

WOODSMEN'S WEEKEND

On May 2 and 3 of this spring, Dartmouth and five other New England colleges participated in the 28th annual Intercollegiate Woodsmen's Competition held this year at the University of Maine at Orono. The competition was intense, but good fellowship and good times reigned throughout the weekend as the participants were treated to an exciting meet and a copious quantity of liquid refreshment at its conclusion.

Dartmouth sent three teams, 2 men's and 1 woman's, of six individuals each plus alternates, to compete in events ranging from canoeing and chainsawing to such traditional events as speed chopping, treefelling, two man x-cut sawing and even tobacco spitting. Highlights for Dartmouth included a victory in the chain throw, an event involving the rolling of a logger's chain for the fastest time, by Gary Clohan '77 of the "A" team; and a victory by the Dartmouth "B" team firebuilders, Neil Van Dyke '76 and Bob Williams '77, for boiling a can of soapy water in the fastest time. The girl's team, while only coming in third among three teams, put on an impressive show of spirit and determination and were the crowd's favorite throughout the competition.

While the Dartmouth "A" team only finished seventh in the competition of 13 teams and the Dartmouth "B" team eleventh, team Captain Oleh Haluszka '77 is looking forward to a far improved team in the future. With only one member, Nick Hunt, being lost this spring to graduation, things look bright for next year. The enthusiasm of the team in Maine was shared by Earl Jette, advisor to the Outing Club, and Sam Smith of the Admission's department, who had competed for Dartmouth in the first meet of this type 28 years ago.