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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE SUMMER SESSION 1972 AT WARRENSBURG, YOUR REPORTS AND QUIZZES CAN BE PICKED UP IN ROOM 214 MARSHALL HALL. GET 'EM BY CHRISTMAS OR THEY'LL JOIN JOHN ANLIAN AND HIS ROVING RECYCLERS.

SLIDE SHOW!

DECEMBER 6 IN MARSHALL AUD. AT 11 AM. IT LASTS 20-25 MINUTES AND WILL SHOW ALL THE ASPECTS OF OUR COLLEGE. TRY AND BE THERE; IT SHOULD BE WORTH YOUR WHILE.

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THE KNOTHOLE

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With the coming of winter, the barefoot brigade across America's campuses turns its thoughts to some sort of practical footwear - "hiking boots" are in! From Slippery Rock College to U.C.L.A. vibram footprints are to be found throughout the hallowed halls of our nation's colleges. Perhaps some advice when selecting a pair of boots will save the economically minded student from sore feet and ill-spend money, for "all that is vibram is not gold."

Hiking boots, unlike "hunting boots", are rather low cut - only from 6" to 8" in height. Any boot higher than this tends to add unneeded weight on your feet and causes restriction of calf muscles. The added height found in most "hunting boots" does add some protection against snakebites on the lower leg, however, the disadvantages far outweigh the advantages. When buying a pair of hiking boots a main consideration should be the number of seams on the outside of the boot. The hallmark of a well-made pair of hiking boots is that of having only one outside seam. This also affords easier waterproofing of the boot and, as a rule, indicates the leather incorporated in the boot's construction is of superior quality.

The leather itself is of prime importance in boot quality. Some boots, especially those marketed at your local shoe emporium, are made of suede, a leather with "ruffed side out leather" both inside and out, and having only half the thickness of regular boot leather. Though light of weight, suede is all but impossible to waterproof, easily damaged, and, in nearly every other aspect, totally unsuited for hiking boots. Ruffout leather, on the other hand, looks like suede but has twice suede's thickness, has the smooth side of the leather on the inside, and is much more durable than suede. The only drawback to ruffout leather is the difficulty you encounter in waterproofing the boot. Smooth side out, and third type leather is of full thickness, easily waterproofed and generally the choice of most experienced trail trekkers.
Though the differences between ruffout and smooth side leather are minimal, I prefer smoothside out for it's easy waterproofing characteristics.

The vibram or lug sole is found on virtually all hiking boots manufactured today. When shopping for boots, look at the sole and see if it is nailed or screwed to the boot. The more screws the better, else the sole has a tendency to separate from the boot long before the sole itself wears out. This brings about a small tidbit of information: the so-called "mountain boots" that have caught the eye and ruined the feet of many an unsuspecting purchaser out to buy the most expensive boots available are not for hiking. Endowed with a thick and rather rigid midsole (layering between boot bottom and sole) that is designed to keep bending of the boot to a minimum, "mountain boots" flex little if at all. This is fine and at times necessary for technical climbing and crampon work, but a drawback in hiking boots which should have a relatively flexible sole.

Some other points of interest but of little relevance in selecting your boots as compared with the above mentioned critique are as follows:
1. Lacing Apparatus (dee rings, speed hooks, eyelets or combinations)
2. Scree Guard (soft rubber ring around boot top)
3. Tongue Design (single, tunnel, double, gussetted, contoured, or split)
4. Lining (most good boots are lined with glove leather)
5. Weight (remember: one pound on the feet is like four to five pounds carried on the back. Weight is of importance when long distances are to be covered).

So, whether it be a $15.00 pair of wafflestompers or a $60.00 pair of custom-made Limmers, a little forethought can save your wallet and feet both an unwanted misery.

CHUCK GORMLEY
Speaking of axemen, there used to be an enormous guy (6 ft 4, 250 lbs) called Paul Bunyan Kriss who criss-crossed the country each year, demonstrating a certain company's axes at Forestry Colleges, sportsmens field days and the like. His specialty was to size up a log and then to state exactly how many axe strokes it would take to cut it in two. This always brought a laugh from the audience.

On this day, a perfectly good 20 inch white pine log had been anchored to the stage in Marshall. After introductions, Paul began his act by very carefully inspecting the log. He had all kinds of objections to it. "What a lousy log they gave me. Look at that big knot", et cetera, et cetera, all part of the show! Finally he said "Well, I'll tell you what. I'll go that miserable looking thing with just , no, make it strokes" (I've forgotten the exact number). Whereupon he climbed up on the log,--caulked boots, red suspenders and all. He swung his 6 pound double-bitted axe and brought it down with a "thunk" that seemed to almost raise us out of our seats. Enormous chips began to fly, and we took up the chant --3--4--5--6-- as the axe blade bit deeper into the log. At the halfway point, Paul was two or three strokes ahead. I imagine this was so he could "coast" the rest of the way. However, it was a great feat to come out even at the end, and tension mounted as the chant went on, now in the . As the axe fell on the stroke the log parted, and Paul stepped down to a standing ovation.

For several years, some of us tried to figure out how to get Paul, and Peter McLaren the "king of choppers", together in a contest, but they were too canny for that. Each represented a rival axe manufacturer, and neither could risk his position at the top.
Dear Editor:

I am a freshman at the Forestry school and have noticed the increasing amount of debris around the campus.

Pollution today is a matter of degree. If any of us walked through a town or city and saw garbage thrown out the window, I'm pretty sure you would wonder about the person who threw it. Yet you see the same thing happen right here on campus. Haven't we ever stopped to notice the litter, especially around the dorms; the empty beer and soda cans, paper cups, assorted other litter, slop, and garbage.

You may think nothing of it but how in hell can you clean up the world, or the country, or even a city if you can't keep your own backyard clean.

Aren't we supposed to be the future of America? The people who set the example and fight to preserve the environment. I don't know. Sometimes I think many of us must be blind.

Sincerely,

Peter Herman
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Lately, this issue was put together rather haphazardly, and does not contain very much in the way of news and articles. Internal communications within the staff have been poor as of late and this has led to non-publication of the paper in recent weeks. The editors apologize for this but it has become difficult to write articles, put a paper together, etc., with an actual staff of two. We appreciate all those who have come and helped staple each issue, we can not overlook those individuals. But, as seems to be the usual case, many complaints have been passed along to the editors concerning questions as to why don't we expand, use different materials, why not more news articles, etc. Again, two people can not do all that and despite repeated requests for needed assistance, no helping hands have been extended. Our thanks go to Mr. Belisario for trying to stimulate some kind of interest in something on this campus ... but again ... out of 1500 students why are only a meager handful willing to work on a student publication?

Remember, the knothole is what you make it ... the need for improvement is recognized ... now where are you?

We try harder.

—The Editors: Kevin Cotter

Dennis Foote
THE GRADUATE OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF "PLACEMENT BULLETIN 5" FROM THE ECOLOGY PLACEMENT SERVICE. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SOME WORK AFTER COLLEGE, STOP BY AND SEE IF YOU QUALIFY AS A FISHERY SCIENTIST, RANGE MANAGER, OR A WHOLE HOST OF GOODIES. THE BULLETIN IS FOUND IN THE GRADUATE OFFICE. THANKS TO ALAN AUGUST FOR BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION.

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this is the last knothole for this semester.
the next issue will hopefully show up on your local newsstand immediately following registration.

~the editors

recycle (that's recycle spelled all wrong)

YOUR

KNOTHOLE
RAFFLE
The Student Chapter, SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS will raffle off one "Homelite XL 12 Chainsaw" on December 6, 1972 at 7:00 P.M. in Marshall Aud. Miss Barb Dewan will draw the winning ticket. Tickets are $1.00 and can be purchased in Moon Library at the SAF Ticket Table or from any SAF member starting Monday Nov. 27, 1972. The saw was purchased from "Reliable Farm Supply, Park St., Syracuse, N.Y.

This is a small raffle and you will never get a better chance to win a $200. chainsaw so don't forget to buy your ticket!

Greg Knowlton Chairman
Dr. J. Johnson Advisor
Sophomores, want a scholarship, an exciting job after graduation?

If you have two years until you graduate from the college, can qualify for pilot or navigator, then you stand a good chance of getting an AFROTC scholarship. This is good for all tuition, books, and $100/month. It also means a good job in the Air Force upon graduation and possibly a career. You can also eventually come back to Forestry with management experience as well as the knowledge of a pilot or navigator. If interested, stop by the men's gym or ask:

Justin Culkowski    RM    1973
Stu Foster          WPE   1973
Rich Doering        FBOT  1974
Mark Fernandez      F200  1974
Don Margeson        PSE   1974
Joe Michaels        F200  1974

Applications for scholarships must be completed in January, so act now, we think it's a good idea.

— Air Force ROTC —
CRITICISM AND CHANGE

Criticism is cheap, especially now. All that one hears about is change. Down with the Establishment and Power to the People. It's like the weather, everybody talks about it, but that's as far as it goes. Oh sure, you always hear about what's wrong with the way things are but never what can be done to correct them. Changing a system, any system no matter how big or small takes time. Change is not hastened by hecklers on the side lines tormenting the players. These hecklers say nobody listens to them, would you? Have they talked to the players and expressed their views in a fitting manner? Have they heard the other side of the story? Do they realize compromise is still better than abandonment, and that in itself is victory? Or do they continue to heckle till chased off the field?

This leads to more unrest, protest, and a verbal assault on individuals. This is the poorest form of criticism and in the worst of taste. Harsh feelings are the only result. Anyone can get on a soapbox and cry about the injustice around him, but not everyone can get off that soapbox and do something constructive to alleviate it.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PLANS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

All non-U.S. citizens are invited to participate in activities for this Christmas Season sponsored by Christmas International House of Atlanta, Georgia. The Graduate Office has just received information brochures and applications about the programs which will be held from December 16 through January 1. Activities are optional for all international students of any age in college regardless of race, nationality, religious background and single or married, with or without children. Brief descriptions of these hospitality stays throughout the United States are available in a brochure in the Graduate Office. If you would like to participate, please make your reservations early so that you may be included in all the fun!

Alan L. August,
Assistant to the
Dean of Graduate Studies

ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER NEEDED

Troop 1 of Syracuse Boy Scouts of America is in need of an Assistant Scoutmaster. This troop meets on Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Erwin Methodist Church, Euclid Avenue. The troop has been very active in outdoor programs and camping. Anyone interested in assisting may speak to the Scoutmaster, Mr. Richard Sawyer, Syracuse University Research Corporation, or me, or attend a meeting and make arrangements personally.

C. Schuerch

The KNOTHOLE is the student publication of the SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry. Please have all articles or announcements in at least ten days before the issue in which you would like it to appear comes out. The KNOTHOLE office is in Room 18, basement of Moon Library.

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GF-032 is

1. knowing that the checkers never miss.
2. thinking about the final exam, and wondering if you'll have to know the Dean of Alaskan Studies.
3. wondering if it's 032 because that's the average exam mark.
4. praying for a movie.
5. learning about Eustace B.
6. finding out that you missed the money in your mailbox.
7. going to Marshall and remembering that there's a special meeting, and you forgot where the room is.
8. listening to class officer's speeches and wishing you were too young to vote.
9. wondering if you'll still be here next semester.
10. a big Payne.
11. realizing every Wednesday that you're just a stupid freshman and you've got an awful lot to learn...

IROquois Group Meeting

There will be an Iroquois Group monthly meeting of the Sierra Club on Monday, November 20 at 8 PM in 5 Illick. In addition to regular business, there will be a general discussion on the November elections and the environment. All interested persons are welcome to attend!

Jim Culbert

Campus Crusade for Christ

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM in 221 Maxwell Hall. The topic is "The Life of Christ." All are invited.
Four students drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas to attend the National Convention of the Society of American Foresters. The event was held October 1-5. As unofficial representatives of the students of the College of Forestry, we were well received at the College's Alumni Dinner during the Convention. The highlights of the meeting were as follows.

Foresters are very aware that their image must be improved. Professionals must actively confront environmental issues and work with other factions in society to solve these issues. A number of papers were devoted to this topic of change within the profession, such as:

"The Social Scientists Look at Foresters"
"Land Use Planning and Allocation"
"Managing a Quality Environment--Some Socio-Economic and Biological Considerations"

At one point during the Convention, a speaker quoted the adage, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." With respect to forestry, this adage emphasized the need for foresters to innovate and create new approaches to environmental problems.

The job situation is poor. Opportunities with the Federal Government are few. A small number of states are hiring foresters. Regions of Canada are expanding their forest industry and need professionals to fill new openings. Southern forest industry has a few openings. There are jobs in Washington and Oregon on logging crews. Despite the present bleak outlook, most employees agreed that there will be more jobs as money is allocated to governments to solve environmental problems and as more industrial funds become available.

If you wish additional information on the Convention or specific addresses for the jobs in Washington and Oregon, contact any of the following persons by mail or phone.

Stephen Andersen x2768
Gregory Knowlton mail
Stephen Ostaf x2768
Donald Schaufler x2768
Successful deer hunters in New York are being asked to report one more fact this season than in the past. In addition to reporting the county and town in which they took their deer, they are also being asked to report the deer management unit or DMU.

The Department of Environmental Conservation has divided the State into 29 numbered DMU's to facilitate better deer management. An outline map is provided in the 1972-73 Hunting and Fishing Guide which is given to every hunter when he buys his license. A detailed map with descriptions of DMU boundaries is part of the party permit map, also available from license-issuing agents across the State.

William T. Hesselton, leader of the Big Game Project at the Department's Wildlife Research Laboratory, explained, "New York State is not a uniform deer range. Deer live in river valleys and on mountains. They live on good soil and poor soil, where there is intensive farming and marginal farms, in suburban surroundings and wilderness tracts and everything in between.

"For this reason, deer management units have been designated as geographical units within which deer range is relatively uniform and where specific regulations may be employed to manage deer, based upon known biological facts," he said.

Establishing DMU's and applying management techniques to these areas will result in better utilization of the deer herd, healthier deer and preservation of the range, allowing the highest continuous harvest of antlered deer. In turn, there will be more opportunity provided with fewer conflicts between hunters and landowners and deer and landowners.

To make the DMU system effective, successful hunters are asked to report their deer by deer management unit as well as the standard listing of town and county on their big game license report form.

An informational brochure on the DMU is available by writing to: Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, N.Y. 12201.

COLLEGE OF FORESTRY WOMEN

100 Forestry women, freshmen, sophs, juniors, seniors and grads, were selected at random to participate in a survey. Questionnaires have been placed in the student mailbox, basement of Marshall Hall. Please check to see if you have been chosen. Questionnaires must be returned as soon as possible so a report can be submitted by the end of the semester.