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PROSPECTUS

It is customary at this time in the academic year that the new editors assume the responsibilities of producing The Knothole. With a deep sense of gratitude, we thank the editors of this past year's Knothole for the fine job they have done.

The basic purpose of The Knothole this year, as in previous years, is to give the students a medium of expression, and to present news which is of direct concern to the student body. Because this paper belongs to each and every member of this college, it is each person's right to contribute and have printed anything he desires.

At this time, we, the new editors, would like to state certain policies concerning the production of this paper. All articles, announcements, poems, etc., must be in The Knothole mailbox in Marshall Lounge by 8:45 A.M. Monday morning, so that there will be sufficient time to prepare The Knothole for distribution after convocation each week. All contributions must be signed. We assume that if the writer of an article is not proud enough to take credit for what he has written, then the members of the College of Forestry would not be proud to have it presented in their newspaper.

At the risk of being repetitious, we would again remind you that this is your paper -- use it.

The Editors
"A WORD TO THE WISE..."

I have been a G.F. Land Manager for three and one-half years now and am presently taking a course which is supposed to summarize all the knowledge we have accumulated by putting it into a forestry practice which is ill-defined and only words on paper. Right now I am of the opinion that the many credit hours I have taken pertaining to this curriculum major are almost a complete waste.

Since forestry is basically an art, and an art is based on the imagination and capabilities of the individual, very little education is needed and only with a good deal of experience will forestry make any sense. If one would fully understand forestry with regard to management, economics, silviculture and all the other variables you would probably be one of the most frustrated men in the United States. Why? The answer is simple -- if you grow the trees too fast the only thing they are good for is pulp which is a low value product. If you grow them too slow you can't afford to manage them; and if you grow them just right you hope that fire, disease, insects, industry and people don't incapacitate them in the next 120 years which is very, very unlikely.

But Joe Dokes still insists on Forest Land Management as a major and when he is a senior they give him a list of wages he can expect from the Federal government, where incidently, is the only place he can hope to find work. After four years of college you are labelled a G.S. 5 which is about $4,800/annum in parts unknown. 

What I am suggesting to you budding foresters is to specialize before it's too late. In this age of technology one cannot be a "Jack of All Trades". The other four curriculums are specialized fields. The General Forestry curriculum has various specialized fields which include Measurements, Botany, Zoology, Entomology, etc. This will not only mean higher salaries but also a better knowledge of where you are heading. But for those individuals who don't know which end is up, Forest Land Management would be ideal.

Disappointed Senior

GALLON CLUB MEMBERS

The Red Cross last week recognized seven student and staff members for their accumulative donation of fifty-six pints of blood while attending our College. Each man received a one gallon donor pin and certificate as a memento for unselfish help to the sick and injured of Onondaga County.

Terry Amburgey Mike Larsen John Locke Norman Richards
Fred Robinson Charles Schwarz Douglas Simmons

Nelson Hoy Blood Drive Chairman

NAVY OFFICER TEAM TO VISIT COLLEGE OF FORESTRY

On 22 April 1963 the Navy Officer Information Team from the Buffalo Navy Recruiting Station will be at our College for the express purpose of explaining to interested Senior students the opportunity available as a Commissioned Naval Officer. They will
be in Marshall Auditorium.

This information team will have the full particulars on Officer Candidate School, Navy Nurse Corps, Aviation Officer Candidate Programs, (Navigator, Aviation Observer, Aviation Ground), Medical, Dental, Staff, Supply and others. Qualifications differ for the various programs and this visit will afford the student the opportunity to determine which program they are best suited for.

Applications can be made for the majority of Navy Officer Programs before the student graduates from college. There are two reasons for this - by applying early the student can determine if he is selected before he graduates to facilitate his post college planning and also by making application early he can select the Officer Candidate Class of his choice and therefore cause no undue delay in serving his military obligation.
STATE UNIVERSITY TUITION FOR UNDERGRADUATES

As you know from earlier announcements the new uniform tuition of $400 per year for New York State residents and $600 per year for nonresidents goes into effect in September, 1963.

However, under the State Scholarship Incentive Program (SIP) and the State University's Grant-in-Aid Plan (SUNY), qualified residents may receive direct financial aid in meeting this tuition cost, ranging from $100 to $400 according to their families' net taxable income.

How application is made for these financial aids:

On May 1, students who hold a Regents Scholarship will receive an application by mail direct from Albany.
NEW ADVANCES IN SCIENCE - PART III

(From the Files of a Georgian Court College Biology Major)

1. The earth makes a resolution every 24 hours.
2. The cuckoo does not lay its own eggs.
3. Typhoid fever may be prevented by fascination.
4. Algebraical symbols are used when you don't know what you are talking about.
5. An example of animal breeding is the farmer who mated a bull that gave a great deal of milk with a bull with good meat.
6. To remove dust from the eye; pull the eye over the nose.
7. For head colds; use an agonizer to spray nose until it drops into your throat.
8. For nose bleed; place the nose lower than the body.
9. For fainting; rub the person's chest, or if a lady, rub her arm above the head.
10. For fractures; to see if the limb is broken, wiggle it gently back and forth.

Contributions from Moosewood's Notebook

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"Genius rearranges old materials in a way never seen on earth before"

In "The War Lover" by John Hershey

Man is middle-sized as far as the universe is concerned. According to Sir Arthur Eddington, about $10^{27}$ atoms build a man, and about $10^{28}$ human bodies would build a star! (a small one no doubt)

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Any currently enrolled student who does not intend to register for the following semester must notify the Office of Student Services in writing before the end of the semester in which he is enrolled.

If he fails to give such notification, he will not be eligible to receive a refund on his advance payment.

Forms for such a notification are on file in Room 107.

THE FLAWS IN STATE PLANNING

"Someone received a new apartment. With a big smile he went to a furniture store, but..." Thus begin many articles about the furniture problem in Soviet newspapers and magazines. What follows the "but" is well known, for good furniture is practically absent from our stores.

We are building many new one or two-room apartments. Space is limited and the customers want light, modern furniture. But the factories refuse to produce it. For over 12 years Moscow Furniture Factory No. 2 has been producing a medium tank which is some how called an armchair-bed. The other Moscow factory, Lira, has been producing for 15 years a table on which two helicopters can land easily.

Nobody wants to buy ugly and clumsy tables, armchairs and double beds. However, the factories stubbornly continue to produce these monsters. Why? Because
their state-set production goals are calculated in weight of furniture, and it is obviously much easier to fulfill the plan by producing heavy pieces of furniture than by producing light, modern furniture.

O. K. Antonov

H. C.

RETAIIATION

In 1940, the Washington Redskins won the Eastern Conference championship while the Chicago Bears copped the Western Conference title. The two teams were to meet in Washington to determine the professional football championship.

The Redskins had beaten the Bears 7-3 in a recent game in Chicago and were two to one favorites. Some of the Redskin players were bragging about their record and were making statements about the feebleness of the Bears.

Needless to say, the Bears became angry and angry men often do angry things. To win was not enough for these Mid-Western giants as they scored touchdown after touchdown and took the championship with a score of 73-0, thus giving the Redskins the worst drubbing ever received by a professional team.

A parallel event was staged in campus sports recently. The scene of this latter upset was the Drumlin's Bowling Alleys. The WFE Faculty team scored a smashing victory over the previously jubilant, twice-victorious students. Yes, the Faculty team turned into "Five Angry Men" as they crushed the students 9-0.

As the Redskins and other men of sports have learned, it's not smart to rile the underdog.

H. C.

AN OUTLOOK IN FORESTRY

Among a large number of students at this College there is an attitude of apathy and pessimism concerning the profession of forestry. They consider this feeling to be the realistic point of view. I cannot help but wonder why these students are here. Perhaps they do not understand what forestry really is. I do not mean the definitions in the books, but actually what the graduate forester does in real life. There are opportunities and positions in the field of forestry that you don't even know exist. When you say that you can only work for the government or private industry after you graduate, you think the opportunities are limited. I have often heard the statement, "I didn't go to school for four years to cruise timber." But just stop and think what is included in the phrase "work for".

For you students who can't see anything worthwhile in forestry, here is a real life story.

Silas was a student at the College of Forestry and he just plain hated forestry. One day during convo he had a dream. He would start the "I am Sick and Tired of Forestry Club". Members would shun all things related to forestry.
Silas woke up and started to think; the seat he was sitting in was made of wood, as is most furniture. From now on he could only sit in metal chairs. He realized his books were of paper, made from wood pulp. Besides giving up reading he would also have to give up his girl, because he could not use paper to write to her. He was happy about one thing though, the club could go back to the good old days and write its by-laws on clay tablets.

Silas left the convo and his books and walked over to his fraternity house, but alas he could not enter; it was built of lumber, the greatest use of wood. Sadly he ate his lunch on the lawn, determined to carry on even if he could not have maple syrup on his pancakes. (Pancakes are a frequent fraternity lunch.)

That afternoon things went from bad to worse for Silas, no one wanted to join his club. Why Silas even tried to call his girl to get her to join, but after he dialed he had to hang up; telephone poles are made of wood. (It wouldn't have done any good anyway, her father was district ranger.)

Silas really hated forestry now. He could no longer hunt, fish or camp for these things are forest recreation. His favorite sports, bowling, cards, and baseball were taboo as well.

Then it happened, one of those inexplicable occurrences, part of Silas's brain ceased to function correctly and for the protection of our national forests he had to be put in an institution.

It would be interesting to find out the true unbiased situation in forestry careers. This applies to all the fields taught at this school. After all, perhaps there are good reasons for an apathetic and pessimistic outlook.

Geoffrey Laidman