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LA POINTE WINS
WFCA CONTEST

Eric J. LaPointe, senior forestry student at the University of Montana, has won the 1966 forestry essay contest sponsored by the Western Forestry and Conservation Association.

LaPointe's essay, entitled "Return of the Vanishing American," describes the role of Indian crews in forest-fire suppression.

The Rosebud, S.D. native is a member of the Sioux Indian Tribe. The annual essay contest is open to junior and senior students in western forestry schools.

LaPointe received a cash prize and a trip to Portland, Ore. to read his essay before the annual meeting of the Association.

LaPointe's first prize marks the fifth time in ten years that a UM student has won or placed in the contest.

William Bradley, another UM forester received an honorable mention in this year's contest.