It seems necessary at this time to redefine the function of the KNOTHOLE and the picture that we see is like a two sided mirror, reflecting the opinions of both the faculty and the student body. As a part of that student body and as listeners to what others say, we feel that we can reflect a portion of its opinions. As editors of this paper (rag), we also have more easily accessible sources of information than most undergraduates and can therefore, try to reflect what the higher echelons are thinking. But, it must be remembered that this is an uncensored paper except for such things as slander and pornography.

Of the sources of information that we found open, Dean Shirley, and Jerry Kovalcik of the State University, were particularly helpful. However, after hearing our side of the story during the past week, it seemed wise to try to hear what the other side's attitude was and the basis for their stand on the issue. So, Saturday Night, Chancellor Tolley and I talked for about an hour and a half. In the light of all of the shadowy pictures cast, the following was written.

The present situation as far as this year's bill is concerned, is pretty safe. The chairman of the committee is against it now, as is Governor Harriman and Senator Hughes who won't bring it out of committee. Therefore, we now have some time in which to study the situation and some of the probable consequences. There is at least another year before anything definite will be done to us but an urgency to the matter still exists since the matter is not dead by any means and is sure to come up again. The better we are prepared for it, the better we shall come out of it. Since there is some time, let us pause to consider what would be the best for us in the light of what we actually know. The pressure was on last week and no student body acted better than this one. We have reason to be proud and the faculty and administration have reason to be proud of this student body. But now, let's try to clear the smoke and see more clearly, for what and whom we were fighting and act for the resolution of the difficulties.

As far as we can see, the fight must be recognized as being above our level and involving more forces that we recognize or can directly control. The real argument is between the State University and Syracuse University and the prize is the College of Forestry. Let no one doubt which way the students will stand on this issue if it ever comes to a head but our question is whether or not it must. We stand firmly and almost unanimously behind the College of Forestry and the State University, but not necessarily against Syracuse. We don't think that the State University can do no wrong, but we automatically owe our loyalty to the State, since the State is the financier of our education. However, when we look at the situation, we must remember these loyalties and the fact that we do have preconditioned ideas and prejudices and other forces working on each of us. Many of us have definite ideas about Syracuse University ranging from quite favorable to a downright distaste. In the midst of all this, may we ask all of those in influential positions to consider us students. We must remember that Chancellor Tolley, the University faculty and students are first concerned with Syracuse University and owe their primary loyalty to it, while we here, from Dean Shirley on down to us, owe primary loyalty to the State University.
But, in the midst of all this, may we ask those in influential positions to really consider us since we are the benefactors of the inheritance they choose to leave.

The KNOTHOLE feels that Syracuse University's stand is wrong in many ways and that the whole deal was handled poorly. We also recognize that the State University has its own motives. However, let us really be fully mindful of the great advantages we enjoy as part of the Syracuse University family. We have many, long-term, vital, and expensive services rendered by Syracuse University and any who wish a change from the present situation should remember this.

Our position is that the State University is the rightful administrative head of our College, but due to our proximity with Syracuse University and to the many advantages accruing to it, we also feel that Syracuse should not be shrugged off. We do not feel that the Contract Bill, per se, is the best answer since, with no amendments, the State University would be shut out. (It is quite doubtful that any such bill would ever be able to get through without major amendments anyway.) We do feel that there is a satisfactory answer and also that the students might be able to help find it.

Faced with such a situation, what can we say for the future? We know that there must be a solution, that there exists some common ground for agreement unless there is something very wrong with the whole educational set-up. Starting from the basis of what is good for the student, and going through highly intelligent minds, there must be a common answer. Let's pursue this with the good sense shown last week. During the next week, the Club Cabinet is going to meet with the executives of MSG to discuss the situation. Perhaps, at some future date, we might meet with Chancellor Tolley. Perhaps.

STATUS OF THE FORESTER?

It seems evident that because of well organized logical protest, the Hughes Bill may be defeated (although no one is counting his chickens before they're hatched).

The headline article in Monday's DAILY ORANGE (among other things) presented the events that have led up to the introduction of the bill. There is no need for an analysis of this report to see that there is a confused situation. The status of the forestry student is not the objective of this controversy. A paper agreement, especially since it is not binding by law, cannot dictate a student's allegiance to an institution unless he also is amenable.

The controversy is based on confused legislation that does not define the administrative limit of power of Syracuse University and the State University over the College of Forestry. Assumption of powers by both sides (justifiable assumption because there is no definitive legislation to prove otherwise) has led to the controversy. There is a need for such a definition of powers, but it can be adequate only when it is amenable to both sides. This means conferences between members of the State U. and Syracuse - not a rash one-sided bill that is unanimously opposed by the other side. Clarification of the administrative limits of the higher echelons is the immediate point of question. The Hughes Bill is not amenable to both sides - hence a point of our opposition.

The forester's status is not the vital question at this point. However, if a situation arose where Syracuse U. was threatened, there is no reason to doubt that the forester would rally with its S.U. associate to uphold the name of Syracuse University.

It has always been accepted that we are part of the "Syracuse University Family" (you might say "A close relative") But the forester has also assumed his claim to the College of Forestry as an entity - an entity in close association with another entity.

Perhaps the student body has never been questioned before as to its status. The action on the part of the student body, provoked by the Hughes Bill, reveals its feelings. It seems to say: "A man can owe allegiance to two masters - but only when they are in harmony. The Hughes Bill does not add to this harmony. Let's return to a state of friendly association; a split can benefit no one."
THE LIFE AND LOVES OF DANNY DENDROCTONUS
AND
PANNY FRONTALIS

THIS IS YOUR FRASS!

It was love at first sight on that wonderful night.
When I wandered like a booby into your pitch tube,
That I loved you was understandable,
after I kissed your mandible.
There you sat snug in your chamber.
'Twas then I realized what I cared for.
You laid the eggs and I pushed out the frass,
Down through the tube with my declevity.
The first of our larvae was quite a fairie;
We called him Arthur, and he had bilobed tarsi.
They gave us a fright with their strange malady,
Dropping from view into a maze of hidden gallery.
We left them to their fate as they went to pupate.
Very soon, they cracked their cocoon,
And mired their way free, and flew from the tree.
Off they flew into the blue, where most of them went,
we never knew,
But we heard about three from a friendly chrysomelidae.
God bless our own little Hector,
Who's on a pin labelled "MacAndrews, Collector".
Joe was trapped by a resin flow,
And Kate was killed by arsenate.
The moral of this story I'm sure you can see,
The frass is greener on the other side of the tree.

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EMPIRE FORESTER

To deflect any further conflicts of unforeseen incidents, and to save
everyone's time, those persons interested in the 1957 E.F., drop your name
and type of work desired (editorial, literary, art, photography, business,
advertising) in the E.F. box. A meeting will then be scheduled for the
near future.

CAMERA CLUB

After a big meeting last Tuesday night with Dr. Miller, another interesting
one will be held this Tuesday night. Dr. Simone will give a "How To Do It"
session on close-up insect photography.