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PUT IN YOUR INPUT...

The Syracuse Commission for the Conservation of the Environment, a locally run organization whose members are appointed by Mayor Lee Alexander, is looking for input from students, faculty, staff, and the community at large. Input is desired in the form of suggestions, staff support, attendance at their bi-monthly meetings, and help on various projects undertaken by the commission. The Commission is also looking for people interested in promoting the workings of the Commission through public information releases and other forms of publicity.

In the past the Commission has been involved in the creation of an Open Space Index for the City of Syracuse, historic reservation activities for the area, bottle bill legislation, the controversial Onondaga County Solid Waste Steam Plant, and a number of other projects and issues pertinent to the environment of the area.

In order to strengthen itself and to make itself a more effective voice in the community, the Commission is looking for help from the public. If you would like to attend one of the meetings, or perhaps find out more about the functions of the Commission, give Bill Mayo or Karen Konen a call at 473-2873.

ESF B-BALL!

Dec. 1	Onondaga CC	8:00	Away
Dec. 2	TBA	8:00	Away
Dec. 3	Albany Business College	2:00	Away
Dec. 6	Oneonta JV	7:30	Home

Home game with Oneonta JV will be played at the Women's Building.

Show some stumpy support by attending the game and cheering the team.

CLBS Alternative

ATTN: FOREST BIO MAJORS

Spend a summer in Oregon, Montana, Maine, Cape Cod, Jamaica, the Adirondacks and still fulfill your summer camp requirement at the same time.

On Dec. 7th, the Botany and Zoology Clubs will be co-sponsoring an informal discussion on summer camp options for biology majors. Watch for more details, but keep the date in mind.

BMC PRESENTS - "Of Rivers & Men"

The Bob Marshall Club is sponsoring the movie "Of Rivers and Men" on Thurs. Nov. 30, (not on Wed. Nov. 29 as previously announced). The film depicts the Adirondack Wild River system, and will be followed by a presentation by Dr. John Siau. The film starts at 7:30 pm in Marshall Aud. All are welcome.

PICTURES PLEASE ...

JTL

Senior pictures for those bashful and reluctant seniors will be taken Thursday and Friday, Dec. 1 and 2 from 1 to 5 in Room 3 Illick (the movie studio).

Unless you want the 'mug shot' from the Registrars office taken freshman year, you better show up!

Seniors who had their senior picture taken will be able to return their proofs on Thursday, Dec. 1 and Friday, Dec. 2 from 10 to 4 pm in the Conference Room of Moon Library.

THE KNOTHOLE: The student publication of SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.
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POLICY: All articles and Letters to the Editor must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. The contents of any Letter to the Editor reflects the viewpoint of the author, not the viewpoint or opinion of the Knothole or its staff. Names will not be withheld from any Letter to the Editor. We welcome any counterviews, articles, notices, suggestions, and new staff members. The Knothole meets every Tuesday in the Basement of Bray at 6:00.

To the editor:

In response to an editorial in Nov. 15 Knothole regarding the actions of Student Council, here are some facts. The transition was not a recent decision but rather has been discussed in whatever circles since 1963. In concurrence with that editorial, Council had initially made an effort to block the transition; however, we realized our attempts were futile. If anyone has any questions concerning the matter of the transition (or any other), I urge her/him to come to the Council Office and talk with us and read the information in our files on it.

About the posting of minutes: the minutes in the two glass enclosed bulletin boards in Moon are updated every Monday night. If the minutes posted are not of the previous week, check the social calendar pinned along side it to see whether Council did indeed meet. Recently, two meetings were postponed or cancelled due to lectures of an environmental nature being held on Monday nights.

In all honesty, while I was disturbed by the inaccuracy of the editorial, I was extremely pleased to learn that students are still alive at this institution and seemingly do care! Student Council is not as active or as influential as we might like to be due, to a great extent, to a lack of support and input from the Student Association--YOU! I can't stress enough how important You and what You feel and what You say are to the Council, and how useful Council can be in return.

Please--help us to use our potential.

Tisha Drozdowski
President, S. A.

Letter to the Editor:

I'm pissed. Other people are pissed too. You might say that we're pissed because we can't piss. In case you haven't guessed the topic of this tirade, I am referring to the inanity, the complete, utter, total asininity regarding the removal of the bathrooms in the lobby of Illick Hall.

1. Illick is a facility which is intensively utilized by students, faculty, staff and, more importantly, the public at large, especially 5 Illick and the general entry level. It is at this point, where one enters the building, that one expects the lavatory to be located, not in an area stuck in a corner with some vending machines.

2. In a college where there exists a shortage of female johns, why remove a bathroom from use? Don't worry girls--there's a one-seater down the hall with a shower drain. If you don't want to wait for the shower drain to become available, you can always walk up to the second floor (I assume that the administration believes that the exercise will make one appreciate the bathroom all the more once it's reached - assuming you can get one of the two seats.)

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BOOK POLICY CHANGE

Commencing Jan. 1, 1978, Moon Library will introduce a revised policy for the payment of lost library materials. Students failing to meet their obligations to the college will not be able to register. Graduates, transfers, and dismissed students with outstanding obligations will have their records withheld. (No transcripts)

The policy and procedure for payment are as follows:

After the third overdue notice has been issued, such material will be considered lost and the cost of replacement assessed. The cost of replacement will be the price of the material as determined by Books in Print or other suitable index. Within 30 days of paying for a lost book, if the book is produced the cost will be refunded. After 30 days a refund will not be possible.

The person will be notified by letter informing him or her that the library material is declared lost and the cost of replacement due. The person will be requested to pay the amount due in the Business Office, Room 102 Bray and will receive a paid receipt. This receipt will then be presented to the library where it will be processed.

For more detailed information, ask at the Reference Desk at Moon Library during regular business hours.

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Finals! *?% Christmas shopping! #?%) End of semester hassles!?!#* Who needs to fill out a "Student Affairs Needs Assessment Questionnaire"? Each student who received one and hasn't yet returned it-- that's who.

If you received a copy of this questionnaire, please take a few minutes to complete it and return it to 107 Bray in the self-addressed envelope or drop it in the box at the main desk in Moon Library. Many thanks to those students who have already done so. If we achieve our anticipated return, the results will be published in the Knothole early next semester.

Extra copies of the questionnaire are available in room 104 Bray for those students who may have lost the original survey. Please come in and fill one out. Thank you.

Editorial

Has anybody noticed the signs on the bathroom doors of the Main Floor of Illick? Posted quite plainly on the door is a simple sign saying "This room closed. Use the facilities at the West end of the building near the other elevator". If you could go inside, you would see the wall between the two bathrooms knocked down. The first unisex bathroom on the Forestry campus? No, it's just an other attempt to alleviate the critical room shortage that the new Biology department has experienced.

But what about the needs of the students, visitors (especially schoolchildren!), and staff? I do not see how the one stall in the women's john at the other end of the hall will be seen, much less be a reasonable alternative to the bathrooms foregone in the Foyer. And upstairs? The first floor has a men's room which could be used instead of the Main Floor bathrooms, but look in vain for a ladies room, you'll have to go up to the 2nd floor before you find the ladies room.

The greatest good for the greatest number of people? I don't know exactly who will be suffering, and perhaps the average number of restrooms throughout campus is adequate, of course that average includes Moon Library with enough stalls to handle a N.O.W. convention and Baker, with two ladies rooms right next to each other. If you look at the actual distribution, the women's restrooms are inadequate. The 1st floor of Illick, 3rd and 4th floors of both Marshall and Bray do not have a single ladies room. And now the Main Floor of Illick is reduced to a single stall.

All this need not be too serious. After all, there will be increased office space, and it will give the seniors a viable suggestion for the Senior Class Gift- a 'porta-potty' for the Quad which should solve the problem quite adequately.

-Jane Kolva

Woodsman's Team practice session
Saturday, December 3 from 1 - 4pm
behind Walters Hall. Any interested
people welcome, if you don't know how,
we'll teach you.

3. It is said (one often wonders by who, for the students must divine the actions of the administration) that additional toilets will be added to the vending area toilets. Of course, the construction of a facility which has just been demolished makes eminent sense - if you happen to be an administrator and in no need of a bathroom, especially when yours is in Bray.

4. Which is of more importance, the logical placement of bathrooms in a heavy use corridor or the destruction of those facilities to provide office space? The administration was damn inconsiderate in their choice of sites, if indeed they did choose. What is wrong with the classroom across from Rm 8? Could that not have been destroyed instead of the toilets? And how many students were informed of this action? Don't all stand up at once, I'd be overwhelmed. It is quite obvious that our priorities are not their priorities, nor are theirs ours (or is it that they cannot communicate?)

5. I'd just like to say that it was really convenient, the way the School of Biology, Chemistry and Ecology was shuffled around this summer. Of course, I was in the state of Washington and they really don't care about what happens back here. What worries me is that the people here don't care, at least not the administrators.

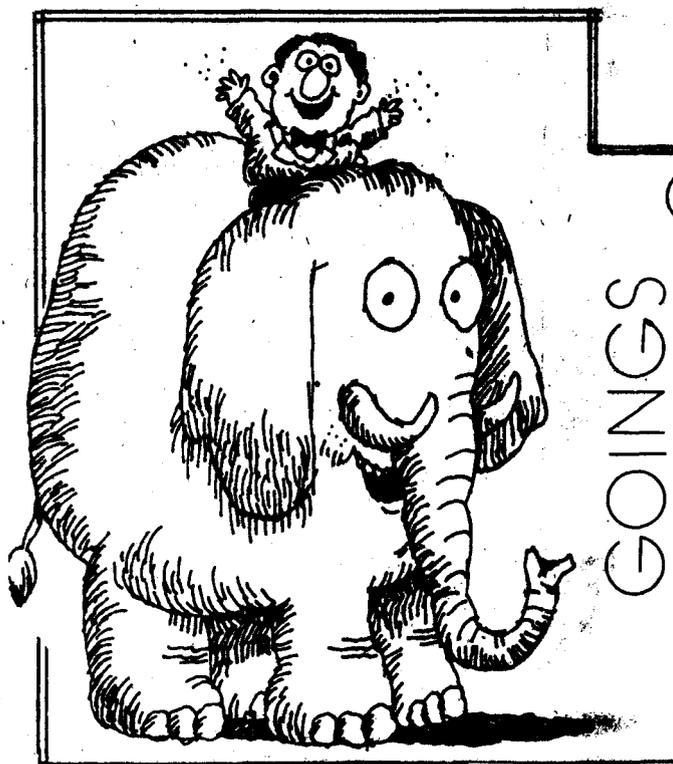
6. If a new office is being constructed, will new staff fill it? If not, who will fill the present staff's office? (I bet that it would make a great bathroom.) If there's a simple answer to any of these questions, I'd like to thank the administration for telling the students, for if they had informed us all this wouldn't be necessary.

7. Going to the bathroom is a very basic and fundamental function of mankind; for the administrators of this college to expect students to go about it any differently is asking a bit too much.

9. If I sound bitter, a might vindictive and unreasonable...well, what do you expect after $4\frac{1}{2}$ years at this college? We should not be called the College of ESF; we should be called the National Institute of Misinformation and Student Disregard by the Administrators. I love the fiber of this school and my fellow students, but for the life of me I can't see what's holding this place together. I imagine that it's good training for the real world, but it's made me a cynic filled with the unalterableness of the situation. If the tight fisted legislators in Albany don't kill this college, the utter lack of internal communication and respect will.

Vexed BEYOND BELIEF,

Bill Coons



WED. NOV. 30: 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 Botany Club Greenhouse Cutting Session. 5th Floor Illick. Sign-up sheet on door of 351 Illick Hall.

7:00 pm. Saengerbund sings in Marshall Aud. New members always welcomed.

THURS. DEC 1: Botany Club Cutting Sessions. See Nov. 30th listing.

7:30 pm All Clubs Presidents Meeting. Room 300 Bray. To discuss Spring Budget.

8:00 pm. SAF meeting. Moon Conference Room.

FRI. DEC 2: Botany Club Cutting Sessions. See Nov. 30th listing.

4:30 to 8:00. College wide TGIF. Munchies, movies, beer, cider, good times.

SAT. DEC 3: All Day. Botany Club trip to Howe Caverns.

ECOLOGY OF PIZZA?

Craig Cramer and Sue Schendorf got them with an active study of the ecology of pizza. Bill Brush, Kevin Lane, and Doug Oscar had them exploring competition in woods and field. Laura Mauro, Steve Kinne and Lee Parker had them chasing through the woods in a predator-prey game. Who are they?...Boy Scout Troop 67 of North Syracuse, New York. What was it all about?...a field experience for ERM 496, an experimental class in Environmental Education being offered this semester. The students mentioned above spent an afternoon with 15 Boy Scouts and their leaders at Camp Woodland, Constantia, New York on Nov. 19.

If any of you remember that Saturday, you'll recall how it started: rain, slush, and snow...not an auspicious beginning for some first attempts at environmental education.

Arriving an hour before starting time, the class members went about setting up their activity stations, collecting materials, meeting the Scouts and having a chilly lunch. Most of the class had visited the camp the week before and were familiar with the site. The Scouts were divided into groups and the activities began.

Sue and Craig had them mixing yeast, molasses and warm water to watch the yeast grow and die. There was talk of limiting factors, necessary requirements for life, and waste products--all in the language of 11-year-olds and with concrete evidence before their eyes. Scouts yarn, and cards listing the ingredients, "sun", and "boy" were physically woven into a food web with rapid discussion and questions about the concept.

Meanwhile, another group, led by Lee, Laura, and Steve, had donned blankets, orange vests, binoculars and goggles with partly obscured vision. One Scout was told he could climb trees, but he had to wear a white sheet in the green and brown woods. Another had his knees tied together, but was given branches to fend off predators. These gimmicks were all part of an advantage/disadvantage scheme to illustrate the balance between the organisms. An area was marked off: "don't go past the stream, the road or the white flags. If you hear three blasts on the whistle, come back here right away." The prey were given five

minutes head start and then the predators charged after them. The hunt was on!

When the time was up, the muddy, wet, bedraggled, but exhilarated prey and predators returned to the starting point for a discussion of the game. The connection between the game and real life was made and concepts of protective coloration, limited sight, and adaption were discussed, again all on the Scouts' level.

Still another group, guided by Steve, Bill, and Doug, was bushwacking along flagged trails to marked stations. The Scouts were asked to observe the plant growth. After visiting each of three stations, they were brought together to share observations. Competition, dominance and suppression were discussed. The Scouts surprised some of the class members with their questions and observations. "What can you do with the roots if you cut the tree off way up there? There's so much wood still left!" led to a discussion of efforts of pulp mills in the south to utilize root fibers.

After experiencing all the activities the Scouts and class met together in one big group for a sample of the pizza. The Scouts presented the members of the class with Camp Woodland mugs. Everyone took pictures of everyone else. The Scout leaders talked about making it a yearly event. A group of cold, damp but enthusiastic Forestry students headed back to Syracuse. Said one member of the class, "I thought they would have fun, but I didn't think I would!"

P.S. "Meanwhile, in another part of the county..." Bill Stebbins and Jean Watson were leading a group at Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville, New York for their field experience.

PEAVY POWER.

There will be a Forestry Club meeting at 7:00 pm in Nifkin Lounge on Wednesday, Nov. 30. to set the date for Montreal Meet tryouts, and to plan other activities. Pictures will shown of past meets and events. If you have any pictures or slides, bring them along- we'll have a projector set up. Everyone welcome.



THE BIRDWATCHER

Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum*

If you have cherry or mountain ash trees nearby, you are sure to be acquainted with the Cedar Waxwing. This sleek brown bird is partial to these and other fruits and berries. Waxwings also will feed on insects flycatcher-style, perching in an exposed spot and dashing out after insects as they fly by.

Waxwings are gregarious birds, which means they congregate in flocks of from 4 to 10 or even 15 and rarely will you see one by itself.

Cedar waxwings are a tawny brown color with a crest, which it lowers and raises, a black mask, and a conspicuous yellow tail band. Also, near the tips of the wings there are small red feather tips, which look as though they were dipped in sealing wax, hence the name 'waxwing'.

creativity counts!

Now that you've given your stomach a feast and your brain a rest, it's time to whip up some creative gems and enter them in the Knothole Creativity Contest.

The basic categories are: poetry, cartoon, artwork and feature page. The feature page can deal with any topic of interest to the general college community, and should be a presentation, not just an article.

Cash prizes will be awarded, the amount and number in each category will be announced next semester in the official notification (what you're reading ain't real, you know).

APARTMENT FOR RENT

A prosperous man proposed to a beautiful girl and she agreed to spend the night with him for \$500.00.

When he was ready to leave in the morning, he told her he didn't have the money with him, but he would have his secretary write a check for it, and mail it for "Rent for Apartment."

On his way to the office, he decided the whole thing wasn't worth the price he agreed to pay. So he had his secretary send a check for \$250.00 and enclose the following note:

Dear Madam:

Enclosed is my check for the amount of \$250.00 for rent on your apartment. I am not sending the amount agreed upon because when I rented the apartment, I was under the impression that:

1. It has never been occupied.
2. That there was plenty of heat.
3. That it was small.

Last night I found it had already been occupied, that there wasn't any heat, and that it was entirely too large

Upon receipt of the check the girl immediately returned the check with the following note:

Dear Sir:

I am returning the check for \$250.00. I cannot understand how you would expect such a beautiful apartment to remain unoccupied. As for the heat, there is plenty of it, if you know how to turn it on. And as for the size, it is not my fault if you didn't have enough furniture to fill it.

Anon.

COLLEGE WIDE

TGIF

DECEMBER 2 4:30 ~ 8:00

IN NIFKIN LOUNGE

Movies, Munchies, Beer, YOU!