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Jim Hambrook
Laura Schmidt
Dave Pooler
Dave Brown
Rich Fitz
Mary Kay Allen

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Bill Miller
John Quigley
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New Beginnings
by Tom Burrall

Commencement ... As seniors, the word has a double meaning. The cap 'n' gown ceremony pervades many minds as we near the grand day. This commencement isn't nearly as important as the commencement we will be undertaking following the ceremony.

Commencement is a beginning ... a start. It is the act or process of bringing or being brought into being. It is the time when something begins or is begun. It is the source or origin of something. It is the early or rudimentary phase.

We underwent this process as freshmen and we will be challenged again as we pursue our goals.

That brings us to another important word ... GOALS. These are what we are striving for. Whether our goals are based on our studies in the natural resources or not, we should be challenging ourselves to lengthen our stride to achieve our goals.

If we reach all of our goals, it will be time to set new ones. We must keep reaching, keep stepping and keep striving for goals.

As natural resource people, we have been educated to look at the whole picture. To a degree, we are biologists, botanists, businessmen, cartographers, chemists, ecologists, economists, entomologists, geologists, pathologists, physicists, silviculturists, soil scientists, statisticians, surveyors, taxonomists and zoologists.

This list is only a beginning, a commencing of what we are and what we will be. The list must not stop here. Each of us is many put into one. We need to keep building on our foundation.

We may build vertically on present knowledge and we may expand our foundation horizontally to capture a wider scope for further building. We will all likely do both on the path to achieving our goals.

It is human nature to enjoy beginnings. Wide-eyed people anxiously gather to watch the cutting of a giant tree in a forest. The climax builds as the tree begins to descend. The intensity peaks as the tree's path is crackling crescendo, making its way to the forest floor. Abruptly, the cutting is over. The intensity and the anxiety are gone.

For the precious few moments from climax to end, the people were in ecstasy. Suddenly, it ended and the feeling was "Wow, now what?"

Like many things we begin, we strive and strive and strive, pushing for the end and when it's all over, we sigh with relief, gratitude and happiness to applaud our accomplishments. The ends are only met when the goals are reached and when they are, we feel success in our pursuits. Then "Wow, now what?"

Regardless of level, students strive for that last class and that last exam. As seniors, this level of intensity is no higher. We begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We see caps 'n' gowns and then we burst the academic bubble.

Soon it will be all over. We will have reached one of our many goals. Then it will dawn on us. "Wow, now what?"

It is a matter of commencing, pursuing and reaching our goals. Then "Wow, now what?" It is one cycle which will spin for evermore. It is all a matter of New Beginnings. And as seniors, our newest beginning is not far off.
Forest Technician Seniors

BACK: Steve Parent, Paul Volkernick, Dan Kibbie, Kevin Gonzales, Al Marsocci, Mark Deden, Shawn Smith, Bob Kelly, Beth Olivier, Andy Thompson, Tom Ward, Pete Rondinone, Tim Brochu, Clarence Goodwin, Al Harjula, Dave Miller, Steve Hardy, Shaun Bresnahan, Koehring Operator FRONT: Joe Frederikson, Mark Desjardins, Larry Godin, Matt Gomes, John Savoie, Dan Morgan, Dana Seekins, Doug Rishton, Shawn Savasuk, Paul Winkelspecht.
Two Years as a UMO  
Forest Management Technician  
by Paul Winkelspecht

In the spring of 1983, approximately thirty students will receive their Associate of Science degree in Forest Management. This is quite a drop from the sixty or so people who started the program in 1980.

When we started, most of us didn’t know what we were in for, but then neither did Al Kimball. 5FY, Forest Measurements, was an experience for all of us. Just trying to keep up with Al Kimball as he looked through the woods was a challenge in itself.

Spring semester brought us great courses like Forest Drawing with CZW, silviculture with its waist deep snow (even that couldn’t slow Al Kimball down), and of course, surveying, with its traverses around Hart Hall, and its labs with – 60 degree days including the wind chill. Most of all, who can forget spring field trip with Connie Bob.

Those of us who made it through that came back to the last semester of all, five weeks of camp with almost no studying and homework. While all on campus were getting back into the swing of College life, we just partyed. The last ten weeks were not bad, except when they tried to cram five weeks of work into the last two. Who can forget those hour and fifteen minute lectures with Wally and your faithful two cups of coffee?

Now we are in our last semester at UMO, where you take those fun courses like accounting, speech, technical writing, and economics. Give me a forestry course, that is at least interesting, any day. Now it’s on to Graduation and job hunting. Hopefully, we will find a job, if Reagan will let us. Good luck to all my fellow FMT’s. Hope you enjoyed the last two years as much as I did.
“Lee is piqued and prodded by the sound of the geese, but Hank listens with a different ear. All his life he has been affected by the sound of game birds, hunting and watching and associating their calls with other events until he could peg the feeling to come before the bird made a sound, but of all upland birds and all the waterfowl, and all their numerous sounds of migrating, nothing even came near to giving him a feeling approaching the soaring, pure, lonely sensation from hearing a Canada honker.”

Ken Kesey
Sometimes a Great Notion
BACK: Fred Hathaway, Paul Rego, Diane Eggeman, Roland Dupuis
FRONT: Morgan Cameron

Rob Ebeling, Warren Cohen

Dennis Jorde, Sue Hacker

Mike Thompson, Tammy Thompson, Steve Holt, Dave Erker

Bill Galbraith, Margie Halpin, Dan Harrison
“Humanity has advanced, when it has advanced, not because it has been sober, responsible, and cautious, but because it has been playful, rebellious, and immature.”

Tom Robbins
Still Life With Woodpecker
Why get involved in extracurricular activities? Well, because it adds another dimension to your college experience. There's a lot more to school than academics. And it's a good time. The people on these pages really are having as much fun as it looks. When you remember college, chances are you'll remember the people you were associated with. Activities offer an opportunity to get to know people.

You can go on trips, like the SAF journey to Cincinnati or Wildlife Conclave in Vermont, or a tour of the Penobscot Experimental Forest. There are traditional activities like EAC Scout Night, Winter Carnival, and Senior Nite. The list goes on and on.

You needn't have particular interest in just one activity to get involved. People from different majors join all the events. So you're a forester and you don't care anything about the first little blue-throated birds that come out in the spring. But you may go birdwatching with the Wildlife Society because you like to see the sun rise and have Spencer's ice cream before your 8:00 class. Or you're a wildlifer, but you sure like to drink keg beer at Woodsmen's Team Bonfires.

The important thing is to take advantage of what Activities have to offer. Make your experience here something to remember.

Chris Billis

"Advice to underclassman: Milk the system for all the knowledge you can. Don't forget that a large part of your education can and should come from outside the classroom or lab, and don't feel that it is necessary to complete the program in only four years."

Doug Fox
Xi Sigma Pi, the forestry honor society, has traditionally been an organization providing different services to the students and local community. Our annual Christmas tree sale was a great success. The money earned from the sale will go to scholarships for students attending forestry and wildlife summer camps. And the highlight of the Christmas season was the arrival of Santa at our Christmas party. We provide a free tutoring service, exam file, and a pre-registration information table each semester. In the spring we organize the annual scholarship banquet, at which various student awards are presented.
Forestry Club

Graduation trees Appalachian Trail trip. Winter Carnival. t-shirts. Fall Field Day. Speakers. Spring Fling. trips. Organizational Fair. Senior Nite. These things and more are all part of the Forestry Club. The Forestry Club gives students a chance to learn more about the Forestry profession, get to know students outside of the classroom and just have some fun. As the College of Forest Resources grows, the tradition of the Forestry Club will continue.

"Now you may call me a fool."

What do you mean I'm the new president?! I was raising my hand for donuts.
Great, there's just enough money for us to go to Florida.
SENIOR NITE

SENIOR NITE
TONITE 10/17/74 7 PM
EVERYONE INVITED!
FREE BEER!
The greatest trip of the year (besides Cincinnati):

Anybody is welcome. It's a heck of a lot of fun, and we get some work done, too. Just ask Dr. Field.

"Where's Donny?"
"Tell us another joke, Pete."
"OK . . . There was this little Indian kid . . ."
Swiss rolls for breakfast, black and white Maine Forester film on peak foliage weekend . . .
"Where's my camera?"
"Where's my beer?"
"What happened to the bus door?" . . . "Well, it was like this, Louis . . ."
"There's seven people in here! Move over, Kasha."
"Where are those cookies?"
The better to see you with, my dear.
The parent chapter of the Wildlife Society is a professional organization dedicated to the wise management and conservation of the world's wildlife resources. Our student chapter is the link between the parent chapter and undergraduates who are training to enter the wildlife profession. Our speakers this year have included: Dr. William Drury who gave a presentation on seabirds, Mr. Sid Bahrt who shared experiences he had with the wildlife of the Falkland Islands, and Dr. Jack Ward Thomas who gave us several talks on management for deer, elk, and cavity-nesters. Our annual whale watch was a great success, as we saw a variety of birds and marine mammals, including two right whales! The culinary event of the year, the game banquet, had another interesting menu with the prize for originality going to the ecosystem stew, which had everything from primary producers on up to bobcat. By holding these activities we hope to expose students to ideas and issues which simply can't be learned in a classroom. Becoming involved with the Wildlife Society is one way to acquire the "tools" necessary to become a successful wildlifer.
The Environmental Awareness Committee (E.A.C.) is a committee under the Wildlife Society which offers students interested in natural resources and education the opportunity to use their skills in presenting programs to the community. Throughout the year, students take slide programs to school classes, scout groups and other organizations.

In the spring, during National Wildlife Week, we invite all the local scout troops to participate in an evening of activities which evolve around the theme of National Wildlife Week.
Do you like meeting people? Do you enjoy learning more about your future profession? Is traveling a favorite of yours?

Involvement in the student chapter of the Society of American Foresters can offer these opportunities and more. Meeting people and learning more about forestry will certainly be part of our new role of providing educational programs and acting as a clearinghouse of forestry-related information for the community.

Perhaps the highlight of membership this year was our trip to the SAF National Convention in Cincinnati. Eleven of us in one van for 2000 miles. Need I say more? We also send representatives to the annual New England SAF conventions. Never a dull moment because there is so much to do and learn.

With more people and more ideas, the potential of our student chapter is limitless. Our involvement in SAF is nothing more than what we choose to put into it.
The Forest Action Program has progressed from an idea to a reality. Starting last spring F.A.P. has been getting students involved in hands-on projects. These projects are a mix of work experience and a sharing of ideas between students from all classes and disciplines. The response of the students to F.A.P. has been encouraging and also the reason for its success. With continued support from the students F.A.P. should remain an important part of the overall learning experience.

F.A.P. is involved with a diversity of projects, including thinnings, prunings, winching with a yankee yarder, and tours of woodlots. Opportunity and diversity are the main goals of F.A.P.

Thanks to all the students and faculty and others who have helped make the Forest Action Program a reality. Special thanks to Ben Hoffman, Joe Spruce, and Robbo Holleran.
The Forest Products Research Society located at U.M.O. is the student chapter of the international association of the same name founded in 1947. The society was formed to encourage the development and application of technology and provide a link between industry and research.

The students involved with the student chapter have backgrounds in forestry, wood technology, wood products, pulp and paper and marketing. Because of the various backgrounds the Society promotes most of the aspects of forest products and of forestry. This is accomplished by providing guest speakers on various subjects, not all of which are directly related to forestry. The showing of films and the manning of booths at public functions informing the public of the work that is done at this university and other universities in wood products, is another part of our role in linking industry with research.
UMO Forest Fire Attack Team

Who says that all UMOFFAT is for is putting out fires? True, we are a wildland fire attack force, but it's more fun to start fires than put them out! Prescription burning, a valuable silvicultural tool, is one of our specialties. Last spring we burned several fields of grass and brush, and this spring we hope to expand our program to include woodland burning.

UMOFFAT is an active organization. From creating displays and performing demonstrations at the Organizational Fair, Fall Field Day (remember the tug-of-war?) and the College Dedication to receiving instruction in First Aid, CPR, and many aspects of fire suppression and management, this was a busy year. The big event, however, was the annual "Mock Forest Fire" held in Alton. This year, the 6 x 6 tank truck, on loan from the Maine Forest Service, provided for a new faction in our training program.

"Fire Boss to Scout! Where the hell are you?!!"

"It was pretty much confusing."
What we needed was an ideal condition—like a real fire... just hanging loose waiting for a little water pressure... if you can't get it to work, use a bigger hammer... We've been at it since we started... I'm just following John trying to keep any fire down until the rest of the crew catches up...
The woodsmen’s and women’s teams are making themselves known. They are getting invited to more meets. This past fall we travelled to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, via the scenic route. We are also doing more demo’s including one in Gray and Mount Desert Island, basketball game half time show and Parents and Friends Weekend.

The team is open to anyone who wants to compete and have fun.
This year the Woodsmen's team held its first winter meet; in 1979 a spring meet was held here. Since this was our first winter meet we kept the number of events down in order that everyone would be able to see all the events. We wanted it to be a serious competition but fun for all as well. The other teams seemed to enjoy themselves, and everything went well. As things stand now, this meet will become an annual event. As such we will continue to need all the support that we received in putting this meet together.