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...too many needles for a .... a .... a maple.

Work Abroad

Information on IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) is available for students interested in working abroad. A number of our students have participated in IAESTE's summer program in past years, in overseas on-the-job training.

For further information, and for application blanks, check with Mrs. Wrightsman in Rm 319 Bray.

Dean Larson

Yearbook Still Available

The 1975 Empire Forester is still available. If you were an undergraduate here last year, then go to Rm 107 Bray Hall, give the secretary your name, and take a book. If you did not pay the student activities fee and still want a book, take $1.00 to the Business Office and they'll give you a receipt for your yearbook. Take this to 107 and the beautiful 1975 book is your very own.

Senior Portraits

It's not too late to sign up for your senior portraits. The list is in the basement of Marshall and there are still spaces. If everything is filled up when you get there, drop your name and number in the Empire Forester mailbox and we'll work something out.

Mass Audubon Soc. Internships

The Massachusetts Audubon Society announces its fall and spring ENVIRONMENTAL INTERN PROGRAM (EIP). EIP matches people interested in gaining experience in the Environmental field with organizations seeking short-term staff. The program operates on a year round basis. The EIP staff solicits suitable projects from organizations, recruits interns whose abilities match project needs, and oversees each internship.

Applicants are accepted from a wide range of academic areas.

For further information contact:

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On Saturday, the 4th of October, something impressive could have happened at Manley Fieldhouse. There was, of course, much to marvel at. Seven (actually eight) Democratic candidates for the Presidency were making a simultaneous appearance; in Syracuse, of all odd places. Security was as all-encompassing as one who has graced Earth but a mere score of years could imagine; every fourth person at Manley that day must have been some sort of security agent. The great proliferation of cigars produced clouds of smoke that could only be reproduced by a decent-sized forest fire. Camera freaks and news media people were there in swarms. Aye, there was much to marvel at, but one who looked around Manley to find something impressive looked under the wrong dome.

The lineup of speakers could possibly raise an eyebrow a couple of times; the state and national Democratic chairmen, the governor, and the candidates. The first three set the pace for the show—bad jokes, tirades against the Great White Glight in the White House, and joyful hymns to the new "unity" in the Democratic party.

Hubert Humphrey, the biggest mouth in the U.S. Senate, was next; supposedly he is a non-candidate for the '76 Presidential Campaign, but he was the hardest campaigner there. Also the most popular there. The only things one can say about Humphrey are that he told the best joke of the afternoon and that he'd make a nearly decent Chief Executive.

Fred Harris is the most unusual of the lot; his campaign is a quixotic quest to make the rich and the corporations pay their share, and his oratory is a excellent as (and far less preposterous than) Billy Graham's. However, such a program would probably hit a good half of the people present, not least of whom would be multi-millionaire Lloyd Bentsen on the very same platform. He can't win and remain an honorable man. Bentsen is a wonderful orator, reminiscent of the late Douglas MacArthur; as Presidential stuff, he is on a level with Hubert Humphrey.

Birch Bayh, a handsome dude, also would plan to go after the super rich and the corporate beasties; however not with the gusto of a Harris. In opening his speech, though, he compared Syracuse to Indiana. Shriver had the novel notion that unless we mobilize the youth of this nation we are wasting a great resource.

Morris Udall has the most conscientious, cohesive, and well thought-out program of all the candidates; therefore, the man has about as much chance to assume the Presidency as a dogcatcher. One gets the impression that Terry Sanford has the same conscientiousness and intelligence; unique about him is his advocacy of an immediate 15% cut in defense expenditures.

This is probably a belief that Senator Jackson cringes at; the man is a notorious hawk. Of all the candidates present at Manley, Jackson is without doubt the worst. He would much rather talk than listen and thunder than talk, he has not been particularly scrupulous over his acquisition of campaign funds, he is dreary, petty and would rather grandstand than accomplish feats of substance.

Senator Jackson, unfortunately, is not the worst Democratic hopeful; fortunately, the worst decided not to show up. The crowd wasn't dumb enough for his tastes. Anyone who believes that Wallace could even pretend to be a competent President need only look at his record as the Governor of the Flower of American Civilization. Also not appearing were Jimmy Carter, the ex-Governor of Georgia who stands as a peer of Sanford, and Milton Shapp, Governor of Pennsylvania who believes that a crew of managerial nurbis in the White House is what this country needs.
So stand the contenders for the Democratic Presidential nomination, with the superior facing an uphill struggle and the banal basking in popularity. Things aren't all bad—only one of the candidates is worse than Ford while another stands as roughly his peer. However, the mass of Democrats at Manley that day gave one the impression that as a whole their individual concepts of fulfillment came to something remarkably close to the Campbell's life and one can scarcely expect innovative and vigorous government from people who make such hooahs feel comfortable. The question is, do we need innovative and vigorous government? Perhaps not immediately. But we will soon, and when we do--what will the Democrats provide? The Popular Solution will not possibly be the answer.

Marc R. Caufield

Sold Out!

I, as well as many other students attending ESandF, am greatly displeased with the operation of our campus store.

The hassle begins when they don't even display their wares. How am I to know if I want to buy a "Banlon Shirt", when I don't even know what the @#$% it looks like? The only way to find out what they are selling is to go down to the Student Council Office in the basement of Moon Library and ask the "salesman" to open the cabinets and show you what's there.

OK! So you've found something you like, but can you pay for it there? Of course not. Even if it's a 15¢ decal you have to run all the way over to Bray Hall (Rm. 103) to pay for and get a receipt for it. Then you hand the yellow paper to the salesman (back down in Moon) and he gives you your decal.

You were lucky that you only ordered a decal. If you had ordered a T-shirt you would have been told that they had only small and X-large.

I was in the "Small Store" last Wednesday between 2 and 3 and a student by the name of Jim Keen was running the store.

The conversation was as follows:

Me: Is this the small store?
Jim: Yes it is, may I help you?
Me: Yaah, here's my receipt. I would like two T-shirts and a window decal.
Jim: Do you want a maple leaf or a college emblem on your shirt and what size?
Me: Uh, I'll take a college emblem on both of them in size medium.
Jim: Uh we're all out of medium.
Me: Well how 'bout a large then?
Jim: Sorry, but we're all out of large, too.
Me: Well I think X-large would be too big for me. I think I'll take the Maple leaf then.
Jim: Sorry, but we're all out of medium and large there, too. Here's your window decal. You'll have to come back later and get your shirts when they come in.
Me: When will that be?
Jim: I don't know! They haven't been ordered yet.
Me: When are they going to be ordered then?
Jim: Don't ask me! It's not my job.
Me: What is your job, then?
Jim: I'm the Soph Social Chairman.

Need I go on? Jim said that he'd see what he could do to get things ordered. I never did find out whose job it really was to re-order. I don't wish to slander anyone with this article, especially the poor social chairman who's main duty appears to be posting the signs saying what they're sold out of. I do wish to open the eyes of others to this problem, especially the eyes of the "Great OWR" (one who re-orders) whoever he may be. I sincerely hope my "cries in the wilderness" will not go unheeded.

--The Nutty Pine
The Office of Career Services will offer a two part Employment Preparation Seminar October 20th and 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in 5 Illick.

PART I........Monday, Oct. 20th
Job and Career Information
Civil Service Information
Resume Construction

PART II........Thursday Oct. 23rd
Letters of Application
Interviewing Techniques

This Seminar will be offered again in November, watch the Knothole for further information.

William F. Sheldon
Coordinator of Career Services
108 Bray.

Individual graduate student mailboxes in many departments are curiously absent. This, in part, creates a communication problem not only between graduate students but also between grad and their administrators. This particular situation has prompted a committee of interested people in the GSA (Linda Newell, Zoology; Carl Mize, Silviculture; Tom Majewicz and Anjani Varma, Chemistry; Rob Smith, Entomology) to develop a Graduate Student Newsletter that will be hand distributed monthly during the academic year starting in November.

The purpose and intent of the newsletter will be to report facts, air opinions, clear away rumor and even editorialize on graduate academic life here at ESF.

If you would be interested in joining us in this new and exciting adventure, please bring a sample of your journalistic talent to a special meeting of the GSA, Thursday at noon, October 16 in 112 Illick.

Lunch will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Rob Smith

There will be a meeting for everyone that wants to have input into the 1976 yearbook on Oct. 23 (Thurs.) at 7:30 PM in Rm 404 Bray Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Syracuse Peace Council, located at 924 Burnet Ave., is entering its 5th year of Monday evening Potlucks. The Potlucks provide the Syracuse community with an important, continuous, weekly forum for EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL CHANGE. Assistance in planning the Potlucks, financial contributions, and program suggestions are always welcome.

The Potluck meal begins at 6:30, the program at 7:30 PM. Please bring food to share, The Potlucks are open to everyone and are held at Grace Church, 819 Madison St., corner of University Ave.

The Oct. 20 Potluck program will be on Repression Severe in Alabama Prisons, a discussion by the Inmates For Action (a 3 year old group fighting for human rights and dignity in the Alabama prisons) will include prison conditions, the IFA, the politics of prisons, and the responsibility of Gov. George Wallace for certain atrocities.

On October 27, 1975 the SPC will host a program that will focus on the Vietnamese refugee situation here in the US and in Vietnam. Tran Dang, a doctoral candidate in economics at SU, will lead the discussion of the problems and politics of the refugee situation.

For more information contact the Syracuse Peace Council at 472-5478.

The ES & F Woodsman Teams will be traveling to Fredericton, New Brunswick, the weekend of October 24-25-26. All students interested in competing on one of the three teams are required to tryout the weekend of Oct. 18th and 19th, behind Walter's Hall, starting at 1 in the afternoon. Three team events, bow-sawing, cross-cutting, and pulpthrow will be used to establish the teams. 18 positions are open, along with 3 alternate spots. A Forestry Club meeting is planned for Thursday, Oct. 23 in Rm 110 Marshall at 8:00 PM.

Last year's meet proved to be the highlight of the semester, for those who competed. But the 17 hour ride up and the 20 hour ride back pretty much dominated the entire weekend. And of course, no one wants to miss the bonfire party, so if you have any plans to go along this year, get on out and practice and we'll see you Oct. 18th and 19th at the practice area.

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SAF CONVENTION

September 29 through October 1, student members from the ES&F Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters attended the 75th Anniversary National SAF Convention in Washington, D.C. Proceedings were conducted in the Statler Hilton and Mayflower Hotels just a few blocks from the White House. A surprising number of fifteen ES&F students were there, plus at least nine Faculty and Administrative members dropped in at various times. The theme for the Convention, "America's Renewable Resource Potential—1975: The Turning Point", seemed a fitting area to concentrate on, not only since forests are renewable, but, all renewable resources must be distributed among the growing populations meeting their demands, which for timber is to double by 2020. As future foresters this is what must be dealt with.

The Convention was basically a series of lectures (talks) and workshops with speakers to entertain and many others with meaningful opinions. Some of the more outstanding speakers were SAF Pres. John Beale, Chief John McGuire of the USFS, former Ore. Governor Tom McCall, Representatives Litton and Fisher and Senator H.H. Humphrey. Most of the Student members attended a special employment workshop one evening which gave them a chance to talk with administrators and foresters from the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, West Vaco, The Peace Corps, Association of State Foresters, Association of Consulting Foresters and SAF. Each representative gave a brief talk on generally what the job opportunities were in their area and what they were looking for in applicant qualifications. The informal discussion which followed was very helpful also.

Although not all of the students attended it, the dedication of the Gifford Pinchot Forestry Building in Maryland was probably the high point of the Convention. The Society is having the interior paneled with beautiful woods donated from several industries and we also noticed a white pine ceiling from our own Pack Forest at Warrensburg in the Conference Room. Magnificent!

Thursday. Sometimes spelled Thursday.

SAF (CONT)

The technical sessions held on the Tuesday and Thursday, whether on Biological, Physical or Social Sciences, Genetics research or a host of other topics were the most educating part of the Convention. Historians, Industrial Managers and various professionals spoke of the past, present and future aspects of the field of forestry.

The trip was not all spent sitting in on talks, however interesting and educational they may have been. The supreme opportunity of being in the Nation's Capital was overwhelming and we had to see something other than the Presidential Ballroom of the Statler Hilton. During lunch breaks and evenings there was time to see the Smithsonian Institute, Washington and Lincoln Memorials and a few other local tourist attractions in the vicinity. However, time went fast and due to academic priorities and exhausted wallets we had to truck back to sunny Syracuse loaded with fresh experiences, new acquaintances, color snapshots, six-foot Smokey the Bear posters and nightmares of unfinished homework.

David P. Paradowski
The semi-annual meeting of the Empire State Paper Research Associates (ESPTIA) and the Empire State Paper Research Institute (ESFRI) will take place at the College on October 21-22. ESFRA is made up of a worldwide group of companies in the pulp, paper, and allied fields. They aid in financially supporting ESFRI, which conducts research in pulp and paper and consists of faculty from the FS and E Department at the College.

A dinner will be held on October 21st at the Holiday Inn on Buckley Road. The guest speaker for the affair is Dr. Bert Zuckerman from the U of Mass. and the title of his talk is "Biological Aging." The talk will start at 8:30 PM and is open to the University community.

A luncheon will be held in Nifkin Lounge on October 22nd between 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM through permission of the Student Council. It would be appreciated if students would refrain from entering the Lounge at this time.

Sam Rothenberg

The Cedar Waxwing (Bombycilla cedrorum) is one of our most handsome crested birds. This member of the family Bombycillidae has a sleek, soft orange-brownish head and back. The rump is blue-gray and the belly fades posteriorly from yellow to white. The yellow-tipped tail feathers and the black face mask are good field marks. This bird is called a waxwing because most adult birds bear red wax-like tips on the apex of each secondary wing feather. Immature birds are lighter brown and streaked, and seldom have red wing spots. Some old birds have red wax tips on the tail.

Fall migrants can be seen wandering through the state, as they invade grape tangles and other berry-bearing trees and shrubs. Often flocks of 25-30 birds can be seen feeding like flycatchers from the limbs of a large dead tree, preferably an elm. They fly out, grab an insect, and land again.

Waxwings are often quite tame and permit close approach. The sexes are similar.

In the late spring, waxwings take to wild strawberries and their frequency of appearance near a patch gives a good indication of when the strawberries are ripe for picking.

Thomas Ventiquattro

On Friday evening, October 31, from 6 PM until 1 AM, the GSA hopes to be presenting a costume Halloween gala with all proceeds going to the United Way. This event will be open to all portions of the College Community.

An important preliminary meeting for this event will be held Thursday at noon, Oct. 16 in Rm 112 Illick. Lunch will be provided for the most adept organizers.

Rob Smith

Groucho Marx was on the Dick Cavett Show a couple of years ago, and one of the other guests was a women who mentioned in the course of the conversation that she and her husband had produced eight kids. "Eight kids?" Why so many?" asked Groucho. "Oh, because I love children," she answered. To which Groucho replied, "Well I love my cigar, but even I know enough to take it out once in a while."