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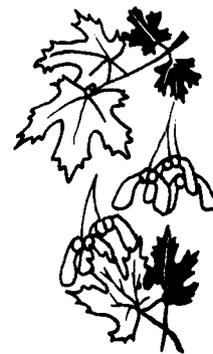
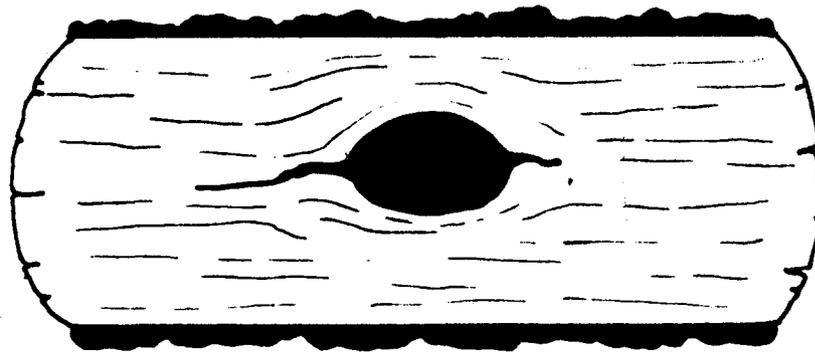
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**S.U.N.Y. College of Environmental Science and Forestry**

## RECYCLE !

Remember those white trash cans with the big, green 'Theta's' on them? Well they'll be back in action soon, and the Recycling club wants you to help recycle those papers! Just an hour a week, whenever you have free time, is all it takes to collect and sort waste paper for recycling. And you'd be surprised how much fun it can be! The money we make from our recycling effort is donated to worthy organizations. And this year we also plan to have a few speakers, maybe a film or two, and of course... our annual spring pizza party! Hopefully, we'll be expanding our recycling program to include aluminum cans, too.

Sounds good, you say? The Recycling Club will have a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, in room 111 Marshall, at 7:30 p.m. If you miss it, but want to join, call 476-2688 and ask for Eustace or John. We'll be more than happy to have you!

Eustace B. Nifkin

## BOTANY CLUB

A couple of Wednesdays ago, Dr. Joe Lowe gave a delightful talk and slide show about Lichens. A lot of interesting facts were collected and everyone had an enjoyable time.

The Saturday following that, about fifteen of us headed to Treman St. Park on sort of a grey day. By the time we got there (far enough from Syracuse) it was a sunny, beautiful day. The trees were all in splendor as we, lead by Ketch, tried to distinguish the reds from the yellows. A large number of species were found, which served as a good review for dendro people, and fun for everybody. We had a picnic by the waterfall, and headed home.

Don't forget tomorrow, Wednesday, October 18. Dr. Griffen will be giving a talk on Fall Mushrooms, in 314 Illick at 7:30 p.m. See you there.

Jeanne Debons

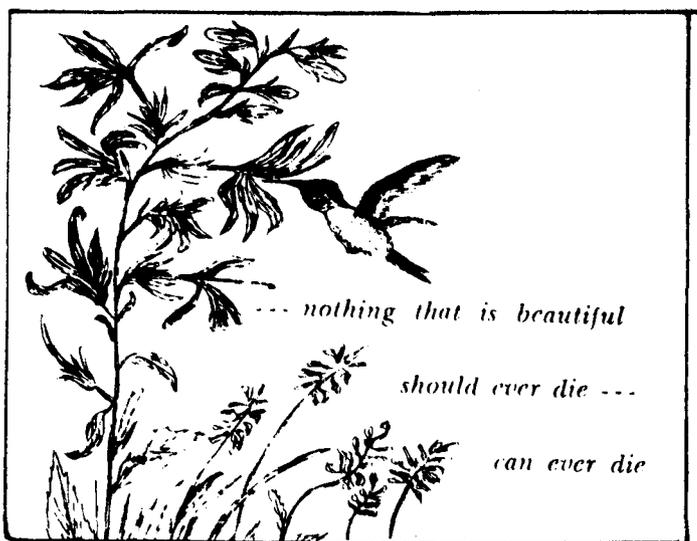
## KOA L'IL SISTER RUSH

The brothers of Kappa Phi Delta (THE forestry frat) cordially invite all prospective little sisters to the house on the following evenings:

Tues., Oct. 17      7-10  
Wed., Oct. 18      7-10  
Thurs., Oct. 19    7-10

Kappa Phi Delta is located at 200 Walnut place two blocks behind Bird Library.

Sincerely,  
Mike Griggs  
Kappa Phi Delta Little  
Sister Rush Chairman



**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 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 counterviews, 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:

*"Oh, I am just a student, sir  
 And I only want to learn.  
 But it's hard to read through the  
 rising smoke  
 Of the books that you like to burn..."  
 Phil Ochs*

Registration is always a game of chance. You fit together time-periods like a jig-saw puzzle, only to discover one section closed out, or perhaps even a whole course not offered. For two or three years you can shrug your shoulders and say, "I'll get it next term." But there comes a time when it's now or never.

This is the situation that faced many of the senior ERM and biology majors this semester, who were closed out of Plane Surveying(FEG 271). Because there is no Professor on campus to teach this course, an abbreviated version was made available only to LA's for whom Surveying is a required course.

Frustrated RM's were told that they could take FEG 371, Surveying for Engineers, instead of FEG 271. However, the alternative course is offered at the same time as a senior RM requirement. They were then directed over to SU's surveying course where they were again closed out.

When all alternatives were tried, and failed, the class drew up a petition to plead their case. The petition requested that Plane Surveying be offered in the spring for seniors who were unable to take it now. At the same time, the senior RM class, and a sample of the senior biology class, was surveyed to see how much demand there was for a spring course.

Out of 82 RM's who responded:

- 49 would take Plane Surveying in the spring, if offered
- 12 would not take the course in the spring
- 21 had already taken surveying

Out of 41 biology seniors who were surveyed:  
 22 would take it in the spring  
 18 would not take it in the spring  
 1 had already taken it

In response to the demand for this course, a compromise of sorts was offered. A few students have been able to take the FEG 371 lab. This is a good solution for those students who squeezed into the course, but there are still too many seniors who can't take it.

The students recognize the importance of learning surveying, even though it is not specifically a required course. It is hoped that the college administration also sees the need for this course to be made available to our class. We're willing to do the field work in the spring semester. Let us.

Maryann Kaczmarek

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# CANDIDATES' FORUM

Hi. I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is John Loeffler and I'm running for class vice-president. I think we could get alot accomplished this year, and I would like to be a part of it. My picture and resume card are posted in the Botany Lab at Illick Hall and if you want to ask me any questions, I live in room 803, Booth Hall. The ext. no. is 3-3228. See you around.

John Loeffler

## FORUM

Elections for student council will be held October 18 during our orientation class. Four candidates are running for the office of Vice-President. One of those running is me, Dave Bryan. Even though I could not make it to the barbeque because of a committment made to the marching band, I thought I could speak to the class through this article.

There are three issues I would like to discuss. First, most officers elected to any council forget they are representing the class first and themselves second. Therefore, I feel there should be more officer-student relations and meetings to discuss relevant issues. Second, with the college going completely upper-division, the school constitution is going to be rewritten. With the exception of next year, the council will be made up entirely by seniors and juniors, and therefore the new constitution will pertain directly to them. At the meeting, however, there was no discussion of its application to sophomores next year. I want to make sure that our class won't be forgotten or in limbo during this transition year. Finally, as the last freshmen class at ESF, I feel we must leave a mark on the school that will endure. One possibility might be a freshman class present to the school.

The above statements represent my true ideals and hopes for the ESF class of 1982. If you have any questions, or want to talk, feel free to call me at ext. 3-3531 or 471-9340, or stop by room 512 Lawrinson.

David J. Bryan

## To The Editor:

Congratulations to the majority of ESF freshmen for successfully completing the first four weeks of FBO 100. The course, taught by Dr. Tepper, deals with the structure and function of plants. That's p-l-a-n-t-s. Each week, the students are involved in an intense 3-hour auto-tutorial lab period. So far, the students have conducted such experiments as counting oak leaves (That's l-e-a-v-e-s), and dissecting seeds. Fortunately, lab assistants are provided to help students comprehend the complex instructions given on the tape. In class, the week's material is thoroughly reviewed. Occasionally, however, the class goes off on tangents and discusses maple trees or fungi. Ping. Ping. Ping. Ping. Ping.

Eustice B. Nifkin

## WOODSMEN'S TEAM

The Woodsmen's Team will be traveling to New Brunswick, Canada, this weekend for their first meet of the year. They will be competing against more than 10 other schools from Canada and the U.S.

After a fifteen hour bus ride and a long day of competition, they get to relax and get rowdy around a blazing bon-fire in the woods, and drink good Canadian beer. Early Sunday morning they will climb back on the bus for the fifteen hour ride back home. (Hopefully laden down with trophies!)

Congradulations to all those who made the team and good luck at UNB!

### MEN'S "A" TEAM

Fritz Stahl  
Paul Palmiotto  
Jim Nelson  
Paul Coffey  
Ray Hahne  
Larry Kappleman

### MEN'S "B" TEAM

Ron Strong  
Jay Sexton  
John Guthrie  
Jim Audett  
Rob Connor  
Bob Broderick

### WOMEN'S TEAM

Anne Vroman  
Carol White  
Laura Mauro  
Linda Tambini  
Joan Colelli  
Camille Benk

### Alternates:

"A": John Gibbs  
"B": Greg Mathien  
"W": Andrea Martin

# YOU'RE INVITED . . .

Dear Friend,

As we close the decade of the '70's and prepare to enter the 1980's, it is important to reflect on the condition of our society, and to initiate actions to remedy those problems which we can anticipate. In particular, more and more citizens are awakening to the critical changes occurring to our agriculture and food supply. Consider these few facts;

-- In the last five years, thousands of children classified as hyperactive-learning disabled have been found to be reacting to artificial flavors, colors, preservatives, and other chemicals in their food.

-- In thirty years, cancer rates have risen from 1:15 to 1:3, and cancer is now the leading cause of non-accidental death in children under 14.

-- In thirty-five years, we have lost over 2/3 of our farms at the rate of 2000 per week, from 6.8 million in 1945 to 2.3 million in 1978, and the USDA predicts another 1.3 million by 1985.

-- American agriculture now consumes 6 calories of fuel energy (up to 20 in some sectors) to produce 1 calorie of food energy.

-- N.Y. State now imports 90% of it's food and even more of it's energy, while New England imports 85%.

-- The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization have declared a World Food Crisis as more people than ever face daily hunger and starvation.

The Northeast Task Force for Food and Farm Policy is an informal coalition of political and grassroots leaders in nine Northeastern states. The Task Force was formed in 1976 to provide leadership and direction in the critical issues of food supply now confronting the states. A series of conferences have brought together individuals and organizations to develop an understanding of the situation, strategies for action, and networks of communication.

This letter is my invitation, as Task Force representative for central New York, to join in organizing a Conference on Central N.Y. Food and Farm Policy: Organizing for Regional Self Reliance. This would be a two or three day conference to be held in early spring (before spring

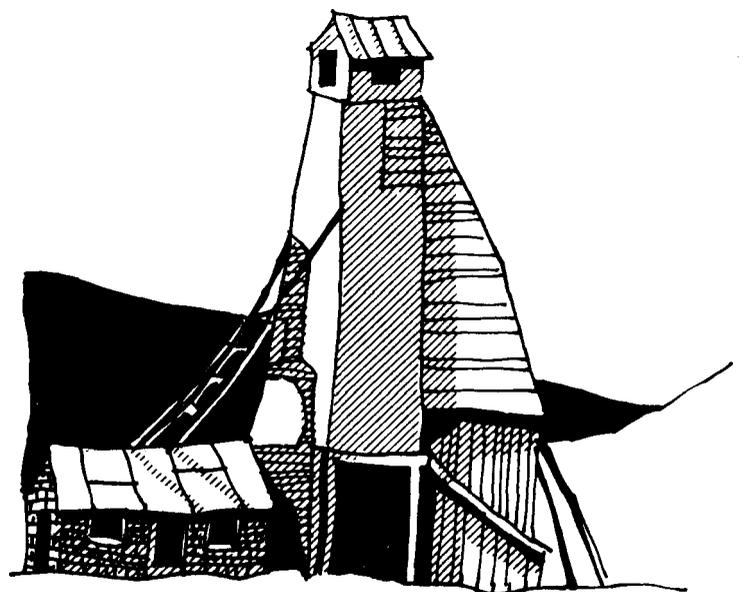
plowing and planting). It will serve to disseminate information, formulate policy, focus media coverage, precipitate action groups and coalitions, stimulate research, and redefine the issues in local terms. The fundamental message of this conference must be that together we possess the resources and expertise to solve our problems, which is simply to reestablish a common sense measure of regional self reliance.

Potential topics for conference workshops include:

- urban food production
- small scale and family farms
- consumer food co-ops
- wholistic health
- organic agriculture
- community nutrition education
- world hunger and malnutrition

To bring this conference about, a series of meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month throughout the fall and winter, at 733 Allen St. If you are concerned about the present and future condition of our food supply, and wish to take responsible action, please come to the next meeting. If possible, send me a card with your name, address, and phone number. Indicate what interests you have, what resources and skills you can offer, and how much time and energy you can devote.

For one Peaceful world,  
David Yarrow



## bmc work weekend

The Bob Marshall Club invites everyone to attend our '78 Fall Work Weekend to the Adirondack High Peaks. The work weekend is this weekend (Oct. 21st and 22nd) and we'll be holding a mandatory meeting for all those people interested in going this Wednesday night at 7:30p.m. in room 5 Illick.

The plan so far is to leave sometime Friday afternoon or early evening, and spend the night at the South Meadows camping area just outside of Heart Lake. On Saturday morning we'll split up into three work groups. Some people will be placing cordorory on the poorer sections of the trail, others will be kept busy doing some bridge work and most will be working to upgrade some of the northern portions of the Lake Placid Trail. We plan on returning sometime Sunday afternoon or early evening.

So, if you're interested in working, camping, and getting away for the weekend, sign up on our list posted by 333 Illick and come to our meeting this Wednesday night.

Transportation is limited and we operate on a first sign-up, first served basis. If you have a car and are willing to drive, BMC will reimburse you for the gas. We also need some bowsaws, and single bit axes. If you need camping equipment tell us and maybe we can help you out. Note: if you can't make the meeting, have someone go for you or drop us a note in our mailbox in the basement of Marshall before our meeting Wednesday night. If you don't get in contact with us, we'll never know if you wanted to go or not... See you there!

## YO, GRADS

The National Wildlife Federation has set a deadline of December 31, 1978, for applications from graduate students for its 1979-80 Environmental Conservation Fellowships.

To be eligible applicants must be citizens of the United States, Canada or Mexico who are pursuing degrees in a college or university graduate program or law school. They must be principally engaged in research, rather than course work, in fields related to wildlife, natural resources management, or the protection of environmental quality. The grants range up to \$4,000.

For information, including a list of priority topics, and application forms write the Executive Vice President, National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

## CLASS RINGS \*\*

Rush right down to Small Stores (B-19 Marshall) and see Jay Sexton about getting your very own ESF class ring. For a limited time, October 16-21, a ten dollar discount is offered. You can choose from 14 stones, white or yellow gold or silver. You can even have your signiture inside the ring and the stone encrusted with a pine tree or fraternity symbol. You get all this for one low price, especially during the discount week! Take advantage of this savings and order now! See Jay Sexton or leave him a note in small stores for prices and information.



# ENVIROnews

Pacific News Service reports that the nuclear industry has embarked on an expensive, ambitious, and controversial campaign to block or influence films and TV shows depicting the potential perils of nuclear power.

PNS sites various examples. The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance and Textron, Inc., both sponsored an NBC program last year on radioactive wastes. After the show was aired, both companies were reportedly subjected to such pressure from the Atomic Industrial Forum (AIF), the industry's main lobbying arm, that they said it was likely they would never again sponsor a TV documentary on nuclear power.

In another case, Paramount Pictures suddenly dropped the film option for the movie The Prometheus Crisis, which was to deal with a reactor meltdown, after being visited by an AIF representative.

With a new director and a new name for its "social register", the American Forestry Association's Big Trees program is reaching new heights. The new National Register of Big Trees was recently released, listing the largest reported of some 661 tree. Florida leads the list with 112 national champions, followed by Michigan and Oregon. Trees included in the register are generally restricted to native or naturalized trees of the U.S. The Forest Service plans to publish a revised edition of the Check List this year. To nominate a tree, send measurements, including circumference height and average crown spread to AFA. For more details on the Big Tree program contact: Dorothy M. Behlen, Director, Big Trees Program, American Forestry Association, 1319 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

**ENTER THE KNOTHOLE CREATIVITY CONTEST!**  
 \$10.00 prizes for best poetry, artwork, feature article, short story...  
**CATCH SOME CASH!**

**NOTE:** All artwork submitted will also be considered for use in the ESF convocation program covers! So now you can get rich AND famous in one easy contest!

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 \* B O X ? S O W O U L D I ! J O I N K N O T H O L E , \*  
 \* B E C O M E A V O I C E O N C A M P U S , A N D K E E P \*  
 \* M E C O M P A N Y D U R I N G L A Y - O U T . . . \*  
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## GOINGS ON

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### Wednesday, Oct. 18:

- Noon: Deadline for the Oct. 24 issue of the Knothole
- 7:00: SAF meeting in 110 Marshall. Mandatory for everyone who wishes to work on the transfer slide show.
- 7:30: Botany Club meeting, in 314 Illick. Dr. Griffin will speak on Fall Mushrooms.
- 8:00: Back Yard Nature Program meeting in 238 Illick. All interested students invited!

### Thursday, Oct. 19:

- 7:00: Saengerbund meeting in Nifkin Lounge.
- 7:30: Empire Forester meeting in Nifkin Lounge.

### Saturday, Oct. 21:

- Bob Marshall Club work weekend in the Adirondacks!
- Woodsmen's meet at the U. of New Brunswick!

### Monday, Oct. 23:

- 7:00: Continuing Education Short Course in Environmental Law, with Dr. Hankins in 110 Marshall.
- 7:30: Student Council meeting in Moon Library Conference Room.

## •CATCHALL•••••

@@ Other Linda: Don't feel too bad, you'll always be on the Woman's team to me!

@@ I love Donna!

@@ Go get 'em at New Brunswick!!

@@ The Dinky Dauber will rise again!

@@ Loonus fartinusus. This place is goofing on my head to the max.

@@ To err is human; but to really foul things up requires a computer.

@@ Kez-- what's the story on this booti in Paul Smith's?

@@ Pete-- what's the story?

@@ To my favorite Beanne: Happy Belated Birthday!

@@ Woodsmen's Team: Good luck in N.B. and keep up the tradition of being the rowdiest team there!

@@ Countdown 26. . . . .

@@ R.H.-- Hope you survive the 15 hour bus trip!

@@ Even if he goes over it ANOVA it, I STILL won't understand biometrics!

## GET BELTED....

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 Savings Bond plus a free belt and YOUR buckle

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

-Oval or Rectangular shape

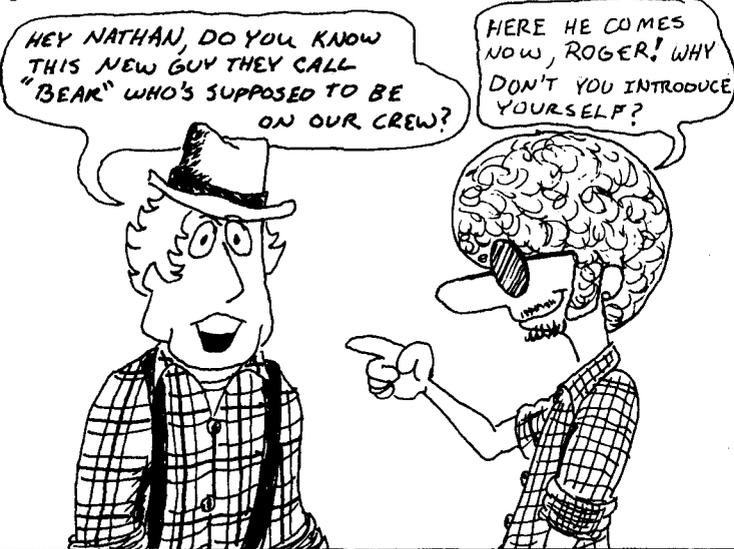
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-Border, if desired

-Scoll-work, if desired

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

# NORMAL AT E.S.F.



*Ken Kesey*