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On December 14th and 15th, the College of Forestry will be acting as host institution to the Public Land Law Forum for the Mid-Atlantic and Southern States. The College, along with the SUNY Research Foundation, is under contract with the sponsor of the forum, the Public Land Law Review Commission (PLLRC). $46,000 has been appropriated by the College to run the session. Three College Faculty members - Dr. Vavorsky and Professors Getty and Sears, are to play major roles in the forum.

The purpose of the forum is to review the recommendations of the Public Land Law Review Commission in light of what they portend for the mid-Atlantic and southeastern states. Their impact on the administration of lands and resources is the key concern. Thirty-three special studies of the Commission will be considered, along with its summary report: "One-Third of the Nation’s Land." Disseminating information; making people aware of findings which are likely to affect legislation and control public finances in future years - is to be a primary aim of the sessions.

Four major topics will be discussed: the direct and potential effects of the PLLRC report on state land policies, on regional and local land use planning, on outdoor recreation and population growth, and on the environment and ecology.

Prominent personalities in the field of conservation have been invited to speak at the forum by its Chairman, Professor Russell Getty. Among those contacted are Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel and Maine’s Senator Edmund Muskie. Speakers attending the forum are likely to appear either on the S.U. Campus or at our own College during their stay in Syracuse.

The public is welcome to attend the discussion sessions. The Hotel Syracuse is the site of the forum. Interested students must register by December 7th at the College of Forestry Office of Continuing Education. There is no registration fee.

This is obviously an event of importance, as it concerns the use of the public lands we all enjoy. The College of Forestry administration is actively involving itself and Forestry students are encouraged to do likewise, as they are able. A few professors have informed their classes that credit will be given for attendance at the PLLRC sessions.

The KNOTHOLE, recognizing the relevant nature of the PLLRC forum, will follow up on this article in weeks to come. The Staff will strive to present you with a clear picture of the slate of speakers, the controversial issues, and the parties likely to oppose each other in discussion. Professor Getty has expressed his willingness to provide accounts of the sessions as well as comments on their implications. Watch for future pieces on this eco-happening.

Paul Hornak
The student publication of the New York State College of Forestry.

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ARTICLES:
Students and faculty who have ideas about our College, notices they wish to announce, suggestions, stories, poems or anything that they might think our readers would find interesting are encouraged to submit these to the KNOTHOLE for publication. Please sign name to articles, and date them as well.

DEADLINE:
Articles should be put in the KNOTHOLE mailbox in the basement of Marshall Hall no later than ten days before publication.

Anyone interested in joining the KH Staff is encouraged to get in touch with any of our staff members either in person or else via student mail. We also welcome any comments and/or criticisms. These should be placed in the KNOTHOLE mailbox.

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EDITOR'S NOTE-
The following is an article written by Thomas Catchpole; last year's Botany Club President and 1970 graduate of our college. Upon graduation Tom joined the Peace Corps, serving in the capacity as a volunteer forester in the tropical country of Ecuador. His story presents us with a first-hand glimpse of a land and its people many of us only hear about once in a while. In the future, Tom has informed us that he will attempt to continue his correspondence with the KNOTHOLE.

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In the light of mid-day the rather plump Indian lady wipes the sweat from her brow and raises the ax high above her head. Her face is distorted momentarily; letting out a loud grunt she sinks the ax deep into the flesh; bones snap, blood flies. Not severing the limb with the first swipe she repeats again and again until it falls to the floor among the blood and gore. Picking up the meat she places it on the scale, then hands it to me saying "Dos libras senor, diez - y - seis sucres por favor." I pay her and move on through the market, purchasing other items for my meal without refrigeration the meat has to be killed and sold in the same day. As I walk away from the meat section with its rows of carcasses and other unidentifiable cuts of meat hanging on hooks, ladies yell out offers for lungs, brains, kidneys, noses and other unmentionable choice cuts of meat.

The Ecuadorian sun stings even though the air is cool as I walk on into the vegetable section. Cuenca is about 8500 feet in elevation so even though it is close to the equator it rarely gets hotter than 70°F. Here the day length is the same all year long and the climate varies only slightly during a dryer or wetter season. The market, which is like something out of a history book or a late show on T.V., runs for blocks. Here on market days items are brought in by foot, bus, and other means of travel and sold in the open air market. The prices are as low as your skill of bartering can lower them.

Walking back to my small room I pass under huge churches with the finest gold, marble and stained glass. I can't look up too long at their magnificent splendor because I may step on the body of one of the many shaggy cripples or beggars which line the streets below these architectural marvels. Up ahead comes the beat of Indian music played by a blind cripple laying on the steps. His little boy, being blind in one eye also - lays beside his father curled up with pain and hunger. It is his job to hold the cup while his father plays the violin. There are no words to describe how poor and miserable these people are. By the time I reach my room I have seen enough pain, suffering, and poverty to last a lifetime -- but this is repeated everyday.

I have come to Ecuador with the Peace Corps. I am a forester trying to help this under-developed country in any way I can. I have been introduced into the modern theories of economics, management and practices of Forestry. Forestry in Ecuador, however is a totally different concept than what we know in the U.S. In this country one has to adapt to the new situation or be left standing alone.

The Indian farmers who live in the Andes mountains are extremely poor. They subsist on small parcels of land using farming methods their Incan ancestors used 400 years ago. They live in mud houses with dirt floors and grass or tile roof. Their food is mainly boiled corn, vegetables and meat on extremely rare occasions. They have stripped the mountains of their natural vegetation, therefore firewood and lumber are scarce. Reforestation and forest management are lacking and needed.

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Have you ever tried to talk an old Indian farmer with his wrinkled weather-beaten face and hard-calloused hands and feet into planting trees on that old eroded hillside where he now grows his food? Every chunk of land is like gold for these people; next month is uncertain. In this climate a Eucalyptus tree will produce saw timber in 15-20 years or less. To an American forester this sounds great - but to the Indian farmer subsisting on less than $260 a year it is out of the question. A long term investment to these people is namely less than a few years; there is no way they can afford such longterm niches.

I have two years to work on this problem. There are many possibilities to be considered such as, establishing small nurseries in remote areas to produce cheap trees for the average farmer, research on new species which might grow better for the situation, working with rich landlords on their large holdings and so on. Conservation in this type of society has a much different meaning than what we know. In two years we won't have multiple-use sustained yield plantations covering the country, by two years I hope, we will have a few more trees growing, and possibly a few ideas planted among the people about this way - out subject of Forestry and Conservation as applied to their situation.

Tom Catchpole
Cuenpo de Paz
Casilla 4926
Cuena, Ecuador
October 1970

WORK AGAINST POLLUTION AND LITTERING

It seems that, today, everyone is saying that something is wrong with this or that - and maybe they're right. But in most cases talk is as far as most people will go. Taking a case in point is the realization of our environment's deterioration. Everyone talks about it but no one wants to get out of the boat - so we all sink. The uproarous clamor made on April 22 (Earth Day) turned to a sorrowful quiet by April 23rd. I'm afraid that the ecologists made their point a little too clear, for now many people believe we're doomed for sure and nothing can be done. ---- But! ---- wait a minute! Hold your (Pick one: horses, cars, planes, boats, shoes)! There's plenty that can be done. To start things off, a group here at the College of Forestry has started a wastepaper recycling project. It's small now but could lead to a great deal more -- with your HELP!!! The work would require about one hour a month per person - mainly to empty the receptacles which are now in all College of Forestry Buildings. Each building has a manager, [see below], who can be contacted for more information. So, come on and join the fun! - Fun? - Yeah, Fun!

Thanks for Listening,

John H. Anlian

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DENDROLOGY REVIEW EXAM NUMBER 2

DIRECTIONS: In the space provided, write in the name of the tree described.

21. Most abundant at 0.591 microns
22. Friend of every fisherman.
23. Which tree is glabrous in its crown.
24. Which tree won't float.
25. The neatest tree.
27. Tree good with toast.
28. Tree bad with toast.
29. Least healthy tree.
30. The lonesome tree.
32. Found at every candy counter.
33. Which tree is used at breakfast.
34. The dentist's favorite tree.
35. Which tree is always irritable.
36. Which tree is stingy.
37. Which tree escaped its pursuers.
38. Our sweetest conifer.
39. Oldest bush in the land.

(ANSWERS ON LAST PAGE OF KNOTHOLE)

Simplicity
is unsophisticated.
Poems and people
have climbed into the latest model
of Detroit's chromed and three-toned
automobiles (faster than ever before)
to drive a never-ending cloverleaf
of going (where?)
and coming back unsatisfied.
On stilts above the ground
new loops and levels
are added every day.
The minimum speed
is up another ten
and only those
who must stop for repairs
get close enough to ground-level
to see a rose or dandelion.

Mary Schuschni
MANY THANKS

Kappa Phi Delta would like to extend a thanks and congratulations all in one. Dr. Neils B. Christiansen of the Forest Economics Department has been our house advisor for a little over three years. In this capacity, he has seen our house through the hard past few years; years that have seen many fraternities fold. Ours has doubtless felt the strain, but at present we can definitely say we are stronger than ever. What has made our house so different? The answer to this is not one that can be pinpointed; however, Dr. Christiansen must take a tremendous amount of credit. It has been through his constant concern for our welfare that Kappa Phi Delta has benefitted. He hasn't been a leader. That wasn't what he wanted or what we wanted. Rather, he has been a stimulator for the entire brotherhood. It was through the ideas and observations he gave to us that we were motivated. It is this motivation that has made our house unique. In order to reach your house goals you must function as a group, all after the same basic goals, while at the same time never trying to destroy individualism. It is only through this motivation that you can even begin to think as a group, and thus achieve your goals. Dr. "Chris" has motivated us! During the last few years, Kappa Phi Delta has sponsored such activities as the Forestry Blood Drive, Faculty teas, numerous seminars for the students as to job opportunities, and our traditional campus Christmas tree Drive. At present our house has eight voting members on the student council. The recent Student Leaders Conference was fun and organized as a result of one of our brothers. Forestry tours are conducted every year with Kappa Phi Delta wholly participating. These things are the result of motivation.

Now Dr. Christiansen feels that he has aided our house as best he can, and that perhaps some new thoughts from other faculty members might further benefit the house. Kappa Phi Delta respects this decision, while at the same time feeling a rather grateful tone. Thanks is little we can say, yet we say it sincerely.

We feel we have been left in excellent hands though, with Dr. William E. Graves of the Zoology Department consenting to be our new house advisor. We feel confident that we can continue working as a house with Dr. Graves paving the way.

The Brotherhood of Kappa Phi Delta

NOTICES

POSTDOCTORAL OPPORTUNITIES

The National Academy of Sciences has announced the availability of a number of Post-Doctoral Opportunities for 1971-1972. These include: National Science Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowships, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Postdoctoral Fellowships, and Post-doctoral Research Associateships in a wide variety of Federal Laboratories. The Fields included cover the entire range of the natural sciences. Stipends involved range up to $14,000 per annum.

Persons interested in such opportunities should review the announcement on the Bulletin-board at the Graduate Office. Applications must be submitted by January 8, 1971.

William L. Webb
Acting Dean of Graduate Studies
OUTLINE SEMINAR ON COLLEGE TEACHING

All sessions 7:30 P.M.  Moon Library Conference Room

11. Tuesday December 1st
Honors Programs.
Syracuse University Faculty member presentation.

12. Tuesday December 8th
Course Evaluation: TEACHERS EVALUATION
by Student, by Teacher, by Administrator.

13. Tuesday December 15th
Group discussion - education for obsolescence or for
mind stretching?

The New College of Forestry sweatshirts and T-shirts are HERE!
The sweatshirts are green with white emblem and the T-shirts are white with green emblems.
Because of rising costs, the new prices are:

SWEATSHIRTS
White (the previous ones) ........ $3.00
Green........................................3.50
T-shirts.......................................2.25
Patches......................................50
Decals.......................... 25

They will be sold after convocation on Wednesday, and in room 18, Moon Library on:
Monday........ 12 - 2 P.M., 9 - 10 A.M.
Tuesday........ 10 - 11 A.M.
Thursday..... 10 - 11 A.M.
Sunday....... 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Show your school Spirit! (we'll try and get beer mug's next!)

Answers to Dendro Quiz

shadbush
Attention...

Do you have pride in our College?
Are you interested in showing our College off to other people?

The ADMISSIONS OFFICE is seeking students NOW to give College Tours to prospective Freshmen and various guests of our College.

If you are interested in helping out our college in this capacity -

Please contact MR. FRIEDMAN - Director of Admissions, Room 110, Bray Hall.

Your assistance will be appreciated.