Quotes
“It’s slicker than snot, but it works.” —Al Kimball

“If you get lost, try to get found.”
-Warren Hedstrom

“Lots of my classmates have retired. I’m trying to figure this out.” —Dave Field

“Poplar in the road is like a beaver in a culvert.” —Al Kimball

“They diverted the whole west branch of the Penobscot and um... (pauses, looks around room, raises eyebrows) ...senior moment, I forget what I was talking about, where I was going. Tyler, what did you ask?”
-Dave Field on Great Northern Paper

“The world needs foresters with big clubs.”
-Al Kimball

“Hardwoods are....hard!” -Jeremy Wilson on Stand Visualization

“Basal scars and dead regen, it makes you sad, like burnt baby bunnies, they never had a chance.”
—Al Kimball

“...so here’s your nasty ass equation.”
-Warren Hedstrom

“Although you may get further with the local clerk and hairdresser than others...” —Al Kimball

“So when he went back for his thesis, he found they used it for toilet paper. It truly went down the crapper.” —Al White

Dr Livingston (on Noontime Lecture): “If anyone refuses I’ll take care of them.”
Matt Taylor: “I didn’t know Livingston was an Italian name.”

“You see, trees suck. You can put that on a bumper sticker.” —Al Kimball

“Just like some stuff you’ll learn in this building, you’re never going to use it.” Warren Hedstrom on the days Forest Roads lecture.

“Please somewhere near or under the word ‘escape route’ write bulls**t.” —Al Kimball

“AGS and UGS, its like crop and crap trees.”
—Bob Seymour

“I’m out of town, I’m out of time, I’m out of my mind.”
—Dave Field

“Impeded drainage, its like New Orleans right now *laugh* Okay...not funny.” —Al Kimball

“Does that look blurry or did you just party last night?”
—Doctor Rice while adjusting the overhead projector.

“Is that true or is that just another log cabin manufacturers’ bulls**t?” Al on something Barry said about cedar and heartwood rot.

“No no no you can’t blame it on that!!” - Bob Seymour

Al Kimball: “I can’t draw a moose, so I’ll draw a bear, (pointing to smiley face) it’s a happy bear.”
Matt Avery: “It looks like a bowling pin with ears.”

“I guess I like to live on the edge” - Fred Servello
“You may not think it’s the best thing since cheerios.....”  – Dave Field

“You want to get into its bloodstream, a long, lingering, painful death.” - Al Kimball on water based herbicides.

“You may be asking yourself, what’s with all this geometric horses* *t anyway?”
–Warren Hedstrom

“Yeah it’s voluntary, but if you want to play in our pool, you better keep your clothes on.”
- Al Kimball on BMP’s

“He is probably tapping trees he planted.” Dave Field on Richard Hale and Sugar Maple

“If you can make it from oil you can make it from trees.” – Al Kimball

“I don’t think any nuclear terrorists are going to come charging in here” -Doctor Rice

“If that gets hot enough the whole of the Enfield horseback is coming through that little hole!”
-Al Kimball

“Red spruce is packing its bags and leaving Maine. It’s starting to look like Georgia. I’ll be dead by then, but probably just as well.” - Al White

“Is “unequalibrium” a word?” – Al Kimball

“I think this is a bridge.” –Warren Hedstrom

Al Kimball on the random sampling of the color of buckwheat’s shirt:
Al Kimball: “Just think of shooting arrows at him.”
Matthew Taylor: “What’d I ever do to you!?!?”

“You might want to have your lawyer put some weasel language in there.” –Dave Field

“Has this landscape ever been naked, and I mean bare ass naked.” –Al Kimball

Kenny Fergusson of Huber Resources Corp: on making sure an independent contractor remains as such in the eyes of the IRS, this is their policy- “we don’t care how you do it, use a bunch of monkeys, but it’s got to be done to these standards.”

“It’s amazing how far across the road porcupine guts can spread! All the meat is in the legs, the rest is just a sack of guts.” – Al Kimball

“Here we are in the Nuthouse” -Steve Sader

“I have met the enemy and he are us.” – Al Kimball

“I see sheds haking. .heads shaking. .can’t even talk.” -Dave Field

“I have a horse. Sometimes he’s stubborn, sometimes he’s ignorant. But, when he is both he gets us both in trouble.” – Al Kimball

“Not all silviculturists would agree with this, but I don’t care. This is the way it should be.”
- Bob Seymour

“If they say it’s too expensive, I’ll show them all my little violin, which is a nice way of saying tough s**t.” –Al Kimball

“Better to crest than to sag.” -Warren Hedstrom
“Try that with your electronic bulls**t!” – Al Kimball’s self proclaimed “old fart comment of the day.”

“A few years ago, well okay it was the Reagan Administration” - Dave Field

“This isn’t any fun. (changes slide) This is more fun. (changes slide) Yes!” – Al Kimball

“The Neu et al. test will inflate the type I error and conclude that this class is full of drunks when in fact it’s not!” Dr. Dan Harrison

“See, I cheat, ‘cause I’m old.” – Al Kimball

Laura Kennefic: “Now go to the road and get in your bus.”
Bob Seymour: “Yes ma’am!”

“That deserves to be in bigger letters double underlined! – Al Kimball on ........ well, he thought it was important.

“I’ve seen three drunk guys in a car more stable than you.”
Fred to Sarah, Colby, and Caleb while doing stream surveys in canoes.

“An idiot is someone who hasn’t screwed up yet.” – Al Kimball

“I’m not a man of few words, but you all know that.” -Dave Field

“Louis said only Gretchen and I can touch it. So I’m going to start touching it.”
- Theresa Libby talking about the A/C control in her office.

“A glass of water is good, a fire hose in your mouth is not so good.” -Dave Field

“That’s like, a wicked small season. That’s the answer on the exam, too: wicked small season.” –Jim Gilbert

“Why is clearcutting and issue? (Silence). Come on class this is low hanging fruit.” Later in class....”Making fun of Brian [Curry] is also low hanging fruit.” - Dave Field

“It went pooey down the crapper.” - Al White

Al Kimball: “Didn’t you take French?”
Matt Avery: “I can order an Extra Value Meal in Quebec.”

“Quail hunting, we now know its dangerous”
-Dave Field

“I was walking around like I was drunk on nature.”
- Fred Servello

Tyler Alexander: “What about moonshine?”
Dave Field: “That’s not recreation, that’s serious business!”

“That’s just not professional.” Bob Seymour

“I hope that as professionals you will go out and get good jobs and contribute to the social security pot so I can enjoy retirement.”- Dave Field

“You’re all tired! I’m trying to de-tire you!”
- Lindsay Seward
Dave Field: “What is this new policy that started a controversy?”
Tyler Alexander: “Allowing race walking?”
Dave Field: “No Tyler that’s not the one”

“Curves are a bitch.” - Dr. Wagner

Molly coughed, Dave Field poked his head around the corner: “I knew it must’ve been you! I didn’t even have to look.”

Joe Orefice: “Is this black spruce?”
Bob Seymour: “That is black-ish spruce... the parent trees are reddish.”

“You haven’t walked the trail if you’re a ferry...” -Dave Field

“I felt like I was coming back to Somalia by coming back to UMaine!” - Fred Servello

Brian Curry: “Lack of education?”
Dave Field: “Now, Brian walked in just after I mentioned about people saying dumb things...”

“Incidental take permits, only lawyers would think of that!” -Dave Field on the Endangered Species Act

“You walk up to the tree and say, “Hello tree, are you ready to die?”” -Dave Field

“You can’t just tell the ranch hands to go out and do cows.” -Dave Field

“The highway system was never meant for the I-91 and I-95 merger in New Haven, or the mixmaster in Hartford.” -Dave Field on highways not being made to go through cities.

Brian (Milakovsky) was on the winning quiz bowl team down at Nashua...he made a few good guesses there too.” -Dave Field on Brian being the only person to get the right answer in class.

“And the Canadians freaked on this one....” -Dave Field on the softwood lumber dispute.

“And the Indiana bats, it’s like spruce budworm!” -Dave Field on, well, we aren’t quite sure.
Katie Manende: “What about pocket pool?”
Adam Nicak: “You can never tell who is winning and the referee is a dink.”

“Do people really buy Calendars?” –Natalie Kitchel
“Yeah, its one of those things people buy once a year.” Emily Laplante

“I like sausage. Any kind of sausage. It’s all good.”
–Adam Nicak

“Well bring your little zippy doodle over here.”
–Katie Manende to Chad Buie

“Hell, I always thought that was about condoms!!”
Keith Trask on MeadWestvaco’s “Take 2 for Safety” Policy

“So, Davey screwed me my first semester...oh s**t.”
–Katie Manende

“This is the first time we have ever fought over a man.” Matt Taylor to Josh Roy in GIS

“I’ve always been a black person.” –Wilfred Mercier

Mike Maines holding the large chainsaw tooth, asked Jared Boucher: “What does the depth gauge do? You can answer that in French if you need to.”
Jared: “Je nes pais... je nes pais... I don’t know.”

“Hand like a man, but a voice like a woman, that’s good enough for me.” –Chad Buie

“Sorry I had to pull out in mid-stroke” -Brian Curry

“I couldn’t deal with double Louis.” -Jared Boucher

“That’s what a journal article is. You take other people’s stuff and add your own sentence to it. Its like a chain mail thing.” –Crystie McGrail

“I love rum!” –Gretchen Heldmann

“Bob Ross is a guiding force in my life.”
–Devon Foley

“She was so big that when she reached up Ford was imprinted upside down on her gut from her belt buckle. And there is history.” –Adam Nicak

“That’s like a whole bag of suck right there.” - Chad Buie referring to a tree falling on a car.

“Especially when talking about larger scale out-bakes, I mean outbreaks, and problems.”
–Mike Tippet giving his presentation in Urban Forestry.

“...and something called an electrified peanut butter disc. ” “What about squirrels?” -Devon Foley’s response

“When everyone’s sterile, you can’t reproduce, which can be a good thing.” –Mike Tippet

“...educational programs on how we can educate people why trees are important to help with air pollution, ‘cause we do have a LOT of that.”
–Ian Ballinger giving his presentation on New Jersey Urban Forests.

“They don’t wash their hands, guys.”
–Gretchen Heldmann

“Nursing students.” -Wil Mercier

“Dr. Field had a thought.” –Matt Taylor
“. .and lastly I dedicate my presentation to Bob Ross.
.Happy Trees.” -Devon Foley

Gretchen on the SAF Hurricane Relief effort:
“Dammit, these people are suffering! They haven’t
had a change of underwear in two months!”
Adam Nicak: “Well neither have I and you don’t hear
me complaining!”
(laughter)
Chad: “I thought I smelled something!”

“AHHH, black olive in my crotch!” - Sarah Spencer
while eating a wrap from the Union

Wil’s many ways of spelling University:
univserity
univerisity
univerity
univeristy
university

Brian Milakovsky: “What does the National Wildlife
Federation do?”
Chad Buie: “They send out calendars.”

“Anyway, back to what I was saying before Adam
started clicking his heels and wishing he was in
Kansas...” –Katie Manende

“The only Burt’s Bees stuff I use is the cuticle butter”
–Joe Orefice

Tyler Grant (regarding some crushed wintergreen):
“Allan, your hand smells good”
Allan Roberts: “Stay away from me.”

“This just reeks of sustainability” – Chris Byrnes

Buckwheat to Molly: “You almost looked good
today- until you took your hardhat off.”

“Needless to say, she didn’t play with my banana
anymore.” -Mark Mancini

“Just give him back the wood and let him have fun
with it.” - Greg Hall, handing Curry wood cores.

Brian Curry: “I want to be Al White”
Brian Berube: “Yeah, sounds like a blast.”

Brian Milakovsky: “I have to work on my
autecological reports.”
Kyle Burdick: “Au-who-sa-what?”
Brian, insultingly: “Your mother’s an autecologist!”

“Hemlocks the fastest growing weed around.”
–Chris Byrnes

Pete Rosen pointing out the van window: “What’s the
name of that lake?”
Lance Cunningham: “Dude, that’s a field.”

“We’re gonna clearcut it at the end... just for fun.”
–Chris Byrnes
My Summers in the North Maine Woods
Spencer Perry
Second Year Wood Science and Technology Major

For the past three summers, I have worked with three other men renovating a set of old logging camps in the North Maine Woods. These log cabins were built back in the early 1950’s and were in rough shape when we started. This is one of a small handful of camps on this pristine lake. It is about a three hour drive southwest of Ashland, ME. Being such a long distance from any civilization, logistics was the biggest problem.

A man purchased these camps several years ago. The set of camps included six buildings: a main camp, guest cabin, woodshed, shower house, out house, and a boat house. He decided he would like a nice place for a summer retreat where he could fish and relax. When we got out there in the summer of 2003, we found a mess. We had to clear brush and fallen trees. We also had to jack up the camps and replace some rotten sill logs. In the main camp, which is about 15 feet by 50 feet, we found a massive bat infestation. I guess the previous owner had this problem too. But his remedy was to put bat houses outside the camp, which just drew more bats in and around the camps. It was disgusting, and cleaning it probably knocked about five years off my life. First, we had to seal up the every hole in the camp so bats could not return because we only wanted to clean once. When the bats flew out at night, we would close the door so they could not return in the dawn. That got most of them out, but for the rest we had to do it “manually” We wore ventilators and gloves, which in the hot summer months were very uncomfortable, and use gallons and gallons of simple green cleaning solution to scrub the floors, wall, and ceilings. The cleaning of the other buildings was no cake walk either, but the main camp and the guest camp were very important to get absolutely clean for the sake of health.

In the summers of 2004 and 2005, our job got much more fun, but was still very dirty. We had to tear the old asphalt shingles off the roofs of five out of the six buildings. We started with the main camp’s roof, which was immense. It took us several days to do this, but that was only half the battle. We had to bag up all of the waste and haul it back to our trucks. This would have been fairly easy, except that there was no road access to the camp. We had to load up the motor boat with the waste and bring it a ¼ mile to the boat landing and then load it on pickup trucks to be taken out. We then had to bring, literally, tons of steel roofing from Ashland. We lashed several canoes together to make a barge to bring the roofing across lake. It was quite an operation, seeing how if we messed up, we would have sent thousands of dollars to the bottom of the lake, and we would have had to drive six hours round trip to get more, plus the environmental impact. We first had to strap the roofs, which usually would not be a big deal, but the camps were so crooked we had to spend several days per roof. In addition to putting on the metal roofing, we also put several sky lights into the roof of the main camp.

There is still some work to be done this summer, but most of the big stuff is complete and it is very livable. The owner has stayed there for weeks on end over the last two summers. He is very pleased that we made it so livable, but yet kept the quaint setting and look of the camps. I have learned so much over the past three summers and it was definitely a fun experience, not including the guano.
Clubs and Activities
The Forest Products Society is a group of individuals mostly in the Wood Science and Technology field or share an interest in the forest products industry. We are a diverse group of students with different nationalities and different backgrounds. The FPS meets biweekly to discuss forest products issues, host guest speakers, and meet with professors. In past years, we have also done wood-based projects around Nutting Hall. We put what we have learned in the classroom to work. In the future, we hope to start taking trips to forest product industries around the state. We are always looking for new members, so if anyone has an interest in the forest products industry, come check us out.

Brian Parker, Dr. Doug Gardner (Advisor), Spencer Perry, Joseph Romano, Keith Trask, Xinfeng Xie, Daniel Lagasse, Ben Jones
The National Association for Interpretation

NAI was founded as the first student chapter in the eastern United States and is affiliated with the professional NAI. The student run chapter originates in the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department. It is open to anyone interested in environmental interpretation, education, and outdoor recreation. NAI certification is not a requirement for students, and any undergraduate or graduate student can join.

The NAI Student Chapter provides a forum for those interested in our natural, historical, and cultural surroundings and is dedicated to the advancement of interpretation. NAI has taken on the mission of the former The University Recreation Club (TURC) by integrating recreation into our activities. NAI members will continue to participate in educational workshops, assisting students in obtaining Certified Interpretive Guide training, service projects, hosting guest speakers, and involvement in national conferences.

Some past NAI events include: Trip Lunch where members showed pictures of their outdoor adventures and discussed them, hosted professor emeritus, Wilbur LaPage, ice-fishing trip, snowshoeing, and camping.
The Maine Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters is a professional organization that strives to benefit forestry students, professionals, and the general public through education, outreach, and professional development. We host a noontime lecture series and a variety of field trips to provide students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge of forestry with the aid of professionals as well as current and retired faculty members. We also contribute to the community by volunteering to teach local students, boy scouts and girl scouts about forestry. SAF encourages a healthy community amongst forestry students by hosting a variety of social activities including movie nights, pizza socials, and ice fishing trips as well as contributing to the care and upkeep of Nutting Hall during Maine Day. This past year we also produced a 2006 calendar for a fundraiser and contributed to a Hurricane Katrina relief fund.
The University of Maine Trap & Skeet club was founded by John Fogarty in the fall of 2004. There had been several iterations of the same club; the most recent fizzled out in the 1980’s.

The goals of the club are:

• To promote the safe use of firearms
• To improve the skill level of all members in the club
• To compete with local colleges and teams
• To compete in the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Annual Intercollegiate Clay Target Championships in April, 2006.

The club competes in the five shooting disciplines recognized by the ACUI. The five competitive disciplines are American trap, American skeet, 5-stand sporting clays, International Skeet, and International Trap. We also compete in a different version of sporting clays that is “through the woods”, instead of being in a stand there are different stations that are laid out on a walking course with different presentations of targets at each one.

Our home field is the Hermon Skeet Club. The members of the Hermon Skeet Club have taken our club under their wing by providing support to us in the form of deeply discounted per round costs and discounts on ammunition. The members also provide support by coaching whenever possible.
The Wildlife Society has been very busy during the past year. A few of our members traveled to Virginia Beach in April for the annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference. We continued our participation in the annual Sportsman’s Show, put on by the Penobscot County Conservation Association, in which we won a Best in Show award for our display. At the annual Game Banquet, we had a wonderful turnout as well as a great variety of wildlife game dishes prepared by students, with much of the game meat coming from faculty, staff, and students here at Nutting Hall. With the donations we raised, we were able to give a scholarship to one of our members to assist with the costs of the May Term techniques course. We are planning to continue this tradition for years to come, so save a little to donate if you feel so inclined!

We continue to keep busy with projects of many sorts. A group of students collected data for state biologists on moose harvests tagged in Milo and at Abol Bridge. Students will also be collecting data on habitat conditions at a local winter deer yard. We are also starting a project to gain a better understanding of the population abundance, density, and distribution of deer on Marsh Island. SAF has been generous enough to offer to help with some logistics of the project, and we are both hoping to learn a lot from each other about deer on Marsh Island and sampling techniques.

Students have also been volunteering to help member David Veverka with his small mammal research, and assisting Maine Audubon and Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with spring owl surveys. We continue monitor duck boxes at Hirundo Wildlife Refuge, which we check by canoe each fall. We hope to continue projects like these, especially with the large increase of membership we have seen in the 2005-2006 academic year. The more interested and outgoing students we have, the more fun projects we are able to participate in.

This spring, students will be traveling to western Massachusetts for a weekend to participate in a conclave of all of the other student chapters of TWS in the Northeast. We will also be sending students to the annual Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Burlington, Vermont in April.

As you can see, we’re keeping busy this year. We invite anyone to join and participate in the fun, so stop by sometime and see what’s happening!
Woodsmen Team

The University of Maine Woodsmen Team is an organization that competes against other schools throughout the northeastern United States and Canada. Competitions involve a simulation of logging techniques from the turn of the century. Events include crosscut, swede saw, chopping, pole climb, chainsaw, chain throw and axe throw.

The 2005 spring meet was held at Finger Lakes Community College in New York. Spring meet is the most important meet of the year because all schools we compete against throughout the year are present. The University of Maine was represented by a men’s team as well as the co-ed Jack and Jill team. The two teams did well, winning new equipment to compete with in future competition.

The 2005-2006 has been a year of transition due to the graduation of the highly skilled seniors. Last fall, however, the new members to the team stepped up to fill some big shoes. The B-team consists of four new additions. These men have really come together this year to compete like a well-oiled machine.

Last fall, the lumberjacks and Jills participated in three competitions, located at Unity College, University of New Brunswick, and the University of New Hampshire. Attendance at UNH was primarily a chance for new members to gain some experience for the more widely attended meets to come in the spring.

After winter break, teams were re-organized and began to work together, practicing on a regular basis. In February, the Woodsmen competed in Nova Scotia against the highly skilled Canadian teams. The competition was a great experience and gave new members the opportunity to see what a Woodsmen meet is truly about.

This year the team held its annual competition early. The teams who competed in the locally hosted competition were the University of New Brunswick and Unity College. All teams competed well and a good time was had by all. The B-team competed very well placing second, while the A-team placed fourth. The women’s team placed first in their division with outstanding performances from all 6 ladies.

The 2005-2006 academic year was a good one for the Woodsmen Team. They may not have brought home as many trophies as in the past, but have done a phenomenal job of building team union and sportsmanship.
Xi Sigma Pi is a national honor society that was founded to recognize students of Forestry, Forest Ecosystems Science, Forest Operations, Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Wildlife Ecology, and Wood Science and Technology who excel in their respective fields of study. As a society we strive to maintain a high standard of scholarship, and work for the up-building of forestry while promoting cooperative relations among professionals. As a chapter we hold an annual Christmas tree sale to raise money for scholarships that are awarded annually to undergraduate students of the majors included in Xi Sigma Pi.
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Speech by Matthew Taylor, third year Forest Operations Student, as presented at Nutting Courtyard Dedication.

Good morning fellow students, faculty, alumni, and gathered friends. My name is Matthew Taylor and I am a third year Forest Operations major. From everyone in the Nutting Hall community I would like to welcome you to our new courtyard.

Nutting Hall truly is a community, not just a class or office building. Students were given the opportunity to help construct the new courtyard and many, including myself, took that opportunity. Why would students take such an active interest in a construction project on campus? Because the Nutting community is a tight knit group that more than shares a building. We are hunting and fishing buddies, we work together, we play together, we learn together. I recently had the opportunity to man a booth for the Department of Forest Resources at the Fryeburg Fair and I was amazed at the number of alumni that stopped and shared with me their experiences at UMaine. I realized that week that once you are a member of our little community, you are always a member. Another example of this is the 100\textsuperscript{th} anniversary edition of the Maine Forester. The many stories and quotes in its pages are a drop in the bucket compared to what could be recalled by the many people who have graduated from the natural resources programs here in the last 100 years.

This community has changed over time. The faces are certainly different and the subjects we teach and learn about are always developing with new discoveries and technologies. But no one who has been through school here will ever forget their days, and sometimes nights, in Nutting hall.

Nutting Hall is our home. And every home has a front yard. A small piece of grass to make the building more attractive, a place to gather, and usually the yard is a reflection of those who live there. The new courtyard certainly makes Nutting Hall more attractive, it is a beautiful place to gather before and between classes, and “Cub Scouts” certainly represents the people who work and study here.

Nutting Hall is in itself a work of art, I have not seen anyone enter the lobby for the first time and not have a look of awe on their face. Now our beautiful home has an equally beautiful welcome mat to greet the next 100 years of students. Thank you.
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Evolution of the Nutting Hall Courtyard
Presented by Louis Morin at the dedication ceremony on October 22, 2005

I've been asked to give a brief history outlining the evolution of the Nutting Hall courtyard. I would first like to start by dismissing a rumor that has been heard floating about. Contrary to such statements, this courtyard renovation was made possible through private financial contributions, materials and in-kind services from alumni, friends, faculty, staff, students, facilities management, and various Maine based businesses with the sole purpose of creating a place for everyone to enjoy. It is also to celebrate the centennial milestone of the forestry program at UMaine; to provide a fresh look into the future; and a place for all to enjoy.

In the beginning - It began at the turn of the new millennium with a committee consisting of students, faculty, staff and alumni whose purpose was to plan for the 100th anniversary of the UMaine Forestry program. As may be expected, with such a diverse committee of many intellectuals and no budget constraints, many suggestions emerged. Some of the ideas included: sprucing up Nutting Hall both inside and out, refinishing the hardwood floors, painting the doors, and doing something with the courtyard. Al Kimball suggested some sort of sculpture like the works from Forest Hart, an artisan from Maine, well known for his bronze life-like sculptures. The committee as a whole was strongly in favor of the latter. I took it upon myself to follow up on this idea. It was my intention to select something that expressed both forestry and wildlife. Reviewing Forest Hart's catalog on the web, I found the "cub scouts" which caught my attention, but it was rather expensive.

I shared my findings with the committee members, who all favored the choice and suggested that contact Forest Hart to discuss details and possible options. I did not know Forest personally, and felt uncomfortable approaching him for a donation. However, I had met Forest and his wife Susan in an unusual manner about 10 years earlier. They lived in a house directly across the river from me and one day they decided to pay me a visit. They jumped in their canoe, paddled across the Penobscot River from Hampden to Orrington, climbed the steep embankment and introduced themselves. I concluded that if I could recall this event, just perhaps Forest would as well and that would be an ideal ice breaker. I mustered my nerve, and gave Forest a call. To my surprise he answered the phone and I proceeded with the introduction. He did recall the event and then I discussed our plans for the sculpture. To my amazement, Forest was very interested in helping us out and asked for how long we would like sculpture? I replied - "at least a century".

I invited Forest to our next committee meeting where he discussed various ways we could help us raise the funds to purchase the "Cub Scouts" this included creating a new miniature limited edition adult bear standing on an Eastern White Pine stump. The committee felt good about the ideas but now we had to convince our College Dean, Bruce Wiersma. Judy Round arranged a time for Bruce to visit the life size sculpture at Forest Hart's studio. To put it simply, Bruce was struck in awe when he saw the full size sculpture - and who wouldn't be? Just look at those life like cubs peering into the future.

Now we had two new minor problems - can the idea be funded and where should the sculpture be placed? My idea was to house it in the lobby of Nutting; but Forest urged us to consider placing it outside the building; Judy Round suggested that we consider changing the landscaping in the courtyard to accommodate the bears - the seed was planted! At this point I began sharing the ideas with folks like Tom Gasaway from Facilities Management (FM) and Bill Mitchell from our Landscape Horticulture program. They both offered detailed ideas of how we could incorporate stone and other landscape materials with the cub scouts. One weekend Bill Mitchell drafted some conceptual drawing very similar to what we have here today. In July of 2003 I met with Claude Junkins of FM and asked if he would mind creating some realistic renditions of what the final project might look like. He prepared some designs which were reviewed by the Centennial committee. Following some minor changes I presented the designs to our Dean. Everyone was in favor of the conceptual designs, however, we had one new hurdle, we had to seek approval from the "Campus Planning Committee". I presented a detailed convincing plan to this Committee in September 2003 and won their approval.

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Funding the project - I met with Claude again to prepare detailed construction plans and project cost estimates. Judy Round with the help of the centennial committee began the fund raising campaign. They sent out letters and mailings announcing our plans and soliciting contributions. I began contacting possible donors for materials, equipment and in-kind services. One of my first contacts was with Jeff Rand of “Rand Stone Works” in Scarborough, ME. Not only was he interested in working on the project but he and his staff offered many suggestions. On another occasion I met with Jeff Gammelin from Freshwater Stone + Brickwork, Orland, ME for a donation of the base for the sculpture. He too took a personal interest in the project which led to the final granite wall and coping stones that you see.

We needed equipment and other materials for the project. I contacted Dan Phillips at the Oliver Stores, Bangor, Maine; Don Sheets from Beaurergard Equipment Inc, Bangor, Maine; Richard Leighton at Nations Rent, Bangor Maine; Jason Folsom at Owen J Folsoms, Old Town, Maine; Dick Leonard at Central Equipment, Old Town, Maine; Brain Tracy of Gagne Precast, Veazie, Maine; Rob Yerxa of Sunrise Materials, Orono, Maine; and Vaughn Thibodeau of Thibodeau & Sons, Bangor, Maine. Each of these businesses were interested to help by donating materials and or equipment. Many of these businesses offer assistance annually for a field course I teach in the Spring semester. Simultaneous, Judy and the rest of the committee saw the fruits of their efforts in the form of financial pledges from many supporters.

By April of 2005 we had the resources ready to start the project but one last hurdle to overcome. We required the blessing of Anita Wihry, Director of FM and her staff to do this project. Anita and Bruce met to agree on a plan. On the one hand, FM did not have money to spend on the project, yet they have a very capable staff. On the other hand, Anita needed trees felled for the new campus fitness center and we had the students and the staff complete that work. It was like a match made in heaven. Both Bruce and Anita agreed that the work could be done as in-kind services. It was also agreed that the work should start in June. Bill Charland of FM and I would work together as Project Managers. Once the spring rains subsided, and DEP permits were in hand the project started on July 21, 2005. A foundation hole was dug, the crew from Sullivan and Merritt under the guidance of Bob Cote, fabricated the forms and the concrete was poured. Tom Gasaway, Rick St. Louis, Cal Severance along with several students and myself placed the drainage tile and backfilled in and around the foundation wall. Jason Folsom performed his magic to deliver 400 plus yards of gravel and aggregate to help us meet our schedule deadline of Labor Day weekend. Harold Dall of FM sent Jon, Jim, Lloyd and Steve to shape and grade the exterior. When Rick from Freshwater Stone & Brick arrived the project really begin to take shape. Rick spoke with me about some ideas for the center piece then made it a reality. Then two weeks ago, following three days of record rainfall Frank from Rand Stone works arrived to set the pavers. The ground was saturated so it was decided wait a couple of days. In just 3 days they placed the 10,000 pavers that form the walkway. Then earlier this week Tom Gasaway performed his landscaping wizardry around the cub scouts. Finally Nate and Steve from the FM electric shop installed the accent lighting. Here we stand today with a glimpse into the future. I hope you all take time to enjoy this new courtyard as it is here for all to enjoy. I wish to thank all who worked to make this a reality.
Sugaring on the University Forest

Brian Hanlon Gathering Sap

Francis Avery teaches local school students how to tap a maple tree.

Dolores Stone and Cindy Paschal enjoying some of the latest batch of syrup.

Syrup season is a chance for area families, school groups, neighbors, and even forestry alums to stop by the forest.

Brian Hanlon Pouring Sap into 250 gal collection tank.

This year’s unusually open winter meant we could use the ATV to haul one of our collection tanks to save a lot of lifting.

The Sugar House hosts the young and the young at heart. The pungent smells of wood smoke and boiling syrup have been part of spring in New England for literally thousands of years.

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