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NYPIRG - ANNUAL REFUND

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.

NORTH AND HERE

Great weather and a spectacular array of fall colors greeted the Bob Marshall Club on their annual Trail Maintenance Trip. This year's trip was to the High Peaks area of the Adirondacks. Our main attention was focused upon a new section of trail that was installed earlier this year between the base of Wright's Mountain and the summit. In a total of three hours we installed thirty-one waterbars which we hope will inhibit erosion of the trail by diverting some of the water off it.

After these exuberating hours of strenuous work of chopping down trees, cutting them to length, digging trenches, placing the bars across the trail and anchoring them in, we had enough time to climb some of the various peaks in the immediate vicinity. The views that we beheld were indescribable. Words cannot even come close to begin to describe the utterly magnificent view that unfolded before us. Reds, greens, golds and a variety of browns were so intermixed, so interwoven that it brought a sweet calm to mind that I have never before experienced. It was indeed an experience that brought both work and pleasure together to form an unique partnership of knowledge and wisdom in one day's time. (Top of column 2)

B.M.C.

STRIKE - URBAN ANGLING

With the arrival of Monday, we were once again reminded of the tedious ordeals of everyday college life. However, that night, we were once again reminded of the mountains, the woods and their populace as our first speaker in the lecture series "American Wilderness: Contemporary Attitudes," traced the beginnings of the wilderness concept in America from the country's beginnings to the present. It was only appropriate that the speaker should be George Marshall--brother of Bob Marshall and son of Louis Marshall. The lecture was well attended and for those of you that missed it, there will be a tape of it on file in the library in the near future.

David Newhouse will be our next speaker in this series. He is a member of the Adirondack Mt. Club and Chairman of the Conservation Committee. For the date of his lecture, consult the Knothole in the next two weeks.

Also the Environmental Impact Inspection of the Five Ponds Wilderness area (Oct. 19-20), has been postponed until further notice.

The Austrian-flamethrower

Happy angling.
Saengerbund Sings Again

Saengerbund is alive! Yes, CESF does have its own chorus. The Saengerbund is a singing group made up entirely of Forestry people, and anyone may join. Nora Marshall, a student at the SU School of Music, is our director. Rehearsals are every Friday night at 7:00 pm until 8:00. Please come, and that means faculty, too!

Sci-Fi Fans Meet

For anyone interested, there is a club this year on the SU campus which concerns itself with Science Fiction, Fantasy, Sword and Sorcery, and many subjects associated with this field.

The members of the SU Speculative Fiction Society get together once a week to talk informally about what they’ve read and seen. Some of the ideas brought up at the first meetings of the club include such things as sponsoring a S.F. film series, writing and producing programs for Synapse, sponsoring a science fiction art and writing contest, getting the club subscriptions to S.F. magazines, newsletters and a book club, and compiling a list of books members have on campus, books that will be available to all other members.

Everyone is welcome, so if you have an interest in this sort of material please visit them on any Thursday night, at 6:30.

Timon Thompson

sounds of the wilderness

The wild gander leads his flock through the cool night
Ya-honk he says, and sounds it down
to me like an invitation,
The pert may suppose it meaningless, but I
listening close
Find its purpose and place up there toward the
winter sky.

Whitman

Jim Künstler
The Botany Club will hold their 3rd outing of the year on Sat., Oct. 26. On this date we will venture into the world of "economic" botany as we explore the far reaches of Widmer's Winery. The outing will depart from behind Noon Library at 8:00 AM. It is roughly a 2 hr. drive. The tour through the winery should begin around 10:30 AM. The tour will take us through the whole operation and processes of changing grapes into wine. The trip is highlighted by a complimentary glass of wine. There is also a wine shop there where you can purchase any of the wines made at Widmer's. The tour will last for approximately 2 hours. We should be leaving Widmers by 1 PM and would be back by 3 PM Sat. afternoon.

Unfortunately, we were not able to obtain the college bus for the trip. As a result, we will have to rely on private cars for transportation as we did for the Tremen State Park trip. Drivers will be reimbursed for gasoline. There will be 2 sign up sheets at 333 Ullick: one for drivers, one for passengers. We will try to accommodate as many people as we can.

All persons desiring to come along on the Widmer's Winery Trip are required to attend a Botany Club Meeting in Nifkin Lounge on Wed., Oct. 23, at 7:30 PM. This meeting will be short. We will allocate people to cars, and give directions on how to get there. This trip has always been very interesting and enjoyable in the past. We expect it to be quite good this year also. Bring your own bag lunches. We do not remember Widmer's having any snack bars to service its visitors.

This trip ends our October exploits. We are willing to listen to any suggestions for future trips. At this moment, we are planning one trip during November before Thanksgiving, a trip to the Cornell University Greenhouses. Any new ideas should be taken to Dr. Ketchledge, Rm. 333 Ullick or Werner Kist, 476-8113.

As a result of our growing club we now have a Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The new officers are Carol Lyon, Vice-President, and Jim Lawler, Secretary-Treasurer. Our club promises to be one of the more active organizations on campus this year. Come and join us.

Werner L. Kist
President

PIRG...

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 that would ban non-returnable beverage containers.

Students who do not wish to support PIRG 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 Men's Gym and the basement of HBC. The hours will be Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm and Monday through Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm. After certification of enrollment, checks will be mailed to the students' campus addresses.

If there are any further questions about PIRG activities, projects or the refund schedule, please call the regional office at 471-7004. Interested volunteers are always welcome.

Jim Culbert

Attention students who attended 1974 Summer Field Session-Warrensburg--
1. Reports and exams may be picked up in the Silviculture Conference Room--214 Marshall Hall.
2. Miscellaneous Lost and Found from Warrensburg, Room 221 Marshall Hall.

After a month, remnants will be recycled.
This November there again will be a bond issue on the ballot. It is the $250 million Rail Preservation Bond Act proposed by Governor Wilson during the summer. It is hoped that this will help the train systems of New York restore their previous efficiency and competitive position. Railroads are a vital part of our economy; they move more than 10 million tons of food through our state each year and supply industries with vital products as well as transport many passengers through the area. The Governor must be a train buff since he also inaugurated the new Adirondack Passenger Train from Albany to Montreal via the Adirondack Mts. and the Champlain Valley. This new service is apparently doing quite well according to a ticket agent in New York City. This route will also be aided by the Bond Act if it is passed. Tracks are being repaired and the service is usually good. The railroads deserve this added shot in the arm Bond Act for continued functioning.

While on the subject of Governor Wilson, this summer he vetoed a bill which would have given peace officer status to N.Y.S. EnCon Rangers. This means that they would have been allowed to carry guns in the field. Even toll collectors can carry guns. With increased criminal activity in our forests it is only just that these men be allowed to properly protect themselves. Many GO's have voiced their disapproval of the veto and the Governor earned the name of Slingshot Wilson. I think they're allowed to use slingshots but only if they use horsechestnuts for ammo.

Tom Zelker

The SUNY Archery Club has set up a backstop behind Walters Hall. All archers are welcome to use this facility. However, since this target is on the outskirts of the campus we do expect all participants to be extremely careful and safety conscious.

The BRO's of KPD are offering a six pack of beer to the person who can best complete the statement below in 25 words or less. I FEEL WE SHOULD PROTECT OUR DIMINISHING NATIONAL POTATO RESOURCES BECAUSE: Closing date: Oct. 25, 1974. Entries will be judged by Curt Grosse; the decision of the judge is somewhat final. Leave your entry in the Knothole mailbox.

R. Cincotta & P. Finn
GETS GOING

Last Tuesday evening the Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters had its first formal meeting. Future committees and projects were discussed. Among the committees planned are a job-file group, public relations, activities, funds and career information.

The job file is a campus-wide service project accomplished by contacting the students to find out summer job preferences for possible employers. Work will also be done with Mr. Sheldon, 108 Bray, concerning careers, including resumes and interview techniques.

The chapter intends to hold a raffle this year. Two years ago SAF raffled off a chainsaw. A similar event shall happen this year.

Involvement with area high schools by contacting guidance counselors and possibly participating in their career days is another project planned for the future.

SAF this year will correspond with other student chapters to learn of their programs and projects. Two such chapters are ones in Louisiana and West Virginia. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30 pm. Sometime before that, the members should indicate some committee preference. Please leave your preference in either Pat Clark's or Mike Bobek's student mailbox.

RAINSTORM

By now the tenseness and uptight feeling was becoming more noticeable. The professor stopped teaching for a few seconds, pausing long enough to glance outside at the ever impending blackness.

The short haired girl two seats in front of me turned her interest upon a wide, varnish filled crack in the school floor. Her brown, scuffed-up shoe tracing out its features while she gazed at it blankly. Three seats to my right Jack was looking out the window; his wide giant size eyes, which never seemed to blink, followed the slow gliding flight of a robin from the green lawn of the quad to a maple tree, now rustling in the soft but steady wind, its leaves bending over showing their frosty white undersides. In the last row Kathy was looking out the windows on the other side of the room—the ones that faced towards the three acre field in back of the building. Her tiny rabbit-like face pointed towards the sky, watching massive dark black thunderheads slowly traverse the heavens. The wind picked up notably, blowing against my bare arms cool wisps of air as it traveled through the classroom peeping beneath loose papers as if searching for a lost assignment or a particular phrase.

Like waves on a beach the noise of branches, grass, and leaves blowing against one another as the wind rippled through them set up a steady background of noise. The sky continued to get blacker and blacker to the point where you could no longer tell where the sun was at, or if it was even out at all.

A raindrop hit the open window. There was no need to look for just from the loud splat I could tell that we were in for no mere drizzle. Lightning shrieked across the sky in jagged seconds then thunder split through with a loud sharp crack levelling off into a steady rumble. As if a signal, the dying noise was followed by billions of raindrops, striking the windows and roof of the building, falling upon the trees and bushes outside, then dripping slowly downward through the leafy work of leaves and branches until they reached the ground where they collected into small puddles. The noise of the rain became intense and almost deafening. Lightning slashed out a path across the black sky followed again by thunder only to repeat itself becoming worse with each bright stroke. The lights in the classroom across the courtyard could be seen distorted through the rain, like a picture painted on an old window.

SMALL STORES—MORE HOURS

In response to recent student demand, your student government has expanded the hours of operation of the small stores, located in 18 Moon Library.

The new hours will be as follows:

Tuesday 11:10-1:00
Wednesday 11:30-12:30
Thursday 8:30-9:45

Dan Mahns, 2nd Vice-President of the Student Council, operates the small stores and can be reached at 476-8113, if you have any questions.

We hope that these expanded hours of operation will accommodate all those concerned.

George H. Ellis
President of Student Council
If all the college students who sleep in class were placed end to end, they would be more comfortable.

Cryptogram Answer
Merrily do ± on haystacks cavort; no risk to my bottom In this kind of sport.

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.

CALENDAR
*Saturday, October 26*
8:00 am, Botany Club's annual trip to Widmer's Winery, Naples, N.Y. Returning early afternoon. Sign up on door of 333 Illick.

*Friday, October 25 thru Sunday, October 27*
Woodsmen's meet, New Brunswick, Canada. Bus available, spectators welcome.

*Monday, October 21*
7:30 pm, Weekly Student Council of the ESF Student Association meeting. Freshman officers have now been elected, 321 Bray.

RAINSTORM...
piece of wood with tiny cracks in it. An intense bright flash filled the room blinding me, leaving behind in my brain a silhouette of human figures sitting in front of the window. At that same instant the room was struck by a solid wall of sound, like a hammer hitting an anvil. The noise shook the room to its core, rattling windows and desks causing the walls to vibrate and emit grotesque noises. It all took place in less than a second ending in a low and gradual rumble sinking into the earth.

Slowly I began to regain the feel of my surroundings. The faces of the room were ashen gray, my own hands shaking from a combination of relief and fright. Outside, the storm was slowly subsiding, the rain slowed down to a steady drizzle, and off in the distant sky sheet lightning could be seen amongst the clouds. The professor resumed teaching his lesson, and in the corner of my eye I caught the flight of the robin as it slowly glided from the tree towards the quad lawn.