56th Foresters' Ball is Jan. 12-13 at UM; Men's Gym is site of event

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The 56th annual Foresters' Ball will be Jan. 12-13 in the Men's Gym at the University of Montana.

Eugene L. Roach, Trochu, Alta., Can., a senior forestry major at UM and publicity chairman for the ball, said the ball is a month later than usual because the ball sponsor--the UM Forestry Student Association--didn't want to damage the rubberized, tartan surface in the main arena of the recently remodeled Harry Adams Field House.

"We could have held the ball in the Field House, the usual site for the event, but because of the major renovation at the Field House--part of which included the new track and basketball playing surface--we didn't want to run the risk of damaging the new tartan floor," Roach explained.

The ball will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Jan. 12 and 8 p.m. to midnight Jan. 13. Tickets, which are $5 per couple, can be purchased from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Jan. 10-12) in the University Center Mall.

"Because the Men's Gym is smaller than the Field House there won't be as many tickets available for this ball," Roach said. "Those interested in attending the ball should buy tickets as soon as possible.

"Music for the ball will be by 'Lili an' her Youngin's,' a group which features several unusual instruments--'The Gut-bucket,' Jews' harp and spoons," Roach said.

Boondockers' Day events on Monday (Jan. 8) will officially launch Foresters' Week activities in conjunction with the ball. Woodsmen contests, a traditional event during the annual forestry celebration at UM, will be held Monday from 2-5 p.m. in the University Oval or in the University Center Mall in case of inclement weather. Beard and moustache contest judging will begin at 7 p.m. Monday in room 206 of the UM Forestry Building.
The Foresters' Convocation will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (Jan. 10) in the University Theater, with free admission to UM students, faculty and staff, and the general public. Convocation highlights will be the crowning of the Foresters' Ball Queen, naming of the queen's court of princesses and announcement of the winners of the beard and moustache contest. Forestry students will vote in the queen contest Monday and Tuesday at UM.

Queen candidates are Roberta Jean Balaz, a freshman in home economics from Annandale, Va.; Sally Sue Gregory, a sophomore in wildlife biology from Naperville, Ill.; Jennifer Munson, a senior in art from Bozeman; Susan Diane Pfau, a sophomore in business administration and education from Lewistown, and Theresa Faye Saunders, a sophomore in music education from Glasgow.

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