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WOODSMENS TEAM VICTORIOUS AT TRI-STATE

Saturday, April 24, 1971 at Penn State University, was a day that only a northerner could look at with an appreciative eye. And look the northerns of SUNY College of Forestry did, as they led New York to a victory in the 14th Annual Tri-State Meet over the West Virginia Mountaineers, and the Penn State Nittany Lions; West Virginia taking second, and Penn State in the cellar.

Penn State jumped to an early lead by winning most of the points in the Felling and Twitching events. West Virginia took over after winning the second event, the log roll. The Mountaineers never lost their lead until the very last event—the Pack Race, when the New Yorkers finally shot to the top.

After a slow morning, Syracuse finally started to find the combination with a second place in the Cross-cut for John Burton and Pete Buist, less than one second behind the Penn State sawyers. The team really started to surge with a first by freshman Don Elmadorf in Chain-sawing, a first by Tom Backus and a tie for second by Tracey Trime in archery. Also helpful was a first for junior Larry Flatau and a second for senior John Strub in the Pulp Throw for Distance. Though shut out in the Speed Chop, the College’s team took first in Bow Sawing with Pete Buist and Mark Clark, and third place with Don Schaufler and Doug “Humdog” Meyers. Second and third places in the Axe-throw were won by frosh Russ Pittenger and John Karoly, and second and third in the Pulp Throw for Accuracy by the teams of John Burton-Bob Lamoy, and Tony Harvish-Pete Breuer. Another win or a second at that point would have cemented the win for Syracuse, and they settled for the number two spot in the Pack Race, with a fine time in this grueling contest by the relay team of Mike Burrows, Steve Stash, Jim Andritz, Russ Pittenger, Larry Flatau, and Bob Striedell.

Not satisfied with winning the traditional trophy axe (which can be seen along with other trophies won by the team in the Nifkin Lounge Trophy case), the Syracuse team proceeded to win the party. In fact, an estimated (who could count?) 5 or 6 of the 24 man team had to be carried out after the six hour party at Ski Mount Lodge near State College, Pennsylvania. At 9:30 A.M. Sunday, when the bus left for Syracuse, 23 of the team members were aboard. The last one arrived in Syracuse, Sunday night, after finding other transportation when he was revived!

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All the members of the team would like to thank the students from the college (cheering section), Ron Smith (bus driver for Onondaga Coach Co.), and especially Dr. Lea and Dr. Gladstone of the Silviculture Dept., for making the trip. They would also like to congratulate graduating seniors on the team, Hick Sull and John Strub, on their point-winning performance at this, their last Tri-State Meet.

MORE FOR US - - - LESS FOR THEM !

EDITORIAL

I would like to extend my thanks to the staff of the EMPIRE FORESTER for their most beautiful and creative statement about our college and our home—the 1971 College of Forestry yearbook, 0IKOS. Many students with whom I have talked criticize the publication because they feel it is not representative of the true college life. I can't disagree more. The students and faculty, the inauguration of the college's first president, the barbecue, the strike, Tri-State, and summer camp are all there. But there is more to 0IKOS than activities at the college.

One student comments, "The first thirty pages are just pretty pictures of flowers and bees." If this is what a student feels is the true meaning of the pictorial introduction, then I can understand why he also feels that these pages should have been devoted to more club activities or the inclusion of more faculty members. However, 0IKOS is more than "pretty pictures . . ." It is a synopsis not only of the college and the past year, but also of the world (the home) in which we live. In one photograph, we sense the truly devastating effects of mankind on his environment as a figurine has seemingly succumbed to the filth we have all created. 0IKOS is a statement; about ourselves, our college, and our home.

No matter what your opinion is of this year's yearbook, I'm sure we all share great pleasure in its dedication to Dr. Morrison. Dr. Morrison is part of our college, and more importantly part of the students. His unfailing dedication and understanding is something every student has known and will remember. (Dr. Morrison's yearbook is in the Botany Debt Office, and I'm sure he would appreciate it if every student would sign it).

Again, thank you and congratulations, to you and your staff Ray, for your diligence and creativity in producing a truly meaningful yearbook.

-E. M. Dentes

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An open letter to Ray Curran and the Empire Forester Staff:

Dear Ray and Staff,

Just a short note to say "Congratulations" to you on a truly excellent 1971 Empire Forester. Although I and others have in the past, and probably still do, disagree with you on the value of club and organization pictures in the yearbook, and on the problem of paying lesser staff members, I don't believe many people can deny that you have wondrously captured the spirit and atmosphere of the College in your masterpiece. Everything from the timely dedication, to the terrific photos and verse fit the mood perfectly. In closing let me say for myself and probably for most of the College, thank you Ray and Staff for your time, hard work and for the yearbook that we can all be proud of.

Good luck to all in the future,

Bob Mrowka

TO: Editor, The Knothole  
FROM: Don Mabie  
May 3, 1971

We have recently received information from the National Science Foundation that new guidelines for preparation of proposals to the Student Originated Studies Program will not be forthcoming until mid-June.

It is not anticipated, however, that there will be significant changes in the new guidelines and it has been suggested that existing procedures be followed to begin putting some ideas down - two short months in the Fall is precious little time to put together a sound proposal.

There has been extensive commentary in student publications around the university community on nearly every environmental issue. This program provides the funds through which your verbal assaults on environmental degradation can be transformed into real action.

Get your guidelines in room 218 Bray - then go rout out a faculty member to assist you.

PANIC NOT! THE PANELING IN BRAY STAYS!

In response to Mr. Neuroth's plea in the Knothole (Volume 21, Number 27, April 26, 1971, p.6) and to reassure the entire College community, we wish to clarify the misleading report concerning the rehabilitation work currently in progress in Bray Hall.

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It had been reported that while the rotunda on the second floor had been saved, "...the wood paneling which surrounds it must go..." to be replaced by a fire proof material. The only paneling which "must go" is that rather run-of-the-mill material which forms the exterior walls of the offices which open onto the rotunda. The priceless wood paneling collection which forms the interior wall surfaces of those offices is to remain!

During the preliminary design phase of the Bray rehabilitation, the architect did recommend that the paneling collection be removed for fire safety purposes, but the idea was dropped in the face of adamant objections registered by Vice President Anderson and his staff. In all matters touching on the beauty and aesthetically ennobling atmosphere of our campus environment, the College Administration is anything but "apathetic" and "powerless."

- Michael C. McCloskey
Personnel Associate

April 28, 1971

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

The recent article "What's going on in Bray Hall," brought up an interesting point with regard to the wood paneling installed there in recent years to provide new office space. (Incidentally, Vice President David Anderson informed me that the paneling to be removed does not include the wood specimens on the outer walls marked with species identification.) The correct terminology is not "fire-proof" but "fire-resistant" material. Wood panelling treated with fire retardant chemicals can be used for interior, non-bearing walls when these walls are properly constructed, according to building code requirements.

Even steel beams are not "proof" against fire. Unless protected from the heat, they will soften in a hot fire, lose strength and deflect, letting the roof down and even pulling in and so destroying the walls. Fires in recent years--the McKinley Place fire in Chicago is a prime instance--have caused just such damage. An interesting piece of construction vulnerable to this hazard is visible in Archibald gym. Look at the unprotected steel beams and guess what would happen in such circumstances. Another such place is the shop wing of Baker Lab; however, egress from Baker shop wing is easy and swift so that danger to persons is a minimum.

E. A. Anderson, Chairman
Dept. of Wood Products Engineering

REGENTS FELLOWSHIPS CANCELLED

Word has been received from the State Education Department that the following Regents Fellowships for Graduate Study have been terminated: College Teaching Fellowships, Doctoral Fellowships in the Arts, Sciences and Engineering, and the Herbert H. Lehman Graduate Fellowships. The drastic reduction in state budgets have resulted in the termination of these programs which many of our former graduate students utilized to support their graduate education.

William L. Webb
Dean of Graduate Studies
Ian McHarg: Did the Real Message Come Through?

On April 22nd, the first anniversary of Earth Day, Ian L. McHarg, a well-known opponent of an ecological approach to regional planning, spoke in Marshall Auditorium about the only permanent solution to environmental problems. The audience responded enthusiastically to McHarg's unique, often comic style of speaking. But it is doubtful whether the grave implications of McHarg's message reached his listeners through their laughter.

McHarg's main contention was that if we are to end environmental pollution for good, we must first relearn not only science, but philosophy as well. Our whole attitude toward the natural world has to change, McHarg emphasized. We must bring ourselves into a co-existence with nature, and abandon our century-old idea of dominance over the natural world.

McHarg sought to drive his point home with rapid-fire comic illustrations, first describing man's presence on earth as a planetary disease. He then went on to qualify this by singling out major environmental "escoriatbles" like chemical companies, the "Dr. Strangeloves" or nuclear scientists, and "Captains of industry." He enumerated their crimes against all nature - including man, calling for the "toilet training" of U.S. industry, and demanding that scientists stop "attacking gonads with radiation" and "selling death (pesticides, etc.) for money." Other offenders on McHarg's list included the Department of Defense, "purveyors of biological warfare," the "agri-businessmen" (including forest products profiteers), and Madison Avenue admen.

By publicly attacking these popular environmental villains in a comic manner, McHarg succeeded in capturing the audience's attention and respect. After all, this was something they all were eager to hear on Earth Day Two. It was not yet McHarg's primary contention, though. That came next, when he spoke of anthropocentrism knowing no qualifications.

Everyone must abandon his superiority complex if the environment is to be preserved. Laughter from the audience still came, however, if anyone wasn't laughing, it was probably because he understood what McHarg was asking beneath his humor. He saw in McHarg's words an underlying, frightening degree of fatalism.

In calling for a reversal of man's attitude toward nature from hostile to benovelent or even reverential, McHarg was asking the impossible. He undoubtedly knew that from the outset. Even though it would be the sure cure for pollution, a mass transformation of such an ingrained philosophy as anthropocentrism will never be brought about by human efforts. The reason why we won't affect the change was perhaps unknowingly demonstrated by McHarg earlier in the evening, when he began smoking cigarettes. At that time, he stated sarcastically that he had tried everything short of hypnotism to kick the habit, yet he still smoked. What would finally stop him, he concluded, would probably be cancer.

In the same way, the human race now realizes that its attitude toward nature will eventually cause the destruction of all life on earth. Yet though it can foresee disaster, it will not succeed at making the momentous conversion of minds needed to ward off the disaster. Not that it isn't trying, only that what is being done will never be enough. It must be mind-change or oblivion, McHarg is saying. There can be no inbetween. And he has implied that, like his smoking habit, the human race will live with its mental habit until it is too late.

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Only when environmental ruins is; upon it will it be able to correct its errors of attitude.

Had those who saw McHarg as just another entertaining speaker realized the implications of his comic suggestions, they might have left Marshall Auditorium a bit disillusioned, if not greatly discouraged. That so many went away chuckling casts grave doubt upon the success of McHarg's appearance.

Paul Hornak

Editors Note:

For the last two years Mr. Joseph Kasile of our F. Management Department has been the only representative of the College of Forestry to run in the Marathon, this year he bettered his previous time by 1/2 hour (down to 3 hr. 24 min.) and finished 496 out of 1100 in the top 50%. The distance in 26 miles, 385 yards over some "tough" hills. Mr. Kasile's comments on the race are given below.

THE YEARLY DUES

Joseph D. Kasile

As I peeled off the bloody socks that were hiding the stumps of what were formerly called toes; as I tried to walk but could barely crawl; as the pain of breath brought tears to my eyes, some simple questions passed fleetingly over the inner depths of my mind. "Is membership in The Exclusive Club worth it?" "Must the yearly dues of pain and suffering be so great?" "Yes!" - for this is the club of supreme physical torture and supreme mental elation -- the club of successful finishers in the Boston Marathon.

Placement and time of finish is unimportant -- only doing your best; that is what counts, for you have only yourself to live with, and if you can look your conscience in the eye and say,"I gave my all, there is no more,"you have reached the ultimate in mental satisfaction.

The Boston Marathon doesn't start at noon on Patriots' Day, it starts months, sometimes years earlier. It starts with the running of roads during the snow-stormed winter of Syracuse. It starts with the foregoing of a leisurly lunch for the "pleasure" of the salt of sweat burning your eyes as you run your training. And it starts with the knowledge of a goal -- run the Boston!

As I was dragged, unable even to walk, into the locker room at the end of the race I kept hearing "Never again, Never again." Two hours later I knew I would run again for even though the annual dues are high in the loneliness of training and the agony of racing, the mutual respect of "the club" members in their parting handshakes says, "I know -- I too ran Boston."

ON THE OUTSIDE

Jim Wilkins

THE CROSS FLORIDA BARGE CANAL

In January President Nixon ordered a halt to construction on the Cross-Florida Barge Canal.

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nine foot deep, 107 mile long canal, which was being built by the Army Corps of Engineers, has been in planning off and on for the past 150 years. The canal, which is the third already built, would pass just south of Jacksonville i.e., from Palatka on the St. Johns River to Yankeetown on the west coast. It would pass through the Oklawaha River area near Ocala. President Nixon halted the construction even though 50 million dollars has already been spent. This shows he is finally listening to his Council on Environmental Quality. Nixon said that stopping the project "will prevent a past mistake from causing permanent damage." Congressional hearings last year made clear the drawback of the canal. So devastating are they, that its really surprising something wasn't done before. The FDE (Florida Defenders of the Environment) was the leader in obtaining and publicizing the facts. This group was present at the hearing and has fought the canal ever since.

The Oklawaha River area is rich in wildlife and natural beauty. It is the last habitat where the endangered Florida panther hunts. It is also the setting for the novel "The Yearling," By Rawlings. Some beautiful photographs and a good article on this area can be found in the July 1970 issue of Audubon Magazine. Two dams have already been built in the area by the Army Corps of Engineers and the canal would add to the beauty of Florida's main supplies of fresh-water aquifer which is one of Florida's main supplies of fresh-water. Is this wise? The main argument for finishing the canal is that so much money has already been invested, why should we not complete it? Right on! /&/# Well anyway, it is halted and conservationists are now witnessing a trend in which the Army Corps of Engineers is getting away from its old image. It is starting to focus more on sewer treatment plants and water treatment plants. Now thats right on!

MOOSEWOOD'S NOTEBOOK III - 6
From WARDS BULLETIN April 1971

To teach the role of the enzyme as a catalyst, one often has difficulty finding analogies. Try this one pointed out to me by Mr. Sheldon Weissmeyer of Greenbelt, Md. A wealthy desert king died and left his herd of 17 camels to his three sons. The camels were to be distributed in a special way: The eldest son to get 1/2 of them, the second son to get 1/3 of them, the youngest son to get 1/9 of them. They were unable to properly divide the herd by this prescription. An aged friend of the family came to them and said "I will give you one of my camels; then you can divide them as your father wishes." Adding the extra camel there was no problem dividing the 18 camels:

1/2 of 18 - 9
1/3 of 18 - 6
1/9 of 18 - 2

The family friend added, "9 + 6 + 2 = 17, so I will take my camel (the catalyst) back home with me."!!
SUGGESTED BOOKLIST
( - continued from last week's KH )

PAPER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING:

(Light Reading)
Thriller Series:
The Digestor That Ate Up New York City, by F. W. O'Neil
"Lost in the Paper Machine" - Using the Fourdrinier Process
As a Means of Escape, by F. W. O'Neil

(Serious Reading)
How to Build a Paper-Making Machine Using Tinker Toys, by
F. W. O'Neil

ZOLOGY:
How to Stuff Your Professors, by A. Marsters
Training Your Springtails to do Tricks, by D. Dindal
Training Your Bullfrog to Sing Tenor, by L. Van Druff
Charley the Woodcock Meets Bucky the Whitetail, by R. Chambers
Managing Muskrats to Increase Their Plumage Color, by M. Alexander
Sustained Yield and Multiple Use in the Hypolimnion, by R. Werner

WORLD FORESTRY:
The Huchi-Kuchi Method of Tree Felling, by C. Larson and H. Kernan

LANDSCAPE:
Straight-Line Lettering Using the Protractor, or How to Blow Your
Mind, by F. Maraviglia
Blue-Printing and Finger Painting, by B. Sears

CHEMISTRY:
The Quantitative Technique for Analyzing Salad Dressing, by C. Scheurch
and E. Sondheimer

MISCELLANEOUS:
Trout Fishing As a Means to God, by H. Payne
Eustace B. Nifkin - Our Hero, by T. Catterson and P. Horgen
The Wizards of Oz - Biographical Sketches of our Administrators, by
E. Nifkin; edited by E. Palmer
What to Feed a Tree Monkey, by S. Potter
The Day God Skipped Convocation, by B. Spear
How to Run a College, by B. Spear
How to Make a Molehill Into a Mountain, and Then Try to Move it,
by J. Dory
Trying to Please Everybody, by Mickey Sull
Budget Cutting Made Easy Using the Audio-Tutorial Method, by
D. Hanselman
How to Publically Serve Your Continuing Educators, With Notes on
Cigar Chewing, by J. M. Yavorsky
NOTICES

ARCHERY CLUB:

There will be a short, but very important Archery Club meeting 7:30 P.M., Monday May 10, 1971 in the Moon Library Conference Room. Next year's officers will be elected, and next year's budget and activities will be discussed.

RECYCLING:

Walter's Hall has a new display demonstrating a typical Waste Paper Reclamation process which might be of interest to some C of F students. It's located in display case on 2nd floor as you come in from Bray Hall.

RECYCLING:

For Forestry students Joe Buscynski, Bob Carr and Geoff Cummings who won the contest for bottle recycling sponsored on the S.U. quad last week.

For information on the National Student Leadership Institute on World Affairs, see the Knothole corner bulletin board (downstairs in Marshall Hall)

Pick up your yearbooks (they're Free!) in room 100 Bray Hall if you have not done so already.

FROM FORESTRY COUNCIL - April 28 MEETING

Jim Goulet announced all notices of meetings will be posted on the two bulletin boards in the library and no longer distributed in the buildings around campus.

Jim Goulet announced all motions submitted to the council must be completely written out and given to the secretary at the time of submission of the motion to the council.

A letter will be sent to Dr. Palmer explaining the sense of the recent censure.

A committee is to be established to determine if Syracuse University can collect fees in regard to S.U. activities and to work with the Student Association of S.U. in setting up a referendum with regard to such fees.
In the end, there was Earth, and it was with form and beauty.
And man dwelt upon the lands of the Earth, the meadows and trees, and he said, "Let us build our dwellings in this place of beauty."
And he built cities and covered the Earth with concrete and steel
And the meadows were gone.
And man said, "It is good."

On the second day, man looked upon the waters of the Earth.
And man said, "Let us put our wastes in the waters
That the dirt will be washed away."
And man did.
And waters became polluted and foul in their smell.
And man said, "It is good."

On the third day, man looked upon the forests of the Earth.
And said they were beautiful. And man said,
"Let us cut the timber
For our homes and grind the wood for our use."
And man did.
And the lands became barren and the trees were gone.
And man said, "It is good."

On the fourth day man saw that animals were in abundance and ran
In the fields and played in the sun. And man said,
"Let us cage those animals for our amusement and kill them for our sport."
And man did. And there were no more animals on the face of the Earth.
And man said, "It is good."

On the fifth day man breathed the air of the Earth.
And man said,
"Let us dispose of our wastes into the air for the winds shall blow them away."
And man did. And the air became filled with the smoke and the fumes could not be blown away.
And the air became heavy with dust and choked and burned.
And man said, "It is good."

On the sixth day man saw himself; and seeing the many languages and tongues, he feared and hated.
And man said,
"Let us build great machines and the Earth was fired with the rage of Great wars.
And man said, "It is good."

On the seventh day man rested from his labors and the Earth was still for Man no longer dwelt upon the Earth.
And it was good.

(This commentary on the modern world and the way it seems to be going is by Kenneth Rose, Idaho Wildlife Review)