Most every writer has a secret "Ghost writer-helper" behind him who always comes up with something when his mind goes blank. My "ghost writer-helper" is a burly old backwoodsman I'll ficticously name Grampa Burt. Here's a little something by Grampa Burt.

Me and an ole woods buddy o' mine was a setten by a log admire'in the fire one night when he picks up a chunk o' wood and starts a peelin' long slivers offen it with his Bowie.

"Whatcha doin'?", I says. An' he says, "Whittlin'." "Well," I says, "Whatcha whittlin'?" An' he looks at me kinda quizzical like an' says, "A piece o' wood." Natcherly I could see that, so I says, "Whatcha whittlin' the piece o' wood into?" "The fire," he says, sounden rather perturbed at such a dumb question, as he slices of an extry long one into the flickerin' flame. Now I could see he wasn't getten the jist o' my inquiry so I gets spee-cific an' says, "What are ye makin' out o' that piece o' wood?" Then he looks at me real quizzical like an' says, "Ashes... What else?"

-Grampa Burt

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**EARTH DAY WALK-A-THON**

Student assistance is needed for the "Walk-a-Thon to save the County" on Earth Day, April 22.

The Walk-a-Thon, an attempt by local environmental groups to acquire and preserve some of the unique natural areas in Onondaga County, has been using the scientific expertise of College faculty and the energy of College students in coordinating its activities.

For almost a year students and faculty here have been working with the Onondaga Audubon Society and other local conservation groups on an inventory of valuable natural areas in the county. In all, they have identified 27 areas which would be worthwhile additions to the County's wildlife sanctuaries, outdoor education centers, and other open space areas.

The group is now organizing high school, junior high, and elementary school children as well as adults to take part in the Walk-a-Thon. Slide shows and assemblies about the open space resources of Onondaga County will be presented at public and private schools and civic organizations until Earth Day.

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In order to hike in the Earth Day Walk-a-Thon, the hiker must find a sponsor—a friend, relative, business, church or other group which agrees to contribute 25 cents or more to "Save the County" for each mile he or she completes.

Hikes averaging 12 miles have been outlined through scenic areas in four quadrants of the county. Students are needed to act as marshalls along the Walk-a-Thon route and to discuss the natural history and ecology of the area with the hikers. After Earth Day, help will be needed to coordinate environmental improvement projects with high school students.

Anyone interested contact Jon Bart or Paul Chakroff via student mail or phone Forestry extension 263.

The following is a continuation of last week's list of reading material available in Moon Library:

1. Doll Furniture in Bray Rotunda, by E. E. Palmer
2. Ebenezer Scrooge - My Hero, by J. Markey
3. Hopping Down the Bunny Trail, by R. Chambers
4. There's a Fungus Amongus, by P. Manion
5. The Feeding Habits of Dung Beetles, by D. Allen
6. Foraging for Your Lunch in Butternut Creek, by M. Alexander
7. Corn Pone and Pennsylvania Soot, by P. Craul and J. Berglund
8. Making Mudpies in the Solvay Wastebeds, by N. Richards
9. The Effects of DDT on the Adrenal Gland of the Cockroach, by R. Chambers

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

TO THE KNOTHOLE:

A few weeks ago I attended an introductory lecture discussing a new course which may be developed at the S.U. Engineering School. Basically, it concerns the economic, social, and legal aspects of pollution control. These three factors will be the final determinants of what will remain talk and what will become the action taken to alleviate the problem. I had a short talk with a Professor Nemerow and was told that while various social, legal, and economic considerations are given in some courses, there is no course giving an adequate study of all three and describing the interactions between them. I myself have not heard of such a course either at S.U. or the Forestry College. Let's hope that there will be enough interest in such a course at both graduate and undergraduate levels that it will be implemented.

-Robert Jutton

HALF AN EDUCATION

Or Why Can't Forestry Students Learn Enough About Ecology?

Now that the College is expanding its name to represent its broader objectives in environmental science as well as in forestry, the time has come to re-examine the school's educational role within the environmental field. Enrollment applications at the College of Forestry are higher than at any other school in the State University system, and college officials agree that the reason behind the increased applications is a strong interest among young people in environmental improvement.

The college faculty likes to pride itself in being one of the pioneers in the environmental field, since they were involved with ecology and environmental pollution long before the movement attracted national interest. They have also gained national and international renown as one of the best forest research institutions in the world. There is little question that the college is a leader in the collection and analysis of scientific information concerning the outdoor environment — including its forests, soils, streams, and wildlife inhabitants. All well and good — but is excellence in research and the scientific method really going to solve our environmental problems?

As a former undergraduate and graduate student at the College of Forestry, I am of the opinion that the college faculty lays far too much emphasis on the purely scientific aspects of ecology, botany, zoology, etc., while not nearly enough attention is paid to the deeper and more controversial problems posed by Onondaga Lake, air pollution in the city of Syracuse, and what have you. There also seems to be an over-emphasis on the preservation of pristine outdoor environments, while the more complex needs of human populations are generally ignored. As just one case in point nationally, the number of studies pertaining to the effects of pollutants on aquatic life far exceeds those relative to any other beneficial use (McKee and Wolf, 1963. Water Quality Criteria).

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Students are given the impression that if only everyone understood the basic concepts of ecology, problems such as pollution and overpopulation will be solved scientifically. This type of thinking can be observed on field trips, let us say, to the waste beds along Onondaga Lake, which are presented to botany and ecology classes as an example of poor waste disposal resulting in almost complete soil sterility. The professors seem to brush over the fact that this is a real-life situation where the absence of plants is but one example of environmental deterioration resulting from social, economic, and political pressures. Although the ecological concept is undeniably useful, it is not a magic key for the solution of our environmental problems.

The proposed College of Environmental Science and Forestry is going to have a lot of disillusioned new applicants if it continues to provide a research program based solely on scientific answers to environmental problems. The pollution of our lands and waters has resulted primarily from two factors — overpopulation and technology — and even us foresters will have to pay more attention to people problems if we are to improve existing conditions. As good ecologists all know, everything and everyone is interrelated.

-Les Monostory

Information has been received from the Student Association of the State University of New York at Buffalo about a travel program for students, faculty, and staff of State University centers, colleges, two-year agricultural and technical units plus the medical centers and specialized colleges.

The program offers 15 eastbound flights to Europe and 15 westbound return flights from May 9 to September 22. Further information is available in Room 303 Bray Hall, on these and other travel plans.

-Charles C. Larson

FRESHMAN FILMS

This week's features are, "Ski Moderne" (10 min.), "Ski Time in Jasper" (5 min.) and "Bulldozed America" (25 min.). They will be at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, in Room 319 Marshall.

WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION COURSE

The College is sponsoring a Wildflower Identification course this Spring. It consists of six sessions and is non-credit. The format will be Wednesday evening laboratories and Saturday morning field trips. There is a limit of 35 participants and a $20 fee for transportation and materials. Registration is with the Office of Public Service and Continuing Education, 122 Bray Hall.

SOPHOMORE LECTURE SERIES

On Friday, April 14, Mr. Kasile and Mr. Frodelius will speak in Room 5 Illick. The topics to be discussed are "U.S. Forest Service Surveying" and "Landscape Architecture."

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BOTANY CLUB NOON MOVIES

This Thursday, in Room 5 Illick, the Botany Club will present films on "Frank Lloyd Wright" and "The Coral Reef." Bring your lunch!

STUDENT WIVES:

A luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 22 for all Student and Faculty wives. The affair will take place at "Run of Stone" Restaurant, 3 Fennell Street, Skaneateles, at 1 p.m. preceded by a social hour at 12:30. Please make reservations by April 16 with Mrs. Herbert Tepper, 413 Brookford Road, Syracuse, N.Y. Phone: 446-7643. Tickets are $3 including tax and gratuity. A Forestry film on Guatemals will be shown.

To get to "Run of Stone," take Route 175 to Skaneateles, turn right on Jordan Street. Plenty of parking is available at the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Red & White store across from "Run of Stone."

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS:

There will be a TETANUS BOOSTER SHOT clinic in Bray Hall Rotunda, Tuesday, April 11, 7-8:30 p.m. for those planning to attend the Summer Session in Field Forestry at Warrensburg or Cranberry Lake Biological Station this summer. A booster shot should be taken every year for best protection.

- R. V. Lea

The misty haze of soft green which is le printemps creeps up slowly, and you don't notice until one day suddenly it's there, and the sun shows you a world of green and diamonds from melting snow.

The world comes alive suddenly, with birds and crickets and a warm growing smell on the breeze, and you tell yourself it's spring!

-Diane Kassmann

BANQUET RECEPTION

A reception will be held on Monday afternoon, April 10, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for Mr. Joe Foss, the featured speaker of the Spring Banquet. The reception will be held in Nifkin Lounge and will be open to all students, faculty, and the administration. Refreshments will be served. please feel free to drop in!

-Jim Goulet

WARNING FROM MAINE RIVERS by Francis W. Hatch

Where Kenduskeag joins Penobscot
Where the lumber schooners lay,
There is froth upon the water
That goes dancing to the bay:
  Dancing, dancing to the rhythm
  Of detergent's gay ballet
When the tanker from Aruba
Pumps her oil and heads back south,
She reports the Bangor River's
Fairly frothing at the mouth:
  Bubble, bubble she's in trouble
  She is frothing at the mouth
When Joe Pollis guided Thoreau
He scooped water in his hat
From the crystal-clear Penobscot
And he drank it quick as scat:
  Hepatitis, meningitis
  If we did a thing like that
Man has kicked away his birthright
Now we find, to our despair,
We have fouled our lakes and rivers
We have fouled our very air:
  It is time to face the music
  It is time to be aware

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