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Dear Editors:

Recently I picked up a copy of the "Knothole". I read of several ideas put forth by the editors of the aforementioned worthy script. One idea concerned apathy, and student comment was requested.

I read that many "forestry" students apparently do not care if they are called by any of several rather undesirable names. One of which is that somewhat loathsome term "stumpy". This I think is a good reflection upon the students themselves. The students may not mind what they are called simply because they are that which they are called.

It is of my opinion that our College is a good example of a "don't-rock-the-boat-until-I-get-off" school, deeply steeped in politics. This may be because of several reasons:

1. It is a small school.
2. It is a forestry school run by a state with a very controversial forestry subject at hand, namely the battle of the preservationist.
3. The school is state run and thereby relies (I believe) little on parental donations; for this reason student opinion, when it does exist, matters not.

I believe that the school should offer some definite statements reflecting on several ideas in order to help students. For example, I'd like to hear something on
these things:

1. Just what is today's status for land managers; is the business really booming?
2. How about wildlife managers; is business here reaching new heights too?
3. How about forest engineering; many opinions are floating around about this hot potato.

How about the lack of concern shown by the school's administrators and faculty? For instance:

1. At last year's Penn State-W. Va.-Syracuse field meet (which we won by a good margin) I don't remember seeing any of the "top brass" from our school. Some of us even got filmed for television usage. It was an important event.
2. At last summer's Ranger School-Camp meet I remember seeing only two faculty members from Syracuse.

On the subject of course material in our school I offer the following ideas:

Since a few of the students plan on working around people, I'd certainly like to see the school adopt a more favorable attitude towards such way out courses as philosophy, psychology, history, languages, and political science.

Do we really need so much biological science and so little to do with humanities?

Here I'd like to forget the rumors dealing with the course offering decisions in our College. I visualize an academically stimulating, modern, and mature outlook by a school which wishes to offer its students freedom of choice and thought, and an invigorating curriculum tuned to the modern needs of our society. I am not concerned here with the oppositions to change which are so readily visible in the school; I think of an up-to-date educational institution in constant search for self-improvement.

If all the sciences must be kept, for some logical reason, then a five year curriculum should be declared with a good sprinkling of humanities included. I don't think that it is beyond all doubt that many of today's "foresters" feel themselves limited by their scanty (if any at all) training in working with people.

I think, just as forestry, as such, is limited by its own people, a college is limited by its student production, WHICH IN ITSELF is limited by the rulings of the administration. When a college thinks its students apathetic, which they probably are, the college should look at itself. The school forms the maturing student just as the shoe guides the growing foot. As the foot exerts growing pains, so must an alert and active student body press for academic freedom. In our case the student body, perhaps suppressed too long, has become a stagnant, and, very apathetic fungus.

(Subsequent Litigation)

Plaintiff
1. You don't know what in hell you're talking about.

Defendant
1. Well, in this age of war, peace, poverty, affluence, crime, and dis-satisfied students, does anyone KNOW what the hell he's talking about.
To the editors of the KNOTHOLE"

This is Thursday, March 11 in the afternoon, and I have just promised a Senior student that I would add something to the up-coming issue of the KNOTHOLE, partly because of an invitation of the KNOTHOLE editors for contributions from the faculty, and partly because I have great regard for the place that forestry students have in building - (even while in College, yes, - including all the Freshmen) - "The Public Image of the Professional Forester."

The above was the title of my talk resulting from an invitation of Dr. Farnsworth to participate in his G.F. 195 series - "Men in Forestry." Here is a short section from the talk:

"All right, let's take an article occurring November 1, 1963 in Hi Lead, forestry publication of the Oregon State University College of Forestry in Corvallis. It has an item called "The Forestry Image," based on a talk by Mr. Charles Gill, past mayor of Grant's Pass, Oregon, presented to the Siskiyou Chapter of the Society of American Foresters. Mr. Gill simply stopped people and asked "What is a Forester?" The replies fall into two categories - social and occupational.

In the social category the impression of a forester was that he seldom wore ties. He was quiet - not vociferous, unless talking about forestry. He was the manly outdoor type. Most of them smoke pipes. The forester's color is green and he is not too interested in outside activities. So much for the social category.

In the occupational category, statements obtained on the street presented this image - 1. He has a direct relationship with Smokey Bear. 2. Usually owns a sawmill. 3. He has to do with sick trees - actually a tree doctor or surgeon. 4. He is a bureaucratic governmental employee - more so than any other branch of government. 5. He cruises timber - couldn't tell what a timber cruiser did, but thought he counted trees. 6. From a logger - he waits until you get your roads built or culverts in, then tells you to move them. His main job is to hamper industry. 7. He flies in, flies over, or walks through forests, sometimes for days, but it is difficult to determine why. 8. From an insurance agent - he makes about $800 a month and is a good risk.

Curious about this Mr. Gill, I wrote to him. I learned that he is now Commissioner of the State Industrial Accident Commission of the State of Oregon at Salem. In his reply regarding further comments on the image of the forester he writes in part: "They
seem to have an uncommon dislike for a white shirt, tie and suit. This seems to stem from their environment and originates at the college level. Not that they're sloppy particularly, but just common. And there isn't really anything wrong with being common, except you tend to lose your identity."

Under how to remedy he comments: "This comes down to a need to communicate with the outside world; to acquire outgoing personalities; to dress in such a way on social occasions that will allow you entry to places other than the corner tavern."

Will be back next week with another section of "The Public Image of the Professional Forester."

Floyd E. Carlson

ANNUAL TRI-STATE FIELD DAY

The annual field day with Penn State and West Virginia forestry schools will be held this year at Penn State on April 24th. Rules and sign-up sheets for the several events are posted on the bulletin board outside Marshall Lounge. Student automobiles will be required for Saturday practice sessions that will soon be set up. Direct any questions to Doug Kapple or Dave Hulse.

Let's show 'em again this year who is best!

PLEASE FIRE - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
SO WE CAN

Notify everyone a week in advance, via "Inside Forestry". Secondly, GET THE ALARM SYSTEM WORKING.

The Students of Marshall Hall

TO A LOUSE
(an apology)

Truth will out, and I must admit
That Smyk's wry comment hurt me a bit
Yet soon I saw the truth in it all
And realized his rebuke was a holy call
To get scientific, cease being such a boor
For as he would say, "What me, manual labor?"
To work is only crass, to think is truly great
My thinking studies I must escalate
Yes, indeed, I am but a poor Stumpy Clod
I must pray for Forgiveness, from Smyk and God

m.g., one of the poor s.c.'s
Dear M.G.

Your poetics are humorous, witty, and apparently sincere. However, I don't understand the motive of your sincerity. You contend that you are stigmatized by being labeled a "Stumpy-Clod". Yet, you classify yourself as a member of this disreputable group.

I think, perhaps, that Mr. Smyk's comments have been somewhat misconstrued. The purpose of instituting such a term as S.C. was to make students more aware of some of their ill-found habits. The student body seems to have responded favorably to Mr. Smyk's constructive criticisms through comments in prose, editorial cartoons - back page of March 3rd "Knothole", etc. This student reaction seems indicative of the recession of stumpy-clodishness to the kinds of back-woods foresters of the past.

The Editors

NOTICE

Serious concern over the state and fate of student extracurricular activities has recently been expressed by a few Foresters. It is asked: What can be done to re-invigorate student interest in College of Forestry activities? It is also asked: Why should anything be done?

These and other more specific questions of pertinence will be the subject of an open discussion this Friday night. It should be emphasized that the discussion is completely open: all students and faculty are invited; no decisions as to the ultimate objectives of the group have been made; decisions as to any possible future action will be left to a vote of the people participating. The only noteworthy fact in this regard is that there do seem to be students who genuinely believe that something should be done by the students themselves -- not the administration or "student" government -- and that some organization may be needed to put this idea into action. In the hope that more than just a few feel this way, this meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for the formation of the necessary "machinery of action".

When: -------- Friday, March 19, 8:00 P.M.
Where: ------- Marshall Lounge
Why: -------- We'll see.
Wherewithal: - No refreshments, entertainment, or outside speakers.
Who: ------- Tom Horbett

(Usually in 304 Baker or thereabouts during afternoons and evenings; otherwise at dorm.)

SENIORS

The Senior Class would like to present to the College of Forestry as our class gift a portrait of the late Svend O. Heiberg, Dean of Graduate Studies at the College. We have requested Professor George Earle of the Landscape Department to paint the portrait, not only because of his excellent ability, but also, because of his close friendship with Dean Heiberg.

Members of the Senior Class are asked to donate between one dollar and a dollar and a half in order to finance this gift. To meet our commitments, it is necessary that all seniors contribute. Please try to get your contributions in within about a week.
You may give your donations to the representatives in your department. They are -

John Miller --------- W & P Chem.
Dave Robinson ------- WPE
Norm Bell --------- P & P
Bob Gage --------- LA
Les Monostory ------- GF
Johan Zweede ------- GF
Bob Edmonds ------- GF

I will be available in the lounge every afternoon from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Please don't forget.

Bob Edmonds,
Senior Secretary-Treasurer

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If there are any questions concerning the above lists, please call Frances Ganter at 472-7433.

MADISON AVENUE LITERATURE

Have you noticed that there is a new bulletin board in position in Bray Hall Rotunda? It's a "help yourself" bulletin board for clippings received by the PR Office about Forestry students and faculty. Until a more elaborate sign is made, there's only a simple placard now posted in the center of the board inviting you to "help yourself" to any clipping there which may be of interest to you—personally or professionally. Included are such items as hometown newspaper stories on scholarship and grant recipients, scholastic honors such as Dean's Honor List, etc.

Take a look on your next trip through Bray, and "help yourself."

FINANCIAL AID FOR 1965-66
(See College Catalog pp. 43-46 for Details)

Each spring the Office of Student Services must prepare an estimate of student need for financial assistance in the next academic year.

April 15, 1965 has been set as the date on which applications for grants, scholarships and loans must be filed to facilitate the preparation of this estimate.

Students who file on or before that date will receive FIRST consideration. Applications filed after that date will be considered as long as funds are available.

If you are interested in any of the following, you must file a NEW application and Parent's Confidential Statement.

Forms are available in Room 107, Bray Hall.
FINANCIAL AID


Syracuse Pulp and Paper Foundation

Henry H. Buckley Student Aid Award - for residents of Otsego, Chenango, Delaware, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, and Schoharie Counties in New York State.

Alumni Education Grants - any undergraduate regardless of curriculum is eligible to apply.

St. Regis Paper Company Award - any sophomore, regardless of curriculum, may apply for this scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding student chosen from nominees from University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, University of Massachusetts, and this College. The nominee will receive $800 during his Junior year, and $800 during his Senior year.

St. Regis Paper Company Award Winners - Since its inception in 1953, the College has won the award five times. The current recipients are Douglas Kapple (1963-64) and David C. Randall (1964-65). To these outstanding men, we extend our hearty congratulations.

WANTED: GARAGE RENTAL

Student flying to the west coast for spring vacation would like to rent a garage in which to store his car. Would prefer something within reasonable proximity of the campus - but will consider any offer. Needed from March 24th through April 6th.

Please call Jay Welsch, ext. 2470 or GRanite 8-5302.
Announcing...

1965 C. L. PACK AWARDS

$50 First Prize
$25 Second Prize

The Charles Lathrop Pack awards are made annually to the students best presenting evidence of interpreting to the public any of the many phases of management, utilization, conservation, and administration of forest-related resources. All regularly enrolled undergraduate students at the State University College of Forestry are eligible to enter this competition.

The intent of these awards is to stimulate interest and to develop student effectiveness in communicating information about policies and problems associated with forest-related resources. Contestants may use any theme and any media (written articles, demonstrations, exhibits, illustrated talks, field trips, etc.) which they deem most appropriate for their audience.

All applicants are encouraged to consult members of the faculty for technical guidance. Further information concerning the award should be obtained from any committee member listed below.

Interested students should indicate their intention of participating by completing the form available in Room 107 Bray. An application must be on file in the above office before any presentation is made. The deadline for all applications and presentations is May 3.

Dr. David L. Hanselman
Mr. Donald E. Koten
Prof. Richard W. Lalor
Prof. Donald F. Green, Chairman