SHOWBOAT AM AGOONIN'!

Yeah suh, da Showboat am a gonna dock at da College o' Forestry come April da 25th.

It just happens that April 25 is the date of the next student convocation. Hardly a coincidence. With the blessings of the Club Cabinet, a committee has been formed to bring to the student body a rip-snortin' grand ol' minstrel show. Complete with end men, Dixie music and production numbers, the show could very well top anything that has ever appeared on the College of Forestry stage.

The show is now being cast. Right now we are in particular need of one or two "soft shoe" stylists. If there is professional talent among us, we are in luck. But professionalism is not necessary. We would like to hear from anyone who may be able to prefabricate a few soft shoe steps into a routine. DROP A NOTE WITH YOUR NAME IN THE KNOTHOLE BOX, OR CONTRACT BILL BELDEN AT THE DELTA UPSILON FRATERNITY HOUSE (Tel. 4-9711).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters in the KNOTHOLE by "A Junior" (January 11) and "Jim Hayes" (February 8) tempt me also to contribute. Both might agree that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush", but the point is that they want all three birds. This is an expression of the fundamental driving force that causes man to strive ever for the new and different.

The more man learns and the more he does, the greater are his reasons for being satisfied, but the less satisfied is he likely to become. Even a man as talented and as rich in achievement as Leonardo Da Vinci left unfinished far more ideas and works than he completed. Robert Browning, in his poem "Rabbi Ben Ezra", gives us this note of cheer:

"For thence -- a paradox
Which comforts while it mocks --
Shall life succeed in that it seems to fail,
What I aspired to be.
And was not, comforts me;
A brute I might have been, but would not sink i'
the scale."

It is a sign of mental awareness that our students ask for an education broader than can be given in our four-year professional curriculum. And may it always be so. We probably have too many courses today. At least our faculty has been working to reduce them, and not without success. We may be able to add some new ones but they will be few. We try to weave into professional courses and extracurricular activities, some of both general and liberal education.
Two things are extremely important in education — to make accurate observations and thereby test hypotheses or opinions to arrive at facts; to assemble and analyze facts so as to draw valid conclusions. Both demand intense attention to detail. Professional colleges seek further to teach those subjects that cannot readily be learned without aid of laboratories and skilled instructors. No one really can expect in 4 years to complete his education in any truly professional field.

"A college curriculum is neither hastily formulated nor hastily changed. Forestry, like medicine, has its basic courses. What informed person would seek a family physician from a school that permitted students to substitute music, art, and literature for anatomy, physiology and pathology? On the other hand, who would not welcome as a doctor a man who had mastery of medicine and yet who also knew the great literature, religions, and art of the world; and so had come to understand man's yearnings and desires, as well as the functioning of his body?"

Hardy L. Shirley

CONGRATULATIONS "UGLY MAN"

The members of Alpha Phi Omega wish to congratulate Bob Metzger, Alpha Sigma Sigma, the student body and the faculty in its support in the "UGLY MAN" contest.

In answer to last week's KNOTHOLE, "Can the College of Forestry Swing a Campus Election?" the answer is obviously yes. $282.82 was collected during the contest. Our man received 11,500 votes or $115.

This is another example of what we at the College can do in supporting a worthwhile project, the campus chest.

Our goal next year will be $300. With a Forester as one of the contestants how can we lose?

Don Rawlings

EMPIRE FORESTER

To some of us, it may seem rather early to start thinking about next year's EMPIRE FORESTER. But, with the completion of the '56 edition and the occurrence of Spring dances and other activities plus the annual task of finding and organizing an entirely new staff, the urgency of thinking about it cannot be overemphasized.

Last year, the '56 staff was organized in late April and reorganized the following Fall. It was earlier than the previous year's staff, but we still had to move rapidly to meet the first deadlines.

Therefore, as an aid to next year's staff, whoever it or they may be, I suggest that an organization start now. Emphasis is placed on the understanding that a knowledge of how it operates is unnecessary, although I don't want to discourage those talented in the field.

A meeting for all juniors, sophs, and frosh will be held at 7:30 p.m., THURSDAY, 1 MARCH. IN ROOM 416, BRAY.

W. Scherer
Editor

DR. ANDERSON ON LEAVE

Dr. Eric Anderson, Chairman of the Department of Wood Technology, has been a special lecturer at the University of British Columbia since February, on growth-quality relations. He is on a three-months leave. Throughout the first semester, Dr. Anderson was faculty advisor to Alpha Xi Sigma and the KNOTHOLE.
Forsters of Syracuse, unite!! You have nothing to lose but your advantages.

A university is a place where free and accurate information is one of the foundations; a place where democracy and fair play are nurtured; a place where slanted newspaper articles are analyzed; a place where dirty politics are scorned. Since when does a university public information service dispense information that tells slanted stories? Since when is it fair that one of the vitally interested parties to an agreement never knows of the proposed agreement until almost too late? This is a student newspaper and as a student, I'm calling a foul.

Let us take one point that the University has mentioned for their case. They have drawn an analogy between the situations at Cornell and Alfred and ourselves. The histories of the schools are quite different; the former schools being under the "contract" agreement before the Young Commission studied the situation, and Cornell, the more similar of the schools, was under "contract" long before Gov. Dewey was in office. The situations are now significantly different and cannot be correlated in the way that the University has tried. The disadvantages to us are many and far-reaching. The advantages to the University are grotesquely obvious.

If we are to do anything, speed is of the utmost importance. The legislature closes March 15. The bill is still in committee and there might be enough time to write to those committee men and any State Senator, as it is your right to do so. A list of the committee men is posted on the bulletin board. A copy of the bill and the proposed resolution drawn up by the faculty and research staff is available in Dean Shirley's office. Write home and to your local representative. Let your parents and friends and their friends in on the information and have them write their representatives and to the committee in the assembly. The chairman of the State Finance Committee is: SENATOR A.W. ERVIN, STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, ALBANY, NEW YORK. There is a petition in convoy where you can sign your name in protest, but as far as all other petitions are concerned, try to see Bill Ayars before you go off with it.

Let us not be foolish about the deal and harm our own chances for survival by doing something that will create difficult situations for the school in the eyes of the State. There are committees taking care of petitions, resolutions, fact sheets, etc., so if you want to help, help those on the committees, and above all WRITE, WRITE, WRITE......

... Watch the bulletin board for daily developments. Meanwhile, let's find out more of what is going on, and disseminate this information, but do it fast. Evidently, the legislators have had some pretty good lobbyists give them the impression that the contract is the best thing that has ever happened to our school. We've got to break that and hit the legislators where they feel it - in the voting population where small blocs either give the guy a job or relieve him of one.

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