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BOTANY TRIPS TO NAPLES

On Saturday, October 26, the Botany Club once again witnessed economic botany in action with its annual trip to Widmer's Winery, in Naples, N.Y. Five cars containing 20 people departed from behind Moon Library at 8:00 a.m., four of which traveled directly to Naples. The fifth was forced to detour to rouse Rich Feldman out of bed ("The ------ alarm clock didn't go off!") and was further delayed at a mini-roadblock consisting of one State Trooper ("...and take it easy on those free samples.")

Once at the winery, we participated in the grand tour of the wine making process. We learned all about the harvesting of grapes, the extraction of the juice, and the different types of wine produced by the winery. We also learned about the various techniques and processes employed to bring out the special characteristics of the different wines. Especially prominent in the tour were the large tanks and wooden casks designed to store, ferment, and mix the various wines. Incidentally, a major restructuring of Dendro will take place as a result of the tour, since Dr. Ketchledge must now announce that white oak was used to make the century old 9500 gallon wine casks, which were originally used in Europe.

The tour was completed in the Chalet Wine Shop, where all were treated to a glass of Lake Niagara. Al Mollitor put on an excellent exhibition of wine-drinking technique, chugging a whole glass before all the wine leaked out of the defective bottom. Finally, the whole group went upstairs to purchase a bottle or two of their favorites.

Four cars headed back to Syracuse, enjoying the beauty of Finger Lakes country, with its farmlands nearing the end of harvest, its crystal blue lakes, and its gently rolling topography. The blue sky continued on p. 2

STUDY IN SCOTLAND

Undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to spend the coming winter interim at the University of Stirling in Scotland studying Nineteenth Century Britain and Scotland. The program dates are December 27 to January 18. The program is open to all students, including non-SUNY students. The only prerequisite is a semester course of literature. In addition to a series of lectures by leading British university professors the program features a number of field trips as well as a 5 day visit to London. The University of Stirling is centrally located midway between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Interested students should contact: Professor Anthony O. Tyler, English Department, State University College, Potsdam, New York 13676. Phone: (315) 268-2742. Interested students are urged to apply right away. The cost is $599 to $649, depending on final flight arrangements.

AWARDS COMMITTEE NEEDS STUDENTS

A screening committee is in the process of being formed which will choose eligible members of the faculty as candidates for SUNY's Distinguished Teaching Professorships and Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching. In addition to students from the schools of Biology, Chemistry, and Ecology, Environmental and Resource Engineering, E and R Management, Landscape Architecture and Continuing Education, there will also be a committee of faculty members, headed by Professor Black, which will work with the student committee in finding nominees for the two awards.

Students are still needed from Chem., Engineering, L.A. and Continuing Education. If you're interested, contact Jim Turner or Charlene Hamiwa; or Joan Miller at 472-9593.
I'll away to the woods no more, no more
The laurels are all cut down,
Where phlox did brighten the soft spring shade
There grows an unplanned town.

At the rockbound spring where I sat down
To drink and ease my soul,
The beech is down, the rock is gone,
There is left a mud-filled hole.

Where red silt fills the concrete sluice
I once saw silver minnows play.
Now dead trees burn where moss and fern
Once clothed the bulldozed clay.

So I'll not go to the woods again,
'Though weary my soul of this town.
My spring is dead, the thrush has fled,
The laurels are all cut down.

Ethel Dunham

BOTANY...
formed a fitting back drop to the last of
the fall colors, highlighted by the milky
gold of the Tamaracks.

However, the passengers of the afore
mentioned fifth car delayed this experience
to initiate the first annual Naples Football
Classic, using the infamous balloon
ball. Final score: Lake Roselle 50, Lake
Niagara 18. Al Mollitor then led the group
in the traditional sleep-a-thon on the
thruway.

The next Botany Club trip will be to the
New York State Agricultural Experiment Sta-
tion in Geneva sometime in November. An
excursion to the Cornell greenhouses and a
lecture by Dr. Ketchledge on Bryophytes are
planned for the near future.

Tom Zelker

Signup for senior pictures is still go-
ing on but only a few spaces are left.
Please go down to the foyer of Moon Library
and sign-up if you want to be in the year-
book and purchase senior pictures. More time
will be allotted if needed - but as it now
stands pictures will be taken Nov. 19-22.
If there are any problems, please drop a
note in the Empire Forester mailbox in the
A LIGHT FOR A DUCK'S DARK WORLD

We recently received a fascinating little story from Dr. Arthur G. Peterson of DeBary, Florida, which bears repeating. It seems that a variety of mallard ducks and coots, some domesticated and others migratory, nest on Dr. Peterson's "Beautiful 15-acre, pine-rimmed lake" in Central Florida. Last spring, Dr. Peterson happened to notice some strange behavioral goings-on between two of the mature mallards, and he tells the story: One day I became aware that John-Duck was unusually attentive to Mary-Duck as if he had taken her into protective custody. Since it was not mating season, this puzzled me. Whenever I appeared, even at a distance that he formerly ignored, he would issue an alert in the form of a low "Quack-quack."

When I came near, his quacking became louder and with a tone of anxiety. Then he would head for the lake, quacking loudly all the way. Mary-duck, with evident understanding, tagged close behind him.

I never saw Mary-duck alone, not until one rainy day when she was huddled under a red cedar. This was the opportunity for which I had waited. Quickly I got my fish-landing net over her and soon overcame her struggle.

My suspicion was confirmed. Both of her eyes were opaque. She was stone blind and John-duck was her seeing eye. When I released her she rushed away and bumped into some shrubs. Then she backed off, and headed for the lake.

Before she got there, John-duck met her with reassuring quacks and the indirect vision to guide her in her dark world, as all nature seemed to rejoice.

From Onondaga Outdoors

To the editor:

in the photocopied section of the Knothole for 10'31'74 from the August '74 issue of "The Environmental Journal" there is an error.

The chestnut tree described in Longfellow's poem is not an American chestnut, but a Horse chestnut of the Buckeye family. I know this from pictures of the tree I've seen years ago in a tree identification handbook. I'm sure that if you research this you will find that the tree is Horse chestnut.

Michael Selender
**SUMMER SESSION II** was:

- Robbie
- Sam
- The Phantom
- Peugeot
- Zeus
- Uncle Steve
- The Old Man
- Ox
- Road Runner
- Goggles
- Duane
- The Hammer (Beanbag)
- Mitch (Red Eyes)
- Mr. Crud
- Mr. Yo-Yo
- Alfie
- Fish
- Bertweiser
- Tarzan
- Lurch
- Chickenfoot
- Mr. Boomer
- Tools
- DVT
- Bunsen
- Tuna
- Hey Baby
- Fachime
- Wild Bill
- Chester!
- Choo-choo
- The Crooner
- Wally
- The Doc
- Giggles
- Don Juan
- Queenie (Belle, Buh)
- Dot
- JWB
- Pygmy
- Cool
- Bernard
- Sanford
- Duncan
- Sandy
- Piffel
- Ramon de Cocker
- The Woodsman
- Bucks Bromley (Greendreams)
- Wild Al Overfield
- The Sleeze
- Rapid Roy
- Furbearer (Moose)
- Columbo
- Action
- Accu Fullam

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**CALENDAR**

*Friday, November 8*

- 7-8 pm, Saengerbund rehearsal in Marshall Auditorium.

- 8-12 am, Dance in Nifkin Lounge, Sponsored by the Vet's Club. $1-unlimited beer. All ESP students welcome.

*Monday, November 11*

- 7:00 pm, Veteran's Day parade. Sign-up in 104 Bray, the Vet's Affairs Office.

*Tuesday, November 12*

- 8:00 pm, Meeting of Woodchips, the organization for wives of Forestry students, Skytop Ski Lodge.

- 7:00 pm, Yearbook Advisory Committee meeting, Room 18, Moon. Open to all students. See article on p.3.

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**SAengerbund**

**OFFICERS, PLANS**

On Friday, Nov. 1, the Saengerbund elected its officers. President is Mary Butler; Secretary-Treasurer is Joan Barris; and Karin Carlton is Librarian. The Saengerbund hopes to become fairly service-oriented, with concerts at Jamesville Penitentiary, Van Duyn Nursing Home, and the Veterans' Hospital in mind.

All those who wish to join the Saengerbund are welcome. Rehearsals are from 7-8 PM, Friday nights, in Marshall Auditorium.