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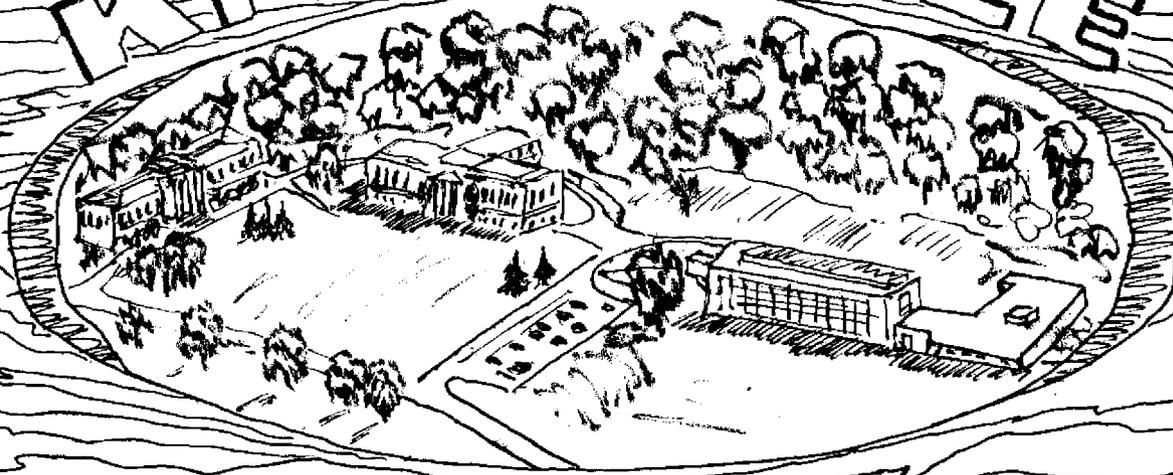
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OUR CAMPUS — AS SEEN THROUGH — THE

KNOTHOLE



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ATTENTION SENIORS (AND OTHER GOOD MEN)

With graduation just a little over six months away, I think this is an appropriate time to bring to light a subject concerning our graduation which is not to my liking. I am speaking of the planned commencement exercises that we will be participating in. The major event of our graduation will be the Syracuse University commencement exercises held in Archbold Stadium. We will wear caps and gowns and march into the stadium with two thousand other seniors. After a couple hours of speeches, none of which will pertain to our field of study, we will file out of the stadium and it will be all over.

In speaking with students of last year's graduating class and their parents, I received comments concerning graduation which were similar to those that follow.

"I was so thrilled at the commencement exercises because my son was a class marshall. As a class marshall he wore a green cross over his gown and when he marched into the stadium I was able to narrow him down to one of seven men --- when I got my binoculars focused in." - Mrs. Arthur Skyhook (mother of John Skyhook, Class of '63).

"The best part of graduation was receiving my diploma ---- three months after graduation through the mail." - Bill Conk, Class of '63.

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Of course, the above quotes and names are fictitious but they are representative of many of the quotes that I actually did receive from members of the class of '63 concerning graduation. The general consensus of opinion from them was that graduation was a much too impersonal affair and because of that was a big disappointment to them.

I do not wish to claim that we as seniors have broken our backs working here at the College during the past four years and I do not wish to suggest that we abandon attending the S. U. commencement exercises. I do feel, however, that all who receive degrees next June will have worked for them and should be entitled to a little more recognition than just marching into Archbold Stadium with two thousand other students. (Consider for a moment the Ranger School Commencement Exercises). Finally, I ask you as seniors to think over the above paragraphs and decide what, if anything, you think should be done about the situation and as the man from Arizona would say, "How do you stand Sir?"

R. K.

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FICKLENESS

Most students are fickle. I say this just through everyday observations on campus. A course is "good" until the work gets hard or until a test comes out at the wrong time or until the students close their minds and refuse to try and understand a certain professor who has a lot to say but has trouble saying it. A few of these "students" start a mild rebellion and the weaker ones, the fickle ones, follow.

The theme of this year's Student Leader's Conference is apathy. It's about time the problems brought about by student apathy will be thrown out and discussed by people largely responsible for forming college policy. One cause of apathy is the fickleness I have just mentioned. Students afflicted this way give an outsider a demented view of college youth and of our College in particular if this person happens to have been confronted by one of "our own". These people don't have the guts to stand on their own two feet to support an opinion that they hold. They quickly renounce any ideas they have because they are in the minority. The students who learn to stand for what they believe will present a much better picture to outsiders and will have achieved more harmony within themselves.

An example that is close to all of us is the beating given to Syracuse's football team last Saturday at Lawrence, Kansas. I heard three different conversations in which students who had supposedly been for the team all the way (rah, rah, etc.) suddenly denounced them and said in effect that it wasn't even worth going to the next home game. How can a school have any unity of spirit or any hopes for a student body spirit at all when individuals like this are loose on campus? How can a team bounce back when the spirit behind them amounts to a wet dishrag?

This atmosphere of fickleness, when applied to scholastics, results in an academic smog which hurts and burns everyone it touches. This College and the University it borders would be a lot better off if as many people were out clearing away the smog as there are producing it. More important is getting enough sober people out to

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combat the majority who are wearing gasmasks and never see the harm they do by being fickle.

Robert Sena

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In the novel "The Bull from the Sea" by Mary Renault, Theseus says: -

"I thought of my life, the good and evil days; of the gods and fate; how much of a man's life they make for him, how much he makes for himself....Fate and will, will and fate, like earth and sky bringing forth the grain together, and which the bread tastes of no man knows".

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UNDERGRADUATE SMOKER

On Monday evening, October 14th, the annual Undergraduate Smoker, sponsored by Alpha Xi Sigma, Senior Men's Honorary, will be held in the student lounge in Marshall Hall. For those students unfamiliar with this annual event, a brief explanation is in order.

Each year we find a great deal of undergraduate interest in the College of Forestry graduate program, with little accompanying knowledge concerning what this program entails. The purpose of this undergraduate smoker then, is to familiarize students interested in pursuing graduate work, with opportunities afforded at the College for such studies. Professors concerned with the graduate program, and graduate students involved in the program, will be present to explain the requirements, advantages, opportunities, etc. of taking an advanced degree.

Many students, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors alike, are uncertain of their future plans, and exactly what line of work they would like to pursue. Perhaps this group of Professors and graduate students could help shed some light on the possibilities in your field, as well as the place of graduate work in your future.

Students who have considered graduate work, either here at the College of Forestry or elsewhere, could also benefit immeasurably from this meeting.

With these thoughts in mind, we invite and urge all interested students to attend this smoker.

Herbert Rupp

Alpha Xi Sigma Representative

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE "KNOTHOLE":

The exterior of Baker and Bray are so well lit up at night that the most skillful night-fighting Marines couldn't get closer than 200 feet without being detected. But, alas, poor Marshall has been left unguarded by all that candle power.

I don't think the Marines want to enter Marshall, but students do. And finding the exact location of those front steps is worse than crawling through a mine field with a line of triple concetina wire in it.

The lack of adequate lighting on the front steps of Marshall is a hazard to the students who use them. This should be corrected as soon as possible.

Geoffrey Laidman

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Appointments for pictures can be made: by calling extension 3203 or 3204, or in the lobby of Huntington B. Crouse Hall or Booth Hall.

These pictures are used for the Onondagan and for the Empire Forester.

Pictures are being taken daily from 9-12 and 1-5.

Please call today!

The ten bed blood mobile hospital will be in Marshall Lounge on October 3rd.