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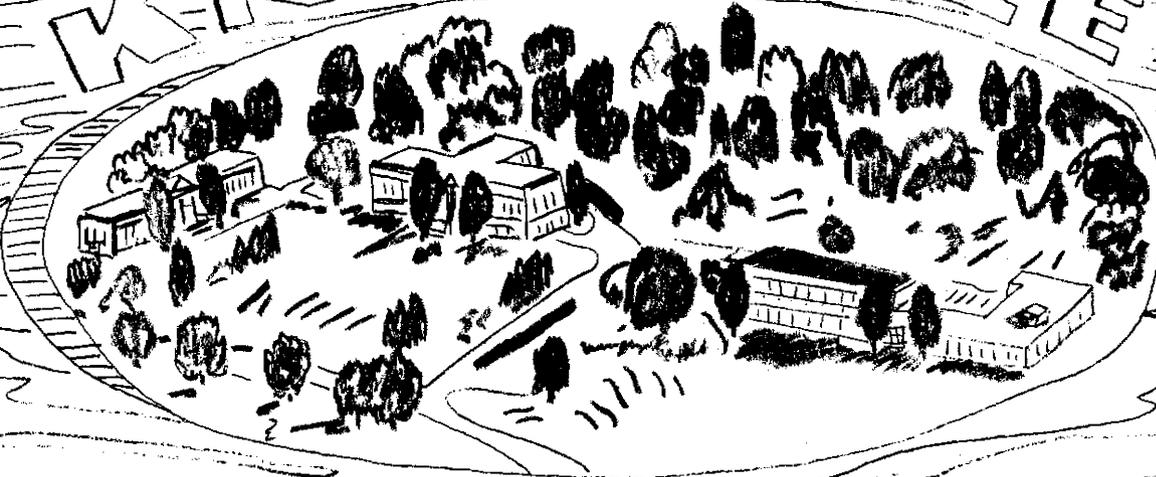
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OUR CAMPUS AS SEEN THROUGH THE

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AN EDITORIAL OPINION

Throughout its long history, the "Knothole" has no doubt frequently commented on the behavior of the student body during convocation. (This is as good a place as any to stop reading this editorial.) ---- Last week, however, this Editor feels, the students surpassed any brilliant past exhibition of poor manners - past exhibitions including even the infamous "Making of the Modern Mind" series of a few years ago.

It is certainly rude towards the speaker when half of the audience is in snooze-land, about half is reading the "D.O.", the "Syracuse 10", the "Sword", or some sex book, while only a few are listening to whatever the speaker has to offer. (Some of the "few", however, probably suffering from the double misfortune of insomnia and lack of literature, have about them an aura of anguish suggesting that they are silently praying for Martyidom. Therefore, the size of the actual audience is diminished even more.)

Students at this College like to refer to themselves as "Foresters", not stumpies. But a Forester is an educated person - a gentleman - a definition which does not apply to the majority of the student body. To put it bluntly, these "students" are not Foresters, but stumpies. And may this Editor suggest a new term on the mental level of these self-called Foresters to define them - "stumpy-clods".

R. Smyk

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COLLEGE HISTORY
CHAPTER 5

The development of the College was proceeding normally under the administration of Dean Spring. Then came the depression and everything was changed. The formation of the CCC had a very marked effect on the development of the College. Foresters who could not find jobs suddenly found them in great numbers. Workers of the CCC did much for forestry. They did such things as tree planting, logging, cultural operations, road, dam, and bridge construction, as well as snag removal and insect control. Due to their efforts there was accomplished much more than would have normally been accomplished.

The depression affected the College financially as would be expected. Salaries were stagnant and there were no promotions, but in spite of all the financial difficulties the Dean was able to acquire funds to augment the physical plant during the late 30's. Then there was the second Horner report that was a great help to the College as a whole. It especially was directed to the Huntington Wildlife Station and its responsibilities.

The most eventful year of the College was 1936. During this year many things happened that are of note. For the first time since the founding of the College, there was an alumnus on the board of trustees. This year was also the College's 25th year and there were many gala events. To commemorate the anniversary, the students and faculty presented to the College a white cedar tree that is presently located just outside Dean Crossman's office. It is much taller now, its added height signifying the growth in stature and prestige the College has enjoyed in the ensuing fifty-three years.

Then there was the Second World War and all of the problems following it. The College suffered greatly in the loss of students and enrollment. In 1942 the total number of students registering was a scant ninety-eight. There was hope, though. After the war was over student enrollment increased greatly. There was so much of an increase that Dean Baker's dream of a third building was rapidly becoming an out-spoken need.

Editor's Note: Obviously the graduation of the present senior class will mark 1965 as the most eventful year of the College. We forgive the author for his minor lack of foresight.

WAYNE TRIMM ENTERTAINS LARGE AUDIENCE

It isn't too often that a student club organization attracts 150 people to a single program, but the Forest Zoology Club managed last Friday night with the help of Wayne Trimm, well-known outdoor painter and illustrator for The Conservationist.

After displaying several dozen of his paintings for the audience, Mr. Trimm introduced two films on Alaskan bowhunting with a brief account of his own extensive sporting and bowhunting experiences. The first film had outstanding scenes of actual stalks of Alaskan big game, and bow-and-arrow kills of Dall mountain sheep, moose, and Kodiak bear. The second film, taken by Mr. Trimm last spring on Kodiak Island, included close-ups of a variety of Alaskan bird, fish, and animal species. The bow was found to be amazingly effective in killing the largest big game in a very short time.

Most of these wildlife have become the subject of Mr. Trimm's artistic talents, and the audience was struck by the variety and the life-like quality of his wildlife illustrations.

CHEMISTRY CLUB

Last Wednesday night, Dr. Schuerch addressed a group of Forest Chemistry majors interested in forming a chemistry club. Dr. Schuerch outlined the possible directions the club might take.

Discussion following Dr. Schuerch's talk showed that many students favored instituting the club because of the opportunity it would provide for becoming more familiar with faculty members on a social-intellectual basis. Additional advantages were also foreseen, as the help such a club could be in choosing a career.

Plans for inviting guest lecturers to speak about special topics were discussed, and trips to chemical companies in the Syracuse area were mentioned as a possible part of club activities. Future lecture topics associated with the more pressing problems of the day include: "Problems in the Lead to Gold Transformation", "The Quantum Chemistry of Phlogiston", "The Homogeneity of Wood", "The Periodic Table of the Four Elements (Air, Water, Fire, and Earth)", "The Impossibility of Making Organic Compounds - In Vitro", and "The Spontaneous Generation of Life". Less advanced and more classical topics will also be included.

Club membership is open to all Forest Chemistry alchemists. The meetings may be attended by any interested person.

The next scheduled meeting will be held December 16th at 7:30 P.M., in 310 Baker Laboratory. That's tonight, so:

Drop all your retorts,
Shut off the gas,
And translocate thy -- .

ENTOMOLOGY CLUB MEETING

Topic: ----- "Current Trends in Entomology"
Speakers: ----- Drs. Brezner, Krall and Miller
Time: ----- 7:00 P.M., December 17, 1964
Place: ----- 326 Marshall Hall
Free Refreshments.

P. Egan

GARY BILLION

As I was sitting in Archbold Stadium waiting for the game between Syracuse and Virginia Tech to begin, my thoughts wandered back to a little more than a year ago. I was sitting almost in the same place then, when strange noises and confused movements caught the attention of those of us sitting near that section. The P-A system requested that all persons near the gate move aside, and allow an ambulance to admit the victim of an accident, Gary Billion, then a Junior at the College.

In the months that followed the accident, the College and the University established funds to help pay hospital and rehabilitation expenses. Throughout this time, the Forestry Council made weekly reports on his progress and many of his friends visited him. Gradually, he was able to move more and more of his body, though he is now confined to a wheel chair.

But regaining control of his limbs was only a first step, for there remained the much more difficult one of adjustment. This problem, too, appears to be well on the way toward being solved. In a letter to Dean Crossman, Dean Tatham reported that in summer school, Gary earned three B's and an A. He is presently enrolled at University College where he is carrying 9 hours in his new major, the social sciences. "...We have every reason to believe that he will be an active and good public school teacher within a couple of years."

COLLEGE RE-OPENS JANUARY 5, 1965 - 8:00 A.M.

See Dean Tatham in the Dean of Men's Office at Syracuse University if you had planned to return on Sunday and do not wish to change your plans.

Some living centers will be open.



A thing of beauty has joy rides forever.

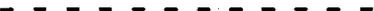


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Slyly and gently he moved his arm around her waist. At his touch she trembled like an autumn leaf, and a thrill ran through her body. With all the power she could summon, she tried to hold him off. Never before had a young man been allowed to make so free with her. He, looking into the depths of her plaintive brown eyes, saw mingled anger and fright. He started to withdraw but then as if struck with bold determination, he advanced his embracing arm. Why should he not be the favored lover, for he loved her with a passion that was all-encompassing. He had always had his way in everything. Gently and cautiously his arm glided around her again. In that slender waist now encircled by his arm, he could feel the thumping of her love-starved heart.

His fingers gripped that elusive object and with a quick pull he tightened the young colt's saddle girth.

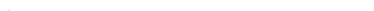
- Michigan State "Wolverine"



To date, if all Foresters who sleep in Convo were placed end to end, they'd be more comfortable.



OK! G.F.-ers! Ponder upon this one: "How is reproduction effected in a virgin forest?"



Worst joke of the week:

Wife: "Darling, this coffee looks muddy."
Soils Prof: "That's strange, it was fresh ground this morning."