"Once man can no longer walk among beauty and wonder at nature, his character, his spirit, and his happiness will wither and die."

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T. Crabtree
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R. Cairns
J. Minner
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R. Morse
C. Williams
C. Gilley
J. Bergeron
R. Albert
R. Simpson
A. Roussel
M. Macedo
T. DeAgazio

J. Lortie
J. Wentworth
B. Swett
M. Miller
D. Gibson
T. Levatch

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J. McCallum
M. Fiedler
K. Klefitis
S. Evans

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A. Cameron
R. Chieffo

M. Henry
T. Kitsos
P. Gabarro
N. Kertis
J. Bouchard
E. Brown
E. Littlefield
B. Supple
D. LaCasce
W. Thurber
A. Meade
R. Rode
R. Hughes

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E. Duvarney

In the 1981 edition of Ripley’s *Believe It or Not*, you will find the following entry: *Over 75% of the School of Forest Resources Class of 1981 actually graduated!* If you read the find print, you will find that the remainder of the class opted for the 4½ or 5 year plan. Whether we’ll be leaving UMO this year or not, though, we have a lot to reflect on.

Oh, those early days of Fy 1: chaining through the vast, untrampled wilderness of Woodlot C, the numbered trees of Woodlot A, having difficulty closing a traverse in an open field, discovering the staff compass (no, east is on the left), wing bees, life tables, moisture content of wood, and declination... would we ever become professionals? And who could forget cartography in which anything short of perfection was “all wrong” We were just getting used to things when we linearly regressed into sadis... I mean statistics (say no more).

Then came the shocking realization that there are finer distinctions in classifying trees than Christmas trees and shade trees, that a strip cruise is not something you do in the backseat of a car, that Murray Hall became too familiar (are we wildlife majors or zo majors?), that a theodolite is not a staff compass with thumb screws, and that what we thought were rocks were actually actinolite diopside wollastonite schist. Distortion, parallax, sleight of hand (the 30 second overhead), and transformation of a blank sheet of mylar into an intricate map were not part of a magic show but none other than Fy 6.

Does this sound familiar? “There are a couple of terms and figures that I want you to become familiar with.” Can you name the species whose turpentine is composed of normal heptane, one of the paraffin hydrocarbons with a small admixture of fragrant aliphatic aldehydes? Do you know what chocolate-covered cherries have in common with primary wood processes? What design of bridge could best support regular passage of 10-ton trucks? Why should roads leading to campgrounds be curvy? These questions were all cleared up (or should have been) during junior year.

Also in junior year, the wildlifers finally took their first real wildlife course with Uncle Terry while the foresters found that there was more to forestry than trees in recreation, watershed, and wildlife classes. Many courageous fire bosses matched wits with Charlie Williams and his famous fire machine. By now we were becoming much more than just lab partners — friendships developed and other activities further united the already close-knit group. Fall field day, 5:00 am bird walks, bonfires, “friendly” broomball games, club meetings, the Wildlife Game Banquet, dances, the Christmas Tree Sale, t-shirts, nuclear forestry, spring fling, and Senior Night filled our spare time (spare — that means excess).

Which brings us back to the present. It has been an eventful year already, even with senior seminar, winter carnival, economics, and policy still in the future. In forest management, our interest was discounted by a frustrating encounter with the computer, but was com-
pounded at 8 1/2% upon completion of the management plan (according to the operating schedule, of course). The wildlifeers took the witness stand in defense of our integrated plans, and if we had collected our suggested fees, we'd all be rich. Undercover seeds sprouted unexpectedly in planting class before Dr. McCormack could "suppress" them. A lot of students stayed away from fried chicken a few days after spending an afternoon searching for the heart in live chickens and attempting to make blood smears. The big questions of the year were: "Will anyone pass Ms 137?", and "Have you finished your pathology paper?"

Singing carols on the balcony, a Christmas activity which hopefully will become a tradition, was initiated by Bing Crossley and the Moron Tubercle Choir. We extend our thanks to those who helped raise a special spirit that did not disappear with the twelfth day of Christmas.

Although we are able to joke about many of our memories, we have also been exposed to some serious current issues whose outcome will affect our professional careers. Some of the more outstanding of these events are: The Dickey-Lincoln project, the Baxter State Park fire, the Moose Hunting Season controversy, Spruce Budworm Spraying, the Dennyville incident, films such as "Cut and Run", and the proposal to eliminate Service Forester positions. Forestry Forums, noontime seminars, Distinguished Lectures, wildlife conclaves, and SAF conventions supplemented the academics. The reality of job-hunting which always seemed so far off in the future is suddenly here — will there be any jobs for us?

It will be difficult to leave Nutting Hall, our home away from home for four years (and, not to mention, the most beautiful building on campus). We would like to thank Director Knight and all the faculty and staff for making those four years a success. Hopefully, as a class we have left a mark that won't be erased when they refinish the stairs. We will miss the friends and good times, but with the firm background that we have built at UMO, we feel confident in facing the "real world". Best wishes and good luck to the Class of '82 and all the fledgling foresters, techies, and wildlifeers. We know you'll miss us, but life goes on. And to all the graduating seniors: remember, it's a small world; until we meet again, let's do our best to ensure its survival.

Gone, but the blunder will never be forgotten.
Forest Technician Seniors

We, the Forest Management Technician Class of 1981, arrived officially at UMO in the fall of 1979. There were approximately 60 of us, hailing from New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and the State of Maine. Most of us were wet behind the ears as far as the field of forestry was concerned, and many probably thought that a two-year technical program would be a breeze.

Charlie Williams and Tom Christensen very quickly took the wind out of our sails. From Dynomometer tests to late night sessions with linear regressions, these two individuals were the object of many beneath-the-breath verbal observations. Surely their ears must have been burning.

Charlie informed us in the beginning that by the time we got to summer camp our class would number about 25 souls. Well, college administrations being what they are, we never did arrive at summer camp. Time for substitutions!

We began the spring semester of 1980 under the watchful eyes of Roger Taylor and Peter Orzech, probably so we wouldn’t ruin every piece of forestry equipment the University owns. From felling to yarding to sawmill orientation, they ran us through the paces. Who can forget such wonderful moments as Richardson mixing hemlock in with the spruce and fir, Comeau (Flash) getting the crawler hung-up on a stump, or Yunker trying to drop a spruce tree on Richardson?

Then came May and time to be out of here for the summer, Right? Wrong! Under the direction of our advisor, Professor Robbins and his able-bodied assistant Art Randall, we headed out for a week-long road trip across the state to take in the sights of Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge, flakeboard in Milltown, New Brunswick, Georgia-Pacific’s operations in the Princeton area, and Great Northern Paper Company’s operations around Telos. We also took in about 100 pounds of dust each on that trip.

The trip did have its highlights. One van was entertained by Peter, Paul, and Mari. Any resemblance to the musical trio by that name was just coincidental. Then there was the evening that Flash went out to dinner with Wally and Art. Things were really hopping as one bounced back and forth over such topics as trying to catch woodcock, the nomination of Yunker to the softball hall of fame, and the ongoing discussions as to who stole Flash’s beer.

We landed back at UMO that next weekend to find that Charlie had packed his bags and headed back down south with Weyerhaeuser. Those that had survived that first year certainly thanked their stars that they were fortunate enough to have had him as an instructor.

The return to UMO in the fall of 1980 brought groans from those that returned. Remember Charlie’s prediction? A quick head count showed about 23 returnees. How many would make it to graduation?

Who can forget that wonderful fall semester sitting around the Damn Yankee swilling down coffee and twiddling our thumbs? That had to be the most boring semester of school most of us had ever put in. Lots of time on our hands. That is, until just after Thanksgiving when all hell seemed to break loose. Speeches to give, maps to draw, papers to write, exams to take. But we toughed it out, most of us, that is. Flash left in the middle of the
Recipient of the Robert I. Ashman Award

The Robert I. Ashman award for 1980-81 has been awarded to Rebecca J. Florey, a senior forestry major with a minor in computer science. Becky is from Pittsburgh, Pa., and is actively the Forester of Xi Sigma Pi, an honor student in Phi Kappa Phi, and on the Student Advisory Committee to the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture. She is also a member of the Society of American Foresters and the American Forestry Association. Becky's other interests are cross-country skiing, raquetball-volleyball intramurals, and horses.

This award is presented annually to the senior most nearly representing the character, judgement, scholarship and devotion to his profession and to fellow students as portrayed by Professor Ashman. Dr. Ashman was the head of the Forestry Department in 1946 and continued to be the director of forestry programs in teaching, research and wildlife conservation.

Recipients of the Dwight B. Demeritt Award

There are two recipients of the 1980-81 Dwight B. Demeritt Award. They are Peter Dunn and David Hatton.

Peter Dunn is a senior wildlife biology major and is originally from West Redding, Ct. Peter is currently president of the Wildlife Society, a member of Xi Sigma Pi, the Environmental Awareness Committee, the Outing Club, and illustrates for the Maine Forester. He also enjoys volleyball intramurals, birding, cooking, drawing and cross-country skiing.

David Hatton is a senior in wood utilization from Williamstown, Mass. David is a photographer for the Maine Forester and established the School of Forest Resources Christian Fellowship. He is also interested in canoeing.

The Dwight B. Demeritt Award is given to a senior at the School of Forest Resources who the faculty feels is "academically able, has good personality and character and has good leadership qualities." The award is in honor of the late Dwight B. Demeritt, who served as head of the Department of Forestry until 1946. Among Prof. Demeritt's accomplishments were securing a university forest, now named for him, and the establishment of a wildlife research unit.
Foresters are still few in numbers, and the point of view which they represent, while it is making immense strides in public acceptance, is still far from general application. Therefore, foresters are still missionaries in a very real sense, and since they are so few, it is of the utmost importance that they should stand closely together. Differences of opinion there must always be in all professions, but there is no other profession in which it is more important to keep these differences from working out into animosities or separations of any kind. We are fortunate above all in this, that American Foresters are united as probably the members of no other profession. This esprit de corps has given them their greatest power of achievement, and any man who proposes to enter the profession should do so with this fact clearly in mind.

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A March morning is only as drab as he who walks in it without a glance skyward, ear cocked for geese. I once knew an educated lady, banded by Phi Beta Kappa, who told me that she had never heard or seen the geese that twice a year proclaim the revolving seasons to her well-insulated roof. Is education possibly a process of trading awareness for things of lesser worth? The goose who trades his is soon a pile of feathers.

— Aldo Leopold