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

VOTE: Grading Changes

HEY STUMPY! Are you concerned with the new grading system (effective next fall)? YOUR opinion is asked (for the first time) in a Student Council Poll during Spring Registration. VOTE- it may be the only time you have a say in something that obviously effects you.

Get the details and the voting ballot in the Registration Check-out in the basement of Bray.

knothole (not whole) needs.....

Remember that poll last semester regarding whether or not you were getting your 7 cents worth from the Knothole? NOW is the time to help. IF you never thought about working on the Knothole 'til now or IF you were interested but didn't have the time, THEN now is the time to get involved and make your school newspaper reflect you. Come on and help- we've got the ideas and only need YOU to carry them through.

The Knothole will have its first organizational meeting on Wed., Jan. 18. at 7:00 pm. in Nifkin Lounge. Bring yourself, your friends, and of course, your ideas.

Y LAST CHANCE FOR

YEARBOOKS***YEARBOOKS***YEARBOOKS***Y
 You may still buy both 1977 and
 1978 yearbooks during registration
 This will be the last time to buy
 either yearbook at the cost of one
 dollar apiece. Look for them in
 the checkout line in the basement
 of Bray and capture the year in
 memories.
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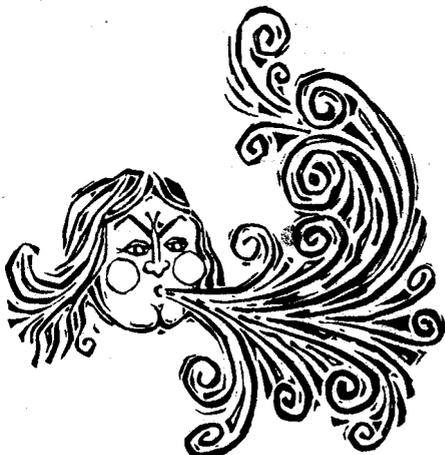
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B-BALL!

ES & F has a basketball team! And that team needs your spirit...so attend the games and show that ES & F is behind their basketball team.

Jan. 19	LeMoyne JV	5:45	Home
Jan. 21	St. John Fisher	5:45	Home
Jan. 25	Onondaga CC	5:45	Home
Jan. 28	Oneonta JV	6:30	Away

All Home games this month are played at Manley Field House. See you there with some stumpy spirit.



PUT FLANNEL BETWEEN YOU AND WINTER

Many people are dreading another bitter, icy winter with the energy shortage which accompanied it last year. A New Hampshire company offers one practical way to save energy while keeping warm. Snuggle into their soft, warm, cotton flannel sheets after turning down the thermostat at night. Made to fit all sized beds, the sheet and pillow cases come in a variety of colors, are lightweight and comfortable.

It is easy to exaggerate the dangers of new inventions and to forget that we have learned to live with the hazards of familiar materials. In the following, assume that water, in the pure form, has been unknown—there are no seas, no rivers, no lakes—and has just been discovered.

DEC INTERNSHIP

The N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation intends to initiate a Wilderness Internship Program in the spring of 1978. We are currently engaged in assisting the Department in designing this program which will initially address Adirondack Wilderness areas.

This program will provide selected students with the opportunity of gaining field experience, working with professionals, pursuing limited studies, and of obtaining appropriate academic credit. Interns will also receive pay for their services over the summer.

Additional details will be forthcoming early in this semester. Please look for announcements in the Knothole, on bulletin boards, from faculty, etc.

Cryptic quotes from honey-dipped tongues
Can dull the senses;
Hollow promises echo vacant lies,
...and goes rhetoric.
The prose they compose
Is as meaningless as this rambling,
But theirs is a more serious offense:
I may bore my readers,
But their gibberish
Becomes
Policy.

UES: Welcome back, you old fool.
Wish I were here to plague you—
Take care and don't get too
interested in your education.

BC

NEW FIRE-FIGHTING AGENT MEETS OPPOSITION

"COULD KILL MEN AS WELL AS FIRES"

ICI has announced the discovery of a new fire-fighting agent to add to their existing range. Known as WATER (Wonderful And Total Extinguishing Resource), it augments, rather than replaces, existing agents such as dry powder and BCF which have been in use from time immemorial. It is particularly suitable for dealing with fires in buildings, timber yards and warehouses. Though required in large quantities, it is fairly cheap to produce and it is intended that quantities of about a million gallons should be stored in urban areas and near other installations of high risk ready for immediate use. BCF and powder are usually stored under pressure, but WATER will be stored in open ponds or reservoirs and conveyed to the scene of the fire by hoses and portable pumps.

ICI's new proposals are already encountering strong opposition from safety and environmental groups. Prof. Connie Barrinner has pointed out that if anyone immersed their head in a bucket of WATER, it would prove fatal in as little as 3 minutes. Each of ICI's proposed reservoirs will contain enough WATER to fill half a million two-gallon buckets. Each bucket could be used a hundred times so there is enough WATER in one reservoir to kill the entire population of England. What use was a fire-fighting agent that could kill men as well as fires?

A local authority spokesman said that he would strongly oppose planning permission for construction of a WATER reservoir in this area unless the most stringent precautions were followed. Open ponds were certainly not acceptable. What would prevent people from falling in them? What would prevent the contents from leaking out? At the very least the WATER would need to be contained in a steel pressure vessed surrounded by a leak-proof concrete wall.

In the House of Commons yesterday, the Home Secretary was asked if he would prohibit the manufacture and storage of this lethal new material. The Home Sec. replied that, as it was clearly a major hazard, a full investigation was needed and the Major Hazards Committee would be asked to report.

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