Bob,

It's been a while but I'm off and writing again . . .

It's getting to be that time of year again . . . getting warm and muddy down in the valley (the girls should be wearing boxes instead of the clothes THEY ARE wearing!) I've been thinking about getting up and away from it all. The weather is still cold, crisp and beautiful up high.

We were talking about things that ought to have been done to publicize this last year's ball and I got to reminiscing about some of the stuff we did back in the dim ages. I couldn't help but think of the hardhat and axe you made for the grizzly in the Oval - that had a touch of class . . . but then you've always had a touch of class.

Speaking of class, do you remember the map you made for Forest Mensuration? There are still a bunch of us that think you should have had it published! It was better than most U.S.G.S. maps I've seen . . . seriously!

Something else I've been thinking about lately . . . music . . . rock and roll from the 50's, John Prine, Leadbelly, "Halls of Ivy" or whatever else we used to sing (and let me tell you, we had quite a repertoire!) I still think you sang them the best even though we did compete for volume, highs, lows and general overall performance . . . wish we could get together around a big fire with a keg or two (more?) and get a whole crowd of people singing . . . really raise some hell . . . maybe even fall out of the back of a pickup truck on the way back to a warm place to sleep (recover?) . . . yes I still remember the pickup truck episode . . . and so do a couple of other people.

Enough of this reminiscence . . . I can do more of that in another letter.

I've been planning an expedition into the mountains . . . wish we could get one set up together (there I go reminiscing again . . .) Those indeed were the days though! You may have been (still are?) an artistic perfectionist, but you NEVER had any qualms about saying a good word about Ma Nature. I guess she's the perfectionist most of us foresters look up to. When you get to the end of the trail toward evening, where you can get a good look at the REAL mountains, the ones you've been hiking too hard to get to . . .

Well, you can't help but feel a little small and insignificant. I'll tell you one thing that you helped me do a little better and that is smile and maybe laugh a little and be VERY happy to be a part of it while you can.

I've just now noticed that I've run to the end of what I have time to write and I still haven't told you about the big expedition I've got planned . . . Well maybe I'll get to it in my next letter (It will probably be a past tense version by that time . . .)

Anyway, till our trails cross again, keep your powder dry, your eyes to the skyline, your nose to the wind . . .

Go for it and have a good one!
This is a year of trauma for the University. Taking heed of dropping enrollments, the Legislature budgeted the University on a 19:1 student faculty ratio with an additional reduction in the staff. This amounts to a cut of about 60 faculty and 50 staff. Every unit of the University has been affected. Part of the cuts were made on the basis of program review and part on the basis of existing flexibility on the faculty. Because we had two open positions on the faculty, we had to absorb part of the reduction in the short-run. We also lost some staff.

Things are tight for us because while the University enrollment has been decreasing, ours has been increasing and continues to do so. Our student faculty ratios also continue to grow and our cost per student to drop. And even though our student faculty right now is above 20:1, we had to absorb some of the loss until a continuing program review can make the readjustment. We are seriously concerned about the effect on the School, but we have to be concerned with the University as a whole. Our students take two-thirds of their work in other units than the Forestry School. The quality of our education depends on the quality of the whole University. We are trying to make the best of adversity and I am confident that the University will recover.

This is also the year for our ten year accreditation review. One of the best ways to realize what process we have made is to study the old 1968 accreditation review report. Since then we have expanded our space by the addition of the fourth floor of the Science Complex, our enrollment has increased considerably, our graduate program has more than doubled, our research program in terms of dollars has increased about 10 times, our service activities have greatly expanded. The supporting departments within the University are far stronger than they were at the time of the earlier
review. Most importantly, our curriculum went a long way in meeting criticisms that were directed at us at that time. Our education is much sounder, it is more professionally oriented. One weakness we are going to have to take care of is the student faculty ratio and this is the result of the University's problem at this time. They declared a maximum of 20:1.

Speaking of curriculum, there has been an intense review of curriculum this year. In fact this is the second year of curriculum review and we are reaching the decision point. It appears we will be working toward a more structured curricula than we have had in the past.

By the time this school year is out, the decision on a new Dean will very likely have been made. Last year after Bob Wambach was selected by the Governor to become Director of the Fish and Game Department, we started a belated search which collapsed at the last moment. Two days from my anticipated retirement I was hauled back to help out for this year. The prospects are bright, however, and I am satisfied that we have some outstanding candidates to choose from. It speaks a great deal for the reputation of this school that we have been able to attract the quality of candidates we have. It is a great satisfaction to me personally and I know it is to the faculty as a whole and certainly should be to the students, alumni and the community that we could very likely end up with the best Dean in the United States—which is what the school deserves.

As you know, during the last school year the Wildlife Program was put under the administration of the School of Forestry. The program is still under the direction of an interdisciplinary committee including members from zoology, botany and forestry. The program continues strong and the relationships with the School are greatly improved. Also beginning this year, the part of recreation that was in the P.E. department was moved into the School of Forestry and combined as one recreation program for the University. The program seems to be working well and becoming well integrated into our program. The combined enrollment at this time including graduate students is over 1,000. This places more work on the administrative staff and we have been authorized to appoint two assistant deans, one of them Bob Lange in charge of under-graduate programs, advising and so on; the other is Sidney Frissell in charge of research and graduate work.

The President is in the process of requesting the Board of Regents for a separate budget for the Forest and Conservation Experiment Station. It is one of the three legislative-created experiment stations in the state of Montana. The Agricultural Experiment Station in Bozeman and the Bureau of Mines at Butte do enjoy separate funding status. Without this status for the Forest and Conservation Experiment Station the problems of funding have been very complicated. As a separate entity we will have considerably greater freedom of operation.

Student activities continue. The open friendly relationships between students and faculty continues and is being sponsored by periodic social get-togethers. One of the problems is the increased load, increased enrollments, reduced support is putting much more weight on the faculty. They are working harder, accomplishing more and seem to have less time to relax and enjoy life with the students. I hope this isn't a trend. This has been an extremely interesting year although a very difficult and complicated one.
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Through the years the Forestry Club has proven itself to be a very intergral part of the Forestry School. The main objectives of the Club has been to provide practical experience for the future forester not attainable in the classroom, to promote a degree of professionalism within its members and the rest of the Forestry School, and to provide social activities necessary for a normal (???) forester from becoming too abnormal. McDowell Day, Sec. 13, contract thinning, and slash burning for Champion Timberlands provided all those who participated with experience that will be invaluable in future years. These projects also provided funds necessary to make the Club the largest self supporting organization on campus.

The Forestry Club has also been instrumental in providing benefits for the entire School of Forestry. The Dean's Advisory Committee, Honor Council along with coordinated activities with the SAF, and Forestry Alumni Association promote qualities and opportunities that make the University of Montana School of Forestry a very unique school.

An annual event put on by the Forestry Club, and which at one time was listed as one of its top ten social events in the nation, is the Forester's Ball. This winter event provides for many Forestry loans and scholarships. The A.W.F.C. conclave held each spring enables forestry students to learn about the environments concerns, and methods found in other regions in Western United States. It also gives hard-core Foresters a chance to show off their skills in competitive woodsman events such as double bucking, single bucking, axe throwing, and beer drinking, just to name a few. This year this activity will be financed in part by the collection and selling of 1050 lbs. of Norway Maple seeds, a job needing a good sense of humor and a six-pack of Oly. In conjunction with A.W.F.C., this year is the development of our own permanent competition ground located on campus. This spring the Club will be holding its own logging meets and hopefully, the men's and women's teams will put in some good showings.

Throughout the year the Club puts on several "ice cream socials" that try to keep members in contact with each other and with members of the faculty. The Fall Smoker, square dances, Beer and Profs, and Winter Olympics do just that and also provide the relaxation necessary to keep our reputation as a "crazy bunch of damned foresters."

This year saw the initiation of some 70 new Foresters. The enthusiasm from this bunch of young sucklings and from the old timers as well has made my job as president much easier and a very rewarding experience. I have no doubt that with the quality of individuals in the Club that it will be one hell of an organization again next year.

Gordy
President
Forestry Students Association
1977-1978
EXECUTIVE BOARD

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.


HONOR COUNCIL

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.

Seniors: Galen Huber, Rhett Oligmiller
Juniors: Paul Smith, Al Shobe
Sophomores: Wayne Brainerd, Jim Lynch
Freshmen: Sarah Dunlap, Mindy Federman
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 active members each autumn and winter quarter.
How can you tell someone that they have a great chance to work and test their skills and ideas against nature, and to gain valuable experience before it is needed? This is what the Section 13 committee has been trying to do for eight years now. After eight years of preaching the values that could be gained with Section 13, where are we? Look at what we have accomplished and what could have been done - only a fraction. It makes me sad, but we are getting things done. Things may be moving slowly now, but I believe that in time people will come to recognize what they have. Lubrecht is one big living experiment, and 13 is the part we can get most closely involved in. Think of the possibilities.

I want to thank all the people who have put time and energy into the Section. This year we finished the ski trail to and from the newly constructed lean-to. We also had Section 13 Day, which got some thinning and burning done, along with getting posts and poles for the Ball. It was great fun and new people got introduced to the Section. A new cruise was done and new tables worked up. We also received through Dr. Gerlach, new color photos of the Section which gives us a better “picture” of what is there. Unfortunately, I cannot look into the future and say exactly what will be done in the upcoming two quarters. One thing I am suggesting is another large cut of some type, to be done next fall.

Marv Davis
Section chairman
By May, 1978, the Wilderness Institute will have completed its fourth year of existence. Now a formal unit of the School of Forestry, the Institute was created initially as an experimental response to the public need for non-biased information about wildlands—a need precipitated by the land allocation controversies which characterized the years following passage of the Wilderness Act. The Institute remains unique; it is the only organization which works full-time gathering and distributing information on wilderness and wildland management topics to professional managers, educators, students and involved citizens nationwide. The Wilderness Institute is also unusual in that the majority of its work to date has been accomplished by student volunteers and work-study employees.

The Institute continually conducts projects within five overlapping program areas:

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION
As its principle effort within this program area, the Institute sponsors an interdisciplinary, 17-credit course package during fall quarter, called "Wilderness and Civilization." Students of all majors are eligible to participate in the program, which combines courses in English, philosophy, humanities, and forestry to provide a comprehensive look at the philosophical and practical aspects of mankind's relationship to wildlands. Also within the area of under-graduate education, the Institute periodically sponsors seminars and workshops on a variety of wildland topics.

RESEARCH AND GRADUATE EDUCATION
The Wilderness Institute routinely proposes, sponsors, and/or conducts major research projects relating to wilderness and wildland planning. Often, these projects coincide with the academic programs of undergraduate and graduate students of diverse disciplines. At this writing, for example, the Institute is conducting the research and development for a public television documentary-drama series on the lives of pioneer women, a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

CONTINUING AND PUBLIC EDUCATION
Toward its goal of public education concerning land planning and wilderness values, the Institute periodically sponsors conferences and symposia on wildland issues of topical concern. In fall of 1975, for example, the Institute sponsored "The Right to Remain Wild, A Public Choice," which brought professional land managers, educators, students and interested citizens from around the nation to the UM campus for three days of discussion centering on the importance of wildlands to humans, methods of evaluating wildlands, and public participation in wildland planning. The Institute is currently planning a symposium on RARE II—to take place at UM during the summer of 1978.

SUMMER FIELD STUDIES
Within this program area, the Institute each summer trains students to participate in actual wildland field studies, the final reports from which serve government agencies in management decision making, conservationists in advocacy work, and Congress in considering Wilderness proposals. This program has been particularly successful because it gives students practical job experience as well as a chance to spend most of a summer in the woods.

INFORMATION CENTER
The Institute also maintains an Information Center which serves individuals and groups interested in wildland planning. Institute staff supply information—much of which is generated by Institute programs and projects—in response to requests from all over the nation. Staff frequently conduct information searches as a service to members of the wilderness-oriented community, and are formally available for contract work on projects which require considerable time.

For more information, call or visit the Wilderness Institute, 207 Forestry, 243-5361.
The University of Montana Chapter, The Wildlife Society, is a student organization dedicated to the wise conservation and management of our remaining wildlife resource. Our goal, and that of our parent society, is to develop and promote sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environments upon which wildlife depend; to increase awareness and appreciation of wildlife values; and to seek the highest standards in all activities of the wildlife profession.

The UM Wildlife Society is a very active professional student organization. We conduct meetings every other week including a guest speaker with a movie or slides. The Meetings and other activities are designed to meet the needs of all students, not just those pursuing wildlife as a profession. Our meetings are open to everyone and we encourage all interested persons to attend.

The Society's activities extend far beyond the meetings. We are very much involved in public education and political issues, both on a state and local level. As the years go by, wildlife issues are more and more often in the spotlight of the political arena. The students have taken an active and important role in such discussions.

Not all is work. The Chapter's first social function this fall was a smashing success. It provided an important opportunity for those new to the school to meet and get to know the "old folks". In an attempt to bring the faculty and students closer we have begun to hold informal get-togethers. The first exceeded our hopes.

The UM Wildlife Society also provides new educational experiences for the members. Each year we take two or more major field trips offering field experience. These include a fall trip to view the Bald Eagle concentration on McDonald Creek in Glacier National Park and participation in the Big Game Census on the National Bison Range towards the end of Winter quarter. Smaller excursions are taken to areas of interest such as Glacier National Park in the spring and the Great Bear proposed Wilderness Area. We also act as liaison between professionals (Professors and Graduate Students) who need help with research projects and eager students wishing experience.

Some of our members are active in hosting the annual Amateur Wildlife Photography Contest. This contest was founded to promote and recognize the efforts of the amateur photographers, it provides a valuable learning experience for organizers and entrants alike.

We have added a new project to our list this year; The First Annual International Wildlife Film Festival. We hope that the festival will promote excellence in both photography and content as well as increasing public awareness of quality.

Many of our members have been actively working on the designation of Natural Areas. These students are involved in all aspects of the work; nomination, field studies, and designation of natural areas under the Natural Areas Bill.

The year has been a great success. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the numerous, hard working people who have made it all possible yet received too little praise and acknowledgement. Well done!

Robin Bown
President
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FALL SMOKER

One weekend late in September, approximately 170 people descended on Lubrecht for the annual Fall Smoker. The Smoker is the first big event of the year, it is the time when all new foresters get a chance to see a little of what Forestry is really like. It is also the first official gathering of the year for the “old timers.”

Now the “old timers” come to the Smoker for two reasons:
1). To show the new students basic forestry techniques
2). To have a good time
And whenever you mix 170 new students and old timers that is just what you get. One hell of a good time!!!

The weekend started at 10:00 A.M. with the arrival of the students at Lubrecht. Dean Bolle and Gordy gave short words of welcome and it was off to the Round Robin talks. After lunch the Round Robins were completed, and then everybody had free time. There was a football game, horseshoe pitching, and a great “Jungle Rules” volleyball game. Finally, Marv Davis, our resident chef, rang the bell that signaled dinner. This consisted of an exquisitely prepared turkey dinner, topped off with fresh baked sourdough sweetrolls. Dinner was followed by a mighty fine slide show and talk by two of our resident alumni, Steve Tesch and Bud Clinch.

From here it was a “short” run to Lindberg’s Pond, the fire and the “ice cream social.” As usual, the beer was flowing steadily, and the songs were long, loud and rowdy. Of course, as the night moved on most of us stumbled back to camp, except for the usual local hardcores who insisted on keeping the kegs company.

Sunday morning started all too early or most people, but a sourdough flapjack breakfast, cooked by Dean Bolle and served by the faculty, helped cure part of the hangovers. Doctor Donald Habbe, the academic vice-president of the University showed up for breakfast which was a real nice surprise.

After breakfast, Scott Kuehn gave a demonstration of the portable sawmill, and the woodsman competition was held. Somehow, Marv had enough fortitude left to get lunch cooked and served and we had just enough strength left to eat it. (The beer was still flowing with no problem). After lunch, Al Shobe and Karl Brown did a combination safety and felling demonstration, and finally it was time for the big moment of the day, the burn! Doc Steele arrived, bringing plenty of pulaskis, drip torches and diesel, and we proceeded to “torch off” the slash piles, but not before line was dug all around the burn area.

The buses left Lubrecht at 4:00 P.M. full of tired, but content foresters, and thus ended another Fall Smoker. (The beer was still flowing).

I would like to thank all the faculty and students who helped make the Smoker the good time it was, especially my co-chairmen Rhett Oligmiller and Marv Davis.

Bill Riech
INITIATION
The 1978 Winter Olympics, held at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest, was a fabulous weekend for all who attended.

The fire was blazing in the lodge Friday night as it filled up with thirsty forester's.

Saturday began with beer and rolls for breakfast. The weather was beautiful and perfect for a volleyball game. The net went up and a hot game was started. It was a little difficult playing in three feet of snow but with the assistance of some "horse shoes", the surface was packed down pretty good. Others enjoyed themselves on the ski trails and in the backwoods with their shoes.

After lunch came tubing. The slope was great at first but became pretty daring with each ride. We found ourselves flying halfway down and landing with a crunch. A few trains were attempted and unsuccessfully ended up in a mess of mangled bodies. The casualties were few, but the satisfaction was tremendous. Dragging ourselves back to camp we further indulged in a tactful game of football.

As the sun set in the east the forester's were alive in the west. Grub and beer and whole lot of singing topped the night off.

Sunday morning arrived and with the end of the 1978 Winter Olympics.

A world of gratitude goes out to John and Birddog for their time and energy spent to help make this a fantastic weekend. Special thanks to the club for making it an enjoyable time.

Thanks,
Cindy Cook
1978 Winter Olympics
MCDOWELL DAY

After a two year breather, McDowell Day has once again been reinstated as a fall quarter activity. In the past and again this year McDowell Day has provided incoming forestry students, and any other old hands around the Forestry School, with a hard days work of thinning. Besides being a heck of a good way to earn money for the club, McDowell Day provides a lot of practical experience handling chainsaws, axes, pulaskis, and bow saws. An added went this year was the presence of the State Forester, who provided silvicultural information on some of our other natural resources.

On October 8th, a sixty mile bus trip up to the McDowell Tree Farm located on the North Fork of the Blackfoot, started the day. To handle the 80-some odd foresters on hand, provide chainsaw know-how and make sure no trees landed in the wrong place, Larry Peterman, Ed Mann, Bill Crapser, Galynn Huber, Birddog Granbois, Joni Rio, Al Shobe, and Tim Starry all acted as crew bosses. To meet government regulations Galynn, Joni, Birddog, and Tim met all minority requirements- a Dakotan, a female Dakotan, an Indian, and a token long-hair (jeez-louise, the Forest Service should have been proud of us). Once our Dakotans figured out what the sound was, coming out of the chainsaws, work was accomplished like never before. By 4:00 the job was finished, and everybody headed for a fine supper whipped up by head cooks Marv Davis and Maggie Orr. To end a good days work, a keg of Oly was tapped and the “music” began- a hell of a good day it was.

Special thanks goes to Joe McDowell and his wife Gail, who fed and housed the fire watch crews for two nights and made possible a lot of benefits for the Forestry Club. Thanks also goes to Steve Shuck, Wayne Brainard, Karl Brown, Pat Flowers and Brian Dougherty for all their time and help on the project.

Gordy
Seed collecting started this year in the middle of October. The weather got bad off and on, but due to some very faithful seed-sorters and tree shakers, we managed to get 1050 pounds of Norway Maple seeds, only 50 short of what we had hoped for. We received a check for $510.00 after the seeds were delivered. Much thanks to all who helped. I think we really had fun.

Laurie Fowler
"Jump, I'll catch you"
The 1978 AWFC Conclave will be held in Astoria, Oregon this year, at Clatsop Community College. Judging from the Trail Talks, CCC sounds like a pretty loose group of Foresters. Remembering the Space Case Delegation they sent to Utah last year, I think we can plan on a pretty wild 5 days.

Clatsop’s Conclave is starting one day early this year, Tuesday, April 18, in order to allow our possible participation and hopeful audience at their annual Loggers Day April 22nd. With all meals and lodging provided for, through Sunday morning, I’m sure a lot of schools will stay.

Montana will be leaving a day early with plans to camp out in John Fidler’s back yard in Longview Sunday night. Monday, Weyerhaeuser will be giving us a tour of their woods operations (plus lunch) on the St. Helens Tree Farm. Tuesday, barring the inevitable rain, we’ll spend a day on the beach and check into Astoria late afternoon. This will be the last Conclave since 1974 that will be able to arrive without being dead tired from a long and cramped up van ride. Hopefully, this will mean we’ll be in that much better shape to survive the rest of the week trying to out-do Nevada.

Joni Rio
"You gotta give your saw a pep talk."
January 13, 1978 was the end of the line for the year-long cattle drive. The drive was organized in March 1977 by the FSA Cattle Company. As spring progressed, the crew contributed ideas for a smoother operation. Going into summer found the crew a little short-handed. The word of job opportunities got out and the problem was remedied early in the fall when many greenhorns signed on to help out. These greenhorns were quick to learn the ropes of operation and proved to be a valuable asset to the drive.

Problems started surfacing in the fall due to sheepmen and fences. A long, high fence was encountered when the hands tried to find a spot for their get-together — the convocation. All trails were blocked by this barbed wire. Finally, by backtracking several miles, the cowboys found a site-the location of a future town. As this obstacle was bypassed, a bunch of ornery sheepmen calling themselves campus development attempted to bar the way for the drive to get to the selected rendezvous point on Boondocker's Day. Not wanting to cause trouble, the cowpunchers alleviated the potential problem with intense meetings and a show of power. Another group of shepherders-the physical plant-threw up a fence to try to keep the herd out of Oblivion Gulch. Weary from confrontations the crew brought the cows into town from the other direction.

Meanwhile, the townsfolk heard about these cowpokes nearing town and began to make preparations for them. A new bridge was built across the gully at the town's entrance, complete with corrals for the animals. Paul Bunyon and Babe, the Blue Ox, of logging fame, paid the town a visit. The natives hosted a hoedown-the convocation, highlighted with the honoring of a converted sheepman-Al Johnson. A new fangled dance was put on by Pistol Patti and her Wild West Show. Sensing that accommodations were inadequate the people of Oblivion Gulch set to the task of building a new saloon-the Sidewinder, complete with dancing girls. A new jail was built as was a church. Honest lawyers-Shyster, Shylock and Swyndle—moved into town for the prospect of hitchings and splits. A gallows was built for lawbreakers. The traildrive cook, Growler, set up his chuckwagon to serve the hungry cowboys. Squig and Company brought their camera to record the festivities on film. A line camp was set up to provide a bedding ground for the hands, and a museum was erected to provide "cultural enrichment."

As the drive moved closer to town, the cowboys began to feel the excitement. They had contests of strength, tobacco spitting contests and matched their wits by telling yarns. Boondocker's Day was held with the cowboys besting the locals in most contests. The chairman of the board of F.S.A.-A. Bolle-bested all takers in his annual challenge.

Finally, the drive hit town on January 13 and 14. The cowpokes and townsfolk alike were wild with excitement. There was dancing in the streets, and hangings, marriages, drinkin, shootin, and foot-stompin. The celebration had to be seen to be believed. But all too soon the party ended, and the folks returned to their normal past times. A massive clean-up effort was undertaken and within a few hours, all traces of the celebration were removed. It took several days however for the cowboys to get over their various ailments.

So the drive ended. All in all, it was a great success. It could not have been pulled off without all the help received. There was unanimous agreement that the drive should be repeated next year. Plans have already started for its preparations. Good luck to the 62nd.

Trail boss,
Steve Shuck
Dances!

1. Shucks Bullish Bump
2. Virginia Rio
3. Saras' Seedling Stomp
4. The Wild Horse Stampede
5. Rhett's Ragtime Rip
6. Waids' Wobble
7. Jostens' Jittering Jump
8. The Haul Ash
9. Waltz of the Sheepherders
10. Diannes' Delicate Folly
11. The Nichols' Knucklebuster
12. Third Reichs' Rhumba
13. The Bloomin' Bump
14. The Sagebrush Shuffle
15. The Schulte Sashay
16. Drewerys' Dirge
17. Vandervalls Vunderbar Valtz
18. The Hurwitz Humdinger
19. Gorrells' Grizzly Grind
20. Blue Snow Serenade
Sometimes
A Great Notion
Goes Awry.

Like the inspired movement that started in earnest two decades ago to preserve our national heritage of wilderness. It began as a practical need to protect the environment against human and commercial abuse. It grew in popularity.

Then it became strong and powerful... powerful enough to convince Congress there were genuine reasons for legislation to make forest sanctuaries for future generations, and their posterity.

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THE NEW RECRUIT

You know boys, I feel right down sorry for you young sapling rangers now entering the Forest Service, things have changed so. For instance, when us old cat-faced veterans began cruising timber and counting sheep some thirty years ago, life was young and new and so was the Service. There were few forms, fewer files and a miniature use of books, and worlds of new problems—more questions to answer than the income tax boys had to cover this last year. The answers though came from your own experiences if you had any, or otherwise from your ingenuity, and what a thrill that gave you, but look at what these new boys have to face. It now takes at least a month to read the files, sketch Volumes I to IV of the Manual and tomes of handbooks and supplemental circulars too fresh to be included in the brain books. No wonder their heads are in a fog of regulations, instructions, precedents, and what nots, with no time to solve problems, whittling or field work, and yet reports are still coming in late. In the early days, one afternoon a week was sufficient to clear up paper work at the ranger’s or supervisor’s office—now you are lucky if you can get over the avalanche of circulars, amendments, reports, records, etc. . . by the middle of the week. Solving problems now is no easy job even if you know the answers right off, since you must first search the files for a precedent, then the Manual for legal authority, and handbooks for local policy, and to make doubly sure, late circulars. If you found no clues then you knew you had a “hot potato” and wrote the R.O. or somewhere for advice, for by now you had done so much reading and searching that you were sure the answers couldn’t be so simple as to be left for you to handle off-hand. In the meantime, you sent the permittee home to milk the cows with a promise of an early reply—in the early days you would just tell him it was too bad the old cow had to have twins, but you won’t have to amend your permit, one of the calves may die before the summer is over anyway. It was just that simple then, no reading, no forms to fill out, no policies to violate. We had only one rule for production—“The greatest good to the greatest number in the long run.”

It’s just too bad you boys had to come thirty years too late, or have times changed for the better? or for the worse? Take your choice.

J.D. Jones
April 8, 1944
KAIMIN STAFF

THE EDITOR’S WAIL

Nothing for The Kaimin,
Hear the doleful cry.
Time to send in copy.
How the hours go by!

The Literary department
Hasn't done a thing.
Won't you write an article?
Time is on the wing.

Please grind out a poem,
Since you are a poet;
Nothing here to rhyme about,
Life is prose—you know it.

Well, then write a story.
Won't somebody do it?
Never be an editor,
You will surely rue it.

Clarkia and Hawthorne,
Sorority and Frat—
Haven't they done something
To make a little chat?

What about the locals?
Are jokes all dead and past?
Does nothing funny happen?
And will these troubles last?

Once there was aplenty,
To write and talk about;
Are time all out of joint?
Interest all died out?

O, bring those happy days back,
Just for The Kaimin’s sake;
When we had articles and jokes,
Like father used to make!

Then life would be worth living,
And like some merry tale,
Nor would the halls resound, then
With an editor’s sad wail.