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Once again ES&F has come through with another great barbecue! The 57th annual Forestry Barbecue, held last Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Green Lakes State Park, had its seemingly prescheduled beautiful day. Even those of us up early enough to get lost in the fog did not doubt the sun would shine. This year, besides a large turn-out of students, professors, and guests, the Forest Technicians from Wanakena Campus were also at the barbecue to participate in the woods-men's events. And everyone in attendance had to agree that they added spirit and challenge to the competition.

Some of the highlights of the day's many events started with Dean Payne representing the professors and administration, once again missed the mark in the felling competition. A new event, vertical speed chop, drew quite a bit of attention as junior Ed Wright took his third first place for the day. The tug-o-war event proved to be most exciting and certainly entertaining. The guys from Wanakena thought they had the whole event wrapped up, until the ES&F girls got on the other end. Even though they were outnumbered two to one, the guys put up a good fight, which is more than can be said about the prof's and grad students in the tug-o-war! As always, two favorites, Bull-o-the-woods and Barrel bronc, provided quite a bit of amusement. A big change from last year was the quality of the food and relatively quick service. Although the bus transportation situation left much to be desired, most students managed to get out to Green Lakes...eventually...somehow...

In the final tally, the juniors took first place this year, with the seniors in second and the sophs and Technicians tied for third.

A lot of credit should be given to those who participated and practiced getting ready for the competition. The food was great, the weather was perfect, and everyone had a good time. Overall, it was another great Forestry Barbecue!
BBQ...
for competition in each of the different events. The ES&F students enjoyed the participation of the Wanakena technicians and we feel confident they enjoyed the day also.

The Forestry Club should feel pretty proud for putting together another great ES&F Barbecue.

Mary LaLonde

DOGS...
cases of dog bite. And this of course does not include those incidents which go unreported. With all manner of dogs free to romp around the campus, there is always the chance of dog bite and many times the problem is aggravated when the dogs are in a pack. Dr. William D. Alsever of SU's health service agrees that the biggest medical problem from dogs is the bite. He also thinks that dogs are a bigger problem on campus when it comes to "...disturbances due to the noise and the nuisance element."

The city of Syracuse has attempted to deal with the problem of dog control. Syracuse had no leash law, only a control law which has been in effect for three years. But it hasn't been able to collect all the fines. Dogs picked up by the city are placed in cages at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for up to 10 days while owners are contacted. This boarding has gone up to $2.50/day, a cost borne by the city.

As I see it the problem is a combination of 3 factors: 1) Students, who compound the problem by having dogs, especially when they are brought to the campus, 2) laxity in the administration and a reluctance on the part of the Security Dept. to tackle the problem, and 3) inadequate control laws in the city and their poor enforcement. Too many students fail to realize how cruelly they treat their pets. Some just turn them loose at the end of the year. And that's no help to the city to have one more unlicensed dog with potential to be a nuisance. I never could understand how a student could have a dog at school anyway. Whether you take your dog to classes or leave him in your room, you are depriving him of your full companionship. Bringing them to class also infringes on the other students to an undisturbed class.

Why can't our administration take a stance such as that of Leon Botstein, president of Franconia College in New Hampshire. Upon hiring as president in 1970 he immediately imposed a new rule: NO dogs on campus. "Fifty unkempt dogs running around was just too much," said Botstein, "so I got rid of them all."

I know of complaints to our own security department concerning dogs, which have fallen on deaf ears. If the Office of Residential Life across campus only enforced their no pets in university housing rule half the problem would be licked.

Finally an enforceable leash law for the city would discourage owners from letting their pets run loose, only to bother others.

Roland R. Vosburgh

B'BALL SIGN-UP
Sign-up sheets for Forestry basketball intermurals are up in Illick, Marshall, and Moon Library. Deadline for signing teams up is Friday, Oct. 19. League play will begin first or second week in November.

Jeff Palmerton

ACERACEAE
I have just learned the difference between a Norway maple and our native Acer saccharum, or sugar maple. While walking in Oakwood Cemetery on this fine autumn morning I saw a sugar maple in its fantastic fall colors. The very top of the tree is a brilliant flame orange. It can be seen that the top of the tree and the outermost tips of the branches are the first to take on these autumnal hues. While the top of the tree is orange, the lower branches are more...
Vegetables anywhere on one's property. But just like farms are being paved over with shopping centers in the suburbs, agriculture is being forced out of the urban areas. In previous years, many people have had gardens throughout the cities. The produce greatly reduces food costs while giving the resident something relaxing to do. But gardens are getting scarcer and people are forced to buy vegetables that have been sitting around the markets for a couple of days. If more people went back to the land, no matter how small it was, I'm sure this would help combat high food prices, increase nutrition, and possibly decrease the crime rates by keeping people occupied in a worthwhile endeavor.

Tom Zelker

SOIL CONFERENCE

Scientists from all over the United States and Canada will arrive in Syracuse for the Third Annual Soil Microcommunities Conference sponsored by the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry at the Sheraton Motor Inn, October 15-17.

"More baseline ecological data on the microscopic plant and animal communities of the soil is needed," says Dr. Daniel Dindal, professor of forest zoology at the College and Conference coordinator, "if we are to know the true effect of these additives on the soil." The exchange of this information is the Conference's main objective.

The three-day meeting will feature the presentation of twelve papers, each followed by a discussion session.

Topics for discussion include: "Clay Minerals--a Dynamic Component of Soils," presented by R.M. Weaver, Department of Agronomy, Cornell University; "Biology of Cropland Oribats," by Vernon M. Kirk, Northern Grain Insects Research Laboratory, USDA, Brookings, South Dakota; "Effects of Glaciation on Soil Formation," by Ernest H. Muller, Department of Geology, Syracuse University; "Relationships Between Mites and Other Arthropods in Forest Floor Habitats," by Evert E. Lindquist, Entomology Research Institute, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, Ontario; and "Significance of Soil Microclimate in Arthropod Energetics and Ecology," by Ranier H. Brocke, Adirondack Ecological Center, Newcomb Campus, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

The scientists will be given informal tours of the College's Syracuse campus and trips to local habitats are scheduled for specimen collection.

Rod Cochran

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yellow, with the leaves below these each half yellow and the other half green. Finally, the lowest branches retain their summer shade of green.

Now, on the other side of the road, there is a Norway maple. To the casual observer, these two trees may appear to be of the same species. The leaf shape is nearly identical and the tree itself has the same broad spreading stature. Differences such as bark texture and seed shape are not readily apparent.

Today, one of the most significant differences is all too obvious. While our native sugar is proudly displaying all its fall splendor, the Norway has taken on a shade of dirty green. On a day like this, I am thankful for our sugar maple. Even the squirrels around me seem to prefer swinging in the branches of this majestic native.

Al Mollitor

For those students interested in part-time work, Charles DeNagy of 104 Bray Hall has several various odd and part-time positions that need filling. Get to see him now or if you're waiting to hear, check your Mifkin mailbox.
SERE SEMINAR

Dr. Robert V. Jelinek, Dean of the School of Environmental and Resource Engineering of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, announces the seventh seminar in a series on Developments in Engineering Aspects of Environmental Concerns and Forest Resource Utilization. The series began in January, 1973, and will continue through the 1973-74 academic year.

Dr. Robert L. Youngs, Associate Deputy Chief for Research of the United States Forest Service, will present a discussion of the "Research Program of the Forest Service as it is Related to Environmental Engineering." Of special interest to environmentalists, among whom foresters occupy a unique position, are the problems encountered in the clear cutting of forest stands and in strip mining. While the Forest Service administers only a part of the public lands of the United States, it is the major research agency for all the forest lands, public and private, in the country. The importance of the research on strip mining, site preparation for intensive silviculture and for clear cutting, which Dr. Youngs will highlight, is therefore of the greatest significance. Progress toward the real objectives of conservation—the use of our resources to provide the greatest good for the largest number of people over the long run—can be soundly based only if all the factors affecting resource utilization, and in particular our forests and their regeneration, are understood.

Dr. Youngs has wide training and experience in forestry research. Specializing in wood technology, he received degrees from the New York State College of Forestry (now ESF), the University of Michigan, and Yale University. Continued on p. 6

ESPRA OCT. 16

Representatives of the fifty-seven paper and paper product companies that make up the Empire State Paper Research Associates Inc. (ESPRA) will arrive at Syracuse's Hilton Hotel Tuesday, October 16 for their 1973 Annual Meeting.

ESPRA and the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry jointly sponsor the Empire State Paper Research Institute. Formed in 1945 and based at the Syracuse campus, ESPRI is the only worldwide research organization in the pulp and paper industry.

The focal point of the two-day meeting will be the presentation of four research papers prepared by ESPRI scientists. The technical papers aim at providing fundamental information which member companies can use to develop efficient, economic and environmentally sound techniques for processing paper. One important ESPRI research area that will be discussed is the use of oxygen as a non-polluting pulping agent.

Guest speaker at the Tuesday evening business meeting is Larry Bogart, Coordinator of the Citizen's Energy Council. His topic is "The Energy Crisis: Alternatives to Nuclear Power."

Meeting participants will tour on Wednesday the College's paper-making machine in the paper mill.

Conference coordination is being carried out by Dean Emeritus Edwin C. Jahn and ESPRI Director Bengt Leopold.

ABROAD

A comprehensive list of study abroad programs scheduled to be operated by the several campuses of SUNY during the Summer, Fall, Spring and Interim terms of Academic Year 1973-74 is available for student review in Room 319 Bray. Students interested in participating in one of these programs should contact Mrs. Wrightsman, 319 Bray, for application forms as soon as possible.

Charles C. Larson
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*Thursday, October 18*
4 pm, SU Biology Seminar. Dr. Norton B. Gilua of Rockefeller University will speak on "Cell Junctions and Inter-cellular Communication" in 117 Lyman Hall.

*Friday, October 19*
9-1am, Junior class sponsoring Fall Square Dance in Nifkin Lounge. Refreshments. Everybody welcome!

SERE...

His doctoral research earned him the "Wood Award," presented by the Forest Products Research Society and Wood and Wood Products Magazine. Joining the research branch of the U.S. Forest Service, he became the director of forest products and engineering research, later heading its Southern Forest Experiment Station at New Orleans, and recently moving to his present assignment in the Washington office of the Forest Service.

The seminar will be held in Room 211 Walters Hall on the Campus of the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 25. Coffee will precede the seminar. All interested persons are cordially invited to hear Dr. Youngs.

The final seminar in the fall series will take place in December. It will be led by Dr. Bengt Leopold, Director of the Empire State Paper Research Institute. ESPRI is a cooperative research effort of ESF and fifty-seven pulp and paper manufacturers from thirteen countries around the world. Dr. Leopold will discuss the program of the Institute leading to improvements in processing efficiency, further reduction of environmental pollution factors, and to conservation of the forest resource.

Eric A. Anderson

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The Knothole appreciates any articles, short stories, poems, letters, etc. which anyone might be inclined to submit. However, all such literature must be signed. Name will be withheld on request of author.

(Will "The Naked Stumpy" please take note!)