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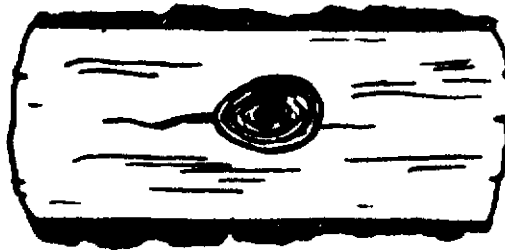
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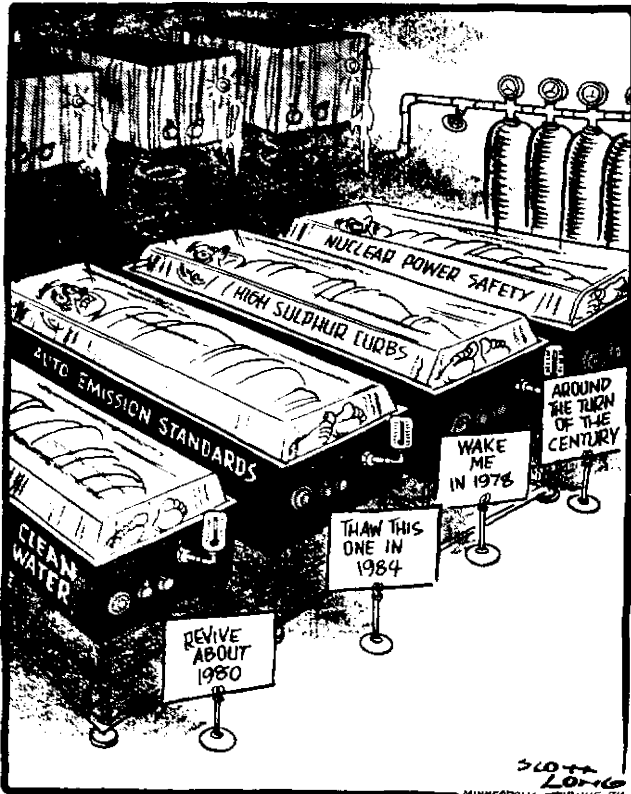
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Freezing for the future



Parking lot

Those students who make use of the parking lot are asked to have a little consideration for others who may also wish to park there - it is obviously a little-known fact that by parking straight or within lines, many more parking spaces are made available to latecomers.

IWY CONFERENCE

Dr. Priscilla W. Laws, associate professor of physics, Dickinson College, is slated to give the luncheon address for the one-day conference, "Women: Their Roles in the Environment," Saturday, October 11.

The conference, marking ESF's celebration of International Women's Year 1975, will be looking at women's diverse roles in improving the environment, their professional roles, educational roles and community based activities.

Registration for students is \$4, and includes all conference materials, coffee breaks, and luncheon. The fee must be received no later than October 4 by contacting the Dean, School of Continuing Education or calling 473-8755.

STUDENT FEES

AT WORK

All full-time undergrads interested in attending the conference: Student Council will assist in payment of the registration fee. All you need do is sign-up in Rm. 107 Bray Hall; send your registration form along with \$2.00 to the School of Continuing Education, and Student Council will pay the remaining monies directly to the Conference. Please note that the Student Council can accommodate up to 50 students, but no more. Please sign up if you wish to receive this assistance. Hope to see many of you there.

Betsy Boyce

EDITORIAL POLICY

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Sue Rogers

Editor-in-chief

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INCREASING ENROLLMENT

W/OUT INCREASING CAPACITY

Each year the college surpasses the previous year in the number of new students. Certainly, as our director of admissions states in the most recent ESF newsletter, "this is most gratifying for our College at a time when most colleges ... are experiencing great difficulty in meeting projected quotas."

What is disturbing, however, is that there is not a current increase in facilities and faculty at the College to meet the demands of a larger student body.

In more than three years I have seen more students sitting in aisles, more students watching classes from lost corners of rooms or even on T.V., more field trips cut out, more shortages of books, and decreasing faculty-student interaction.

There apparently are plans for expansion of the college, but until there actually is expansion of facilities and faculty, it is detrimental to increase enrollment. If the administration is setting higher quotas in anticipation of forthcoming funds, they should take a closer look at the precarious condition of the state's economy; this condition has greatly affected the school this semester. The necessary funds must first be in hand, then the numbers of students can safely expand.

I urge the administration to examine their quotas, their reasons for the quotas, and the current growth of the facilities and faculty. Reply Requested.

Rich Feldman

Class of '76

ORGANIZATIONS APATHETIC?

Of the twenty-or-so organizations on this campus funded by the student activity fee, precious few care to inform the student body in general of their activities in any more detail than a poster on a bulletin board with time and place stated.

Certainly it would take a minimum of time and effort for some member of each organization to occasionally write out a few sentences on recent or coming events and projects in which that group is involved for placement in the Knothole. This could provide not only a service to all students, in keeping them informed about the ESF campus, but also a service to the organizations themselves in that membership (and consequently allocated budget money) would have a much better chance of being increased.

As such groups as the Botany Club and the Bob Marshall Club can testify, the profit in good public relations far outweighs the cost, socially and economically speaking.

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Knothole Staff

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Jack Stevens	Joe Flack
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Any news, announcements, articles, etc., which you would like printed in the Knothole, may be placed in the Knothole mailbox by noon of the Saturday prior to the next issue.

B.M.C. - TRAIL REPAIR

As your hands delve into the soil (mud) and you feel the texture of the wood pass through your hands (blisters), the water bars cease to become abiotic barriers to the destructive motion of water. A feeling of pride and satisfaction evolves as the work progresses. Your atrophied muscles pleasantly remind you of their existence as you settle into the car for the return trip home. The memories of laughter and companionship are fresh in your mind as you leave the woods behind. You are satisfied, and in a way, at peace. You have done something tangible towards the restoration of the trails in the High Peak Region. Your waterbar rests nestled in the hillside, and deep within you lie the seeds of your experience - alive, waiting for their growth and development.

On October 11 and 12 the Bob Marshall Club will take to the High Peaks of the Adirondacks and install water bars in an effort to alleviate some of the severe erosion which plagues the trails of that region. This year we will return to the Mt. Colden - Lake Arnold Trail, a section of which the BMC repaired in 1973.

Dr. Ketchledge, Prof. of Dendrology and a member of the NYS High Peak Wilderness Area Advisory Committee, and Gary Hodgson, a DEC Ranger, will accompany the BMC and assist us in our efforts.

We will leave Syracuse Saturday a.m. from behind Moon and arrive at Heart Lake around noon. From there we will hike in to Marcy Dam (the tools will be driven in), where we will camp - the rest of the afternoon is free for recreation, setting up, etc.. Since the area may be heavily used, you should not count on the lean-tos being free, so come prepared. Sunday a.m. we'll work on the placement of the water bars, hopefully 25-30, depending on the number of people. You may bring single bit axes, bowsaws, and shovels if you wish, but this is not necessary as Dr. Ketchledge and/or the DEC will supply the needed tools.

The sign-up sheet is posted on the door of 333 Illick and will remain up throughout the week. Drivers are urgently needed and will be reimbursed for gas money.

All those who plan to go must attend the informational meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Botany Conference Room, 334 Illick.

Again, drivers are needed.

Bill Coons

VOICE YOUR THOUGHTS...

Thursday evening, Oct. 9, from 7 - 10p.m. in Marshall Hall students will have a chance to express their thoughts with regards to the problems of cheating, plagiarism, and the current overcrowding in the classrooms. Faculty, Administration, and Students will meet to openly discuss these situations.. The Council hopes that some directives may be reached from these discussions. Currently there is no set procedure which students or faculty follow in the incidence of cheating. If a faculty member finds a student cheating on an exam, what should he do? Take away the exam? Flunk the Student? Bring the incident to the attention of Student Affairs? Overlook the situation? What? Likewise, if a student is accused of cheating on an exam, who does he/she turn to for help, his/her advisor, Student Affairs, fellow students, other professors, whom? Another problem arises when students see their classmates cheating on an exam; do they report it to the professor? to the teaching assistant? overlook it? what? These are just a few of the questions to which we'd like to find some answers. If you have ever found yourself in such a situation, please come and voice your thoughts. We would like input from everyone who is concerned - students, faculty, administration, staff.. If you have any questions or comments please drop a note in the Student Council mailbox. I hope to see many of you there.

Betsy Boyce

G.S.A.

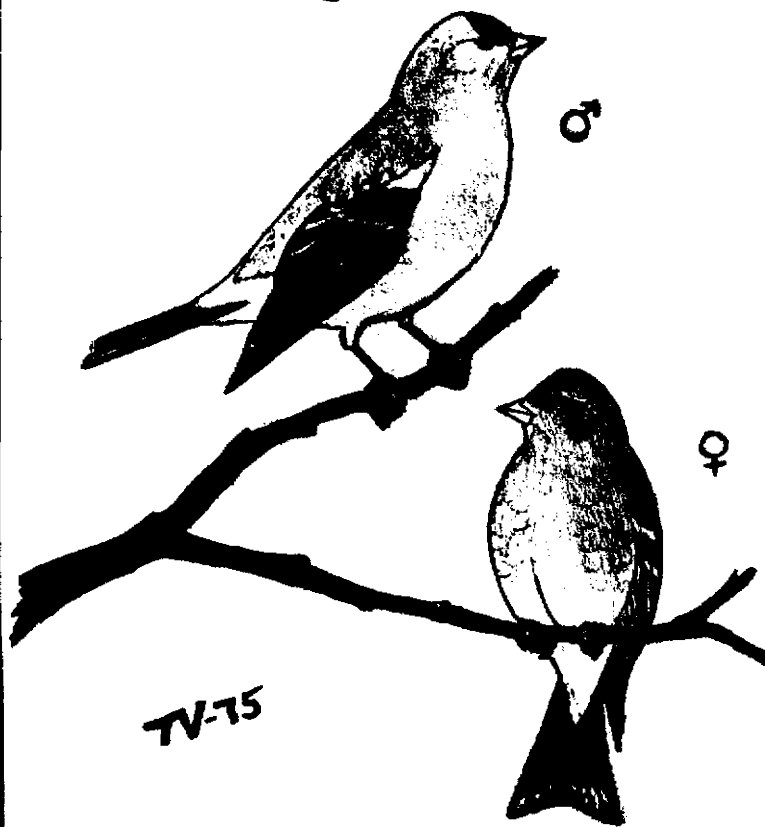
The Graduate Student Association has elected to regularly schedule our meetings so as to increase graduate participation in student government. These meetings will be held the first Monday of each month during the noon hour in the Moon Library Conference Room.

Lunch will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Hope to see you there.

Rob Smith
President, GSA

Bird of the Week



Bird of the week

The American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*) is common songbird in our state. It is a member of the family Fringillidae which is the largest bird family in North America. (These are the sparrows, finches, towhees, buntings and grosbeaks.)

The male american goldfinch is bright yellow with a black cap. His wings and tail are black with white margins. A whitish rump and wingbars are also present. The female is a buffy greenish-yellow with brownish wings and tail. Young birds are similar to the female but more rusty in hue.

Look for the goldfinch feeding along roadsides. Thistles are a main attraction around this time of year. It can be found feeding on a variety of seed bearing trees and weeds, among which are dandelions and sunflowers.

This bird is migratory. Males resemble the female in winter after a molt. The rollercoaster flight pattern of the goldfinch is characteristic.

Thomas Ventiquattro

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OFFICE REGULATIONS

Vile, abusive and obscene language is the exclusive prerogative of editors; mere staff members shall keep their language free of filth in these Offices.

Ash trays are available upon request from any person in these Offices; there is therefore, no need to flick ashes or chuck butts into our goldfish pond.

The Editors express their distaste for acts of recognition such as crawling after our feet and attacking them with great slobbering kisses; we find a simple genuflection quite sufficient.

In case of fire, the rescue of the Knot-hole wine supply is paramount. (C.O. note- I'll drink to that!) Should fire strike, then, no one leaves these Offices before the wine is successfully evacuated.

Cage rattling, screaming, howling and snarling are not unusual sounds in these Offices and no concern should be taken over them. What someone is doing in our cage is our business and inquiries about these circumstances are certain to incur our displeasure.

Any disputes between writers for this publication and readers of this publication shall be settled on dark nights in Oakwood Cemetery with weapons of the writer's choice.

The Editors regret that we must refuse to see local representatives of the Children of God; we hasten, however, to reassure them that the only reason we cannot take the time to permit them to rant about our evil tendencies is that we are always engaged in frenzied efforts to get worse.

People who would come into these Offices to threaten the Editors are warned that we have a few dozen buttons at our fingertips, any one of which would be sufficient to quickly and neatly dispose of them. Our favorite dumps a threatening person onto a chute for a three-second trip to the security office in the basement of Bray.

(This set of regulations is by no means complete and further regulations could appear in future issues.)

M.R. Caufield

TITLE NINE

Question: Does Title IX cover textbooks?

Answer: No. While the Department recognizes that sex stereotyping in curricula and educational material is a serious matter, it is of the view that any specific regulatory requirement in this area raises constitutional questions under the First Amendment. The Department believes that local educational agencies must deal with this problem in the exercise of their traditional authority and control over curriculum and course content.

Question: Many universities administer substantial sums of scholarship money created by wills and trusts which are restricted to one sex. If the will or trust cannot be changed to remove the restriction, must the universities cease administration of the scholarship?

Answer: Where colleges administer domestic or foreign scholarships designated by a will, trust or similar legal instrument, exclusively for one sex or the other, the scholarship recipients would initially be chosen without regard to sex. Then, when the time comes to award the money, sex may be taken into consideration in matching available money with students to be awarded the money. Scholarships, awards or prizes which are not created by a will, trust, or similar legal instrument, may not be sex-restricted.

Question: What are the Title IX requirements for counseling in schools and colleges?

Answer: An institution using testing or other materials for counseling may not use different materials for males and females, nor may it use materials which lead to different treatment of students on the basis of sex.

If there is a class or course of study which has a disproportionate number of members of one sex, the school is required to assure that the disproportion does not stem from discrimination by counselors or materials.

Question: May a college administer or assist in the administration of sex-restrictive scholarships, such as the Rhodes, which provide opportunities for students to

study abroad?

Answer: Yes, if (1) the scholarship was created by a will, trust, or similar legal instrument, or by an act of foreign government, and (2) the institution otherwise makes available reasonable opportunities for similar studies abroad by members of the other sex. Such opportunities may be derived from either domestic or foreign sources.

For any additional questions or concerns you may have pertaining to Title IX, you may contact:

Alton W. Zanders
Affirmative Action Officer
Room 110, Bray Hall

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N.Y.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE

An extensive stream monitoring and water testing program to protect New York State's fisheries against chemical pollutants and other contaminants was outlined on September 18th by Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Ogden Reid.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the New York State Conservation Council in Ithaca, Commissioner Reid commended the Council for its leadership in supporting increases in hunting and fishing license fees authorized at the last session of the Legislature.

"We are putting these increased revenues --\$750,000 this year and \$1 million next year--to work to improve and expand hunting and fishing opportunities in the State with emphasis on habitat improvement," Commissioner Reid said.

Commissioner Reid emphasized these elements of the fish and wildlife expansion program:

- Initiation of a pilot program utilizing aquatic plants and marsh grasses in the Hudson River between Glens Falls and Troy to rid the river of PCB's.
- Liming 23 Adirondack ponds totaling 725 acres to reduce acidity to levels hospitable for fish.
- Stream habitat improvement work to check bank erosion and sedimentation, create holding pools and shelter areas and upgrade spawning grounds in three prime Finger Lake tributaries--Naples Creek, Catherine Creek and Cold Brook.
- Expand fish pathology efforts at the Rome and Delmar laboratories with new emphasis on disease control in private fish hatcheries to prevent spread of fish disease from private hatcheries to fish in wild waters.
- Establishment of the position of Veterinarian to supervise handling and transporting of wildlife and develop criteria for veterinarians certifying animals as "distressed".
- Development of 42 fishing and parking areas and 10 fishing access sites.
- Apilot program for the relocation of deer from overpopulated areas in Central and Western New York to periphery of the Adirondacks.
- Trap and transfer of wild turkeys and development of a pheasant management program.
- Improvements to the Richard Reynolds Game Farm at Ithaca and the John White Game Farm at Basom.

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--Atrap and transfer program for fishers from the existing Adirondack range to habitats in the Catskills and the Southern Tier.

--Acceleration of the inventory of fresh water wetlands in order to complete it by March 31, 1977.

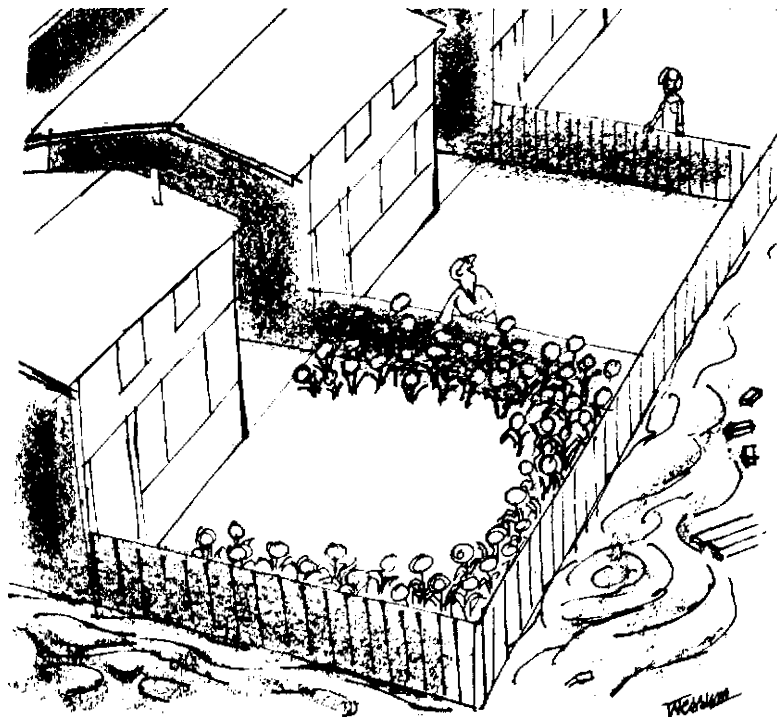
--Habitat improvement for small game at the Three Rivers Game Management area to serve as a demonstration area.

--Establishment of four cooperative hunting areas within 30 monutes'drive of such major population centers as Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and New York.

SAF MEETING

S.A.F. Student Chapter Council and Com-
mittees meeting (ACT, P.R., and Fin.)
Thursday, October 2, at 7P.M. in Room
321 Bray.

ALL members are encouraged to attend.



"I told you--they're plastic!"