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Dedication

In the past it has been the custom to dedicate the Forester to a single individual. This year the Forester staff deviates from this path to honor these men who originated the Michigan Tech Forestry Club thirty years ago. During this thirty year period, these men have seen the Club grow from a small nucleus to an organization of over a hundred members. They have seen the Club take over the administration of a lodge, the publication of an annual and its entrance first into class "B" and then into class "A" competition. Yes, the Club has grown like a branching white pine, yet if it were not for those few men in 1936 who planted the seed there would be no club. It is to these men, the founders of the Michigan Tech Forestry Club, that this annual is dedicated.

Hammer Steinhilb - Forestry Department at Michigan Technological University

Jud Bentley - Land Engineer, Reserve Mining Company

Godfrey Johnson - Supt. of Safety Eng. Dept., U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.

William Borsum - Supt. of Neenah Mill, Kimberly Clark Corp.

Carl Danielson - Wood Technologist, Institute of Wood Research
1937 Chief Forester's Report
By Jud Bentley

The first year, 1936-37, there were very few enrolled in Forestry and we finished up the year with nine. They needed ten to keep going, so that is where I came into the picture -- Bert Noblet could sell mukluks and parkas to the pygmies. I guess that the first year this small group had some meetings, but didn’t have enough guys to act as officers and trustees without doubling in brass. The second year (my debut) there were a few more with the new first year class so we got together and formed the Forestry Club and drew up Articles and By-laws and the whole works. And then it came to have officers. Hammer Steinhilb ups and says "I nominate Jud Bentley for President because he is older and probably wiser". Young Bob Miller said "O.K., Hammer, if it’s Jake with you, it’s Jake with me. How about you guys?" And they all said it was Jake with them too. I don’t even remember if anyone seconded the nomination, but anyhow, I left the meeting treading on clouds as "President of the Forestry Club" -- Yabba-dabba doo!

One big situation that was going to face us come June of the second year was Forestry then was only set up as a two-year course on a more or less trial basis -- which was a lousy set up, to say the least. We were the minority group on the campus and you might say we were the brunt of much joking and kidding. We all felt that something had to be done to receive recognition and so started a series of projects -- all sponsored by the Forestry Club. The first venture was to put on the Lumber Jack Ball and make it open to the whole school. We got Ole Scratohl and his polka band from Escanaba, got the gym in the old clubhouse and spent every spare minute for two weeks scrounging stuff to decorate the gym including bales of hay, double bunks, railroad ties and lumber, pot bellied stoves, stuff to decorate the band stand to look like a swamp, a bar, kegs of cider and just about anything you could name -- even long underwear hanging over the stoves. Anyhow, it was a big night -- nobody wanted to go home. Dancing was from 9:30 to 1:00 and at 3:00 A.M. the orchestra was still going full blast, the janitor got lit and tried to bring it to a halt with the fire hose but was too far gone to turn the valve on.

Another project was to start an annual Venison Feed. That was the year that Bert’s dog got to the venison first. Not willing to call off the Feed, we made the rounds and collected about 50 pounds of utility beef. Comes the day -- we had it roasted at the bakery and took it out to camp in a thermal can along with a bucket of gravy. The rest of the gang had gone out to camp and got it heated up and wash tub full of potatoes going. We had bread, butter, coleslaw, coffee, "venison", and gravy, and just as we were ready to tie into it -- lo and behold -- a timid knock on the door and in comes Mr. Dillman, President of the College, and we naturally thought it was a raid. But he excused himself and came back with a gunny sack full of apples so we told him the least he could do was accept a seat at our humble board. Well, anyway, it was a big surprise and if there had been any bones in the "venison" there would have been a big heap of them in front of his plate plate -- things were less strained on the campus after that.

Intramurals were just getting going so the club figured they had to get its name in lights and we went out for everything and anything. And while we were no great shakes at anything, at least we were trying, and we didn’t come out last, at that. Snow sculpturing on the campus was in its infancy and the various groups represented in the competition just couldn’t get anyone to spend any time on this work so this was an opportunity to take. (Everyone taking Forestry was a member of the club and everyone turned out for all our activities or we wanted to know why -- the volunteer system). That year the club built its first snow statue representing a yarding sled loaded with big white pine logs and it took first prize hands down. In the Carnival Parade we took second prize with our "float" -- Paul Bunyan in the back of a beat-up pickup.

We were no sooner through cleaning up the area around the snow statue than the smelt were running down at Escanaba. (They hadn’t shown up around Houghton yet,) Bert Noblet put the bite on Bill DuChaine, editor of the Escanaba Daily Press, for some smelt and the next morning the agent at the depot told us he had some fish crates for us. Come Saturday, we all went down to a field on Portage Lake owned by Buzz Flanagan of Houghton, with a few ponies of beer, pails of lard, flour, salt and pepper, and a hunk of boiler plate. We set up the plate on four rocks and heated it ’til it got a bulge in it and fried at least 50 pounds of smelt on it -- talk about good. It was then and there we decided to make it an annual event for the club.

Near the end of the second year we were all concerned about our future as it was still left at two years and more or less on probation. A rumor had started around that one of the service groups on campus was working up some statistics and that the Foresters, during the past year, stood highest, scholastically, of any department and that the Forestry Club had the highest record of activities and awards earned. We all of a sudden realized that this was the ammunition we needed to convince the administration that more than a two year course was warranted. The second year class formed a delegation, made an appointment to see Mr. Dillman and, with Bert’s blessings, entered the inner sanctum. Dr. Dillman listened to us, reviewed a few notes, made some flattering comments including something about our knowing how to cook venison, and then assured us that we could start our third year in the Fall.

From that moment on, the Forestry Department has grown in size and prominence to what it is today. From a teaching staff consisting of Bert Noblet, R. B. Miller, and Vern Johnson, to the large, varied staff in academics, research, and practical training you now have. From any unused room in Hubbell Hall, and obsolete microscopes, and makeshift equipment, to your fine new building and modern fixtures and equipment you’ll soon have. The Forestry Department and the Forestry Club have come a long way.
The Department of Forestry
Fond Memories of the Past
By Hammer Steinhilb

Shortly after the Forestry Department was formed in the Fall of 1936, the Forestry Club was organized at Michigan Tech. with all 23 freshman student members. In those days, Bert Noblet, Head of the Forestry Department, worked closely with members of the Club in all the activities. Bert was ably assisted by Professors Bob Miller and Vern Johnson, the entire Forestry faculty at that time.

From its beginning, the Club took an active part in campus student activities, especially the Winter Carnival in which they won first place with their first snow statue. Then, as now, work continued all night previous to judging of the statues. Some of the early Forestry Club statues included a huge log cabin, a sled load of white pine logs and a moose standing knee-deep in snow.

Ah, yes, the moose! After much work, we won first prize with it. However, Dean Robinson, a long-time Houghton resident and quite a moose hunter was observed taking photographs of the statue and spreading the word that, somehow, it didn't look quite right to him. Finally we saw it -- the antlers had been carved backwards with the times facing forward like the antlers of a deer. Since Bert Noblet could never see the Forestry Club become the "laughing stock" of the campus, he bought a hunting knife and sheath which Jud Bently and I presented to Dean Robinson in his office. The reason - first prize in our spur-of-the-moment contest to find who would be the first to discover what was wrong with the moose. Strangely, the local newspaper had an article on the winner of the "contest" on the same day we made the award.

Each year the venison feed was a big event. The Club was smaller in those days and we didn't hold a venison booyaw, but a real venison steak dinner. The College Administration and other guests were invited. Usually Bert Noblet provided the hind quarter for the steaks. One year, Dr. Dillman, President of Michigan Tech, provided a bushel of apples and a cigar for everyone.

Then there was the year we had the venison dinner without venison. Bert shot a deer that year, but on the day before the dinner, he saw his dog dragging the precious hind quarter along Ruby Street. Scurrying from store to store, we finally managed to buy enough small beefsteaks and the dinner was held as scheduled. We had a lot of nice compliments on the venison that year! Most folks said it was the best venison they had ever eaten, tender, and without any of that wild "woody" flavor.

At first the Club did not have a camp to use on weekends, but later we obtained the use of Camp Sturgeon, an abandoned CCC camp in the Ottawa National Forest. The Club used it for hunting, general outings and an occasional venison dinner. Near this camp, at the peak of the snowshoe hare cycle, "Jud" Bently, "Robin" Bahman and I shot our limit of rabbits in one afternoon without a dog. Snow had fallen and the rabbit fur had already turned completely white. With an unseasonal thaw that weekend, the snow melted and the white spots left under the bushes were usually rabbits.

The College in those days was devoted wholly to engineering and the foresters took a lot of "ribbing". However, we had the local Penney's store stock green breeches which all the foresters wore on the campus along with their high boots. It almost became a uniform. Just so there wouldn't be any doubt in the engineer's minds about identifying foresters, the Club bought patches which were worn on the back of each forester's jacket. These weren't little shoulder patches - they were white on green printing and were about the size of a basketball. Somehow they did something for the morale of our forestry students on campus.

The Lumberjack Ball was started during the early years of the Club. The event was held in the old Clubhouse (present ROTC building). It was usually well attended by both foresters and local residents. Apple cider was served from a wooden keg as refreshment during intermission. Woods clothing was worn and everyone seemed to have a good time. One year, "Jud" Bently showed up to sell tickets at the door with a bag of silver dollars he had picked up in the Western States, and people received their change in cartwheels. "Judd" was a rather enterprising young fellow; I believe he sold some of the silver dollars at a profit!

The Club was not all fun however, it also had its serious professional side. People from the forest industries and in government employment were invited to speak at the meetings. Often, movies on forestry subjects were shown, and discussed. Every forestry student was a member of the Club, and it had a morale and spirit of unity that was the envy of the campus. The Club was not only a social group, but also acted as a device for furthering education in forestry and forming student and faculty friendships that have stood well over the passing thirty years.

Space does not permit mentioning all charter members of the Forestry Club, but I fondly and clearly remember so many of them ---- "Jud" Bently was the first Chief Forester; Bill Borsum was the youngest member of the class; Swede Danielson, who drove Bert Noblet's car to Houghton from a field trip to Escanaba after I had driven it into a ditch without damage to either the car or the students; Anderson, the "strong man" of the Club, who could straight-arm a 60 pound anvil from waist to shoulder height; Walfred Jarvi, who managed so well with one arm; Godfrey Johnson, who claimed if you smoked a pipe, ate an apple and burped, it tasted like rootbeer, Arne Metsa, our sober, serious student; Ken Killmar with his cheerful attitude; Justin Smith who hated my constant whistling in botany lab; Ensign Robert Miller, who was killed in action in the South Pacific; and so many others.

From a small beginning, the Club has now grown to 120 members. Much of the morale and spirit of the Club has been retained and many more Club activities added. It still has its serious side and invites lecturers and shows movies and slides of forestry. The Club has always been a unique campus organization, and looking forward in its thirtieth year of existence, I am proud to see it grow bigger and better, continuing to foster the "spirit of forestry" on the campus of Michigan Technological University.
Mich. Tech's first class of Foresters, (1936)

The first graduating class (1940).

Vern Johnson, Bert Noblet, and Mr. Miller in 1940 Spring graduation of first Forestry class.

The moose with backward horns and other Winter Carnival statues.
At last! At last the day arrived. May 7th was a wonderful day. The sun was shining, it was warm, and that was the day the ground was finally broken for our new Department of Forestry-Institute of Wood Research Building. Although some heavy equipment from the Ylamar Mattila Construction Company had prepared the site somewhat before the ceremony, it sure didn't detract from our purpose in being there that morning. May 7th, after all, was the real culmination of many, many months of effort by the Administration, Faculty, State Legislators, and even some of us students. And it looks like now we're going to have a building that we can all be proud of.

The sketch above shows what the building should look like when it's been completed. The Institute of Wood Research will occupy the wing on the left, the Faculty and Staff offices of the Department of Forestry are on the "bridge" (more better to jump when the student uprising starts), classrooms are within the wing on the right, and the laboratories and greenhouse are in an attached wing behind the building on the right of the sketch. By this time next year maybe we'll be able to have a series of photos showing the various stages of construction. Right now, however, only the footings and foundations are in. We're still happy about it.

Looking North under the proposed "bridge".

Gene, Bert, and Eric turn a shovel of soil, and construction is officially on its way.
At first it looked as though they were all trying to fill each other's shoes and pants cuffs. Later, we adjourned to the Union where over 200 guests and friends of Forestry had a "Lumberjacks Luncheon" and heard remarks from President Smith, State Senator Mack, State Representative Hellman, and an address by Conservation Commissioner August Scholle. Among other things, Commissioner Scholle noted that the forest industries had now replaced tourism in Michigan's economy.

And if you don't believe that it was, indeed, a happy occasion -- just take a look at the smiles on the faces of the two distinguished men in the photo on the left. Somebody said that Bert and Gene were smiling because they got to keep the shovels -- don't you believe it.
Dr. Gene Hesterberg, Professor and Head
"Here's another snowflake to put in your Plunder Package."

Vernon Johnson, Professor
"You are right till I say your wrong."

Roswell Miller, Asst. Professor
"Now boys, only one tree per hole."

Hammer Steinhilb, Professor
"Hey did you hear the one about the Finn . . . . . . ."
Victor Smith, Instructor
"All right boys back on the bus, this is the wrong Mill."

Dr. Norman Sloan, Professor
"Anybody interested in going to Otter River for Spaghetti."

Pete Garret, Asst. Professor
"You don't have to know this. . . . . This is for free."

Bob Sajdak, Instructor
"Youse guys better know this," "Never start a vast project whit halfvast plans."
Bright Outlook For The Future

By Gene Hesterberg

Snow still covered all the landscape early on the morning of March 7 and there were few changes in activities on campus. Above the usual sounds of early morning movement, however, there was a muffled sound of machinery and heavy equipment on the go. The screech of steel rollers on running gear, the growl of a well-maintained Homelite, this distant muffle of an eight-yard dumpbox, these were the sounds that drifted down on the snow-covered campus so early in the morning.

The first day of work on the new Forestry building was off to a fast and successful start! Three weeks later the contractor had changed the site into a bedlam of soil, orderly piles of lumber, steel reinforcing rods, uprooted trees and brush. Muffled explosions of dynamite marked the day as charges loosen hardrock from a high spot near where the entrance drive will soon be located.

The new building will house the academic Department of Forestry and the Institute of Wood Research. Construction funds approved by the Michigan Legislature amount to $12.7 million. Subsequently, additional money was obtained through the Higher Education Facilities Act. In addition, the Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce approved a grant in amount of $223,000 to assist in financing the Institute of Wood Research portion of the building.

At the outset, bids for cost of construction were prepared and published November 15, 1965 and were subject to call December 16. However, it seemed wise to delay opening the bids until early January for several administrative reasons. As we glance back along this trail we can identify a whole host of helpful people in the Legislature, in the Department of Administration and Building Division in Lansing, and among the top administration here in the University. The President, Controller Townsend, Dean Stebbins, and Professor Gordon Hellman, Director of the Physical Plant where always on hand to give help.

The new building will provide space for all Forestry units of the University. The academic Department of Forestry will have 22,500 square feet of net assignable area and the Institute of Wood Research will have over 10,000 square feet for their operations. The Director of the Ford Forestry Center will have an office in the new building.

Forecast of Fall enrollment for 1966 reflects this new facility will be constructed just in time. Records of Registrar Sermon tell a fascinating story on projected enrollment. We started the Fall Quarter with 194 students in Forestry, but there has been the usual attrition to Freshman Chemistry and a few other causes. To Date, we have received 215 application applications for enrollment in Forestry. With this data and with comparison from past years, we should expect to enroll about 100 new students. Our present Freshman class totals over fifty men, and our screening of applicants seems to be paying fine dividends. The high quality of our graduates is mirrored by the fact that about one-third of our men have scholarships for graduate work in Forestry.

Alumni will recall a letter survey we made several years ago. The objective was to learn more about the graduate school potential of Tech Foresters. It is interesting to report to you the facts on this survey. As of June, 1964, there were a total of 469 graduates in Forestry from Michigan Tech. The Forestry Graduate School Questionnaire resulted in returns from 221 men and weighted returns imply that about 22 percent of our men proceed, sooner or later, to graduate school in some phase of resource management.

The 1966 graduates represent a very capable group of lads. There are over 16 men in this class who have scholarship or fellowship aid and have detailed plans for attending graduate schools in the natural resource field.
GARY E. ANDERSON
Forestry Club; The Forester; Library Com.; Intramural Com.; Conclave Teams; Intramurals.

LENORD F. BRADY
Forestry Club.

KENNETH M. BROWN
Forestry Club.

BERNARD W. CARR
Forestry Club; Intramurals.

RALPH L. CHASE
Forestry Club; Intramurals; Dean's List.

RALPH G. DUFFEK
Forestry Club, President, Treasurer; Engineering Show Com., Fall Field Day Com., Otter River Camp Com., Rifle Raffle Com., Winter Carnival Com.; Senior Banquet Com.; Conclave Teams; Intramurals; Dean's List.
JOHN A. DAMSTED
Forestry Club; Intramurals.

BRUCE H. DUNN
Forestry Club, Asst. Chief; The Forester; Big Brother Day Com.; Fall Field Day Com.; Otter River Camp Com.; Riffle Raffle Com.; Winter Carnival Com.; Conclave Team; Intramurals; MacArthur's Eng. Drill Team, 1st Sgt.; Cadet Council, Vice-Pres.; Distinguished Military Student; Reserve Officer Asso. Award.

PETER L. ECKARDT
Forestry Club; Winter Carnival Com.; Senior Banquet Com.; Intramurals; Varsity Track Team; Varsity Club.

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Forestry Club, Asst. Chief; The Forester, Associate Editor; Big Brother Day Com.; Fall Field Day Com.; Otter River Camp Com.; Riffle Raffle Com.; Intramural Com.; Conclave Teams; Dean's List; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

WILLIAM A. GATES
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JAMES E. GRANSKOG
Forestry Club; Intramurals; Forest History Society; Dean's List; Phi Kappa Phi.
RONALD L. RUSING
Forestry Club; Big Brother Day Com.; Otter River Camp Com.; Kappa Delta Psi, Pledge Capt.; IFA; Blue Key; Junior Class Secretary; Varsity Football Team; Varsity Club.

LORIN L. SCHAB
Forestry Club, Secretary; The Forester, Associate Editor; Otter River Camp Com.; Homecoming Com.; Winter Carnival Com.; Conclave Teams; Intramurals; Varsity Football Manager; Dormitory Radio Station, Manager.

Seniors Not Pictured

KARL ADAMSON
WILLIAM AVERY
JAMES BALSIGER
ROBERT BERNARD
LAWRENCE BRY'S
DAVID BUCK
MICHAEL CONLEY
CLIFFORD DAHL
JOHN DE LE MATER
MARTIN FAIR
DEWEY GIERKE
BERNARD HUBBARD
THOMAS IMMONEN

LARRY KETCHBAW
MELVIN KUEZENGA
GARY MATTSON
WILLIAM MILLER
JAMES OLSON
JAMES RYAN
JOHN SCHNEFF
GARY SIMMONS
WALTER SKOWRON
DOUGLAS STONE
JAMES THEIRING
FREDERICK YOUNG
Foresters Vs. Mosquitoes

Summer Camp '65

To most of us at camp this year it seemed as if we were following in the footsteps of Tech's previous forestry students. This was not completely true. This first Tech foresters joined Michigan State at their summer camp. The next year Camp Pori, a CCC complex in the Ottawa National Forest became Tech's first real summer camp. After a few years at Camp Pori, the base of operations was transferred to the Houghton campus. Then, in 1956, the summer camp was moved to the Ford Forestry Center. It was here amongst the Towering Jack Pines of the Baraga Plains, and the majestic timber of section seven that we learned the ways of the forester.

Our summer camp started with pacing and a traverse problem, but then, just when our leg muscles had gotten stretched out, it was a seven hour lecture session. In that day and the next, Mr. Hornick of the U.S. Forest Service attempted to teach us the Forest Service method of tree and log grading, and the principles of point sampling. Also, somewhere in there, most of us weren't quite sure where, he included the four classes and the per cent systems of tree cull.

After a weekend of contemplation we went back to log grading under the leadership of Hammer and Walt. This time we used the Northern Hardwoods and Hemlock Association system. Next came log scaling and then type mapping. Section seven was our type mapping objective. Except for a few bugs it was a fairly pleasant job, until the last day in the field. It had rained most of that night. A cold mist greeted us we trudged over to the dining hall, and somewhat to our surprise we were soon in section seven. The brush was wet, the trees were wet, and it was raining again. Cold rain.

After that experience we tried our luck on a fifty log scaling test, buzzed through some practice curising, and then entered our final problem. It was a point sample cruise of a half section. A few problems were faced by some crew members -- gung-ho partners that wanted to start at 5:00 AM, what the hell to do if plot center falls on the bumper of the bus parked in front of the dorm, or are six inch ironwoods included in the basal area count -- but things weren't too bad until we started to write it up.

The next Monday, we were issued our surveying equipment. In the place of the old transits were new Dietzens, some K & E's, and a David White. Our first problems were relatively simple ones designed to familiarized us with the instruments. When we had learned the basics about tangent screws and clamps, we progressed to laying out curves, leveling, and sunshots.

Our final problem, a map of the Forestry Center, was tackled with the exuberance of a cruiser opening a cold can of Bosch after a hot day in the bush. Plan ahead as we did, the last evening, the night, and into the dawn saw many foresters working to complete their maps by noon. It was a day most of us will remember. The last minute rush to finish the maps, a four hour final exam, the "picknic" out on the plains, and then a final flurry of cleaning designed to leave the following morning's work at a minimum.

Camp seemed kind of calm compared to some of the stories we had heard from the upperclassmen. There weren't any bloody fights in L'Anse or vagrant Misses wandering through the dorms, and the trips to the sturgeon River were much more frequent than those to Second Sands. But, the place wasn't dead.
"I heard rumors that the mosquitoes were really bad at summer camp last year."

They look like engineers....

....but they smell like foresters.
During the period 1934-35, the Michigan Conservation Department, assisted by a group of CCC laborers, constructed a new fish rearing station on the Otter River. The purpose of this station was to attempt to save the Michigan grayling from extinction.

The next eight years were spent netting the entire Otter River system without any success. It was at this time the grayling was declared extinct. The station became surplus to the Conservation Department and in 1955 was transferred to the staff of the Forestry Department of Michigan Tech. The transfer stated that the purpose of the facility was to carry out Forestry education programs, as well as to provide for recreational needs of a fast growing Forestry student body.

In 1957, the then newly created Otter River Camp Committee, began making plans for repairing the camp. The old foot bridge across the river had collapsed into the river, forming a dam, which caught much of the material drifting down the stream in spring high water periods. This dam then caused a backup of water which flooded out the cabin each spring. This long, damp period, caused the deterioration of many of the bottom logs of the cabin. To finance the repairs of the cabin, requests were sent to the alumni asking for their financial assistance for this first stage of the planned improvements. Even though few alumni at this time had ever seen the Otter River Camp, the response was warm and enough money was obtained to put a new roof on the cabin and to begin the process of removing the bottom logs. At this time the University was in the process of tearing down two houses on the campus to make way for the Civil-Geology Building. The large sandstone blocks used in the foundations of these houses were saved and transferred to the Otter River Camp through the combined efforts of the students' strong backs and the old blue bullet (The Dodge truck, for those of you who never had the enjoyable experience of traveling on field trips in the back of it.) The cabin was then jacked up and the bottom two or three logs removed and replaced with sandstone blocks. Also a solid concrete slab was poured for the front porch and back steps, replacing wooden structures which had rotted out. This work took approximately two years to complete, with the classes of 1957 and 1958 providing most of the labor.

In the next couple of years, little work was done on the camp. Plans for a suspension bridge began to formulate and construction finally began in 1963. This bridge was to span the main river from the island to the shore and provide access to the other side of the river, with future plans for the development of a rifle range. It was felt that the need for a suspension type bridge was necessary to prevent the reoccurrence of material catching on the structure and forming a dam during the Spring high water period. The main supports for the bridge were put in place during the Spring of 1963.
Finally in the summer of 1965, the bridge received a temporary deck. Three weekends were spent working on the camp by the summer crew from Alberta. One of the projects was the construction of a bridge from the cabin to the island. This bridge uses the existing support structures that were used in the old bridge and connects to the suspension bridge. Decking for this bridge was received from Dr. Bourdo at the Ford Forestry Center. The storage shed at the bottom of the hill was finally razed during the work weekends at the Otter. All of the cedar logs in the shed were found to be rotted to the point where they were of no use except for firewood. The logs were decked near the cabin and it has provided many a warm evening during excursions to the camp this past winter. A new shed was constructed to hold the coal. This small structure, which is moveable, was placed next to the back door of the cabin. A group of students also trimmed all the trees around the cabin to a height of which allows additional sunlight to reach most of the cabin.

This spring, activities will again center around the repair of the Otter River Camp. With little money and lots of labor, obtained from the labs for Recreational Forestry, projects will be started which will include the construction of a new outhouse which we all agree is badly needed. Refinishing the outside of the cabin with a coat of varnish, supplied by the University, will be aimed at keeping the logs weather tight. Replacing several floor joists which have rotted out and the dismantling of the faithful kitchen stove are also on the agenda. The replacement of the large kitchen range has become necessary as the internal fire bricks and gradings are all coming apart, to the point where the stove approaching a fire hazard. A new range has now been purchased and will be moved to the camp as soon as the weather permits in the spring. Many of us have fond memories of the old faithful range, especially of all the biscuits burned in the oven due to the inability to control the temperature.

This spring we hope marks the upward swing in activity at the Otter River Camp. Those of you in classes of '57 and '58 will long remember the Saturdays and weekends spent working on the initial renovation of the camp. Little work was carried on following this initial effort and the use of the facility deteriorated. Now the second phase of the project is beginning with renewed interest in the Otter River Camp.
During 1956, our Forestry Club Council thought it would be helpful to welcome the Frosh and new transfer students by arranging a "Big Brother" day at the Otter River Camp. We scheduled it on the first Saturday of the Fall Quarter; the design of the program was modest but very friendly. We borrowed a trap for clay birds, (now club property), and set up a safe shooting range near the camp. "Hammer" arranged a handgun set-up with targets, and several archery enthusiasts brushed out a little range complete with running deer target. Possession of guns in the area was approved by Walt Helms, the conservation Officer. Through personal contact by an upper classman, each new student was invited to the camp and arrangements were made to pick up the man and to take him to the Otter River. The entire crew spent the afternoon in the field and at dinnertime enjoyed a cook out.

Since the Midwest Forester's Conclave was moved ahead to the fall term this year, Big Brother Day and Fall Field Day were held simultaneously. Once again the Freshmen and new transfer students were invited down to the Otter River Camp and introduced to the color and beauty of the Copper Country, the life of the Tech forester, and to their "big brothers," Activities centered generally around the camp (which served as one way of getting to know one another), and the trap shoot in the afternoon. (This was supposed to be, but didn't look like, a prediction of the population reduction of grouse during the up-coming season) The experience of having Doc Sloan's spaghetti for lunch made both upper classmen and freshmen feel they had a thing in common, and added to their feeling of togetherness.

Events such as chopping, bucking, tobacco spitting, match spitting, bolt throwing, traverse, dendrology, log rolling, chain throwing and pole climbing, were held to determine which foresters would represent the M.T.U. Forestry Club at Conclave. Normally these events are held on Field Day a short time before the Conclave. A good show of power was given by all classes. The new freshmen, who are usually not too active in competition, stepped right in with both feet this year to put a representative on the Conclave team. The final score at the end of the day saw the seniors taking the honors with 53 points. The juniors, sophomores and freshmen followed with 43, 11, and 2 points respectively.

Big Brother Day has always been considered a valuable program for it serves to welcome strangers to the Club and draws the younger men into a friendly, informal, and interesting series of Club activities.
Concentration

A chip off the old block

Will you let go?

Umphhhhh
During the 1965 Homecoming the Forestry Club, as in many years past, spent much time and effort, but gained only 1 1/2 points due to the stiff competition in Class A.

The Club's float this year was entitled "Blast the Beavers", and featured a Huskie blowing up a beaver dam. "Prefabrication" was the big word in this year's construction plans, as the Houghton County lowboy trailer couldn't be scheduled until the night before the Homecoming parade. Five nights ahead of time construction started, but as usual, most of the work was accomplished during the last night and the small hours of the morning before the parade. An unofficial count shows that along with twenty foresters, numerous wives and several girl friends, a total of four cases of napkins, two rolls of chicken wire, fifteen cans of water paint, twelve dozen donuts and several cases of amber liquid were needed to complete the float. Saturday morning a few bloodshot eyes peered out of Aren's garage to see a cold and windy day with snow blowing in the air. Any good Huskie should have been able to take weather of that kind, but that morning as our float was being pulled into the parade line, a gust of wind lifted our mascot off the trailer and in five seconds cancelled five nights work. The rather curious thing was that the beavers stayed anchored, which seemed a prediction of the up-coming football game in which Tech lost, later that day.

"The Brawl" was the title of the Club's special event; something newly added to the 1965 Homecoming. It started when two perfectly sober Club members began arguing over a beautiful six foot--four inch, unshaven, tobacco chewing young lady. When the two decided to settle their differences outside, a melee ensued as "non-interested bystanders", looking suspiciously like planted foresters, joined the fight. With the arrival of "Officer Omen's Riot Squad" the fight broke up and after a short discussion it was found that the young lady was the cause of it all. She was promptly loaded into the squad car (VW) and whisk away. If nothing else, those that participated in the brawl found that the cement sidewalk was a lot harder than the wooden floor of the Forestry Building had been during practice.

In the challenges we sorta fell down...literally. Oh well, leave the pyramid building to the engineers. Besides, when we learn to spill as much grape juice in the chug-a-lug as the frat boys do, we'll take a 1st. instead of 3d. Next year with a little luck and a more stable float the Foresters will be going for a first place.

Two Foresters (left) chug against third unknown. I wonder who won?
Looks normal, two foresters fighting over a local.

Upper right: Bottoms up!
Middle right: "No more beer, no more work."
Lower right: Just before the disaster.

Foresters carry away the prize?
Seven years ago in 1959, the Forestry Club plunged into Class A campus competition, and have always been good contenders. This year was no exception although our tie for fifth place might not indicate it.

The theme of this year's Carnival was "Sights In Ice." The snow statues were to be constructed to depict famous sights the world over. Under the direction of Bruce (Huey) Dunn and Tom (Stubby) Cain, the Club built the Arch of Triumph. Although we didn't place this year, the spirit behind future success was there. The spirit was shown by our Chief's fine example, Ralph (Duff) Duffek was trying hard to find his glasses by going head first into a snowbank the night before the "big push". Duff still says he wasn't under the weather. Because of the "fine" coffee made by unknown persons, the nights seemed a lot shorter. A vote of thanks goes to the men who worked on the statue the last night; finishing what everyone on campus thought would not be finished.

Lorin (Hair-in-his-eyes) Schab and John (Stringbean) Sunderland wrote our skit for this year. In keeping with the times it was on protest groups. Of course, the Foresters could not stand still for the skit being serious; this resulted in the cast laughing most of the time. Unfortunately, the judges didn't seem to think that the skit was "that" funny, and we didn't get past the eliminations.

Our queen candidate for the Carnival was Miss Nancy Lukkarinen, a native of Negunee, Michigan, currently enrolled at Saint Joseph's School of Nursing in Hancock. The numerous social functions and preliminary judging that are involved in the ordeal of a candidate were nothing new to Nancy; she had previously run for queen of a major festival in her home town and new what to expect. With this background, and possessing the other attributes necessary for a queen, we picked Nancy for a winner. Unhappily, the judges disagreed with our decision. In appreciation for her decision to represent the Club and the subsequent fine effort she showed, we presented her with a silver tray to commemorate the Winter Carnival of 1966.

The only disappointment in the Winter Carnival was the special events. This was due to the lack of participation. In the skating, Bob (Folksinger) Bernard tried hard, but found the boards at Dee Stadium instead of the finish line. In snowshoeing, Doug (Fuzzy) Drake, Herb (Old Ranger) Garn, and Mike (Salty) Diehl gave us 1 1/2 point, while "young" Charlie Janov did the super skier bit.

The club was disappointed in their showing this year and are going to push for better showings in the years to come.
Sculptor at work

Finishing touches

Finished product

Work goes on till dawn.
Venison Booyaw

The annual Venison Booyaw has been in existence almost as long as the Club itself, starting way back in 1937. Through the years the place and date has changed, and at times the venison has had a noticeable "beefy" flavor, but in any case it has always proved to be an enjoyable get together.

This year's Venison Booyaw was held on December 7th in the cafeteria of the Memorial Union. As usual, there was a good turnout and the meal was delicious. Most of the venison was provided through the courtesy of Ristel's Locker Plant. The contribution was greatly appreciated since the regular donor (not to mention any names) failed to score.

It had been discovered earlier in the year that Hammer was instrumental in originating the Forestry Club almost 30 years ago and had served as second president of the organization. Since he has maintained his membership through the years, and has always been available for advice and council, it was decided that we would express our appreciation in some way at the Booyaw. After dinner, he was awarded a certificate of honorary membership in the Club (there was some discussion as to whether or not this was an honor). He was then presented with a set of transistorized walkie-talkies with the idea that they would be an aid in his surveying work and also in keeping track of his assistants (faculty) at summer camp.

Entertainment was provided by Ross and Mrs. Miller through an account, complemented with colored slides, of their experiences with the Navajo and Zuni Indians while working in New Mexico. Ross was employed as a logging engineer for the Navajo Forest Products Industries during part of their stay in that state. Mrs. Miller's description of her work as a supervisory nurse for the community Project for the Treatment of Indian Problem Drinkers, of which there were apparently plenty, was especially interesting. Someone should tell that organization about L'Anse! After their talk, Mr. and Mrs. Miller exhibited a display of Indian handcrafted rugs, blankets, and jewelry. It was an interesting and very enjoyable presentation.

Special guests at the event included President and Mrs. Raymond Smith and others. "Old Timers" around the department enjoyed visiting again with "Bert" Noblet, the former Forestry Department Head, and Mrs. Noblet.

Senior Forester's Banquet

The Senior Banquet has always been an event looked forward to each Spring by the graduating foresters. This has been an evening traditionally set aside to honor those senior foresters who, having struggled for four and in some cases five years, are about to obtain that illusive Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry.

This year, the date was May 23, and the place was the Oak Room in Calumet. Some 53 Seniors and wives attended with Dr. and Mrs. Brown as guests. The menu consisted of either T-Bone steak or prime ribs. Before dinner some socializing took place and one or two hot pool games were attempted. Upon convening at the tables, grace was offered and seconds later the clatter of dishes and silverware took over. Several helpings of potatoes and a desert later, the Club chief made a few comments regarding each person's future success. The discussion was then turned over to Dr. Hesterberg. His short talk was oriented towards future plans of the forestry department and the role of the graduating class in this regard. His appreciation and best regards were extended to every senior. The club secretary livened up the evening with some wit and probing comments on the academic year and the noble faculty. As all the foresters found themselves too stuffed to talk anymore, the guest speaker, Dr. Brown, took over. He presented a very interesting and thought provoking speech on conservation of our natural resources. The discussion was accompanied by slides taken by Dr. Brown throughout the United States. After the announcement of the new club officers and a final thank you from the club chief, the banquet was called to an end, and a happy, stuffed senior class of 1966 headed home.

Dick Bray Folksinging Concert

The program was scheduled to begin at 8:00 P.M., but at 8:15 P.M. there was still a noticeable number of empty seats in the Civil-Geology Building auditorium. Those who did attend "A Night with Dick Bray - Folksinger" though, were treated to a fun filled evening of songs and antidotes. Dick woke up that morning with a sore throat, but you'd have never know it by the fine job he did. After the performance Dick and part of the audience adjourned to the breakwaters where songs weren't the only thing that flowed. Finally, with the sun coming up Dick put his guitar away.

Although the program was not as big a financial success as had been hoped, those attended seemed to be pleased with his performance and it's varied styles and moods.
Hammer receives a honorary membership in the club and a set of walkie-talkies; from seniors Rick Mahringer and Larry Ketchbaw.

Mrs. Roswell Miller shows Indian artifacts after a well received slide show about the Navajo and Zuni Indians of the Southwest.

Dick Bray sings about Love, Death and Persian kitties
Foresters Intramural Sports

The Forestry Club participated in 13 of the 15 sports offered in the intramural program this year.

The Fall program opened with the tennis team finishing 10th out of 20 teams. The bowlers took 27th place in a 42 team league. Our basketball team was plagued by injuries to three key players and finished with a 2-10 record.

In the winter term sports the Forester's hockey team ended up with a 2-6-1 record, the skiing team captured 3rd place just missing second by one tenth of a second, and the weight lifters "grunted and groaned" to a third place finish.

Track opened the spring season with a 6th place finish. The volleyball teams each finished with 3-3 record. The swimmers garnered 4th place. We were eliminated in baseball by losing two, close, one-run games. After winning two games in horseshoes, the Foresters were eliminated to complete the intramural season.

Although the Forestry Club did not finish up among the top teams in intramurals we had a lot of fun and showed much spirit. With most of the athletes returning next year our intramural teams should show considerable improvement.
Christmas in October

Senior Wildlife Trip

October 29 and 30 found the seniors who were taking Wildlife Management visiting State and Federal facilities that are engaged in management and conservation of our wildlife resources. The first day our group visited the Cherry Creek rearing station just outside of Marquette. Here are kept and raised Lake Trout for the restocking of our Great Lakes. Due to the reduction of Lake Trout, numbers, because of the Lamprey Eel, the Michigan Department of Conservation has undertaken a program for the raising of fingirling trout for restocking in Michigan waters. At this station male and female trout are kept for their milt and roe. The fish are periodically stripped and the fertilized eggs are kept indoors under temperature control until they hatch. The fingerlings are transferred to larger outdoor tanks until they are large enough to survive on their own when they are transplanted. Our group was able to tour all of the facilities and watch as the hatchery crew netted some of the larger fish and examined them. Talk about lunker trout!

After the hatchery tour the group drove to the Cusino Wildlife Experiment Station at Shingleton, Michigan. Here we were given a tour of the facilities being used in the study of the White-tailed deer. In addition research is being made on the snowshoe hare, prairie chicken and black bear. A little history of each of these studies and some of the results so far obtained were presented by various members of the research staff. Of most interest to the group, however, was the deer study. The station has a fenced-in area of one square mile in which they are studying the inter-relationship of the deer and its habitat and what results when the population reaches levels out of proportion with the supporting ability of the land. Another point of interest were the enclosures each containing several deer. Here the research staff was studying the physiological nature of starvation in deer and in general determining what constitutes a healthy deer and deer herd.

Our final stop, after celebrating an early New Year in Christmas was the Seney Wildlife Refuge which is under the jurisdiction of the Fish & Wildlife Service. Developed specifically for the Canada goose and other waterfowl this area is now being managed along the same lines as the Forest Service multiple use program. Besides providing a sanctuary for waterfowl, this land area, covering 95000 acres, is being used for recreation (sight-seeing, fishing, and hunting) and for supplying a limited amount of forest products. However, all these uses are secondary to wildlife management and conservation.

Our visit included a lecture at the refuge headquarters and a bus tour of the refuge and marshes. Besides learning some of the aspects of waterfowl management and its problems, we were treated to a wildlife variety show, water fowl in particular. In addition the forester stationed at the refuge talked to us about the forestry operations on the refuge and how they were all orientated towards perpetuating good wildlife habitat.

Unlike the past trips to Seney we were unable to aid the refuge staff in making age and sex determinations of some of the Canada goose population. With the end of our tour the bus headed towards Houghton with a load of tired fellows, a little more enlightened in the problems facing wildlife management people today.
The 1966 Forester Staff was faced with a problem of what theme to follow in this year's book. Since the 1966 school year was the 25th anniversary of the forestry club, we decided to try to tell the story of the club both in past history and present activity. The club has many different activities from Buck Shoots to Folk concerts. This turned out to be a bigger job than expected. We tried to show the Otter River Camp. This is one of the club's biggest assets and was a center of activity this past year. Underclassmen were featured more this year to show the process of becoming a forester. Our alumni responded freely when we asked them to share some of their fond memories of the club's activities in the past years. Conclave competition is featured as the Michigan Tech Foresters remain the undisputed Conclave Champions.

The Forestry Club has a tremendous load of responsibility both to the Department and the school. This annual is our way of proving to the public that we are a first-class organization. So this coming school year don't hesitate when you are called on to help.

So the 1966 Forester Staff presents our effort to show the Forestry Club as it functions during the year. We hope it meets with your approval.

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