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TICKETS FOR UM FORESTERS BALL FOR
CONTEST OR SALE BEGINNING JAN. 10

MISSOULA--

Forestry students at the University of Montana challenge the public and especially UM forestry school alumni to compete for tickets to the annual Foresters Ball during Foresters Week, Jan. 11-16.

Prizes for winning contests like tobacco spitting (distance and accuracy), ax or keg throwing, pancake-eating or talent competition will include tickets to the 64th Annual Foresters Ball "Sawbucks and Saddles" Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16.

All events except the ball are free.

Contests will begin Jan. 11 with the judging of the "Best Beard, Moustache and Hairy Legs" entrants during the afternoon in the UM University Center first floor Mall. At 8 p.m. a convocation talent show will be held in the UM University Theater.

Another way to get tickets to the ball will be to scramble after them as they are dropped from a helicopter over the UM Oval at noon Wednesday, Jan. 13.

During the afternoon Jan. 13, called "Boondockers Day," the tobacco spitting and ax and keg throwing contests will be held in the University Center Mall.

And on Saturday morning, Jan. 16, people with lumberjack appetites can eat their way to Foresters Ball tickets if they win the pancake-eating contest in the UM Men's Gym. Saturday's events also will include a public open house for viewing the ball decorations in the UM Men's Gym. Materials for the decorations have been donated by Missoula businesses and individuals.

If all else fails, the tickets for the ball can be purchased for \$10 per

(over)

FORESTERS BALL--add one

couple per night in the UC Mall beginning Sunday, Jan. 10. "Montana Skyline," a country-rock and bluegrass band, will provide the dance music.

Proceeds for the ball go to the UM Forestry Students' Scholarship and Loan fund.

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