As editors of the Knothole we feel it is important that the students of the College of Forestry become aware of the revised Rules and Regulations. In this issue we are including the new Rules and Regulations as approved by the Board of Trustees and as recognized by the Student Council. We are also including an article expressing the opinion of one student on these revised rules. In subsequent issues we will print more information and opinions as they develop.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STUDENT CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOR

As early as 1917 the College published a separate booklet on Student Rules and Regulations. They were concerned primarily with academic areas. Over the years, these rules and regulations were modified and expanded to include both academic and student conduct and behavior considerations. Eventually they were absorbed into the College catalog, a copy of which has traditionally been given to every student enrolled. New rules were added on a piecemeal basis. Some rules concerning student conduct and behavior were "unwritten" and evolved out of daily practice. Others were produced by the College Board of Trustees as needed.

Upon our membership in the State University of New York came a further expansion of these rules and regulations. In May 1967, Chancellor Gould requested that each campus review and revise its rules, using a broad set of guidelines developed by him under the direction of the SUNY Board of Trustees. A few new rules at our College were added as a result of this request. However, because of this continued piecemeal pattern of development, the Board of Trustees of the College decided on December 13, 1968 that a complete revision of all such regulations should be undertaken and, with the development of a new student handbook for the College, that these revised rules and regulations should be published and made available to all students, faculty, and members of the administration.

Following a thorough review and revision and, by virtue of their authority under State Law (Section 6005, Article 121, Educational Law of the State of New York), the College Trustee Approved the following rules and regulations on student conduct and behavior effective January 6, 1969 together with sections dealing with the same.

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1. Students at the College of Forestry are obligated to behave maturely and responsibly at all times and in all relationships as members of the total academic community. Students shall conduct themselves in a manner which will not bring discredit to themselves, fellow students, the College, State University and Syracuse University, and each student agrees to abide by this and the following rules and regulations.

2. Students are obligated to abide by local, State, and National laws, both civil and penal in nature.

3. It is obligatory for all students of the College of Forestry to abide by and comply with the rules and regulations of Syracuse University relating to student conduct and behavior. There exists between the State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University and Syracuse University a heritage founded in tradition, which is valued and cherished by alumni, students, and faculty of the College of Forestry. Students at our College enjoy the advantages of students at Syracuse University, including educational opportunities, environment, and facilities. The College and its alumni invite the student to enjoy this heritage and become part of this tradition. The student shall undertake, promise, and agree to so conduct himself on the campus of the College of Forestry, on the campus of Syracuse University, or off-campus in the vicinity of both institutions or elsewhere, as not to sully that tradition, nor embarrass the College, its faculty, alumni, staff, and students.

4. The illegal use or possession of narcotics, drugs, and chemicals dangerous to the mental or physical health of students is forbidden on the campus, and facilities of the College of Forestry and of Syracuse University, including its dormitories and elsewhere.

The use or possession by student of illegal or medically unauthorized narcotics, drugs, and chemicals dangerous to the mental or physical health, including but not limited to stimulating, sedative, and hallucinating drugs such as marijuana, barbituates, L.S.D., amphetamines, and various pep pills is cause for immediate dismissal from the College.

The College will cooperate with appropriate health and law enforcement agencies relative to possession and illegal or medically unauthorized use of any of the above-mentioned items.

5. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages of all kinds, on College of Forestry property and facilities, or College of Forestry off-campus activities and social functions is prohibited. However, the use of such beverages at approved College of Forestry social functions will be allowed with prior approval obtained in accordance
with applicable rules and procedures of Syracuse University.

3. Students are prohibited from using foul, lewd, and obscene language, writings or other means of similar expressions on College or Syracuse University owned or controlled properties and at all College or Syracuse University approved functions.

7. It is obligatory upon the student to have his Syracuse University Identification Card on his person at all times, and to exhibit same upon request.

8. Dissent and discussion, debate and dialogue are indispensable elements in the examination or ideas and life. Disorder, however, has no place in the learning process. The College has a responsibility for student conduct, welfare, and his educational development. Invading or interfering with the pursuit of learning at the College, taking possession of College property and facilities in whole or in part, obstructing usual or normal ingress and egress of persons who are in pursuit of learning or other authorized activities of the College, restraining the liberty of faculty, staff, students and other authorized persons by detention or any other manner, boisterous or disorderly conduct and mob action are prohibited.

9. Under Section 240.35 of the Penal Law, a person is guilty of loitering when he loiters or remains in or about a school, college, or university building or grounds, not having any reason or relation involving custody of or responsibility for a pupil or student or any other specific, legitimate reason for being there and not having written permission from anyone authorized to grant the same. Such individual or individuals observed by a student shall be reported by him without delay, to the Office of Student Services or to any College Security Officer.

10. The ways in which a student or a student group may use the name of the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University, State University College of Forestry at Syracuse University, State University of New York or Syracuse University shall only be upon written application to the Chief Administrative Officer of the College and with his written approval. Student or student groups are prohibited from using such names in whole or in part, or any similar name or names without such written approval.

FORESTRY STUDENT COUNCIL AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Ever since his appearance on this planet some 50,000 years ago, man has been faced with the paradox of orientation. Unlike his animal cohorts in this contest of life, man has been cast out of the security of nature by the very facility that has made him unique;
his power of reason. He is the only animal that must be at home with himself as well as with his environment. Being empathetic with such institutions as religion, nation or other social inventions which replace nature orientation satisfy the latter need, but the struggle for inner balance is an individual conflict that must be fought if life is to be lived to its fullest.

Through the observation of the events of the student council meeting of February 12, 1969, one could easily question the motives of this college in relation to the development of individuality and rational thinking in its students.

Last Wednesday the student council was faced with the decision to approve or disapprove the new "written" rules and regulations of student conduct and behavior——rules which represent that which one might expect to find in a militaristic state rather than a state university.

rules which enforce the denial of a student's right and due heritage to express individuality in thought and action.

-----a body of declarations whose inflexibility and authorization character may widen the crevice which exists between the student and the administration, thus culturing the apathy which already exists among the complacent.

In spite of the efforts of a minority of students and two faculty members, the student council voted to "recognize" the rules and regulations.

This recognition notwithstanding, one may still believe the rules are doomed to failure. Administrative expedience and misunderstanding has fostered a document of intolerable bylaws governing student activity, whose failure is inevitable for they are discordant with human nature; a force which shall render this imposition of behavioral and judicial efficiency inefficient.

Now, the question may well be: Why do 20 some students vote to place themselves under a set of such rules? Perhaps it is conceivable to explain this phenomenon in terms of orientation. College removes many young people from the security and familiarity of their rural, suburban, or urban origins in such a way that new associations are needed to retain inner emotional balance. Where does the student plug his dangling umbilical cord in? The statistics of last Wednesday nights vote indicate that many have chosen to gravitate to the security of our existing administrative system. This is not necessarily bad, for as pointed out in the leading paragraph, we are social animals. It must be pointed out however, that in this instance sightless dependency has had a pernicious effect on the student body. Too many of us had all of our wires plugged into the system, and too few of us were plugged into ourselves or any other social commitments.

**SOCIAL EDUCATION:** Do we have a college that fosters the freedom and ability to carry on individual thinking? It may be noted that there is a moderate consensus of opin-
In that we are failing in concern to the latter and there is now present fear that the former is being threatened. Concurrent with this feeling however, is the belief that we possess the potential for what could be an explosively opportunistic community for environmental education. The addition of such a facility, as suggested by Professor Sondheimer in the last Knothole, to our existing technological base could only reap further world renown for the college.

To the student committee that is being formed to make further commentary on the rules, one might relay the following thought........

"Misfortunes occur only when a man is false to his genius.....Explore your own higher altitudes.....May be a Columbus to whole new continents and worlds within you, opening new channels, not of trade but of thought. Every man is the lord of a realm beside which the earthly empire of the Czar is but a petty state, a hummock left by the ice. Yet some can be patriotic who have no self respect, and sacrifice the greater for the less. They love the soil which makes their graves, but have no sympathy with the spirit which may still animate their day." Henry David Thoreau

J. A. Hibbard