment Original Victory Cup". To understand their desire one must back the clock up again to 1986 when after several years of silence, UNB again emerged as victors and placed the victory cup among other trophies in their trophy case, only this time, the cup was to remain. For the last 4 years, no one has been able to out-chop, out-saw or out-throw the UNB woodsmen in enough events to take away their title as the best intercollegiate woodsmen's team east of Ontario and New York. No one in the history of the cup has had such a reign. And as you can bet, the UNB woodsmen want to keep the cup as badly as "hot" schools such as NSAC and Sir Sanford Flemming of Ontario want to steal it away. Who would have thought that the dreams of a few keen students over 25 years ago would eventually wind up to be such a sports spectacular somewhere ahead in time?

And if you still don't know what the UNB Woodsmen are about after this, why don't you come up to the parking lot by Chapman Field?? From 8:00 am to 7:00 pm tomorrow, about 25 teams from NB, NS, Que. and Ont. will be chilling out and having a good time. You just gotta be there! (You should see the stuff they do!)

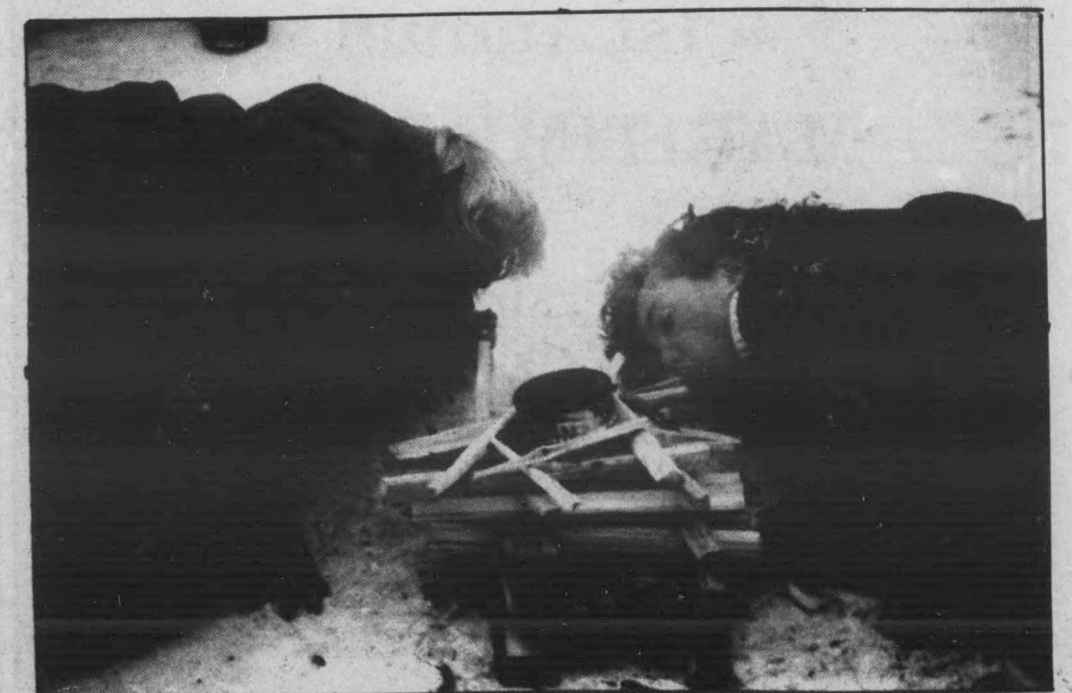
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horizontal chop



quarter split



water boil