

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES



# Xi Sigma Pi



Xi Sigma Pi is a National Forestry Honor Society that recognizes individuals who have excelled in their prospective fields through dedication, commitment and hard work. Although Xi Sigma Pi was originally an honor society for forestry students, it has gradually expanded

to encompass Wildlife Ecology and other majors in Forest Resources. As a service organization we are most notably involved in the annual Christmas tree fundraiser for student scholarships. We also encourage contact with local forestry and natural resource professionals.



# Society of American Foresters Student Chapter

Over the past year, the UMaine SAF Student Chapter has increased its number of members, and continued to provide opportunities for students to enhance their academic experiences and professional development. We have meetings twice a month, noontime lectures every month, one or two field tours a semester, and are involved in many volunteer activities.

The "SAF Noontime Lectures" involve speakers from various professions in forestry and related fields. Lecture topics over the past year have included resume building, forest certification, sustainable management, consulting foresters, and issues concerning forest policy.

In October we took a trip to Portage, Maine to view hardwood utilization. We toured Seven Island's hardwood concentration yard, Maine Woods Company's Hardwood Sawmill, and Georgia Pacific's Chip Plant. Despite the snow, (in October!) it was an excellent trip. In February, International Paper Company arranged a tour



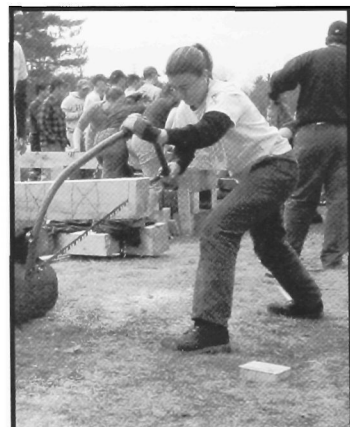
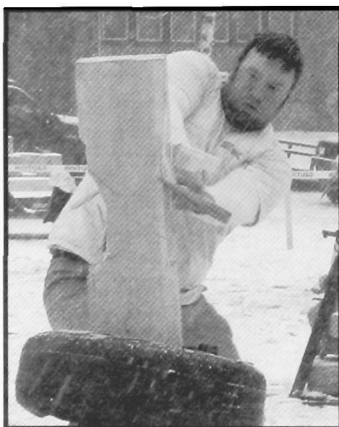
for us to view in-woods limbing by a stroke delimber. This spring, we plan to take a trip to view The Maine Legislature in action.

In this past fall, our chapter participated in the Maine SAF Poster Contest. The poster contest involves going to elementary schools and discussing what forests and forestry means to them. The elementary students then have an opportunity to make a poster based on their perception of forests. This spring, SAF and Consulting Forester, Carol Redelshiemer,

are planning to conduct a trail work and forestry education day for the local Boy Scout Troop. This will take place in the Veazie Town Forest and we are really excited about it. Our chapter finds volunteer work, especially working with children, very rewarding. The children of today are our future, and we try to take every opportunity we can to educate them about forest ecology and management.



# WOODSMEN TEAM





# A YEAR IN REVIEW

BY THOMAS COLEMAN  
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The University of Maine Woodsmen Team has been very active and very productive in its forty-ninth year. During the spring of 2003, the team had a total of 26 members fielding four full teams of six in the form of two men's, one women's, and Jack and Jill. Our two men's teams were made up of returning students and practiced formally a minimum of twice a week all semester, as did the women's team. This made for three teams that worked like oiled machines at meets, and still left three weekdays to simply joke around and hang out at our practice shed as well as the weekends for fishing trips and thirst quenching at each others houses. At most meets, the A team was filled out by Mathew Galambos (Bos), Tate Connor, Ross Banach, Brendan Moore, Darren Cole (aka Taz), and Rob Freeland (aka Goon). The B team competed with Shawn Bugbee (Trail Boss), Dave George, Jeff Spaulding, Sammy Roy, Ben Nottermann, and Tom Coleman. The Jack and Jill team changed from meet to meet depending upon who could attend, and in order to give all of the new members some competition experience. In the women's division, Allison Melton, Maggie Burke, Anna Nelson, Virginia Foote, Molly Simonson, Becky Palmer, and Christie Haley competed.

The teams started off strong, with the men's A and B teams taking second and fifth out of twelve teams at Nova Scotia's annual meet, only two weeks into the spring semester. The women took fifth against stiff competition in their division. The freshmen Jack and Jill team finished 12<sup>th</sup>, but gained much experience. The two men's teams took twenty top five and two first-place finishes. This feat was quite impressive, given that this was only the second meet of the year with tough competition. Following the showing in Nova Scotia, the UMaine teams hosted the UMaine home meet, and competed against Unity and Colby Colleges. The UMaine men's A and women's teams both took first place while the men's B and Jack and Jill teams took fourth and seventh respectively.

The all-important season ending Spring Meet followed, as did trouble for the A team. They lost two members for the competition due to schoolwork. Faced with not fielding a complete team, the remaining members decided to compete anyway by picking up an extra competitor from Colby College. In 2003, Spring Meet was held at Colby College and consisted of fourteen men's teams, six women's team and three alumni teams. While competing shorthanded the UMaine men placed second overall, by winning four events, and placing in the top three in six other events.

The B team also put-up respectable numbers, winning two events and placing in three others on their way to a fifth place finish. The women fought to a hard earned fourth place standing.

The start of a new school year and a new season of competition arrived in the fall of 2003, and the team took stock of its condition. We lost four men and three women to graduation, but picked up six new men and two new women. After restructuring the teams to account for this loss, the men's A and B teams, the women's team, and a Jack and Jill team headed off for Unity College. The men's A team took first place overall for the meet. They won nearly every event; all but log roll and pole climb. The men's B team was not far off of the A teams mark with a third place finish. The women put on a great show

as well, sweeping their division for the win. A month later, the UMaine teams headed north to compete with the Canadian Intercollegiate Lumberjacking Association (CILA) at The University of New Brunswick. Typically this meet has very tight competition; we were not disappointed in that respect. The A team competed with four upperclassmen and one freshman, and finished fourth, as did the women. The B team placed thirteenth out of sixteen. The men did manage to garner four top three finishes, while Bos and Davey finished first in standing block. To finish out the semester, the teams

headed to UNH for their annual competition. The UMaine teams left with a nearly perfect repeat of Unity.

Entering the spring semester, the teams stand ready to continue the winning momentum. After the roster has changed repeatedly throughout the fall, the teams have been finalized. Matthew Galambos (Team Captain), Ben Nottermann, Thomas Coleman, Sammy Roy, Adam Bither, and Darren Cole will compete as the men's A team. The B team will consist of Adam Nicak (Team Captain), Josh Roy, Mathew Taylor, Brian Curry, Mattew Tourgee, and Brian Milakovsky. In the women's division we will field Molly Simonson (Team Captain), Maggie Burke, Allison Melton, Anna Nelson, Alice Doughty, and Katie Manende.

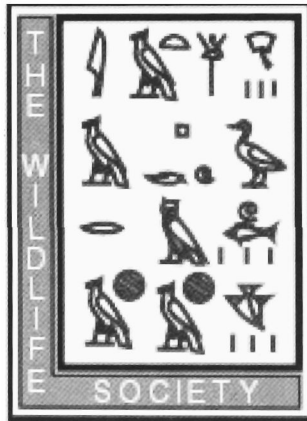
One special note should be made. In the spring of 2003, Matthew Galambos and Tate Connor competed at UNH in the Stihl Timbersports Collegiate Qualifier. This event required that each competitor complete an underhand chop, single buck, and stock chainsaw cut. Tate finished first and Bos placed third. Upon graduating, Tate went on to compete with, though not against, the professionals on the Timbersports series over the summer and finished as the first collegiate national champion.



# Student Chapter The Wildlife Society



The University of Maine Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS) is an organization composed of undergraduate and graduate students who are committed to conservation and management of natural resources. We are committed to these ends through education, professionalism, public involvement, and stewardship of the environment



TWS interacts with local conservation groups, state and federal governments, and regularly attends regional and national conferences. Recent activities include species surveys for wetland preservation, owl call-back surveys around the state for Maine Audubon, ice-fishing trips, whale watches, camping, hiking, canoeing, and tending wood duck boxes in Hirundo Wildlife Refuge.



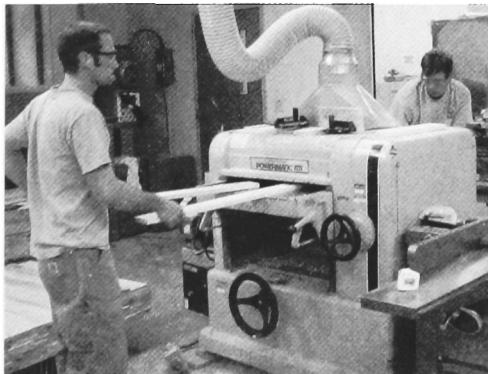
# Student Chapter




The Forest Products Society (FPS) is the student chapter of the international association of the same name. Membership is open to any interested student, faculty, or staff member at the University of Maine. The society was formed to encourage the development and application of wood utilization technology and provide a link between industry and research.

In the past year, the student chapter sponsored visiting lecturers Dr. Heiko Thomen and Christian Heinemann from Germany, and Dr. Geoffrey Daniel from Sweden.

The student chapter raised nearly \$3000 to help send five student members to the 2003 FPS annual meeting in Bellevue, Washington. FPS also revamped the undergraduate reading room in Nutting Hall by painting the walls and installing a wainscoted wall made of red maple boards from timber harvested from the University's forest, and cosponsored a trip to Maine Woods Company in Portage Lake, ME to tour a state of the art hardwood sawmill and learn about their utilization system.



# Student Chapter

**The National Association for Interpretation**   
Inspiring leadership and excellence to advance heritage interpretation as a profession



The Student Black Bear Chapter of NAI (National Association for Interpretation) is an organization that brings students together who are interested in the park, recreation and tourism (PRT) profession in a social and academic atmosphere. NAI and PRT are both designed to aid individuals in

their personal and professional development by inviting guest speakers to talk about issues related to our profession and participating in community service projects. NAI holds monthly meetings where current issues are discussed and future project ideas are generated.

# MAINE BEAR HUNTING REFERENDUM

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During the November Elections of 2004, Maine voters will be faced with a challenging question at the polls. They will have to decide if they want to ban the practice of hunting black bears with the use of bait, traps, and hounds. A group called Maine Citizens for Fair Bear Hunting, based in Falmouth, Maine, is bringing this referendum forward.



Bear biologists at Inland Fisheries and Wildlife estimate Maine's bear population to be a healthy 23,000 bears. This makes Maine's black bear population the highest in the lower 48 states. Currently, bears are hunted during a three-month season, with hunters harvesting around 3,000 bears annually. In 2002, 2683 bears were harvested with the use of bait. Three hundred seventy five bears were harvested with the use of hounds. Ninety five bears were harvested with the use of traps. Two hundred sixty four bears were harvested during deer season and ninety five bears were harvested by other methods, such as stalking. The bear hunt alone brings in approximately \$1.5 million annually in permit and license fees to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the agency mandated to preserve, protect, and enhance fish and wildlife resources of the state. The Maine bear hunt generates an estimated \$6.4 million

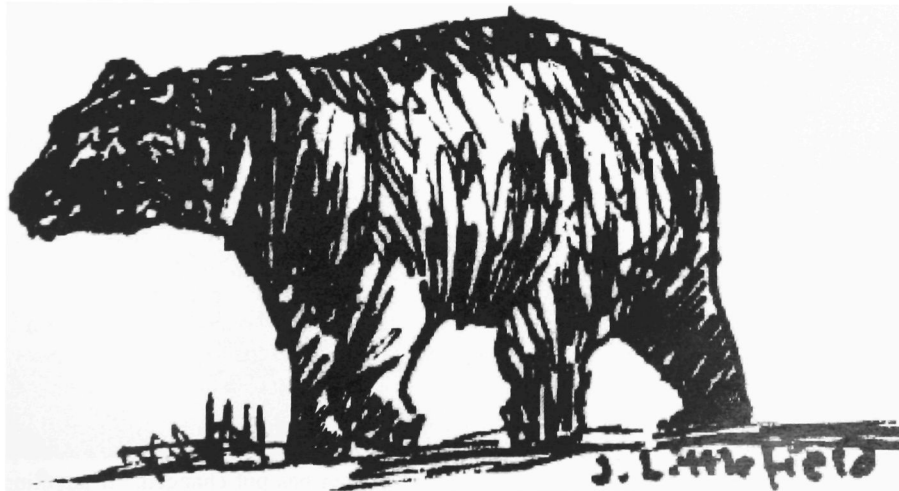
annually, with most of the revenue going into small, rural communities. This money is very important for the small communities around Maine. Maine Citizens for Fair Bear Hunting argues that hunting bears over bait, with hounds, and trapping bears are cruel and unsporting. Their referendum is backed by the Humane Society of the United States, which is the best-funded and most aggressive national anti-hunting organization. Together, they portray bear hunters who hunt over bait, with dogs,



or trap bears as unsporting and unethical people who have no hunting skill what-so-ever.

The issue of bear hunting is complex and is going to be a hard fought battle, with both sides spending large sums of money to promote their respective positions. The end is unclear, but as a society that values facts and scientific evidence, let's all hope that the well-informed voters make the right decision for Maine's abundant natural resources and heritage.

\*\*Above pictures are of UMaine Wildlife Students with black bear cubs, during a trip to a bear den with a Wildlife (bear) Biologist\*\*







# ***MAINE'S FOREST RESOURCES: POLICIES FOR A NEW CENTURY***

BY LLOYD C. IRLAND  
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*"The fertility of Maine's forests is one of the amazing miracles of our time. It has stood up under two hundred years of constant shortsightedness.*

*... without new planting, without protection, the pines and spruces have come trooping bravely back, have created new soil and new moisture and new forests. And this evergreen empire could be made tenfold greater if men would assist the tough resourcefulness of a soil that is bound to bring forth forests to house the children of the future."*

Robert P. Tristram Coffin, Kennebec, 1937.

Maine's "Evergreen Empire" of forest has supported families, communities and major chunks of the State's economy for four centuries. The early years of this new century are challenging the Maine forest resource, its landowners, and its wood-using industry at an intensity not seen since the Great Depression. What are these challenges?

Maine's forest resource and forest-based industry have entered this century to find new and troubling dynamics at work. Changes in the corporate world, in world financial markets, insatiable demands for land in southern Maine, and surging foreign competition create new challenges and opportunities. Our traditional views about the Maine woods and the industry, and our established policies are not capable of coping with these new challenges. An entire industry is being re-invented before our eyes and we do not have the operator's manual. We will have to improvise.

The importance of a stable public policy environment has not changed. If anything, it becomes more important as the ownership and market environment have

become less stable. At a time of economic stress and unsettling change, it is harder to summon the optimism of the poet about Maine's forest future.

The first priority is to recognize that the northeastern economy is restructuring in a largely permanent way. The general shift away from manufacturing, and especially resource-based employment, is permanent. This is not a cyclical downturn as we have seen in the past, in which we will return to the employment levels of the previous peak.

Though the U.S. dollar has weakened in the past year, and there are indications that this has been helpful to the U.S. manufacturing sector, the other long-term challenges have not gone away. This means that we are in new territory, economically, politically, and socially. Our familiar methods of providing for economic development, industrial parks, subsidized financing and the like, were designed for a different world. That world is gone. The question is not, how to get a plant to expand here and not in Wisconsin. It is, how to compete with China or Brazil.

Maine must base its future on a sustainable competitive advantage. This means growing high quality wood of valuable species in a semi-wild to wild setting. We have lost the race to grow for tons. We need to win the race for quality.

Our first rule for policy must be that Stability Counts.

The second rule is Do No Harm. Under this second rule, we must review instances where our existing public policies seem to be having perverse results, and fix them. The Legislature has in fact been doing this.

The third rule is No Wishful Thinking. Our hopes and our policies must be based on our best appraisal of a tough and dynamic land and product market, on the world as it

is. Our policies must then focus on well-tested methods of moving forward toward shared goals, a step at a time.

The last rule is, The Perfect can be the Enemy of the Good. There is no policy that will satisfy everyone. There are no policies that will fully solve any single problem, much less all of them at once. And, we do not even agree on what the problems are. Our policy tools are imperfect, blunt, and are forged in an imperfect mechanism in which politics, budget limits, and administrative practicalities affect program design and the results.

***\*\*This article is condensed from a background paper for use at the Blaine House Conference on Natural Resource Industries. The purpose of the paper assesses the strengths of, challenges to, and opportunities for Maine's forest sector.\*\****

*The full paper is available at the Conference Website at:*

[http://www.state.me.us/governor/baldacci/news/events/natres\\_conference\\_1003.html](http://www.state.me.us/governor/baldacci/news/events/natres_conference_1003.html)





# RESEARCH ON MAINE'S OLD-GROWTH FORESTS

BY ALAN S. WHITE

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For the past several years, my graduate students, colleagues, and I have studied old-growth forests to describe their composition and structure and determine the disturbances that have shaped them. Much of our work has centered on The Nature Conservancy's approximately 5000-acre Big Reed Forest Reserve in northern Maine. This forest is believed to be the largest contiguous block of old-growth forest in New England and contains a variety of northern hardwood, conifer, and mixed-species forest types.

With the exception perhaps of northern white cedar, the trees at Big Reed are not exceptionally large; however, there are many old trees. For example, we have found hemlock > 400 years old, red spruce > 350, sugar maple > 300, ironwood > 280, and yellow birch around 250. The forest contains many tree species but is perhaps more remarkable for the species it does not contain, or only has in very low abundance. These poorly represented species include the aspens, white birch, and red maple, early successional species common in much of the surrounding forest.

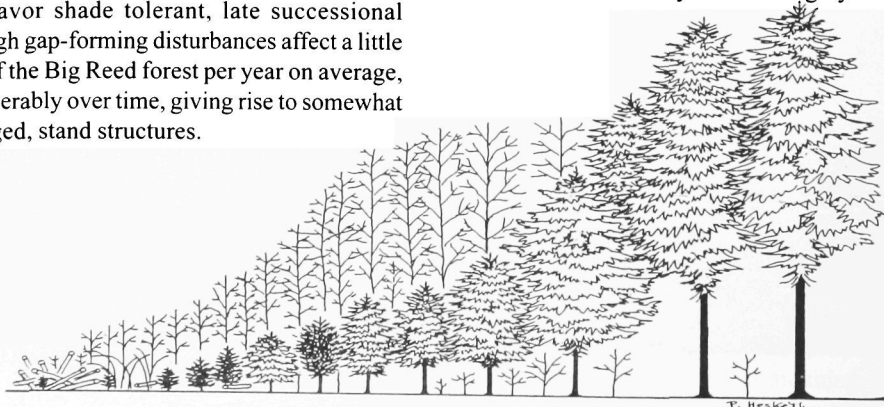
The key to understanding the composition and structure of these old-growth stands lies in their disturbance history. By analyzing the growth patterns in tree rings, stand age structures, and the spatial distribution of stems, we have found that these stands, regardless of forest type, are dominated by a history of small gap-forming disturbances. Because these gaps are small (usually less than an acre) and caused by disturbances that tend not to expose a lot of mineral soil (for example, insect outbreaks), they are not conducive to the recruitment of shade intolerant, early successional species; instead, they favor shade tolerant, late successional species. Although gap-forming disturbances affect a little more than 1% of the Big Reed forest per year on average, they vary considerably over time, giving rise to somewhat erratic, multi-aged, stand structures.

Despite being an old-growth forest, Big Reed has not escaped the influence of humans. Perhaps most notable is evidence of the introduced beech bark disease. Besides the obvious signs of the disease seen on stems today, the tree-ring record shows that many of the beech trees in the forest became established following the original killing front of the disease in the 1940s and 1950s.

Knowing the disturbance history of old-growth forests does more than just inform us about how these forests came to have the structure and composition they exhibit today. It also allows us to develop silvicultural analogs of natural disturbance dynamics, such as single-tree and small-group selection systems.



Many foresters have advocated silvicultural systems that mimic nature (often referred to as ecological forestry); studying the dynamics of old-growth forests is one way to provide a scientific basis for such systems. Fortunately, the Big Reed Forest Reserve is large enough to allow natural disturbances to occur and to include sites comparable to those managed for the many forest products that we as a society value so highly.



# 100 Years of Maine Forestry Alumni

In the winter of 2002-2003 three graduate students (Amanda Farrar, Jacob Metzler, and Stephanie Phillips) got together to discuss the possibility of making a CD-ROM of interesting maps, airphotos, satellite imagery, and other odds and ends to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Forestry Department.

After a few early meetings and talking with others, they found that *The Maine Forester* was being resurrected. In conjunction with this, a survey was developed and a letter describing both *The Maine Forester* and the CD-ROM projects was sent to all University of Maine Forest Resources Alumni.

The survey was developed as a way to reach back through time and find out the funny, interesting, enlightening stories, and facts about the “Maine Forestry Experience.” The intent of the questions was to learn about past events and give alumni a chance to remember their college years. Judging from the responses we recieved it worked better than we had hoped.

During the summer of 2003 while researching some archived information about the department in the library, Jake and Steff stumbled upon the results of a survey sent to alumni done 75 years prior, in 1928, by Professor John Briscoe, then head of the department. The results of this survey were quite interesting, alumni were asked for their opinions and suggestions for improving the department. In addition to filling out the index cards provided, they sent lengthy letters, which had surprising responses.

Some of the responses and data collected from each of these surveys, pictures from each decade of the program, and alumni anecdotes are presented in the following pages. Survey information for 1903-1920's came from the alumni survey of 1928 and data presented for the 1930-2000's are from the 2003 responses. We hope you enjoy this information as much as we enjoyed while collecting it.

Again we thank all the alumni who took the time to fill out a survey, both in 1928-29 and 2003-04.

A more extensive look at these results and additional historical documents are available on a CD-ROM that will be available in the summer of 2004. For information on this and other alumni activities visit:

# 1900's

## THE FORESTRY COURSE

A complete undergraduate course in forestry is arranged, which may serve as the basis not only of practical work in forestry, but also of a liberal education. A knowledge of the principles of forestry in its different branches is given to the student, and some practical work is done in the forest. For students of agriculture this course offers work in silviculture which will give a training in the management of the farmer's woodlot.

### FIRST YEAR.

#### Fall Term.

{ General Biology,  
 { Laboratory Biology,  
 Public Speaking,  
 English Composition,  
 Drawing,  
 Modern Language,  
 Algebra,  
 Military Drill.

#### Spring Term.

{ General Botany,  
 { Laboratory Botany,  
 Public Speaking,  
 English Composition,  
 General Forestry,  
 Modern Language,  
 { Trigonometry,  
 { Analytic Geometry,  
 Military Drill.

### SECOND YEAR.

General Botany,  
 { General Chemistry,  
 { Laboratory Chemistry,  
 English Composition,  
 { Forest Botany,  
 { Laboratory Forest Botany,  
 Modern Language,  
 Physics.

{ Plant Physiology,  
 { Laboratory Plant Physiology,  
 { Plane Surveying  
 { Field Work, Surveying.  
 { General Chemistry,  
 { Laboratory Chemistry,  
 English Composition,  
 { Forest Botany,  
 { Laboratory Forest Botany,  
 Modern Language.

### THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS.

{ Silviculture,  
 { Silviculture, Field Work,  
 { Forest Measurements,  
 { Field Work, Forest Measurements,  
 Lumbering,  
 Forest Management,  
 Thesis.

### SURVEY RESPONSES

Total Responses: 12  
 Current Locations: ME, MA, NY, CA, MT, DC, IL, WV  
 Grad School: 2

Some Jobs: Head of Forestry – Finch, Pruyn & Co.; District Fire Warden; Pathologist – Blister Rust Control; Supervisor Plumas National Forest; Superintendent of Schools; Technical Assistant USFS; IRS – Timber Valuation; President Western Wood Products and Vice President Pike Dial Lumber Co.; Forester and Land Agent

# 1910's



Summer School Camp of the School of Forestry, University of Maine at Lunkasoo, Twp 3, R. 7, Penobscot Co.



Planting the seed in the seedbed by broadcast method, Forest Nursery, University of Maine

## **Facts about the 1910's:**

1910: Forestry Dept. moved to "new" building - Winslow Hall  
1913: Summer school established on Indian Township, ME  
1917: Xi Sigma Pi (Gamma Chapter) established

## **SURVEY RESPONSES**

**Total Responses:** 37

**Current Locations:** OH, ME, NY, NH, MA, PQ, LA, WV

**Grad School:** 3

**Some Jobs:** Forester, Insurance Sales, Dartmouth Professor, UMaine Professor, Blister Rust Agent, Manager of Bates Forest, Army Officer, High School Principal, Assistant Silviculturist USFS, Extension Forester, Land Surveying

# 1920's



1926 Winter Camp attendees - Grindstone, ME

Example of 1928  
Alumni Survey Card

Data from Graduates - Forestry Department	
Class 1928	
Name	Dwight B. Demeritt
Residence address	241 S. Atherton St. State College, Pa.
Business address	Forestry Bldg, State College, Pa.
Present occupation	Teacher
Type of position	Asst Prof. of Forestry Mensuration, Management, Finance
Standard of income	(Check) Less than \$1000, \$2000, \$3000, \$4000, \$5000 Over \$5000 per annum. ✓
Promise of Development:	Promotion ✓ Travel Writings ✓ Advance degrees
Experience since graduation	(Use other side)
Suggestions for changes in curriculum	(Use other side)

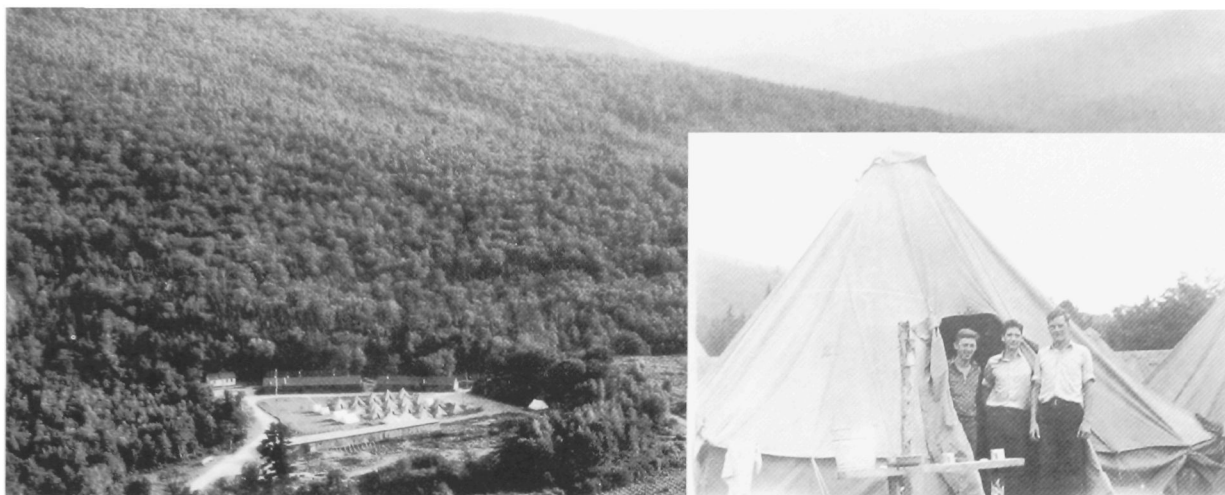
## Facts about the 1920's:

- 1923: The first Winter Camp held: Rainbow Lake, Maine
- 1923: The Maine Forester published for the first time
- 1927: Forestry Department is the 3rd largest department at the University of Maine
- 1928: Prof. Briscoe mails survey to 186 living alumni, 161 (86%) respond
- 1929: Permanent Winter Camp established at Indian Township, Maine

## SURVEY RESPONSES

- Total Responses:** 110
- Current Locations:** ME, NY, NH, WV, PA, CA, VA, MA, OK, NJ, NB, MI, PQ, SC, NC, CT, OH, GA, Africa, Guatemala
- Grad School:** 10
- Some Jobs:** Forest Engineer, Forester, Accountant, Timber Cruiser, Professor of Forestry Penn State, High School Principal, Lumber Salesman, NY State Forester, Draftsman, Insurance Salesman, Phys Ed Teacher Brewer High School, Engineer, Farming, Civil Engineer, Student Yale, Bus Tire Promotion, Surveying, Rubber Planter, Banana Farmer, Tree Surgeon, Cedar Pole Salesman

# 1930's



1939 Summer Camp - Gilead, ME

## Facts about the 1930's:

1931: First use of winter camp at Indian Township  
 1935: Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit established with C.M. Aldous as leader  
 1936: Wildlife Conservation curriculum established  
 1936: Sophomore Summer Camp established at Gilead, ME in White Mtn. National Forest  
 1937: Society of American Foresters accredits the Maine Forestry program for the first time  
 1938: First Master's degree conferred in Wildlife Management  
 1939: Land that would become the University Forest first leased (to be purchased later) from the Federal Government



## Edward S. Doubleday (1938) –

Street cars were operating between Bangor and Old Town and passed through the campus. My freshman classmates and I pulled the trolley wire off and drove the street car from campus to Old Town and our group crashed the local movie house. The street car company fined the University and we were billed for the charges.

## George D. Carlisle (1935) –

I remember one time at forestry camp when we were estimating timber (cruising) on the Indian tract and the professor ("cruisin" Allen Goodspeed) asked me how I knew how tall a tree was without measuring. I told him it was the same height as the length of the YMCA swimming pool in Bangor. He accepted the answer.

## SURVEY RESPONSES

**Total Responses:** 11  
**Original Locations:** ME, NJ, VT, MA  
**Current Locations:** ME, FL, VT, OH, IA, OR, NC, MA  
**Grad School:** 3  
**Some Jobs:** All Retired (Forester; Civil Engineer; USFS; Clerk/Delivery Truck Driver; Salesman)  
**Camp Locations:** Gilead, ME/Princeton, ME  
**Favorite Professors:** Ashman and Demeritt  
**Average Book Price:** \$3-10/book  
**Activities:** Xi Sigma Pi; Forestry Club; Outing Club  
**Favorite Establishment:** Pat's  
**Pizza Price:** none  
**Beer Price:** \$0.25



# 1940's



## **William Barron (1949) –**

I remember the old dance hall at either Princeton or Woodland. We attended on Saturday nights, the floor was distinctly slanted and we all would dance uphill and downhill to the music. Ole Sam Fuller was a main character at the time. We just had a heck of a time after a week in the woods.

## **Malcolm Coulter (1948) –**

In 1942 most of Forestry was in Winslow Hall. Wildlife was in the basement of Coburn Hall. Others in Coburn Hall included Botany, Zoology, and Entomology. The University Library was in Carnegie Hall. Buses ran every 30 minutes from Old Town to Bangor.

A Graduate Assistantship was \$750 or about \$65 per month plus free tuition. The Wildlife program began when one of ten Cooperative Wildlife Units was established at the University in 1935.

## **SURVEY RESPONSES**

**Total Responses:** 17

**Original Locations:** ME, NJ, MA, CT, NY, RI

**Current Locations:** FL, VT, MA, WA, ME, VA, NY, SC, WV

**Grad School:** 10

**Some Jobs:** All Retired (Forester; Biologist; University Faculty; ME IF&W; Airline Pilot)

**Camp Locations:** Gilead, ME; Princeton, ME; Moosehorn

**Favorite Professors:** Demeritt, Ashman, Cooper, Baker, Hyland, Curtis, Giddings

**Avg Book Price:** \$5-10/book

**Activities:** Xi Sigma Pi; Outing Club; Forestry/Wildlife Club

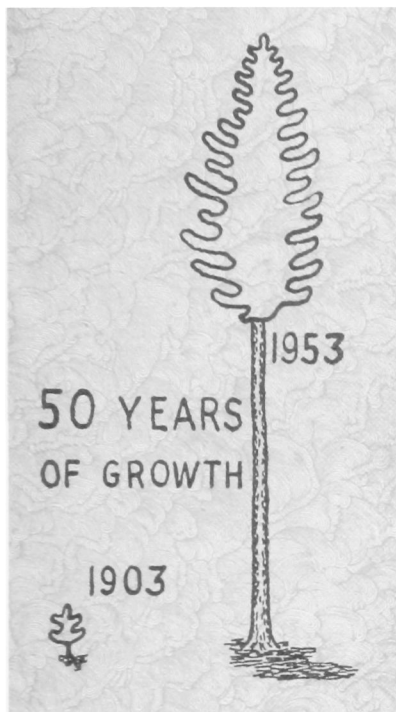
**Favorite Establishment:** Pat's; Pilot's Grill; Spruce's

**Pizza Price:** none

**Beer Price:** \$0.25



# 1950's



## SURVEY RESPONSES

**Total Responses:** 56

**Original Locations:** MA, PA, VT, ME, CT, NY, NJ, RI

**Current Locations:** FL, ME, AK, MA, NH, CA, VT, WA, OH, OR, GA, ID, NJ, PA, MD, AZ, CT, WI, NB

**Grad School:** 23

**Some Jobs:** Most Retired (Forester, Fisheries Biologist, Entomologist, Chief Forester BLM of California, High School Teacher, University Professor)

**Camp Locations:** Princeton, ME; Indian Township, ME; Bemidji, MN (Females)

**Favorite Professors:** Ashman, Hyland, Quick, Young, Chapman, Baker, Griffin, Beyer

**Avg Book Price:** \$8-20/book

**Activities:** Xi Sigma Pi; Forestry/Wildlife Club; Outing Club; Woodsman's Team;

**Favorite Establishment:** Pat's; Bloody Bucket

**Pizza Price:** \$1

**Beer Price:** \$0.75 – 1.50/ pitcher

**Robert (Bob) L. Solari (1959) –**

During summer camp we hid the dinner bell (actually a long piece of pipe) for a few days. Randall and Plummer (instr.) were incensed to say the least. Things got better once it was returned. Actually it was laying on top of the school sign at the entrance to camp. Compliments from the class of '59 summer camp. Specifically from the Ritz Club.

**David B. Grundy (1956) –**

Prof. Randall was notorious for lecturing beyond the end of class. One day some students set an alarm clock to go off at 50 minutes past the hour. And set it on top of one of the suspended fluorescent light fixtures. At the end of class time, the alarm went off and Prof. Randall kept right on going until he was finished, totally ignoring the ringing alarm clock.

**Henry Swan (1957) –**

Prof. Hank Plummer's just plain wrong statements. His silly exam questions like, "what do you need to have for a forest fire?" True Answer "a forest and a fire"

**Robert W. Fuller (1951) –**

1950 Summer Camp in the old cabins beside US Rt. 1 at Princeton, ME – eight wildlife majors in Cabin 1 for eight weeks of timber cruising and two weeks of wildlife activities was despairing by the disproportionate emphasis on forest management. George, our native Indian cook, prepared some excellent evening meals to partly compensate for 40-50 days of peanut butter lunches in a paper sack (unless you got into the mess hall early enough each morning to grab some fruit or meat from the previous night's supper ahead of the foresters). Add to that the very rustic conditions – two-holer outhouse, no running water, broken spring bunk beds, lack of recreational activities at camp and zero cultural or social activities in Princeton or Woodland villages – and a better prescription for "cabin fever" was hard to find. There certainly was a great spirit of camaraderie among Cabin 1 fellows as well as sincere appreciation for the concentrated learning experiences of those ten weeks. Of the eight wildlife majors, six reunited 50 years later and in each succeeding year!!!

**Neil E. McGowen (1954) -**

At Forestry Summer Camp several of us, in the middle of the night, put the twitch horse in the cabin shared by Prof. Plummer and Prof. Randall. We then hid and watched "Hank" Plummer sputtering and fuming get the horse out of the cabin and back in his stall.



Martha Burow - First Female Graduate (B.S. Wildlife)

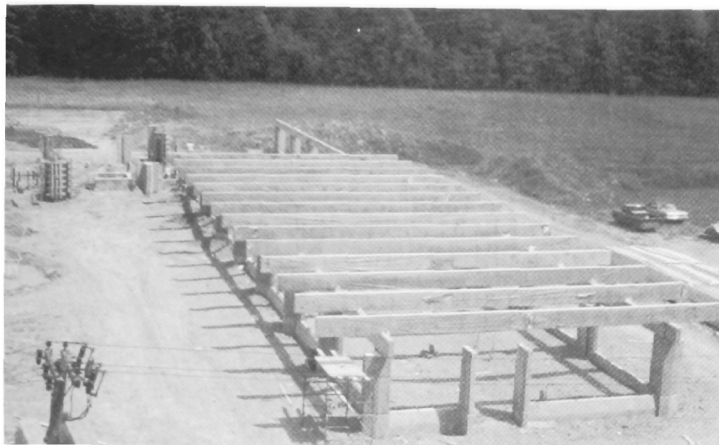
**Marthanne Burow Norgren (1956) –**

I do have many, many memories which are of interest because the situation of having a woman in the program was so very, very different. For instance, the only time girls could wear slacks on campus was to football games or when the temperature dropped below a certain temperature. I had to go to the Dean of Women to get permission to wear jeans for outside classes. Also staying out late (Freshman dorm closed at 7:30pm) for research projects (Woodcock) and going out early for bird watching.

**Douglas K. Vollmer (1953) -**

At summer camp in Princeton, the day professor Quick was challenged by Dave Tibetts (wildlife ? and golden glove boxing candidate) to an arm wrestling contest on the edge of a beaver dam. Prof. Quick flipped Dave in one microsecond right into the beaver pond. I have never forgotten the surprised expression on Dave's face when he surfaced. Dave was not the most humble person by physical prowess.

# 1960's



**Construction of Nutting Hall  
1967-1968**



## **SURVEY RESPONSES**

**Total Responses:** 64

**Original Locations:** MA, CT, VT, ME, NJ, NH, DE, NY, MI

**Current Locations:** ME, NY, PA, VA, VT, GA, MA, WI, OR, MD, MT, CA, WA, DE, AK, ID, NC, NH, Thailand

**Grad School:** 30

**Some Jobs:** Most Retired; Forester, Newspaper Reporter, Wildlife Technician, Woodlands Manager, Seven Islands, USFS, Fiber Supply Forester, Oceanographer, Land Surveyor, University Professor

**Camp Locations:** Princeton, Indian TWP

**Favorite Professors:** Baker, Hyland, Young, Griffin, Beyer, Corcoran, Coulter, Dimond, Quick, Robbins, Randall

**Avg Book Price:** \$20-30/book

**Activities:** Forestry/Wildlife Club, Xi Sigma Pi, Hot Shots, Woodsman's Team, Rock and Roll Band (The Cumberlands), Track, Scabbard and Blade, Alpha Zeta, Outing Club, Wildlife Society

**Favorite Establishment:** Pat's, Governor's, Shamrock, Oronoka, Shuffle Inn

**Pizza Price:** \$0.50-\$3.00

**Beer Price:** \$1-2/pitcher - \$0.25/glass

**David B. Field (1963) –**

Most of us took pleasure in imitating what we thought were peculiar quirks or speech accents among the faculty. Dr. Griffin (“Setch”) was a favorite target. He was a complete, old-school southern gentleman, and tolerant of such behavior whenever one of us was caught. During a silviculture lab in the University Forest, my lab partner Al Brackley (now with the University of Alaska, Sitka) and I were digging a soil pit and talking to each other loudly in our best Griffin accent. Suddenly, Al said in a very loud voice, “Hello Dr. Griffin!” I don’t know how long he had been standing behind me, but the gentle professor simply smiled and walked away.

**Roger Merchant (1965) –**

At summer camp in Princeton, the insect life was ferocious. At mid-day on the cruise line, Bill MacIntire and I stopped for lunch next to a swamp. I started to go for a bite of PB&J, but was intercepted by a squadron of horseflies, buzzing around my head and orbiting directly between my mouth and the sandwich. I couldn’t get a bite in edgewise without impaling a horsefly in the peanut butter...At that time; this wasn’t comical at all. So, in the ensuing days we proceeded to slather on that righteous 6-12, clear liquid like its cousin OFF! It came in a little glass bottle that fit neatly into the vest pocket of a Filson. The dope seemed harmless, but after a couple of weeks, I noticed my plastic Scripto lead pencil was going through 6-12 chemical melt down and eventually disintegrated in the field. Talk about a potent insect cocktail!!

**Walter Seaha (1964) –**

Prof. Randall was the most boring lecturer on campus, so we had to find ways to amuse ourselves during his talks. Pete Ripple had a vial of bark beetles for his entomology collection. Bark beetles head for light and Pete made a racetrack out of folded paper. Put the beetles toward the dark side of the room, and they always ran toward the window.

**Brian Curtis (1966) –**

At summer camp, we had to write a long boring management plan for our “final exam.” Rumor was, that the camp staff graded these papers more on weight than content. Doug Monteith, one of the top students, decided to test this rumor and inserted the words, “Forestry is a phallic symbol” in the middle of a long, boring paragraph. He got caught.

**Ronald J. Mallett (1963) –**

Silviculture Lab, measuring form class in the Sewall Pines One afternoon in the winter of 1962 Dr. Griffin’s silviculture lab was to meet at the entrance to the University Forest on College Ave. Extension. Unfortunately, we were in the middle of a real old-fashioned whiteout blizzard. You literally couldn’t see your hand in front of your face. Somehow I made it to the meeting place for 1:00pm in my Renault Duaphine. I didn’t think that the lab would take place and turned around with a great difficulty. The snow at that time was approximately at the height of my windshield.

Sure enough, along comes the old green covered truck with Dr. Griffin driving. The students, my friends, hopped off ready to unlock the gate. They asked where I was going. I said that I thought I would try to make it back home before I couldn’t, whereupon they lifted the rear of the Renault and deposited it in the nearest snowbank. Some Friends! I finally made it out and went home. The class went on to estimate form class in the Sewall Pines even though you couldn’t see much higher than halfway to the first log.

Dr. Griffin’s response to the storm was that, “It’s a warm snow, boys.”

**Leland R. Hall (1960) –**

One story I tell the most – regarding forestry camp in 1958 for the land management study – going thru the backwaters of the St. Croix River with the low growing spruce and other trees and setting up the plots with, I think, the one chain length (66 feet) radiuses. We were covered from top to bottom with netting and hat, shirts, pants, boots, totally covered to protect ourselves from the black flies and mosquitoes and the two of us had to SHOUT to each other (66 feet away) to communicate because of these insects flying in such great numbers around our heads!

# 1970's



## SURVEY RESPONSES

**Total Responses:** 77

**Original Locations:** ME, PA, NY, NJ, DE, CT, MA, MD, NH, RI, WI

**Current Locations:** ME, CO, VT, VA, NY, NM, CT, MD, NH, OH, GA, OR, CA, NJ, DE, SC, RI, MA, TX, WA, PA, New Zealand

**Grad School:** 32

**Some Jobs:** Forester, Land Use Director Seven Islands Land Co., Wetlands Biologist, Biometrician, US EPA, US NAVY, University Professor, Director of Forest Operations and Stewardship for Hancock Timber Resource Group, Wildlife Biologist, Attorney, Software Engineer, Teacher, Academic New Zealand School of Forestry, Planning and Environmental Coordinator – BLM New Mexico

**Camp Locations:** Princeton, Carrabassett Valley, Bridgton, Pittsfield, Machias, Orono

**Favorite Professors:** Griffin, Shoemaker, Giddings, Owen, Corcoran, Struitemeyer, Campana, Campbell, Hale

**Avg Book Price:** \$30-50/book

**Activities:** Maine Forester, Xi Sigma Pi, Outing Club, Forestry/Wildlife Club, Woodsman's Team, Alpha Zeta

**Favorite Establishment:** Pat's, Shamrock, Governor's, Oronoka, Bear's Den

**Pizza Price:** \$2-5/Pizza

**Beer Price:** \$2.50/pitcher



**John Wadsworth (1971) -**

All of our outdoor labs were held rain or shine, we were told there is no such thing as “inclement weather” just “improper dress.”

**Daniel J. Cyr (1977) -**

At our two year summer camp in Princeton, I tied a coat hanger around the drive shaft of the old stumpy bus with Prof. Art Randall driving. During our field trip, the coat hanger started hitting the frame of the bus and Art pulled over so one of us “mechanics” could investigate. My mechanic friends came back with the coat hanger and told Art Randall who the culprit was. I am lucky Art let that one go!

**Jane Romain Lebrun (1975) -**

I had the highest regard for Dr. Ralph Griffin. He was demanding, knowledgeable, and dedicated. I learned the most from him. He was a machine. In silviculture he wanted the line around our plot cleared, well cleared. He said, “I want Miss Jane Romain (me) to be able to walk around that plot in her silk stockings.”

**Kenneth M. Laustsen (1974) -**

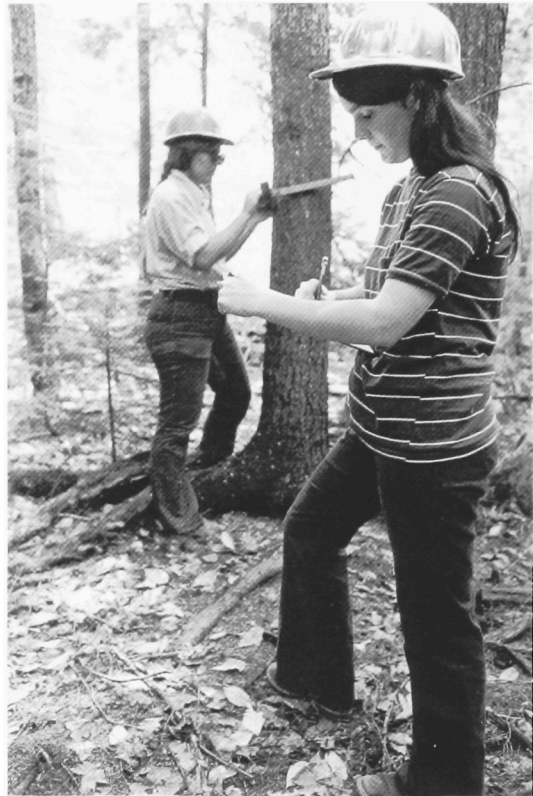
The afternoon silvicultural lab was held on the south side of Nutting Hall at 1:00pm. The heat and Dr. Griffin’s monotone were not conducive to staying awake. Classmate Will Kabel nodded off. Dr. Griffin said, “Mr. Kabel do I need to do a song and dance up here in order to keep your attention.”

**Louis Morin (1976) -**

When at summer camp our TAAI Emmons was told to wake all of us early one morning, he drove around the camp at about 5:00 a.m. blowing his car horn, then ran some errands in town. When he returned to camp we all cornered him picked him up and dumped him in the lake – the ice had just gone out about one week earlier.

**David D. Griswold (1977) -**

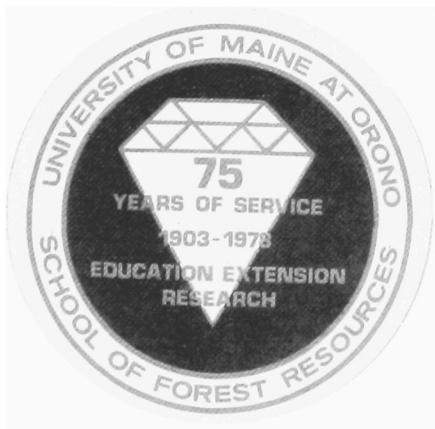
There was a story about Dr. Griffin, who had a southern accent that took some adjusting to after years in Maine. After a lecture by a visiting professor who was a Polish expatriot, Dr. Griffin was quoted as saying, “How can anyone live in this country so long and still have an accent?”

**George Seel (1973) -**

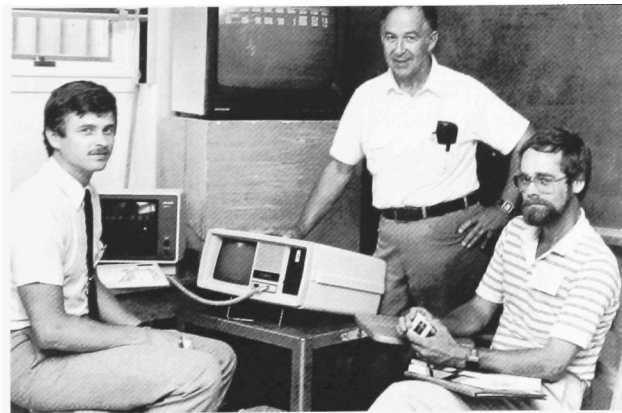
Dr. Schemnitz at Moosehorn NWR, Baring Plantation. I was working for him and IF&W banding woodcock and doing habitat management study (after senior year). Dr. S. came up once all summer, went in field and wanted to show us how to take blood samples. Took one of our birds, forgot to rock to settle the bird, after several unsuccessful attempts to collect blood, held bird in open hands, and bird’s head just flopped over on side. Dr. S. “oops, I think it’s dead.” He just gave me the bird and walked back to the truck.

**Harry E. Doughty (1970) -**

While on a field trip, some of us students noticed a small (12’ high) pine that had been struck by lightning. There were other pines nearby that were close to 100 feet tall. One student asked Prof. Art Randall why lightning hit that small tree. Reflecting on the question for some time, he responded “If lightning didn’t hit here, it would hit someplace else!” We were all too dumbfounded to ask more questions!



# 1980's



## SURVEY RESPONSES

**Total Responses:** 79

**Original Locations:** OH, CT, PA, MA, ME, NY, NH, RI, TX, NJ, VT, Norway

**Current Locations:** MA, NH, GA, ME, NJ, NY, CT, CA, MO, AK, VA, TX, FL, VT, PA, MD, IL, WA, China

**Grad School:** 38

**Some Jobs:** Software Sales, Wildlife Biologist, President/CEO Zoo New England, Assistant Librarian, Golf Course Superintendent – Crystal Springs GC, Director of Facilities Engineering – Grand Central Station – NY, Multimedia Producer – UMaine Marketing, VP of Research and Professor of Biology – University of Missouri-Columbia, Professor – Yale, Consulting Forester, Attorney – US Virgin Islands, Science Teacher, Surveyor, Assistant Principal, Environmental Attorney, Captain Westbrook, ME Police

**Camp Locations:** Nicasious Lake, Bridgton, Orono, Cobscook Bay, Pittsfield, Moosehorn NWR, Sugarloaf  
**Favorite Professors:** Coulter, Griffin, Kimball, Hunter, Morin, Owen, Hoffman, Campana, Field

**Avg Book Price:** \$20-60/book

**Activities:** Xi Sigma Pi, Woodsman's Team, Wildlife Society, SAF, Forestry/Wildlife Club, Forest Products Society

**Favorite Establishment:** Pat's, Bear's Den, Oronoka, Governor's, Barstan's, Ram's Horn,

**Pizza Price:** \$2-4/pizza

**Beer Price:** \$3-5/pitcher



**Donald Barrett (1983) –**

One memory I always think of on a good day is Dr. Griffin taking his glasses off his nose and letting them hang on their string and saying in the North Carolina Mountain Drawl “A man should have to pay five dollars to be outside on a day like today.” I will never forget it. I find myself thinking it often.

**Eric Schrading (1988) -**

Competed in and finished Iron Man World Championship in Kona, Hawaii in October 2002.

**Michele Holland (1988) –**

In 1985, the Woodsman Team went Hollywood with Lavar Burton for a Reading Rainbow program. We put Lavar to the test in crosscut saw.

**Anita Roberts Johnson (1982/1985) –**

When we did Reading Rainbow, we worked all day, practicing, re-shooting, just for a five minute segment. But it still impacts me now, my son is 12 now, when he was eight in the third grade his classmates recognized me from that show. They asked me if I’d been on TV. I didn’t think of Reading Rainbow until the teacher mentioned it.

**Craig Birch (1984) –**

My first day at the University Forest, I was told to cut marked pulp in the silviculture plots. Roger Taylor told me to cut every tree marked blue. He neglected to tell me to cut only the ones with blue paint. Apparently they had used blue paint crayons when they tallied the trees. I completed my first clear cut that morning.

**William R. Jarvis (1983) –**

Quite often I look back at the time I spent at Orono and long to return to those times: The friends I made at Orono (and still have contact with), the information that I learned, the events and activities I participated in – all of these are treasures that I carry with me. Although I did not realize it at the time, the years I spent in Orono were the best years of my life.

**Brent A. Fewell (1988) –**

One of my most memorable events was canoeing down the Allagash River with my classmates and Bucky Owen on a three day adventure. Many great memories of friends and life-long experiences.

**Christine ‘Tina’ (Zilch) Cooke (1981) –**

I have many memories of Woodsman’s Team meets and get togethers. The spring meets were a two day event. I particularly remember the spring meet at CCFC at Canadiggo, NY. The women’s team wore Hawaiian shirts. Both men and women won the sawing events. It was a very long road trip with a stop at Dartmouth College in route to NY. We had finals to get back to.

**W. Tobey Ritz (1982) –**

I think the funniest thing that happened to me was ending up pursuing my engineering career more than forestry – so the one who loves the outdoors and Maine woods ends up in the heart of Midtown Manhattan at 43 and Lexington Ave. with a view of the UN and Chrysler Building with a desk job: at least I get out with the Boy Scouts and my 13 year old son. He (and my other two children) love the outdoors – so who knows – in a few more years they will be up there!

**Steve Herzog (1986) –**

A student clearing boundary lines on the University forest asked Dr. Ralph Griffin (“The Griff”) how low to cut the stumps and brush. After thinking for a moment, The Griff removed his pipe and said, “So low that my wife, in her evenin’ gown, can walk down this line, and not tear a hem!”

My best memory was the Friday afternoon keg in the lobby of Nutting Hall every week – enjoyed by faculty and students

**Tina Krzyna-Kolaczyk (1984) –**

Prof. Hale’s exams were a killer! You would study like crazy and nothing you studied would be on the exam. Instead, there were questions like “Are Christmas trees more valuable before or after Christmas?” or “Why are paper towel holders located above the sinks in public restrooms?” His exams were the reason why a bunch of us headed over to Pat’s Pizza for a pitcher of beer after the tests!

**Richard “Rick” Teeters (1986) –**

My experience was educational on a “wordly” level. I should have studied harder, but those four years got me ready for the rest of my life. I made true life long friends and our experiences tend to be on the “R to X” rated scale. One group of my friends did a bit of streaking through a McDonalds one night. I can’t give their names, because it would incriminate them for sure.

# 1990's



## SURVEY RESPONSES

**Total Responses:** 41

**Original Locations:** DE, CT, NJ, ME, NY, VT, MA, FL, ID, PA, NH

**Current Locations:** CT, NJ, ME, LA, WV, VA, RI, PA, MA, NC, VT, WI, DC, DE, Denmark

**Grad School:** 9

**Some Jobs:** Manager Northern Tree Nursery – IP, Southern Research Station – USFS, Forester, Maine Forest Service, Veterinary Technician, Arborist, Science Teacher, Carpenter, MBNA, Wildlife Biologist, Huber Resources, Irving, Florida Division of Forestry, Owner – Maine Custom Woodlands, Plant Protection and Quarantine Officer – Dept Homeland Security

**Camp Locations:** Bridgton, Orono, Acadia, Cobscook Bay

**Favorite Professors:** Kimball, Servello, Field, Harrison, Hunter, White, Morin, Egan

**Avg Book Price:** \$60-100/book

**Activities:** Forest Fire Attack Team, Woodsman's Team, SAF, Xi Sigma Pi, Wildlife Society,

**Favorite Establishment:** Pat's, Margarita's, Geddy's, Bear Brew, El Cheapo's

**Pizza Price:** \$5-7/pizza

**Beer Price:** \$5-8/pitcher

**Stephen W. Miller (1991/1993) –**

I remember being with Stu Gardner & Dave Landry one of the first weeks of school and we went into the woods to identify and differentiate the difference between a Spruce, Fir, and Hemlock. Wow, did we come a long way from when we began in the Forest Management Technology program in the fall of 1989.

**Kent Nelson (1997) –**

I remember some students from “The County” hit a deer with their pick-up on the way to a silviculture lab – they had it skun’ out in ten minutes.

**Patrick Keogh (1998) –**

After graduating in the summer of 1998, I moved to central Florida where I was hired as a forest ranger for the Florida division of Forestry. Florida was in its worst drought in history, so we were busy fighting forest fires throughout the state. I have received extensive training in the incident command system and wildland firefighting. I was promoted to county forester in Polk County, February 2001. My primary job is small landowner assistance and logistical support on wildfires.



**Jonathan Beattie (1991)–**

I plead the fifth on the grounds that it may come back to haunt me.

**Heather Lee (1997) –**

I have some great party stories that I will keep to myself to protect the not-so-innocent; but having beers with the woodsman’s team was always a blast.

**Matthew R. Davis (1997) –**

The inaugural year for the Forest Ecosystem Management course was an experience to forget for the instructors - Dr. Field and Al Kimball. The software program that was supposed to be integral to the course wouldn’t work or was late in coming out. All I remember was an entire semester of the entire class battling with this program that nobody really understood.

**Paul Larrivee (1999) –**

Summer Camp. I feel sorry for Al (Kimball) and Louis (Morin) having to put up with us.

**Richard W. Pierce (1995) –**

Living with Gordon Merrill.

**Nicholas Throckmorton (1997) –**

My favorite Silv. 100 Prof. Al something (Kimball)... I was straight out of Idaho, where we log with saws, trucks and cats. Al kept talking about skidders or as Mainer’s call them “skiddas.” I, as a freshman, asked, “What is a skidda?” Everyone in class including the prof., laughed at me.

Sorry lads, I am not from this part of the woods.

**David Landry (1994) –**

When I started the Forest Management Technology program we had a lot of outdoor labs. The first winter I woke up on Friday morning for my 8:00 am all day lab with Al Kimball. It was snowing and we went out anyway. As the day wound on, the snowstorm got worse, and worse. We stayed out until 3:00pm collecting data for the lab in a really bad storm. When we got back to Nutting Hall we learned that school was cancelled at 10:00am because of snow. Kimball’s response, “Welcome to Forestry.”

# 2000's



Dr. Ivan Fernandez lectures about forest soils to silviculture students during the fall of 2003



Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Lab

## SURVEY RESPONSES

**Total Responses:** 23

**Original Locations:** ME, MA, NY, OH, CT, VT

**Current Locations:**

ME, MA, CT, NH, MD, NY, FL, VT

**Grad School:** 8

**Some Jobs:** Research Assistant, Fiber Supply Forester – MeadWestvaco, Grad School, Carpenter, Education Coordinator – NH Project Learning Tree, Park Ranger – Cape Cod, US Army – Company Executive Officer, Forester – Wagner, Pilot/Guide – Libby Sporting Camps, Group Administrator – SWOAM, Forester – Irving, Outdoor Apparel Buyer – Cadillac Mtn. Sports, Science Teacher

**Camp Locations:** Orono, Acadia, Moosehorn

**Favorite Profs:** Kimball, White, Egan, Servello, Morin, Field, Seymour, Livingston,

**Avg Book Price:** \$80-100/book

**Activities:** Xi Sigma Pi, Wildlife Society, SAF

**Favorite Establishment:** Pat's, Bear Brew, Margarita's

**Pizza Price:** \$7-10/pizza

**Beer Price:** \$8/pitcher