Activities
The student leaders of all the organizations in the College of Forest Resources comprise what is known as the Student Advisory Committee to the Dean. We meet with Dean Wiersma and Assistant Dean Weber every two weeks to discuss issues concerning the students of the College. We plan events such as broomball games, bonfires, fall field day, and the design of new t-shirts and hats for the College which have been quite a hit. We try to keep morale and interest going in the College and are always trying to come up with new ways of getting students (especially first-year students) involved. We strongly encourage all students, new and old, to become involved and to let us know if you have any ideas or concerns.
The Forest Products Research Society was founded in 1947 to provide a forum for all segments of the forest products industry. The society was established to encourage the development and application of new technologies, and provide a link between industry and research.

For the Student Chapter, FPRS provides the opportunity to belong to a professional organization. Benefits include two monthly copies of the Forest Products Journal, technical newsletters, student newsletters and meetings. The most important benefit is the graduating student directory. This directory provides a list of all graduating student members with a brief biography. According to the Society, this directory is exposed to over 3,000 potential employers.

During the school year FPRS Student Chapter has experienced considerable success. The Student Chapter travelled to Vermont for the New England Kiln Dryers' Association fall meeting. The meeting provided an opportunity to meet industry members, and our attendance served to display the strength of the University of Maine's Wood Technology and Timber Utilization programs.

Chuck Neely
President
Xi Sigma Pi is a national academic honor society. The Gamma Chapter of the University of Maine College of Forest Resources was founded March 31, 1917. It was the third chapter to be established in the honor society.

All students who are juniors, seniors, or graduate students and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher are invited to join. The students are also expected to be active in the College and promote a high standard of scholarship in forest resources education. Xi Sigma Pi is well recognized and respected in the professions of forest resources. To become a member of this society is a distinguished honor.

Xi Sigma Pi sponsors several activities throughout the year. In order to promote relations between the faculty and students, the society arranges coffee hours each semester in Nutting Hall. Xi Sigma Pi also raises monies for student scholarships with sales from the Annual Christmas Tree Sale. Another festive tradition is the Christmas Party for the College with the Faculty, Staff, and their children. The occasion is always such a success that even Santa Claus never forgets to attend. In the spring, the initiates actively prepare for their initiation processes. The members of Xi Sigma Pi are always grateful for their experiences, and remain devoted leaders in the professions of forest resources.
THE ANNUAL XI SIGMA PI CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
The Woodsmen's Team was founded on this campus back in 1947 and has been a tradition within the College of Forest Resources ever since. It is through this tradition that the techniques of the early logging days are preserved along with the new. Events such as horizontal and vertical chopping, crosscutting, and log rolling keep alive the old woodsmen's skills. These skills, along with bow sawing, fire building, pole climbing, burling, axe throwing, chain throwing, and pulp tossing, were all part of a "normal" day to the woodsmen of the past. In addition to past skills, the modern woodsmen is also challenged for skill and accuracy with chainsaw events.

The team consists of six veterans from last year and three new members picked up this year. As usual practices are informal and are held whenever time allows over at Roger F. Taylor Hall, better known as the shed. This year's competitions started off with a meet at Unity College, and from there it was off to Colby's Annual Big Meet. This year Colby's chopping wood was between the range of 12 to 15 inches in diameter with sawing wood at 14 to 20 inches. I can't imagine doing this for a living. In the spring we have two meets in February, the first one at UNH. On February 22 our own Maine Winter Logging Days will be held in the field next to Nutting Hall complete with a pig roast for lunch. Finishing off the year will be the 46th annual Spring Meet to be held at Dartmouth on April 24-25. At least this year we won't have a 14-hour road trip to get there like last year. I know our soggy driver will appreciate that. With Spring Meet over it will be time to finish the year out and to continue the tradition next year.

Dave Landry
Team Captain
The "Woodsmen's Meet"
February 22, 1992

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--- Strategic Directions and Priorities, S.A.F.

Over the fall semester of 1991, not many events were undertaken by the student chapter of S.A.F. Two trips were planned. The first trip to Big Reed Preserve in northern Maine was canceled but a second trip to Acadia National Park was held. The main objective of this trip was to recruit and interest students to join the club, as participation, in the past and present, has been weak. Early in the semester we attended the Common Ground Fair, something the S.A.F. has been actively a part of in the past. It has proven to be an opportunity to test the learning one has undertaken at school, as well as a place to meet people and make contacts.

A look at the spring semester appears promising with a variety of trips and events planned including a trip to a Christmas tree farm and a working industrial forest. Also in the brewing may be a trip to a Canadian nursery and someone to speak on hardwood silviculture. As president of S.A.F., my objectives are to use the club as a means for students entering the field of forestry to be exposed to a variety of situations and opportunities in the real world.

Didier-Bonner-Ganter
"High Ho, High Ho and off to the woods we go . . ."

"Oh, Hello!"

"Now guys, this is your handy dandy, bright orange brain protector!"
1991-92 greetings from the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society!!! Again as in years past, the chapter has presented itself as an organization for the student who has an interest or career goal in the field of wildlife management, natural resources, environmental conservation or the like.

The new school year started off with a speaking engagement from Mark Sweeney - Coordinator for the Sunkahzee National Wildlife Refuge - a wildlife refuge in Maine's own backyard. He discussed the refuges' commitment and research plans and provided students with ample opportunities for volunteer work (this included topics for that WLM 410 Wildlife Populations Project we all know and love!!!). Mark McCullough from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife spoke on Maine's Endangered Species Program and outlooks for the future. Mark also provided the artwork for the Chapter T-shirts that were an outstanding success thanks to Kim's efforts. On December 7th, the students prepared a Game Banquet "Extraordinaire" for the members of the Penobscot County Conservation Association - we wanted to give them just a little extra "thank you" for the scholarships they provide many of the students. Phil Sirois a Naturalist/Photographer from Portland gave a presentation on the R. wanda gorillas. January, saw a presentation from Chuck Allen of the Maine Warden Service and Coordinator of the Operation Game Thief program - we all enjoyed the fabulous stories. Gil is still hard at work with the Woodduck Project - getting many new people involved. The Wildlife Conclave will be held at Cornell this year - everyone is geared up to win the Quiz Bowl - students have penned themselves against the faculty for practice (and a little fun).

January also saw the transition of new student officers for the 92-93 school year. Kelly and Tim would like to extend their Thanks for a wonderful year of new experiences, faces (old and new) and memories to hold for a lifetime. The new officers include: Kris Higgins, President; Kim Hewitt, Vice-President, Justin Vreeland, Secretary, and Kristen Williamson, Treasurer. January also saw the transition to a new Faculty Advisor - Dr. Ray "Bucky" Owen - was passed the advisory cap. However, we will sadly miss Dr. Dan Harrison who has been the advisor for many years. Dan gave us all much patience, a lot of guidance, and a little independence to explore!!!

The Wildlife Society has envisioned goals of enriching the thinking of students in their course of study, allowing them to learn and grow, and striving to bring together a whole array of participants from the field.
THE GAME BANQUET
The Forest Fire Attack Team is a non-profit, student-run organization in the College of Forest Resources established in 1950, then called the "Hot Shots". The team consists of approximately 15 members and is trained as supplemental aide for wildfire suppression and management, working in close contact with the Maine Forest Service and the Orono Fire Department. The team is well outfitted with fire management equipment, including a brush truck with a water tank, and gas operated pumps. All members are trained in fire management and safety procedures.

Aside from managing wildfires, our responsibilities also include performing prescribed burns for the Orono Fire Department and other organizations. The purpose of these burns is to remove hazardous fuel under controlled conditions. The burns are usually conducted on grassy fields or brush piles. Prescribed burning provides valuable field experience for the team and is a public service for the community. These burns also raise a substantial amount of the team's funds.

Much improvement has been made to the brush truck in the last year. The truck is an impressive fire-suppression tool and a great source of pride for team members. The Forest Fire Attack Team welcomes any interested students to come and see what we're all about. It's interesting, it's extracurricular, and it's fun.
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It's hard to believe. Both Keri and I began the year with practically no idea how we were going to create The 1991-1992 Maine Forester. Throughout the year, with the assistance of the above mentioned groups and individuals, we received the support (financial and morale) we needed. Needless to say, finances were extremely short this year due to economic problems being experienced throughout the region.

Words cannot express the thanks and appreciation we feel for everyone involved in this project. We commend our staff for their dedication and hard work. You did a great job and we hope you'll continue The Maine Forester tradition next year.

We feel that the students, faculty, alumni and staff of the College of Forest Resources have been well represented and that the identity which our College possesses within the University community remains strong.

A Special Note from a Graduating Co-Editor

I would like to wish my co-editor, Neil, the best of luck with next year's Maine Forester. Your dedication, spirit, personality, and caring attitude will certainly be reflected in next year's publication. To you, and the staff, I would like to wish the best of luck in your college careers and to acknowledge that it was enjoyable working with you all. Best wishes - Keri.

Congratulations and good luck to all graduates of the College of Forest Resources.

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The United States is extremely fortunate. Our forestlands are blessed by fertile, temperate zone soils, and long growing seasons. We are also experts in the science and practice of forestry, and have the most sensitive and comprehensive environmental laws and controls in the world. America's forests are capable of being managed on a sustained basis using a body of knowledge that far exceeds the level of silvicultural skill available in most other parts of the world.