



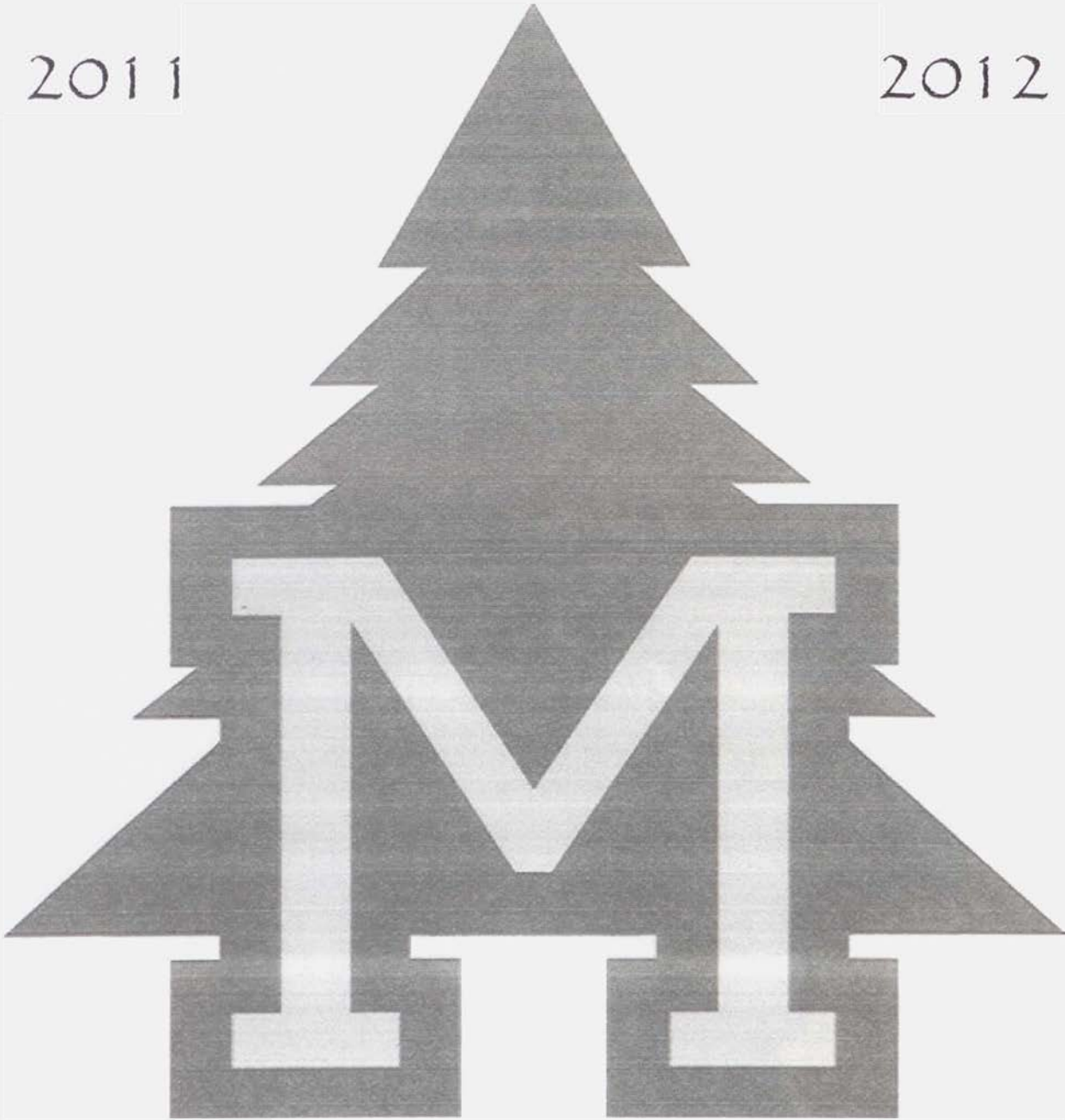
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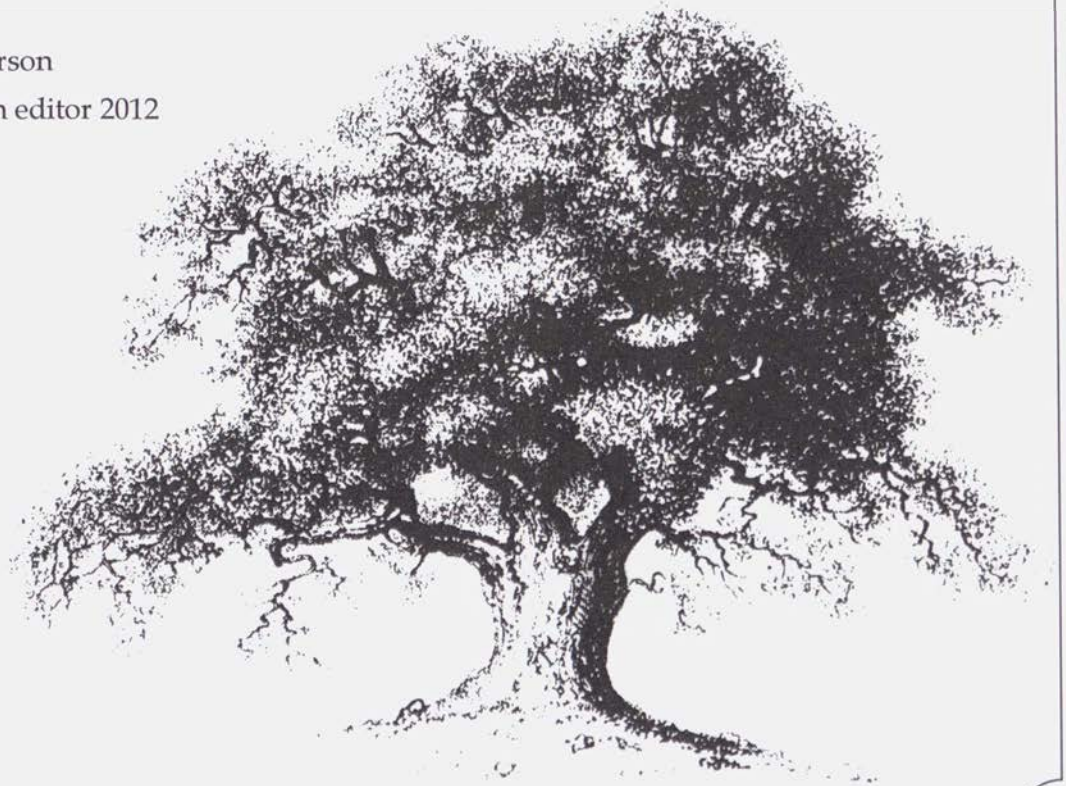
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RETURN OF THE KAIMIN

The Forestry Kaimin was created in the year 1924. It was a yearbook for the College of Forestry; student groups would report about their adventures over the year, classes would talk about their accomplishments and acknowledgements to faculty and graduating students would be announced. The Kaimin grew with the College through the twentieth century and was going strong until it died off in 2000. Now, in 2012, the students are bringing back the Forestry Kaimin to the College of Forestry and Conservation. We have grown in such numbers that we can no longer list the names of all our graduating students in our pages as it was traditionally done. This I view as a huge accomplishment. Our college has changed a lot over the last century; but the enthusiasm and the spirit of our students has not, if anything, I would say it has grown. Within the pages of this Kaimin you will discover the accomplishments of the student groups, the 95th Foresters' Ball, the first year of 2 student organizations, and much more. If the Kaimin brings you nothing else, let it bring you memories of another successful and eventful year at the University of Montana.

Enjoy,
Kristina Gunderson
Forestry Kaimin editor 2012



DEDICATION TO DON BEDUNAH

Don Bedunah was a member of the faculty of the College of Forestry and Conservation since 1982. He touched more lives than we can count. His personality and integrity pervaded everything he did. It influenced his research, colored his instructional style, and touched his colleagues, students, and research partners.

Don's friends and colleagues within the College and beyond continue to celebrate his graciousness and good humor with their stories of Don and his research, teaching, and his journeys, both near and far. They speak to the genuine enjoyment many had in being his colleague, they talk of the adventures they experienced together, and they celebrate Don's graciousness in the conversations they shared. These recollections highlight Don's love of life, his sense of humor, and his genuine kindness. Most poignant, perhaps, is the simple word often used to describe him: Friend.

Friendship, loyalty, and sacrifice are things we talk about in many corners of our lives, but rarely do we see these central human virtues personified like we have in Don. We mourn the loss of one of our favorite teachers, but we will never forget what Don has taught us.

Jim Birchfield



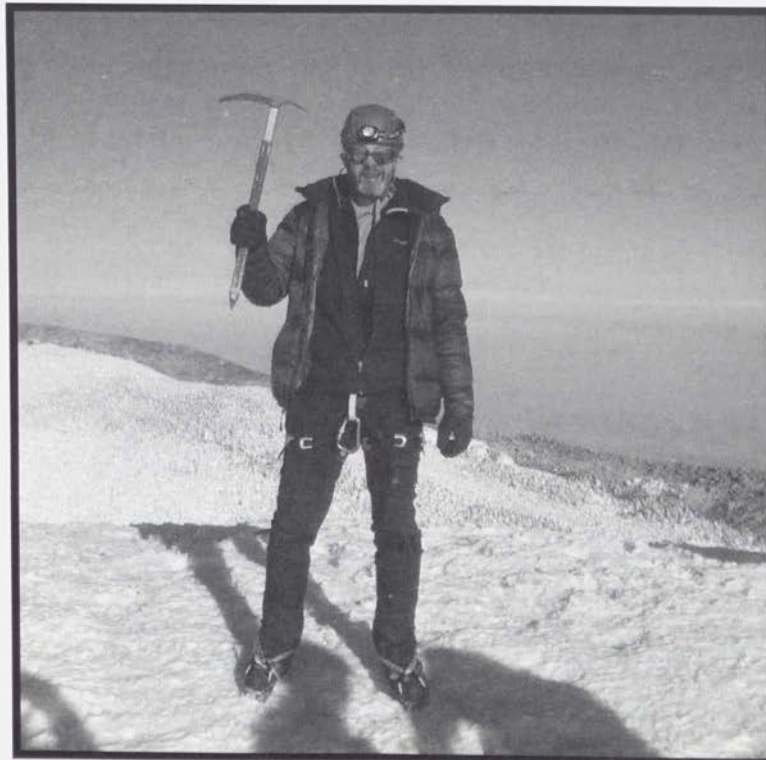
DEDICATION TO SCOTT WOODS

Scott Woods was born and remained a Scotsman. Born in 1966 in Glasgow and deeply engaged in the great tradition of hill walking - whether those hills were in Scotland, Mt. Sentinel, or Mt. Rainer. He was also a teacher, an extraordinary one - fully willing to push his students up that often steep hill of learning to where they could succeed in our common goal of caring for this earth.

He was the type of person who would always embrace a challenge. He was willing to be, literally, the poster child to inspire cancer patients to carry on. I recall recently that he needed to get some equipment to campus and he wanted a parking permit for the day. Mike Patterson and I suggested a handicap permit - he could just keep it and park close whenever he needed to. "Oh, no," said Scott, "I don't need one of those."

Scott's dedication reminded us of an important fact: we are engaged in noble work - gaining and sharing knowledge to help us all live a little better in a fragile, unpredictable world. That Scott never lost sight of this purpose throughout his debilitating illness will inspire us for years to come. We are simply sad that the end that he extended so long finally came. We miss you, Scott. You won't be forgotten.

Jim Birchfield





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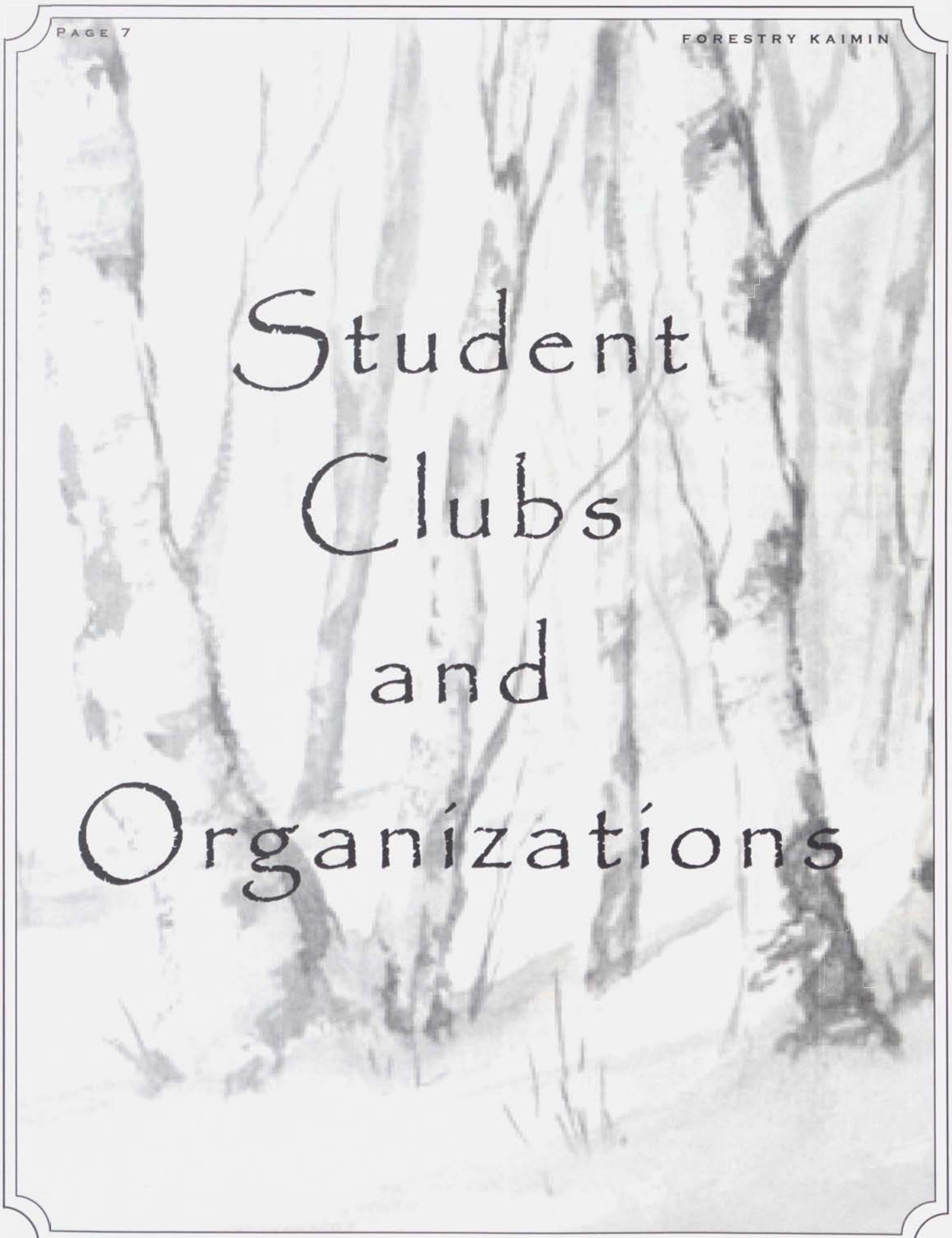
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Student
Clubs
and
Organizations



The University of Montana Forestry Club successfully finished the 2011-2012 year of mischief and debauchery. Club elections kicked off the year with officers Eric Klein for Vice President and Shannon Agner for President. Spring activities included renting the Glacier Ice Rink for an hour of pickup hockey and attempted ice skating, participating in a music video for Shane Claus and volunteering to work the chutes at the UM Rodeo.

The fall semester began with an active fire season in Northwestern Montana. The Forestry Club initiated new members at fall Smoker, which took place in mid-September. Tours for freshman included The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, The Missoula Smokejumper Center, and Garnet Ghost Town. Tours ended with demonstrations of the Lubrecht sawmill by Ed Burke and of Logger Sports by the UM Woodsman Team. A delicious pig was roasted by Bull Cooks Jonah Vaughan and Ricky Skinner. VP Eric Klein and accomplices built an impressive bonfire at Jones meadow, but due to Stage I fire restrictions Club was prohibited from lighting the conflagration. Despite this, the group celebrated by renting a generator and stringing Christmas lights along the massive wood pile, topped off with a raised American flag.

In the fall the Forestry Club held a pumpkin carving contest. The group made a great mess of room 206 but proved to be creative with some foul and politically incorrect jack o' lanterns, including a reference to a special Ranger and cross hairs on a certain detested mammal. The pumpkins were left on the stoop of the College and survived for

Smoker Team: New recruits and seasoned members at the Smokejumper Station for the Fall Smoker tours.

an entire week.

The annual Christmas party was celebrated by members with a Very White Trash Christmas theme, and Santa made a special guest appearance with elves dressed for the part, sporting burlap sacks with jean shorts (bordering inappropriate) and beanies. The party was a success and resulted in only minor injuries.



Standing Tall: Zach Miller and Ken Plourde add the deer stand to the 2012 Homecoming Float.



Burn Baby, Burn: The Smoker bonfire was postponed due to fire restrictions and was instead fired-up in the snow at Winter Olympics.

FOR THE BUCKS

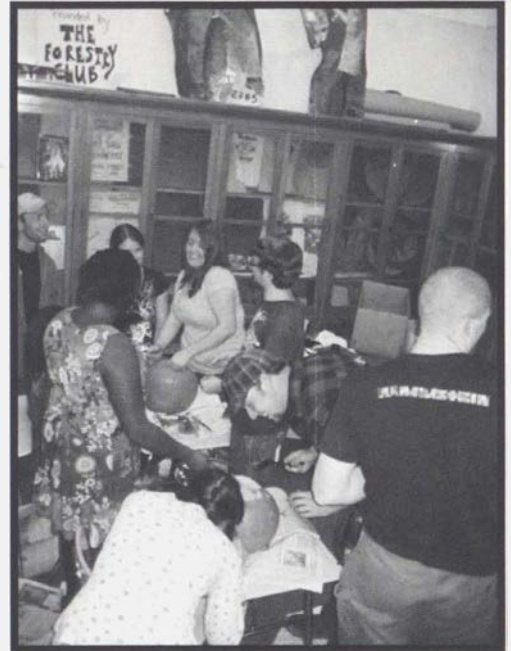


Piled High: Charlie Gesme limbs a log to be placed on the Smoker bonfire pile.

The new year saw the continuation of Winter Olympics around Lubrecht Forest, including skitchin' with ski recliners, bikes and a car hood, and snowmobiling. Attendees finished the celebration with the massive bonfire left from Smoker but not without mild controversy from the Missoula Nordic Ski Club and the loss of a Dodge pickup driveline (good work Gertrude). The Forestry Club enjoyed a non-traditional meeting that took place in the historic barn of Smoke Elser, including a tour and anecdotes from the renowned wilderness outfitter himself.

We are ending this spring looking forward to another awesome year with newly elected President Chuck Gesme and Vice President Clay Stephenson. FORESTERS' ONCE, FORESTERS' TWICE!!!

Shannon Agner
Forestry Students Association President 2011-2012



Slice of Club: Member carve pumpkins at meeting in celebration of Halloween.



"Foresters are Family": Aaron Abbott and Bertha escort the float through Downtown Missoula.

Lumberjack Dodge Team: The Forestry Dodge Ball team shows off their muscles in the halftime competition at a Spring Griz Basketball game.



Snow, sleds and smiles: A towed car hood whip club members down a snowy road at this year's Winter Olympics.

Suit Up: Dylan Brooksy tries on a Smokejumper uniform during the Fall Smoker tours.



The Wildlife Society



"The Crew"- at Job Skills Day 2012

The 2011-2012 school year was another great one for the Wildlife Society. In the fall we had several opportunities for students to go bird banding with the Avian Science Center. Another trip of ours sent a crew to assist FWP and several other local conservation organizations with a fencing project on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range. Toward the very end of the semester our chapter had the opportunity to go to the Rattlesnake Elementary School and do presentations on bear awareness to kindergarten classes. We were fortunate enough to be able to send 6 students to the Wildlife Society Annual Conference in Hawaii, where our team placed 4th in the quiz bowl tournament.

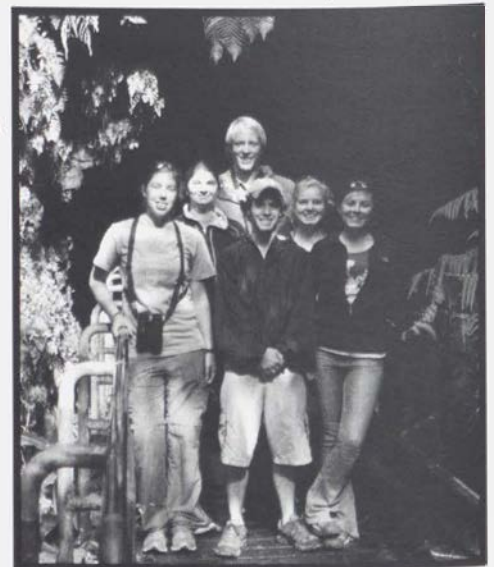
As spring rolled around we continued to stay very busy. We started the semester by sending 20 students to the Montana State Chapter of TWS meeting in Great Falls, it was

a great trip with some excellent presentations and great opportunities to network with professionals. The weekend after, 5 students also attended the Western Students Wildlife Conclave in Moscow, Idaho.

In addition to the meetings this spring, the student chapter hosted our annual job skills day at Lubrecht Experimental Forest. Several professionals from Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, along with a few experienced students came to teach skills like small and large mammal trapping, animal handling, telemetry, chainsaw operations, and shooting dart guns. This is the second year we were able to host the event and it is continually developing into an excellent way for students to gain field skills and interact with professional biologists.

The spring has also involved several volunteer projects. Over spring break we sent 4 students to help Dr. Pletscher spruce up some duck nesting structures in the Bitterroot. We also are helping FWP Biologist (and TWS Alumni) Jay Kolbe with deer recruitment surveys in the Blackfoot Valley. Finally, our education outreach program has been very active this year, we have done 3 events at Rattlesnake Elementary School teaching kids about the Bear Aware program and animal ID using pelts and skulls from our collection. We will also be participating again in the annual Forest Discovery Days at Pattee Canyon in May.

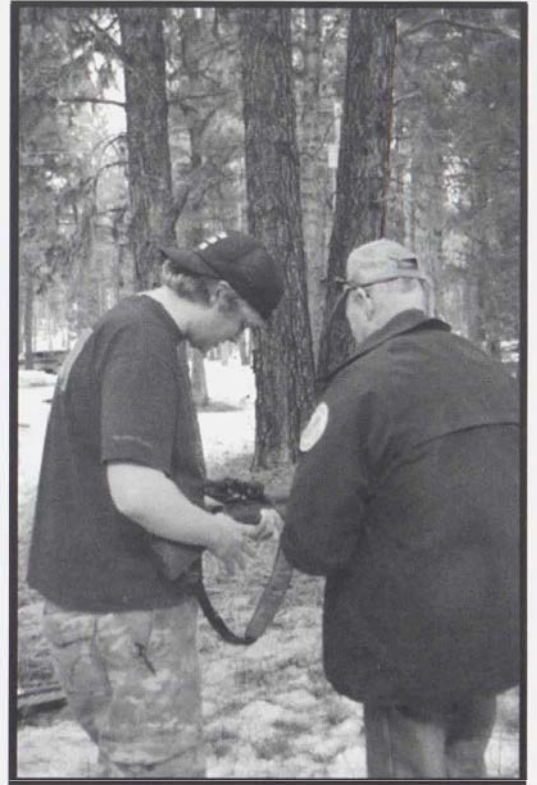
"Tough Question"- Ken Plourde, Derek Arnold, Aurelia Denasha, and Nora Carlson at quiz bowl during the TWS National Conference



"Aloha Hawaii"- This year we were lucky enough to send 6 students to the TWS National Conference in Kona, Hawaii.



"Next Generation"- Bri Miller and Zack Poetzich teaching kids from Rattlesnake Elementary about Montana wildlife with some pelts and skulls



"New Skills"- MT FWP biologist Tim Manley shows Will Loomis how to operate a dart rifle

This semester we are also continuing our major annual fundraiser: the Beast Feast. Our fundraiser involves a silent auction of outdoor gear and other donations from local businesses with attendees getting to enjoy a wild game potluck cooked by our members. This year we were fortunate enough to have a .22 rifle donated to our student chapter for the second year in a row that we will be raffling off.

Our student chapter continues to strive to offer some of the best experiences possible for developing wildlife professionals. Next year we look forward to continue with these goals by adding even more events and opportunities to become involved. Thanks everyone for the great year!

Ken Plourde
Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society President 2011-2012



"Birds Eye View"- Kate Davis, founder of Raptors of the Rockies, showing our students a Red-tailed Hawk that was rehabilitated through her project.



"Foresters Once"- all of the wildlife students that volunteered to help build and work at the 2012 Forester's Ball.



Are You In?



Quiz Bowl at SAF Convention Honolulu, Hawaii

Over the 2011/2012 school year, the UM SAF student chapter served its primary purposes of providing extra-curricular forestry education opportunities and connecting students with professional foresters by bringing in a total of seven speakers. These speakers included Bob Harrington (Montana State Forester) Zack Porter (Montana Wilderness Association organizer), Helen Smith (USFS Fire Lab researcher), Jeanne Bradley (Idaho Department of Lands forester), Bob Pfister (USFS RMRS researcher and CFC emeritus faculty), Brain Hobday (Stoltze Land and Lumber Company forester), and Greg Howe (Missoula Municipal forester). Members of SAF also attended field trips to Savenac Historic Tree Nursery, a heavy equipment demonstration day at Lubrecht Experimental Forest and a tour of the Pyramid Lumber mill in Seeley Lake. SAF students educated elementary school students about forestry at Forestry Discovery Days in Pattee Canyon and at the Rattlesnake Elementary School. Additionally, SAF helped put on the Forestry days at Fort Missoula by providing food sales and refreshments.

This year, the SAF students attending the 91st national convention were lucky in that it was held in Honolulu, HI. Five students, Kate Sullivan (then chapter chair), Edie Dooley (then vice-chair), Micah Scudder (treasurer), Jess Gruba (secretary) and Cameron Chapman attend the convention with the theme, International year of forests: linking local, regional and national solutions. At the convention, students attended scientific and plenary talks, participated in the annual national student congress, dined at the University of Montana alumni dinner at the Honolulu Hard Rock Café, and networked with professional foresters from all over the country at tables in the exhibit hall. The group got to get out of the city and into the tropical forest while staying at a ranch house on the East side of Oahu thanks to connections provided by SAF member and CFC professor, Ron Wakimoto. While in Hawaii, the five students also went snorkeling in Hanauma bay, visited the Pearl Harbor memorial, watched a professional surfing competition on the North Shore and soaked in some rays while surfing at Waikiki beach.



SAF Photo Booth at Foresters Ball



In December, SAF members Cameron Chapman, Rob Mickey, Ben Smith, Zack Miller and Kate Sullivan graduated from the College of Forestry and Conservation. In May, Edie Dooley, Micah Scudder, Colby Auckland and Erik Thompson will be graduating. That means SAF needs future CFC foresters to join the club for the 2012/2013 school year!





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STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR FIRE ECOLOGY & MANAGEMENT

The Student Firefighters Association was revived this year as the University of Montana Student Association for Fire Ecology and Management, and is now a student chapter of the Association for Fire Ecology.

This year, students participated in several mixers with professional fire managers – fuels specialists, hot-shots, smokejumpers and researchers from the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory. During winter session, members participated in the University’s Prescribed Fire Practicum in Baxley, Georgia. Spring brought participation in the Forester’s Ball, a tour of the Fire Sciences Lab, and more prescribed burning on the Lolo National Forest.

Cheers to a great year and thanks to everyone for making it happen



Students check out the fire whirl chamber.

The 2012 GA RX Practicum Crew.



Burnin’ for ecosystem health - Baxley, GA.

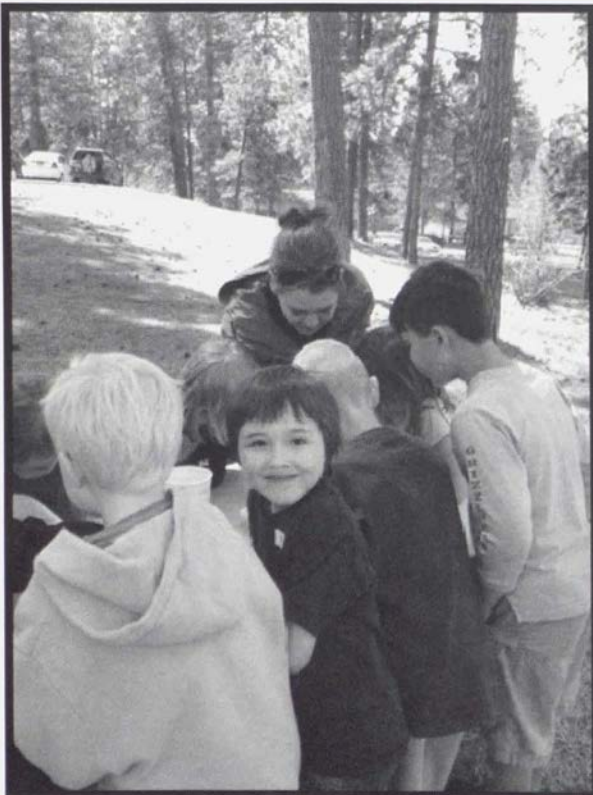
Student Chapter American Fisheries Society

The University of Montana student subchapter of the American Fisheries Society is a student group committed to promoting fisheries science and conservation and developing fisheries professional for the coming decades.

The mission of the American Fisheries Society is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries



and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals. The student group is involved in a number of activities both on and off campus. These range from one day to multi-day events including river cleanups, elementary education days and even the Western Division of AFS Student Colloquium.



The group also meets twice a month during which it often features fisheries professionals, graduate students or other fish related speakers. The meetings also serve to promote networking between students and professionals and provide information to further their careers in the field.

This past fall the club had the honor of hosting the 4th annual WDAFS Student Colloquium. The student group welcomed other clubs



from around West to campus for the four-day event. Visitors came from the University of Arizona, University of Idaho, Brigham Young University, and Colorado State University. The event fostered networking between future fisheries professionals of the region and showcased research by many of those students.

Students from the group often move straight into state or federal jobs or graduate school. Much of the work from our students can be seen wherever fish are found throughout the West.



95th Foresters' Ball



There will never be another Foresters' Ball like the 95th!

This year broke ticket sale records with nearly 1700 checkered shirt clad, cowboy hat topped and boot wearing students, alumni and community members in attendance each night. Because of complication with using Schrieber Gym, the logger town, stage and dance floor were built in the Adams Center. This provided new challenges and opportunities for the 95th Foresters' Ball committee. Without the overhead track, all buildings were built to be free standing and because of the size of arena, much more construction materials were needed. Even with the magnitude of the job, construction started Tuesday of Ball Week and everything was up and ready for Friday's dance.

As with tradition, the Can-Can dancers performed each night putting on a hell of a show with their flips, twists and turns. Kappa Kappa Delta sold marriages and divorces at the First United Winchester Church to raise money for charity and the Wildlife Society threw folks in their Poacher's Penitentiary, bailed them out and threw them in again for a small charitable fee. Chili was served at the Lusty Logger Landing and sodas were poured at the Rut n' Strut Saloon. Folks could get a haircut (mulletts and Mohawks only) at the Clear Cuts Barber.

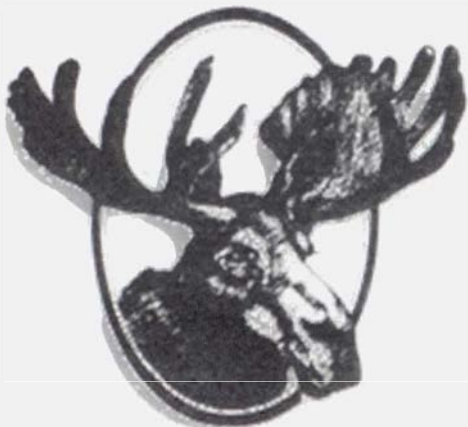
All n' all, despite those who say otherwise, the 95th Foresters' Ball was a major success considering the challenges and incredibly hard work all those involved put in to Ball. Long live Bertha, and long live the Foresters' Ball!



"Timber!": Students fall and gather trees to be used at Ball during the fall at Pole Run.



Work in Progress: Construction during Ball Week continues before, after and during class.





Top Chop: Babe, Paula and Paul Bunyan show their faces at Ball.



Record crowd: Approximately 1700 attendees gather on the historic dance floor each night of Ball for a Swingin' Good Time!



Swing your partner: Forestry students show off their high kicks and dance skills during the Can-Can dances.

Midnight Serenade: Students dance under the tradition blue snow falls during the last dance of Foresters' Ball.



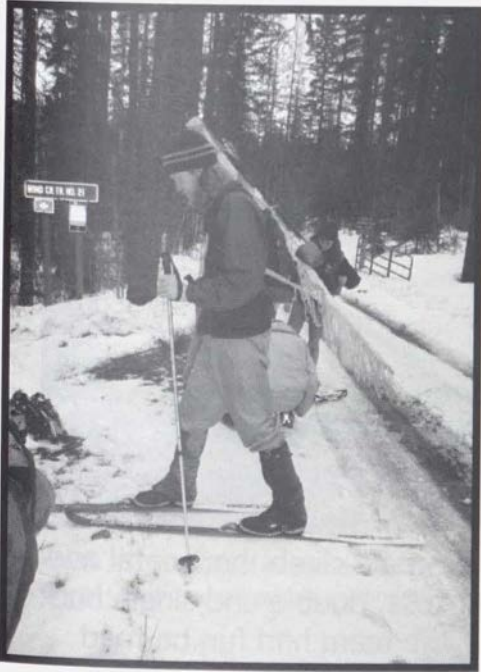
Student Recreation Association

The Student Recreation Association has continued to romp around in the out of doors as well as undertake some credible outdoor volunteer projects.

In the fall semester of 2011 SRA members were the primary workforce for the Missoula Park and Recreation program's Fall Family Festival. Hauling kids around on hay rides, pressing cider and doing outside art had students busy over the weekend.

The spring semester started off with a bang by building the chili hall for the 95th Forester's Ball. The poker table was hot and the chili with bread tasted good after hard dancing.



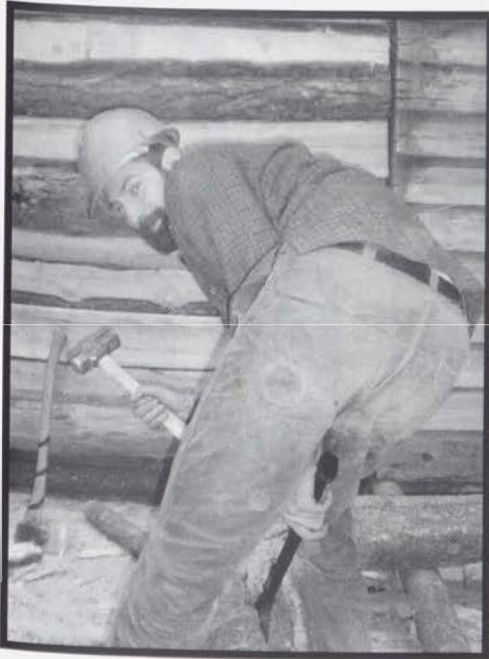


During the not-so-cold Spring months the club scrambled out of town on numerous trips to explore the Swan Valley and later Idaho's hot springs to soak off the snowball wounds from Winter Olympics.

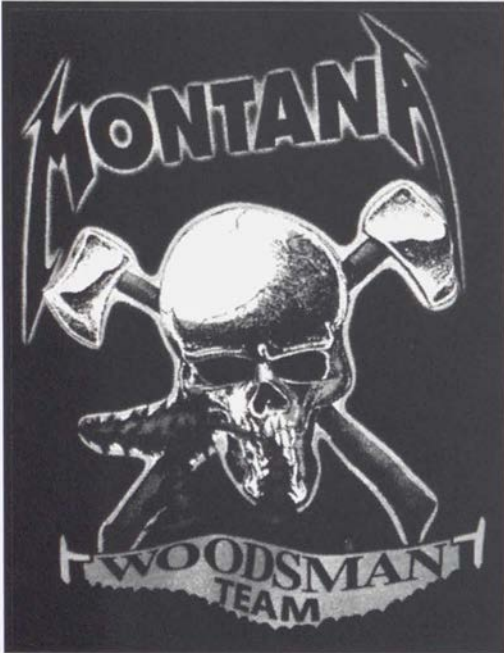
Another highlight was an epic Spring Break trip on the North Fork of the Flathead River near Polebridge, Montana. There, members skied and snow shod into Glacier National Park, chilled around the Ben Rover Forest Service cabin and sang songs around a toasty campfire.

SRA also taught responsible camping to Rattlesnake Elementary School students, played with Big Brothers Big Sisters duos in the Rattlesnake Recreation Area and toured Bonner Elementary School students around Lubrecht.

Again this year, advisor Elizabeth Covelli, assistant professor of parks tourism and rec management, joined the crew and continued to work on expanding SRA's presence in the Missoula community through outdoor rec volunteer activities. The band of folk that make up the Student Recreation Association continues to diversify – The club is not only built of those pursuing CFC degrees but also students from all departments on campus.



WOODSMEN TEAM



This was a busy and successful year for the University of Montana Woodsmen Team! From placing first at both Colorado and Oregon State in the Fall to being awarded second at the 73rd AWFC Annual Conclave the team was kicking ass and taking names all across the West! Team captains Nick Capobianco and Aaron Abbott pushed the team to practice often and perform well, ultimately leading many members to place in events including burling, ax throw, pole climb, horizontal and vertical chop, choker race, caber toss, double and single buck and many more! Along the way the team had fun on road trips to Colorado, Oregon, Idaho and Kalispell, visiting the coast, Pacific rainforests, logging sites, old mills, Tillamook Creamery, other regional teams' competition grounds and hometowns.



"DUNK HIM!": Aaron Abbott rolls his way to first place in Burling at the 73rd Annual Conclave.



"Heals In!": Shannon Agner climbs to 30ft during Pole Climb at OSU.



"Use your Corks!": Chelcie Cunningham runs the wet and muddy choker race at OSU.

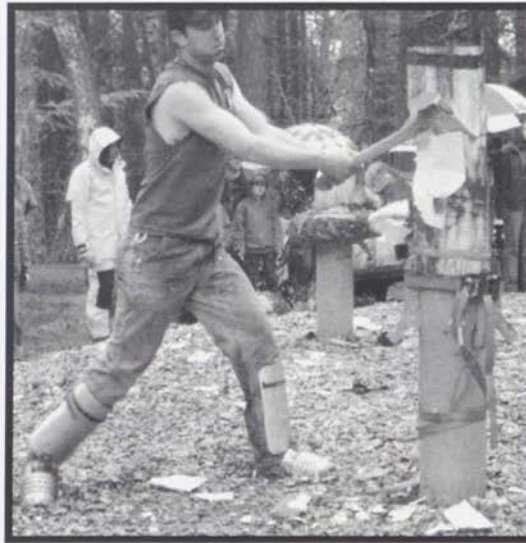




“MAUL!”: Nick Capobianco finishes his horizontal speed chop during the STIHL Western College Qualifier competition, eventually becoming the fourth best in the West.



“Hard hits! Harder!”: Kelsea Idler gets her first hits on her horizontal chop at Conclave in Oregon.



“Finish Him!”: Ricky Skinner hacks away at his block during the vertical hard hit event at Conclave.



“Lumberjills and Ladyjacks”: Emma Forsythe and Chelcie Cunningham show off their fashion, Montana Maul style.



“KEEP GOING!”: Shannon Agner sets the crosscut saw for the single buck event while at OSU in the Fall.

Wilderness Skills Club

A new group this year, the Wilderness Skills Club was formed to bring like-minded people together to learn and practice wilderness survival skills. It was a year of learning and coming together as a group.

Club topics ranged widely, yet the primary focus was on primitive survival skills. These are powerful skills not only because they are potentially lifesaving, but also because they promote a connection to nature like no other outdoor activity can. How much more might you appreciate ponderosa pines after you've spent a cold night warm in their needles? How much more might you appreciate fire if feeling its warmth isn't as easy as flicking a switch (we practiced in the rain)? These are a few questions we can now answer.



Group picture

Making shelters with a group of Bigs and Littles.



Attracting members to the new club.

We did a lot this year. A handful of our weekly meeting topics include: bone tools, primitive traps, atlatls, throwing sticks, pottery, interpreting bird language, natural cordage, fire, and shelter.

Weekend trips provided the opportunity to practice the skills we'd been learning. Backpacking the Bitterroots, building snow caves, teaching wilderness skills to a group of Big Brothers Big Sisters; it was all good fun.

Looking back, it's hard to believe everything we accomplished as a new club. It was a great time. We began as strangers, but we've come a long ways since then. Even the Wilderness Skills Club itself has evolved since its beginnings. The foundation has been set. It's exciting to think where the club might go from here.

David Remmen
President 2011-2012

We had a few guest speakers. One of the most memorable was local expert, Sergei Boutenko, bringing in wild edible plants for us to learn and taste.



Ponderosa pine needles: no sleeping bag required. Warmth rating: 25 degrees F.

Snow caves near Lolo Pass.



Montana Druids



The Montana Druids was established in 1923 as an honor society committed to serving the College of Forestry community. Today we do our best to continue this tradition bearing in mind to always "Give full measure of service regardless of compensation received."

This year we helped organize two education outreach days to connect students from the College of Forestry and Conservation with teachers and students of Rattlesnake Elementary School. Members of The American Fisheries Association, Forestry Club, Society of American Foresters, Wildlife Society, and Student Recreation Association met with the 1st, 2nd, and 5th grades this spring for some educational, and fun, clinics. Members of these groups taught many different skills including: bear aware practices, aquatic insect identification, responsible camping techniques, and fire safety with Smokey the Bear.

Thank you to all those students who helped put on the Rattlesnake education day, and to all members of the College of Forestry and Conservation who continue to make this College our home and family.

Alissa Anderson
President, Montana Druids

2012 Druids' Outstanding Senior Award

Zack Miller

2012 Druids' Outstanding Faculty Award

Michael Patterson



Smokey with participants of a Rattlesnake Elementary School education day.

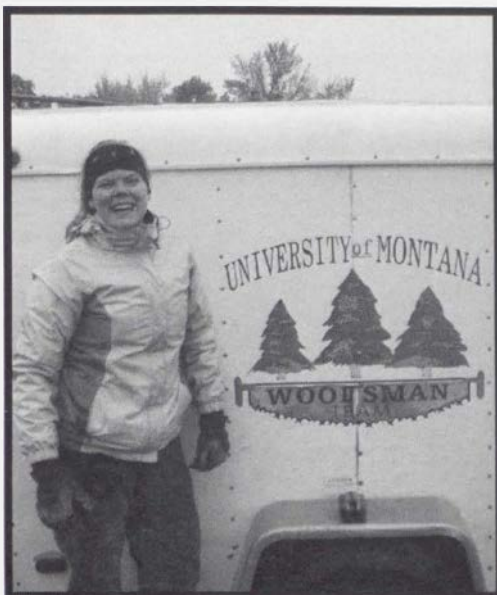
Freshman Letter

About nine months ago a wide-eyed, nervous freshman arrived on the University of Montana campus. She had dozens of dreams, but didn't know anyone but her roommate and RA. The beginning was hard. Home was often on her mind, friends were few and school was a bore.

Then came the day when two Carhartt-clad, boot wearing students came to her Chemistry class raving about the Forestry Club, a team of lumberjacks and some Ball thingy. Her eyes lit up, she wrote down the date and promptly at 7pm she took a seat in Forestry 206 for what would soon become her community in college.



It's been months since I first stood on the desk and said my porn star name, "Ziggy Brentwood" in the upstairs of the Forestry building. I'm now living off-campus with Dylan Brooksy and Chuckles Gesme at the notorious Third Street. Alone is a thing of the past. Since joining Club, Team and doing that Ball thing I haven't had a dull day or a full night of sleep in weeks. I've road-tripped with Woodsmen team, dressed White Trash at the Christmas party, lost a week worth of classes building a logger town at Foresters' Ball, nearly broken my face at Winter Olympics and cursed the rain at Conclave in Oregon.



My advice to any incoming freshy: DON'T BE AFRIAD! Go to Tower Pizza, walk to Third St. and go all out for costume parties. I promise Foresters are louder than any Football Game, more honest than your roommate, as experienced as the professors, better looking than the frat boys, nicer than the sorority girls, tougher than your RA and way more enjoyable than the classes you should be skipping to practice for Team. Trust me.

Your past, present and hopefully future friend,
Leslie

Senior Letter



Once upon a time, four years to be precise, a city slickin' Seatillite and a baby-faced East Coaster strolled into the minor metropolis of Missoula, Montana. These two foreigners had not a hide or hair of an idea as to what they were doing when they signed up for majors in the College of Forestry and Conservation. The adventure began here.

Meeting each other in the Wildlife FIG (Freshman Interest Group), we had no idea of the future friendship that was to develop. Countless classes together, until Alissa's extended sabbatical from wildlife, forced us to spend many late hours in not-so-quiet-rooms in the library basement. However, our friendship really developed through our involvement in the Student Recreation Association, Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Foresters' Ball, and other CFC events. Here, we also

met many other friends who have contributed greatly to our experience at the University of Montana and years to come.

Classes, student organizations, and the community of the CFC have helped solidify and mature our future goals in conservation. We have found mentors and teachers in many forms. From professors to peers to first graders at Rattlesnake Elementary School, we have learned in many different environments.

As we graduate from the University of Montana, but more proudly, the CFC, we will pursue careers and a way of living greatly influenced by the family we found within the CFC.

After thinking four years of cabin chillin' trips, TWS conferences, and Ironman/woman Ball deconstruction was enough, we unfortunately learned that it wasn't. The next 15 weeks after graduation will be spent together in a classy trailer park while working for Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

It is now our goal to move on and make the CFC proud with our future actions, while leaving our places open for the new students to fill. The CFC has taught us that even though perfection is impossible, it is still something to strive for. We only hope that as we have developed from the mentees to the mentors, that we have instilled this mentality into the next group of conservationist after us.

The lessons of camaraderie and conservation from the CFC will continue to influence us throughout the future.

Thanks CFC and keep on keepin' on!
Alissa and Dave.

A Woodsman's Prayer

**Let me breathe the clean pure air
That blows only in the wilder places
Send me far from the tainted cities
Packed tight with mongrel races.**

**Let me quench my thirst
In pure crystalline springs
That bubble from the living rock
Shadowed only by an eagle's wings.**

**Let me follow the untrod trail
Roaming freely 'til the end of my
days
And watch the dusty red sun
Set the heavens and mountains
ablaze.**

**Let me alone, eager and forever
Follow and fight the naked wild
And when I die, mark me down
For what I am, Nature's child.**

- Silas Raymond Thompson, Jr.



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