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## **FORESTERS' BALL SET FOR JAN. 28-29**

### **MISSOULA --**

Get ready for a night on the town, old-time Western style. The University of Montana School of Forestry is gearing up for its 77th annual Foresters' Ball.

Set to the theme "Burnt Paws to a Good Cause," a tribute to 50 years of Smokey Bear, the ball will take over Schreiber Gym from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 28 and 29.

For the event the gym will become an old-time logging town with a church, jail, saloon, chow hall and general store. Ball-goers will slide into town by means of a log chute at the back of the gym. Missoula's Backwoods Rhythm Section will provide country and rock 'n' roll tunes for dancing.

A few serious moments during the raucous event will be devoted to remembering the late Ron Barger, a forestry professor at UM from 1986 to 1993 and to whom the ball is dedicated.

The ball caps off a week of activities starting at noon Monday, Jan. 24, next to the Forestry Building with Boondocker's Day--a logging competition for students and a cow chip-throwing contest for law and forestry school deans. Scheduled also for Jan. 24 is the Convocation, to be held at the University Golf Course Clubhouse starting at 6 p.m. As tradition demands, Convocation events will include skits; a hairy legs contest for women; and beard, mustache, beer belly and hairy chest contests for men.

The traditional mad scramble on the Oval for free tickets dropped by skydivers is set for noon Wednesday, Jan. 26. Thieving law school students will return forestry moosehead mascot Bertha to

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her rightful owners at noon Friday, Jan. 28, on the Oval. An alumni mixer is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in Schreiber Gym.

The ball, which raises money for forestry student loans and scholarships, costs \$22 per couple each night. Tickets go on sale at 8 a.m. Jan. 24 in the University Center South Atrium.

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