At various times in the Knothole, contributors have denigrated the appellation "Stumpy," and have wished to get rid of it. Have you ever stopped to think that perhaps "Stumpy" is a proud work indeed, and that stumps are exciting "visual aids," telling as they do their life history if you know how to read it?

For a half century, Dr. Wm. G. Vinal, one of the great pioneers in outdoor education and one time on our faculty, developed "Stump Scouting" to a fine art. While on the staff of Dr. L. B. Sharp's "National Camp," I used to watch "Cap'n Bill" Vinal as he led a group of teachers' college students, department chairmen, and deans to their first stump. Of course many of them had glanced at stumps, but none had ever thought of one as an educational tool of great value. "Cap'n Bill" would begin to ask questions, and within a minute or two, the campers were down on their knees around the stump, for the first time seeing and understanding, not just looking! Having caught their imagination, he then assigned small groups of 3 or 4 each to a different stump. The campers were handed a list of questions as a guide, and at the end of about a-half hour, a general evaluation was held. Of course the "old fox" had spent several hours beforehand studying the stumps he assigned, and knew their ring patterns and other individual differences as well as he knew the back of his hand.

The following questions are typical of those in Wm. G. Vinal's invaluable book on outdoor leadership "Nature Recreation" pub. at $1.75 by Dover Publications, 180 Varick Street, New York, N.Y. 10014.

And so, never sell a stump, — or a Stumpy "short"!

**Stump Quiz**

1. What kind of a tree was it?
2. Is this a "softwood" or "hardwood"?
3. Did it start on a log or from the ground?
4. About what time of year was it cut; the growing season or dormant season?
5. How old was it when felled?
6. Did it start life in the dense forest or out in the open? How do you know?
7. If the tree had grown all its life in the open, and had not been

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attacked by leaf eating insects or fire, what could you tell about the climate by looking at the rings?

8. What tools were used to cut the tree?

9. Did the tree have a strong lean in any direction? If so, give direction.

10. In what direction did the tree fall?

11. Without using a ruler or yardstick, estimate the diameter, and then measure it.

Other questions could be added, depending on the particular stump chosen.

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PLEASE RECYCLE THIS KNOTHOLE
The next five Student Council meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on all of the Wednesdays of March except March 29 and at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5.

All Student Association members are welcome to attend, and all Council members must attend.

The place of all meetings will be posted weekly on the Moon Library bulletin boards.

-Jim Goulet

MAKE YOUR OPINION KNOWN! VOTE IN THE S.U. FEE REFERENDUM

MARCH 13 MARSHALL HALL!

FOR PERMANENT, SUMMER, AND PART-TIME JOBS!!! FOREST ENGINEERING STUDENT JOB HUNTERS: PLEASE see Ron Frodelius, Room 12A basement of Bray Hall from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on any day except Mondays. For general information on Federal, State and private industry opportunities, your filling out A.F.E. Dept. form is necessary for us to help you. Information is available on: How to submit a resume, employer addresses, Civil Service exam schedules, etc. Both photogrammetry option and regular program F.E. students should sign up. Freshmen through grad students are welcome. (Service open until further notice.)

-Ron Frodelius

ZOOLOGY CLUB FILMS

On Thursday, March 9, the Zoology Club will show two films, "The World in a Marsh" and "The Spruce Bog." See posters around campus for the time.

SOPHOMORE LECTURE SERIES

The lecture for this week will be Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in 5 Illick. Dr. Bambacht, Dr. Gladstone, and Dr. Gorbatsevitch will speak on "Pulp and Paper Mill Operations."

THOSE PATHOLOGISTS SURE TAKE THEIR WORK SERIOUSLY
Peace Corps Recruiters To Visit Campus

On Monday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 7, a recruitment team from the Peace Corps will be available to discuss their programs with anyone interested. They will be located in the Rotunda of Bray Hall.

WOODCHIPS FAMILY POT LUCK SUPPER

March 11, 1972
Skytop Ski Lodge
5:30 p.m.
Call Connie Foote at 479-5235 for details & reservations.

The Forestry Basketball League, now in its biggest year, offers the Forestry student a full gamut of intramural basketball competition, Monday through Thursday. This year's schedule lists sixteen teams playing a total of 40 scheduled games. Regular season competition began shortly after Christmas and will culminate with the playoffs beginning March 15. The divisional breakdown of teams is as follows:

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Games - March 6, 7, 8, 9

Monday - --- vs. Raiders
Tuesday - K0 vs. Pulpers
Wednesday - SAP vs. Timber Wolves
Thursday - Watson Bullets vs. Rippling Anoidal Buffoons

Spectators find the games often amusing and occasionally exciting. One avid fan gave this account of the recent contest between the Timber Wolves and the Raiders:

"Led by swift All-American candidate Jeff Palmerton, the "Timber Wolves" basketball team dropped their second game in three starts to the "Raiders," 54-27. Bob Yanuck put the Wolves out in front after one minute of play with a 25-foot jump-shot. The Raiders fought their way back, gained the lead, and never lost it. "Big Red" Morgan, the 6'3" center for the Wolves played an outstanding game defensively and poured in 8 points for a losing cause. Rob McCarthy, the percentage shooter on the team, hit 100% for the night banking in 2 buckets. "The Kid" is now 100% from the field this year. Kim Behrns came off the bench late in the third quarter to spark a "hungry wolf" drive that was stopped early in the fourth quarter. Craig "Kamikaze" Kominiski lived up to his name by playing a fine defensive game, bombarding the Raiders with elbows and knees. Big 5'10" captain Jeff Palmerton led all the "Wolf" scorers with 11 points and hit and unbelievable 50% from the foul line. The Timber Wolves still have two games on tap and are still looking forward to the playoffs. Good luck to the Timber Wolves."

-A Fan
Snowmobiling is fast becoming the biggest and most popular winter-time activity around my Adirondack home. It's hard for me to tell, even as close as I am to it, whether it's good or bad.

As with almost everything else, there are "Snowmobilers" and there are "----- Snowmobilers." Which one you happen to meet as you hoof along on your slow but reliable Indian webs is a matter of chance. Which one you become when you make that financial plunge (of 800 bucks or more) is a matter of choice, your choice.

It's been my privilege and misfortune to meet both. There are those who feel the throbbing, clanging power of a Rotax engine gives them the right to make tracks over anybody's back yard, front yard, rose bush, patio, or pine tree at any time of the day or night. Some feel it's their right to race their machines up and down highway and streets, airport runways and sidewalks, to the exclusion of automobiles, airplanes and people.

And of course there are those who get kicks from watching deer struggle in belly-deep snow to flee from their clattering machines. They are the same ones, no doubt, who leave their backwoods party grounds with a pile of beer cans to remember them by.

But there are others — others who ride for the joy of clean wind in their lungs and snow in their faces, with a fascinating wonderland of Nature to see and enjoy but not to trample.

These are the people who rescue snow stranded travelers and deliver bread & milk to old folks who are snowed in.

They ride the trails and the forest is no worse for it. But what's more, they go home with the refreshed, healthy feeling only a wilderness experience can give.

It was such a sportsman snowmobiler as this who wrote the following poem that appeared in my hometown newspaper, "The Adirondack Echo." He may be anonymous, but let's hope he's not alone.

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The Old Forge Mountain

The following poem was written by a visiting snowmobiler and was submitted to us for publication:

We stepped outside our motel room-
The drifts were 10 feet high!
The snowplows worked 'til way past noon
So we could ride on by.

The trails up to the mountain heights
Were groomed so perfectly-
That we glided on, took in the sights;
A wonderland to see!

The evergreens were bending
From the hand of falling snow,
And the rivers wound unending
'Neath the snow and ice below.

We kept on climbing higher,
To reach the very top.
(I felt just like a flyer
I didn't want to stop!!)

But finally we reached the crest...
A thrilling long hard ride!!
We let the motors stop and rest.
That mountain we defied!

We gazed deep down into the valley,
We relaxed a bit, but then
We really mustn't dally,
It's a long way down again.
It's a ride I'll e'er remember,
Looking down atop that gorge
In a snow storm in December,
Riding trails up at OLD FORGE.

Freshman Films

Continuing its series of environmental films, the Freshman class will present three short movies, "Mud," "River in the Sky," and "Nesting Redwing Blackbirds," in 319 Marshall Hall, Tuesday at 7 p.m.
In conjunction with the College of Forestry Student Association elections, a referendum will be held April 6 and 7 on a proposed $3 per student increase in the College of Forestry mandatory student activity fee.

The additional revenue is needed to meet the rising costs of the Barbecue, the Banquet, club banquets, and possibly to fund a spring event such as the successful Unbarbecue.

-Jim Goulet

College of Forestry Student Association elections will be held on April 6 and 7. Nominations will be open from 7:00 p.m., March 8, until the end of the Student Council meeting March 22. Offices up for election are as follows:

**Student Association Officers**
1. President
2. 1st Vice President (the first runner up in the president election)
3. 2nd Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Social Chairman

**Senior Class Officers**
1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary - Treasurer
4. Social Chairman (not a Council member)
5. Four representative at-large positions

**Junior Class Officers**
Same as Seniors, except three at-large class representatives.

**Sophomore Class Officers**
Same as Juniors.

**Freshman Class Officers**
To be elected in the fall.

Class social chairmen will not be Council members because of their positions, but they may run for a Student Association office or for a class representative at-large position in addition to running for class social chairman.

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The Graduate Student Association shall hold their own elections and shall send three class officers and three at-large representatives to the Council.

Anyone interested in running for any undergraduate office, please contact Jim Goulet at X3544 or X7396, or have someone nominate you at a Student Council meeting on March 8, 15, or 27, or drop a note of nomination in the Student Council mailbox.

The Nominations Committee, consisting of Jim Goulet, Mary Dills, Paul Chakroff, Justin Culkowski, Eric Mogren, and Robin Wall, will be soliciting candidates during the nominations period.

If you have any questions concerning the elections, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Refreshments will be served at elections.

-Jim Goulet

The students of the College of Forestry shall elect two Syracuse University Senate representatives on Monday, March 13. The seats will be divided into a graduate and an undergraduate position. Nominations are now open for the undergraduate seat and will close 10:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9. Anyone interested in running for the position please contact Jim Goulet at X3544, or have someone nominate you at the next Council meeting (Wednesday night, 7:00 p.m., March 8, place TBA on Library bulletin board), or drop a note of nomination in the Student Council mailbox.

Anyone who runs for the undergraduate Senate position will not be restricted from running for a Student Association office, a class office, or a class representative at-large position in the College of Forestry Student Association elections April 6 and 7.

The Graduate Student Association shall elect the graduate student S.U. Senate representative on or before March 13.

-Jim Goulet

One could spend life upon life
curling his toes in the fine sand
laying upon the beach in the sun.
Small schools of sail boats drift off
disappearing into lost horizons.
Listen to the waves break upon the shore.
Listen.
    Listen.
They speak truth.

-The Happy Wanderer