On February 24, 1971, the Board of Trustees reviewed the State University of New York policy with respect to Student Activity Fees, and adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved that this Board of Trustees does hereby approve in principle a policy by which students at each State-operated campus shall determine, by referendum, whether student activity programs shall be supported by voluntary or mandatory fees."

There is also a third possibility we could consider; that student activity fees be part mandatory and part voluntary.

This has vast implications, and NOW is the time to make your choice, undergrads and grad students! On either the 15th or 16th of April, 1971, we (the Student Body) will be voting on the above issue. Because it concerns all of us, it is imperative that everyone start thinking about this issue at once. What it all means is that the State University has decided to let us decide, for ourselves, what we want to do with the student fees for the next academic year. As an aid in making sure that each student knows exactly what the score is before he or she chooses one of the alternatives, listed below here are the implications involved in the options:

1. Completely Mandatory - If we vote to make Student Fees mandatory, then the College will collect them, and regulate them in conformity with strict guidelines to be established by SUNY and our College's Board of Trustees. They would be administered through President Palmer. Thus, the students would have essentially restricted control over their own funds. Also, if a student chooses not to pay his student fees (under the system of mandatory fees), the College Administration has the right to deny that student registration in the College! Of course, under this method, the various student organizations are assured of having a budget to work with.

2. Completely Voluntary - If we decide to let students pay their student fees on a voluntary basis, or rather, if they (we) feel like paying them, than obviously there is no guarantee that there will be funds for student organizations "as we know them today." If it was decided that a certain amount of money was to be the student fee, and monies thus collected would go into one fund that would cover all Council activities, then it might also be decided that students who choose not to pay the fee be not allowed to participate in any of the activities. Thus, membership cards or the like would be issued. Along

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these same lines, if we decide that payment of fees will be on a volunteer basis for and to each organization, then a pupil would pay only to those clubs that interest him. In this case, many clubs may suffer dire financial losses in their budget, especially the Empire Forester.

3. Part Mandatory and Part Voluntary - This is a "middle-of-the road" approach. We could vote for a small mandatory fee which would assure funding under College guidelines, for our traditional College-wide activities.

Examples would include the annual Barbecue, the Sweethearts Ball, the Empire Forester, the Knothole, and the Annual College Banquet. All other Council-approved activities would be funded on an individual, voluntary basis.

Such groups would be the Botany, Zoology, Archery, WPE, Papyrus, Mollet, Woodchips and Forest Engineers Clubs, etc. That fee, which would be mandatory, bears the same restrictions as those in Choice No. 1; namely, that the President would be responsible for their administration and the College could prevent a student from registering if he or she favors not paying them. Also, as far as the voluntary student fees go, the students would be responsible for their collection and distribution. Here again, those clubs benefitting from this could not be assured a budget of any size.

THESE ARE OUR ALTERNATIVES! Without question it is vital that each student understand them and their implications, and make your own choice. We will attempt to include in the April 12 edition of the KNOThOLE a reproduction of the voting ballots that will be used later that week. Everyone must make every effort to come to the referendum and vote. The survival of our student activities depends upon our votes and (as always) on our enthusiasm and interest.

ALSO - Begin thinking about who you would like for your Student Council Officers for the next academic year. We will present more about this in the next KNOThOLE, but the actual voting will take place at the above referendum on April 15 or 16.

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PLEASE RECYCLE THIS KNOThOLE WHEN YOU’RE FINISHED READING IT. THANKS.
EMPIRE FORESTER - A YEARBOOK OR A BUSINESS PUBLICATION?

At the March 3 meeting of our Student Council, Ray Curran, Editor-In-Chief of the Empire Forester, handed out a proposal to the Council members, and later during the meeting made a motion for his proposal. On many points there is disagreement with the items that were listed in the proposal. Several Student Council members elucidated on these points to the entire Council that night and yet the Council backed the proposal and voted in the motion anyway. Personally, I feel that an injustice has been dealt to our entire student body. Reproduced below is an exact copy of the proposal and motion the Empire Forester Editor handed out that night. Along side the work, in italics, are my comments on the issue. In next week's KH will be a ballot which I hope will be filled in by every student on the topic of whether or not the Empire Forester Staff should or should not get paid.

First - the facts: The Yearbook Staff gets paid a total of $1,400 in salaries. For over fifty years, the College of Forestry has continuously produced a quality yearbook. Copies of these are available for student inspection in Moon Library. In 1966, the Student Council voted to pay the Editorial Staff of the Empire Forester; the reason being that the Empire Forester editors felt that the amount of time they gave to producing the Empire Forester prevented them from obtaining part-time jobs on and off campus. The proposal and motion:

A question has arisen over the supposed mis-management of Council funds on behalf of the Empire Forester - innocent or intentional.

The question concerns paying salaries to editors and assistants. For future interest this controversy must be brought out now. It is my firm opinion that editors and assistants must be paid if the students are to get a yearbook at all. My opinion is born out by the past experience at this college and by the experience of other institutions right now. (1)

This is not to say that a general doling out of funds to every student that comes along should occur, but rather that the council should appropriate a modest sum (2) towards providing assistance to the editors to be allocated in a choice of several fashions. For instance, it might be allocated to the few individuals who devote a considerable amount of time to working or

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in small amounts among those who have devoted an equal amount of time. (3)

Reasons for paying the staff are:
1. As an added incentive toward getting the job done quickly and efficiently (4)
2. The tasks performed are mundane repetitious, and tedious (5)
3. To attract and keep people who are capable (6)

What could well happen if the council does not support the staff:
1. A general apathy will set in (7)
2. The yearbook will not attract and keep qualified people (8)
3. A few interested people may be left to do all the work (9)
4. Yearbook quality will steadily decline or production will be delayed (10)
5. Lack of interest in tackling the job will result in lack of interest in the student council funding a yearbook (11)
6. Eventually a yearbook will no longer be published by the students (12)

It is my honest opinion that no one will have the time nor will any one be willing to do a yearbook for the students if the council does not support the staff with funds. (13)

AT ANY RATE A FIRM POLICY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR FUTURE GUIDELINES TO THE EDITORS...

I move...

Whereas, only an honest, open understanding is acceptable and fair to all parties involved in the yearbook production, and such organizations because they have the interest, not because they feel they should get paid for it. They all volunteer their time. Ask the officers of the clubs, and the other people active in student affairs.

(4) If a staff is of the spirit that they want to "do the yearbook" because of what they can learn, the fun they can have, and the sense of challenge and accomplishment, that certainly is enough incentive to "getting the job done..." The Empire Forester staff of the past was like that, and again, those people active in clubs and student affairs now are also of that same nature.

(5) If the staff is interested in their work, then the job is anything but "mundane, repetitious and tedious." Indeed, if the job is so boring to the staff, then the wrong people for the job are on the staff.

(6) If the editors are people who are interested in what they're doing, and who have an enthusiasm about their work, they won't have any trouble keeping people who are capable.

(7) A general apathy will only set in if nobody is interested, and this is truly hard to believe. I maintain that if our College had no history of staff salaries for the yearbook, the current staff would still have done their job and done it just as well. Our College has always had a yearbook; was student apathy any different in the past than it is now? I doubt it.

(8) "The yearbook will not attract and keep qualified people" only if the editors do not have or show any enthusiasm in their work. After all, if the editors don't care much, then what is there to get other people interested. This is apathy!

(9) Again - if the staff is an interested staff - and this depends on the leadership of the editors, the whole staff will do the job, not just a few people.
Whereas, the student council has the right to control the use of student monies, and

Whereas, the editor and staff of the yearbook have the right to know within what bounds they must work before committing themselves to any work on the yearbook,

be it resolved, that upon the information of a new council in the spring of each year, this council should immediately consider and announce to the editor-in-chief designate any restrictions which they might wish to place on him in the production of the yearbook or on the expenditure of council funds. At this time the editor may wish to retire from his position (14) or he may reaffirm his intention to take the responsibility of publication.

further be it resolved, that the council recognize the need for salaries for editors and assistants (15) without committing themselves to any firm amount - this amount to be determined by the afore mentioned process.

further be it resolved, that as the council will rely on the editor's best judgement in many matters (16) that the editor act only in the student association's best interest and that if the occasion should arise where there is a question of which path to follow or where there is a precedent being set, he will refer the question to the student council.

-Ray Curran

(10) If yearbook quality declines and/or work is delayed, then this doesn't say much for the staff. If such a staff is in charge, then I profess once more that we have the wrong people for the job.

(11) This is true. If the staff of the Empire Forester shows no drive, spirit or enthusiasm, what do you (and what can you) expect from Student Council?

(12) For the reasons stated above, I find this hard to believe.

(13) Your honest opinion seems to be slightly biased. Can you speak for the editor-to-be? It is a long-known fact that "he who has the interest, finds the time." Ask some of the student leaders at our College and other colleges. If a person does not want to volunteer his or her services to work for the College and help create a yearbook, then I question that such a person be of the right "type" or "sort" to put out our yearbook.

(14) "At this time the editor may wish to retire..." What kind of editor is that? Any editor worth his salt takes on a job because he wants to work for his publication, to create as best a publication he can with whatever resources he is given or can create or recruit. Any person who is an "editor-designate" and hears how much money he will be paid, then decides it's too little, and then quits his job is nothing more than a person who is out for the money and not the job. Do we want such a person to run our yearbook?

It should also be noted that because the yearbook staff is not set up like the officers of a club (i.e. - the yearbook staff has no secretary or treasurer), the Editor-In-Chief is the financial representative of the yearbook. As such, it is very possible for such a person to take on the job in the spring, be unenthusiastic during the following academic year and consequently put out a poor yearbook, and then still pay himself the $400.

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Looking at the deer take regionally, the Department reports that the 25 county Central and Western Region produced 36,000 deer. This was the area's fifth highest take of record. The all-time record occurred in 1948 when 42,242 deer were taken.

Application of the party permit system has been very successful in this region in regulating deer populations. Through the annual use of permits a consistent take of deer has been maintained, reaching approximately 30,000 in 1963 and exceeding 36,000 for the last three years. The permit has eliminated the boom and bust deer takes of the past, and has demonstrated the desirability of a sustained deer population at optimum levels. Under this type of management deer are held at levels where they do not exceed their natural food supplies and are of minimal threat to man's other uses of the land. At the same time they provide a consistent and reasonable number of deer for hunters.

The adult buck harvest in the Central and Western Region was 18,332 compared to the all-time record of 22,644 set in 1969. Steuben County was the leading western county in both the total deer take of 5,926 and the buck take of 2,819. Steuben County was followed by Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chenango and Chautauqua.

Catskill hunters took 20,443 deer, down considerably from last year's take of 32,771 deer. The major declines occurred in Sullivan and Delaware counties where the Department's deer management program was aimed at reducing deer populations to a more compatible level. Hunters took 12,976 adult bucks, well below the record of 20,662 set in 1968 but near the 10-year average of 15,604. Delaware County led the region with 4,246 total deer and 2,477 bucks.

Hunters in the Adirondack Region harvested 8,129 deer, the lowest deer take since 1948. The adult buck take of 5,094 compares to a 10-year average of 9,682 and is also the lowest since 1944.

Since 1964 Adirondack hunters have become accustomed to high deer populations brought about by a series of mild winters. The 1969 take indicated that moderate starvation occurred during the 1968-69 winter. The winter of 1969-70 was a severe one and considerable starvation occurred among fawns with some adults dying. Observation at deer check stations indicated that bucks 3 1/2 years and older made up 55 percent of the kill in 1970, but only 43 percent in 1969 and 40 percent in 1968. Bucks 3 1/2 years and older in 1970 were not affected by starvation when they were fawns and were taken during 1970 in numbers similar to 1969. Hunters harvested 2,800 bucks 3 1/2 years old and older in 1970, and 2,950 in 1969. The similarity of these numbers indicates that only the younger deer were in a short supply during the fall and were lost during the previous winter.

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when they were fawns.

The top 10 counties in total deer take per square mile of deer range were: Yates 7.1; Steuben 6.6; Allegany 6.4; Ontario 6.0; Chemung 5.3; Schuyler 5.2; Columbia 5.1; Livingston 5.1; Tioga 4.2; Tompkins 4.0. The top 10 counties in total deer take were: Steuben 5,926; Allegany 4,854; Delaware 4,246; Cattaraugus 3,568; Sullivan 2,950; Chenango 2,485; Otsego 2,445; Ulster 2,419; Chautauqua 2,174; Columbia 1,945.

-N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation

SUMMER CAMP - 1971

ATTENTION! -- Students who have not completed their Summer Session requirements and are planning to attend either: (this summer)

SUMMER SESSION IN FIELD FORESTRY AT WARRENSBURG, N. Y.
or
CRANBERRY LAKE BIOLOGICAL STATION AT CRANBERRY LAKE, N. Y.

There will be an important meeting March 24th, 7:30 p.m. which you should attend.

Warrensburg Session - Room 5, Illick - Dr. Lea
Cranberry Lake Session - Room 12, Illick - Dr. Ketchledge

Meetings concern information, dates, requirements, registration data, cost, etc.

-R. V. Lea

ANOTHER LETTER TO THE STUDENT BODY

While attending the recent film showings in Room 5, Illick, I noticed that several guys were resting their as-es on the chair beneath them. Later, the inspection showed that the fabric was wearing thin. What's more, the projector was being worn out showing the film! And there were people actually stepping on the carpets! Here we have a magnificent new shrine already showing unnecessary use! Why doesn't the majority do something -- that is, speak to these few thoughtless, or witless slobs?

P. E. J. '72

THE NIFKIN HOUR IS APPROACHING! See you there this afternoon, in the Nifkin Lounge from 3:30 - 5:00.
WE GOOFED!

Did you catch the mistake in last week's KH? We did! The notice on that last page should have read:

QUESTION TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Why don't the clubs and organizations that hold meetings here at the College and serve refreshments afterwards use deposit-return pop bottles. Use of these bottles would favor recycling.

LOCKERS AVAILABLE

There are 100 lockers in the basement of Marshall Hall that are now ready for student use. These will be given on the first-come, first-serve basis, with priorities going to commuting students. A key deposit of $1.00 will be required. This money will be refunded to the student when he returns the key at the end of the current academic year. Students desiring lockers should sign up in Room 107, Bray Hall. All lockers must be emptied at the end of this semester.

"THIRST"

He grabbed me round my slender neck, I could not call or scream, And he dragged me to his dingy room, Where we could not be seen.

He tore away my flimsy wrap, And looked upon my form, I was so cold and damp and scared, While he was hot and warm.

He drained me of my very self, I could not make him stop, His feverish lips he pressed to mine, I gave him every drop.

He made me what I am today, A broken bottle thrown away, That once was full of beer.

-Anonymous

ATTENTION!

There is a proposed $4.7 million budget cut by our State's Assembly Ways and Means Committee that could effectively END much of our forestry in New York State. PLEASE read the notice on the KNOTHOLE CORNER bulletin board in the basement of Marshall Hall, and write your comments to:

The Assembly Ways and Means Committee
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224.
NOTICE

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR:

OFFICES OF THE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION AND CLASS OFFICERS

OFFICERS OF STUDENTS ASSOCIATION CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

President -- senior ........................................... (1)
Senior Senators -- senior ..................................... (2)
Vice Presidents -- sophomore, junior or graduate student ... (3)
Secretary -- senior or graduate student .................... (1)
Treasurer -- senior or graduate student ................... (1)
Social Chairman -- senior or graduate student ............ (1)
Syracuse University Senator -- sophomore, junior, senior -- (1)
-- graduate student ........................................... (1)

CLASS OFFICERS CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

President
Vice President
Secretary-treasurer
Social Chairman

One of each for each class

NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE, VIA THE STUDENT COUNCIL MAILBOX IN MARSHALL HALL NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 1971.

ANY QUALIFIED MEMBER OF THE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION MAY RUN FOR OFFICE

QUALIFICATIONS:

PRESIDENT: 2.2/4.0 cumulative average at the end of the first semester of his junior year AND one year Council experience or have served actively on a functioning President's faculty, or Council standing committee

SENIOR SENATORS: Position will be filled by the two candidates for President of the Association who polled second and third highest number of votes in the Presidential election; they must meet qualifications for President

ALL OTHER OFFICERS: Must be entering the class listed above and be in good academic and social standing with the College

CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION A SHORT RESUME OF HIS ABILITIES AND/OR LIST OF CAMPAIGN PROMISES AND IDEALS ON A 3 X 5 INDEX CARD.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS ARE LISTED IN THE STUDENT HANDBOOK, AVAILABLE IN ROOM 107 BRAY

NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 31, 1971
ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD APRIL 15 AND 16, 1971
FROM THE BOTANY CLUB:
ANSWER TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Botany Club now uses returnable bottles for their refreshments after meetings. We use Saratoga brand soda which is available at Peter's IGA on Colvin Street. Also, anyone who buys beer can get it in returnable bottles at the same store -- it's cheaper that way too.

BOTANY CLUB NEWS

The film "COLONIAL NATURALIST" will be shown at a regular Botany Club meeting on Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m. in 5 Illick. It is about the life of Mark Catesby; early American artist-naturalist.

The Botany Club Noon Film program shows free films every Thursday noon in 5 Illick.

Relevant Quotation -

"One had to cram all this stuff into one's mind, whether one liked it or not. This coercion had such a deterring effect that, after I had passed the final examination, I found the consideration of any scientific problem distasteful to me for an entire year... It is, in fact, nothing short of a miracle that the modern methods of instruction have not yet entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry, for this delicate little plant, aside from stimulation, stands mainly in need of freedom. Without this it goes to wrack and ruin without fail. It is a very grave mistake to think that the enjoyment of seeing and searching can be promoted by means of coercion and a sense of duty."

- Albert Einstein
- Chris Burnett
Club President

DR. HARLOW DOES IT AGAIN

120 pp., 111 figures. $6.50.

"Moosewood" Harlow - one of our College's most renowned professors, has authored another book, and this one truly combines the best of his previous works with yet additional material of a most interesting nature. Wood: What is it? An old cane? A toothpick? A broom handle? A piece of furniture? Yes, wood is all these and much, much more. As Ward's Bulletin of March 1971 says:

This is not a technical book for the economic botanist or wood technician, but a beautiful and fascinating work that anyone can read with interest and enjoyment. The significance of tree rings, the structure and properties of wood, characteristics of common woods, how wood and bark grow, the decay of wood by fungi, and the uses of wood are all interestingly described and illustrated with Dr. Harlow's superb photographs, including many photomicrographs. The large (8½" x 11") page size provides ample space for the excellent reproduction of the photographs. This is the sort of book on which one can exhaust all the superlative adjectives and yet not convey adequately the esthetic pleasure and scientific interest it provides.

The Syracuse Bookstore now has some copies in stock, or you may order directly from the American Forestry Association, 919 Seventeenth Street N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006