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On July 1 Dr. Stuart W. Tanenbaum was appointed Dean of the School of Biology, Chemistry and Ecology. Dr. Tanenbaum first attended City College of New York, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in chemistry. After several years in the army, he enrolled at Columbia University, receiving his Ph.D Degree in biochemistry. He then spent three years at Stanford University in a postdoctoral capacity learning biochemical genetics. Returning to Columbia, he spent twenty years in the Department of Microbiology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. In 1971-72 Dr. Tanenbaum was at the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., where he acted as Program Director for Molecular Biology. Dr. Tanenbaum now resides in Manlius with his wife and two children.

In addition to his administrative capacity here at ES&F, the new dean is maintaining a research laboratory in Illick Hall. His major interests there involve study of structure and function of enzymes which have the capacity to change surface properties of living cells, and in the isolation and characterization of cytotoxic fungal metabolites. He hopes to be able to teach in a selective capacity, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

When asked about his plans and future expectations for the School of BCE, Dr. Tanenbaum remarked, "It is necessary to continued on pg.3

Since its beginning in October of 1970, the ES&F Paper Recycling Project has continued to draw respectable quantities of paper from the campus. This work was, and is only accomplished by many hands working unselfishly.

This year we are going to get under way as soon as possible. Tonight (Thursday, September 13) we will have our organizational meeting at 7:00 P.M. As this went to press, the room was uncertain, so check the main bulletin boards today for the room location.

It is hoped that there are enough environmentally concerned people in this college to put one hour a week into this project. This time is required to empty the white bins (with green theta), carry the paper to the recycling garage (between Walters Hall and the cemetery) and sort the paper into its various types. If enough people are involved, only one hour per week is necessary. In other words, you individually and personally, do make a difference. That is, we need YOU.

Whatever you decide about joining, please do us a favor. Please do not put garbage, wax cups, soda cans, or cigarette butts and ashes in our white theta bins. Cigarettes and garbage are especially obnoxious to have to handle.

Last year we recycled over 35 tons of paper. This year we can continued on pg.3

Security assistance while on the ES&F campus may be reached on a 24 hour basis by dialing 473-8888. The security number is to be used for genuine requests for assistance; for example accidents, report of a crime, room openings, and so forth.
If you ever get the opportunity, go on a backpacking trip in the Cranberry Lake region in the Adirondacks. Three of us made such a trip after summer camp at Warrensburg. Having a tight schedule and often times heavy load of work up there at Pack Forest, it was sometimes impossible to really enjoy the natural beauty of our surroundings. The three of us saw our trip as a chance to fulfill this desire with no undue pressures resulting from schedules and courses.

Werner, Dan, and I embarked from Wakena, New York, on the southern tip of Cranberry Lake, on a four and one-half day trip covering some 27 miles. I had never done any backpacking before and almost immediately I found my pack a burden. But we chose a good area to hike, as part of the trail was a truck access and the terrain was not very rugged. Just right for a novice like myself. We walked the farthest the first day, I guess. We were traversing low, brushy terrain with few trees and I wondered what our campsite would be like.

The long walk and aching back were all worth it when we arrived at the lean-to. There was a little bridge crossing the Oswagatchie River which reminded me of the bridge over the River Kwai. On the opposite bank, beneath large white pines and spruce was our campsite for the night. It was really something. We enjoyed our first cooked meal and a dip in the river, which was pleasantly cold, and then hit the hay around 9:00. I guess we all slept well that night. Our lean-to faced east and if the sunrise didn't wake you an ample supply of flies and mosquitos were sure to.

Food is always a problem too on these kinds of trips. We took some freeze-dried fare and canned goods including 20 oranges, over half being easily consumed by Werner. Dan and I worked on the sardines...too bad no kippered herring!

We set out once again, excitedly noting the large yellow birch (some over 20" DBH) as well as other trees I don't get to see every day, such as balsam fir and the two spruces, red and black. And oh, I must not forget all the conks we saw. It was a FUNKATOROUSTIC dreamland.

On we went. Dan and Werner began to about the various aspects of Disneyland Disneyworld, both having visited the two. I must say that I don't think I'll ever have to go to those places after the "tour" I got from my companions. We passed by two lakes, so beautiful because they were unspoiled by man; no camps, no boats, just the water, the trees, and yourself, taking it all in.

We made our way to the next lean-to, at which we were to get our biggest surprise of the trip. But you wouldn't have thought you'd meet them either, would you?

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COMPUTERIZED REGISTRATION

Did you notice a few additional cards in your data packet this year? College of ES\&F has automated registration procedures on the computer. A cooperative effort between the registrars office and the computer center a series of programs have been developed to compile enrollment data and various reports for the registrar and other departments of the college.

Already waiting in the computer is a listing of courses which will be matched against student packets to automatically generate the course listings and various other documents shortly after the registration process is completed. Such items as enrollment data (class section lists, etc.) will now be immediately available to the administration.

Dean...

maintain without dissipating strength, the more classical aspects of forest chemistry, forest botany, forest entomology, and forest zoology. At the same time, the future of the school will depend upon a multidisciplinary approach to integrated teaching and research, with the main thrust being in ecological problems. This goal might be accomplished, among other means, by exploring to some degree a relaxation of traditional departmental administrative barriers and formalities. Exactly how this is to be accomplished is not yet certain, but the ultimate beneficiary of these approaches should be the students. It is obvious with the exponentially exploding realm of scientific knowledge, that it is not possible for any academic program to be able to expose to the students the entire grasp of the disciplines or of their subdisciplines. Obviously, then, we should perhaps think about teaching a lot more about a lot less, and in making the basic biology and chemistry undergraduate course work as comprehensive and integrative as possible. At the same time, with the counsel of the BCE faculty, the more specialized courses might be constricted into a series of "focal areas," which would reflect the thrust and the unique capabilities of this school. Selective recruiting of promising teachers and researchers who will amplify such chosen areas of ecological portent is a desired goal. Hand in hand with quality educational maintenance, selected expansion of facilities and staff, and with the multidisciplinary approach, it is anticipated that the faculty and graduate students in Biology, Chemistry and Ecology will become interdigitated into the evolving "focal center" for fundamental environmental concerns, which is also known as the Institute for Environmental Program Affairs.

Though busy getting acquainted with his new position, Dr. Tanenbaum says his door is always open to all students and to all members of the faculty. His office is located in Room 311 Baker Laboratory.

Recycling...

easily break that mark if we empty the bins regularly. Presently, each ton of fresh paper requires 17 trees. Our relatively small project saved about 600 North American trees last year. So won't you personally come and help save a tree?

Daniel R. Nebns

"And the brave will eat the woodman."

Courtesy Audubon Magazine
New Drug Laws

Recent changes in drug related laws in New York State make it necessary for all of us to pay more attention to the illegal drug use and abuse problems. In one way or another, many of us here at the college may be affected by the rather strong wording of the new law, and if any drug offender can be helped, certainly assistance and treatment ought to be made available to them through any effort on the college's part.

General changes have been made in the law; for example, the schedule of penalties and felonies has been increased; the penalties are stricter; and the quantities of drugs set for felony crimes are considerably smaller. Plea bargaining has been limited under the new law, and there are generally stricter penalties for second felony offenders. An exact delineation of the new laws and their penalties will be available on all college bulletin boards.

Perhaps you may ask, "What does someone, convicted for possession of an ounce of marijuana, and automatic felony, have to lose?" Maybe, if the convicted is given a suspended sentence, it seems like he got off rather lightly, something he could take in stride. But now he loses his right to vote, to own a gun, and the right to run for public office.

He also lost the chance to ever be a licensed doctor, dentist, certified public accountant, engineer, lawyer, architect, realtor, school teacher, barber, funeral director, or stockbroker.

He can never get a job where he has to be bonded or licensed.

He can't work for the city, county, state or federal government.

The new law is tough and the word should be passed: If you know people who are, or are in danger of becoming, dependent on the drugs named in the new law, tell them about the new law. Encourage them to enter a treatment program. A treatment program is available 24 hours a day.

Feel free to contact the Counseling office in 107 Bray anytime for information and help in aiding those who may need appropriate assistance. Mr. Litcher, Director of Security, is also willing to assist with any questions or problems on a confidential basis and has proved most helpful to some students in the past.

CALENDAR

The E. S. & F. Calendar of Events is a service of the Knothole intended to list all faculty and college related events for the week in one place. If your organization is having a meeting, speaker, movies, special event or whatever that you want publicized, contact Pat Casciere (3-3924) or the Knothole (by student mail).

*Thursday, September 13*

4 PM, SU Biology Seminar. Dr. Adrian M. Srb of Cornell University will speak on "The Experimental Manipulation of Genetic Dominance" in 117 Lyman Hall.

*Friday, September 14*

9 AM-2:45, Blood Drive. Nifkin Lounge
Free mug of beer at Hungry Charlie's for all donors.

*Tuesday, September 18*

8 PM, Sierra Club, Iroquois Group, meeting, 319 Marshall.
Visitors Welcome.

*Wednesday, September 19*

7:30 PM, Student Council Meeting
Everybody Welcome