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UM COED TAKES TO WOODS WITH 45 FORESTERS

by Ray Stewart, UM Forestry Editor

GREENOUGH--

For the third consecutive year a forestry coed from the University of Montana has been marooned 35-miles northeast of Missoula with 40 or more males.

Each of the coeds has developed a unique attitude for survival in truly a man's world. But they each think the School of Forestry sophomore camp was one of the best experiences in their whole life.

Janis Shepard of Great Falls is no exception this year.

She started the 10-week, spring quarter camp scared. She never before had had 45 big brothers.

But then, Sue Ruder had never had 82 big brothers before the 1966 spring camp. Nor had Debbie Trenerry, Edie Shire and Kathy Davis shared 58 big brothers prior to their spring camp in 1967.

Jan Shepard found herself enjoying the session after the first week. The older foresters back on the Missoula campus told her there was nothing to fret and her friend, Debbie Trenerry, told her to plug any wise guy's chimney with sagebrush and the smoke would straighten him out.

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Jan missed the big sky country after a year in a medwest college, so she returned two years ago to Montana to face a forester's challenge.

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She wants to be one of the guys. Camp Director Bob Lange, assistant professor of dendrology, says she gets along with the guys because she's quiet. "They accept her--joke with her in the dining room after meals."

Prof. Lange never has had any trouble with the coeds under his charge at the camp, which incidentally also is 35-miles from the UM Dean of Women. He just tells the gals to behave themselves. They do. The forestry honor system applies to all students who sign up for a forestry curriculum--coeds too.

Jan is equal with the guys. She works on field exercises in surveying and mensuration in crews like all the guys. She has her share of the crew reports to prepare too.

She has to inhabit a cabin alone, separate but equal facilities, but it might be an advantage because she's closer to the dining room that way.

Jan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Shepard of Great Falls, think forestry is a good profession for their oldest child. They're both pilots--another of Jan's aspirations.

After graduate work, Jan says she would like to use her knowledge with the U.S. Park Service. She also wants to be a wife who knows something.

Her boyfriend, a wildlife technology major at the University, agrees--at least he thinks this forester makes an "okay" girlfriend.