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NATURE WALKS

- The final nature walk for 1983 in the Pine Tree State Arboretum will take place on Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30 a.m. Highlights from this year's walks so far include American bittern, upland sandpiper, marsh hawk, and palm warbler. Spring windflowers, including trillium, wood anemone and gold thread have also been abundant. Contact Steve Oliveri for more information.

PERSONNEL

- Lisa Lasselle has returned from UMO for another summer with DOC's Administrative Services...Welcome back! Anne Soucy began work with the Division of Planning and Development, Forestry, on May 11. She formerly worked at Human Services...Warren Randall has been hired as the new Personnel Specialist...Welcome aboard!

DEDICATION

Friends and family of Robley Nash will meet at 3:00 p.m. on May 27 at the Pine Tree State Arboretum in Augusta for the dedication of a White Pine tree as a living memorial to Bob. The service will be conducted by Reverend George C. Bland of the South Parish Congregational Church in Augusta.

BLISTER RUST

- The blister rust office in Harrison has been discontinued. Blister Rust District Leaders David Stewart and Richard Allen are now installed in their new office space at the Sebago Lake State Park Headquarters in Naples, telephone 693-6231. As an economy move, the Blister Rust field office in Belfast has also been discontinued. All inquiries about blister rust should be directed to the Naples office or to Doug Stark at the Entomology Laboratory in Augusta, 289-2431.

THE FORCE

- Wet conditions kept the "Force" from playing their first game, but their enthusiasm hasn't been dampened. Games are open to all DOC employees including family and friends. Contact Steve Oliveri for a schedule. Special thanks to Harold Jones, who has provided the team with enough new balls to last most of the season and a couple of new bats as well.

YOUTH FOUND

- A 14-year old mentally handicapped boy missing from his home for about 24 hours was found unharmed recently after being spotted near the woods on Route 7 in Newport by a Maine Forest Service pilot who was returning by car to his home. After a continued search in the area by volunteers, the youth was later found by Vern Knapp, Forest Ranger in Newport. Volunteers from the Newport Fire Department and the Warden Service participated in the search and helicopter units from the Maine Forest Service and the National Guard and the Warden Service Plane joined in the search. Good work Vern!

GUEST SPEAKER

- Greg Foster, Utilization & Marketing Forester in Presque Isle, spoke before the 1983 wood harvesting graduates of N.M.V.T.I. at their commencement exercises held May 13. In his speech, Foster charged the 1983 class to utilize the skills they have learned and "treat the forest resource with care to assure a strong economy for Maine and maintain a renewable resource for our children." Foster graduated from N.M.V.T.I. in 1980 and began working for the Maine Forest Service soon after.

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LEGISLATIVE - Commissioner Anderson appeared in support of two major pieces of
UPDATE legislation recently. On May 6, the Commissioner, along with State Geologist Walter Anderson and representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection, presented a bill to continue the significant aquifers mapping program, which had been funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, but will no longer receive federal funds. The Committee on Appropriations appeared interested and, despite the budget crunch announced by Governor Brennan, we are still hopeful that the Legislature will support this program...On May 11, Commissioner Anderson, along with Director Jadine O'Brien of the Division of Community Services and a representative of the Department of Labor, presented An Act to Create a Maine Conservation Corps. This proposal came from the pilot project conducted on the Rocky Lake Public Lot last summer under the direction of forester Bob Umberger...Three major bills were scheduled for hearing May 16. One is a bill to revalue land under Tree Growth Tax. Another bill dealing with taxation on forest products is a bill presented by Senator Frank Wood, which would impose a severance tax. That bill has not yet been scheduled for hearing. Commissioner Anderson attended a hearing before the State Government Committee on a bill to create the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). FAME would include a Natural Resources Finance and Marketing Agency, which would help natural resources based industries, including those involved with forest products, in obtaining technical and financial assistance for marketing and development. Director of the Maine Forest Service, Kenneth Stratton, appeared at the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to support the Forest Resource Assessment and Marketing Program, which would allocate money to further study the results of the U.S. Forest Service Resurvey and allow us to present some conclusions and topics for discussion to the second Blaine House Conference on Forestry.

POLICY - Administrative Services has begun a new means of communicating policy
MEMOS and procedures within the Division. Questions dealing with labor contract interpretations, payroll, accounting, purchasing, etc. will now be Policy Memos. These Memos, as appropriate, will also be provided to Bureaus for their use and information. Broader policies and issues having Department-wide significance will continue to be addressed through the Information and Policy Letter Series (IPLS).

SHOW - The Maine Products Show, which had been scheduled for May 18-21 at
POSTPONED the Maine Mall has been postponed until October of this year due to lack of interest. The products will be displayed at the Fall Home Show at the Maine Mall October 12-15, 1983. For more information contact Peter Lammert, 289-2791.

THE THIRD FLOOR

Sid Heligan, B.S.

