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DR. FORMAN ON

COMMUNITY DYNAMICS

"Forest 'Islands' and Ecosystem Stress" is the topic of a talk by Dr. Richard T.T. Forman scheduled for 2 pm, Friday, October 11 on the Syracuse campus of our College.

Dr. Forman's concept of forest "islands" is a new approach in biogeography to explain the dynamics of plant and animal communities. The botanist looks at individual plots of forest land as separate "islands," each unique in its development of plant and animal life. Forman will then take this concept and examine the impact of forest management practices on such "islands."

Dr. Forman, who is associate professor of botany at Rutgers University, will be in Syracuse October 9-11 to attend the fourth annual Soil Microcommunities Conference, sponsored by ESF. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Haverford College and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. He has written numerous articles on the ecology of mosses, tropical ecology, and the size of forest ecosystems. He is editor of "Ecology" and "Ecological Monographs."

Dr. Forman's lecture, which is sponsored by the College's Institute of Environmental Program Affairs (IEPA) is scheduled for Room 214 Marshall Hall. The talk is free and open to the interested public.

SECURITY-PARKING

In a talk with Mr. Litcher, head of Security, Mr. Litcher expressed his appreciation for the cooperation received from the students, especially with respect to the bicycle and leash law problems.

Mr. Litcher also said that the number of temporary parking permits for home football games has increased from 40 to 60. In regard to other parking problems, Mr. Litcher mentioned that since parking spaces are limited (324), and that the number of

students with cars has increased he has been making an effort to get more parking space on Oakland St., behind Baker, for students and Graduate Assistants.

It was also mentioned that with the parking situation the way it is, students and faculty have a much better chance of having their cars towed away at their expense.

If for some reason it is necessary for anyone to park overnight or if someone has a temporary handicap, such as a broken leg, which requires the use of a car and parking space they are strongly urged to contact Mr. Litcher's office so arrangements can be made.

The Woodsmen's Team will be travelling to New Brunswick, Canada, on Friday, October 25th to attend an International Woodsmen's Meet. Three teams will be representing ES&F. Two six-man teams, a woman's team (also six members) and three alternates will be going. If there is room on the bus, guests will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

October 12th and 13th at 1:00 behind Walters Hall will be try-outs for all 21 positions--open to all students. No spots are taken on the teams yet! The following week the teams will be drawn up and notified. The weekend of October 19th-20th these teams will meet and practice together in preparation for the competition the following weekend.

Everyone is encouraged to come try out or just watch. And in the past the New Brunswick meet has proven to be a great time.

The Woodsmen's Team is also planning on attending two other big eastern meets. In February they'll travel to Montreal for the continued on p. 2
BOTANY CLUB CLIMB

The weekend of Oct. 19 and 20 is the date set for the ANNUAL FALL MOUNTAIN CLIMB. This year, we plan to hike up Giant Mountain. Giant Mountain provides 2 major points of interest: 1) the Avalanche slides which occurred in 1963; 2) the various forest types; mixed hardwood, spruce-fir, and post fire stands.

The departure time is 8:00 AM Saturday morning. We will arrive and set up camp at Chapel Pond sometime that afternoon. The remainder of Saturday is left free for individual hiking. On Sunday morning we have the choice of 2 routes. The preferred route would be to drive to the bottom of Giant Mountain and begin the climb. We would follow a trail for 1 mile, move up a stream bed for about 1½ miles, and then climb up the slide to the top. We will stop for lunch on the top and head back to camp. The climb should be over about 3:00 PM. The 2nd route would be the reverse of the first. The bus would pick us up at the bottom of Giant Mountain. The climb has a 3000 ft. rise in elevation. We will leave by 4:00 PM and should be back at campus by 10 PM Sunday.

We have reserved the College bus for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet on room 333 Illick. We will take as many students as we can fit on the bus. If you prefer to take your own car, indicate this on the sign-up sheet.

There will be a Botany Club meeting on October 16 in 319 Marshall at 7:30. All those students wanting to go on the Mountain Climb are asked to be there. Dr. Ketchledge will give a slide presentation of this climb made several years ago. Definite assignments for transportation will be made. A few words on the type and amount of equipment needed will also be given. This will be a real worthwhile venture. Sign up and be at the meeting. For more information see Dr. Ketchledge or Werner L. Kist, 476-8113.

MEET...
MacDonald Winter Carnival and in April it’ll be the big Tri-State Meet this year at West Virginia.
If you have any questions contact any Forestry Club member or leave a message in Gene Piotrowski’s student mailbox.

Mary LaLonde

SOUNDS OF THE WILDERNESS

"...the still ways
Of the living wilderness restore life
But who will see that the wilderness lives on?
And who will see that the wilderness lives on?
Let us preserve upon this lovely earth
Her vestiges of our sublime re-birth
In timeless realm of mind, where man is free."
Percy MacKaye

WILL SOMEONE PLEASE HELP ME
OR PUT ME OUT OF MY MISERY!

To the Editor:
Don’t you hear the plants crying? At a campus where the majority of the students and faculty have interests in plants, how can such cruelty to plants be condoned?
The latest cry comes from the lobby of Illick Hall. But this is just a weak-voiced newcomer to the din of wailing of the imprisoned and tortured plants. Look around you and listen. Has no one seen the pitiful yews along the walk to the Library? Their indignity is to be placed right out front to be harassed by the canine visitors to the campus. Notice the condition of the remaining sugar maples; ripped from the cool comfortable surroundings of the northern hardwood type and placed exposed and naked to be burned by winter sun. The hawthorns lament the cedar apple rust plague sent to them each year by the prostrate junipers. The prostrate junipers next to Marshall are slowly extinguishing themselves like slaves locked in the hull of a sinking abandoned ship. Need I go on? Just look around and listen!

Last year someone condemned the cutting of one of the dying spruce in front of Bray Hall. The person who did the cutting at least gave the tree a respectable execution. How can we stand by and watch the rest of the plants be tortured? Is there no champion for the defenseless plants?

Paul D. Manion

P.S. I get a sadistic pleasure out of diseased and dying trees more than anyone else on this campus. But the conditions are such that even I am revolted.
RAIN? WHAT RAIN??

It didn't rain at the Barbeque on the 21st...it was a flood. And even though 1500 tickets were distributed to faculty, students and guests, approximately 300-400 people braved the rain, cold, and torturous roads to enjoy a great tasting chicken barbeque, gallons of cider and some pretty good competition in the Woodsmen's Events.

Events started at 9:30 with Dean Payne once again hitting the stake as he demonstrated his felling ability. Only 8 of the events were run, but the results from these events were rather surprising. 5=1st, 3=2nd, 1=3rd.

VET BENEFIT BILL UP FOR VOTE

As reported on the news and in the newspapers of October 3, the current bill regarding veterans' benefits has come back out of joint committees to be voted on by the two houses of Congress. This compromise bill calls for a 23/4 increase in monthly benefits ($220-270 for a single vet, $298-$366 for a married vet with one child), an increase to 14 months entitlement, and a maximum of $600 for loans. All vets are encouraged to write to their representatives and Senators to support this bill.

FIREWOOD INFO.

"Over 10,000 cords of timber to be used for firewood was harvested from State forest lands outside the Forest Preserve last season and we are going to continue the program again this fall and winter," said Environmental Conservation Commissioner James L. Biggane today.

"In addition to helping provide a source of fuel, the harvest of trees provides necessary thinning of forest stands and aids in the cleanup of roadsides along State Forest access roads," the Commissioner said.

Firewood is sold as standing trees and the buyer assumes responsibility for harvesting and transporting the wood. Trees are estimated in standard cords which are four feet high, four feet deep and eight feet long. Minimum purchase is one standard cord. There is no maximum limit for purchase. The price is $1 to $5 per cord depending on location and local market conditions.

Senior this year placed 1st, and surprisingly enough the Freshmen placed 2nd in front of the Juniors by 1 point. Well, better luck next year.

At about 1:00 it became apparent that rain would continue. Spectators began to take off for the warmth and cover of the buildings and cars and many started to leave. So the rest of the events were cancelled for the day and the Barbeque '74 came to an end.

Though the rain dampened the number of people who ventured to Heiberg, spirits were unusually high and the food exceptionally good. The highlight of the morning came with the arrival of the technicians from Wanakena who proceeded to liven things up.

Special thanks are extended to Dr. Allen and Skip Eckleberger, the Barbeque event judges, who managed to keep track of all the scores and times throughout the day.

Dean Payne, the members of the Forestry Club and Student Council are to be commended for their efforts in planning and putting on this year's Barbeque.

There is a possibility in the future that more of the annual Barbeques will be held at Heiberg, so keep that in mind for next year. And speaking of next year, the Barbeque should be even bigger and better and here's hopin' there's another good time in store for next fall.

Mary LaLonde

The Knothole is the student publication of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Published every Thursday. Any articles, notices, stories, letters, etc. to be published must be submitted in the Knothole mailbox in the basement of Marshall Hall before noon on Saturday, signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Anyone wishing to join the Knothole staff should contact one of our members. Staff meetings are Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM in the Library Informal Study Room.
The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) is announcing its annual refund schedule. NYPIRG is a non-profit, non-partisan, student supported and directed research and advocacy organization. The group combines the efforts of students and a full time professional staff to work on local, regional, and statewide public interest projects in the areas of consumer interest, environmental quality, discrimination, and other areas. Recent projects include a physician's directory of Syracuse and Onondaga County, a survey of prescription drug prices, a study of possible discrimination in employment agencies, and on a statewide level the Legislative Profile Project (a comprehensive report on each state legislator, similar to Ralph Nader's Congress Project) and organizing support for legislation which would ban non-returnable beverage containers.

Students who do not wish to support NYPIRG activities may fill out a request for a refund during the week of October 21st. Tables will be located in the upstairs main lobby of the old Hen's Gym and the basement of HBC. The hours will be Monday through Friday, 10 am to 6 pm and Monday through Wednesday 7 pm to 9 pm. After certification of enrollment, a check will be mailed to the students' campus address.

Jim Culbert

FIREWOOD...

Purchasers are cautioned that adequate safety measures should be followed in harvesting and transporting wood which weighs about 2-1/2 tons per standard cord. If wood is harvested now, it will be dry enough to be used this winter if properly stacked and split.

A free booklet "Firewood for Your Fireplace" and additional information on the purchase of fuelwood is available from any Environmental Conservation Regional Office or from the Department's Bureau of State and Private Forestry, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, N.Y. 12233.

Jim Culbert

CRYPTOGRAM

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CULTURE CORNE
HERBE AUX SORCIERS

"...For they turned natural fools upon it for several days. One would blow up a feather in the air...another stark naked was sitting in a corner like a monkey...another would fondly kiss, and paw his companions...Their actions were full of innocence and good nature."

-Beverly, 1705, referring to British soldiers at Bacon's Rebellion, Jamestown, Virginia. 1676, after eating Datura stramonium leaves for dinner.

Datura stramonium (Jimsonweed, raving nightshade, thorn apple, devil's trumpet) is a coarse, erect, poisonous weed found in waste places throughout this part of the country. It is a member of the infamous tomato family, home of plants such as tomato, potato, pepper, deadly nightshade (bella-donna), henbane and tobacco.

Algonquins and other tribes of Eastern North America used concoctions of Datura roots in a peculiar ceremony which brought boys to manhood. The Aztecs called it olo-liuhqui ("the magic plant") and considered the plant sacred, keeping the seeds on altars and in secret boxes. Close relatives of this plant were commonly used by the peoples of China, Japan, Russia, the Arabian countries, and South America for religious ceremonies and ritual healing.

Biochemists have isolated two active alkaloids, hyoscyamine and hyoscine which are derivatives of tropine. (Racemic hyoscyamine, atropine, has also been used as an antidote to nerve gas poisoning.)

One of these "Herbes aux sorciers" is located near the southeast corner of Walnut Park, under the one-way sign. Its white flower and thorny seed pods are unmistakable. A comatose state may be induced by certain dosages, sometimes terminating in death.

P. Finn & R. Cincotta

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Organizational Expenses
  Travel $30
  Stationery, Xerox $20
  Luncheons at Senate Meetings (13 at $30) 500
  Total Organizational Expenses 550

Social Functions (see attached draft)
  incl. TCA's, Fall, Christmas, Spring Parties $2200

Contribution to International Student Association (S.U.) $200

Student Association Allocation $800

Mailing/Advertising (invitations/announcements) $150

Intramural Athletics (sponsorship of two GSA softball teams in S.U. Grad Student League for equipment, fees, and refreshments) $200
  More teams if requested

Students' Children Service (babysitting at evening social events) $100

Academic Enhancement (speakers' fees and movie rentals) $400

Total Budget $4600

* If additional monies are available they will be added to Academic Enhancement.

**Based on $15 GSA allocation from 300 matriculated graduate students. We were given an estimate of $5900 as expected income. This would appear to include the allocation which goes to Syracuse University.

This budget was approved by Senate action September 30, 1975.

Henry Appleton
President, GSA

All departments must assign one senator for each 15 graduate students. Those departments then should send a memo confirming their selection to Hank Appleton, Pres. of G.S.A., c/o Entomology Dept. by Friday October 11.

Volunteers are needed for committees to choose movies, speakers, etc. Work on this committee involves about 1-2 hours/month.

The next meeting of G.S.A. senators will be Monday, October 14, in the Taxonomy Lab, first floor Illi. All graduate students are urged to attend.
THE BALLAD OF
Summer Session I

by Dorm 3 (Tune of "Tavern in the Town")

Verse 1:
As Dr. Lone was looking at some frogs,
"at some frogs"
We all were sinking in the bog,
"in the bog"
Van Druff says that it's shining all the time,
"on the line"
As I hang my wet clothes on the line!
Refrain:
The food has gotten better, but the weather's gotten wetter,
"wetter"
We all work from 3 to 5 playing havoc with the flies.
"Voting/Absent"
We go from class to class getting soaked up to our --
"All my clothes are hanging up in the drying room!"
(Note: The last two lines of the refrain are sung to the same tune as the first two lines of the refrain.)

Verse 2:
Dr. Lea is running all around,
"all around"
Findin' all the things that have broke down,
"have broke down"
He doesn't want us to worry or to be tense,
Just use a little common sense!
"common sense"
Refrain

Verse 3:
Dr. Geis has led us on a climb,
"on a climb"
We tried, but could not stay behind,
"stay behind"
We climbed all day on Crane Mt. so high,
And he still hasn't told us why.
"told us why"
Refrain

Verse 4:
We're all going to Harry's to get drunk,
"to get drunk"
Because the test we took, we all flunked,
"we all flunked"
When you start calling a juniper, a spruce,
It's time to go out and get juiced,
"and get juiced."
Refrain

In order to exercise your right to vote this November, you will need to know the following information:
A. In order to register to vote you must
1. be 18 years old on or before November 5, 1974,
2. be a U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization.
3. have been a resident of the city or village where you plan to vote for 30 days prior to November 5, 1974.
B. You must renew your registration if
1. you have changed your address.
2. you have not voted in a general election in the past two years. (Primaries do not count.)
C. If you wish to register where you now reside, check with your county Board of Elections as to where and when to register.

Information on Absentee Voting and Absentee Registration
A. If your home is in a different county from where you attend school and you wish to register in your home county, you may request an application for absentee registration from any Board of Elections; but this application must be mailed to the Board of Elections in your home county. This must be postmarked no later than October 10 (that's today) 1974, if you wish to vote this November. The application for absentee registration includes the application for an absentee ballot.
B. If you are registered in your home county, you may write to the Board of Elections there, requesting an application for an absentee ballot. This application should be returned to the Board of Elections by October 29. The Board of Elections will then send you an absentee ballot which must be returned to them no later than 12:00 noon, Monday November 4, 1974.

For further information, please contact the League of Women Voters or the Board of Elections.

Editorial Policy:
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.
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This wasn't quite my idea of a CLOSE study of predator-prey relationships.

VET CLUB NEWS - RALLY

A questionnaire has been put together by a committee of vets from ES&F, Syracuse, OCC, and the traditional vets' organizations to be sent out to all our local, state and Federal politicians to find out how they feel about vets' legislation. In conjunction with this, a rally is being planned for November 1 to make public the responses from these politicians and to show our concern with the lack of action on vets' legislation. People interested in this plan of action should come to a vets' club meeting or contact one of the Club officers (Bruce Jones, Bernie Davies, Terry Richards).

The possibilities of setting up an emergency loan fund for vets is being explored. OCC recently received $500 from the VFW for this purpose and plans are being made to raise money for ES&F and Syracuse vets.

A vets' tutoring service is being organized. If you can qualify as a tutor or need a tutor, check with us. Incidentally, vets are eligible for $50 per month tutor allowance.
CALENDAR

*Saturday, October 12*
Sunday, October 13
1:00 pm, Tryouts for the Woodsmen's teams for the New Brunswick Meet. Behind the garage next to Walters.

*Sunday, October 13*
Botany Club hike through Tremen State Park with Dr. Ketchledge. See his door (333 Illick) for signing up.

*Monday, October 14*
G.S.A. senators' meeting. First floor Illick, Taxonomy Lab. Questions: contact Hank Appleton.

*Wednesday, October 16*
7:30 pm, Botany Club meeting. Information about the mountain climb, slides. 319 Marshall.

Summer Session 1 was:

...using common sense
...O-O-O-Wee!
...laundry runs
...cattle trucks filled with lowing steer and a few chicken noises
...It never rains during biology week.
...ab-hey!
...What! Turkey sandwiches again.
...grinding gears
...green eggs for breakfast
...So who went to breakfast?
...Dr. Lowe and the Edible Wild
...a Sunday afternoon party at the girl's dorm
...butt rot
...Red pine! Red pine! If I see another $%^ red pine!
..."Any damages to report?"
...Oops...broke the chain again.
..."On the first week of summer camp, my TA said to me..."
...Can I have your attention please...
...volleyball games with 190.35 players
...George's morning choir rehearsal
...Ethel! You put your clothes on!
...Peanut butter and cheese crackers
...12 white two
...inch pine logs
...Odd, a 19" depth reading on the rain gauge.

*Monday, October 14*
7:30 pm, Student Council of the ESF Student Association meeting. "Your government at work" 321 Bray

*Tuesday, October 15*
7:00 pm, Woodchips meeting— for wives of Forestry students. Skytop Ski Lodge. Questions: call Gall Smith or Jewel Jones.

*Saturday, October 19*
Sunday, October 20
8:00 am, Botany Club Annual Fall Mountain Climb, Giant Mt. See Dr. Ketchledge's door for sign up. Bus available. 333 Illick

*Saturday, October 19*
Sunday, October 20
8:00 am, Bob Marshall Club Environmental impact inspection of Five Ponds Wilderness Area. Check Ketch's door on this one, too. 333 Illick Make sure you pick the right sign-up sheet.

...Ashes.
...Who's the nut with the shorts?
...Warrensburg "townies" 50, ESF 35
...Red eft management
...Note the giant earthworms eating red alder
...Check this out.
...Tubin' down the Hudson
...Bottomin' out
...We're going to thee Nea-dow-n.
...-

...Peanut butter and black fly sandwiches.
...Old Woodsmen—permanently everywhere
...Ben Wood—great place to watch a thunderstorm!
...Harry's
...Pack Forest Volunteer Fire Co.
...the great Scarlet Fever Scare
...Tater man
...What, I've gotta do 5 again!
...the Bog
...Call of the white-throated sparrow
...Let's hit the field
...Bambi-Thumper Society
...Cool your jets!
...The Rising House
...Remember: Common Sense