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FINANCIAL AID—— WHAT IS IT? HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Applications for the 1975-76 academic year and the summer 1975 session are available now in the Office of Financial Aid, 111 Bray Hall. Students are encouraged to submit a financial statement and a college application before the Spring break. If you currently have financial aid, you must reapply for next year; awards are not renewed automatically. Review of applications begins in March.

The Office of Financial Aid administers a variety of federal, state, and college programs. The eligibility requirements vary slightly among programs. Financial need, determined by a variety of factors such as family income, size of family, assets, and indebtedness, is the basis for assistance in most programs.

A College Work-Study Program will provide an increased number of positions for next year. The greatest increase will be in the summer program which is expected to provide jobs at all of the College's properties as well as on the main campus. If you wish to apply for summer CW-3F, your application for financial aid should be submitted as soon as possible.

Grants and scholarship programs have expanded in the past few years. The Federal Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) program will extend benefits to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in 1975-76. In addition, the new State TAP program and Scholar Incentive will assist a large number of undergraduates. Unless there is state legislative action, graduate students will not be eligible for Scholar Incentive Awards in 1975-76.

The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) program, federal funds awarded by the Office of Financial Aid, has also grown. Undergraduates can receive this grant aid in their award package in addition to CW-3F, loans, or other aid.

Many students are unaware that the College of ES&F has a honorary fraternity. Actually there are two fraternities. The senior honorary which is called Alpha Xi Sigma, and a junior honorary called "Robin Hood". The fraternities have existed for many years and are in charge of running such diverse events as Benchmark, Ecology Photo Contests, Robin Hood book selections, Freshman Tours, and the distribution of coffee and doughnuts during final exams.

To be eligible for Alpha Xi Sigma you must be a senior with a 3.0 cumulative or better cumulative average. Attendance at meetings is required for both. If you are interested in joining either Alpha Xi Sigma or Robin Hood there is a meeting tonight Jan. 30, 7 p.m., in 313 Bray, and one next Thursday, 7 p.m., Feb. 6, in 313 Bray. Those who are interested but who cannot attend either meeting leave a note in the Robin Hood mailbox.

Mark Heidt

$ FOR TWO GRADS —

A $1,500 stipend is available to two graduate students each for the 1975-76 academic year through the Anna E. Schoen-Rene Fund. The award may be applied toward the costs of tuition, fees or research expenses.

The fund was established to permit students "to continue their scientific and practical research in reforestation and conservation of natural resources and control of water courses through forestry."

Recipients must be engaged in an accepted graduate program at the College. Preference will be given students from the greater metropolitan area of New York City.

Further information can be obtained from the Office of Graduate and Instructional Affairs, 200 Bray Hall.
AID...

Several other sources of scholarship and grant funds are available to ESF students through the College of Forestry Foundation, Inc., the Pulp and Paper Foundation, the Alumni Association, and the Buckley Awards. The Pulp and Paper Foundation is the only program that requires a separate application.

National Direct Student Loans (NDSL) and New York Higher Education Assistance Corporation (NYHEAC) loans continue to be available to students.

If you would like to discuss specific programs or individual circumstances, you should visit the Office of Financial Aid.

★ NYPIRG NEWS ★

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) is moving from its downtown office to be more accessible to students. The new location is at 730 S, Crouse nest to The Pot Shop. The office will be functional by the end of the month. In the meantime, the downtown office will remain open. In addition, all three staff-persons in the downtown office are leaving by the end of the month. A new director for the new office will be hired soon with a staff researcher also to be hired at some later date.

In keeping with recent efforts to improve campus visibility, NYPIRG announces that it is seeking candidates for both the Local and State Boards of Directors campuswide elections to be held later this semester. All we ask is that you have a sincere interest in working to promote the public interest.

An initial meeting for anyone interested, or anyone else wishing to get involved in any other capacity has been scheduled for Wed., Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community House at 711 Comstock Ave. For more information call 471-7004 or stop in and see us.

Jim Culbert

"It is no use to direct our steps to the woods if they do not carry us thither. I am alarmed when it happens that I have walked a mile into the woods bodily, without getting there in spirit."

Thoreau

Once again our ES&F ax-swingin', buck-sawin' cross-cutters will be venturing north to make their mark in the 15th Annual International Woodsmen's Meet. MacDonald College and Montreal play host to 25 outstanding teams from all over the Northeastern U.S. and Canada.

We'll be takin' off Jan. 31st about noon-time. The meet will start 9 a.m. sharp the next day. This year we're playin' it smart. With the temperature last year at a rough -14 all day long, we're packin' the woolies and plenty of bottled fortification.

Try-outs were rough and rugged with record breaking times going on the books. As it stands now we've got three cracker-jack teams.

A TEAM
J. Kashorek
B. Wood
G. Piotrowski
J. Bissell
J. Adamski
J. Heller
Alt. J. Barley

B TEAM
M. Keister
D. VanTress
G. Steele
A. Edwards
B. Hoskins
B. Turton
Alt. G. Stanosz

C TEAM
M. Kenyon
M. Lalonde
B. Boyce
M. White
E. Birchwedde
D. Wheeler
Alt. E. DeLong

Our teams are working furiously to take more trophies than ever before. So on Feb. 2nd keep your eyes peeled for the ol' ES&F green bus because it'll be totin' three winning teams and a mess of trophies!

M.L.

The Knothole is the student publication of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. 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.

Editor-in-chief: Mary Butler
FROM THE YEARBOOK

STUDENTS: If anyone has any picture which they would like to have put in the 1975 Empire Forester, or if any club is planning an activity and would like to have a photographer or photographic supplies so that pictures can be provided for the yearbook, please see Tom Sipp or Doug Chamberlain, or drop a note in the Empire Forester mailbox in the basement of Marshall Hall. It would also be appreciated if all clubs would provide a list of their activities for the coming semester and inform us as to whether they have a photographer in their group that would be willing to take pictures for us.

SENIORS: Anyone who has not returned their proofs to Varden's Studios (via the representative they sent on Jan. 21 and 22) may do so by either mailing the proofs to the studio with your choice and package specified or by going to the studio in person. Any questions, call Varden's Studios at 422-9228, or contact Doug Chamberlain via student mail.

SUMMER CAMP '75 STUDENTS: We have some pictures of Summer Session II, but could use more, and if anyone has any of Summer Session I please drop a note.

WORK ON ACADEMIC CALENDAR

An 11-member committee will begin work within the next two weeks on a new academic calendar for 1976-77 and subsequent years. It has been asked to submit recommendations by May 15 to Chancellor Eggers.

Harry W. Peter III, vice president for admissions and records, said the high-level group will study suggestions and criticisms from the committees on instruction of the University Senate and of the various schools and colleges, and from administrators, faculty and students. Suggestions should be sent to Carole A. Barone, registrar, who is chairman of the committee on the calendar.

The committee will evaluate the existing SU calendar and look at calendars at comparable colleges and universities.

The work will begin soon because, Peter said, "The consensus-building process, a necessary part of establishing an academic calendar at a university of our size and diversity, is a complex one."

The group will not deal with changes in the 1975-76 calendar, whose general outline will be the same as this year's. The current academic year is the first to have 13-week semesters. The total class-time per course has remained the same as for 14-week semesters because each class period has been lengthened.

Alternatives to the existing academic calendar are being sought because some faculty members believe that reducing the number of weeks in a semester from 14 to 13 has created unfavorable pressures on students and faculty members, Peter said. "Others, however, cite the intensity of the teaching process in the framework of a shorter semester as a favorable effect."

Besides Ms. Barone, the committee members are: William Hider, acting director of the budget office; Barbara Haas, a freshman in arts and sciences; Marvin Druger, chairman of the senate committee on instruction; G. F. Reidenbaugh, associate dean of visual and performing arts; Peter E. Black, faculty chairman at the College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), which follows SU's calendar; David G. Anderson, ESF vice president for administration; George H. Ellis, a senior, who is president of the ESF student body; William Wasserstrom, chairman of the arts and sciences committee on instruction; Richard H. Evans, associate professor in the School of Management, and Siegfried Herrmann, a graduate student in higher education.

-from the S.U. Record, January 20, 1975

Any and all student input on this matter will be appreciated. Contact George Ellis through student mail or at 474-3146.
KETCH ON FERNS, ETC

Next Wednesday, February 5, at 7:30, the Botany Club will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Ketchledge. He will review the identification of ferns, club mosses, and related plants of New York State. Refreshments will be available after the lecture.

Other February events include:
- A lecture by Dr. Lowe on edible wild foods.
- A lecture on practice session in grafting.
- A lecture by John Cook of the Massachusetts Audubon Society on their summer intern program (co-sponsored by the Bob Marshall Club and Zoology Club).

Jim Lawler

"Captain Stumpy and the Smoglites"
Chapter 37 in the never ending saga

ESCAPE FROM SYRACUSE

As day breaks we see Nurse Brandow swiftly walking from the downtown Syracuse area towards the college campus. It is one of Syracuse's traditionally fine days. People are emerging from their homes to swallow the warm rays of the sun, one of three days per year, and best of all only a light misty rain is falling.

Suddenly from the west appears a dark and murky reddish-grey cloud which rapidly envelops the city....

June: Nurse Brandow! Nurse Brandow, Look! Look over there.
Nurse: Golly, golly, golly, June, it looks like those dastardly smoglites again.
O.P. Simpson: Oh, gee, I wish Captain Stumpy was here.
Jesu Namath: Say, where's Nurse Brandow?
O.P. Simpson: Oh, gee, I don't know.

A little later....

1st Bystander: Look! Up in the sky...
O.P. Simpson: It looks like a giant football field in the sky.
Jesu Namath: It looks like Nurse Brandow.

2nd Bystander: No, it's a giant Magnolia acuminata leaf.
June: Oh, silly, silly, that's Captain Stumpy dressed in his forest greens.
1st Bystander: What's he doing?
O.P. Simpson: He looks like he's flying away from the smoglites.
2nd Bystander: Yes, faster than a speeding arrow.
1st Bystander: More power than a forester's chain saw.
June: I sure wish we could escape the smog particles those nasty smoglites drop in everyone's eyes.
Bob Marshall: Maybe you can....

The Bob Marshall Club would like to assemble a pamphlet containing information about day hikes, bicycling, and skiing trips in and around the greater Syracuse area, but we need your help! We would like to compile data including directions on how to get to the paradise spot, distance, time, alternate routes, and so on, but we can't do it alone.

With your help and the help of other organizations such as Walk-a-thon we will be able to complete this pamphlet. Ideas that you might have on areas you have visited and that appeal to you in some way are needed. We also need people to help with research, to walk, bike, and ski the areas and supply information. If you would like to help in any way, maybe just a suggestion of an interesting area, please leave a note in the Bob Marshall Club Mailbox and/or come to a special club presentation Thursday, February 13. Look for posters announcing the time and place. Please fill out the questionnaire in this issue.

John W. Ozard
THE BOB MARSHALL CLUB

"The forest is a peculiar organism of unlimited kindness and benevolence...and extends generously the products of its life activity; it provides protection to all beings, offering shade even to the axeman who destroys it."

Guatama Buddha 525 B.C.
BOB MARSHALL CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to compile a pamphlet to aid students in finding a way to "get away from it all" in Syracuse, the Bob Marshall Club asks your cooperation in completing the following questionnaire. Return the questionnaire to the collection box in Moon Library.

1. Do you have a car? yes ___ no ___

2. Do you have a bicycle? yes ___ no ___

3. Please list any parks, lakes or any other enjoyable spots within bicycling distance of the College.

4. Please list (and describe if possible) any bicycle routes that you know of, through the rural areas surrounding the city.

5. Please list any parks on similar areas (even an abandoned farm field someplace!) within walking distance of the College.

6. Please list any good hiking, canoeing or picnicking spots nearby that cannot be reached by foot or bicycle, requiring a short car ride. (Use back if necessary.)

7. Please list your suggestion for enjoyable cross-country ski or snowshoe hikes in the area. (Use back if necessary.)

Thank you. If you have any further suggestions or would like to help compile this pamphlet, just drop a note in the Bob Marshall Club mail box.
A NIGHT at the MOVIES
Sponsored by SAF

The Andromeda Strain
Plus
Cartoons & News Reels

A strange disease is brought back to earth
by a spaceship and begins to devastate
areas of the United States. A secret government
Installation must isolate the disease and
find a cure before the organism becomes
uncontrollable.

A well-done modern-day science fiction
Thriller. Not to be missed. How far from
true is this story.

Shows at 7:10 PM on Friday Jan. 31st
In Marshall Auditorium, Marshall Hall
College of Forestry.
Admission 99¢ (we're not just out
to make a buck)