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UM FORESTERS TO CELEBRATE
65TH ANNUAL BALL JAN. 15-16

MISSOULA--

University of Montana forestry students and their friends will show their spirit for the outdoors and life in the wilds during the annual Foresters Ball Week, beginning January 11, on the UM campus. The theme for the week and the 65th Annual Foresters Ball is "Saddles and Sawbucks," in honor of the mountain packing and guide profession in Montana.

The ball will be at 8 p.m. Jan. 15-16 in the UM Men's Gym. Tickets will be on sale for \$10 per couple beginning Jan. 10 in the UM University Center (UC) first floor Mall or at the door for \$12.

Special guest of the ball will be Smoke Elser, a well-known Missoula packer. The band will be "Montana Skyline," a country-rock and bluegrass group.

Foresters Ball Week events will begin Jan. 11 with the judging of the "Best Beard, Moustache and Hairy Legs Contest" in the UC Mall during the afternoon. At 8 p.m. in the UM University Theater, a convocation talent show will be held with the announcement of the beard and hairy legs contest winners. All competitions during the week are open to the public without charge.

"Boondockers' Day" will begin at noon Jan. 13, and includes small contests like tobacco spitting, ax and keg throwing in the UC Mall.

An open house for the public to visit the ballroom and a pancake-eating contest will be conducted during the morning of Jan. 16. Also a forestry school mixer for faculty, students and alumni will begin at 2 p.m. in the Carousel

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Proceeds from the ball go to the forestry students' scholarship and loan fund. Materials for the ball week are donated by Missoula businesses.

Chief push for the ball is Wayne Brainerd, a senior in forestry from Missoula. Publicity pushes are Margaret Doherty, a forestry sophomore from Wyoming, Minn., and Paul Hutter, a forestry senior from Wilmette, Ill.

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