Come to a
REAL
Square Dance!!!
The Sophomore Class is having The Ozarks
down on Friday, November 7, from 8 - 12 p.m.
in Nifkin Lounge. Free admission, beer, munchies
and soda.
Swing yourself over! You're guaranteed a
good time!

Tisha

NEW FRESHMEN OFFICERS

Congratulations to the Freshmen Class in
their choice of officers. The new Freshmen
officers and representatives have been with
Council since October 7th. I wish to take
this opportunity to publically welcome the
following officers:

Al Dacey, President
Sue Buck, Vice-president
Jeanne Debons, Secretary-treasurer
Tom Bugliosi, Social Chairman
Pam Lester, Representative-at-large
Janet Schmitt, "" ""
Bill Wilson,
"" ""
Welcome aboard!

Betsy Boyce

OPEN FORUMS FOR DISCUSSION

The continuing series of "Open Forums for
Discussion" being presented in the living
centers during the Fall Semester by the
Counseling Office of the College will next
be in the BREWSTER-BOLAND EVENTS ROOM,
Thursday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m.
These forums are open to all students,
especially Freshmen and Sophomores at the
College, and are sponsored by members of the
Student Affairs Office.
The following weeks, Dr. Payne and Mr.
Finnegan will be in the living centers as
Follows:
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - 7:30 p.m.
SADLER HALL LOUNGE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, - 7:30 p.m.
HAVEN HALL PENTHOUSE LOUNGE

'NEVER MIND ABOUT ITS MATING HABITS - JUST TELL
ME IF I CAN KEEP IT OR NOT!!'
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Sue Rogers
Editor-in-chief

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To the Editor:

This is an open letter to Michael Cavallaro, author of a "scathing exposé" of John Ozard's political upstaging and overall administrative non-ability.

Michael,

If you're so smart, WHY DON'T YOU DO IT? I'm sure John Ozard could've used a lot of help in setting up the admittedly poorly-timed square dance, making arrangements, buying the beer, etc. Where were you then? Sitting home whining about administrative mismanagement? Making an informal survey of all juniors to see if they approve or disapprove of wheeling and dealing they probably know nothing of or care nothing about? Sitting home with your Thesaurus writing a *Knothole* letter to end all *Knothole* letters? Come off it!

Where were you last spring when John Ozard got elected? Did you run against this "petty and selfish" real administrator you equate with Tricky Dick? Did you sit at a table all day in Illick or Marshall trying to get out the vote? Did you even bother to vote?

Where were you in the spring of '74 when officers were elected? Did you run for anything them? How about when you were a freshman, did you nominate yourself for an elected position in GF032? Did you vote then either?

What this school needs is people willing to take a job and do it, right or wrong. Somebody's got to make the decisions for the rest of us; everybody's got 20-20 hindsight. The adage, "if you want something done right, do it yourself" holds here, if you want to complain about spending the funds of the junior class don't do it in print for all to see and misunderstand.

Do it face to face with elected student leaders and other interested students. You say you don't have the time? Well, neither does anyone else, including John Ozard.

To the Editor:

Mr. Cavallaro's letter to the editor of October 31, 1975 unfortunately typifies the problems which face our elected class officers. How can these officers serve the interest of their classmates unless they know what the interests are? And I don't mean waiting until an activity is planned; by then it's too late to change the activity. If there is a preference as to the type of activities sponsored by the four classes or Council, let your officers know now, so that these preferences may be considered in the initial planning stages. The Student Council is here to serve the interests of students but unfortunately very few students make their wishes known. Officers may be contacted by a note via the Student Mailbox in the basement of Marshall a note left in the Council Office - 18 Moon Library, a message left with Barb Hasenstab in 107 Bray Hall, or best - come to Council meetings on Monday evenings at 7:30 in 321 Bray Hall. These weekly meetings are open to everyone - take advantage of the opportunity to express your views to the entire Council. This should be particularly appealing to those who feel that their class officers do not represent their views. All discussions at Council Meetings are open to all.

I would like to commend the efforts of all the class officers in their willingness to give their time freely to serve their classmates.

If Mr. Cavallaro or anyone else feels that their officers are not serving their best interests I invite them to come discuss the problem with me and appropriate actions will be taken.

Betsy Boyce

To the Editor:

I would like to address a comment or two to Michael Cavallaro and all others who may share his feelings, as expressed in last week's *Knothole*.

Pete Finn
While you may have over-stated your case with talk of sneaking, pettiness, selfishness and Nixon, you may have a point. That is, there is a lack of communication between the Student Council and the students. While your tone was a little over-done, I'm glad to see some flicker of interest in the action of the class officers and the fate of class budgets. After all, it puts me on the spot and makes me take a closer look at my responsibilities.

The sad truth is, however, that few people actually step forward with complaints, suggestions or requests. Students may grumble and moan among themselves but few actually contact a class officer. We are more than happy to listen to concrete ideas; for example, where do we find a good, affordable band? What new and different events should we sponsor? Thanks for making yourself heard, but next time, rather than riding us down, why not try to help us out? We'll all get more done that way.

Al Mollitor
Sr. Class President

ATTN. HONOR STUDENTS

In next couple of days, all junior and senior honor students should receive notice of their eligibility to become a member of Alpha Xi Sigma, the senior forestry honorary, or Robin Hood, the junior honorary. This notice will come either by regular U.S. mail, or, in some cases, the note will be in the appropriate student mailbox in Marshall.

Alpha Xi Sigma and Robin Hood are the only honoraries on this campus and, as such, are able to perform many useful functions. Among these are freshman and parents tours, the purchase of leisure books for Moon Library, course and instructor reviewing and critique-ing, serving of coffee and donuts in Moon during finals for students, and other service-oriented functions.

If you are interested in working on these and other projects, please come to a meeting next Thursday, November 13 at 7:00. It should last about an hour. Check your eligibility letter or bulletin board notices for precise location.

Pete Finn

THE NIFKIN BALL

In our search for an exciting and novel activity that would bring all of us forestry students together for an evening of fun, the Freshmen Class has come up with a fantastic idea. We will be sponsoring the revival of the Annual Nifkin Ball. As far as we know, the Nifkin Ball was last held in 1959. To assure that this will be different from any ball you've ever attended we have planned it like this:

We'll have rock music with a sprinkling of country and western. There's no need to dress up - come in whatever you like. Feel free to wear your favorite stompin' duds or dress country-style. In addition we will be reviving that age old tradition known as the "Sadie Hawkins". You fellas don't need a date, just come and let all the ladies ask you to dance.

This is sure to be one of the biggest events of the year so don't miss it! The NIFKIN BALL will be held from 8 'till 12 on Friday, November 14, in Nifkin Lounge. Admission is free along with cider, beer, and munchies. Join us!

SAF MEETING

There will be a general meeting of the Society of American Foresters Student Chapter Thursday evening, November 13. Business will include formation of ad-hoc activity committees. Exact time and room number will be posted in Moon Library and outside Nifkin Lounge.

Plans are being made for an educational field trip to Haiberg Forest November 8 to explain the basics of Continuous Forest Inventory (CFI) and to establish a few plots. Official acceptance of this activity by the Council will hopefully have been completed upon this article's appearance.

David Paradowski

AES MEETING

The E.S. & F. chapter of the American Fisheries Society will hold its next meeting on November 10, 1975 at 7:00 PM in 251 Illick. The evenings' program will feature Dr. Werner speaking on the "Spawning Migration in Dwarf Suckers". Everyone is invited to attend.

The officers of the chapter are pleased to announce that they have received confirmation of the ratification of the chapter's bylaws. The E.S.&F. chapter is now an officially recognized unit of American Fisheries Society.
"ADVENTURES IN THE MUD-

Everyone has a different idea of how they would like to spend a fun weekend. Some people might have wondered about the way that stumpies spent the weekend of October 11th and 12th. The occasion was the third annual Bob Marshall Club Fall Trail Maintenance Trip in the High Peaks. The purpose of the trip was to put a little work back into the trails, sort of an exchange for using the trails at other times. Any effort such as ours is small compared to what could be done but as the old saying goes, every little bit helps.

The meeting place in the Adirondacks was at Marcy Dam. Most of us arrived on Saturday and then camped there overnight. Another old acquaintance also arrived on Saturday evening and stayed with us most of Sunday—good old rain! It joined us on Sunday morning when we got together at the dam and met the rangers who were to tell us where they wanted the work done and then the rain tagged along up to the Phelps Mountain Trail where we were going to work. We all wished it would have gone elsewhere!

In any case the work went on in spite of the weather. Under the direction of Dr. Ketchledge and the rangers and with the help of the three year veterans—Jim Lawler, Al Mollitor and Rich Feldman, we split up into work crews of about four. The work that we did on the trail was putting in what are known as water bars. For the uninformed this is a small log that is laid across the trail to keep water that flows down the trail from taking the trail along. By putting the water bars in a certain way the flow of water can be diverted of the trail to where it will do less damage. The technique consists of digging a small trench across the trail, laying a small log of spruce or birch in it, securing the log with stakes and then filling the trench in until only about 1/2 to 1/3 of the log is uncovered.

We had plenty of opportunity to see if the water bars were working! We didn't lose anyone in the mud, no one went in over their ankles although most of us looked like we had. All in all we put in 37 water bars on the 11. Phelps trail where no previous trail work had been done. These water bars were on about the lower 2/3 of the mountain and those who went up the summit saw that more work could have been done up above. At least those who went felt like we had done a bit to help prevent further erosion of the trails, and maybe we all learned all little about the effect that people have on the back-country and the nature of the problems of the increased use.

While everyone's idea of a fun weekend may not be working in the drizzle and mud putting in water bars, those who went had a good time anyway in spite of it all. Thanks to all who went and made it a good trip.

Darcie "Marcie" Eding

I look back on the days when the four of us would get together to toss our dreams around. And there wasn't any doubt that we were the best damn dream tossers that ever got together. Serious business were those meetings; the light of cool reason shone always on our thoughts. No idle reverie there. We would breathe hope into a dream as if it were a balloon, then release it and hope it would soar before being punctured by the piercing gaze of practical considerations, or deflated by the increasing pressure on the outside from those for whom explanations and justifications were always a necessity. If it wasn't the Yukon in Canada, it was the outback country of Australia, or the pipeline in Alaska, or a farm and forest Vermont, or some faraway port across the ocean. And every now and then, when we get our minds together via the mails or an infrequent phone call, we oftentimes dust off some of the old dreams and consider the lifestyles that have evolved to substitute for those dreams: one working for his PhD in Florida, with a view in mind of settling into a teaching career; one, uncertain of his own future, giving career counseling to ex-drug offenders in New York City; one Magna Cum Laude bumming around in Colorado with definite direction but nowhere to go; and this one, plugging away for a degree at his third college. And in this letter from Florida, I hear of the "young people" who are his students, and the high degree of sophistication and startling naiveté they alternately exhibit. And he writes that he is considering post-doctoral work. From New York City, I read about us "going our separate ways. And if there was anyone he didn't want to see going their separate ways, it was us three. He goes out every night with the guys, and wonders why when he gets back home. Then he mentions going back to school. And from Colorado, I hear of a Becky who has passed out of his life. And when she walked away from the campfire into the dancing shadows, her long hair trailing behind her, it was as much as he could handle. And he is considering going back to school.
**DISCUSSION RESULTS**

Student Council members, interested students, faculty and administrators met on Thursday evening, October 9th to discuss the problems arising from cheating and plagiarism. Free and open discussion ensued through which the different phases of cheating were reviewed. The problems of cheating were looked at from three sides: students, faculty, and administration. It was interesting to note the many different approaches to solving some of these problems. Because of the great diversity in approaches it was agreed by the group that each professor should state at the beginning of the course how he intends to handle any such problems. This would give the students an idea what an individual student could do if she/he noticed a fellow student cheating or if such were the case, what he could expect if caught cheating. In addition to this, it was recommended to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee that the members of the committee formulate some written policy regarding cheating to be printed in the College's Student Handbook.

I wish to thank the Alumni Association for contributing monies with which to purchase donuts and the Silviculture Office for their contribution of coffee, both of which greatly aided in the success of the meeting.

Betsy Boyce

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From me, they read that I may postpone the remainder of my schooling again, and get a job, or hit the road. But we do not find it appropriate to talk of the "lost illusions of youth". We are not disillusioned because we had no illusions. We are not disappointed because our hopes were not extravagant. We talk not of "fate grinding our lives away". But we might perhaps confess to a looking over the shoulder at the times when we could dream without self-consciousness, and did not have to tally up the plusses and minuses of our plans. When we did not yet feel the necessity or pressure to decide on a definite "purpose" in life and then set about to achieve it. The naive impulse of nature, the impulse of self-realization, was free in us then. And that impulse can remain a strong force in our lives if we recognize that dreams can descend from the world of idle visions and enter the real world. We hope that only in their saner moments do men dream, for it is their dreams which determine just what realities they are willing to accept.

Thomas Ventiquattro

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D. Hyland
According to the New York State Water Quality Inventory Report, there has been a ten year trend of increased water quality in New York.

The report complies with the requirements set forth by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. Some 44 parameters were measured, of which nine were used for an index which allows comparisons of bodies of water.

The state was divided into 17 drainage basins; five of these receive 85% of the total statewide pollution discharge volume. The five basins are: 1) Atlantic Ocean-Long Island Sound, covering Long Island, New York City and Westchester, 2) Lake Erie-Niagra River, including the Buffalo region, 3) Lower Hudson River, extending from upper New York Bay to Troy dam, 4) Seneca-Oneida-Oswego Rivers including most of Syracuse and surrounding areas, and 5) Mohawk River which embraces the Rome-Schenectady area.

Logically, $2.3 billion of the $2.7 billion program for construction of sewage treatments works are destined for the five priority basins. The Atlantic Ocean-Long Island Sound Basin is one basin that has not shown any measurable improvement in the past ten years. Thus it seems wise that a large portion—1.3 billion—of the program has been allocated to 24 projects in that area.

In Basin 2, Lake Erie and the Niagra River have improved due to reduced industrial discharges. Construction is underway to upgrade treatment in the cities, including the removal of phosphorous, blamed for eutrophication of the Great Lakes.

In Basin 3, increased striped bass catches in the Hudson at Troy give one indication of improved water.

In Basin 4, affected primarily by Metropolitan Syracuse, with a wide range of quality. Excellent water is found in the deep Finger Lakes; eutrophic Oneida Lake supports the best walleye and pike fishery in the state. Organic and nutrient pollution are expected to be reduced significantly by completion of the Syracuse Metropolitan Plant.

The Mohawk River seems to be the hallmark of successful efforts, showing remarkable increases in quality these past ten years.

Source: The Conservationist, Oct-Nov '75
On reserve in Moon Library

Richard Feldman
Bob Marshall Club

STANDARDIZED AIRPORT TAXI FARES

An increasing number of complaints have been made concerning taxi fares to and from the airport. Two years ago the Student Association negotiated with the Syracuse Independent Taxi Association for a standardized taxi fare to and from the airport for students. This standardized rate is still in effect and many students are apparently unaware of this. In an effort to inform this segment of our student population the following rate table is presented:

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* - all figures are given at a fee per individual student rate.

If you are ever charged more than this agreed upon rate or if you feel that you are in some way being overcharged, it is requested that you take the following actions:
1. Get a receipt as proof of how much you paid.
2. Contact the V.P. of Student Programs, Rm. 203 SA Offices, x-4129 or x-2650 in order for SA to take the appropriate action using the organization set up for such purposes.

It is sincerely hoped that this information will help to alleviate the problem.

Betsy Loope, Senator CESF
Mark S. Vandover, Senator CESF

Requirements for nominations to Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities was stated incorrectly in the Knothole of Oct. 31, 1975. It should have read Above average students rather than Above average Students (3.0 or better).

John W. Ozard
Awards Committee