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It has been another banner year for the School of Forestry and its students. What a solid, motivated, intelligent and active group of students we have.

They have been active in the Wildlife Society, the SAF Student Chapter, the Recreation Student’s Association, the Range Society, the Woodsmen’s Team, the Forestry Students Association, and the Montana Druids. Active might be a mild word in that they are true leaders in all that they do. We are really proud of their accomplishments and it is the learning they get out of these activities that will carry them into leadership positions in their professions.

During the year the School received the largest gift ever given the University of Montana-an $8.3 million endowment from the estate of Marty Arkwright, of Billings. Annual proceeds from this endowment will be used for wilderness and resource conservation activities as she and her late husband, Stanley, specified in their estate documents. We also received many other gifts of support from alumni and friends of the School. These are all gifts that make the School a better place for study and discovery.

Two new faculty joined us during the year-Mike Patterson, dealing with the interface between wildlife and recreation, and Diana Six who focuses on forest insects and diseases. We also had faculty and staff recognized by the University for the outstanding jobs they do-Dan Pletscher is the University’s Academic Administrator of the year, Scott Mills is UM’s Most Inspirational Teacher, and my Administrative Assistant, Nancy Shuck, was UM’s Outstanding Staff Person for fall semester. Talk to anyone in the School and they will tell you what a great asset these folks are to all of us.

As you read through this issue of the Forestry Kaimin I hope that you will be proud of the accomplishments of your School.

Perry J. Brown
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Left: Mark Noon, International Man of Mystery
Bearing our cartharts and our flannel shirts the sun tans our faces through the windshield as we caravan our way to yet another lager sports meet....uh, we mean logger, logger sports meet. The past eight months we’ve stayed busy with wild woodsmen and crazy foresters. A year ago we never would have expected to be playing with chainsaws, cross-cut saws, and axes. Finding the forestry club was a unique initiation into the University of Montana.

When we went to the first club meeting we were overwhelmed by this “family” of the funniest, loudest, and most burly crowd on campus. Our first real experience with the foresters was at the Fall Smoker. After a wild night around the bonfire at Lubrecht we were rudely awakened early the next morning with the sound of a revving chainsaw outside the cabin door. The only whet our appetite for more crazy forestry events.

All semester long we heard about the Forester’s Ball. We saw pictures, and we heard stories, but couldn’t quite grasp the magnitude of the event. From tracks to de-con it was a whirl-wind week of hard work and fun. Now as we look back on all the crazy, wild times and new friendships we can’t believe this has been our first year in college.

The Katies
Alaska and Walters
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Wildlifers on the beach in Arcata, CA
Left to right: Julie, David, Jien, Jessica,
Erin, Tom, Paul, and Heather
Wilderness and Civilization
At the Missouri River breaks

Fall trek, on the Rocky Mountain Front
The Wilderness Institute

Housed within The University of Montana's School of Forestry, and formally established in 1976, the Wilderness Institute serves as a resource of wilderness information, research, and interdisciplinary education. The mission of the Wilderness Institute is to further the understanding of wilderness and its stewardship through education, outreach, and scholarship. Within this mission, the Wilderness Institute works toward the following goals:

- Provide integrated, interdisciplinary, and experiential wilderness education.
- Broaden community and public understanding of wilderness issues.
- Disseminate information related to wilderness research, management, and education.
- Promote scholarship on wildland issues.

Along with outreach and scholarship activities, the Wilderness Institute also offers the following educational programs:

- **Wilderness and Civilization Program**
  
  For more than twenty years, the Institute has offered an interdisciplinary undergraduate program that combines traditional classroom learning with experiential field trips to explore the relationship between humankind and the natural world. Twenty-five undergraduate students are admitted from around the country each year. The program includes two extended backcountry trips, and two semesters of academic course work. Participants must apply in early spring for competitive application to Wilderness and Civilization.

- **Wilderness Management Distance Education**
  
  In partnership with the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center and UM Continuing Education, the Institute offers this multi-disciplinary curriculum covering topics from management planning to ecology, ethics and recreation. The Institute facilitates interactive, online courses, including Managing Recreation Resources, which was named the “1997 Outstanding Credit Program of the Year” by the University Continuing Education Association Region VII.

- **Wilderness Issues Lecture Series**
  
  Since 1980, this annual lecture series has been an important component of the Institute's efforts to educate both students and the general public on critical issues facing the lands, waters and wildlife. The series, which is open to the public, is also offered each spring as RECM/EVST 371.

- **Summer Programs**
  
  Wilderness Institute’s summer programs have covered many areas of focus, and targeted a variety of audiences throughout the years. The Institute currently offers a summer course on international wilderness which explores wilderness protection in different cultural and ecological settings.
Above: W&C in the Missouri River breaks
Right and below:
Silviculture in the southeast
In October the officers of the SAF Student Chapter, Brian Pew, Melissa Squire, Melissa Laundry (Alias: Michelle Landuyt), and Seth True boarded a plane headed for Memphis, Tennessee. Their destination was the Society of American Foresters National Convention; this annual meeting is a gathering of all SAF members, from brush apes to CEO's. Five days of informational meetings and nightly net working make a great atmosphere for learning current forestry information and meeting top professionals.

This was the first time any of us had been to the south and we had trouble fitting in. Y'all does not just roll off the tongue, and calling everyone ma'am or sir is not normal lingo for us. Our ever-present cab driver, Raymond, gave us advice but it was no use we stood out. The first activity of the week was the student tour where 300 students from 21 schools headed out to see southern hardwood forestry. We all learned a lot from this tour. To summarize a southern sale: high-grade, spray herbicide, burn, spray herbicide, burn, spray herbicide, plant, spray herbicide, wait twenty years and repeat. If you are a professional environmentalist pack your bags and head to the southeast, there is plenty of work to be done. Seth True asked the question we were all thinking, “This sure looks like a high-grade to me.” The Tennessee State Forester’s response was, “That is the way we do things down here, son. My Grand-pappy did it this way, and his Grand-pappy did it this way, that is why I do it this way.”

The convention meetings were just as informative as our tour. Mourning general meetings discussed broad forestry topics, while afternoon technical sessions went in to great detail on specific topics. Speakers at all of the meetings were top professionals in their field and leading edge information was always presented. The meetings paused long enough for the UM students to receive a 3rd place Student Chapter award from the national office. The award was given to us for our outstanding chapter work in 1996-1997, all our membership should be proud of this national recognition. Alumni and Forestry School friend, Scott Kuehn also received the Grassroots Forestry award for the forestry display at Fort Missoula. Montana was well represented at this national convention. At the annual mixer UM alums, faculty, and students gathered for libations, stories and songs at the close of the week. A southern BBQ dinner sponsored by Dean Brown followed the event. Attendees were Kevin O’Hara, Ron Wakimoto, Lisa Trepke, grad students Todd Smuck, and Narianin Vipanaln.

Meeting hundreds of forestry professionals and students from all over the country was the best benefit of our trip. New information on research and techniques will also add to our education. Even with all the meetings, the students were still able to enjoy Memphis and mingle with some locals. We introduced Michelle to our good friends The Allmans; after listening to what they had to say, we went dancing ‘till dawn. Then it was straight to the meetings to learn more about the profession we love FORESTRY!

Brian Pew
Immediate past Chair

P. S. I hope everyone has a safe summer and try not to have too many brush fits. GOOD LUCK!!
Above: Michelle, Steph, and Brandi
The Lady Loggers
Right: Skagit survey’s his domain
Below: The “old folks” show everyone how to work hard
Just over a year ago the former manager, John Tillotson, logged a 35-acre unit of Section 13. This past fall, a small band of dedicated weekend warriors, tempted into the cold by promises of “awful burgers”, made regular trips up to the unit to thin and slash undesirable advance regeneration as well as certain unmerchantable trees. The result of all this effort is a good mix of healthy western larch, ponderosa pine, and some Douglas-fir. In the areas where larch and pine are regenerating well the Douglas-fir was removed to release our preferred species from competition. This spring, the slash is ready to be piled and prepped to burn.

Over winter, the State Department of Natural Resources and Conservation extended the road used to access the current unit onto their own land. This allows us opportunity for further improvement and management of 13. We have also been offered a cabin for people working in 13 who wish to stay overnight, so we are finding a place for this new addition. Have a great summer and best of luck.

Sincerely,

Chris Damrow

Editor’s Note: Section 13 is a unique opportunity for students to practice what we learn in classes. Anyone can help and if you are interested come to Forestry Club meetings in the fall. Meetings are held every week at 7pm in Forestry 206.
Our night at the 'Jack

Karin and Alexis let off some steam

Tim finally learned to tie his shoes!
SAF: Left to right, Loren, Glen, Sean, Matt, Adam, Pete, Brandi, Melissa, Virginia, Matthew, and Michelle

Michelle Loves Libby!!

Checking out the local sites
The Society of American Foresters has been an integral part of the School of Forestry for many years. I am happy to report that this year is no different. We hold meetings every other Thursday at 7pm in Forestry 206. At our meetings we discuss many forestry related issues with renown professionals.

This year provided some interesting opportunities with the proposed grizzly bear reintroduction to the Selway-Bitteroot Wilderness. We had Laird Robinson from the USFS regional office explain the four options and discuss the pros and cons of each. Soon after we heard that the ASUM senate had passed a resolution supporting option four. Option four calls for complete endangered species status and control of the population by the federal agencies. Montana State society of SAF chose to support option one, experimental non-essential population and management by a citizens group. The students of the School of Forestry got a quick lesson in politics when the senate decided to uphold their decision. This event promoted a new interest in ASUM and its workings. I am pleased to announce that we have two School of Forestry undergrads and one graduate student on the senate for next year.

SAF was very busy with fundraisers this year. We held two barbecues in the fall, a leaf raking day, our annual raffle and silent auction, and we just finished up the year with a barbecue at the UM Woodsmen’s Team meet. All of the money raised will go towards our trip to Traverse City, Michigan for the SAF National Convention, in September. The state meeting was held in lovely Libby Montana this year. We had a total of ten students attend and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The meetings discussed pertinent topics such as; tansy ragweed and herbicidal treatment, fertilization and soil interaction, modern logging techniques, and public relations. I was happy just to make it there since we ran into intermittent blizzard conditions on the drive up. When the weather cleared we finally got to see the Cabinet Mountains. This was the first year that we had a tour associated with the state meeting. We got to see some down-hill cable yarding, a sale in grizzly bear habitat, a road recovery project, and a harvester and forwarder system working in really tight spacing.

We have had excellent carry over in membership from previous years and have picked up some new folks too. It has been an excellent year with a very dedicated and hard working group of people. I would like to encourage everyone to become involved with SAF it provides wonderful opportunities to expand your knowledge and to make job contacts at the same time. Good luck over the summer, stay safe, and get ready for next fall.

Melissa Squire
SAF Chair
Radio telemetry in Wildlife Techniques class

Erin Bentley and Julie Fuller inspect a mountain lion during a necropsy
This year the Wildlife society went on a trip to the Eastern Front. We stopped at Two Medicine Valley in Glacier National Park. We also went to the Black Leaf Management Area and Pine Butte Swamp. Members enjoyed field trips to the Grounded Eagle Foundation in Condon and to Ninepipes National Wildlife Refuge to do some owl netting with Denver Holt.

One of the priorities of our Society is to make contact between the members and professionals in the wildlife biology field. Speakers at our meetings this year reflected a wide variety of professionals: Mike Jimenez, Wendy Arjo, Mary Manning from the Forest Service, Dave McCleery from B. L. M., Bud Moore retired USFS and author of "The Lochsa Story" were among the many guest speakers.

We had eight members attend the Wildlife Society Conclave held in Humboldt, CA. We were pleased to have two international students join the team in representing the University of Montana. Dr. Luis Baptista, renowned for his studies in bird vocalization, was the keynote speaker at this event. The Chapter came away with the many awards. Tom Giermakowski got first place for a student paper presentation. Erin Bentley was awarded Best of Show and First Place for the Non-Wildlife Division in photography, winning two of the three awards presented. For their rendition of "Rough Grouse Courtship Display", the students got second place in the Animal Behavior Division. (UM happens to be renown for their animal behavior skits) All in all, it was a successful journey. Thanks to everyone for their hard work!

Our Educational Outreach Program (EOP) presented many seminars to grammar and high schools in the Missoula area. Programs ranged from wolf habitat to pond life, and made many stops in between. Members also participated in judging the Student Science Fair for Rattlesnake High School. The Educational Outreach Program is one of the strongest aspects of the Society. We have participated in sharing knowledge with young people for many years. Members of EOP feel that this experience is highly rewarding.

We finished our year with the annual BEAST FEAST. Faculty and students had a great time dining on elk burgers. Thanks to all members, faculty and especially Dr. Daniel Pletscher, our faculty advisor, for the endless support, effort and enthusiasm you have all provided.
Dan is pondering the deep thoughts
Greg dished up
Garner is just here for the grub

A crowd gathers at the Fall Rec. Social
The Student Recreation Association (SRA) is made up of students who are in the Recreation Management program within the School of Forestry. The SRA is a professional club and enables students to gain experience about the recreation profession either through guest speakers or attending conferences. In the fall semester we were able to send twenty-five of our members to the National Recreation and Park Association conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Since this was a national conference, members were able to meet people who work in the recreation field all over the U.S. Students attended educational sessions with topics ranging from public land use, to Leave No Trace, all the way to managing workplace conflict. Some of our students also participated in the "Take a Student to Lunch" program. They were paired up with a professional according to the student's career goals. This provided a one-on-one meeting between the student and the professional. The "Take a Student to Lunch" program was a great chance for the students to ask important questions regarding their chosen field. Much insight was gained about the opportunities for students in the recreation field. The students who took advantage of this opportunity made rewarding contacts which may be useful when looking for an internship or even career employment.

Last spring the SRA held its 1st annual All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner and Silent auction to raise funds for the association. This event was a big success and a lot of fun for those who helped in planning and for those who attended. The silent auction items included gift certificates to area restaurants, weekend getaway cabins and lodges in Minnesota and Colorado. The unique aspect of the dinner was each of our members created their own sauces. We had about 17 different sauces, with such titles as "deer ectable" and "Joey, it’s in there." Along with spaghetti, we served toasted garlic bread, cookies, cake, soda, and milk. Throughout the dinner we gave away many door prizes including bowling passes, CD's and a cruiser bike! The SRA is excited to make this a tradition each year to raise money, and also to gain exposure for Recreation Management.

Danielle Taddy
Vice President SRA

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Vice President: Danielle Taddy
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Treasurer: Rachel Kennon
Historian: Stephen Kroutil
Faculty advisor: Wayne Friemund
Only surviving picture from the Smoker
Justin, Michelle, Pig, Melissa, and Tim

Hoark listens intently
While Dean explains how
Range people do things
After being absent from the school of Forestry for many years, the Range Club is back!! Since being revitalized last year, we have continued to grow in size and interest. We have had a great year with a variety of guest speakers and support from very loyal members! Here are a few highlights of what we have done this year...

We started out this fall with a panel of guest speakers addressing different aspects of the noxious weed problem. We were excited to have representatives from Montana State's Agricultural Experiment Station in Corvallis, the Missoula County Weed District, and a private weed management contractor with us. They presented all aspects of the weed problem, including a variety of management techniques and the political and social issues that complicate weed treatment.

Later in the fall, Paul Hansen, head of the Riparian Research Program here at UM, and Mary Manning, a riparian/wetland ecologist from Region 1 of the United States Forest Service graciously came to speak about the importance of riparian areas and the challenges such areas represent in land management. Bob Ehrhart, also with the UM Riparian Research Program, followed their presentation up by focusing on different strategies for managing cattle and riparian zones together, based on his extensive study of such areas across Montana. We felt very privileged to have these speakers, the current and pertinent management information they presented was invaluable!

Though we are small, we are mighty, and hopefully the Range Club will continue to grow within the School of Forestry in the years to come. We especially thank our range professors, Dr. Earl Willard and Dr. Don Bedunah for their strong support of our group. They have been integral in keeping the club alive.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. We focus on topics that will interest a large variety of land management students. We will continue to have meetings and activities throughout the year, so we hope to see you there!!!

Happy Grazing,

Julie Morrison
Range Club President

Editor's note: Julie is going to be leaving us next year to attend the University of Oregon after three years at UM. She has been a very dedicated and involved student. The School of Forestry will be missing a dynamic personality. We will miss you Julie....GOOD LUCK!!
The gang at McKay's

Michelle, Jen, Jen, and Sheila
Only Jen Bealle could get foresters to dress up!

Alaska gets a smooch from a fancied up Fred
Oh what a year. It was a year like no other. The club experienced a rocky start in the presidential seat at first, but got its feet back on the ground after the second election in October. I was pleased to be voted in as President and had a hell of a time running things from there on out. It is not the easiest task to take over a leadership role in the middle of the term, but with the help of John Cruit as vice-president and Shannon Connolly as treasurer/secretary, it seemed to go quite smoothly.

When recalling events of the years past, one has to remember the Fall Smoker. John Cruit did one great job in planning. We had a good attendance from new members as well as old. The day started with a tour of Stimson, a tour of a helicopter logging job, then the Garnet ghost town. For the incoming members, the day ended with a short jog to the annual campfire, then plenty of fun for everyone! At the fire we had new relationships begin (Fitz and Kathleen), a couple of sprained ankles, and as always, new inductees to the Fire Walkers Hall of Shame. As morning rose, so did the faculty and staff's pancakes. Sourdour pancakes: quite possibly the world’s worst thing to put into one’s gut after a night of eating ice cream, a true test for the hardcore.

The next club event was Bandy Day, and what a day it was. Unfortunately, I had lab that Saturday and could not make it. Darn. I missed all the fun of splitting and stacking firewood for the ranch! Many thanks go out to the members who made it, and I promise to be there next year if I don’t have a Saturday lab.

The Halloween party was quite a scare. Hawaiian Pete won the costume contest dressed as Jules, from Pulp Fiction. The campfire did not hold a candle to the fire at the Smoker, but if we burned all the wildlife trees at Lubrecht, what would the wildlife’s have to study? Many thanks go to our very own Skagit for planning the pole run earlier in the day. A number of people got to drive the skidder and operate chainsaws for the first time. Theresa finally got the opportunity to cut a tree down, as did many other greenhorns.

The Christmas party. I don’t recall anything that went on that night, nor do most of the attendees. However, I offer some advice for the future. No matter how wet the floor gets, please do not try and soak up the water with oatmeal, rice, flour, or any other food staples. Jeanne was hilarious as Santa, and then she passed (out) the duties on to Brian who finished up the night. Attention! If anyone received gifts from Santa and was offended, please keep this in mind. Santa means no harm and we still love you. I know there were a few gifts out there that were borderline offensive (Theresa and Andy).

The last event of my term was the Winter Oly-mpics (now Oly-less). The snow was not as good as in years past, but there was enough that we could not find our car hood for skitchin’. The main event of this year was definitely 4-wheeling on the back roads. What fun that was. I am glad to say my Jeep performed better than everyone else’s trucks in our tuff truck hill climb. Next time, we should pay more respect to the cross-country skiers out there....NAH! After all the reckless driving, we put our efforts and talents into kickball. It was a good idea, but running and kicking a ball in two feet of packed snow does not work very well. The attendance during the Oly-mpics was poor and I hope to see more of you out in the snow next year.

Well, it is time for me now to relinquish my reign and step down. I am pleased to announce FABULOUS FRED HARBECK as our new fearless leader. I am sure that without a doubt he will be one of the best Presidents we have had in many years. Good Luck Fred.

Thanks For a Great Year,

Michael Harrison
Forestry Club President

Foresters Once, Foresters Twice
Holy Jumping Jesus Christ
Flim, Flam, God Damn
Who The Hell Are We?
FORESTERS, FORESTERS, FORESTERS

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Santa #1 and Santa #2

April looks pleased with her gift

Dean is pretty happy too
Justin's Birthday Bash

Mystery
Crotch
Well, the time has come to look back on the past year and smile...or is it sigh? The 81st Forester’s Ball was definitely a rip roarin’ good time! Things got started a little earlier this year with a Forester’s Ball float livening up the homecoming parade! Thanks to Sholty we had the prettiest dump truck in the whole bunch. And of course, with Justin behind the wheel, how could we go wrong? You could even hear parts of the Forester’s Chant over the truck’s air horn!

Skylines and Big Pines was the chosen theme for this year’s Ball, (with Skagit as the construction officer, it just seemed fitting) and everybody got into it. Even the sketches for the shirts and hats came from one of our own...Professor Hayley Hesslen. All in all, I think everyone was excited about the 81st Ball...everyone except, perhaps, the University.

As with tradition, the school can’t let a Ball take place without trying to make us jump through some hoops. This year, they decided to inform us in mid-October that Schrieiber gym might not be available for our use. However, we soon cleared up that mess...just in time for the Drama Students to flood the place. In the end, I got the final OK to use the gym the day before Christmas break. Definitely a hell of a fall semester. In January, things really got under way, and before any of us knew it, we were in the middle of Ball Week! It all began Sunday night with Tracks. Since the law school refused to cooperate and the traditional prank could not be played, I, as Chief Push, decided it was necessary to take part in ALL of the other traditional annointments of the Law School...much to the surprise of some of the spectators, and other participants!!!

This year’s Convocation was one of the best I’ve ever been to. I think we had a record number of MC’s, but they shared the Mic(as well as the spotlight) rather well. Needless to say, when Tuesday night came, we were all ready to get going. According to the University, we were a little too anxious...those aerobics classes must not enjoy a crowd a foresters oogling them. It was a long week, but with a lot of help from alumni and hard work from all, even the new pups. We got her finished and the doors opened on time! Phew! It was a close one.

At 8:00pm Friday night the “doors” did open, the music started and the dancing was quickly underway. Throughout both nights there was a steady stream of people filing through the door and bumping elbows on the dance floor. The Ball was once again a great success! However, none of this would have been possible without the hard work of so many people, especially my committee. It was an honor working with all of you.

Now that the loose ends are the only things left to be tied, I almost long for the year to start over again...but then I wake up and thank God that the weight now lies on another’s shoulders. Chris “Skagit” Damrow was recently elected the next Chief Push. I know you will do a great job! Best of luck! To Skagit and everyone else, I have only one thing to say. Nothing can compare to the honor you experience the moment you are elected, except perhaps the pride you feel after it is over. For the Ball and all the people who make it possible. Thanks and God bless.

Katie Fisher
Chief Push of the 81st Forester’s Ball
The team in Washington

Harker displays his Beer Belt

We don’t remember this Picture
The Woodsmen's Team

The fifty-ninth annual Association of Western Forestry Club's Conclave, held at Pack Forest in Washington, was a memorable one, for those who can remember it. The weeks events were intoxicating to say the least. Not only was the competition stiff, but so was the elixir provided by the Oregon State team. Our gracious hosts from the University of Washington went out of their way to make us feel at home. To be exact they went about two hours out of their way to the nearest wholesale beer distributor.

As the unofficial social director of the Woodsmens's Team I have been asked to reflect on these times and attempt to recall the most memorable adages of the week. I have included a brief description for those unable to attend this year's event, or for those whose memory is slightly blurred.

Jerry "Dean" Bob George

11. "The Women's bathroom is a great place to meet chicks"
   (A realization of Dean's, during a visit to the women's restroom...due to lack of competition)

10. "Let's box them in...no pun intended"
   (An out-of-leftfield comment from Brian Simonson after he realized that the other van was in hot pursuit of two "hothouse" in a convertible)

9. "Wax in your ears
   boogers in your nose
   Loggers, Loggers
   Take off your clothes!"

8. "Window Tobin, Window!!"
   (A recurring statement on the return trip, signaling Tobin to release the toxic fumes that had been expelled from someone's anal sphincter.)

7. "We like chili
   We like beans
   Diane, Diane
   She's our queen"
   (Our favorite chant for our fearless leader, Diane)

6. "Oh God!, Please tell me you're cool"
   (A question asked by Rich, when he was unsure of Diane's preferences)

5. "I was drunk, it didn't happen!"
   (A conclave slogan created by the Oregon State team and used by everyone)

4. "It's log, it's log
   It's big, it's heavy, it's wood..."
   (A silly yet appropriate little ditty from Ren and Stimpy, taught to us by Katie "Alaska" Feitchinger)

3. "Who's your rock star?"
   (A question often asked with the correct response being "DEAN IS MY ROCK STAR!")

2. "PORNACOB!!"
   (A meaningless word from Jeremy Harker, created to be utilized in any situation)

1. "SAFETY!"
   (A term required to be announced after releasing methane gas from one's anal sphincter. To fail to do so would result in a severe pummeling...until a doorknob could be reached. This joyful game was brought to us by Wayne and Hoark.)
Montana Druids

Druids Awards for 1996-1997

Outstanding Professor: Hans Zuuring

Senior Service Award: Shelley Taylor, and Chad Fisher

Druids
Left to right: Michael, Adam, Fitz, Theresa, Will, Julie, Hans, Erin, Lucas, Brooke, and Rachel
This year proved to be the end of a transition period for the Montana Druids. The Druids have spent the past few years reevaluating our place in the School of Forestry and focusing on a new direction. This year Druids have been able to complete this process and began moving forward to act as a representative body for Forestry School students, promoting professionalism within the School. We are working towards increasing the interaction and communication between the many Forestry School student groups and uniting the student body through our traditional support and silent service.

In the 75 years since the Dean of the School of Forestry formed Montana Druids the principles of our organization have remained unchanged. Our Objects and Ethics were taken from a speech delivered by Gifford Pinchot to the Society of American Foresters in 1915. “Full measure of service regardless of compensation received” is still the backbone of the Druids creed.

Students are asked to join the Montana Druids by invitation. Nomination has a minimum GPA requirement, but is primarily based on demonstrated desire to improve the quality of education provided in the School of Forestry through involvement in student activities and/or other service.

This year our members ensured the continuation of the Forestry School Student Evaluation Committee as an independent, self-sustaining committee. Druids began a new student mentoring program, of all majors, for freshmen or transfer students within the School of Forestry. We are currently working on resurrecting the Druids Alumni Newsletter and compiling a database of our organization’s alumni. The newsletter is a traditional student publication put out to Druids alumni summarizing the activities of all student groups and other events of the Forestry School. It hasn’t been published in several years, but this year the Druids decided regaining and maintaining contact with our alumni was a priority. This year we are also saying good-bye to a long time friend of Forestry students. Irene Evers retired from the library this past August. Formerly the Forestry School Librarian, Irene served the Forestry School and it’s students for over thirty years. We will miss her dearly. Druids will be honoring her with an exemplary service award, given by the students and alumni at the spring awards banquet. We will also be honoring a faculty member as well as a graduating senior with outstanding service awards.

Nothing has given me more pride in the University of Montana and the School of Forestry than being part of this organization. Well done good and faithful foresters!

Erin K. Bentley
Montana Druids President 1997-98
The Famous Foto

Foresters' on ice. YIKES !!!
Amanda looks on while Bill ignites his crotch.

Above: John and Heidi
Right: Seneca and Katie the Night they don’t remember

Can-can girls kickin’ it
This time they really are kicking it

The crowd in front of Freddie's Fun House

This time they really are kicking it
Senior Letter

Wow! I cannot believe I actually made it. Four years ago, I fit the “babe lost in the woods” saying, and now, I can at least find my way out and be able to explain the tree species I pass on the way. My, how we have changed. My, how times have changed.

Yes, the past four years have been a learning experience for us. I, like most graduating seniors, have grown and changed. Upon arriving in Missoula, I had little idea what lay in store over the next four years. I had little clue about the forest industry, its history, or importance. Alone, in a crowd of people, I embarked upon an adventure, in search of my career. Only after some time did I begin to form the friendships that will last a lifetime. I began to build memories, and to become part of stories that will be told long after I leave these grounds. By attending the University of Montana School of Forestry, I have added to the mystique of the School, and it has added to me. What active student could ever forget their first Fall Smoker? Their first Winter Olympics? Or, the first night of their first Forester’s Ball?

Ahh, the Ball!! The smell of chainsaw gas, Douglas-fir, and sweat. The late hours of preparation (not necessarily working). Juggling schoolwork, Ball stuff, and life; never actually knowing the difference between them. Never having the time for any of them. Never giving up. You could have shed a tear when watching it all come down; you just didn’t have the time. Years from now thoughts of the Balls we were a part of will be fond memories. Five years from now we will walk through the door and try to explain the hard learned lessons we learned after ignoring the alumni and their wisdom. Then, we will watch as the next crop learns the hard way. All the time with a smile, partially from memories, partially from knowing we’re right, and partially from just being there again.

The days and nights we spent here were never empty. Cramming for Dendrology (trees) was every bit as hard as Planning. Part of the knowledge went to short term memory, while the remainder will be as natural as drawing a breath for the rest of our lives. “Stream channels and channel systems form to accommodate the water they routinely see”. Who could ever hear that and not think of the Buffalo Bills (and laugh) ? Who could ever forget the first time they sat in a Forestry class and called the instructor Ed, Hayley, or Kelsey, not Professor X, Y, or Z? We have become part of a family. A very large, very diverse family. From now on, we can call ourselves graduates of the University of Montana, and Foresters.

We have learned a lot here, but the biggest education is yet to come. The real world is a hard teacher. We will need all of our education, friends, and connections to survive. The School of Forestry, the Forestry Club, and University of Montana will always feel like home and like family I know that the doors will always be open to me. This is a family that goes on forever. Good thing we have our “family”

Yes, times have changed for foresters, a female wrote this letter on a personal computer. Some things will continue to change, but the important things will always remain the same.

Allyson Shaffer
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Join us next year!
Here it is, the much awaited editor’s rage...I mean page. Yeah, the rage is supposed to be over now. This year’s Kaimin was much more work than I expected. I thought, “I’ll let everyone know when things are supposed to be due really early, like October, then I won’t have to sweat it in April”. Apparently I am not the only procrastinator in the School.

I think that the Kaimin is a very important part of the School of Forestry. The Kaimin offers us a chance to look back upon the year, to actually have factual proof of our doing rather than stories and legends. The Forestry Kaimin began in 1915 and is a significant part of the tradition of our School.

I would like to thank everyone for getting their contributions done and into my hands. I didn’t loose any student contributions; just the Dean’s.... very professional of me, eh?

I look forward to next year. We managed to come through this year with an outstanding group of freshmen. We just couldn’t scare them off, they are truly HARDCORE. I can already see many of the future leaders of the Forestry School and I know things will be in good hands.

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