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POLICY

At this, the beginning of a new term, we the editors of the "Knothole" would like to state certain policies pertaining to the production of this newspaper. To begin with, this is your paper -- use it. Each and every member of the College of Forestry - undergraduate, graduate, and faculty member - has the right to have printed any article, announcement, story, poem, etc. that he or she deems to be of interest or importance to the remainder of the College community.

To insure sufficient time for the preparation of the paper, all contributions must be in the "Knothole" mailbox in the student lounge by 8:45 A.M. Monday morning. The paper will be distributed each week following convocation.

The policy concerning signing of articles contributed to the paper is a problem which perplexes the "Knothole" staff each year. The policy this year will be as follows. Each article submitted for printing must be signed by the contributor; however, at the request of the contributor, his name will be withheld from print. This may be accomplished by putting the words "withhold name" in parenthesis after your (the author's) name.

Let us again emphasize that this is your paper. Any stand you wish to take or comment you care to express concerning issues pertaining to the College of Forestry and its faculty and students, or about the profession of forestry in general, will gladly be printed.

The Editors
One hundred years ago, in a Swedish town, the office of Burgomaster was filled so: the candidates sat around a table with their long beards spread out toward the center. A louse was placed in the center of the table. He selected the Burgomaster! The method was quiet, quick and unquestioned.

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OCTOBER 12th — "THE BIG BLOW"

In Oregon and Washington as well as in the rest of the U.S., October 12th is known as Columbus Day. But in these two very special states this same date has taken another significance. October 12th, 1962 was the date of "The Big Blow". In one twenty-four hour period, between ten and twelve billion board feet of timber was blown down along with thousands of ornamentals and shade trees. Towns along the coast and throughout the Willamette Valley were without electricity and suffered thousands of dollars of damages.

It was called a freak of nature but one that was to play havoc with the lumber industry. Crash programs were initiated to salvage this timber by June 1964 to curb possible Ambrosia and Dendroctonus epidemics. Sustained yield programs, especially by the BLM, were forgotten as sale after sale of already felled trees were initiated. Fire crews were increased because of the extra available fuel from dried foliage should a fire start.

The total damage done cannot be calculated and much more damage may yet be coming as a result of it. A state such as Oregon which has 37% of its economy based on the lumber industry is bound to suffer an aftermath. A few questions yet to be answered are: Will the insect epidemic be stopped? How long will it take to return to sustained yield programs? And most important, how will the flood of the Douglas fir on the market affect lumber prices?

October 12th will be a well remembered date in the history of lumbermen throughout Oregon and Washington.

Robert Bathrick

Ed. Note — During this past summer, many students were employed in forestry, forest products utilization and research, and related fields. These experiences can be very interesting and educational to other students. Contributions of articles by students concerning their summer work in these fields would, we feel, be well received by the remainder of the student body.

FOREST ZOOLOGY CLUB

First meeting of the Forest Zoology Club will be on Friday, Sept. 27 at 8:00 PM in Room 222, Marshall Hall.

Prof. Ralph T. King, Chairman of the Zoology Department at the College of Forestry, will present a program on the "History and Development of the Wildlife Profession". A question and answer discussion will follow.

Freshmen, former members, and anyone interested in wildlife are invited to attend. Refreshments served afterwards.

Les Monostory, President