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ACTIVITIES
The 1975 AWFC Conclave was held at Humbolt State University in Arcata, California. Fifteen people from the University of Montana attended. The issue surrounding this conclave was the redwood controversy. All those in attendance were well informed of the issue as they heard the views of preservationists and industries alike. Visits to Simpson Lumber Operations, Redwood State Park, and Pacific Lumber Company highlighted the activities. On the Saturday competition, Montana was represented by both a men's and a women's team. Competition was fierce, but both teams turned in a fine performance. When the afternoon was finished, the men's team was in first place and Jack Babon was named Bull of the Woods. The Conclave ended with dinner hosted by the Nevada's Forestry Club. For those attending there were many opportunities to learn about forestry practices of a different region. It is hoped that those attending shared their experiences with the rest of the Student body.

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...18 March 1975...A quasi-secret organization calling themselves the Fall Smoker Committee conspired the overthrow of Lubrecht Camp. Reinforcements were needed and assistance was obtained from Idaho and other far reaching points. By the end of June, after much scrutinization, the success of the plan seemed imminent and the overthrow was planned for late September.

...27 and 28 September 1975...After briefing new students of the plan definite commitments were made and early Saturday, September 27, four buses were loaded for the invasion.

...the plot thickens...

The #1 objective was to take over the camp proper by infiltrating the cabins. Then, after dividing the ranks, the surrounding area was infiltrated with groups armed with chain-saws, crosscuts, increment borers, and d-tapes. The students learned the finer arts of survival in the forestry world. After the training session and the troops were fed, they were turned loose. What were their alternatives for the afternoon?—demonstrations in the martial arts of forestry (i.e. tree falling), a tour through the captured territory (Section 13), and a discussion on the aspects of the science of forestry. Of course there were also those bent on destroying themselves by playing football with 20 on a team....

That evening, with stomachs filled, the troops were inundated with propaganda of the coming four years (or more). Of "Coors", after the hard work of capturing the camp and training the troops, an "ice cream social" was held to refresh those who made it through the night search and survival maneuvers. The next day, after a rude awakening and after everyone was tanked up with sour-dough pancakes (courtesy of Mrs. Steele), competition was held...to see how effective the previous day's training was. An attempt to recapture the camp was made by the "opposition" (i.e. Bob Steele) by setting fire to part of the captured territory. However, the well-trained attack force was able to combat the impending holocaust.

...and thus ended another siege on Lubrecht. All in all, whether successful or not, we all had one hell of a good time.

Paula Smith
Chief Conspirator

Linda DeLonais
Chief, Secret Operations
A post ball scrimmage?

Mary lays down the law...
Chris Greene gives a few safety tips.

Charlie Gunether and Jack Babon pose for the camera.
Over the years, industries have come and gone. But the first industry in America—the first enterprise that produced finished products from raw materials—is still vital and dynamic. In fact, it’s more important today than ever before.

When early English settlers landed at Jamestown, Virginia, they were awed by the immensity of the forest. But the leader of the group, Captain John Smith, quickly recognized its commercial possibilities. He conveyed his ideas to London, and several months later Dutch and Polish millwrights arrived in the New World. Under the direction of Captain Smith, they constructed a sawmill near Jamestown, and America’s first industry was born. The year was 1607.

The Value of Lumber

Soon, America’s vast virgin forest was supplying products for many industries. The forest also provided building materials for homes, shops, and churches.

Because of the heavy demands on the forests and inaccessibility of the enormous wood supply in the interior, the early colonists actually worried about a wood shortage. As early as 1798, newspapers and magazines were urging conservation measures to preserve and improve the forest. It’s interesting that the methods advocated at that time are common in modern silviculture (forest management). Editorials urged the thinning of diseased and stunted trees. The harvesting of old trees to promote growth of younger, faster-growing trees. And the thoughtful regulation of fires which settlers often used to clear land for crops.

But conservation was difficult because wood was vital for the colonists. They used it to build buggies, buildings, ships, butter churns, walkways, furniture—almost everything.

The colonists and early Americans found other interesting uses for trees. A famous colonial charter was hidden in the base of a tree to keep it from the British. On a tree in northeastern Tennessee, these words were carved: “D. Boon called A BAR. On Tree in THE YEar 1760.” “D. Boon” was, of course, Daniel Boone. George Washington assumed command of the ragtag colonial army beneath another famous tree, the “Washington Elm,” in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Future of the Forest

These are just a few examples of the role played by the forest in early America. It was important then. It’s important now. And it will be even more important in years to come. Because wood is a renewable resource. And, while other natural resources are dwindling, the forest can go on forever.

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However, a wood shortage in the U.S. is possible in the near future because vast tracts of forestland, most of it government-owned, are not being managed to best advantage. That is why it is so important that G-P, as a private timberland owner, is heeding the words of the conservationists of 1798. Because, as much as Americans relied on the forest products industry in the past, they’ll rely on it even more in the years to come.

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19. Shay down
20. Blue Snow Serenade

Once you enter the 59th Forester's Ball you may not go out of the building and return again.
March 16, Missoula, Montana—Company officials of the T.T. & T. Railroad announced tonight that they will definitely not continue passenger or freight service to Ovary, Idaho. T.T. & T.-R.R. is owned and operated by F.S.A. Inc. whose board of directors recently decided that "Old Number 59" will be retired sometime early this spring. It is a continuing tradition of F.S.A. Inc. to give each of their subsidiary firms a chance to use "all available resources" to put together a "Good Time" for the public once a year. The subsidiary company selected this year, T.T. & T. Railroad, decided to use their resources to activate a spur line to Ovary, Idaho during the early parts of January. Company employees and town residents of Ovary claim that this year's celebration will not soon be forgotten.

The mayor of Ovary said in an interview yesterday, "There was no unemployment in Ovary, Idaho during this year's celebration... although jobs normally lasted no more than a week or two everyone was kept busy during that time."

Construction efforts were directed at actual construction of the spur line and rebuilding the town itself. A number of Company employees were kept busy with building a roundhouse on a bridge (an engineering feat in itself) while most others were put to work laying track and building mountains (?)...

Just before construction efforts started, one of the local people was overheard to say, "This town looks like an old gymnasium... something's got to be done, and soon!" And so the townspeople were kept scurrying about trying to lift the faces of the old buildings (every town has a bar...) and constructing entirely new buildings for the occasion.

Overall, F.S.A. Inc. felt that this year's effort was a success. Although the company claims that this year's celebration was produced with a cast of millions, this reporter believes the figure is a bit high. These people that did help in this year's production, however, worked like "a cast of millions".

Good Luck to #60!
Ken Winterberger
The Ball Slowly
Takes Shape Thru...

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BACK AT THE GYM!..
Boondockers Day was again a pronounced success. From the weekend of hole digging, right down to the final spike drive, it was a lot of fun.

This year’s theme, Timber, Tracks and Time, made good use of community resources. We called on the local Burlington Northern office to supply the necessary tools for our spike drive and railroad tie rolling contests. The logs for climbing and cross-cutting came from Intermountain Company. Montana Power and Line Truck #426 provided excellent coordination. They took the difficult job of pole setting and made it easy.

The competition started immediately after the ticket drop and didn’t slow up until the rain came down.

The rain may have dampened the grounds, but it sure didn’t dampen the spirit that surrounds Ball Week!

Rob Wikert
Boondockers Day Chairman
CONSTRUCTION...

As the sides of buildings go up, and the flooring is laid, a town is born!
KATHY

59th

FORESTERS’ BALL

QUEEN
The Night finally arrives!
The rafters shake...

The floor creaks and the town comes to life.
The End draws near and the blue snow falls...
The last remains of the Ball are removed as clean-up goes into the wee hours of the following day.
From the gathering of materials...

... to the construction of the Ball...
...to the Ball nights themselves...

...and on through cleanup...

...it is now all just remembered moments, and yet it seems like yesterday that we drove the first spike in...Memories...
The 3rd Annual Winter Olympics was blessed with warm sunny weather and a turnout of over 30 people; ranging from Kevin Campbell’s curtain-climbers to unemployed alumni. The Friday night Bull session generated a lot of articles for Bertha’s Bugle and continued long into Saturday morning. So long into the morning, the breakfast didn’t get rolling till 10:00 or so.

After breakfast the “76” Olympic innertube run was established and by 3:30 reached almost to the other side of Lindberg’s Pond. (The last 50 feet was the result of the hard work of 6 breakfast cooks turned Olympians and numerous “one more time’s”.) Highlights included Mike Miller kicking the tube out before him while trying to jump on luge style and Kevin Campbell kicking the tube out from under Dana Green’s and my “flying leap” type start.

Following lunch, a football game was organized while cross country skiing, snow-shoeing, and fire watching continued. What started out as touch, quickly developed into tackle, which was inevitable. Larry’s team beat Bill’s by a slim margin. (I just can’t seem to remember the score.)

All in all, it was a great time with only a few minor injuries. Special thanks to Don Stadler, Steve Schuck, Mike Miller, Bill Reich, Larry Barton, and a few others for help in pulling off the French Toast Breakfast. Also thanks to Larry for helping to haul the food, and to Don and Steve S. for taking care of the lost and found (and finishing off the last of the 2nd keg.) But most of all, thanks to Dana for letting me borrow his sleeping bag.

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ORGANIZATIONS
SECTION 13

The Student Management Program was started in 1971 when a part of Lubrecht Experimental Forest, Section 13 (640 acres), was given to the students to manage. A committee representing the various forest uses was set up to supervise the management of this section.

The first projects on the section included an inventory of the forest as in volume tables and the drafting of a management plan. Also developed was a plan for operating the section. Presently a lean-to is being built for overnight use on camping or skiing trips since it will tie in with the ski trail system which passes through the section.

This past fall a project was started to improve the forest. This involved the removal of a bug infested pine stand. Lots of student input was reviewed before the committee made its final decision—to go ahead. With the go ahead decision, the unit was marked, and by the end of October the actual logging was underway. A total of 2.5 acres was cut with the surrounding area thinned by the end of the quarter. The logging was done by the students with the help of a D-6 Cat. Student learned how to use a chainsaw, limb and buck, set chokers, and run a Cat. When the cutting was finished 27,300 board feet were sold to U.S. Plywood for $2145.00. The area will be burned this coming fall, and planted next spring.

Future projects include more stand improvement, an annual growth inventory, and wildlife studies. The section is a place for students to practice what they learn in the classroom and to learn what a book can't teach.

John Fidler

Director, Section 13

SECTION 13 COMMITTEE HEADS
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The purpose of the Executive Board is to discuss and establish an agenda for the club meetings. It also makes decisions that must be made, but don’t require a club vote. The board is comprised of the club officers—President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and the committee chairmen, such as—the Chief Push for the Ball, Program Chairman, SAF representative, AWFC representative, Section 13 Director, Kaimin Editors, Sports Chairman, Safety Chairman, The Bugle Editor, and the Fall Smoker Chairman. Membership on the Board fluctuates as the activities of the Club are initiated or completed.
The Honor Council is a school elected group comprised of two students from each class. This group is responsible for interpreting infractions of the Honor Code.

Left to Right-TOP: Doug Hanson, Sandy, Charlie Monahan, Mike Miller. BOTTOM: Marvin Davis, Ellen Michaels, Dorothy LaRance.
The Montana Druids is an honor society whose primary function is service. Its objectives are to foster better understanding and relationships between the students and faculty, the school and the Forestry Club, and the students and the school alumni. The membership is composed of Forestry upperclassmen who have proven their ability and desire to promote these interests. New members are selected by the active members each autumn and winter quarters.
Xi Sigma Pi is the National Forestry Fraternity founded at the University of Washington in 1908. The Pi Chapter was established at the University of Montana in 1960. The objectives of Xi Sigma Pi are "to secure and maintain a high standard of scholarship in forestry education, to work for the upbuilding of Forestry, and to promote fraternal relations among earnest workers engaged in forestry activities." The requirements for membership are a minimum of seven quarters in Forestry completed with at least one quarter at the University of Montana, a grade point average exceeding 3.00, a sincere interest and activity in Forestry, and a potential for attaining high professional achievement. Members must be undergraduates, graduates, or faculty in the School of Forestry.
The Forestry Students' Association is the largest self-supporting student organization on campus. That alone says much for the type of folks who are active and participate in the association, better known as the Forestry Club.

This year, we again proved to the rest of the University and Missoula that our organization is alive and strong. The Fall Smoker last September was the beginning. The Smoker attracted many new students and old alike, and I don't know when the beer has been any colder or songs any louder, than this year at Lindberg's Pond.

Quality Supply blessed us with a new Homelite 350 saw, and it got very little rest as did anyone else involved in the logging project on Section 13 at Lubrecht Forest. The work done on Section 13 was quite an undertaking, but with a net volume of 27,350 BF and a check from US Plywood for $2145, it was nothing less than a milestone for the student management on 13.

January and the Foresters' Ball activities and excitement, filled the Forestry School. We again successfully completed this unique event with only 48 hours for construction, a feat many thought to be impossible.

Winter Olympics, AWFC Conclave, Exchange Club Sportsmen's Show, SAF activities, and many programs of professional interest at the bi-weekly club meetings, all prove the diversity of our organization.

Thanks for a great year, and keep up the reputation and tradition of the Forestry Students at the U of M.

Regards,

[Signature]

Jeffrey P. Sholly
Part of club activities are the meetings. You listen, become an initiate, learn, and have a lot of fun with the new friends you meet.
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by Jack Fir

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Logging Pond
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Left to Right: Cindy Clark, John Fidler, Lyn Hunter, Clint Schemmer, Karen Michaud, Doug Hanson. NOT PICTURED-Jeff Sholty.

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