BARBECUE

On Wednesday, October 17th, the Annual Forestry Barbecue will be held at Green Lakes State Park, come Hell or High water! The first events will begin at 9:30 A.M. sharp!

There will be buses leaving from in front of Bray Hall at 8 & 9 A.M., for those of you who don't have private transportation. (If you need football practice or want to be sure to be on time catch the 8 o'clock express.)

The first events are the vertical chop and touch football. The other events will follow and lunch will be at noon. There will be barbecued chicken, cider, and all the trimmin's. There will be plenty of good food! Of course if you prefer dorm food-----

Men interested in taking part in events should sign up for these events. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside of the coffee shop in Marshall Hall.

Practice facilities will be available at the college soon. For more information contact your class social chairman. Senior S.C., Lester Lee; Junior S.C., Bill Austin; Sophomore S.C., Dean Phelps; Freshman S.C., Sue Penney.

The Class of '63 ran away with the Barbecue cup last year (pulling it out of the fire on the last event) and of course, expect to win this year also.

'THE NIFKIN ODDS'

Seniors --------------- even money
Juniors --------------- 5-1
Freshmen --------------- 11-1
Sophomores -------------- 13-1
Grad Students -------------- 99.44-1 (expected to scratch)

Seniors are expected to place 1st because they are the best.

Juniors will be second because they have a lot of fat guys for football and the tug-of-war.

Frosh will place third due to their good turnout and depth.
Sophomores fresh from their triumph over the Ranger School will place fourth due to over confidence.

Graduates are expected to scratch since they are all old men and many are married. If you expect to place, you had better spike your pablum and throw away your books for a day.

Advice to all: get a good night's sleep (for a change), throw away those heavy books for a few hours, be sure to practice and we'll see you at the barbecue. Social Chairmen get your men organized!

THE THIN THREAD
(on going out and coming back)

The expression, "Genius & Insanity are separated by a thin thread," forms the basis for this article. Specifically, the purpose of the following is to theorize just what this "thin thread" is. But, before going any further, it will be necessary to know what is meant by "going out".

Most college people, if not all, have at one time or other joined in a bull session. Now if the bull sessions I have participated in are at all typical, this is what usually happens. Starting with one subject you are soon into another even more involved than the first. Before long you are faced with thoughts that you can talk about, but can't really comprehend. One example which should be familiar is working up to the question of infinity, i.e., how far out does space extend? Is it terminated by a wall? If not.............. By working up to it two people can talk about things which a third party just entering could not understand. To him, they are "way out".

Again, if my sessions are at all typical, (and I know they are typical of the people I "went out" with), the overall feeling you get when you're "way out" is that nothing has very much meaning. That "nothing" includes almost everything we've ever known since we've known anything. Now, a couple of days later you innocently remark to a buddy that nothing has very much meaning. If he challenges this statement, you have a problem on your hands. Try to explain it without becoming involved -- you can't. So you get involved and you end up going "back out", and if he's with you he will see your point. Fact is, the statement will only appear rational while you are out there or while you are still suffering from the after-effects.

Considering the above, it is not difficult to conceive of two zones, an "in" zone, and an "out" zone. The "in" zone being that area which encompasses every day thought, the "out" zone that area of thought well beyond the "in" zone. In the above case, the statement "nothing has very much meaning" belongs to the "out" zone. That is as far as I am concerned, it belongs to the "out" zone, because I cannot rationalize it in the "in" zone.

With this as an example, and nothing more, we can now look into the "thin thread". The rest is very simple. Considering the fact that students can go out and come back too, think what an intellect can do. He can go out much farther, he can stay out longer, and he can really look around while he is out there. Now say that while he is "out" he looks around and sees things in such a way as he never saw them before. He hits on a tremendous idea sure to revolutionize "in" thinking. This is where the problem really begins. He brings the idea back to the "in" zone. But now, what does
he do with it? Back in the "in" zone it no longer appears logical — it just won't fit the existing scientific scheme. He has two choices. He can forget about it in the light of the "in" world or he can try to sell the idea to others.

In order to continue, we must consider the second choice. This is where the thin thread enters. This individual, by his very nature, has been able to go out so far for this idea that he cannot find anyone else who can go out that far with him and view the idea first-hand. Therefore, he must bring the idea to the people, that is, out of its natural habitat and into the "in" zone, or at least lower in the "out" zone. Simply then, if he can do this, he will be hailed as a genius, proving of course that the idea is really earth-shaking. If he tries but fails, his idea will be considered sheer lunacy. In all probability then, the frustration of not being able to rationalize the idea in the "in" zone may actually derange his mental process.

Next week: The fate of a person caught in the "out" zone.

T.D.F.

THE WOOD ENGINEERS CLUB

As the school year gains momentum and the chaos of initial school days is past, the activities of the various clubs get underway.

Many of the clubs represent student interests in the different departments of the college. The Wood Engineers Club is one of these, formed by the students of the WPE department to further their mutual professional and social interests, and to encourage a closer relationship between faculty members and students.

The Club is the sponsor of the annual Sweethearts Ball, a major highlight of the school's social calendar. Another social event of the Club is a student-faculty picnic.

The bi-monthly meetings of the Club feature wood industry leaders and businessmen as speakers. These speakers give the members glimpses of what they will be encountering when they enter the working world after graduation.

Club members are entitled to use the shop equipment to work on personal projects on certain evenings under the guidance of experienced personnel.

The Council budget, which is supported by student fees, helps finance Club activities.

All students who are enrolled, or Freshmen who are considering enrolling, in Wood Products Engineering are eligible for membership. They are cordially invited to attend the first meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 10th, (tonight) at 7:30 P.M. in Room 303 of Baker Laboratory. Members of the faculty will be present providing an opportunity for all students and faculty members to become better acquainted in an informal atmosphere. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

We would especially like to see any Freshmen who are interested in WPE. Participation in Club activities offers a chance to meet and become better acquainted with upperclassmen. The speakers and the conversation will add to, rather than detract from, scholastic efforts.

New students can also make a great contribution to the Club since they will bring
to it fresh ideas and new viewpoints. Students who join in their Freshman year are often the Club leaders in future years.

H.D.C.

FOREST ZOOLOGY CLUB

The first meeting of the Forest Zoology Club will be held Friday, October 12th, Room 222, Marshall Hall at 8:00 P.M.

Guest speaker on this occasion will be Mr. Don Steger, manager of the Cold Brook Game Farm, Homer, New York. His general topic will be the "Present and Future Status of Game Preserves".

The Forest Zoology Club is a long established organization at the college, open to both faculty and students. Its objective is to stimulate interest in the field of forest zoology and the relationships between wildlife and other land resources. Guest speakers, films, and panel discussions are the type of programs arranged to fulfill these aims.

Prospective members and anyone interested in this meeting's topic are cordially invited to attend.

J.D.Z.

Deacon Brumfield Society will meet Friday, October 12th in Room 200, Marshall Hall. All interested newcomers are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS FRESHMEN

The election of officers of the freshman class last Wednesday was probably one of the best this college has ever had. The candidates for each office had a prepared speech, either memorized or written on note cards. Each presented his or her speech in an excellent fashion. Let us hope that this new trend continues in the spring elections for next year's officers and will become a permanent part of college tradition. It is through this type of election that the best candidate can truly be chosen.

Those elected were:

President -------------- James Bennett
Vice President ----------- Michael Ford
Social Chairman --------- Susan Pennoyer
Secretary-Treasurer ------ John Yawney

Congratulations to you and your entire class!

H.W.
N.S.F. COOPERATIVE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

In order to clear up any questions in the minds of seniors and graduate students about the National Science Foundation Cooperative Graduate Fellowships, the Knothole wishes to explain more fully the facts about this program.

For three years the N.S.F. has cooperated with the College of Forestry in the selection of possible recipients of these fellowships by forwarding up to twenty names, chosen from among the applicants of this college, to the foundation. The N.S.F. then places these names with those recommended by the other cooperating colleges and universities. From this list the final selections are made.

Some pertinent facts about this program are:

1. Application must be made to the college at which you wish to attend graduate school.

2. You must be a full-time graduate student (or accepted as such prior to the beginning of the fellowship tenure) of the college through which you applied.

3. The fellowship stipend for the 12-month program is $2,900 each for single students and $3,200 for married students. These figures apply only to the College of Forestry since this school adds $500 to each of the awards. A reduced amount is offered by the N.S.F. for students participating in the 9-month program.

4. There are no obligations attached to these awards.

Competition is naturally very stiff, but the honor of winning one of these awards is therefore much more significant. Therefore, the Knothole urges all interested seniors and graduate students who are at all interested to pick up their application kits in the Graduate Office, 200 Bray Hall as soon as possible. Applications are due November 1st.

WANT-ADS

This is the place for them, except we don't have any yet. But we'll keep this space open. Just drop your wants or don't wants in the Knothole box. Remember, with a present circulation of 800, Knothole want-ads get results fast.