Some Myths about Green Consumerism
by Meredith Carlson
Gamma Delta Theta

"Environmentally Safe", "Recyclable", "Cruelty Free", "Degradable", "Ozone Friendly", "Earth Safe", "CFC Free", these are all terms we see when we shop. When I think of it, I choose items with these handy catch phrases on them that make me feel better about the products I choose. A recent inquiry into the validity of some of these claims has brought much doubt into my mind as to how many of these assertions are really true or have any real impact on environmental degradation. This is called green marketing—the practice of promoting products based on the claims that they help, or are benign, to the environment.

In the late 1980s as a reaction to consumer interest in environmental issues, many manufacturers responded with huge campaigns, new products and new labels, claiming to be environmentally friendly in one way or another. Looking around my room, I have organic cotton t-shirts, banana shampoo from the Body Shop (containing real bits of banana), non-bleach laundry detergent, recycled writing paper, my bag of cans awaiting recycling, my natural fish food, and cosmetics. I won't even go into the amount of natural foods, medicine, clothing, and everyday-use products that all claim to be environmentally friendly (you can ask any of the sisters who live with me, I get at least one catalog everyday, I am not kidding.) Even the media has become highly involved, it seems like every big Hollywood name has their own 'pet' environmental cause that they endorse. This was all brought about through the pressures of consumer and environmental groups all riding on the wave of public opinion to change the way we make decisions about spending our money. Now it is more profitable to become "green", and possibly, over the past 10 years or so, it has made more of an impact on the way they think; from just being "green" for the sake of profits, to, at least considering the environment in some of their decisions.

BUT! Be wary of broad or vague claims companies make; terms like "Eco-Friendly" or "Environmentally Safe", have little meaning. All products have some effect on the environment. You have to ask yourself: How much more environmentally friendly is this product as compared to other products? If you can not discern this from the label you could be misled. Instead look for consumerism continues on Pg. 8

STU ON THE STUMP
By Stuart Bernstein

Good morning, and welcome back to school. That may sound strange coming from someone who's never been a student here before. But then you don't know that, or at least you didn't until I said something. Well, now everyone knows. Yes, this is my first semester at ESF and I must say I'm very impressed. Actually, it's not as though I must say it, I just felt I should say it. I'm like that sometimes.

Why am I impressed, you might ask? During orientation I was told two things which I was then instructed to commit to memory. Do not walk across the quad, and always carry your ESF mug. Not quite, "Speak softly, but carry a big stick", but perfectly acceptable for an orientation seminar. The reasoning for these two edicts is, this being an environmental college, we, as environmental students should do our part to practice our craft at every opportunity. Poppycock!!! If this were a medical school, would we be encouraged to perform operations in the

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Letter to the Editor: A Response

Dear Ms. Rathbone,

I recently read your letter to the editor in the January 24 edition of the Knothole regarding “Nifkin Lounge”. While I understand your point of view, I would like to provide some additional information.

In the fall of 1993 I was approached by Chris Button (WPE, Class of 1993) regarding the dedication of the lounge to Eustace B. Nifkin. Supportive of this idea, I worked with Chris, Harry Payne and Ross Whaley to make it happen. There were a number of “givens” that we worked from:

1. The formal designation for the space had always been “Marshall Lounge” (maps, signage).

2. The students (past and present) wanted E.B. Nifkin recognized.
At the time of our initial conversations, Chris Button was actively involved in student government. He obtained their approval of the name and the dedication message prior to any purchases or additional plans. Please note that prior to the installation of the new sign, there was no “official” mention of Nifkin in relation to the lounge. Until last fall, the only reference to the space was a small black plaque which read “student lounge.” At the time of Chris’ presentation of this idea, his (and many students’) primary concern was the “fading out” of Mr. Nifkin all together. So, what actually never was (formally) Nifkin Lounge, now at least references this long-standing tradition.

3. Constituents would need to agree on the end result.
When Chris approached the U.S.A. representatives about the current dedication statement and name of the lounge, they were supportive of the wording. It met their needs by, for the first time, acknowledging Nifkin.

4. There would be a dedication ceremony for alumni and current students.
During Homecoming Weekend (October 7) a formal ceremony was conducted to dedicate the lounge to “the spirit of Eustace.” The dedication was held at this time in the hope of including as many alumni as possible. Alumni funds paid for the dedication plaque.

Additionally, during the TGIF a couple of weeks later (October 20), the dedication ceremony was repeated for the benefit of the current student body. Again, the timing of this dedication was agreed upon by the student government. As is usual with TG’ s, there were well over 250 students in attendance.

In response to the other traditions/concerns you cited, there is also additional information to be shared.

• (NOT) Walking on the Quad: This tradition is still very much alive. During the first few days that new students arrive on campus, the Orientation Leaders not only inform them of this of expectation, but also warn them of possible consequences (yelling from Ilick/Marshall windows, football tackles, etc.) for this offense. The OL’s have coined the phrase “the quad is for your pleasure; not your convenience.” This fact is also mentioned in our History and Traditions Slide Show that all new students see during orientation (as

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ATTENTION!!!!

WANAKENA WINTER WEEKEND VII...
will be held Sat. February 17th to Sun. the 18th (yes, it’s a long weekend). The sole purpose of this weekend is for fun, relaxation, and to become acquainted with the Wanakena students. However, only 30 people are allotted to go. Sign ups will be 10:30 am Monday February 5th in 110 Bray. You will need your ESF ID, $5, and a good spot in line!

We will be meeting at 8 am Sat. morning and arriving back in Syracuse around 7 pm on Sunday. Transportation, three meals, and snacks will be provided (all you pay is 5 bucks!). The tentative schedule includes outdoor games, a planned hike, and a Sat. night party. There will also be plenty of time to go ice skating, snow shoeing, or hiking if you would like (bring your own equipment). You will also need to bring warm clothes and a sleeping bag.

When you sign up you are automatically entered in the drawing for one of 5 disposable cameras that will be given to you Saturday morning.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns please contact Katherine Murphy at 443-7841. We hope you will be able to participate!

Kappa Phi Delta
by Rick

Hey,

Rick here with my first lovely article for Kappa Phi Delta. The year is starting out great at the house; a lot of work is being done. Two new execs have been elected, Mike Raymo is our new VP and Matt Cizenski is now secretary. Mike has been quite busy, basically remodeling our kitchen. Rush sign-up is now in Schine student center, and will soon be in dining halls. If you have any questions, even if you’re not sure about rushing a fraternity, feel free to call us at the house. The numbers are 442-9187 and 442-9188. We’ll be happy to answer all questions. Rush officially begins Feb. 4th. Check it out, you won’t be sorry. Well that’s all for now. See you next week.

Yeah,

Rick

On February 6 at 7:00pm NYPIRG will be having a General Interest Meeting in Schine Room 304 A&B. Student leaders will be speaking about the campaigns that NYPIRG will be working on this semester. Also, NYPIRG’s Higher Education funding staff expert, Nicole Hosten, will be speaking about the attack on higher education funding that is presently occurring on a federal and state level.

For more information call Eunice Casey at 476-8381.

Women’s Potluck Supper Jointly Sponsored by the ESF Women’s Caucus and Association of Women in Science (AWIS)

Wednesday, February 7, 1996
Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall

Eat at 5:30p.m.
Program at 6:00p.m.
Finished at 7:30p.m.

Program: Pathways to and through male dominated fields.

We invite all ESF Women: faculty, staff and students to

- come get acquainted with other women at ESF
- enjoy some home cooking

If you have access to a kitchen, bring a casserole, bread, a salad, a meat dish or a dessert—enough to share with 8 or 10 others.

If you don’t have access to a kitchen bring drinks, chips & dips, cookies, cheese and crackers, etc.

If you have a favorite recipe bring it along to share.

Plates, cups, utensils, tablecloths, coffee, tea, and juice will be provided.

For more information call Judy Kimberlin at 470-6611 or Sally Webster at 470-6913 during regular business hours.
Sounding Off
With Greg Bubniak

An Exposition on Traditions

In light of the letter sent to the Knothole last week by Ellen Rathbone, I felt the urge to speak about traditions this week. I don’t really plan to get into the mix with the letter writers on page 2 and Ms. Rathbone. That debate seems to be off and running very well on its own, and does not need any of my help.

Traditions. Whether or not we admit to liking them, they play an important part in our lives. Some of us fight all our lives to rid society of some traditions that they don’t like. Others of us are very comfortable with the traditions that are established and would not like to see them changed — change creates a feeling of uneasiness and longing for the “way things were”. I tend to be a fairly traditional person myself, something a person who reads my writings probably knows already. Keep that in mind as you read my musings for this week.

Traditions that we see broken and make us feel sad evoke strong feelings. I would like to take the Major League Baseball situation where inter-league play was announced this past week. Those who follow baseball realize how monumental this change is to the game of baseball as we know it; the absence of inter-league was one of the little peculiarities about Major League Baseball that made it unique. It was that way for 95 years, since the inception of what became the American League. I felt that it was a thing that made baseball great — one of the few things left that did. The feeling I get when I think of a tradition is something that is unique, and good ones should not be tinkered with. Another example: one side of my family is Polish. Therefore, when I go to a wedding or wedding anniversary on that side of the family, I am exposed to a polka band. This is a problem for many people, but not me. I think that, as goofy as polka can be, it is a pretty neat genre of music. If I went to a Bubniak wedding now and didn’t hear a polka band, I think I’d be somewhat bummed out; it just wouldn’t be right to be without a polka band at this occasion.

The uniquenes of traditions give those who participate in the tradition a strong fondness for that tradition. In all likelihood, the tradition is something that many people like, or it would not have begun in the first place. Well, with that thought in mind, I am suggesting that the reaction that Ms. Rathbone is feeling is justified if that is what she sees. Mind you, I am not necessarily agreeing with her statement; I will not say that I disagree with it either. Let me just hypothetically say that I agree with her for a moment; in this case, her reaction is perfectly legitimate. She has identified a tradition that appears to have been eroded away and is unhappy that today’s ESF students, staff and faculty don’t care about the quad, Nifkin and all of the other legendary quirks of our campus. She feels they’re mostly

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Gamma Delta Theta News
by Erin Fitzgerald

Welcome back everyone! I hope winter break was relaxing because finals are over and we are off to the start of another great semester. Hopefully the spring won’t be as hectic as the fall was for many of us (especially me).

Along with the first day of classes was the first chapter meeting of Gamma Delta Theta. There isn’t much to report about yet, but the sorority is looking forward to a lot of spring events. Watch out for our Earth Week activities (particularly “The Lorax”), our annual charity benefitting The National Audubon Society and numerous others activities.

Over the next three weeks we will be holding informational meetings, an ice cream social, a tea, a theme night, and a pizza social. Any ESF or SU woman is welcome, so please stop by and say hi. This is your chance to find out what we are all about and what we do. Just one visit may change your outlook on the ESF/SU relationship, the value of working together as a team or even the memories you’ll have upon graduation. We are located at 1003 Walnut Avenue, between Bird Library and Watson Hall. If you have any questions don’t hesitate to call me at 442-6629.

Ice Cream Social
Friday, February 2 7pm
Casual Dress

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Leadership Opportunities
-Meet New People
-Become Involved

These could all happen to you. Rush is all this and more. There is no obligation to join, just get to know us. Don't base your opinions on rumors or stereotypes. We are environmentally based, but also have a social life with other Greek houses. We benefit the National Audubon Society. Many sisters hold leadership positions. Everyone is involved in both the University community and the Syracuse community. Just come by and see what's happening. Remember there is no obligation to join.
1996 Finance Committee Meeting

February 8, 1996

On February 8, (Thursday) 1996 the U.S.A. Finance Committee will meet with each funded club to discuss and reallocate any budget money. Meetings will take place in the Moon Conference Room starting at 5:30. Each club MUST send at least two representatives, preferably the president and the treasurer, and should be prepared to answer any questions the committee may have about the club’s past or future funded activities. For the clubs, this is an opportunity to redistribute money from one line item to another. To make this as orderly as possible, time slots have been set aside for each club (random sample, I assure you).

SEAC 5:30 - 5:40
X-Country Ski Club 5:40 - 5:50
Forestry 5:50 - 6:00
Bob Marshall 6:00 - 6:10
Alpha Xi Σ 6:10 - 6:20
Papyrus Club 6:20 - 6:30
Baobab 6:30 - 6:40
Knothole 6:40 - 6:50
Student Construction Club 6:50 - 7:00

Empire Forester 7:00 - 7:10
Mollet 7:10 - 7:20
FEG Club 7:20 - 7:30
Recycling Club 7:30 - 7:40
USA 7:40 - 8:00

A Community of Teaching and Learning: A Faculty/Student Dialogue

In the Spring of 1992, several ESF students and faculty gathered to discuss their perspectives of the teaching/learning process: their unique and common hopes, concerns, and responsibilities. A series of meetings culminated in a joint student-faculty presentation at a college-wide faculty meeting. The student and faculty presenters defined cooperation as a valuable experience that should be continued. The following sessions are intended to build upon this initial experience and to enrich ESF as a teaching and learning community.

The Community of Teaching and Learning Faculty/Student Dialogue is offered by IDEaS in cooperation with the Faculty Governance Sub-committee on Instructional Quality, the Undergraduate Student Association, and the Graduate Student Association.

All ESF faculty, students, and members of the ESF community are welcome to participate in one or more of the following sessions.

Thursdays:
February 1; March 7; April 11
All Sessions:
Noon, Alumni Lounge (Nifkin Lounge), Marshall Hall

Faculty and students may contact Chuck Spuches (470-6810, e-mail: cspuches@mailbox.syr.edu) or Dudley Raynal (470-6782, e-mail: djr@mailbox.syr.edu) with questions.

***SCHOLARSHIP***

Price Chopper, through the Golub Foundation announces a scholarship program for 1996. The Graduate or Professional School Scholarship is for a graduating college senior or returning student who is planning on attending graduate school as a fully matriculated student for the Fall 1996 semester.

The deadline for applying is March 8, 1996. Applications and additional information are available in the Financial Aid Office, Room 115 Bray Hall.

This scholarship award is $4,000 to be paid over two years.

***SCHOLARSHIP***

The John Gyles Education Fund announces its scholarship program for 1996. Applicants must be citizens of the USA or Canada. A minimum GPA of 2.7 is required. Awards cover all areas of post-secondary study and range up to $2,500. Deadlines for 1996 are April 15, June 15, and November 15.

To receive an application please send a stamped, self-addressed letter size (#10) envelope to the following address:

The John Gyles Education Fund
Att: R. James Cougle, Administrator
P.O. Box 4808, 712 Riverside Dr.
Fredericton, New Brunswick
Canada E3B 5G4

If you have any questions, please stop by the Financial Aid Office, 115 Bray Hall.

TREASURER'S OFFICE HOURS
for spring semester

Tuesday .......... 2:30 - 3:30
Friday .......... 10:40 - 11:30
27th Annual Creativity Contest

The Knothole is soliciting entries for its 27th Annual Creativity Contest

There will be 3 cash prizes in each of 4 categories:

Artwork  Photography  Short Story  Poetry

First place: $30  
Second place: $20  
Third place: $10

Send submissions to the Knothole, 22 Bray Hall via campus mail, or drop them off in person.

Deadline for submissions is 3:00 pm, March 1, 1996

1. The Knothole's annual Creativity Contest is open to any ESF student, undergraduate (including the Ranger School) or graduate, excluding Knothole editors or staff members and their immediate families.

2. Judging will take place either at a series of TG's, or as works displayed in Nitkin Lounge over a two-three week period with ballots collected at a central location. Members of the Knothole staff, their advisor, immediate families, and contestans are prohibited from casting ballots. Ballots will be tallied by the Knothole staff.

3. While the Knothole has organized this contest, solicited materials, and screened entries to ensure compliance with the following criteria, it is not responsible for the content of or message portrayed in work shown.

4. Entries must clearly indicate the category in which it is to be considered: short story, poetry, artwork, or photography.

5. Short stories and poetry MUST BE ON DISK FORMATTED FOR MACINTOSH. Name, phone number, class and curricula must be clearly marked on the disk.

6. Short stories may be no longer than 3 pages.

7. Photographs must be 8 x 10, black and white.

Entries may not contain name of photographer. Rather, a second copy or description of piece containing name, phone number, class and curricula should be included separately to permit anonymity in judging. No electronically altered photographs will be accepted.

8. All other Artwork must be black and white, 81/2 x 11 or smaller. Title and description of piece containing name, phone number, class and curricula of artist should be included separately.

9. All work must be suitable for inclusion in a news oriented publication. That is, in the event of libel, profanity, nudity, racism, sexism, other -ties, or issues, the decision to further include the entry in the contest will be determined by the Knothole staff in consultation with the Knothole advisor.

10. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
   a. Three prizes will be awarded in each of the four categories, (First, Second, and Third place).
   b. In the event of a tie, monies for that category will be reapportioned to split the two prizes. For instance, rather than $30 for 1st, $20 for 2nd, $10 for 3rd, money will be distributed $32.50 each for 1st place tie and $10 for 3rd place, or $30 for 1st place and $15 each for second place.
   c. In the event that all prizes are awarded, these monies will be reapportioned to other winners, or to cover additional ties within categories.

11. The pre-determined and published deadline (3PM Friday, March 1) will be strictly enforced.

12. Entries become property of the Knothole Publication, and will be offered to The Empire Forester Yearbook for inclusion in that publication if they see fit to use them.

13. These rules will be published within the first 3-4 weeks of the fall semester, and will be available at the Knothole office thereafter, until prizes are awarded.

14. Concerns about these rules and regulations should be addressed to the Editor-in-chief(s), Contest Manager, and Advisor (Mr. Patrick Lawler), for discussions and reconciliation of said concerns.

15. By entering this contest, entrants agree to these rules and regulations and agree to abide by the judges decisions.

16. Award Certificates and checks will be presented at the Spring Awards Banquet and/or will be published in the Knothole prior to the last day of the semester, such that award materials may be picked up at the Knothole office unless other arrangements are made between the entrants and staff.
Casual Dining for the Economically Challenged Contest

Have you ever eaten somewhere near ESF/SU and wanted to tell everyone how great the food was? Better yet, was it economical to eat there? Well, here's your chance to let us know about it.

Pick your favorite eatery in walking distance of ESF/SU area that is fit for the economically disabled, and the Knothole staff will eat dinner there and rate it against all the other eateries suggested by other students. We would also ask that you tell us what particular menu item you like the best, and we'll try it. The winner will have lunch on the Knothole at the end of the semester.

All you need to do is fill out the entry form below and turn it in to the Knothole student organization mailbox (basement of Bray) or in the folder near 22 Bray.

Name: ____________________________ Major: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________ Class (please circle): 1 2 3 4 5 Grad
Name of Eatery (One per entry, please):
Location:
Menu Item (please include approximate price):

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Terms such as “Made from Recycled Material”, are not specific enough. How much is recycled? And is it made from Post-Consumer materials (previously used, i.e. newspaper, glass, aluminum cans) or Pre-Consumer materials (manufacturing waste)? Another contention to be leery of is “50% less waste.” Is this 50% less than another leading brand or than its previous packaging?

"No CFC's Used" or “Ozone Friendly” can also be deceiving. In 1978, CFC's (chlorofluorocarbons, which can degenerate the earth’s protective ozone layer) were banned from almost all aerosol spray products, but are still used in coolant systems. H C F C's (hydrochlorofluorocarbons) are, at times, used as a substitute for CFC's. Though they are less damaging to the ozone they still cause some ozone depletion. Starting in 1993, the most damaging of ozone depleting substances must be labeled as such.

Biodegradable (i.e., materials that break down into their natural elements when exposed to air, moisture, bacteria, or other organisms), and photo degradable (materials which when exposed to sufficient sunlight will be reduced into smaller pieces), or materials that say “Degradable”, may do so when composted, but when added to a landfill this process is slowed considerably. Modern landfills are designed, for health reasons, to minimize the access of sunlight, air and moisture into the facilities. Thus it can take decades to decompose paper and food materials.


USA TREASURER'S OFFICE HOURS

Spring Term 1996
Treasurer: Jeff Hopson
FRIDAY 10:40 - 11:30
E-MAIL: jhopson@mailbox.syr.edu
see me at USA meetings 5:30pm
Mondays, Nifkin Lounge
Letter to the Editor...

As members of USA and, as such, representitives of the student body, we'd like to respond to Ms. Rathbone's letter addressing student apathy and traditions here at ESF.

We are concerned about Ms. Rathbone's perceptions regarding the lack of school spirit on campus. Students attend, with much enthusiasm, TGIF's, Morning Munches, Ice Cream Socials, Movie Nights, the annual Fall Barbecue and Family and Friends Weekends, Earth Week, Wanakena Weekend, the December Soiree, the Spring Awards Banquet, Culture Fest, Coffee Houses, and more club activities than any single person could ever possibly have time for.

As for the other issues raised by Ms. Rathbone: There are still many college traditions that are held dear to the heart of students. For example: Orientation leaders still threaten students with humiliation for cutting across the quad; Nifkin still makes an occasional appearance in the yearbook and on College rosters; Robin Hood Oak Awards are still presented for student contributions; the Forestry Club still greases a pole for the Fall BBQ; this very newspaper continues the sense of tradition as it informs the campus community; and finally, students still proudly sport their flannel shirts and thermal mugs.

The issue of "officially" naming the lounge in the basement of Marshall Hall was brought up at a meeting of the Undergraduate Student Association by an alumnus, in the spring of 1993. After long discussions with Dr. Heffernan, President Whaley, and the USA members at Council, it was decided that there would be a formal naming of this lounge, complete with a dedication ceremony (October TGIF, 1995). Although there was not a formal poll administered to all of the students at ESF, it was the job of USA representatives to take that information obtained at Council back to their respective curricula. It is important to note, that with the "official" naming of this lounge, it was the first time that Eustace B. Nifkin was formally recognized on this campus at all. So, "in the spirit of Eustace B. Nifkin", we believe that we have honored, rather than ended, an important ESF tradition.

Students spirit is far from dead on this campus, as is Eustace B. Nifkin.

Sincerely,
Karen Barghoorn
USA Co-Programming Chair
Amy Conley
USA President

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are Eustace B. Nifkin and his companion Elsa S. Freeborn, the Robin Hood Oak, Fall BBQ, etc.). As a matter of fact, I now receive periodic messages on my e-mail from Eustace. He's gone cyber-legend.

• Student Apathy: I am puzzled by this observation. We have one of the largest, most active student governments in recent history. In addition, there are over 25 student clubs and organizations which actively contribute to the student life on this campus. Coupled with the programs and activities offered by College, these groups afford many students the opportunity to be involved. TGIF's, the Welcome Back Picnic, Fall BBQ, December Soiree, Earth Week Celebrations, Wanakena Winter Weekend, the Spring Awards Banquet, and Community Service efforts are all traditions that our current student leaders have maintained and improved upon. There is still an occasional dance in Nifkin as well as cultural dinners, morning munches and leadership seminars. "Nothing to do?"

Ellen, many students, faculty and staff are very dedicated to passing on treasured ESF traditions. Your insistence that "no one seems to care!!" is over-stated. The Woodsman's Team, of which you were once a member is, for example, more active than ever—attendance, practices, meets, teams, etc. I understand where you are coming from as an alumna fond of the good ol' days. But the present days are pretty good, too!

Sincerely,
James M. Heffernan
VP, Student Affairs

SPRING BREAK IN THE BAHAMAS???

7 days / 6 nights
Ft. Lauderdale, Cruise, Bahamas

Tickets must be used before June, 1996.

Tickets include accommodations and cruise for two (over age 21).
Must provide own transportation to Florida plus $200 departure fee.

Price of tickets negotiable
Call or email: Sheila
Phone: 428-8253
Email: sesleggs@mailbox.syr.edu
Hey folks! Well I’ve finally run out of stuff from those little kids. But, as promised, I’ve got some new humorous snippets. Have you ever wondered about the infrastructure of an academic institution? Well here’s a little something to help you figure out WHO’S WHO AT THE U:

A DEAN
leaps tall buildings in a single bound, is more powerful than a locomotive, is faster than a speeding bullet, walks on water, gives policy to God.

A DEPARTMENT HEAD
leaps short buildings in a single bound, is more powerful than a switch engine, is just as fast as a speeding bullet, walks on water if the sea is calm, talks to God.

A PROFESSOR
leaps short buildings with a running start and favourable winds, is almost as powerful as a switch engine, walks on water in an indoor swimming pool, talks with God if special permission is approved.

AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
barely clears a quonset hut, loses a tug of war with a locomotive, can fire a speeding bullet, swims well, is occasionally addressed by God.

AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
makes high marks on the walls when trying to leap tall buildings, is run over by locomotives, can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self-injury, talks to animals.

A GRADUATE STUDENT
runs into buildings, recognizes locomotives two out of three times, is not issued ammunition, can stay afloat with a life jacket, talks to walls.

AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT
falls over the doorstep when trying to enter a building, says, “look at the choo-choo.” wets himself with a water pistol, plays in mud puddles, passing of that ESF tradition. This is apparently what Ms. Rathbone is feeling.

A SECRETARY
lifts buildings and walks under them, kicks locomotives off the tracks, catches bullets in her teeth and eats them, freezes water with a single glance, is God.

“But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.” While typing this it occurred to me that someone might actually be offended by this. Oh well, I’m sure secretaries the world over will appreciate my efforts.

Now that I no longer have any quotes from the little kiddies I may have to change the title of this little piece of mine. Does anybody have any suggestions, keep it, change it, or what? Talk to me here folks. By now you should know where stuff like that goes, if not, check page 2.

Well my work is done for this week. I’ll see you next time!

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gone, and is informing us how she feels it is a shame that they are.

Traditions. Generally I like them. Traditions provide those who participate in them a sense of belonging and anticipation for the next time the tradition takes place. They also provide a feeling of continuity in a community. When the traditions die out, those who have held on to them do not wish to see it. The arguments presented about traditions at ESF has proven the point I make about traditions being dear to those who participate in them. If the Knothole ended production next week, I’d feel a substantial sense of loss for the

Casual Dress
** All Activities will take place at the Gamma Delta Theta house.

As you may have noticed, Jen Miller will no longer be writing our weekly news articles. She has moved up to our executive board planning all the GDT social events (party!). There is no way any one should not want to rush now. After all, if you can’t get anything else out of the sorority you might as well have a great time with us. Good Luck Jen! (Just a little secret: GDT changed my life and I’ll never regret rushing)

GDT continued from Pg. 4
Tea
Tuesday, February 6 8pm
Tea Clothes
Plaid Night
Monday, February 12 7pm
Wear Plaid
Pizza Social
Friday, February 16 8pm
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quad? I think not. Actually, I agree with the proposal 100% in principle; however, as this is the only planet on which we currently hold a valid lease, we should learn to respect and protect it no matter who we are; That goes double for lawyers.

Non-environmentally minded boneheads have always been a source of personal irritation for me. For example, there were two guys at the gym where I used to work out who had no concept of water conservation. One would stand in front of a sink shaving with the hot water turned on full force. Every once in a while he would hold his razor under the water, wipe the steam off the mirror and then continue shaving. “Why not just turn the water on when you need it,” I quarded one day. He merely shot me a look, which I had to wipe the steam off my glasses to see. The other miscreant would go into the shower, turn on the hot water, get wet, step back from the steamy, cascading water, then proceed to lather himself for twenty or so minutes. At this point he would step back under the spray, rinse off, and start the process over again. How difficult could it have been to turn the water off while he was turning himself into a humiliating, breathing, soap bubble. Whatever else his sins to humanity consisted of, he certainly wasn’t purging them with a bar of Irish Spring. Oftentimes, when talking to people such as these, explaining the concept of water shortages can have a profound effect. Not so with these two meatheads. Although, locking them in the dry sauna to demonstrate the effect of a world without water may have been a bit overzealous, it did have some effect. Or at least it might when I let them out.

There’s another reason I like the quad no-walk policy. Years ago, I went on a job interview. The position was assistant to the engineer at one of New York’s community colleges. One of the questions I was asked was, “How would you prevent student’s from cutting across the quad and wearing paths in the grass?” Seeing as how I really wanted the job, I refrained from suggesting breaking a few kneecaps, to start, in order to set an example. I instead gave what I thought were some excellent suggestions which were practical, reasonable, aesthetic, and right off the top of my head. I wasn’t hired, they did not implement any of my ideas, and they have still have paths crisscrossing the quad. Yes, Virginia, there is a god. Or a number of them, depending on your particular affiliations.

I would like to add how impressed I am with the maintenance staff at ESF. I have been involved with construction for over twenty years, most of it renovating existing buildings. I have worked on a number of college campuses (campi?) and many of the structures I have seen are akin to a South Bronx tenement. Not so here. Congratulations people. You should be very proud.

I do have one complaint, though. Why is it, that so many universities are built on hills? Were the academicians run out of town and sent up in them there hills to build their radical institutes of higher education. Or did they take the term higher education a little too literal? My last school only rose up two stories at its apex. And I got plenty high there. Here I have to climb higher than that just to get to the basement of most of the buildings. Then again, such a great aerobic workout would normally cost hundreds of dollars a year. And here I don’t have to wear my oh-so-revealing leotards.

Thanx for your time. Y’all come back now, ya’ hear!

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We invite you to our:
• Ice Cream Social January 29, 7pm
• Tea (tea clothes please) February 6, 8pm
• Plaid Night February 12, 7pm
• Social February 16, 8pm

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In The Near Future...

Wednesday, January 31

*Empire Forester Yearbook Meeting* 5:00pm, 22 Bray

Thursday, February 1

“A GTPase Cascade involved in Determining Cell Polarity in Yeast”
Dr. Hay-Oak Park, Univ. of California, San Francisco  12:00pm (refreshments at 11:30am), Lundgren Room, 304C Lyman Hall

Recycling Club Meeting 5:30pm, 241 Illick

Tuesday, February 6

*Knothole Meeting* 6:30pm, 22 Bray

Student Environmental Action Coalition Meeting 6:00pm, Nifkin Lounge

NYPIRG General Interest Meeting 7:00pm, 304A&B Schine

Thursday, February 8

Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30-8:00 PM, Moon Conference Room. Clubs should check their meeting times on page 6.

Presidents’ Roundtable
February 6, 1996
5:30 PM
Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall
All clubs must be represented!