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MISSOULA--

It's a week for trees, foresters and a ball. Jam packed with humor, a foresters' queen and more than 5,500 man hours of tough labor, Foresters' Week at the University of Montana swings into action Monday.

Governor Tim Babcock has proclaimed Wednesday, Nov. 8, Montana Foresters Day in recognition of Montana's forest resources, its citizens who work in the forest related industries and the School of Forestry at Missoula where the foresters are trained.

Jerry Okonski of Chicago, chief push of the 51st foresters ball, said the action begins on the Missoula campus Monday afternoon. Nearly 500 student foresters will run the oval, clanging the Grizzly victory bell for their queen candidates.

This is the first ball in history that the foresters have selected a queen, and they've given her top priority over the traditional beard contest.

Lawyers tread cautiously on the Missoula campus this week. The Monday evening Foresters' Convocation will make much light of the traditional cross-campus rivals, the law students.

Montana Foresters' Day Wednesday finds the University in Boondocker Day. A fictitious lawyer will be hanged and smokejumpers will drop onto the campus. Free foresters Ball tickets will be dropped from a helicopter, woodsmen will compete at log cutting activities and the queen contestants will judge the hairy-chin growths.

Montana Foresters Day Wednesday will have one additional University recognition. The Ball construction will begin. Slabs and trees stand at readiness near the Adams Field House thanks to several weekend work parties and the help of the Anaconda Company that donated the materials.
Friday and Saturday is the Forester's Ball.

The Governor's proclamation:

Whereas, the forests of Montana contribute lumber and other wood products useful to man, created and protect the soil, produce clean and continuous supplies of water, protect natural plant life, foster wildlife, and provide areas for outdoor recreation; and

Whereas, unwise use and exploitation of the forests can destroy a part of the foundation on which Montana's economy depends; and

Whereas, conservation of the forest resources of our State through wise use and management will insure maximum, continuous production for the betterment of society; and the maintenance of the base from which harvests will be made of goods and services; and

Whereas, in recognition of the importance of the natural forest resources of Montana, the foresters who use and manage them, and the University of Montana Forestry School at Missoula where foresters are trained

Now, therefore, by the power vested in me, as Governor of the State of Montana, I, Tim Babcock, proclaim Wednesday, November 8, 1967, Montana Foresters Day and I urge the citizens of this State to recognize the necessity for using our forests and other natural resources wisely.