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Quote of the Week: "You don't have to be a weatherman to tell which way the wind is blowing."

NEW MASTHEAD

Our thanks to Donald Cranston for submitting the winning entry in the Knothole "Masthead Contest".

The Editors

A MODEST PROPOSAL

Several weeks ago, the Knothole printed a letter from someone questioning the future use and remodeling of Marshall Lounge. At the last Council meeting before vacation, the same subject was discussed. What provisions for remodeling the lounge are being made; will the furniture be repaired,...or replaced; have any new ideas concerning future student needs been discussed??? These and others are questions that directly concern you, the student body.

A trip to the lounge reveals to the visitor a large room with some furniture and a rather uninviting atmosphere. This, by no means, means that the lounge is a white elephant, but rather a room that has not been developed to its fullest potential. In talking with students and faculty, many ideas for future remodeling have been proposed. Some of these suggestions include lowering the ceiling to relieve the barn-like atmosphere, new furniture, rugs, and a coordinated decor. The more pleasant atmosphere could easily become a drawing card for student clubs and future student-faculty association. Of course such extensive remodeling would require a change in some of our students' habits. It might certainly be expected that
the couches would be used for sitting and not for sleeping, and the tables as tables - not for foot stools.

Additional suggestions include expanded food facilities. A snack bar, adequately staffed and stocked to serve lunch, is not out of the question. The snack bar might be open from mid-morning until supper to serve all students and faculty. The present use of vending machines might still remain an integral part of student service for night time and weekend use.

There are certainly other ideas that are yet to be heard, but the question is - will they? There is a need for an organized forum for the aiming and implementation of these ideas. Since the classes of '69 and '70 will be the main beneficiaries of a new lounge and union, they indeed might make such a goal their class project. As soon as the new buildings are finished, the remodeling of Marshall Hall will begin. This leaves six to nine months to organize. If students feel the need for such a coordinated effort, the time for action is now!

Michael George

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

We look with disgust at the Frosh Column in the last issue of the Knothole. A certain member of the glorious class of 1970 has taken upon himself to play judge and jury over Forest Botany I and a certain botany professor. We find such gall hard to believe.

In the curriculum of a college, Botany falls in the category of a LABORATORY science. The purpose of a lab is to enable the student to equate the lecture material with actuality. You can study botany lecture notes all you want, but without the contact with concrete example in the lab, it means nothing. Lab is an integral part of any science course here, and we might be bold enough to say that in certain courses, its importance is equal to or greater than the lecture's.

Lab is especially emphasized in Forestry because, after college, a good number of Foresters will be applying this knowledge to practical situations in the field. Forest Botany I, as the prerequisite for all other courses in Forest Botany at this college, must provide a solid base for further study.

This certain professor, who was stabbed in the back in print last week, has our respect and that of many upperclassmen of this college. He has shown himself willing to help not only those students in his courses, but also any others who might come to him. He is a fine lecturer and lab instructor. He deserves better than he received two weeks ago.

It's about time the frosh woke up to the fact that they're not in high school any more. This college demands the best of a student. All of us are proud of the fact that the good get in, but only the best stay in. To quote the frosh column of two weeks ago: "The courses are hard, with detailed parts, But what do you expect? It's not liberal arts."

To coin a phrase: Shape up or ship out, Frosh. If you can't keep up with us, you're not good enough to be a Forester.

Miss Georgiana Meiser
Miss Ann Meiser
BOTANY CLUB MEETING

Dr. Mildred Faust will present a program of colored slides of her work in pollen studies as records in plant history. The program will be at 7:30 P.M., Room 326 Marshall Hall on Friday December 2, 1966. A business meeting to elect a new secretary-treasurer and vice-president will be held and plans for future activities will be discussed. Everyone welcome! Refreshments will be served.

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

It is important that the Empire Forester know when you will be holding meetings so that they can photograph your club or organization for the yearbook. NO pictures will be taken unless the Empire Forester has this information. They cannot photograph you if they do not know when you are having meetings.

MOLLET CLUB MEETING

On Thursday, December 1, 1966, at 7:30 P.M. the Mollet Club will hold its third meeting of the year. An interesting program is planned and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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Juniors and Seniors in General Forestry should consider applying for student membership in the Society of American Foresters. Interested graduate students should inquire of the College representatives listed below:

For only $3.00 a year, student membership provides:

- The opportunity to become familiar with the 16,000 member professional society that is becoming increasingly important in the development of both the forestry profession and individual professional foresters.

- Subscription to the JOURNAL OF FORESTRY, the leading forestry periodical in the country, (non-member subscription rate - $9.00)

- Membership in the New York Section. You will receive its periodical, NEW YORK FORESTER, and invitations to Section meetings without the requirement of the usual section dues.

- Automatic advancement to "Member" grade in the Society upon graduation, without payment of the $5.00 entrance fee otherwise required.

In all, this is a good deal for any student heading for the forestry profession; yet, less than one quarter of this year's eligible seniors have taken advantage of it. Joining as a junior provides these advantages for two years.

For further information and application blanks, contact either College membership representative, Mr. Armstrong in Economics, 301 Bray or Mr. Richards in Silviculture, 128 Marshall.

ATTENTION - ALL STUDENTS

GRADE CARDS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 5!

The completion of a set of GRADE CARDS - one card for each of your courses - is an integral part of the College of Forestry registration process. It is time now to complete this job.

Grade card packets for undergraduate students are available now in Room 107, Bray Hall. Packets for graduate students are available in their department offices.

Please complete your Grade Cards promptly and return them to Room 107, Bray Hall, by December 5.

QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS - GRAPHICS 2 - DECEMBER 10

A special qualifying examination for those who wish to demonstrate their competence in Graphics 2 will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. in Room 145, Baker Laboratory. Students are eligible to take this examination who have had at least one year of mechanical drawing.

Graphics 2 is now a required 2 credit hour course in the Spring Semester of the Freshman year for students in the Pulp and Paper, Landscape Architecture and Wood Products Engineering curriculums. Freshmen in these curriculums may wish to take this exam. Sophomores, juniors and seniors who will be required to take the Graphics 2 course should also consider this opportunity.

STUDENTS WHO EARN SATISFACTORY SCORES ON THIS TEST WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE GRAPHICS 2 COURSE.
Further information about this examination is available now in Room 107, Bray Hall or from Professor Maraviglia, Room 312, Marshall Hall.

Students who plan to take this Qualifying Test are asked to sign the list in Room 107, Bray Hall in order that adequate preparations may be made for those participating.

Note: A Qualifying Exam for Graphics I will be available during the Spring Semester. Graphics I (1 credit hour) will next be offered in the Fall, 1967.

Office of Student Services

"BIG TREE"

What is the biggest tree?

It is actually named "big tree", Sequoiadendron gigantea. Big tree reaches 272 feet in height, has a circumference of 101½ feet at its base, and its bark is two feet thick. One big tree (General Sherman) has a volume of 600,000 board feet, enough to build 80 five room houses, and weighs 6,000 tons.

Where are big trees growing?

In national parks (where they are protected from commercial use) on the middle slopes of the Nevada Mountains in California. Mariposa Grove at the south end of Yosemite National Park is the largest stand. South Calaveras Grove, a few hours eastward from San Francisco, is the least despoiled. Giant Forest in Sequoia National Park has the biggest trees.

Can big tree be grown in other parts of the country?

Flourishing big trees are growing in the eastern states. There is one at the Clayton Pinetum, Roslyn, Long Island, New York and another 100 feet tall at Bristol, Rhode Island.

Do big trees have any commercial value?

Only as an awe inspiring sight. There are few left and the wood is brittle.

When were big trees first discovered?

About 1853 hunters in the Sierras brought back tall tales which nobody believed. (That was before the days of cameras.) Finally men with P. T. Barnum instincts went to look. After that the first big tree was felled when four men working 22 days bored holes and upset the tree with wedges. Then a double bowling alley was built on the prone log and gold prospectors and their friends from Sacramento and San Francisco rode out on horseback to be awed and have fun.

What is the future of the big tree?

They are seeding well and young big trees are coming along. Also, they transplant well. But they live in a time cycle different from ours, and who is going to wait several thousand years to see the felled giants replaced by fresh giants? We are lucky to see the remnant before they are all cut down, or big tree would be as legendary as Brontosaurus. Even though we raise them, no one will know how they keep on growing while nations rise and fall.

How old is big tree before it produces seeds?

About 150 years old. After that it will keep on producing fertile seed for perhaps 4,000 years.
Where are seeds produced on big tree?

They are locked in cones hundreds of feet above the ground, and held there for about three years while the cones are drying out. Then the cone segments separate and the seeds fall out and are scattered in the wind.

Are the big tree seeds huge compared to other kinds?

No. Each cone holds some 3,000 seeds. The kernal which contains all the potentials for creating another giant is less than 3/4 of an inch long and 3,000 weigh only an ounch or so.

Do old trees look different from young ones?

Yes. The form of the old giant does not resemble that of the young one. When it is around 150 years old, the lower boughs drop off and limbs very high up become irregular and heavy and tend to point up.

What kind of root system does the big tree have?

It starts out with a tap root like most other trees. After eight years this stops functioning as a tap root and leader of the system and runs out horizontally. Eventually a huge horizontal root mat is formed that does not penetrate more than eight feet, but the roots of a single tree may occupy three acres. The diameter of some root runners may be as big as the trunk of an oak or elm.

What is the chief reason for the big tree's survival through the ages?

The bark is one to two feet thick and as it lacks resin, it is practically fireproof.

Is big tree the same kind of tree as redwood sequoia?

No. The needles are different, cones are different sizes, and the type of location is different so that the two never grow together.

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MOUSEWOOD'S NOTEBOOK NO. 1

It is very difficult to predict the future - there are so many unforeseen variables. But I am a firm believer in defining that guiding star, no matter how obscure it may be and and pursuing - yes, pursuing for a lifetime. This is the only method to find true satisfaction and happiness with life.

How many of us will stay in forestry related fields only He knows. What I do know is that all of us have some direction and we will follow this to the best of our abilities until some outside influence steers us on a new, somewhat different path. I am sorry and glad that we must deal in uncertainties for this is part of life. I often question the motives of those who know exactly what lies ahead - I do not.
I SAW A MAN
(adapted from Stephen Crane)

I saw a man pursuing Drosophila
Round and round they sped.
I was amused at this;
I accosted the man
"It is fruitle," I said,
"You lie," he cried.
And failed Genetics.

A BALLAD OF TREES AND THE MASTER

Sidney Lanier

Into the woods my Master went,
Clean forspent, forspent.
Into the woods my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to Him;
The little gray leaves were kind to Him;
The thorn-tree had a mind to Him;
When into the woods He came.
Out of the woods my Master went,
And He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came,
Content with death and shame.
When Death and Shame would woo Him last,
From under the trees they drew Him last;
'Twas on a tree they slew Him--last
When out of the woods He came.

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

PAYMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

The following is a letter written to Dean Crossman concerning payment of educational assistance allowance to veterans:

Dear Dean Crossman:

We have noted instances in which payment of Educational Assistance Allowance is being delayed because the Enrollment Certification has not been received by the Veterans Administration.

This form is on the reverse of the Certificate of Eligibility which is sent to eligible veterans and is intended to be presented in duplicate to the schools for completion. One copy of the completed Enrollment Certification is to be returned to the Veterans Administration.

Apparently, these veterans are neglecting to furnish these forms to the schools. Initial payment, for students enrolled in degree programs, depends on receipt by the Veterans Administration of this completed form. Subsequent payment depends on receipt of the Monthly
Certification of Attendance from the veteran.

This involves a matter of considerable importance to all veterans. I would appreciate your making this information available to your students who are entitled to Veterans Administration benefits in all ways you can. Posting on bulletin boards and items in school papers have proved effective in the past.

If any of your veterans have personal questions concerning their claim for these benefits, they should contact the nearest Veterans Administration Contact Office.

Very truly yours,

E. S. Rolader
Adjudication Officer