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LETTER TO EDITORS

I have been reading with interest the reports in the Knothole of action taken by the Student Council with respect to the problem of cheating at the College. Without commenting on the problem itself, I would like to call your attention to a hazardous course being followed by the Council as reported by D. R. on page 5 of the February 27 issue of the Knothole. I refer to the sentence, "The accused party is not to learn the identity of his accuser."

I believe that one of the prime rights everyone has is to face his accuser. If it were otherwise, each of us would be open to character assassination without the opportunity to examine the proof of the accusation and defend one's innocence. This falls in the category of the poison pen letter, the devastating effects of which are well known. I am sure that it is apparent that knowledge of an accusation for cheating cannot be confined to the accuser, the accused, and the president of the Student Council -- even one accusation would be likely to "get around".

Character assassination by accusation was practiced a very few years ago by many people. The chilling effects of the McCarthy era are a matter of history for which many are still paying a terrible price -- both accusers and accused.

I realize the difficulty of getting the honest student to report the cheater and subsequently be forced to prove his accusation. However, there are other solutions to be considered such as student proctors appointed by the Student Council, faculty proctors and perhaps other solutions.
I hope the Council will continue its efforts to find a sound solution to the problem -- but I hope, also, that, in doing so, it will not open the door to other, possibly worse evils.

E. A. Anderson, Chairman
Wood Products Engineering Department

To the Editors of THE KNOTHOLE:

I wish to extend my congratulations to the student body, and especially to Nelson Hoy, for the splendid record of blood donations on February 28. The total contributed was 193 pints. This was the highest record since some ten years ago, when we had a total of 210 pints contributed.

We all hope that no one of the 193 donors will ever be in need of blood, but the vicissitudes of life being what they are, the likelihood is strong that several will sometime be the recipients of blood. Those of us who have witnessed the remarkable recovery that takes place following operations or accidents in which blood is lost know what these contributions really mean. It always gives me a feeling of confidence when a faculty member, student, or someone else intimately associated with the College requires a substantial blood donation to know that our students and faculty have more than made up for what we require.

The fine record of blood donations set by our students is deeply appreciated by the Red Cross and is a standard for emulation by other units of the University.

Hardy L. Shirley, Dean

Annihilate Thy Neighbor

The "balance of power" is all around,
it's on the surface and underground,
This "balance of power" is simply a tool,
to tell our neighbors that we are not fools.

But what if this balance should suddenly break,
because our intelligence had made some mistake,
What would we do, and where would we go,
to avoid the horrible, horrible blow.

Perhaps in some cellar or perhaps in some cave,
realizing here that we didn't behave,
The torment, the torture of what we have done,
riddles our minds like a Gatling gun.

The "balance of power" now has suddenly changed,
it depends not on knowledge, on science or brains,
It depends on faith and faith alone,
something we forgot when we went on our own.

Now that it's ended the world leaders can see,
it was they who have truncated history,
But this "balance of power" was simply a tool,
to prove to the Maker that we are all fools.

John D. Kegg
NOTICES

The members of Wood Engineers Club would like to extend congratulations to the WFE Faculty Bowling Team on the excellent showing they made against the WFE student team.

After being beaten 9-0 the faculty came back to score 3 points in the re-match and to lose by a score of only 6-3. Good work Faculty.

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Alpha Xi Sigma will have an important meeting this Thursday, March 14th, at 7:00 P.M. in Room 126 Marshall. Membership shingles will be distributed then. All members must attend.

H. Welm

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Students --- Faculty
WOODCHOPPERS BRAWL
Sponsored by Junior Class
FRIDAY MARCH 15, 1963
the Greek "Gods of Wine" will play
8-12:00 MARSHALL LOUNGE
$1.00 Stag $1.50 Couple
--- INFORMAL ---

Bob Bathrick
President

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ZOOLOGY CLUB MEETING
Glimpses of Our Natural Wonders in 3-Dimensional Photography
By: Professor LeRoy C. Stegeman
Meeting will be in Room 222, Marshall at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, March 15

Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!
AN EXERCISE IN REASONING

(Answer to last week's problem)

Prisoner with normal vision — Prisoner A
Prisoner with one eye ——— Prisoner B
Blind prisoner ———— Prisoner C

1st Assumption — Blind prisoner has a red hat.

Then — Prisoner A saw a white hat on prisoner B and the red hat on prisoner C. He therefore couldn’t conclude the color of the hat on his head.

But prisoner B couldn’t determine the color of the hat on his head, after hearing prisoner A’s answer. Therefore, prisoner C can’t have a red hat.

Reason — Accepting the 1st assumption, and the fact that prisoner A couldn’t determine the color of the hat on his head, prisoner B would be able to deduce that the color of his hat was white. He sees the red hat on prisoner C’s head and therefore knows he can’t have a red hat, because prisoner A would then know his hat was white.

Therefore — assumption is wrong.

Then — By the same process it is shown, that if prisoner C has a white hat, no contradiction of the premises of the story is present. And by a process of elimination, prisoner C does have a white hat.

Answer — The blind prisoner has a white hat and realizes this when prisoner B answers.

D. R.

New Advances in Science — Part II
(From the files of a Georgia Court College biology major)

1. Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, veins, and caterpillars.
2. If conditions aren’t favorable, bacteria go into a period of adolescence.
3. Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.
4. Vegetative propagation is a process by which one individual manufactures another individual by accident.
5. The hydra gets its food by descending upon its prey and pushing it into its mouth with its testacles.
6. The cerebrum is a cavity in the head.
7. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote Organ of the Species.
8. A thermometer is an instrument for raising temperance.
9. A litre is a nest of young baby animals.
New Advances in Science - Part II. Cont'd.

10. The process of turning steam into water again is called conversation.

JUST THE FACTS, MAN

In the February 13, 1963 issue of The Knothole there appeared the first of a series of articles dealing with the subject of personal integrity existant among our student body. At that time I proposed a system whereby the honest student would have Student Council support in curbing the actions of his weaker contemporaries. Subsequent articles have both criticized and supported various aspects of the system outlined in the original. The Student Council also has discussed this plan as well as other ways to deal with the problem of cheating. On February 18, 1963, the Student Council passed a resolution to adopt the system of curbing cheating as outlined in the February 13, 1963 Knothole, this to be subject to future refinements and modifications.

Last week an excellent article appeared in The Knothole dealing with the legal aspects of the resolution passed by the Student Council. In this article, Paul Sarver brought forth the argument that the accused should have the right to meet his accuser. I am quite aware of the fact that this is a big weakness in the plan which I have proposed. However, I tried to compensate for the possible mis-trial of an individual by requiring that a person's name appear twice "in the little black book" before action would be taken. Although no time period was specifically stated here, I meant that this would be for a one year period - not a 4 year period.

The big weakness in Paul's article last week is that he was mis-informed on some aspects of the Student Council's action. In the future, I suggest that anyone writing such an article either attend the Student Council meeting when the subject is discussed or ask the Student Council president for details. The segments of Paul's remarks that I would challenge are:

1) Nothing specifically was stated about keeping a record of an individual's offenses over a 4 year period. This fact was wrongly stated in the February 27, 1963 Knothole. This is one of the aspects of the plan which the Student Council will have to clarify through future action.

2) Nothing was specifically stated in my original article or at the Student Council that "the accused party is not to learn the identity of his accuser." This aspect of the Student Council resolution reads: "Or, anyone seeing another cheating, report the incident to the class president who will then inform the accused individual that he is suspected of cheating. This will be done as a part of the president's duties of office. In this way personal embarrassment will be minimized."

This is one segment of the original system that it will be necessary for the Student Council to state specifically through future amendments to the original motion.

3) Nothing was said in my article or in the S.C. resolution about the establishment of a student court. This seems to be a figment of Paul's imagination. I am well aware that the establishment of a student court would require a constitutional amendment. That is why nothing was stated concerning this. My own thoughts are that student courts are not worth their salt. My own suggestion concerning this aspect of the problem is for the S.C. to submit the names of offending students to the Dean of Students office where a
committee of faculty members will act on such cases. However, this is another part of the original motion that will have to be modified by S.C. action in the future.

4) As far as I can see, nothing is unconstitutional in the motion passed by the Student Council.

As a representative of the Student Council I welcome all suggestions that anyone may have concerning possible modifications of the motion passed at the February 18th S.C. meeting. I also welcome any and all interested students to attend S.C. meetings. These are held every Monday at 4:30 P.M. in 127 Marshall Hall.

Terry L. Amburgey
President, Student Council

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SUMMARY OF "Revised Policy on Tuition and Fees" A Report by The Board of Trustees

The Trustees have devoted long hours of study to the total problem of how to best develop the resources of the University to provide low cost educational opportunities for thousands of qualified young men and women of the State.

Two fundamental considerations, while seemingly separable, are in fact directly related. The University MUST virtually treble its capacity over the next seven years if it is to meet its share of the total obligation to provide educational opportunity for our qualified young people. In turn, this means that the Trustees must exercise their responsibility to face fully and realistically the massive problems of finance which are inherent in development of this magnitude.

The Trustees are convinced that the continued development of the University must be related to a sound tuition and fee policy and they further are determined that the uniform policy outlined in this report is not only in keeping with the principal of low-cost opportunities but overwhelmingly in the balanced best interests of State University of New York and the citizens it serves....parents, students, and taxpayers.

OBJECTIVES:

a. A schedule of charges which would be consistent and equitable;

b. Place all charges on a level consistent with the University's commitment to low-cost educational opportunities;

c. Contribute meaningfully to the fiscal base necessary to the planned expansion of the University and to its qualitative improvement;

d. Should make provisions for some form of scholarships for those students who lacking such aid, would be denied educational opportunity on the artificial grounds of financial disability.

From this revised policy a new schedule of fees was set up which will come into affect in the Fall of 1963. At the College of Forestry, this means in simplest figures that each New York State Resident will be paying a total of $435.00 per school year ($100.00 advanced payment this spring, $167.50 next fall, and another $167.50 at the beginning of second semester), while out-of-state students will pay $635.00 per year.

For reason of giving no mis-interpretations of the Policy set forth by the Board
of Trustees the summary of this report is written in the exact language of the text.

Material on the Various Scholarship Programs is not available in enough detail as of this date to warrant any definite information. As information becomes available it will be passed on immediately.

Robert F. Bristol
Vice-President of Senior Class
Chairman, Tuition Committee

MEMO: To G.F. students, (particularly Seniors) and faculty, (particularly in Management, Silviculture, and Economics) who can't see the forest for the trees.

M = Management exists to prescribe operational constraints and goals.

S = Silviculture exists to establish alternatives within these constraints.

E = Economics exists to choose the optimum alternative to reach the goals.

Operation = \( f'(M,S,E) \)

Forestry = \( \sum_{x} f'(M,S,E) \)

"Don Quixote"

INTRAMURALS

The schedule for the Intramural Basketball League is as follows:

Wednesday, March 13 ---------------- Seniors vs. Juniors
Thursday, March 14 ------------------- Sophomores vs. Seller Dwellers
Friday, March 15 --------------------- Sophomores vs. Freshmen
Monday, March 18 --------------------- Freshmen vs. Intellects
Tuesday, March 19 --------------------- Juniors vs. Seller Dwellers
Wednesday, March 20 ------------------- Seniors vs. Sophomores

All games begin at 5:45 P.M.

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*Outcome of Freshmen vs. Seller Dwellers game omitted since the winner of the game was not known at the time this paper went to press.
FOR SALE


If interested, call: George Shook, Sadler Dorm, Room 403, Ext. 2929, 2928 or GR 8-9651.

(Selected from The Poems of Robert Frost)

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Blackfoot Chief - Crofoot - 1890

What is life? It is a flash of a firefly
in the night. It is a breath of a buffalo in
the wintertime. It is as the little shadow that
runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset.