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Not too many days ago, I was walking with a friend up to Marshall from Lawrinson. The day was mild yet a brisk breeze was at our backs. Of course, this has nothing to do with what I am about to say.

Now this friend of mine holds an editorial position on a publication of the College of Forestry so I know he isn't completely insensitive to, or unsympathetic with, the problems our college faces. Both of us, obviously caught up in the intellectual atmosphere, sought a meaningful discussion on our short walk. I think by the time we reached Baker steps, we had fully covered the problems of the yearbook, the Knothole, and the terrible state of student apathy. Mounting the stairs took more effort and wind so I don't recall any significant discourse, but once at the top, this friend said, "Gee, you're on the Knothole staff, why don't you write an article about those "cross campus kiddies"? You know I was over at Bray about 11:00 A.M. yesterday and they all came tramping right across the grass between the new construction and Bray - right through the Rhodotypos scandens, Lonicera tararica and Rhus aromatica!"
Golly! He sounded sincere and I would have been all caught up in this new charge - of attacking those Syracuse University students, if just at this point he hadn't gayly taken a Tony Randall skip up the short walk to further deliniate a "stumpy path" on the grass area between a Servian Spruce and Japanese Felkova.

I pointed out the absurdity and unfairness of this lambast on the "kiddies" of Syracuse when he himself chose to do practically the same thing.

He couldn't quite understand, saying that of course it's different for him, seeing as it was shorter for him to take that route.

If I could borrow and change a few lines of A. A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh, I might just have the answer:

"Stumpies are clever," said Pooh thoughtfully.
"Yes," said Piglet, "Stumpies are clever."
"And they have brains.".
"Yes," said Piglet, "Stumpies have brains."

There was a long silence.
"I suppose," said Pooh, "that that's why he never understands anything."

Richard List

ROBIN HOOD

Robin Hood, the junior honorary, is initiating new members of the junior class this week. Robin Hood is now a chapter of Alpha XI Sigma.

Members of the junior class who are in the upper 25% of the class are eligible for membership. For initiation the pledges must carry a staff with a green bow tied on it.

The staff is symbolic of the days when it was used to chase cross campus students off the quad.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

To the Knothole Editors:

WHERE IS OUR MONEY ????

Money is a subject near and dear to the hearts and pockets of all of us. Each semester we pay a student fee which is supposed to be spent on and for the students of the College of Forestry.

I would like to make a request that the student council treasurer publish in the Knothole exactly how much money we have in our treasury.

Tim Maroney

ZOLOGY CLUB MEETING

There will be a meeting Friday, December 16th at 8:00 P.M. in Room 222 of Marshall Hall.

Mr. Gordon L. Maclean, a Ph. D. candidate at S.U., will be the guest speaker. He will present his program on the "Natural History of Birds of West Africa" with color slides. Refreshments will be served.
Gentlemen:

Please publish my apology for confusing Mousewood with Moosewood at last week's convo. Twas the myopia of advancing age.

All hail Mousewood. Let's hear more from him/her?

Yours very truly,

Moosewood

$ REWARD $

For any information leading to the recovery of the cider keg removed from Marshall Lounge.

Don McKay

BOTANY CLUB

The Botany Club may be taking some snow shoe trips this winter. If you have snow shoes home bring them back with you after Christmas vacation.

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

To the Editors of the Knothole:

We feel it is necessary to make a few closing remarks about the hornet's nest we have stirred up:

To Jean Kilquist and the rest of the freshman class:

We realized that a great many of the freshmen were not of the opinion voiced in that now infamous Frosh Column of a few weeks ago. However, we did feel that it certainly is not right that such a piece of "literature" (and this word is used lightly) belonged in the Frosh Column which, by virtue of its name, implies that it reflects the thinking of the class as a whole.

Now is the time for some constructive action on your part. We can't do anything but write letters, but you can do something about this situation. We cannot, we will not believe that our ol' buddy P.O. is the only one of you who is qualified to write a column for the Knothole. This kind of representation can only hinder you. You need someone who won't use the Frosh Column to air personal gripes or to seek scapegoats; and above all, a person who has the courage to sign his full name to what he writes.

Miss Ann Meiser
Miss Georgians Meiser

EDITORS NOTE: P.O. is not writing the column for the Knothole. His letter was one of personal concern. With the above letter, the editors conclude discussion on this trite matter.

The Editors
WHY?

- Why has Saengerbund folded?
- Why was it necessary for Robin Hood to merge with Alpha Xi Sigma?
- Why do Forestry social activities flop?
- Why is the barbeque only a free meal?
- Why do Foresters know the chem students?
- Why has school spirit disappeared?
- Why is student life a burden rather than a pleasure?
- Why do you feel guilty when you read a non-required book?
- Why must studies be all-important?
- Why was it necessary for this article to be written?

Questionably,

Ted & Tim

FAVORITE SONGS

Bet you didn't know that some of these "all-time greats" had their origins right here at the College of Forestry.

Dr. E. Ketchledge - "Climb Every Mountain"

William O. Douglas - "Get Me To the Church On Time"

Dr. A Viertel - "Autumn Leaves"

R. F. Kennedy - "Oh My Papa"

Frank O'Connor - "We Ain't Got a Barrel of Money"

B. J. Sears - "If I Had a Hammer"

Dean Crossman - "poetry In Motion"

George Earle - "Mona Lisa"

Dr. Krall - "Flight of the Bumble Bee"

Cassius Clay - "Mr. Wonderful"
WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

Oh! What is Christmas? Can it be
The gifts and toys and Christmas tree
The cakes and tarts, a snowy lea?
No! Christmas means much more to me.

Christmas is a reverent song
Warming hearts and sung night long,
Hymns and angels, friendships strong,
But then again I could be wrong.

A glow, a warmth, a stillness of
The peace on earth, the lamb, the dove,
And all that He had had above
And, yes indeed it's truly love.

Richard List