

# Woodsmen win title

The Dartmouth woodsmen team topped a field of 20 teams from nine colleges and universities to win the 32nd annual intercollegiate woodsmen's competition, held last weekend at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

The victory was the first in 25 years for the Dartmouth competitors in the unusual tournament initiated by Dartmouth in 1947 as a challenging way to honor and preserve skills of the New England lumbermen whose numbers are shrinking and ways changing as a result of mechanization.

As if to underscore the timing of the Dartmouth undergraduate team's win, the Dartmouth alumni contingent topped the entire field of 26 teams, with strong assists from Putnma Blodgett '53 of Norwich, Vt., who captained the last Dartmouth undergraduate team to win the intercollegiate woodsmen's competition, and James Taylor of Hanover, captain of both the 1974 DOC team and this year's alumni team. Both men also coached the undergraduate team this year and were credited by the students for "making the difference."

Members of the undergraduate team, which edged Paul Smith's College's A team by one point, 1505 to 1504, to take the two-day meet, reversing last year's standings here at Hanover, were led by captain Bruce Nickelson.

Other members of the A team included DOC president Charles Conte, director of programs Peter Bundschuh, director of trips Steve Thompson, Bill Paganelli, chairman of the Cabin and Trail division of the DOC, and Steve Pacala, captain of 1st year's DOC team.

Individual event winners were Pacala in the axe throw, Paganelli and Bundschuh in both the fire-building and portage race, Thompson and Nickelsen in singles canoe relay, Pacala and Conte in doubles canoeing, and all six members in the packboard relay.

The DOC undergraduate women's team

finished second this year, behind the Paul Smith's College sextet, to hold the same place as in 1977. Team members were seniors Cay Wieboldt and Carol Hillamn; juniors Holley Allen and Rachel Krevans; and sophomores Amy Haak, captain, and Laurel Smith.

They also won the women's packboard relay, while Wieboldt and Krevans teamed to win the scoot loading event and were joined by Amy Haak to take first place in the women's speed chopping.

The DOC "B" team finished sixth this year among undergraduate teams with Mike McMurtry, a sophomore, and Carey Fiertz, a junior, tying the Dartmouth A team for first place in the doubles canoe race. Other members of the DOC "B" team were senior Paul Kuhn, Jim Stein, a junior,; and freshmen John Mott, who turned in the best time in one leg of the single canoe relay.