TO THE EDITORS:

In the following paragraphs, I offer some comments on taking exams.

Comment No. 1. Cribbing and other forms of cheating in college develop men who are liable to falsify important observations and data later in their professional life. I know of a case where this happened. A graduate forester employed to read weather instruments had to walk a half mile five times a day to the instruments. After several weeks he got tired of this, and thereafter made up plausible readings. Apprehended, he was discharged and is no longer known in Forestry. It is the business of our faculty and students to see that people who are basically dishonest do not graduate from this College. The immoral ones may be re-directed, the unmoral ones are hopeless. They are tone deaf and cannot hear the musical overtones of a new and great profession in time and space. How shall we find and eliminate these few before they degrade the profession?

Comment No. 2. The physical arrangements of seating, and the attitude of proctors should be such that "collaboration" is difficult. Years ago, in a certain final in Wood Technology, at least one "Student" had come prepared to crib. When all were seated in the auditorium in Marshall, this student sized up the proctor situation. It seemed that where ever he looked there was a faculty member or grad student. There were five of them slowly moving about. He glanced up at the balcony. Another was there looking down! He was heard to murmur almost in admiration, "J-C, there are six of them!" He wrote an honest exam.

W. M. Harlow '25
One of the astronauts commenting on the advantage of shooting humans into outer space, said: - "Nowhere else could you find a device capable of performing infinite observations and calculations in a very short time, that weighed less than 160 pounds, and could be mass produced by unskilled labor."

FRESHMAN BOOKSTORE

Early October, our freshman president proposed a "freshman bookstore" because of Syracuse University Book Store's exhorbitant prices. This "freshman bookstore" would buy back used books at a higher price and sell texts at a lower cost earning a small profit.

This proposed bookstore was accepted by the Frosh class overwhelmingly and we anxiously awaited its opening, (announced mid-November), for the spring semester. A few days ago I and other members of our class were once again purchasing our textbooks at the Syracuse University Book Store.

What happened? Did complications arise? Weren't there enough volunteers to help out? If not, why weren't some industrious workers from our class drafted to help out? Or did the book publishers fail to fill the orders? There is an old saying which applies to the proposed "freshman bookstore": "see is believing!".

I would now like to make a proposal which I would earnestly work for: why not open a Syracuse University College of Forestry Bookstore? This store may be run by the student government with representatives from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior class working in the store. This way not only Freshmen, but Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors may benefit from this "thrift store". I'm sure some upperclassmen living on their own wouldn't mind saving money too. The opening of this store would be a great service to us foresters.

Oh yes, our Freshman class should also plan our big affair during a fraternity spring weekend. That way it would be very successful.

Joel Stander
"Class of '67"

SECOND SEMESTER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Sophomores vs. Kappa Phi Delta ....................... Thurs. 2/13
Juniors vs. Married Students ........................ Fri. 2/14
Freshmen vs. Kappa Phi Delta ....................... Tues. 2/18
Sophomores vs. Married Students ..................... Thurs. 2/20
Juniors vs. Apricots ............................... Fri. 2/21
After listening to a statement by former council president Terry Amburgey and hearing a report concerning the poll taken in a recent issue of the "Knothole", the forestry student council voted unanimously to have the following statement submitted to the "Knothole" for publication. Let's hope a word to the wise will be sufficient - R. K.

Dear Editors:

The following motion was unanimously approved by the student council on 16 December 1963:

"In previous years our student lounge has been closed because students had seen fit to use it as a site for public display of affection. The student council had to fight for two years in order to have it reopened. Recently, several of our students have found the lounge a very convenient place to engage in similar activities. With full respect of the student body in consideration, we ask that any student who may be involved to re-evaluate his position: the lounge is widely used for legitimate purposes and we feel that it would be a serious blow to our College if its use was denied to the entire student body due to the actions of a few individuals."

Jesse Dubin
Secretary

VOX SILVAE 4-4 AT ITHACA COLLEGE

Last weekend, Vox Silvae, the College of Forestry's debate team, entered into intercollegiate competition for the first time this semester. Some schools attending were: Rochester Institute of Technology, Canisius College, D' Youville, Niagara, Colgate, New Paltz and Oswego.

The four membered squad, coached by Mr. Richard (Dick) Lalor, matched intellects against some of the finest teams in the tournament. The Affirmative team consisting of Frank Estigo and Tom Sands, lost the first round by a single point, but out talked two females from New Paltz to take the second round. Estigo, the only freshman on
the squad, showed improvement over last semester, and is eagerly awaiting the Buffalo
tournament this weekend.

The Negative Team, manned by two sophs, Rusty Bryant and John Doane, lost to
the third place team, Niagara, but scored victories over second place Colgate,
Oswego and Harpur.

The Champ of the tournament was Canisius, with an 8-0 record. In second place
was Colgate with a 5 win - 3 loss record. Thus, with a 4-4 record, Forestry did
not make a bad showing.

Since losing the right to a $1 per meal allotment, we have found debating a
very expensive luxury. However, other schools have stopped asking, "Who the hell
is Forestry?" and started to ask, "What makes woodchoppers come out for debate?".

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UPPERCLASSMEN!

Senior Rings are now available. Anyone interested in purchasing one should
see their respective class president. For example, see Dieter Gruenwaldt in the
Senior Landscape Architectural Lab, (3rd floor Marshall) any afternoon between
1 - 5 P.M. Inscriptions on rings can be adjusted to suit individual preferences.
Prices from $25 to $65.

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NIFKIN

Writing on the history of our College, Dean Crossman has spoken of Eustace B.
Nifkin, the ubiquitous legendary figure, as "living proof - he does seem alive at
times - of constancy in student wit and imagination. For years he has been a
simple but colorful personification of the students' high spirits." Crossman
also states in the same article that Nifkin "has been known for years as our
patron saint."

Unfortunately some person or persons have assaulted our vibrant symbol and
I feel compelled to arise to his defense. Nifkin's name was recently entered on
the subscription rolls of a number of well-known magazines. Apparently the
culprit(s) who performed this dastardly deed had neither the intention to pay
for the merchandise nor any degree of respect for his fellow students or staff
members of the College. For certainly Eustace B. Nifkin holds meaning for each
of us who are connected with the College. And the subscription to merchandise
in his name with no honorable intention of compensation to its distributor is a
direct attack on the dignity of all of us who recognize Mr. Nifkin. I rise to
arms against this attack and I vigorously oppose you.

It should also be remembered that anyone who would, for his own personal
satisfaction, remove from the mailboxes a magazine addressed to Nifkin commits
no less than a federal offense and his position is no different than that of the
person who originated the subscription.

Shame on you all ......

James M. Colby
The Robin Hood Library has been taking on a new face in preparation for its relocation in the new building to appear on our campus in the near future. Many new books of general interest in such fields as Philosophy, Literature, Science - both political and pure, as well as novels on the current best seller lists are already present or soon to be added. The Robin Hood Leisure Reading Room in the new library will contain 2,000 volumes, offering the student a place for his relaxed reading. The collection is growing through acquisition by the Forestry Library staff. Please take the time to see what's on our shelves. We can promise you that you won't be sorry.

This Week's Book

Winter of Our Discontent .................... by John Steinbeck

Based on the theme of Current Day Professional Ethics, "Winter of Our Discontent" uniquely describes the pressures and effects of business and family upon a poor and honest grocery clerk in a quaint New England village by the sea. It's timely theme and moving climax make "Winter of Our Discontent" a book you will long remember.

Other Good Books:

The Mechanics of Judo .................... Robert G. Blanchard
Magic Mountain ............................ Thomas Mann
Nature of Communism ........................ Scott F. Fitzgerald
Tender is the Night ........................ John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Strategy of Peace .......................... John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Four Days

until the

SWEETHEART'S BALL

Next Saturday evening,

February 15

at

Drumlin's Country Club

music provided from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M.

by Lou DeSantis and his orchestra

tickets are $3.00 per couple

and can be obtained from any Wood Engineers Club member

or

they can be purchased next week in Marshall Lounge

As in past years, our goal is that of providing a delightful evening with the best in entertainment and atmosphere. We offer this at a most reasonable cost to
you, our fellow students, and hope only to meet expenses. This semi-formal dance is the major highlight of our College social calendar and is held in high regard on our campus. It also receives city-wide publicity on television and in the newspapers. Those attending for the first time will find it an exciting affair and they will not want to miss it in the future. For those lacking transportation, the Drumlins bus, stopping at Sims Hall, will take you directly to the door. Plan to attend, you'll have a great time and will see all your friends there.

TO THE STUDENTS:

In the spring of last year, it became apparent to many of us that the appearance of our Student Lounge was somewhat below the standards which should be anticipated in a school of such noted quality as ours. Of particular notice were: the four-color paint condition which had obviously passed into "old-age" a number of years ago; the dilapidated furniture; the tattered drapes, which had waged a valiant but futile campaign with the radiators; and the somewhat sub-par lighting conditions.

In order to initiate improvements of these matters, the student council established a committee to investigate the various alternative courses of action which might be taken by the student body. This committee felt that the lounge should receive a paint renewal first and that betterment of the other conditions would necessarily have to follow this first step as they would be somewhat dependent upon the results of a paint application.

In pursuit of this first step, I visited the business director of our College, Mr. Haines. It was my hope that, through him, we might be able to persuade the College that the lounge conditions which are provided to the student does, in effect, exert an influence upon his attitude toward his College and thereby also influence the development of his character and his mental abilities. In other words, I felt that it was the responsibility of the State University College of Forestry to provide its students with a lounge of such standards as to match those attached to its classrooms and laboratories.

The response which I received from Mr. Haines was that the College was prepared to supply the required paint for our lounge and equipment for 6-8 people. From my discussions with you, my fellow students, it has become obvious to me that there are many more than 8 students who would be willing to participate in an activity of this nature; finding the necessary manpower is quite easy. However, I feel that it would be an illogical arrangement and unfair to those students who would participate and to those who could not. Indeed, one problem might be the determination of which 8 students should be involved. Furthermore, if someone fell from a ladder and was injured while serving his classmates, it would be totally unexplainable. I cannot reason how the students can be expected to perform this task.

For many weeks, I have searched for a definite plan whereby this job might be completed without difficulty. I have not found that plan and it is because of this that I am herein presenting you with the conditions as they now exist. Any comments or suggestions which you might have will be appreciated.

Remember, our College is growing only as a result of the demands which you and I and future students create.

J. M. C.
Senior Senator