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After You Graduate?

The annual Undergraduate Smoker is being held tonight at 7:30 P.M. in Marshall Lounge. All undergraduates are welcome to attend the smoker. Underclassmen are invited because it is very important to formulate plans for advanced study as early as possible, to help in orienting your undergraduate program. It is especially important that seniors take advantage of this opportunity to get the facts on graduate school, because they should begin making concrete plans in the very near future.

Regardless of your class, you probably have a number of questions regarding graduate school, and probably there are many other important questions you haven't even thought of. It is to help answer these questions that Alpha Xi Sigma sponsors this smoker.

Can you answer these questions?

(1) What advantage might you gain in earning power and in chances for advancement by getting an advanced degree?

(2) What jobs would be available to a person with an advanced degree that would not also be available to a person with a Bachelor's degree?

(3) What courses should you be taking right now to prepare yourself for graduate study?

(4) What are the procedures and deadlines for applying for admission to graduate school?

(5) What are the requirements for admission to graduate school?

(6) What financial assistance is available to graduate students? Is it hard to get? What are the differences between assistantships, fellowships, grants, etc.?

(7) What scholastic standards are graduate students expected to maintain?
(8) How long does it take to complete a master's program? A doctorate?

(9) Is it better to get a doctorate directly or to get both master's and a doctorate?

(10) Is it better to get your degrees at the same school, two different schools, or several different schools?

(11) What are the language requirements for advanced degrees?

(12) What programs for advanced study are available in your field of interest?

(13) How should you choose a graduate school?

(14) Can you be drafted out of graduate school? How much time will an R.O.T.C. program offer a student for graduate study before commissioning?

(15), (16), (17), etc. These questions are yours.

If you can't answer these questions, make sure you come to the smoker, and get the answers. The answers to these questions will make it one whole heck of a lot easier to intelligently plan your future — and it's your future!

So remember then; the smoker is tonight, November 3. Come yourself, bring your friends, and above all, bring your questions!

To the SPOCTP (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Poets):

Whose dis guy whats talkin bout poetry license? Dat sounds like sometin they gives out at Sysycuse U. What a crockome English teach says I aint no good at English but I bet dat cause she aint got no license either. Down wit poets!

S.A.P.

*love's Freedom*

Like a wisp of smoke, on a cloudless day
Love flows forth, and floats away.
Too many hearts have been broken,
Too many dreams been ruined;
Too many times I've spoken,
And spelled away love's doom.
For love will not be captive,
Love must have its wing,
To fly away forever
Only if to return again.

G.F. Addison
In answer to William H. Harlow's statement "May it not be presumed that every "forester" carries a pocket knife?"

One must realize the risk involved in carrying such an item on one's person on this campus. Consulting the newspaper DAILY ORANGE of Wednesday, October 27, I find on the front page that a cross campus student has been suspended for carrying a knife. It states that he didn't know what he was going to do with it - perhaps sharpen a pencil? Before he could decide, however, he was observed, turned in to the Dean of Men, and suspended by Student Court.

Where will this precedent lead? - To this headline perhaps - FORESTER SUSPENDED FOR WIELDING KNIFE IN CLASSROOM.

E. E. Knifkin, a senior at the College of Forestry, was suspended for six months yesterday for using a vicious blade in full view of his professor and fellow students. Appearing before Student Court, where the suspension was obtained, Knifkin stated that he meant no harm but witnesses said that the way he attacked his small defenseless enemy was criminal even if it was only a pencil. The defendant stated that he was forced by the State to utilize the weapon. At this point, laughter rang out in the courtroom as the judge stated that civilized societies used the new invention called the PENCIL SHARPENER. This "new" instrument had been accepted to do the job and that Knifkin should get "out of the woods" and become more familiar with the progress of the modern world. The court unanomously ruled that such a student had no place at a modern university and the suspension should give him time to accustom himself with a modern society and the increased use of the PENCIL SHARPENER.

Beware - this could happen.

Donald Parker

I do not intend any disrespect by this answer but, I feel that some comment is necessary. I refer to the statement in the October 27, 1965 "KNOTHOLE" made by William H. Harlow - "May it not be presumed that every "forester" carries a pocket knife?"

I noticed that the word forester was in quotes and possibly this is where our opinions differ. The dictionary (available in Moon Memorial Library) states that a forester is: 1. a person who supervises the development, care, and management of forest land or forest parkland. Such a supervisor may or may not carry a pocket knife with him. A second definition available at the same source states that a forester is: a half-wild English pony of the New Forest area. For those who don't know, a New Forest pony is a British breed of largeheaded ponies 12 to 14 hands high with short neck, sturdy shoulders, and deep body that make excellent surefooted saddle ponies when trained. Such an animal would hardly be found carrying a pocket knife.

I admit that I am not sure which definition best characterizes some students at the College. Possibly both definitions are equally applicable.
When I arrived at the College I was lead to believe that the College was suppose to graduate people who were ready to fill the role of a professional person and that we students should begin to adapt ourselves to this role at once. This meant that we had to earn the respect of our peers and the public and that we were to try to educate the common man that a forester was more than a person who put out fires and rode a horse.

One of the first things that must be done to change this present image is to act like professionals and remove the woodsman image to a secondary role in forestry instead of the primary role. ONE WAY TO DO THIS IS TO OBTAIN AND USE PENCIL SHARPENERS INSTEAD OF POCKET KNIVES.

Donald Parker

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

The Senior Class Executive Council has decided to take action on the following business at hand:

1. Class gift
2. Class party
3. Graduation
4. Class rings
5. Freshmen-Senior Smoker

Suggestions from any Senior would be greatly appreciated on any of the above topics, or any other business. Detailed discussions of each of the points will be found in this week's Senior newsletter, The Patrick Report.

Place all suggestions in the student mailboxes addressed to one of the Officers or the Knothole, or talk to your Class Officers directly. Please cooperate on this matter. Our phone numbers and addresses follow:

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Senior Class Exec. Council
THE DUCK HUNTER

The hunters of ducks are a crazy breed -
   A hole in the mud is all they need -
A place to hide from a flying duck,
   In eighty acres of smelly muck.

The roads are bumpy, - in rain, they walk,
   But the dumb duck hunter will never squawk
Though he slips in mud and wets his butt,
   He won't complain, cause he's a nut.

If it were not so, he'd stay with his wife
   And give his children a chance in life.
Instead of cavorting around, by heck -
   And becoming a useless swivel-neck.

They fling decoys from sodden sacks,
   And ninety percent land on their backs.
Then they stumble back and fall in the hole
   With a crick in the back, but joy in the soul.

Then they wait for dawn, all cramped and grim,
   Hoping to hell that the ducks will come in.
Their eyes burn out in the mid-day glare,
   And duck lice delve in their thinning hair.

They hunt for cripples with a galloping tread
   And get back to the blind so darn near dead
That their duck calls sound like a weak Bronx Cheer
   And the ducks get the Hell right out of "here".

I say it's wicked for a man with brains
   To risk his life in the fog and rains
To wreck his muscles and damn his soul
   Just to squat in the slime of a muddy hole.

Would I ruin my health and risk my life,
   And get in bad with the little wife,
Just to sit in a blind and suffer pain
   In snow and wind and sleeting rain?

Would I spend my money and waste my time,
   And listen to lies in the winter time?
Would I do these things no sane man should?
   BROTHER, YOU'RE GOSH DARN RIGHT I WOULD!
The following questions deal with general forestry knowledge and woodlore. Compiled by Tom Patrick, this series originates from personal experiences, and the reading of literature in the field.

1. Generally speaking, in a forest what percentage of total rainfall is normally considered as being intercepted by the crowns of forest trees?

2. What are some differences between the two common minerals, muscovite and biotite? What mineral name includes both of these types?

3. What common wayside weed is known by a score of common names based on the sole characteristic of large, densely, but softly pubescent, pale green leaves? Mention some of its common names.

4. Tree Section: Answer yes or no.
   a. Are horsechestnuts edible? ______
   b. Are the horsechestnut and the chestnut in the same family? ______
   c. Is American Holly native to New York State? ______
   d. Is Butternut sometimes tapped for its distinctively flavored sap? ______
   e. Is it true that fire is the most destructive agent of trees occurring in the forests of the United States? ______

5. Ginkgo is a peculiar genus in many ways. Which of the following is or are not true about it?
   a. leaves deciduous ______
   b. seeds not enclosed by ovary structures ______
   c. dioecious ______
   d. produces motile pollen grains ______
   e. contains one species, biloba ______
   f. seeds with no embryo ______