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The snow is on the ground, and the holiday activities have passed, but still everyone is a bustle of activity. Part of this preoccupation concerns those of us who are planning ahead. Now is the time to apply for graduate work, summer jobs and permanent employment.

At one time or another a question confronts us all - whose name should we insert when academic references must be obtained? What does my department head really know about me? If he pronounces my name properly in lecture does that qualify him as a good reference? Maybe the faculty member you have in mind is a "regular Joe" and just cannot possibly say anything wrong about you - mainly because he doesn't know any more than what is on the permanent record card.

Where does the responsibility lie? It is with the faculty and the students and particularly the latter because it is our responsibility and the faculty's obligation. Without some effort by us, a potential reference has no real reason to delve into the backgrounds and motives behind his students.

Of course there are those erratic few educators whose approach and attitude toward the students provide a two-way rapport and for these few I extend my heartiest thanks. I wonder how many recommendations are requested each year of Professors D.L.H. and E.H.K.? Perhaps I am completely to blame and perhaps it has something to do with the actual course work, but I honestly can say that there is no one in my department qualified to give me a reference and no one that I could, with peace of mind, ask to do so.
We need better student-faculty relations to combat the impersonal demands of technology, increased growth, and time. Help yourself. ...........

ROBIN HOOD OAK

Item: AMERICAN FORESTS, October, 1966, pg. 34. Short announcement: "Robin Hood" Oak Threatened. Nottingham, England. - A forestry commission spokesman said that an oak tree, said to have been used by Robin Hood as a hiding place, is in danger of being destroyed. The oak, known as the Major Oak, is about 1,400 years old and stands near Edwinstowe in Sherwood Forest. It is gradually being hacked to pieces by souvenir-hunters.

Item: EMPIRE FORESTER, 1925, pp. 26-30. "Sherwood Forest", by Nelson Courtlandt Brown. A brief but interesting account by "N.C." of Sherwood Forest and the story of Robin Hood. Three illustrations, including one of the Major Oak. Concluding paragraph reports that "N.C. . . . bought back about 200 acorns of these famous old Robin Hood oaks and that they will be planted about our college grounds this spring to commemorate the tradition of the first forester"

Item: Correspondence, 24th November, 1952, from British Forestry Commission to Dr. Harlow, reporting dimensions and health of the Major Oak, and acknowledging progress of our young Major Oak - "(or should we call it the "Minor Oak")" - in New York. Correspondence on file with E. H. Ketchledge, 404 Marshall.

Item: THE KNOTHOLE, December 7, 1966. Editorial lamenting possible loss of the College Robin Hood Oak when new Pulp & Paper Mill built. College administration has taken note of concern among students, faculty and alumni for safety of the Robin Hood Oak. Dean Anderson advises that site plans have been revised to feature rather that eliminate the landmark. Revised plans have now been approved by central administration in Albany and Robin Hood Oak will be landscape highlight. A marvelous example of enlightened administration: Too bad our executive officers haven't received credit for a great job done here; often are subject to student criticism but never seem to get praise they deserve for this type of effort.

Item: Last fall 2 dozen acorns collected from Robin Hood Oak; these have been planted out over winter. Anyone wishing a seedling in spring see E. H. Ketchledge. Some students beat me to rest of crop, they may likewise be willing to share some.

Item: A few years ago the Robin Hood Junior Honorary Society maintained a sign at the base of their tree identifying it as the Robin Hood Oak. Would this not be one College tradition easily re-established? Could not the W.P.E. members of Robin Hood prepare a replacement sign, perhaps this one with a short supplementary note that the tree was planted by Nelson Courtlandt Brown, founder of the College Utilization (now Wood Products Engineering) Department? Could not we all be mindful of the history and tradition surrounding this tree and of the efforts over the years of both students and faculty to honor the scholarship this tree and society symbolize?

E. H. Ketchledge
Member, Robin Hood
Class of '49
TO THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY

Why must 270 Freshmen students be forced to sleep in Marshall Auditorium on Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M.? Instead, they could be in their own rooms studying or sleeping more comfortably in their beds. The money used to buy students "culture" (I guess that is what the administration is attempting to accomplish) could be used much more judiciously. For instance, $2000 is needed to move the Robin Hood Oak slated for removal when the new Pulp & Paper Lab is built. There must be numerous other things that require the money used for convocation.

No reflection on any particular speaker, but as each speaker begins, his audience rapidly diminishes. This is evident as more heads slip between hands trying to hold them up.

We pay enough money for the privilege to sleep in our dorms. Why add to the price of sleeping?

Richard Ignatow

BOTANY CLUB

Members of the Botany Club and other interested persons please take note of the following events and dates which the club has planned:

February 4th - A Saturday morning session in the Greenhouse is planned to plant seeds stratified over the winter, and start cuttings from a number of tree species. Instruction, materials and facilities will be provided for all students interested. Sign up on the sheet in Marshall Hall, basement level, so we can have enough material for all.

February 10th - A number of Graduate students from the Botany department will present a program for the evening outlining their work and study here at the college. Demonstrations and displays of the work being done will be on hand with plenty of time for questions. Refreshments will be served.

February 11th - A Saturday trip through Cicero Bog on snowshoes for recreation, observation and instruction is planned. The object of the three mile trip is to observe the forest - woody bog - habitat in the dead of winter. Vegetation patterns and their winter environment appear different from what you may have seen on other trips. We will cross open water areas and a burned area being reinvaded by black spruce. Don't forget to bring your snowshoes back after intercession.

In addition to these trips we plan a snowshoe trip up Algonquin in late February or early March and a greenhouse trip to Cornell or the New York Botanical Gardens in late spring. Numerous day or morning local trips for collection and photographing are also planned in addition to the monthly meeting programs.
The balance in the Student's Association checking account as of January 5, 1967 is $9,777.58. In addition, a savings account for the Association contains $7,851.42 which will earn interest.

This may seem to be an extravagant amount, but the Empire Forester alone has a budget in excess of $9,000.00.

Any further questions such as the use to which student fees are put, where additional income is derived, and other activities of the council can best be cleared up by attending a student council meeting. These meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. every Thursday in 127 Marshall and all interested students are invited to attend.

Ron Fletcher
Treasurer
Student Association

BARBEQUE - BANQUET

The Student Council has changed the date of the barbeque. Beginning next year, it will be held on the second Wednesday in October.

The date for this year's Forestry banquet will be Wednesday, April 12, 1967.

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHERS

Dr. Hanselman is interested in displaying student art photography on the Extension Department bulletin boards in Bray Hall.

For more information, contact Dr. Hanselman in room 119 Bray Hall.

MOOSEWOOD'S NOTEBOOK #41

A bell's not a bell 'till you ring it,
A song's not a song 'till you sing it,
And love in your heart isn't love 'till you give it.

Oscar Hammerstein to Mary Martin

Firefly

A little light is going by
Is going up to see the sky.
A little light with wings.

I never could have thought of it
To have a little bug all lit,
And made to go on wings.

Elizabeth Madox Roberts
TRAVEL - WORK IN EUROPE

Students and faculty of the State University of New York may be able to take a chartered flight to Europe this summer for about $250.00 round trip. The flight would leave in mid-June and return around mid-August. This will leave you with about nine weeks of travel in Europe.

Anyone interested should write to Mr. David Sundbery at:

Faculty-Student Flights
c/o Dean of Students Office
State University of New York
Stony Brook, New York 11790

Job opportunities in Europe this summer are many. There are many opportunities in many different countries. For further information and application forms write to:

American-European Student Service
Box 34733
FL 9490 Vaduz
Leechtenstein (Europe)

COUNSELOR EMPLOYMENT

Any student interested in working for the State of New York Conservation Department as a summer counselor at Lake Colby, Lake Rushford or Lake DeBruce between June 26 and August 27, 1967 and make $535.00 plus meals and lodging should see Dr. Hanselman in room 119 Bray Hall.

ATTENTION

It has been brought to the attention of the Student Council that many people are dissatisfied with the facilities of Marshall Lounge. So are we.

The questionnaire on the back side of this page is designed to help us find out more exactly what is needed by a general opinion. It does not contain all possible questions but number 16 leaves an opening for further suggestions.

The Student Council is undertaking the responsibility for Marshall Lounge because as it now stands the State will not remodel it for at least 2½ years. The amount of work and the kind of work is still to be determined. The question of the interior decorator is whether he be professional or have it done by someone in the Landscape curriculum (they use interior design too).

HELP US HELP YOU.

Student Council
WHAT DO YOU WANT IN MARSHALL LOUNGE?

1. Is there ample seating space at all times now?  Yes  No
2. Should additional furniture be placed in the center of the lounge where there is now empty space?  Yes  No
3. Should a partition be placed in the center?  Yes  No
4. Is new furniture needed?  Yes  No
5. Should there be study tables set up in the lounge?  Yes  No
6. Are you aware of the fact that there will be no student lounge in either of the new buildings?  Yes  No
7. Should acoustic tiling be installed?  Yes  No
8. Are there ample facilities in the vending machine room?  Yes  No
9. Should these machines be placed in the main lounge?  Yes  No
10. Should a university extension be placed in the lounge?  Yes  No
11. Should a pay phone be placed there?  Yes  No
12. Should a bookstore be set up: in Marshall Lounge?  Yes  No elsewhere in the College?  Yes  No
13. Should it be set up permanently?  Yes  No  Only at registration?  Yes  No
14. If any rehabilitation is done should a professional interior decorator be hired?  Yes  No
15. Should the student government finance any rehabilitation?  Yes  No
16. Any additional comments about your student lounge?  

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17. Completed questionnaires may be left in the Student Council Mailbox.

Ed Blockmer
Student Council