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TEAM TAKES SECOND

SOFTBALL - The DOC softball team entered the 1984 State Employees Softball Tournament after compiling an 11 - 7 season record. To start the tournament DOC easily defeated Cultural Services by a lopsided score of 25 - 10. They went on to beat the Misfits in a close match, 8 - 7, before suffering their first loss to Taxation, 9 - 1. The team quickly rebounded by winning against Fish and Wildlife 10 - 7, Social Services 14 - 0 (a 2-hit shut out performance by pitcher Tom Radsky), and Mental Health and Retardation 15 - 6, to be assured of at least a second place finish. The final match against Taxation ended in a 14 - 6 loss, but the team came away from the tournament very pleased and proud of their second place showing.

> Members of this year's tournament team were: Dick Anderson, Gary Cole, Tom Doak, Carol Holden, Rick Kaselis, Melanie Lanctot, Donna McLaughlin, Don Moen, Steve Oliveri, Kathy Patterson, John Picher, John Poisson, Tom Rumpf, Tony St. Peter, Annee Tara, Tom Radsky and Jan Radsky.

NUMBER

NEW - The Forest Service Nursery in Greenbush has added a new phone line which is 732-4685. The old number 732-3440 remains in operation.

CONFERENCES - Marc Loiselle is a visiting professor at Bowdoin College, lecturing on structural geology.

> Walter Anderson attended the Special IGCP Meeting and Symposium, "Evolution of the Caledonide-Appalachian Orogen", held in Glasgow, Scotland, September 3 - 8.

> Gary Donovan, Wildlife Biologist for the Bureau of Public Lands, will be speaking at the 1984 Northeast Deer Technical Committee meeting on September 19 to be held at Squaw Mountain Resort in Greenville. The topic Gary will be addressing is "Diversification of timber stand age classes in deer wintering areas to mitigate the effects of future budworm defoliation."

> Peter Smith has been selected to represent the Bureau at the Spacing Saw Seminar in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

> On September 10 and 11 Del Ramey and Robin Smith attended the CANUSA sponsored tour of Maine, and Provinces of Canada.

> John Forssen will represent the Bureau at the Northeast Area State Forest Land Manager's Conference September 23 - 27 in Brainard, Minnesota.

BRIEFLY - John Poisson has a role in the upcoming Theatre UMF STATED production of the ensemble musical "Side-by-Side-by Sondheim".

PERSONNEL - Cheryl Fiore has been hired as the Clerk Typist I at the Maine Geological Survey.

<u>Lin Gosselin</u> has returned from maternity leave to her position with LURC. Welcome back Lin. <u>Sarah Libby</u> will assist LURC with old files for a few weeks on contract.

Tom Morrison has been hired as the new Resource Administrator for the Bureau of Public Lands. Tom, formerly Assistant Director of Operations with the Spruce Budworm Program replaces Sandra Crockett who left BPL to become State Comptroller.

- "BIG White Pine seedlings and canoe raffle tickets are selling EII like "hot potatoes" according to reports from Ken Wiley, Supervisor, Region F, Stu Wagner, Grafton Notch and Mick Rogers, Ferry Beach who are representing DOC at the Eastern States Exposition, "BIG E", in Springfield, Mass. daring three, who volunteered to brave the city elements and masses of baked potato crazed crowds, were replaced by yet another daring trio of volunteers, Ron Hunt, Sebago; Bruce Farnhum, Aroostook and Phil Farr, Holbrook Island on September 17th. Jerry Stelmok, who made the beautiful canoe being raffled, reports that his paddle making demonstration is also generating considerable interest. There's still time to travel and see the "BIG E" which ends September 23. Maine Day is scheduled for this Saturday, September 22. The theme of our booth, which was designed by Marshall Wiebe and was set up by Steve Curtis and Dick Dyer, is "Maine Rivers Conservation Leader".
- WOOD-FIRED Jarvis Johnson says that the new 1500 gallon wood-fired boiler at Cobscook Bay Park is working very well and has heated water for nearly 5000 showers this summer. Johnson says that the boiler, designed by Professor Richard Hill of UMO, is "so efficient and so well insulated that it only used 3 cords of budworm killed wood to heat approximately 30,000 gallons of water. We only fired it every other day for about 4 hours."
 - FOLTAGE
 REPORTING

 The Information and Education Section will begin fall foliage reporting today. The reports, which are gathered by Forest Service rangers and fire tower personnel, will be available to the media and travel information agencies by calling 289-2211. The general public may obtain the information by contacting the Maine Publicity Bureau at 289-2423.
 - FOND EXERCISE

 Approximately 150 Forest Service rangers and several visitors from other DOC bureaus, the Legislature and the private sector returned to the scene of the 1977 Baxter fire during a field training exercise at Togue Pond last week. The exercise simulated a 1500 acre forest fire and provided an opportunity for personnel to become familiar with the operation of Fire Management Overhead Teams. These teams were formed after the Baxter Park Fire to provide supervisory staff at large fires.