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The student chapter of the Forest Products Research Society at UMO is a small part of a relatively large professional organization. FPRS, formed in 1946, links the forest products industry with education and research. The chapter here at UMO is especially designed for those in Forest Utilization and Wood Technology. Membership to the Forest Products Research Society includes receiving monthly issues of the “Forest Products Journal.”

The activities of the chapter include plant tours, guest speakers, trips to the Northeast Section of the Forest Products Research Society, and an occasional social activity. The chapter is beneficial in aiding members in finding jobs—both summer and permanent. This year, as in past years, the chapter participated in the Organizational Fair. Coasters, planters, key chains, and book ends, made by the members, were sold at the fair. In addition, a display concerning wood products provided information to many onlookers at the fair.

The informal and friendly manner in which the organization is run provides the members with an enjoyable source of information. The frequent meetings are concluded with the serving of refreshments. The Forest Products Research Society provides the members an excellent means to meet key personnel in industry.

Since its inception three years ago, the membership of the UMO chapter has grown to between fifteen and twenty members. This year the chapter will attempt to become recognized by the General Student Senate. The success of the UMO chapter can be credited to Dr. Shottafer, Prof. Hale and past chapter advisor Dr. Shuler, who has since left the university staff.

Doug Gardner, Trish DeAgazio, Beth Hammond, Ross Kerr
So, you’re a new kid at Nutting Hall and want to know where to go to meet other people with the same interests as you? Well, you could try Pat’s Pizza, the Bears Den, or any number of famous (or infamous) establishments in the Orono area, right? Wrong again, petiole face!! If you’re really interested in meeting people while learning new things, you come to the forestry club of course! So, you may ask, what does the forestry club do? Well, I’ll tell you!

We’re an organization of the School of Forest Resources involved in some traditional and some not-so-traditional programs geared toward providing information, while at the same time giving people interested in forestry the opportunity to get together and just have a good time.

Probably the best example of this was the annual Fall Field Day which was held at Sewall Park this past October. In addition to the food and drink, people were given the chance to participate in woodsmen-type
events ranging from crosscut sawing to fire building.

Perhaps one of the most important functions of the forestry club is its sponsorship of presentations and lectures by guest speakers on topics relevant to forestry. Programs over the past year covered a wide variety of equally interesting topics. Doctor Knight spoke on forestry in the Soviet Union, while Dr. Cana- vera shared his experiences working in Brazil. Other speakers included Dr. Charlie Rabini of Unity College who spoke on the impact of spruce budworm on the total forest environment. In a different vein, a humorous program was presented by David Ingraham. Mr. Ingraham is a satirist and balladeer who sings songs dedicated to the Maine woods. I think everyone could relate to his music, ranging in subject from black flies to privies.

In addition to the lectures and traditional functions of the club, work is being done to invite new members into the group. The club has sponsored meetings with the freshmen class to acquaint them with the many organizations in the school of Forest Resources.

So, now that I've told you everything you always wanted to know about the forestry club, I just hope you'll decide to give it a try and c'mon down to one of our meetings.
Environmental Awareness Committee
240 Nutting Hall
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By
Michael A. Duddy

Dear EAC
I liked the slides.
The orange salamander was pretty.
I can't wait until you come again with the bird slides

Your truly,
Senneh M.

The first ten years are over. With the arrival of 1980, the Environmental Awareness Committee successfully completed ten years of active volunteer environmental education efforts.

Organized in 1969 by the U.M.O. Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, the environmental movement of the seventies provided the catalyst for the organization's steady growth and increases in the audience reached. Today E.A.C. offers a wide variety of programs to both children and adults, including slide shows, OBIS, field trips, and mall displays, that in total reach upwards of 4000 people annually.

The spring of 1979 started off big with E.A.C. hosting its annual Scout Night in Nutting Hall. This was the most successful year in the program's history. One hundred and forty Boy and Girl Scouts showed up for a rigorous three hour routine that included slide shows, OBIS, and a waterfowl ID quiz. All scouts who participated received a well earned Scout Night patch created especially for the evening. The event was very well received, and is anticipated by many for next year.

The spring semester continued at a fast pace, with an average of three slide shows/week going out to community schools. There was an increase in requests for E.A.C. members to guide field trips, which resulted in excursions to Hirundo Game Refuge and Dedham, Maine. The latter is particularly memorable; it was that afternoon that Jon Simms and Doug Knowlton confidently confused the natural history of the spruce budworm with that of the birch catkin.

Summer arrived, but activities continued for EAC. Once again we hosted a field trip for children during the Natural Resources Council annual weekend conference. The location was Baxter State Park, and the weather was pristine. The destination for EAC and a dozen youngsters one evening was Chimney Pond. However, a combination of short legs and black flies won out, and a weary descent (partially by piggy-back) was begun just shy of the pond. Summer activities were rounded out by members presenting slide programs for the Girl Scouts' Summer camp program.

Business continued as usual with the September meeting of the EAC. A strong recruiting effort brought in many enthusiastic new faces; over fifty people attended. First officers were introduced: Writing Committee Chairperson, Beth Swartz; Secretary/Treasurer, Douglas Knowlton; Vice Chairperson, Sandy Greenwood; and Chairperson, Michael Duddy. Next, new faces were immediately drawn into activities with volunteers enlisted to prepare for the upcoming National Hunting and Fishing Day displays. The Environmental Awareness Committee always likes to capitalize on the enthusiasm of fresh talent!
As it turned out, much enthusiasm was needed. In recognition of National Hunting and Fishing Day, EAC annually puts on a variety of displays in an area shopping mall. This year the program was put on in the newly constructed Bangor Mall. Mall regulations stipulate that displays could not be set up or taken down during business hours. Consequently, for twelve hours, amidst the glitter and shine of jewelry and clothing stores, EAC auspiciously manned displays ranging from bird ID, fish taxonomy, and ageing techniques. The obvious contrast, however, attracted much attention, and up to eight hundred shoppers were estimated to have stopped by.

The remainder of the fall semester continued at a more reasonable pace, with the normal routine of slide shows and an occasional field trip. And it is at this smaller scale, more personal level, that perhaps EAC does its best work. For we feel that if we can plant the true seed of awareness among even a small handful of children, then our common goal has been reached. After ten years of work, the fruits of our labor are beginning to be seen. As one teacher stated after a presentation to her class, all she need do is mention EAC and the children become excited and look forward to our arrival. Why not, when they can spend their afternoon talking about orange salamanders. But as long as they accept that, fine. Orange salamanders are representative of a much larger experience.

The theme of EAC’s concluding meeting of 1980 was embodied in a film created and presented to us by Mr. Henry Briggs. It was entitled Eternal Quest, and revolved around the ecology of Maine’s forests. Because man will always quest for a better understanding of his natural world, I anticipate nothing but success for the next ten years of the Environmental Awareness Committee.
The Maine Woodsmen’s Team

By Patrick Strauch

“We’re the University of Maine Woodsmen’s Team. We’ve been in existence since 1947. In that time period we have the best record of first and second place finishings than any other woodsmen’s team in the Northeast.” These words sound very familiar to woodsmen’s team members who have participated in many team demonstrations this year. Demonstrations are always a good source of funds and practice. This year we managed to spread our name as far as the Eastern State Exposition where we represented Maine along with Miss Maine Potato and other assorted celebrities. Also, we received national television exposure when “National Trailways” filmed us during an afternoon practice. We’re just a photogenic group I guess.

The Thirty-second Annual Spring Woodsmen’s Competition, hosted by U.M.O., was a tremendous success, despite the pouring rain. It was most gratifying to see the help we received from both students and faculty alike; once again, thanks to all. We were only too happy to make it all worthwhile by having a decisive first place win in the men’s division and, in a close competition, a first place finish for the women. The scores and responsible teammates were as follows:

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Team “A”
Chuck Gadzik (captain)
Paul Cushman
Tom Kass
Patrick Strauck
Bill Clark
Scott Mason

Team “C”
Sandy Zieminski (captain)
Mary Hall
Sue Heinemeyer
Debbie Walsh
Tina Zilch
Karleen Bertulli

With the passing of an unbeatable dynasty (half the team graduated) we’ve started this year with a new team that has lots of potential. New additions to this year’s team include the following list of characters: Jim Esden, Jim Barker, Gordan Graham, Bob Bills, Karen Hahnell, Chris Anderson, and Joyce Hastings.

The second annual Traditional Non-Traditional meet at Unity College was interesting. We had a taste of defeat which sobered us up. However, we did win the mudfight!

The University of New Brunswick meet proved once again to be bitter tasting. Maine “A” came in fifth out of twenty teams; lots of room for improvement. However, this defeat was a tactful plan devised by our advisor, Professor Hale, to catch the Canadians off-guard when we go up to Montreal in January. We’ll see if it works!

Mud-fights, train rides to Montreal, bonfires, fire-walking, and rubber axe awards all make this team unique. The woodsmen’s team continues to carry on in the true spirit of competition, tradition, and FTD.
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We sat around for hours trying to think of something profound to say on this page. It seems that it has all been said before. Every year the deadlines come too soon, the articles and ads come too late and there is never enough time. In the end it somehow comes together. This is the 5th year in a row that the Forester has been published. That in itself is something of a miracle when you realize the time and effort involved. We hope that this year’s Maine Forester provides a brief but enjoyable glimpse into life in the School of Forest Resources.

We would like to thank all those who contributed their time and effort to this year’s Forester. In particular we would like to thank Mr. Richard Piepenbring and Mr. J. A. Day of International Paper Company for their help in arranging for the donation of the paper used in the Maine Forester. Special thanks go to Gina and all the secretaries who put up with us all year long. Without their help we could never have done it. Finally, we would like to thank each other and just say “Thank God it is done!”

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