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THE KNOTHOLE

STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF FORESTRY

VOLUME 21, NUMBER 27, APRIL 26, 1971

GOULET WINNER IN STUDENT ELECTIONS

After several weeks of nominations and campaigning, the Student Association of our College got out and voted for the 1971-72 officers of the Student Council and the various classes. The results were:

STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

President - *James Goulet*
Senior Senator - *Paul Chakroff*
Vice Presidents - *Robert Brown, Justin Culkowski,*
Diane Keplin
Secretary - *Barbara Ingerson*
Treasurer - *Jeffrey Stucker*
Syracuse University Senators - *Thomas Whitlow (Undergraduate)*
Linda Lasure (Graduate Student)

CLASS OFFICERS:

Class of 1972 -

President - *Peter Buist*
Vice President - *Charles Leach*
Secretary-Treasurer - *Daniel Birmingham*
Social Chairman - *Scott Shupe*

Class of 1973 -

President - *Paul Ray*
Vice President - *Victoria Miles*
Secretary-Treasurer - *John Alian*
Social Chairman - *Preston Gilbert*

Class of 1974 -

President - *Robert Loveless*
Vice President - *Margaret Gaylord*
Secretary-Treasurer - *Eric Mogren*
Social Chairman - *Jon Watterworth*

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS, AND IN ADDITION, LOTS OF LUCK
FOR THE COMING YEAR.

EDITORIAL-

THE LADY STEPS DOWN

It's April, 1971, and the Spring Semester is proceeding towards the last day of classes, only a month or so away. Student elections have just been held, and the winners have been announced. Plans are being set and deliberated upon for next year, and Miss Jean Dory steps down from the Presidency.

In this rather short editorial, I would like to take the opportunity to publically thank her for her service to our College and to us. It is doubtful whether any other Student Association President of our College has had as many situations to contend within one year's time as did Jean. The strike last year, the inauguration of the College's first President, the re-organization of our whole College's structure, the establishment of several new clubs in Student Council, the referendum on Student activity fees and many other events singled 1970-71 out as a year of accomplishment and leadership for her and her staff. On a more personal note, I am most appreciative of the support she gave my staff and me throughout the year. For all of these things we'd like to thank you Jean, very much. It is my hope that success is always with you.

-Mickey Sull

TO THE EDITOR-

4/16/71

I have been loathe to answer what appears to be a personal crusade by the Knothole editor. A few completely irresponsible statements on his behalf, espoused as being my feelings or actions, are concoctions
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STAFF: Editor: Mickey Sull, Associate Editor: Evan Dentes, Artwork: Montana Brown and John Karoly, Reporting: Paul Hornak, Barbara Steves, Jim Wilkins, Faculty Advisor: Dr. J. V. Berglund, Typist: Doreen Squire.

PLEASE RE-CYCLE THIS KNOTHOLE WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED READING IT. THANKS.

of his imagination. He has in fact dug up what many of us had considered a dead issue. Paying the editors was not the question which the Student Council was considering. Editors have been paid since 1966 in spite of Mr. Sull's disregard of the facts. The question which the Council was considering and on which they acted was paying assistants *in addition to* editors.

I did not write all the supporting facts into my proposal to the Council and never intended the proposal to stand alone. Mr. Sull's statement that "the Editor-in-Chief of the Empire Forester did not personally make any additional verbal explanations" (KH, April 13) is an outright lie. I offered additional explanation when I introduced the motion and answered directly the questions of many Council members in the discussion which followed. Mr. Sull was one of these people. Additionally, testimony by a faculty member and a graduate of the College experienced in the past history of the Empire Forester was added. All of the points which have been somewhat subjectively presented in the Knothole were openly discussed in Council at length. After much debate, Council approved the motion.

The Empire Forester "issue" is not a simple problem and certainly not solvable by emotional and irrational attacks. Open dialogue has been found very useful in solving problems such as these and shouldn't be abandoned in this instance. I would charge Knothole readers to objectively evaluate what they read and initiate a little thought before forming an opinion.

-Ray Curran
Editor-in-Chief
Empire Forester '71

TO MR. CURRAN-

How nice to hear from you! Unfortunately, perhaps, I question many of your above statements. Everyone knows how I feel about paying the editors; paying assistants is even worse! Also, you answered very few questions at that Council meeting; not because you wanted to answer a limited number, but because only a small number of questions were asked of you. Personally, I think that the discussion that followed after you presented the proposal and motion did not satisfy everyone. Who knows Mr. Curran - maybe it is time for all of us to re-evaluate our Student Association's financial allocations. Perhaps each of us should compromise a bit and acknowledge that the benefit of the entire student body is what is important and what we should concern ourselves with. If everyone recognizes this, then the publicity we have given this topic will have been of some value; at least I hope so.

-Mickey Sull



It's gonna be awful embarrassing if they don't green up this spring.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR-

4/16/71

You have finally brought me to the point where I must answer your editorials on the Empire Forester salary issue. The idea of a rebuttal to the editorial of March 22 seemed to me to be a completely futile undertaking, since the voting would already have taken place before our answers could appear in the Knothole. I assume that the ballots you are still counting were turned in by the deadline, and therefore they could not have been, and will not be influenced by any rebuttal we could submit.

I also feel that the matter was sufficiently discussed in the Student Council meeting, although one might not believe this from your editorial in the Knothole of April 13. I'm afraid that the editorial mentioned appears to me

to have misrepresentation of the facts. The Editor-in-Chief did in fact make a statement, and also called on two witnesses, one who had worked previously on the Empire Forester, and another who is the yearbook advisor. They, and others, gave justifications for having the editors paid. I think that anyone who attended the meeting can at least testify to the fact that we spent over a half hour discussing the issue of staff salaries.

The answer you gave to Jean Kilquist's letter on page 4 of the April 13th Knothole further convinces me of slightly muddled thinking on your part. The statement: "That meeting was the first Council meeting where the idea of salaries for the yearbook editors was brought up" has either an incorrect word, or else you are contradicting yourself. In the March 22 issue you clearly stated that the editors have been paid since 1966. The issue of editorial salaries was also brought up, I believe by you, at the Student Council meeting in the fall discussing the budget for this school year. At any rate, that meeting you spoke of could not possibly have been the first meeting where the issue was brought up.

-Pamela Yorks
Layout Editor
Empire Forester '71

TO MISS YORKS-

I appreciate your letter. First, I wish to say that all the ballots counted were turned in by the deadline date.

You are correct when you state in your second paragraph that "the Editor-in-Chief did...make a statement, and also called on two witnesses..."

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However, the statement made was that of the proposal and motion, and the witnesses were people he called on out of his own volition. They were people somehow connected with the yearbook staff. You accuse me of being somewhat biased, and I do not doubt this is true, but now, Miss Yorks, you are saying that the presumably fair dialogue that occurred during that Council meeting was between the Editor-in-Chief and several of "his men"! Please forgive my jargon.

In regard to your comment on Miss Kilquist's letter, you are right again. I should have said: "That was the first meeting this semester that the idea of salaries was brought up." I apologize for the oversight on my part. None-the-less, it did seem that the Editor-in-Chief of the Empire Forester offered too few explanations about the progress of the 1971 yearbook. Surely most Council members would have desired to receive reports more often about the progress of the yearbook's production. This is especially true since each Council member (as well as all the other students) help pay the editors' salaries.

All in all, from the apparent dearth of student comments I received, I guess one would say that this topic has been pretty much "beaten to death" by those of us who have been vocal about it. I admit that there are both good and bad points to student salaries, but I strongly feel that they are not needed at our College, and that more people could benefit without them. I wish to thank you and the other students for your interest and comments. The balloting results will be in next week's KH.

-Mickey Sull

TO THE EDITOR OF THE KNOTHOLE AND
THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY:

My recent letter to the Editor (April 13 issue of KH) has led many to believe that I have a personal vendetta against Mickey Sull. Let me say now that I do not and inclinations to such a feeling have been completely dispelled from my mind. The letter as it appeared last April 13th was for me in retrospect another diatribe, an especially unfortunate one. I would personally like to apologize to Mickey and to any of you whose sensibilities might have been offended. In perhaps an unnecessary attempt to justify my actions, I might say that the events that precipitated my outburst seemed urgent at the time, but time allows change and weakens ardour. I do not enjoy the role of vindictive, self-righteous muckraker, indeed I find it philosophically abhorrent. One would strive to emanate the passively strong, affirmatively constructive beautiful life styles of such men as Mahatma Gandhi or Martin Luther King. I shall attempt to be positive in the future and not fall prey to that dispicable ill of creeping polarization.

Recent events have considerably bolstered my spirit as concerns the ability of the students like Mickey Sull, Jean Dory and others to come to terms with difficult situations. I am unfortunately appalled at the lack of direction or effort being displayed by administrative elements of the College. I refer specifically to the referendum on Student fees question which is indeed a most perplexing one as we who have dealt with

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it have learned. Something should be done about resolving the multiplicity of misunderstandings that this Albany mandated referendum has generated.

I strongly urge all of you to vote for mandatory fees. To take away financial support for the admittedly weak extracurricular activities at the College will not cure them, it will kill them. Once again I beg your indulgence at what I will only term my personal need to shoot off my mouth once in awhile. I will try hard to be constructive. I may occasionally lapse into unfortunate but informative statements such as the following.

Paradoxically enough the Society of American Foresters offered in a recent JOF "the hallmark of a professional forester," a new SAF wall plaque- made of molded plastic. That quite frankly seems a contradiction of some sort to me. I would gladly pay extra for a plaque of wood. Would you?

Love, Peace & Happiness,
Thomas Catterson

IS WOOD DANGEROUS? DOES ANYONE CARE?

I read with dismay, Barbara Steves account of "what's going on in Bray Hall," in the Knothole, Volume 21, Number 26, April 19, 1971.

Quote: "It was seriously considered that the rotunda of Bray... should be destroyed...The rotunda will remain but the wood panelling which surrounds it must go. It will be replaced by a fire proof material."

Can anything be done to stop this destruction?

Apparently the use of beautiful natural wood to enhance our living and working areas is closer to extinction than I thought. Perhaps the day is not far off when this College should change its name to the College of Concrete, Stone and Synthetic Materials.

Has the College said or been able to say anything in defense of the panel display of timber species of this and other countries?

Are the faculty and student body so apathetic that they will stand mutely by? Or are they so powerless that they must stand mutely by while this collection is destroyed? Can't we even stop the destruction of this collection?

Is wood so dangerous that it can no longer be used, even in the College of Forestry, as an interesting, educational and aesthetic display of natural beauty for the public and students to appreciate?

Surely someone, especially in this College, should be able to present an alternative solution to make the use of wood panel displays in the "distinguishing" public passage ways of our College safe and acceptable!

-Donald E. Neuroth
Class of '71

REFERENDUM FOR STUDENT FEES THIS WEEK!!

This Wednesday and Thursday (April 28 and 29), from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. all students are urged to vote on student activity fees for the next academic year.

Two situations will be voted on: 1) that of our student activity fees used here at the College, and 2) that of the portion of our student activity fees that go to Syracuse University. Separate ballots will be used for each of these, and the choices available for each will be mandatory or voluntary.

In addition to having balloting stations located in the following places:

1. First floor lobby, Marshall Hall
2. Bray Rotunda
3. Basement floor lobby, Illick Hall
4. Second floor lobby, Walters Hall (by elevators)
5. Foyer on the third floor, Baker Laboratory (near the showcases, third floor entrance)

balloting stations will also be located in each of the departmental offices.

YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT IT -- NOW GET OUT AND VOTE!!

TO THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY:

A PERSONAL OPINION REGARDING STUDENT FEES

Due to the recent pressure regarding student activity fees, from students, parents, and others within the State University of New York, the Board of Trustees has adopted a resolution that all campuses in the SUNY system "shall determine, by referendum, whether student activity programs shall be supported by voluntary or mandatory fees." In accordance with this resolution, there will be a referendum on April 28 and 29 to decide how student fees will be collected on the College of Forestry campus.

It is hoped that students have been thinking about the implications and repercussions of the various choices that have been proposed. As one who has worked closely with student fees this past year, I would like to share some thoughts with those who may have questions about which choice is better for students at our College. I want to make it perfectly clear that this is meant to be a BIASED PERSONAL OPINION, and that I am speaking from my own experience and not representing anyone.

Under voluntary fees, Student Council would collect fees at registration from those students wishing to pay them and would distribute them among the various clubs and activities, or, clubs could collect dues and/or charge admissions. A questionnaire accompanying the referendum ballot will be used to determine which of these procedures would be preferred by the student body. While this might force clubs to make their programs more attractive, the emphasis on fund-raising and the problems encountered in not knowing how much capital they would have to work with might cause clubs to cut down on their programs, or to disband altogether. Items for which large sums had to be paid in advance, such as the Empire Forester,

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Barbecue, and class parties would definitely suffer. A student who decided, upon seeing publicity for a particular event, that he would like to attend, might be prevented from doing so if he had not paid the student fee and could not spare the price of admission at that time. I had the opportunity this February to speak with Students Association Presidents from several other SUNY campuses which had tried to function under a voluntary fee situation. It didn't work.

Under mandatory fees, students would pay fees at registration which would be allotted to various clubs and activities, just as they are now. The funds collected would be appropriated within guidelines set up by the trustees' resolution, under which the budgets prepared by the Student Council are reviewed by the campus President. This resolution also provides for a special campus review board composed of eight members; four chosen by the Student Council and four by the Administration. This review board would, if necessary, consider proposed items which the President determines are not in line with the Board of Trustees' guidelines. These guidelines are flexible enough to allow for the support of a wide range of campus activities by the student fee. Under this system, clubs and activities would have a definite and sufficient amount of funds with which to operate and all students would be entitled to participate in any activity at little or no extra cost, just as they are now. In addition, the students on the Student Council would be spared the endless bookkeeping which would result from any other situation. Arrangements to have a fee waived can be made in cases where this \$15 would cause extreme hardship.

It is my firm belief that mandatory fees would be the best situation for the students and I urge you to vote for MANDATORY FEES on April 28 or 29. If you have any questions concerning the referendum, the guidelines for allotment of mandatory fees, student activities, etc., please feel free to contact me at X2937 or through Student Mail.

Thank you,
Jeanne Dory

"ON THE OUTSIDE"

by Jim Wilkins

THE ALASKAN PIPELINE

The Alaskan Pipeline issue started in 1968 when the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. applied for a permit to build an 800 mile long pipeline. The 48-inch pipe was to carry crude oil from the rich oil fields of the Arctic North Slope at Prudhoe Bay to Valdez on the Gulf of Alaska; from there it would be shipped to the U. S. mainland by tanker (a strike against it because of the past trouble with oil slicks from tankers). The pipeline, if built, would be the largest in the U. S. and estimates for its cost are nearing \$2 billion.

On January 13, 1971, the Department of the Interior released a 195 page report on the feasibility of the pipeline. The so called "impact statement" acknowledged some environmental problems but left out some as well. The report said that the detrimental effects on the environment didn't justify the rejection of the plan because of its importance to our

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National Security: the Department of the Interior recommended approval of the permit. Two other reports, one by a Mr. Jorgenson (formerly of the BLM) and the other by the Army Corps of Engineers, were suppressed until the hearings on the issue this last February. This was an attempted snowball job by the business interests.

So what's wrong with the report by the Department of the Interior? In the first place, the Alaskan State Department of Fish and Game was never consulted and recent statements from them show no friendliness for the pipeline. One recent statement said, "Public concern for the aquatic resources in the Tanana and Yukon drainages is high. A major (pipeline) break could pollute the water in almost all of Central Alaska and the estuaries." The chances of a major break are pretty good in this area because of the frequency of localized earthquakes. The company's solution to this problem would be to put automatic shut-off valves every 60 miles; but when only one mile of the pipe holds 500,000 gallons of oil (two times the amount in the Santa Barbara blowout of 1969) one sees this is an ineffective solution.

The Alaskan people are split on the subject. The pipeline would bring in a substantial amount of new capital and help them get a stronger economy. Governor Egan approves of building the pipeline as does Walter Hickel. The Alaskan Federation of Natives is similarly for the move while the Arctic Slope Native Association is against it. Joe Upicksoum, President of the A. S. N. A. said "Now they (caucasian businessmen from the U. S.) want to come and rape our land." It's obvious that the people of the North Slope would be wiped out by a major break. These people do not hunt and fish for sport. No economic aid was guaranteed to these people in case of a break either. Conservationists were also disturbed by the idea of the pipeline being underground. The 180°F oil would melt the permafrost in the area and cause erosion. The pipeline might also affect migrations of wildlife such as carabou. The hearings in the week of February 27 brought out many of these new considerations and R. C. B. Morton is now holding up the approval of the permit to see if it is really worth the loss of a wild area. He will be under much pressure from many sides because of the business interests influence and the National Security factor. Let's hope he does what is best for the environment and the people.

(A letter to the Public Affairs Division, Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., 2805 Denali Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 will get you some propaganda on the issue and a letter to the Administration will help the decision go the right way.)

WHY MANAGE ADIRONDACK DEER BY POACHING?

(continued from last week's KH)

But put a bunch of cows on poor range and they'll average a lot less than one calf, and the scrawney things you do get have a tough time coming through the first winter. And, let a bunch of deer eat out their winter range and your fawn crop drops to way below one and the poor critters that are dropped have about as much chance of coming through a tough winter as an Idaho Jackrabbit has in overwintering in the Adirondacks.

We had a fellow move in our valley back in 1910 who figured he could become a big operator without buying up a lot of land. In fifteen years he chewed his range down to grass roots and his scrawny cows dropped

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about half as many calves as ours. When he finally went broke we bought his land for a song, but it was a poor buy at that 'cause we never did get the place back into much shape.

I've seen lots of winter range in the Adirondacks that's in as bad shape as that ranch. I guess it isn't easy to see if you're not used to figuring range or unless you're one of these state technical boys who no one up here seems to believe anyway, even though we keep him on the chuck-roll. There's a lot more brush and trees up here than in the Boise Valley and a lot more rain and snow to make things grow. But most of the stuff you see that's left after a few years of heavy winter brousing, a deer can't eat or if he does, it sure does him no good. It's like trying to fatten up a cow at 30° below on straw or sawdust.

I don't suppose that what I've said so far will make a damn bit of difference to a lot of boys who had their minds made up before we ever got into this deer arguement. They've got the notion that if you want plenty of deer you just don't shoot 'em and then you've got 'em. Well, I claim just the opposite, and furthermore, I can prove it!

Maybe I'd better point out that most of the deer I've shot in the Adirondacks I've taken in St. Lawrence County within a mile of a road. But I was raised where folks are scarce and hunting from a road back here, particularly early in the season when everybody heads for the woods, strikes me as being a lot like hunting with a regiment of Canadian Mounties in Central Park. So until my bones really began to creek a couple years ago, I've been hunting with a fine bunch of four or five neighbors about 20 miles back from the roads in the Oswegatchie country.

We started in '48 and just kind of drifted apart after the year of the special back country deer of either sex hunt of 1954. During most of those years the winters were particularly mild in the Adirondacks and winter losses were low. Until 1954 the four or five of us usually saw between six and nine deer during a week of hunting and the most we ever bagged was three and that only once. But we kept going back anyhow 'cause we liked the country, we never saw any other hunters, and we weren't worried about venison. A fellow could always fill out later from the roads up north. I guess we didn't do too much thinking about why there was so few deer back there, but it was plain as day that the south slopes and the cedar swamps had a lot of old sign of heavy brousing. We figured the country a few years back had carried a big herd and now had about all the deer it could carry even in mild winters.

Then along came the special Oswegatchie hunt. We figured we knew the country and we could get at least a doe apiece and then go out to the roaded country and finish up on bucks for two deer apiece. Sounds kind of hoggish, I know, but anyhow it sure didn't work out that way. Five of us stayed in there for nine days which makes a total of fourty-five days of hunting. We saw three deer and we got one little 5 1/2 year old doe that hog-dressed 70 lbs. at the Inlet checking station!

Then, to get our winters venison, four of us went back to our old road-side stomping grounds in St. Lawrence County, just a few miles away, and filled out in three days (a total of 12 days of hunting). I'd guess we each saw about 50 deer, mostly does, in those three days.

(concluded in next week's KH)

In memory of Michael J. Kozlow

NOTICES

Congratulations go to the people involved in our paper recycling project, who brought our College into the news in the April 18, 1971 issue of Empire Magazine in the Herald American.

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Also, congratulations go to Mary Schuschini and Thomas Catterson who won third place and honorable mention respectively in the Herald-Journal, Herald American photo contest on pollution!

Last concert to be given on Saturday, May 1, 1971, from 9:00 p.m. 'til Midnight, Chuck and Mickey Sull will give a folk-singing concert in the Nifkin Lounge! Everyone is invited, so forget about your books for an evening, and come to listen and sing along with them at their last College concert.

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Positions are available for College of Forestry students to teach environmental ecology (basically conservation and nature studies) at Boy Scout camps in New York and New Jersey. Students with junior status are preferred; however, freshmen and sophomores will be considered if they are interested and have the necessary background. Room and board plus about \$500 will be received by the employed students.

Mr. Hornbeck, a former graduate of the College, will be on campus May 5 from 10 - 12:00 a.m. to outline the responsibilities of the position and take applications. Students interested in talking with Mr. Hornbeck should sign up in 107 Bray Hall. If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, see me.

-John R. Reeves

LECTURE - DISCUSSION ON APRIL 28 IN 319 MARSHALL

Dr. Noel McInnis, Director of The Center for Curriculum Design in Evanston, Illinois, will speak on environmental education. This discussion is presented by the Student Committee on Environmental Studies as sponsored by the Zoology Club, Botany Club, and Graduate Student Organ. Keep an eye out for posters giving specific time and title of the talk.

-Don Musbach

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SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

PLANNING IN FORESTRY

Dr. Ernest M. Gould
Harvard University

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1971

2:00 P.M.

ROOM 210 WALTERS HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME!

REGISTRATION

CRANBERRY LAKE BIOLOGICAL STATION

Registration for the 1971 Summer Program in Environmental Biology at the Cranberry Lake Biological Station will take place on Friday, April 30, from 7 - 8 P.M. in 334 Illick Hall.

-E. H. Ketchledge

CORRECTION

Contrary to what is stated at the top of page 7, only ONE situation will be voted on at the Student Fee Referendum this week. That will be for our Student Activity fees that are used here at our College.