As you are all aware, there has been a "changing of the guard" in the Undergraduate Student Association. As with any organization, new officers bring with them new ideas and different ways of operating. We'd like to take the time to let you know what the new USA officers value and what we have planned for the future.

As many of you learned at the Pass the Torch Leadership Conference, the new officers are committed to increasing communication and involvement. This commitment began the night before Pass the Torch when the officers sat down to take a hard look at what USA is, what USA is supposed to be, and what USA will strive to be in the next year. This ultimately resulted in the following mission statement for the Student Council:

In order to meet students' social and academic goals, the council will promote, through a formal means of communicating with each other, faculty and staff, a community in which students are offered a voice of fair representation and involvement.

From this mission statement we, as executive officers outlined three goals that we'd like to see the Council achieve in the next year. These include:

1. Increased Communication:
   a) Between USA and Clubs/Organizations
   b) Between USA and Students
   c) Between USA and Faculty/Administration
   d) Between Clubs/Organizations

2. Increased Involvement:
   a) Encourage students to get involved in clubs/organizations
   b) Encourage clubs/organizations to get more involved with USA and each other
   c) Encourage more participation in USA elections in order to ensure fair representation

3. Increased Planning
   a) To reduce any duplication of efforts between clubs/organizations
   b) To assist clubs/organizations with logistics and promotion
   c) Will help to facilitate increased communication and involvement

While defining a mission statement and setting goals look great on paper, it's not nearly enough! We need your help. We've heard that USA is a perceived as a "clique" or a "popularity contest." In order to get beyond this, we need a variety of individuals to attend our meetings and to take ownership in the governance of the student body. There are two ways in which USA hopes to become representative of the campus community:

1. All funded clubs are now required to send weekly representation to Council meetings and all non-funded clubs must attend monthly.

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Dear Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Barber and ESF Community:

The Knothole is a forum for the issues and opinions of the individuals and the campus here at ESF. Fortunately for us, we have two particular individuals in our midst that do not hesitate to capitalize upon this resource.

It appears to me that every time I open and issue of the Knothole, there is a letter from one of these two individuals expressing their opinions (with an occasional extracurricular remark). Nothing helps someone formulate a strong opinion more than discussing it with someone else with an equally strong, but opposing, opinion.

I commend the two of your for continuing to enlighten us (as well as often amusing us) with your colorful comments, and encourage the rest of the community to feel free to capitalize on this resource. (I do admit, this is my first letter, but hey, better late than never!)

—Chris Connelly

Letter to the Editor, Greg Bubniak

I’ve been a grad student here since the fall of 1988. I’ve received both a Maple Leaf and a Robin Hood Oak award, and I’ve served in ESF undergrad and grad student government over the years, both elected and volunteer. I may not be all that popular, or as influential as you, but I’ve been around. Also, my brother went here. My cousin went here. Lots of my best friends went here. So you see, I have a lot invested in ESF, and it has been a fixture in the Syracuse community for me and my family all my life, and most of the time I am proud to be a part of it. Most of the time.

But when I read the sort of incendiary trash you wrote in the March 30 Knothole (see “Special History Months Must Dis”, page 4), I have to pause and wonder about the future of the school to which I have devoted much of my time and commitment. While I certainly agree you have the right to your opinion, I do think as a student leader and editor you have an even greater responsibility to referee candid and useful debate to the best of your ability. Based on your latest display, I cannot see how you can live up to your position. Here’s why.

During more than 18 months of effort, President Whaley’s task force on the climate for women at ESF devoted a great deal of time and energy to understand how and why this campus is a hostile environment for women. They worked hard to understand how this predominantly white male campus community perpetuates an unintended (but all too often intended) culture of exclusion that minimizes the ideas, experiences, and input of women. During the facilitated discussion sessions that followed the release of the task force’s report, many agreed that this culture of exclusion operates...
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in a racialist manner as well, minimizing and often stifling the experiences and perspectives of African-Americans.

It was a tribute to ESF that so many faculty, students, and administrators worked as hard as they did to elevate the level of discussion about the challenges a multi-cultural society poses for schools like ours; schools that have traditionally been closed to women and minorities. So I wonder about your comments, and I hope you wonder too. Will your comments about special month designation provoke heated argument? Certainly. Will it promote useful, open, and shared reflection into the dynamics of racialist and gender-based exclusion operative here at ESF? In society at large? I don’t think so.

Today it is all to easy to capitalize on fear and hate in the service of a political agenda. You see it all the time; a systematic co-belligerency toward Women, African-Americans, Hispanics, Gays, Lesbians (and even environmentalists!), that divides and enrages all Americans. Who profits from this division? Not the “we” that you pretend to represent. Not children, not the poor, not the homeless, and certainly not the environment. You profit; you achieve; you benefit. You alone. I think we the People of ESF need an editor who can foster trust; an editor who can engender respect and understanding; we need the editor who can help, not hurt. Is that you, Greg Bubniak? I don’t think so.

Respectfully,

Walt Aikman

cc Drs. Whaley & Heffernon

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**To the Editor:**

Greg Bubniak has a lot of problems with the concepts of designating months of the year to “Black History” and “Women’s History” (Knothole, 3/30/94). He proposes (by his own admission jokingly) a special month for “us white guys” because “we’ve done some good things in this world, too.”

He goes on to say that having a month for white guys is as absurd as what is happening when women and non-white groups of people get “a month” of focus. Greg seems to think the function of history months is to pay tribute to the contributions of various groups to the construction of a civil society. He assumes, we’re all in this together, and this is only about building a happy society. But in choosing this interpretation he leaves out another: history months are also designed to help “us” remember history, which unfortunately includes oppression, exploitation, conflict, etc.. Greg wants us to forget about this second meaning by leaving it out of his discussion.

In one column he attempts to level the large inequalities of race and sex into a sort of “we’ve all done bad things to each other so no one should be complaining about any one group.” What I take this to mean and which he states in another part of the article is, stop male bashing and stop white (European) male bashing. So, this is what it’s come to—almost all criticism of the power structure and white supremacist concepts that permeate this country are lumped and simplified into “bashing” which Greg can then complain that there is too much of and should stop. Sorry Greg, people who have been treated poorly, to use a nice word, because of their skin color or sex are not sitting down or are going to be fooled that they are unfairly “bashing” groups that are responsible for and resistant to changing conditions that keep them second class people. The groups of people you decry can see that your ideas about “bashing” are not concerned about the involvement of whites, for better or worse, they are merely a way of protecting your individual self from being connected to any group whatsoever. They are designed to create a space where one can “sit it out” and get on with one’s individual life, regardless of which group is doing what to any other group.

You seem to miss a major point here, that these “groups” like African-Americans and women you deride have been historically discriminated against because of their membership in that very “group.” Where’s your sense of history? Are you so alienated from what has been going on these last centuries from your privileged position that you can only get defensive and complain about special treatment? Just because one is privileged doesn’t mean one should accept an alienated consciousness. Treatment of blacks and women happened on an individual level (most of the time) but the fight-back against abusive treatment was a group response. These months are at the very least, simply ways to break through this white supremacy and male supremacist ideology that permeates our society to shout that “we exist.” These months say, we have a history you have erased from your history books and which you sure aren’t going to put back in.

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Sounding Off With Greg Bubniak
Trading One Liberal for Another

Before I begin this week’s banter, I would like to greet my legions of fans at the New York State Ranger School at Wanakena. My sources tell me that you all love me so much. It feels great to have my own little fan club. I will continue to deliver my best thoughts every week just for your pleasure. I am here to please you, Ranger School students. Thank you.

Now, on to business. Of course, the big national news this week is the stepping down of Harry Blackmun as a justice of the Supreme Court. I feel that this will have a strong effect on the court in the future, as does any justice stepping down, and I feel concerned. Anytime that we have a liberal President, we’ll be getting a liberal appointment to the bench. The front runner in the replacement of Blackmun is currently George Mitchell, Senate Majority Leader from Maine, and a staunch Liberal Democrat.

The stepping down of Harry Blackmun is a big relief in many ways to the conservatives in the Supreme Court. He was appointed by Richard Nixon, a Republican mind you, and at the time it was felt that he would be a good conservative. Surprise! Blackmun was considered the most liberal judge on the bench, and did his very best to back nasty stuff like abortion. In fact, he did a full one-eighth on abortion “rights”, which hurt the cause of pro-lifers. Blackmun was in fact the spearhead behind the abortion movement, and while reading USA Today, I found a few people wrote in and said that they wished he had resigned twenty-one and one-half years ago, about the time that Roe v. Wade was handed down. Roe v. Wade has resulted in the loss of more than thirty million children since 1973. I won’t get into the abortion rights thing— that’s not the aim of this column. I would like to suggest that having Blackmun step down is probably the best thing that could happen to us conservatives (I’m sure by now you guessed that I am a conservative). I’m not sure that there is anything worse than a person who masquerades as one thing and then turns out to be the exact opposite. If we would up with a guy taking his place who was a liberal from the outset, then we’d at least know what we were getting into. I’m not sure that there could be any worse Supreme Court Justice than Blackmun for the conservative cause.

The next justice could very well be Senator George Mitchell. He, of course, being a good liberal, is very much in favor of abortion “rights”, among the other trademark liberal stances on issues in our society today. He was in favor of, and worked on the Brady Bill, which is (in many states) a small amount of time to wait for gun a purchase compared to existing state laws. In short, it is only more red tape that just wasn’t necessary. He is in very well with the liberal portion of US politics, being the Senate Majority Leader. He has been described as a fierce liberal. As stated by Rep. Dick Arney, R-Texas:

“The very traits that made him effective at his single-minded pursuit of bringing down the Bush administration— his very partisan and political nature—would make him a poor choice for the Supreme Court.”

I would like to mention that he did vote for the 1993 Religious Freedom Act, which protected individual religious practices from the government. This would indicate that Mitchell is not maybe as completely liberal as he could be, seeing that a hardline liberal would have voted against that act.

Overall, I would say that George Mitchell would be better on the court for the conservative cause than Harry Blackmun. Mitchell is, however, a liberal nonetheless and this can’t be hidden. Mitchell would make it very difficult for the overturning of Roe v. Wade, and that is the most important issue for conservatives dealing with the Court today. I fear a young liberal judge, for he is less than 50 years old, would easily tie up that seat on the Court for awhile— making Roe v. Wade that much more difficult to overturn. Yes, he’s not as bad as Blackmun, but the bottom line is, he’s a liberal. All we’d be doing is trading one liberal for another.
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your own.

I agree that these months aren't the answer, but at least they are being used to educate us white folk and white male folk. I only think they get ridiculous if people think society has done its part to recognize "diversity" and can then get back to living life and making money.

Greg, in closing, laments why "race and gender" organizations, presumably he means the National Organization for Women and any Black group, don't get stigmatized like the Ku Klux Klan. This is how Greg does the familiar mixing and matching which comes easily to people who think that politics is a luxury: he equates the Klan, with its wonderful history of lynchings and burnings of African people, and Christian male ideology, with the victims of this abuse!!! Greg, have you ever read any history of the Klan from the late 1800s and early 1900s? They never went inactive; just an example from 1980: Klansmen in broad daylight drove up alongside a small group of people on a civil rights march. They stopped the car, opened the trunk and took out shotguns and proceeded to shoot and kill many of these marchers; the punishment was a joke. In Auburn recently, Klan-aligned groups attempted to march with clubs and shields to demonstrate their prowess to the local non-white, non-Christian people. I don't think Greg could have thought up a more insulting analogy, but he doesn't seem entirely to blame since these days placing the politics of the oppressors and the oppressed under the same banner is done by a broad range of people.

I think the following would help:
1) whites and males need to own up to their history; 2) the correcting of the record needs to be embraced; 3) institutions that support and benefit from it need to be changed, and 4) at least as whites and as males (other characteristics are possible), form alliances where we can be of assistance to people working on 1-3. Keep positive and let's move ahead.

Andy Molloy
EFB student

Sun and Slopes: Spring
and Summer Breaks at Hostels

Spring and summer travel don't have to leave you broke! In fact, as you pack your bags for this summer break you can look forward to an affordable getaway to Miami Beach, Honolulu, New Orleans, Aspen... How? Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels.

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Four Florida HI-AHY hostels provide economical accommodations near some of the Sunshine State's finest beaches and resort areas. HI- Miami Beach is only two blocks from the beach and within easy walking distance of the restaurants, nightclubs and boutiques in the hot Art Deco District that give Miami Beach a Latin sizzle. HI- Orlando at Plantation Manor is located just minutes from the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center and Disney MGM Studios, and central to many of mid-Florida's attractions.

Imagine staying two blocks from Honolulu's famous Waikiki beach for just $15 per night! HI- Waikiki attracts sun worshipers and surfers from all around the world. The nights are filled with luau, hula shows, dance clubs, and dinner cruises. HI-AHY's other Honolulu location is just minutes from the University of Hawaii, the beach, and HI-AHY, continued on p 10

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2. While the above goals were set by the executive officers, the objectives (how we will actually meet the goals) will be set by members of the council.

It is our hope that these steps will provide the opportunity for many different individuals to take ownership in the Undergraduate Student Association. Only when there is a commitment from individuals with different interests, viewpoints and histories can USA truly represent the entire student body.

Remember: Mondays, 5:30pm: Moon Conference Room

Come be part of the solutions!
NAEP NEWS

Reminder: The National Association of Environmental Professionals will be meeting on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00pm in Marshall 212. Everyone is welcome!!!

A brief introduction of the club will be given followed by brainstorming, and election of officers. NAEP is looking for not just a few good men and women to start this club off right. So, if you are interested (especially in being an officer) please come to the meeting. **Hint: NAEP could open up opportunities for future employment.

Chris Yates

Alpha Xi Sigma News

-Graduating Seniors-please sign the list on reserve in the Moon Library Reserve File under “Alpha Xi Sigma”.

-Alpha Xi Sigma Honors Convocation will be held April 13, 1994 in Nifkin Lounge at 6:00 PM.

-Seniors are required to contribute $5.00 towards the cost of graduation sashes. You must bring the money to the Convocation or to the next meeting (this includes December 1994 graduates).

- The next, and last formal Alpha Xi Sigma meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 1994 in Bray Hall Rotunda at 4:30 PM. If you have not already paid for your sash, you must bring the money to this meeting in order to get a sash for ESF Convocation and SU Commencement.

Deb Root

SAF News

Although the semester is drawing to a close the Society of American Foresters Student Chapter here at ESF has not slowed down. Elections for vacant officer positions have taken place and a few activities are still planned.

Up coming activities include one more speaker, participation in the Earth Day festival, and the hosting of the college’s spring barbecue, this year at Heiberg. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle are still available. Tickets are a dollar a chance. The drawing will take place on April 26. Barbecue tickets are also still available.

The barbecue will be April 30 from 12-4pm, rain or shine at the main complex area on the Heiberg Campus grounds. Vegetarian selections will be part of the menu. For the overly physically active members of our campus community there will be a number of challenging endeavors. And for those that wish to recline in a relaxed picnic atmosphere, you will find that too. Tickets are $3.00 per person, and are available from any ESF SAF member or leave a note in our mailbox in the basement of Bray Hall and we will get back to you.

ESF Stumpies' hat orders are still being taken. You may have seen these hats on many people of the campus community. They are blue or green with a Mountain Maple leaf in the background and they are embroidered with Stumpies on the back. They are available for $13. Once again it pays to know a SAF member or leave a note (no money) in our mailbox.

Speakers, presentations, and trip plans are in the process of being scheduled for the next academic year. Therefore, any members that have missed meetings are encouraged to attend.

Our meetings are still at 7:00pm in Room 212 of Marshall Memorial Hall every Tuesday night. Interested individuals are always welcomed.

SAF Clerk
Brendan Kelly

Knothole Staff Meeting
Every Tuesday, 6PM
GAMMA DELTA THETA's ENVIRO-TIP OF THE WEEK

PESTS AND PETS

The season for fleas will soon be here. Pesticides are dangerous worn around your pet's neck, and pose a long-term risk to the environment when disposed. Fifty-million flea collars are thrown away each year, a potent force. Flea collars can cause permanent nerve damage in animals. Pets absorb the chemicals into their systems and paralyze the bugs when the toxin is released by skin tissue. Some chemicals can cause liver damage, cancer, and mutations in animals.

Alternatives:
1. Order citrus-oil sprays or run orange or grapefruit skins in blender or processor (skins only—juice will make fur sticky). Simmer with water, when cool brush in fur with hands.
2. Try adding brewer's yeast or garlic to pets' food.
3. Look for products that contain methoprene (a growth inhibitor that interferes with flea larvae development.)

(Information obtained from 50 Simple Things You Do To Save The Earth)

A Natural History of Black Bears
Presented by Dr. Gary Alt

The natural history, general ecology, and behavior of American black bears are beautifully illustrated in this education and entertaining slide presentation. Dr. Alt shares many of his personal experiences and encounters with over 3,000 bears which he has captured and followed in the past twenty years. You will see rare photographs of cubs on their first day of life and learn the answers to many commonly asked questions, like: How dangerous are bears? How long do they live? Where do they den? What do they eat? Do bears really hibernate? What should I do if I encounter a bear in the wild?

Bears are the largest land carnivores in the world and the subject of many myths. They are among the most misrepresented and misunderstood mammals. This lecture provides an opportunity to separate the facts from fiction.

"A Natural History of Black Bears" will appeal to all ages, men and women alike, and to all levels of training.

Summer Job At Cranberry Lake!

Summer job babysitting for 4 faculty children at the Cranberry Lake Biological Station. Job would start June 4 and last until August 19. Pay is $6.00 per hour (rate would go up if additional children were added) plus room and board.

If interested, please contact Dr. Kimmerer in Illick 351 or Dr. Baldassarre in Illick 207.

Come See Dr. Gary Alt
Marshall Auditorium
Thursday, April 21, 1994
4:30 PM

Sponsored by the Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society and New York State United For Conservation Bear Hunters
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the Mo’ili’ili area, a popular night spot for the college crowd.

California dreaming? HI-AYH has 23 locations in California alone! San Diego’s HI-Hostel on Broadway is a great base for a vacation California style. Located downtown, this hostel is close to the beach, the San Diego Zoo, and nightlife of the historic Gaslamp District. Sea World is close by, too, and Mexico is only 20 minutes away by trolley. HI-Santa Monica is located two blocks from the beach in Los Angeles. This hostel came through January’s earthquakes with minor damage and is open and accessible from the airport. Close by attractions like Disneyland and Universal Studios are also open and accessible.

Cool jazz, Cajun cuisine, and French style — New Orleans is an all-out feast for the senses. HI-New Orleans, Marquette house is just minutes away from the lively French Quarter and the all night partying on Bourbon and Canal Streets. Experience the excitement of new Orleans this spring and summer at one of the city’s many annual festivals (jazz and Heritage Festival, French Quarter Festival, Mardi Gras...) that give New Orleans its reputation as a great party town.

Take to the slopes at top ski resorts across the U.S. this year. HI-AYH has nearly 50 hostels located near major downhill and cross-country ski areas. Stay at Colorado’s Glenwood Springs AH-Hostel near Aspen, Snowmass, and Sunlight ski resorts or at Pennsylvania’s HI-Poconos, convenient to 10 ski areas including Mount Pocono, Alpine

Mountain and Camelback. may hostels offer special amenities and programs for skiers ranging from hot tubs to ski instruction. For cross-country enthusiasts, HI-Mississippi headwaters, located in Minnesota’s famed Itasca State Park, is a dream come true. This hostel features over 25 miles of cross-country ski trails that literally start right from the hostel’s doorstep.

HI-AYH hostels are affordable dormitory-style accommodations. Separate rooms are provided for males and females, although some couples rooms are available. Most have fully-equipped kitchens, dining areas, and common rooms for socializing and relaxing. Most HI-AYH hostels do not have curfews or shores; those are remnants of the past.

Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels is a 60-year-old nonprofit organization and a member of the International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF). With nearly 5,000 hostels in 70 countries, it is the largest network of accommodations in the world. HI-AYH works to promote education and understanding of the world through its vast network of hostels and travel programs.

For more information on HI-AYH locations in the U.S.A., contact: Hostelling International, American Youth Hostels, Dept. 481, 733 15th Street, NW, #840, Washington, DC 20005; or call at (202)783-6161.

Announcing: The Annual Spring College Barbecue

Hosted by: The Society of American Foresters ESF Student Chapter

April 30 from 12-4pm, rain or shine.

At the main complex area on the Heiberg Campus grounds. Vegetarian selections will be part of the menu. For the overly physically active members of our campus community there will be a number of challenging endeavors. For those that wish to recline in a relaxed picnic atmosphere, you will find that too. Tickets are $3.00 per person, and are available from any SAF member or leave a note in our mailbox in the basement of Bray Hall and we will get back to you.
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Friday, April 15, 1994

🌟 3:00pm Dr. Joseph H. Vogel  Illick 5

Author of *Genes for Sale: Privitisation as a Conservation Policy*. Dr. Vogel's lecture will elaborate on how intellectual property rights over biodiversity would achieve conservation. Dr. Vogel's lecture tour is being sponsored by the Centre for International Research on Communication and Information Technologies (CIRCIT). Dr. Vogel first presented these ideas at Rio.

🌟 4:30pm Social  Nifkin Lounge of Marshall Hall

🌟 8:00pm Dana Lyons

**CONCERT IN NIFKIN LOUNGE OF MARSHALL HALL**

Folksinger and environmental activist, Mr. Lyons will perform songs from his latest album "Turn of the Wrench" and previous offerings.

Additional speakers on this day will be announced.

There's more information. **TURN THE PAGE!!»—»—»—»—»—»—»—»—»—»—»—»
Saturday, April 16

8:45am Coffee and Bagels Illick Hall Foyer

9:30am Dr. Ralph Sanders Illick 5
Finding Direction in Sustainable Development. Dr. Sanders will speak on the value of sustainable development as an emergent paradigm for political action. Dr. Sanders is the Chairman of the Graduate Program in Environmental Studies at ESF.

10:30am Dana Lyons Illick 5
Grassroots Environmentalism in the Former Soviet Union

Noon Dr. Peter Black Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall
The Critical Role of "Unused" Resources. Dr. Black is a professor in the Forestry Department at ESF.

Noon Lunch Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall
Bag lunches (that you bring) or lunch purchased from the Snack Bar may be eaten in Nifkin Lounge during Dr. Black's lecture.

1:00pm Dr. Charles A. Hall 319 Marshall Hall
The Shifting Sands of the Theory of Ecology. Dr. Hall is a professor in the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology at ESF.

2:00pm Coffee break Illick Foyer
Organic foods will be provided and a speaker will give information.

3:30pm Dr. Riley Dunlap Illick 5
Global Environmental Concerns: Is Affluence a Prerequisite? Dr. Dunlap is a Professor of Sociology at Washington State University and worked with the George H. Gallup International Institute to develop and conduct a survey of 24 countries about environmental concerns. A preliminary report was presented at Rio.

*Also sponsored by Students for Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) and the Graduate Program in Environmental Studies (GPES)*
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THE GRAD STUDENT CLUB WANTS YOU TO BECOME AUTOMATIC MEMBERS
SEAC 'Seeks' Wilderness at Huntington Lodge

As spring fever breaks on the ESF campus, nine members of the Student Environmental Action Coalition came down with a severe case and had to leave town. The destination, you ask? The Adirondacks, of course! As sunset fell over Arbutus Lake on Friday evening, we arrived at ESF’s Huntington Lodge in Newcomb, New York. Pasta, a roaring fire, acoustic guitar and a sky full of stars seemed the perfect remedy as homework assignments and paper deadlines faded from our memory.

A breathtakingly beautiful Saturday found us seeking wildlife on snowshoes and cross-country skis. Otter tracks and a mink (we think!) were spotted as well as nuthatches, chickadees and Canadian geese. Our resident Dedro-heads also helped us identify lots of trees.

As nighttime fell, an ambitious three set out over the frozen lake in search of adventures in the wild. We set up camp on the frozen land and spent a pleasant evening gazing at stars and listening to the serenades of the barred owls.

The others ate hearty bowls of chili and relaxed in front of the great stone fireplace, singing songs and telling stories late into the night.

The grand finale of the weekend excursion was the mighty climb to the firetower. Five brave SEACers ambled up the Goodnow Trailhead in search of a magnificent vista. Snowshoeless, the challenge lay in avoiding the sides of the trails where one false move would send you sinking hip-deep in snow. Beautiful views were around every corner and a swirling windstorm was waiting at the top. The disappointment from a cloudy view was compensated by some good snacks and some goofy photos. We tackled the downhill, running and sinking most of the way and returned to Huntington all in one piece.

I think I can speak for all and say that it was a refreshing and memorable weekend. Although my tolerance for winter has waned lately, this trip revitalized my appreciation for the winter season.

The trips up and back were also lots of fun. Thanks again, Jamie, for driving. SEAC will definitely be planning a trip for the Fall!

WHAT IS SEAC DOING ABOUT ADIRONDACKS ISSUES? (besides frolicking around at Huntington)

SEAC’s Adirondacks Committee used this Spring semester to concentrate on important issues. We sponsored a letter-writing campaign to support the Weprin Bill, a piece of legislation aimed at better planning in the Park, and to support the Bottle Bill, a chance to allocate millions of dollars from unclaimed bottle deposits into the state budget. We also participated in the Northern Forest Land Council Hearings in Camden on March 28. Four SEAC members expressed their concerns about the management of the Northern Forest, of which the ADKs are a large part.

SEAC plans to attend the NFLC Hearing in Long Lake, (in the ADKs) on April 27. Anyone who is interested in going should attend the next SEAC meeting.

SEAC MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00PM IN MOON CONF!

PAY YOUR RENT! WORK FOR THE EARTH!

News From Kappa Phi Delta

Well, we're back in the news this week and a lot needs to be said. For starters, Simon told Vivian that we don't like her lasagna. I never had the heart to do it myself. But I think that the entire campus will benefit by having the brothers happy with the new and improved Lasagna. The deep dish scandal is over and good cheer will emanate from KPD from now on.

On other things, the Christmas trees left over from this past Christmas will not saved for next Christmas. The trees have been donated back to the environment.

On another note, the brothers would like everyone to eat some type of seafood product this week. Just make sure that it is dolphin free or Sarah is gonna be mad at me. Catch one, buy one, date one, just make sure that you eat one! Oh about the Sea gulls, should we stop cutting up the six pack rings now, or does an oil soaked seagull tangled in a six pack ring have a higher BTU content?

Now on to the more obscure news. A naked man was seen being chased by a woman in a plaid dress around the park. He was cheered on by many of the ladies of various

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sorority houses. The chasing woman never did catch him though. If you have any information about this maybe you could keep it to yourself!

Also there was no Jim Beam available for the new officers, way to go Spud.

This springs work project went off well. Owl and our newest brother Andy, did some hard core cleaning of the shed. Roger enlisted Spud, Roach, Beaker, and Simon to clean up the outside. Speedy bought ice to keep the beverage cool. Skeeter burnt the wiener and Droop cleaned the kitchen.

I left a little early to go and do some paper testing for Jen Schroack. She is going to be the Wet End leader for the PSE's second paper machine run. KPD's own Steve Foley was elected Tour Boss of the Second Machine run. Congratulations Cherry! We've got a tough act to follow. The first run with Greg Marshall as Tour Boss went off great. Congratulations to all the PSE's who made it such a success.

Enough for now.
Smertz

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**Commencement is Coming,**
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Plans for this illustrious event are in the final stages! One of the traditions at ESF for commencement is to have students serve as hosts during the weekend festivities. These hosts are involved in a wide variety of projects related to commencement including: greeting degree candidates and their friends/family; assist with the receptions; the Year in Review Slide Show; and convocation - generally assisting and organizing the event.

**Saturday, May 7**

12:00 noon  
Commencement Hosts arrive on campus

2:00 pm  
Year In Review Slide show (Marshall Auditorium)

3:00 pm  
Receptions begin

5:00 pm  
Convocation begins in Goldstein Auditorium

**Sunday, May 8**

8:00 am  
Continental Breakfast (Bray Hall)

8:45 am  
Procession forms in front of Bray

9:15 am  
Academic Procession begins in Carrier Dome

10:00 am  
Commencement ceremonies begin in Carrier Dome.

If you are interested in helping celebrate commencement and honoring our graduating students, please let me know ASAP! Following the determination of who will be hosts, we will schedule a brief meeting to discuss logistics.

Contact me if you're willing to help (without your help, this event could...well...let's not think about it!).

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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 15
Shifting Paradigms Conference, ESF campus

Dr. Joseph H. Vogel, author of Privatization as a Conservation Policy will be speaking in Illick 5 at 3:00 pm.

GSA TGIF, 4:30 pm Nifkin Lounge. Bring your mug and ID.

Dana Lyons concert, 8:00 pm Nifkin Lounge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
ASLA Capture-the-Flag at Thornden Park. $2/person ($1 goes to ASLA, the other to the Thornden Park Association) Call 423-4059 for details (Ask for Chris or Neil)

Shifting Paradigms Conference, ESF campus. See flyer inside for more info.

Annual Pancake Breakfast, 8AM to Noon, Hieberg Forest. Yum! See flyers around campus for where to purchase cheap tickets.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19
Knothole Meeting, 6 PM, 22 Bray

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
Tai Chi demonstration on the ESF Quad, 12:45-1:45

SEAC meeting, 6 PM Moon Conference Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 21
Mr. Bill McKibben, environmentalist and author of The End of Nature will speak at 7:30 pm in Marshall Auditorium.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22
Earth Day at ESF. Free music including Mrs. Smith (Hard Rock); Acoustic Lunch (Acoustic); Jay Mankita (Folk Singer); Mo (Funk/Jazz). Booths by local clubs and businesses. Speakers. Located on the ESF Quad beginning at 2:00 pm. Bring your ID and mug.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
ASLA's 14th Annual Refrigerator Races at Thornden Park Water Tower