

Fall Conclave 1999

Lake Ozark State Park, MO

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What is the most fun you can have while being in Forestry at Iowa State University? Conclave! Conclave is an event we have traditionally participated in for many years. There is everything from spitting chew for an optimal distance to rolling logs for the fastest time. Whatever your forte, there's something fun to participate in. Once could go on and on telling stories of conclave, but there is only time for a few.

One of the most entertaining times was when Heather Hoskins and I attempted to roll a log! Neither of us had the slightest clue as to how it should have been attempted. As our luck would have it, we were first which left us with no one to even imitate. Luckily, an "experienced" log roller from another university came to our rescue about five minutes before starting, giving us a crash course on the basics. The names and terms she used for the tools and tricks were not in either of our vocabularies, so we just smiled and nodded our heads. Usually, a team tries their best start to finish. After about 10 long minutes of trying to roll this log about 25 feet, we started to give up. The huge crowd that had accumulated to watch our comical attempt cheered us on to the finish. From then on, ISU Foresters became the entertainers.

The best part of the day was when we actually scored a point! Yes, out of the dozen or more of us that participated, we were only able to score one measly point. At the final event of tossing smaller sized logs, the girls did pretty well (or so it seemed until other teams played). We were very proud of ourselves, but still couldn't squeeze one point for us! The guys' turn came and they received third place to give us our one point for the weekend. Everyone was so proud of our one point that the other teams' scores of 60 or 65 meant nothing to us. WE GOT ONE!

Kevin Burds and Brett Mason watch as Craig Wilson and Chris Hosch saw through an oak cant.



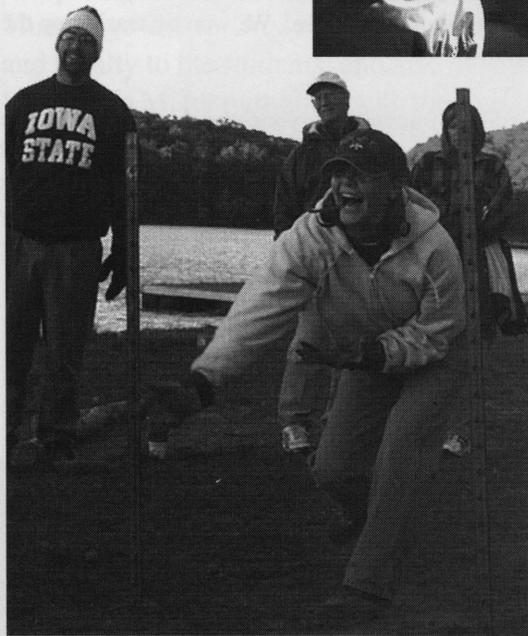
The one important thing for future conclave participants is to remember to live up to the reputation of "99 ISU Forestry Conclavers. Though others may refer to us as "Iowa", we know we are the Cyclones. The Cyclones have the most fun and we surely had the most enthusiasm to keep us going strong (even though we didn't come close to winning). We supported and encouraged everyone who participated – no matter how long it took them to achieve their task. The best part of the ISU Foresters is we know how to have the best time and it was very obvious at this conclave. Partying has gotten bad reputation as of lately, but ISU does it in a good way. We celebrated our sportsmanship like no other school there. We won by tearing up the dance floor anyway!

There is one piece of advice everyone should remember. We won't always have someone with us who can act as Mom or Dad to bundle us up. When it's October, in no matter what state, it can be *cold!* Do not forget your long johns and your oldest ISU Forestry sweatshirt that you can dig up! We'll let everyone else bring their Carharts®.



Will Ekwall, Sylvia Wlodarski, Eric Holzmuller, and Wes Adkins watch Heather Hoskins toss the ol' pulp log.

Dr. Colletti (bottom left) David Carter, Chris Hosch, Wes Adkins, Heather Hoskins, and Will Ekwall watch Kevin Burds and Brian Shirley's bucking techniques.



Kristy Bowes gets excited during the pulp toss with Ben Haynes and Dr. Colletti (bottom left) looking on.

“Sparky” David Carter lines up for the cant throw.

Karen Johlas showing her “GRRR” face as she throws a pulp stick.

