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EDITORIAL

Greetings Frosh and Transfers!

The staff of The Knothole welcome you to the College of Forestry. In the next four years you will be faced with opinion, fact, and fiction which we hope you will soon be able to decipher. During the first few weeks at school you will begin to notice a few things that set the College off from the rest of Syracuse University and other schools that you have attended in the past.

First, you will probably notice the individuality that the College impresses upon its students. The courses are not large multi-courses like across campus; the size of the classes are smaller, leading to greater student-teacher contact. This will become very apparent in your Junior and Senior years. Out of all the important people that you will be meeting in the next few days, remember that the most important person on the Forestry campus is yourself. Away from home, on your own, you can prove to yourself and others that this is no joke and that you can be dead serious about the future if you want to be. You are important because on you, the individual, the whole Forestry campus spins. On our campus you are treated as an individual, so please act like one.

Second, you will take note of the increased responsibility that you will be faced with. Its up to you, not your parents nor your buddies, to choose your study time, leisure time, and drinking time. You alone are responsible for an "F" paper or a failing exam grade. A lot of Forestry professors will go out of their way to make the work load lighter, but there will always be a work load and you are going to be responsible for getting the work done. This may sound corny, but we have seen too many students drop out because they can't face up to the responsibility of being on their own. A lackadaisical attitude toward schoolwork will show up in the results - grades. As everyone knows, grades are a rotten method of testing knowledge, but they are still the best way of rating you with your fellow peers. No matter how much or how little you study, that final course grade will "make you or break you." Sometimes the grade is not a true indication of how much you have learned in the course; there is a difference between how much you can learn and how much you can memorize. Thank goodness most of the Forestry professors are able to discern be-

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## UNCLE KNOTHOLE NEEDS YOU

Yes, believe it or not, we are once again short on staff members. We need reporters, staplers, proof-readers, suggesters, and a lot of moral support. We could preach to you on how apathy is destroying our newspaper, but we hope you frosh and transfers will come to our rescue. It's a lot of work, but a lot of fun, so come on out and give your poor school newspaper a helping hand.

The first meeting of The Knothole staff (old & new) will be on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Council Room in Moon Library. Future plans will be discussed.

The Editors

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## THE SORCERY OF A BROOK

(This was taken from an anonymous editorial in a local newspaper.)  
MAY 1969

Submitted by Tom Kelley

This is the time of year when the fly rod, a can of red worms and a brook hold considerably more appeal than a lawn mower, a garden rake and a package of seed.

Fishermen will tell you they go fishing to catch fish, but don't believe them

For there is a magic to fishing which cannot be understood by wives who see uncut grass, unraked lawns and unseeded flower beds.

There is the magic of sunlight shimmering on the white waters of a tumbling brook.

There is the magic of dogwood and shadblow, gowned in white lace, curtsying in the wind.

Or the magic of mists rising from a quiet pool, and then the dawn's silence broken by a loud splash and the thought running quickly that "there's a big one out there."

Or the magic of a kingfisher's hovering flight or the way that a hawk circles high in the sky.

At these moments, there is a feeling that this is your brook and you remember with joy each familiar cove, eddy, cut-under bank and log-jammed pool. These are the places of exciting memories, of special memories, not to be shared, but to be treasured secretly over the years.

Here's where that old brown backed under the log. Thought we didn't know he was there. Thought he was fooling us. And we dropped that line there, and...wham...

And there's the bend where we surprised the doe and the fawn drinking one morning. Remember how she snorted and fled, white tail bobbing, and how the little fawn, all legs and eyes and ears, tumbled awkwardly after her?

We know our brooks's pulse by dawn and by starlight, and we've listened to its repertoire of symphonies.

It is a busy brook, scouring rocks, nudging boulders, pasturing fish, nursing mayflies and passing inspection for its admirer, the fisherman.

Each fisherman has his own river, lake or brook. It belongs to him in a way that is difficult to explain to the non-fisherman, a kinship that defies reason, a sorcery that evokes love at first sight...

To our Entomologists-

When you play baseball, would you hit a pop fly and leave a poor family destitute?

-Proffit

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## FILMFACTS

FILMFACTS, the only film reference that gives complete screen credits, reviews and synopses for every motion picture (foreign and domestic) released in the United States, is now being distributed by Grosset & Dunlap, Inc.

Manuel Siwek, President of Grosset & Dunlap, explained that the acquisition of distribution rights to FILMFACTS is "further evidence of Grosset's expanding activity in the field of educational publishing."

Originally published in 1958, FILMFACTS has become a standard reference tool in hundreds of public, school, and university libraries across the nation.

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## MEDICAL STUDENTS OFFERED EARLY ADMISSION

The State University's Downstate Medical Center has initiated a program to offer qualified high school graduates early admission to medical school and the chance to earn their B.A. and M.D. degrees in seven years - rather than the usual eight. Cosponsor is Brooklyn College.

Selected high school seniors with averages of 90 or above will be eligible to enter this fall. The program is designed to attract such students to enter the field of medicine - not only by shortening the period of training, but also by guaranteeing admission to medical school at Downstate simultaneously with admission to Brooklyn College.

This should eliminate the stresses usually accompanying preparation for application. It is also anticipated the program will enable the medical school to compete more effectively for the best minds and talents against other disciplines and careers which offer advancement more rapidly.

"Medical education is a long grind," observed Dr. Schuyler G. Kohl, Associate Dean of Downstate's College of Medicine and Chairman of Downstate's Admissions Committee. "Frequently, potential premedical students switch to Ph.D.'s, usually in the basic science, or to careers in industry. Both may offer financial rewards and professional recognition in less time than it takes to achieve similar compensations in medicine.

"The important thing," Dr. Kohl said, "is that the student should come out of school with more than enough educational experience to carry out this function as a physician in an admirable and reliable manner. If we can reduce the training period without compromising the quality of education, we would like to do so."

Ten students will be accepted each year for five years. Candidates will be expected to spend their summers during the first three years in National Science Foundation undergraduate participation programs or working in the laboratories at Downstate.

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State University's motto is: "Let each become all he is capable of being."

tween the two. It's up to you, the individual, to get as much out of a course as you possibly can. As can be seen, everything once again returns to the individual concept.

The third and most important concept that you will notice about our College is the self-reliance that it instills in the student. You will have to be sure of everything that you do and be confident that what you are doing is right. Without self-reliance you will be lost in your attempt to reach your career goal. A pessimistic attitude will only destroy you and make your life at the College miserable. You should walk into every exam with the idea that you are confident you are going to pass it or you will lose before the "first inning". Self-reliance will keep you aimed toward your goal and not side-track you into something a lot easier but a lot less satisfying. You have to convince yourself that you can do it, then go ahead and do it.

Responsibility, individuality, and self-reliance are all going to help you make it as a Stumpy. It is also these three concepts that, you will soon discover, make our College unique and great.

J.B.

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