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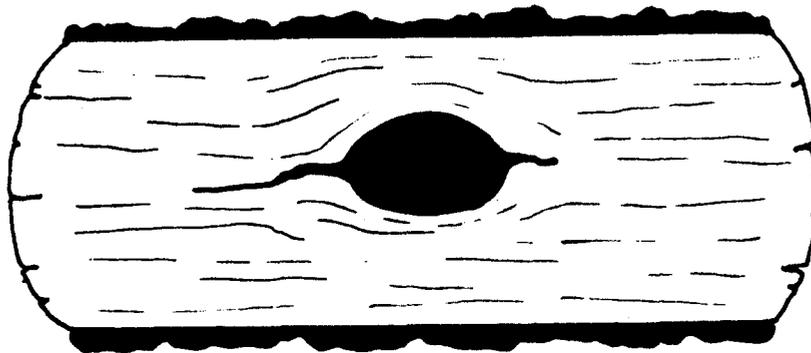
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## S.U.N.Y. College of Environmental Science and Forestry



### BOTANY CLUB NEWS

These weeks have been busy. Last week, Larry Whelpton, caretaker of the greenhouses on the fifth floor of Illick, teacher of Plant Propagation, and a general all-around good guy, gave a talk on care of house plants. He offered many helpful suggestions on lighting, how and when to water, how to make more plants, and on and on.

Dr. Lowe gave an interesting talk on Oct. 4, about Lichens. And you'll be hearing about our Treman State Park trip that we had last Saturday, too.

This coming Wednesday, Oct. 18 (not Yom Kippur... the one after), Dr. Griffin is planning to have a talk about fall Mushrooms. If any of this (or perhaps the Grand Canyon, Western Tree Species, Conifer and Hardwood cutting sessions, and more) sounds interesting, stop by some Wednesday evening at 7:30 in 314 Illick and see what Botany Club has to offer.

Jeanne Debons

### STUDENT HANDBOOKS

1978-79 Student Handbooks are now available in 107 Bray for all ESF students and interested staff. Syracuse University Dates and Data are also available.

## BARBEQUE TIME!

The annual Barbeque will be held this Saturday, October 14 at Heiberg Forest. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Felling will be the first event of the day and will start at 9:30 a.m.

Buses will run in the morning at 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 leaving behind Moon Library. Return trips will be made in the afternoon at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30.

There will be plenty of room for parking so don't hesitate to drive down. If you have extra room in your car, why don't you stop behind Moon before heading out and see if you can give someone a ride.

The only thing that could be more fun than cheering on your classmates at the Barbeque would be to enter an event yourself!! Either way, a marvelous time is guaranteed for all-and who knows, this year it might even be sunny!!

## Yearbook

To any and all people who feel that they have artistic writing abilities: Your Yearbook Needs You! We are seeking your poems, nonsense, verse, whatever you would like to commemorate your years at ESF with. Bring your ideas and articles to Nifkin Lounge at 7:30 on Thursdays, or send them to Ed Jones, in rm. 204 Stadium Apts.

If you don't have ideas to bring, then bring yourself to help put together the best yearbook ever.

Edwin R. Jones  
Copy Editor, Empire Forester

**THE KNOTHOLE:** The student publication of SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

**PUBLISHED:** Every Tuesday.

**DEADLINE:** The Wednesday noon prior to the upcoming issue.

**POLICY:** All articles and Letters to the Editor must be signed. Names will be withheld from any article upon request, no names will be withheld from a Letter to the Editor. The contents of any Letter to the Editor reflects the viewpoint of the author, not the viewpoint or opinion of the Knothole or it's staff. We welcome any counterinterviews, articles, notices, suggestions, and new staff members. The Knothole meets every Tuesday in the Basement of Bray at 6:00 p.m.

### To The Editor:

This is an incident that occurred in Illick 5 on Friday, September 29, at Waterfowl Identification Course. The conversation that follows lasted scarcely a minute, however, it showed a real inconsistency in our society:

A young voice from the far side of the room spoke up when recognized by the New York State Conservation Officer, who was answering questions from the class. The youngster stated, "the sign says 'NO SMOKING'". The Conservation Officer chuckled and said, "And you're too young to smoke!" A light ripple of uneasy laughter went through the crowd. At that moment, about eight people were smoking --- and they continued, along with the Conservation Officer.

...And he's setting an example?

Dianne Monge

### TIME CHANGES

In early autumn the glorious fire of crimson maple and tupelo  
 Delight the senses; glowing trees pay homage to the sun  
 By reflecting her brilliance in blazing hues.

In late autumn, the hills speak gently  
 In delicate pastels now, smokey gold and lavender.  
 Soft larch and aspen form a down quilt  
 For emerald spruce to nestle in  
 Against the promised winds of winter.

### TAKE THE PLUNGE

A Physics Challenge Exam will be offered again this semester for those students who have physics as a curriculum requirement. It will be held in Marshall Auditorium the evening of October 31 beginning at 7:00. The exam will run for approximately two hours. Successful completion of the exam will permit the student to be excused from the physics requirement and have the total hours required for graduation decreased by eight. A notation will be made on the student's Permanent Record Card indicating successful completion of the exam. If you wish to take the exam, sign up in room 107 Bray (Mrs. Hasenstab) no later than Thursday, October 27th.

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## EDITORIAL

One of the single most educational experiences of my college career has been an attempt to help get recyclable soda containers on campus. When the idea was first brought up at a Student Council meeting last year, it sounded pretty reasonable to me. Why shouldn't a college of environmental science live what it teaches?

So, (I thought) the problem would be to locate a company willing to provide machines and bottles, and pick up the empties at a reasonable price per bottle. Oh yeah, and remember to stop off first at Dr. Payne's office to get an initial OK. Then you can bring in all the information, and all the administration has to do is sign on the dotted line.

By early last semester, we located a vending company that would supply machines and bottles, and recycle the empties for 30¢ (including the 5¢ deposit) per bottle. I brought this information to Mr. Coor, who arranges the contracts that the school makes. I also asked him to try to arrange for the deposit to be dropped, bringing the price back down to 25¢.

Now, let me explain why we still don't have bottles on campus. Mr. Coor adheres firmly to the principles of "but-we've-always-done-it-this-way" and "I-will-take-no-responsibility-whatsoever". This returnable bottle idea went against these principles. But we've always contracted to Lamson Vending Co., he explained, and I certainly won't be responsible for changing that.

He had another objection, too. I know students, he assured me, and they are too irresponsible to pull this off. It Won't Work. However, we had Dr. Payne's support now, and so eventually Mr. Coor was directed to arrange the contract for recyclables.

All this was last year, and I left school in May hoping to see bottles in the fall. Last week, I began to wonder when they'd arrive, and so I met once again with Payne and Coor. Mr. Coor, I learned, had convinced our present vending company to get two bottle machines.

Oh, of course the soda will be 35¢ a bottle, and incidentally, they won't pick up the empty bottles. So, he managed to "follow our wishes", and at the same time make the alternative non-viable. After all, who'll pay an extra dime per soda when you can get one for a quarter in Illick? And what do we do with the empties, anyway?

By selectively not hearing the student's suggestions, the administration has given us an impossible "compromise", the difficulties of which they are "not responsible for".

During this whole year-long exercise in futility, I was disturbed by some of the administration's habits. There's an overwhelmingly low regard for students from the gentlemen in Bray; we are assumed ignorant and irresponsible, and basically we're just a nuisance to these men.

The other thing, of course, is a surprising disregard for environmental concerns on the part of the administration. But that is self-evident by now, and this editorial is long enough.

If we are given aluminum cans, and if we get the facilities to recycle them, we'll let you know. I'll believe it when I see it.

Linda Palter

## Scholarships!

If you are a resident of New York City and the recipient of a Basic Educational Opportunity Grant, you may be eligible for a \$100 - \$700 scholarship for the 1978-79 academic year. The Mayor's Program is administered by a consortium-- New York Urban League, ASPIRA of New York, Inc. and ARIC of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities. Scholarship awards are based on "economic need and student choice of institution."

Applications and information are available in the Office of Financial Aid, 111 Bray Hall. The deadline for filing is Oct. 16.

# CONTEST

Here's YOUR chance to share YOUR creative talent with YOUR school.

## Design a Belt Buckle!

This belt buckle design should reflect the diverse environmental concerns of the college as a whole.

When- October 1-25

Where- The Wildlife Society mailbox in basement of Marshall

Judging- 1 Administrator, 1 Faculty member, and 3 Students

Prize- \$25 Saving Bond plus a free belt and YOUR buckle

Entry- Pen and ink (black and white) drawing of any size

- Oval or rectangular shape
- Raised or engraved lettering
- Border, if desired
- Scroll-work, if desired

(Sponsored by: The Wildlife Society-- But for everyone!)

## "CLIP N' SAVE"

### BOTANY CLUB ACTIVITIES

- I. Wednesday at 7:30 in #314 Illick
- October 18 - Griffin: Fall Mushrooms
  - October 25 - Geis: Plants of St. Lawrence River in Winter
  - November 1 - Wilcox: Exploring the Grand Canyon
  - November 8 - Slide Show by Members and Public
  - November 15 - Ketchledge: Western Tree Species
  - November 29 - Preparatory Meeting for Conifer Hardwood Cutting Session
  - December 4,5,6 - Cutting Sessions
- II. Saturday Trips, Meet Behind Moon Library
- October 21 - Joint Trip with Bob Marshall Club to the High Peaks
  - October 28 - Great Western Winery

Knothole is proud and excited to announce the beginning of a new, original comic strip, "The Adventures of Funky Space-Stumpu", created by Erik Marx. This is a continuing serial, so don't miss next week's exciting adventure!



# CREATIVITY

The search is on! Knothole is seeking the creative and talented among you, for the 1978 Creativity Contest. Get out from behind those text-books and calculators, and win some cash. Five \$10 first prizes will be awarded for the best pieces in these categories:

Poetry  
Artwork  
Cartoon  
Feature Article  
Short Story

All entrees must include your name, address, phone number, class, and curriculum. Also, write "For Knothole Creativity Contest" and the category. The deadline for material is November 21. Drop off your work in Knothole mailbox, basement of Marshall.

Artwork : Must be done in black ink, no larger than 7½" X 9"

Feature Article : On any topic of interest to the college community. This may be supplemented by illustrations, if you wish.

Express yourself! Start creating now!



Around Perryville, R.I. the small, red berries of the Russian olive bush, overripe and slightly fermented, are intoxicating flocks of birds that snack on them. Local farmers and motorists watch in amazement as birds haphazardly swoop down and over the highway, many missing their mark and slamming into trucks and cars. Such dive-bombing antics have strewn dead birds along the roadside, yet police are loath to charge the birds with f.w.i.-- flying while intoxicated.

A system of conservation based solely on economic self-interest is hopelessly lopsided. It tends to ignore, and thus eventually eliminate, many elements in the land community that lack commercial value, but that are (as far as we know) essential to it's healthy functioning. It assumes, falsely, I think, that the economic parts of the biotic clock will function without the uneconomic parts.

Aldo Leopold

## TREES

I hope that I shall never see  
Another quiz about a tree.

A tree whose leaves may be serrate  
Or then again may be dentate.

A tree whose leaves may be compound  
Unless just simple leaves are found.

A tree whose buds can't be mistaken  
Until the day a test is taken.

A tree whose Latin name can mean  
A nut, capsule, legume, or bean.

Tests are flunked by fools like me  
To whom a bush looks like a tree.

by J. Kilmer of '52

## CORRECTION (oops!)

Saengerbund will be harmonizing every Thursday evening, not Wednesday evenings, as we previously announced. Sorry 'bout that!

# CONSERVATION BRIEFS

First they started it, then they stopped it. Then they started it again, then they stopped it. Now they've started it again. Members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have-- one more time-- allowed construction on the controversial Seabrook nuclear power plant in N.H. to begin. The latest suspension and reinstatement took place in July and August; following another approval of the plant's open cooling system ( water 39 degrees warmer will be poured directly into the ocean from the plant) by the EPA. But the fate of the plant is by no means clinched. Opponents have promised continued civil disobedience, and NRC says it will keep studying alternatives.

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N.Y.S. is asking for \$25 million from the federal government to clean up PCB's in the Hudson River. . .The state of Michigan has warned fishermen not to eat more than a half pound per week of salmon caught in Lakes Michigan and Huron because of the high PCB accumulations found in the fish. . . The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has proposed a ban on the manufacture, importation, and use of PCB's. More than a billion pounds of PCB's have been purchased by U.S. industry since 1929, and an estimated 440 million pounds are now somewhere in the environment. The total ban would become effective Jan. 1. 1979.

## NO PARKING!!!!

Parking is not permitted by ESF students on campus from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. After 5 p.m. students with a validated ID card are permitted to park vehicles anywhere on campus except in the obvious fire lanes. There is generally ample space in the parking lots. No parking under any circumstances will be permitted in the lane directly behind Moon Library or in front of any building entranceway. Security will monitor parking on campus. Cars illegally parked may be towed away at student's expense. Please refer to page 12 in the Student Handbook for further information on parking.

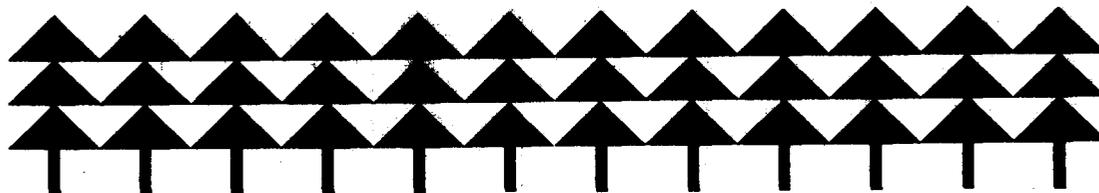
### Backyard Nature Program

The Backyard Nature Program is in full swing this year, with a lot of activities and a lot of help needed. We're still running the environmental education course in the city schools one day a week for a four week period. Here, we try to introduce the kids to the basics of ecology in nature, in the city, in the classroom, and within themselves.

Other activities include a planned resource library of environmental education materials; a pamphlet on suggested environmental educational films; support of a proposed nature center out at Cicero High School; and a new program with the Outdoor Education division at Ed Smith School. There's much more, and we need students to teach, volunteer, and show enthusiasm.

Meetings are every Wednesday night in 238 Illick, at 8 PM. Hope to see you there!

# Tremendous!



# GOINGS ON . . . GOINGS ON . . . GOINGS ON

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Yom Kippur--No classes will be held here or at SU.

Thursday, Oct. 12

7:00 p.m.: Forest Engineering meeting in 315 Bray.

7:00 p.m.: Short course in Tree Identification with Dr. Hankin in 313 Illick.

7:00 p.m.: Alpha Xi Sigma meeting in 319 Marshall.

7:00 p.m.: Saengerbund meeting in Nifkin Lounge.

7:30 p.m.: Empire Forester meeting in Nifkin area--new staff welcome!

Saturday, Oct. 14

The BARBEQUE!!! DON'T MISS IT! And DANCE WITH CRANBERRY LAKE AFTERWARDS; NIFKIN LOUNGE AT 9:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 16

7:30 p.m.: Student Council meeting in Moon Conference Room. All interested students are always welcome!

7:00 p.m.: Short course in Environmental Law with Dr. Hankin in 110 Marshall.

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## •CATCHALL.....CATCHALL.....

!! We all missed you Ralph Malph.  
!! M.P. and P.S.: You know we are always willing to give you anything you want. So here's to the first time for the both of you. But it's not free; we'll be expecting "payment", of course. Kiss-kiss M.K. and S.A.  
!! Marshmallow control, we're going down what should we do?!

!! Hinerwadel's won't do it??! Oh yes they will!--HHP

!! As basketball season begins, our thoughts return to you, Ralph...for just one more minute.

!! I do not want to go to Tully; I DO NOT want to go to Tully; I DO NOT WANT TO GO TO TULLY!!

!! The cry heard at Gull Point;"Head for shore, head for shore!"

!! Let's get SMALL!!

!! Sweet Jeff: Stumpy Deluxe!

!! Beer run to Rick's Place.

!! Ain't I always nice to your kid sister..

!! Hey Grizzly Adams! Pack Lake won't be the same without you!

!! Does Radar really have 7 feet?

!! Tully Section 3-- Cruel and unusual punishment; three labs due, plus tests on the day after the AL East playoff and Monday night football!

!! Eat pellets and die. . .

!! A bather whose clothing was strewed  
By the winds that left'er quite nude,  
Saw a man come along  
And unless we are wrong  
You expected this line to be lewd.

!! Is THIS wilderness??

!! Jeff-- Who was that older woman with the foreign accent?

!! How do you poison grasses, when your Simazine's all wet?

!! Dale--The ice trays work great, how is the ammo?

!! Maureen-- Does Keith really keep the door open? Hey, buddy! You can sleep in our extra bed anytime!

!! K-- I hope you're not implying that local ecotypes provide greater compatability!!

!! Would the girl from the steak roast like some cheese doodles at the wayside?

!! S-- Always remember... your Genetics notes are not engraved on bricks! J

!! Congratulations, Dianne Monge, for your stands against public smoking, complete disregard for safety regulations, and blatant lack of consideration for others. --PJC

!! ERM 510 (Dr. Silvisar): Introductory Beech-Killing I

Man, calling himself sapiens or wise, is the dirtiest animal on earth in terms of his effect on the environment. He understands little or nothing of the great natural ageless forces of the earth, and in his ignorance he is presumptuous and even contemptuous of these forces. Slightly rewritten from "Time and the Earth" by A. E. J. Engel. Amer. Scientist 57: 460, 1969.

"In the forest, in battle, in the midst of arrows, javelins, fire,  
 Out on the great sea, at the precipice edge in the mountains,  
 In sleep, in delirium, in deep trouble,  
 The good deeds a man has done before, defend him."

Sanskrit of Bhartrehari

I think that I shall never see  
 A billboard lovely as a tree.  
 Perhaps unless the billboards fall,  
 I'll never see a tree at all.  
 Ogden Nash

DON'T MISS IT!

# THE 1978 ANNUAL BARBEQUE

E.S.F.  
 I.D.  
 REQUIRED

at Heiberg Forest **October 14**

... Buses leave from behind Moon ...

MUSIC

FUN

FOOD

