

UNB Woodsmen

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"UNB has a Woodsmen's team?"

"Whats a Woodsmen's team?"
"Oh, you guys are the guys who chop wood"

The times are too numerous to count when these phrases have vibrated an eardrum and caused a feeling of unworthiness throughout the minds of dozen and a half students who spend countless hours practicing above the Lady Dunn.

Driven by the willingness to keep the "sport" a part of the forestry faculty's pride - funds for the team time and time again have seaped their way from the members of other colleges and universities. And all for the opportunity to compete at other competitions across Canada and the Eastern U.S.

I bet 9 out of every 10 UNB students have no idea this team even exists or what on earth they do for hours on end at the gravel parking lot above the Dunn. But this team for years has upheld a winning tradition beyond that of any other UNB sports team.

Woodsmen's events and teams are becoming more popular each year throughout the Eastern U.S. and Canada. Woodsmen's activities are a large part of New Brunswick's heritage. I know few people who can trace their roots back 2 or 3 generations without finding at least one member that wasn't directly or indirectly involved in woodwork.

With many of the advances in forestry over the last 50 years much has changed in the industries. Old logging methods have become obsolete. Well, there's a sports team now that proudly displays these vanishing techniques and displays them with skill.

The UNB Woodsmen's team every fall sets up practice at the Chapman Field parking lot where eager forestry students try their skill at something their grandfathers took for granted. We pick and arrange 2 men's team and one women's team each with 6 members.

Although the team is not a varsity sport and is unrecognized for varsity funding the tradition is still upheld by people who thrive on hard work and success.

We attend competitions at
OCT. Unity College, Unity Maine
OCT. UNB's Intercollegiate -Fredericton
NOV. SSFC - Lindsay, Ontario

JAN. MacDonald College -Montreal

FEB. NSAC - Truro, Nova Scotia

FEB. U. of T. - Toronto

MAR. U. of N.H. - New Hampshire

Each competition consists of 5 team events:

Crosscut Sawing
Swede Sawing
Pulp Throwing
Log Peavying
Relays

Doubles events - only 2 team members

Horizontal Chop
Quarter Spilt

Log Decking Felling

Singles events - each member of a team does one

Pole Climb Chainsaw
Axe Throw Water Boil
Orienteering Pulp Throw

All these events require as much brain as they do brawn.

Using an axe as accurately as possible, throwing pulp for distance or accuracy, showing skill in using an old crosscut saw - all timed events. Scores are given in each event - winners receiving 100 pts and all other teams get points based on their time in relation to the fastest winning time.

At the days end, points are trailed for each team from each event. Trophies are given for the winner of the competition (the best Woodsmen's Team overall).

The competition held at UNB is the second oldest in Canada, boasting 23 years. The competitions prestigious cup is adorn by teams as far away at Thunder Bay Ontario and South to Paul Smiths College of New York. Each year more than 30 teams fly, train or drive to UNB for a crack at leaving with the title of being the UNB Intercollegiate Competition's Champion.

Its no secret that the host team has home field advantage but last year only one team won its own competition - that was UNB Woodsmen's team. We also walked away with two other competition titles - at Unity Maine and NSAC competitions. Just last weekend UNB became a two time champ at Unity, Maine's meet.

So, if your ever lost for words when gossiping with friends from other universities about their successful sports teams, take some pride in knowing that a dozen and a half foresters have worked hard putting UNB's colors at the top of the Woodmen's Column and ranked top among the best international teams in a heritage we should all take some pride in.

Media Bowl

Well sports fans, the sporting event of the season returns "Media Bowl XVII".

Once again the famed "Brunns Barbarians" and the "CHSR 'Bunnies of Death'" will meet and do battle. Can the underdog CHSR team overcome their 2-15 record and rise to the occasion, or will the Bruns feast on rabbit stew once again? When we talked to Barbarian Coach Nick the Greek, he had only this to say "They're not good enough to lick the sweat off a beer bottle. Let me rephrase that, nah, I was right the first time, they suck."



Important Facts About Voting!

The Federal Voting Process For Students

The riding where you vote is determined by where you consider your ordinary residence to be located.

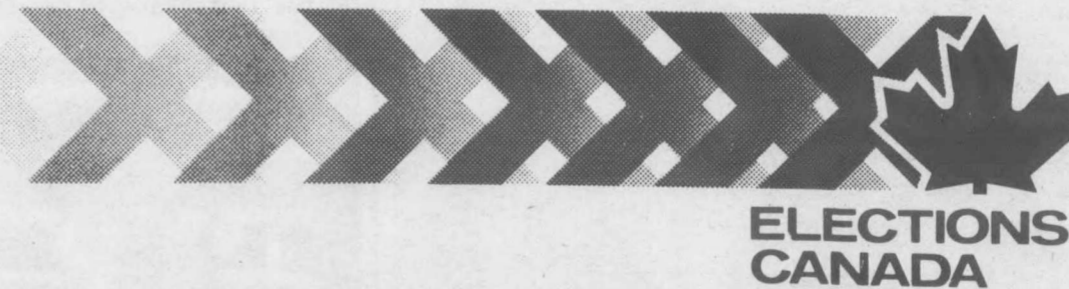
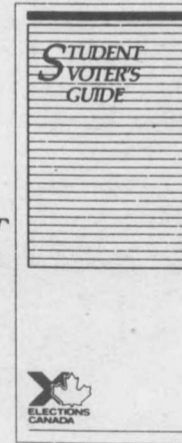
As students, you must decide whether you consider this to be your family's residence or the place where you are currently living (if they are two separate places).

Make sure you are enumerated in the polling division where your "ordinary residence" is located. Your name should

then appear on the Voters' List.

If you will not be able to vote on Election Day itself, remember that you may vote in advance or by proxy.

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