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TIME TO CHOOSE

Taking a poorly presented 'required' course is unfortunate. Taking a poorly presented 'elective' course is just plain stupid! On Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Nifkin Lounge, students from nearly every curriculum and major will be gathered. They will be in Nifkin, "informally", to help you make a choice. That choice can involve: What courses to take; what courses not to take; what curriculum or major is best for your needs; or how to prepare for summer camp and the job market.

Now is the time to plan next semester's schedule. The 'Spring Semester Time Schedule of Classes' has been printed and will be available in Nifkin. It is foolish to wait until registration morning to plan your schedule. Find out ahead of time what electives will meet your needs.

We will also have some of the seldom seen lists of elective courses that are recommended by the college to fulfill requirements for a specific major. These lists, which are broken down into more limited areas of study, are very helpful in preparing for a career.

So, take a half hour off from studying Wednesday night. If you do not need help in selecting elective courses and such, then come on down and help the rest of us who do.

-Student Council

PARTY

College-wide Holiday Party!
The College Activities Committee is sponsoring a college-wide Holiday party Wednesday, December 21 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in Nifkin Lounge.

Punch, Holiday music, and cookies will be served to enhance the holiday spirit. Come on down and join this festive occasion!

YEARBOOK

Did you forget to buy a 1978 yearbook? Well, don't worry because they will be sold during Spring Registration. Look for us in the basement of Bray during "check-out" time...and don't forget to bring one dollar along.

The 1977 yearbooks will also be sold at the same place, same time. Cost is just one dollar.

If you didn't return your senior proofs to Vardens, mail them NOW or get them to Jim Van Atta via student mailboxes in Marshall Hall. There is a fee charged by Vardens if these proofs are not returned.

Students who are planning to apply for financial assistance for the 1978-79 academic year should stop by the Financial Aid Office, Room 111, Bray Hall prior to Christmas recess to obtain appropriate forms. As in the past, two forms -- an application and Financial Aid Form (FAF) -- will be required for consideration for the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, summer and/or academic College Work-Study program, and National Direct Student Loans.

The Financial Aid Form (FAF) will be available beginning December 14. Students should pick up this form before the holidays so that parents and/or students may begin the completion process. The Financial Aid Application is being printed currently, and we are hoping it will be available to students prior to the Christmas recess. Otherwise, the form will be available to students upon their return to campus in mid-January.
Letter to the Editor:

In the November 29 issue of the Knothole, we were all treated to a new experience. The President of the Student Association made a comment to the student body and entire college community on an issue affecting them all. I for one certainly hope the President and other Council members will continue to inform the college community of the activities and views of the Council regularly in the pages of the Knothole where it can be seen by everyone.

I apologize for any inaccuracies in my previous Letter to the Editor. Those mistakes only further point out our lack of information due to a lack of communication from both the administration and our student leaders.

I particularly wish to apologize to Kathy Lyons, SA Secretary, who is responsible for the Council minutes. I unjustly vented my frustration with the SA on her, and only hope I haven't lost a close friend.

Now as far as transition goes; sure, the idea has been "discussed in whatever circles since 1963." So what? The administration submitted the proposal to the Trustees in 1976, mostly due to financial pressures from Albany. The fact that the idea was kicking around for the past 15 years doesn't seem too relevant to the present situation.

I'm glad that the SA President admitted the powerlessness of the Council in dealing with the decisions made by the administration. However, I wish the Council had had the courage to say this before, and again, I hope this will continue.

Perhaps a suitable topic debate at future Council meetings might be how to force the administration to include the Council and faculty in such decisions. Perhaps establishment of a College-wide senate as exists at S U is the answer.

I hope the Council will take the time to consider this; perhaps it would be the best thing we could leave to our College.

To the Editor:

Dear Gary Osheyack,

Your shoe must taste good.

As of last week, you became a card carrying member of Student Council. It is now time for you to take your foot out of your mouth and put your words in action. Constructive criticism of Student Council is desired and certainly needed. But, what is needed more are people with new ideas and the energy to follow them through!

You have been chosen to help. Soon you will learn what frustration really is.

Respectfully,

Jim Perry

1st V-P,
Student Association

THUS ENDS THE LAST KNOTHOLE OF THE SEMESTER. BEST WISHES TO THOSE WHO ARE GRADUATING...HAPPY HOLIDAY TO THOSE WHO WILL BE BACK AGAIN NEXT SEMESTER.

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Now as far as the Illick toilet caper goes, I'd say the important issue here is not having to go elsewhere to relieve ourselves, but seeing so much money spent which could otherwise go to academic uses, say a few credit hours at S.U. for a needy freshman. Especially if these offices turn out to be similar to the panelled carpeted jobs in Bray.

I won't stick out my neck with facts I'm not sure of, but I'm willing to bet the administration planned this without determining its actual need and desirability. Can anyone honestly deny that a College-wide advisory committee could make better decisions based on a broader consensus than just a few men up in Bray Hall?

Next I'd like to thank Bill Goons for being the one to tell the student body the fact that the Departments of Botany, Entomology, and Zoology were combined into one Biology Dept. Who knew? After all, neither the administration nor the Council has bothered to say anything. Is it good or bad? Were faculty and student leaders consulted? Has the Council discussed it among themselves? I'd like to see some discussion on this, and I think our elected representatives here are obliged to provide the answers.

Finally, I'd like to fill the Council in on something: You can cry about student apathy and beg students to come to Council meetings, till the cows come home; it won't change a thing.

Apathy isn't a student problem. It's a problem of our times. When we voted for you, we delegated to you the responsibility of seeing to the welfare of all of us. Having an extra fifty people at a Council meeting isn't going to accomplish anything.

So why don't you stop all the bull. Write in the Knothole about questions that face the Council; you'll get input. Maybe an occasional questionnaire. Is that such an effort? We students would be "extremely pleased to learn that the Council is still alive and does care," so why don't you talk to us. Who knows, maybe we could even get faculty and administrators in this too. Maybe it would be worth the effort. Try it. Just as an afterthought, in the past I may have put my foot in my mouth a few times. Well, it's gonna stay there as long as so many others around here keep their heads stuck up their assess. Thank you and good night. 

-Gary Osheyack

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**EDITORIAL**

It has been of great concern to me, with all the concern regarding the Illick bathroom caper, the merging of the Schools of Forest Biology, Entomology, Botany, Forest Zoology, and Forest Pathology into the School of Biology, the grading system change, and general discontent among students, on just what one person can do.

1) Vote on the Constitutional Amendments during Spring Registration.
2) Use your feet and mouth by walking on up to Bray and telling somebody what you are dissatisfied with.
3) Get involved.

Not a very impressive list, especially since the administration seems to ignore student and faculty input, and can't seem to communicate administrative actions to the students. The 'logic' of Bray is "student apathy seems to be at all time high. A revision of the Student Association By-laws would help reduce this apathy" and "faculty morale is low and could be remedied by changing the Faculty By-laws."

The problem of student apathy and faculty morale cannot be solved by changing the constitution or by-laws, but by showing that students and faculty are a part of administrative decisions by communicating with them and seeking out input.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I find it rather ludicrous that the college employs work-study students to sit in the guard booth to prevent cars from driving through while nothing is done to stop the illegal flow of books from our library.

Students rude enough to appropriate books should be apprehended. Missing books effect all students and faculty by disrupting our education.

I can't see how cars driving through S.U. can take priority over our loss of educational resources, and the money it takes to replace them.

-Sue Hohmann
Dear Dr. Simeone,

It has come to my attention as a student at this college that the final decision as to the construction of an office on the ground floor of Illick Hall, and the subsequent tearing out of the two bathroom facilities and the covering of thousands of dollars worth of plumbing, was yours. As I understand it, this decision was made some time in September, and even though the faculty asked you to reconsider and offered suggestions as to possible alternatives, you did not change your mind.

This information has come to my attention through rumor. It seems that it is the only way students have ever found anything out about the administration's plans. I personally did not know what was happening until I asked one of the men who was tearing down the building what he was doing it for.

What I am asking for is an explanation of your decision to be available to the student body. I suggest that you reply to the knothole since this is the easiest way to let the student body know why you made this decision.

Sincerely,
Helana S. Hoover

To the Editor:

I guess its my time to voice some 'facts' that Tisha Droxowski referred to in the November 29 Knothole.

The transition was relatively a recent decision. I stress 'decision' due to the fact that 'talking in circles', no matter what the date, doesn't decide anything.

Her letter was an excellent work of non-committance. It reminds me of something from the master of the twisted word- President Palmer.

My next comments will be directed to the statement "Council had initially made an effect to block the transition; however, we realized our attempts were futile." Council's preliminary effort was to find out about the transition, thus the Student Leaders Conference of 1976. Great! However, finding little needed information in such a move, President Palmer was asked to address Student Council. One of the only significant points brought out at that Council meeting was that our school is no different to any other high quality school in its drop out rate.

Council took a vote on the transition to find out student sentiment. The results of the voting students were against the move. This high opinion against the transition should have signaled student council to act decisively against it!

Jeff Morrell, Student Council President at the time, sent a letter around explaining the results and council's position on the issue. This was perfectly acceptable. However, one letter does not constitute a valid attempt to stop the forces that want to institute the move to upper division.

I feel it was a lack of leadership, motivation, and a high degree of laziness that kept the Council from doing any more about the transition.

Councils efforts for changing the transition are aimed at our Administration. Initially that's fine, but it is of no consequence to continue this approach if it accomplishes nothing. By our own Administrators repeated admission, the transition is a move prescribed by "ALBANY". It would make sense that the only place to go is to Albany to find out about the transition and to stop it there.

For some reason this move was a horrendous measure because it would necessitate the school to close its doors forever. Or so I was told. But I figured if one student can bring down this school, then it was going to happen anyway. Finding an equally concerned confident, we packed our bags and began knocking on doors in the Twin Towers Bldg. in Albany. (The home of SUNY Central). We talked to people in Policy and Planning who should know about plans to move to upper division, but they didn't. We talked to a SUNY policy lawyer who was under the impression that the students and faculty were in support of the transition. We even went to talk to the SUNY Chancellor. There we got a promise that there would be a study on the implications such a move. Great! Joy! Elation!

Soon it became apparent that nothing was being done. So we packed our bags and went back again. More promises, a few questions...nothing. We talked to SUNY Board of Trustees...more promises. nothing...

Damn, that's a real blow to the ego. Well, hell! The college still stands, anyhow. (Cont. P. 9)
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Things to do: If anyone is still interested.
1) There are people in Albany who still care. So if you do, you can write to them, explaining to them how you feel, what you want done, and that some students talked to SUNY Central Administration and got nothing for results. Write to:
   The State Education Department
   Albany, N.Y. 12210
2) Write to a very nice lady on the SUNY Board of Trustees:
   Mrs. Nan Johnson
   Rochester, N.Y.

See if that gets any results. I'm sure it will. In case it doesn't, I can tell you where else you can go to find out information on how to stop the transition. I believe it is far from being a dead issue, students just need direction and ideas in order to keep from being helplessly lost and frustrated.

Our trips to Albany accomplished a lot just by the amount of information gained. As long as concerned students stop playing mushrooms (kept in the dark and fed bullshit), the transition can be stopped. If you really want it stopped! (and are willing to do a little work for it). So over vacation, write a letter!

Getting back to Student Council; Poor leadership comes from the faults of the leader, not the followers. You are not a leader if no one is following you. So what I think council ought to do is stop blaming their poor performance on students and start putting more effort on becoming a functional unit.

Finally, I think Tisha is trying to do a good job as her role as S.A. President. She is a good administrator and tries very hard to get what students want done. So if you honestly think the transition is worth pursuing again, let her know. Leave her a note in the Council mailbox in the basement of Marshall.

-Joe Snyder

PARTING OBSERVATIONS
by Bill Coons

Upon occasion it is difficult to express oneself, especially when one realizes that the proffered thoughts will remain one's own, disregarded by others never to be translated into action. So it is with this, that after 4½ years at ESF, I leave with a cynicism I never felt I could possess. I derive no comfort from this cynicism nor from the prevalence of cynicism in others.

Suffice it to say that the credence of the following lies in the sincerity of my thoughts, for I am not a commie-pinko-fascist-pervert-plg/etc. (my academic and service record attest to this). I am an American, loyal to my ideals, my country, my school and my friends. This loyalty, true loyalty, does not entail blind trust nor compulsory silence. It involves questioning, seeking, doubting; laying bare the roots of an action to expose the essential truths and to prevent their estrangement by the many gossamer threads of falsehoods.

According to law, silence on the behalf of the accused implies compliance and acknowledgement of the issue in question. Am I then lead to believe that the administration of this college is cognizent of their shortcomings and are in the process of rectifying the situation? Or is the non-emination from 204 Bray an exhibition of the inability of the administration to face an issue and act on it? Silence is the end product of entropy and it is not golden. It is President Edward E. Palmer's response to oft-justified criticism of his administration. Shedding comments and questions like a dragon arrows, Palmer smiles blithely and continues along his way, unabated. It is rather amazing, considering a college such as ours where management is the backbone of most curriculums and where Palmer himself is a product of the SU School of Management, that the administration of this college can be so consistently competent at disregarding the major precepts of management, leadership and communication.

The administration is the guiding light of an institution. Providing direction, resolving disputes, dispelling rumors, dispensing information, communicating, recognizing problems and attempting to resolve them are but a few of the given duties of the administration. (cont. pg. 6)
The administration of this college, under the auspices of Palmer, is guilty of a gross disregard of these duties bordering on incompetence. The administration has acted with brazen impudence, ignoring students and faculty, the very people whom the administration should serve and to whom they should direct their concerns. Palmer will be evading the truth about himself and the college community if he continues to view students, faculty and staff as unfit for involvement with plans and actions regarding ESF. The Community Relations's Office apparently only concerned with the presentation of a slick image of ESF to the public at large, but what of the public here at home on campus? Aren't the students, faculty and staff worthy of receiving information? Is it felt that communication is unnecessary? (ESF News does not effectively inform or involve the college community in college issues).

The elusive nature of administrative actions fosters discontent and distrust. I wonder if we are being lead, and if so, where? Toward what ends and by what means at who's say? It's as if the students and faculty are an afterthought, an ornament to be orchestrated about and ignored. But this is not Palmer's College; it is ours, collectively. The divine right of kings and presidents went out with the heads of the French aristocrats.

I suggest that the administration of this college:

1. Open up and accept criticism where it is due and to immediately refute it accurately and precisely where it is not.
2. Communicate with the college community on an initiative basis, not like Pavlov's dog responding to the bell.
3. Indicate a concern for and an interest in the real needs of students, faculty and staff (a new office for Simeone is not an established need of this college).
4. Realize that students are an entity entitled to their thoughts and rights, entailing treatment less akin to that of a master to his disobedient dog (i.e. - Uncle Harry and his often predisposed interests impinging upon students)
5. Be more active about campus, seeking input, clarifying issues (it does not suffice to say that it's the budget and that we don't understand it) and honoring that input. Disregard of and disrespect for students and faculty is uncalled for, uncouth and a violation of our rights as the primary constituents of this college.
6. Bend, mold and moderate to the times and the issues. It is not enough to change a name or a curriculum if you do not change with it.
7. Maintain or if you do not yet possess, acquire, a sense of humor. Do not take every comment as a death blow to your personal integrity.
8. Do not spoil or destroy this college which is in your hands, for it is not yours to so violate. Nature and tender it's growth. The next 10 years are critical ones; should ESF die, either spiritually or physically, you will never be forgiven. You will be damned. Bill Coons

Please check your student mailbox before you leave for Christmas vacation - The mailboxes will be cleaned out over the break, and the contents recycled.

Return all library materials or else!

The cold and snow of winter no longer are deterrents to the outdoors person enjoying outdoor recreation. With ski slopes having bone-chilling waiting lines, many have turned to the more rolling or flat land for their winter outings. Most foot travel has been on touring or cross country skies, but a surprising number of people have rediscovered the snowshoe. For the snowshoer it is possible to get away from the noise and congestion of the snowmobile. Snowshoes won't take you as far as fast as either snowmobiles or skies, but they have the maneuverability to get into many wooded areas where it is too thick for either of the others. The slower pace of the snowshoe lets the winter observer see much more of what is revealed in the winter snow about wildlife as it writes the story of its daily activity.

If you want to get off the beaten paths along the old woods roads, and into thick cover where wildlife disappear to escape the snowmobile, you will want to give the bearpaw design serious consideration. These egg-shaped snowshoes are short and since they lack tails, are much more easily maneuvered in thick woods.

The pickerel snowshoe has the most eye appeal with its long, almost ski-like appearance and turned up toe. They are great for fast open travel, but are cumbersome in the woods.

If you can walk, you can snowshoe. Give it a try, and see what winter woods are really like.
Three amendments to the Student Assoc. Constitution will be voted upon by the Student Body during Spring registration. These amendments are listed below. There will be someone in the Student Council office (Rm. 18 in the basement of Moon.) from 12 Noon to 5:00 pm. on Thursday, Dec. 15 to discuss any questions you may have on these proposed amendments. Approval of these amendments requires the support of two-thirds of the student body.

Be informed and be sure to vote- it's one of the ways you can have a say on what goes on around here. Use it.

Amendment A: Delete "Representatives at-Large" from Article XII, sec. 1 which reads "The Graduate Student Officers and Reps-at-Large shall not vote on any budgetary matters in the Council"

**Effect:** Allows Reps-at-Large to vote on monetary issues.

Amendment B: Change number of votes required for approval of constitutional amendments from two-thirds "Yes" vote of the entire student body to two-thirds "Yes" vote with at least half of the entire student body voting. This change would take place in Sections 2 and 3 of Article XIII.

**Effect:** Allows easier amending of the constitution.

Amendment C: Delete entire section 6 of Article XIII which reads "To insure sufficient turnout, voting on adoptions and amendments will occur at either fall or spring registration."

**Effect:** Allows much more freedom in the scheduling of Amendment votes. Proper publicity insures proper turnout.

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We Thought You'd Like To Know...

Dear Students: Bend Over...

... or Stand Up and Shout

Did you know that it has been decided (without ever asking the students, naturally) that next year starting Fall semester the ES & F grading system is going to be changed? Yes, folks, we are going to have a 'plus - minus' grading system with grade points received as follows:

- A+ --- Not Accepted
- A- --- 4.0
- A- --- 3.7
- B+ --- 3.3
- B --- 3.0
- B- --- 2.7
- C+ --- 2.3
- C --- 2.0
- C- --- 1.7
- D+ --- Not Accepted
- D --- 1.0
- D- --- Not Accepted
- F+ --- Not Accepted
- F --- 0.0

1) Think about ALL the implications- and talk to your friends!
2) Do you want this?
3) Select one of the below:
   a) NO and I'm going to stand up and shout!
   b) YES and I'm going to stand up and shout!
   c) NO and I'm not going to do anything. --Well then bend over!
   d) YES and I'm not going to do anything-- Well then you may find that your student representatives are misrepresenting you, but you better not scream after the fact.

Now that you know where you stand (or bend as the case may be) Be sure to be counted in the opinion poll that student council will be holding at registration.
CAREER SERVICES

Deadlines - The application deadlines for summer jobs with the US Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management is January 15 - That means you must apply before you return to campus for the spring semester.

There are complete announcements and a few applications in 115 Bray. If the supply of applications runs out - you will have to write and request an application and return it. Figure lead time so you do not miss a deadline. The park service in particular wants you to write. Forest Service - Apply to one region - two positions; BLM - apply to one region; Park Service - apply to two positions.

The regular Federal summer/seasonal Employment Announcement (No. 414) will be issued in January. The "Federal Summer Job Test" will be for clerical positions only this year.

There is information about other summer opportunities in 115 Bray - including Student Conservation Association activities.

The Peace Corps will have a representative on campus January 25 & 26 to interview graduating students. There are a number of assignments available. Apply early (now). Sign up for an interview time if interested, in 115 Bray.

International Paper Company will be interviewing in January for Forest Product Marketing Positions, engineers & pulp and paper engineers. Resumes will be sent ahead for their prescreening. Bring in a resume and cover letter by semester break so it can be forwarded. Same procedure for the CIBA-CEIGY Co. Research Farm dealing with biological research of chemical applications to food crops.

If you do not already have a resume and basic cover letter - be working on one over vacation. You will be needing one this spring for full and part time employment.

Graduating students - if you will be seeking employment, register with this office before you leave to receive the job list sent to graduates.

On December 15th, Room 110 Marshall will be an evening program from 6 - 9 p.m. covering: Summer jobs/internships 6 p.m.
Resume/letterwriting 6:45 p.m.
Job search 7:30 p.m.
Interviewing 8:15 p.m.

Good luck on your finals - Have a happy holiday break.

Tom Slocum
Career Services

SIX IN A HOLE

The Botany Club sponsored a trip to Howe Caverns on Sat., Dec. 3. The six people who went received an interesting lesson in geology and history 200 feet below the surface of the ground. The tour guide explained the various rock formations and the geological history of the extensive cavern system. The tour included about a mile of caves, some of which was covered in a boat. The trip was well worth the day spent and a welcome venture into a field other than forestry. If the trip is repeated next year, you might think of going - just seeing the handiwork of one small stream is quite impressive.

LOST

Lost at the band party in Nifkin Lounge on Nov. 15: A black felt hat with large rim. Made in Poland, sold in Canada, this hat has traveled across country with owner and is of great sentimental value. Also, picked up by mistake: a man's gray hooded sweatshirt with zippered front. Will exchange for similar women's sweatshirt.

If you have either item, call Matt at 478-2891.

Thank you.

A gold wedding band and engagement ring combination (the two rings fit as one). Also lost, a gold ring with stone. If found please see Mrs. Young in the library.

W-T TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Montreal Woodsmen's Meet will be held Sat., Dec. 10th from 12 to 4 p.m. and Weds., Dec. 14th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tryouts are held at the practice area behind Walters Hall.

Forestry Club announces: the First Annual Forestry Club Christmas Dinner! All club members are invited to see "H" play hostess Sat., Dec. 17th at 3 p.m. for dinner. Reservations and $2.00 donation (tax deductible) should be given to Bill Edmister to cover the cost of a turkey and beverage. Bill is found in the first floor L.A. Studio or through his student mailbox. (No $ in mailboxes!)
"Walter Simmons"

My parents thought that I would be
As great as Edison or greater:
For as a boy I made ballons
And wondrous kites and toys with clocks
And little engines with tracks to run on
And telephones of cans and thread.
I played the coronet and painted pictures,
Modeled in clay and took the part
Of the villain in the "Octoroon."
But then at twenty-one I married
And had to live, and so, to live
I learned the trade of making watches
And kept the jewelry store on the square,
Thinking, thinking, thinking, thinking,-
Not of business, but of the engine
I studied the calculus to build.
And all of Spoon River watched and waited
To see it work, but it never worked.
And a few kind souls believed my genius
Was somehow hampered by the store.
It wasn't true. The truth was this:
I didn't have the brains.

-Edgar Lee Masters
A Spoon River Anthology

Reminder to all Class Presidents and Club Officers: The deadline for Revised Budgets is Sat., Dec. 17, before finals. Get them to Didi Schultz via Council Mailbox in the basement of Marshall.

Sophomores... Two of your class officers have recently resigned their positions. New among the ranks of sophomore call officers are runners-up in the last election Keith Nyitray (replacing Andy Cameron) as Rep-at-Large and Pat O'Shei (replacing Jim Susenback) at Vice-President. Their phone numbers and addresses will be posted along with the other council members in the glass case in Moon Library Foyer shortly.

baby, it's cold out there

How foolish to wear oneself out in vain longing for warmth! Solitude is independence. It had been my wish and with the years I had attained it. It was cold. Oh, cold enough! But it was also still, wonderfully still and vast like the cold stillness of space in which the stars revolve.

-Herman Hesse
Steppenwolf

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AUNT FRITZI--
OUR BRAINS ARE
TOO TIRED TO
STUDY

YOU CAN
CURE THAT
TIREDNESS

JUST TRY
PUTTING YOUR
MINDS ON YOUR
BOOKS

WELL, THAT
DOES HELP A LITTLE
The Story of Hope

Once upon a time there was a college of forestry in Syracuse. That college had many big, strong F.U.F.'s (Future Unemployed Foresters), both male and female. Both sexes had one thing in common, a need which most become alarmed about if it can not be expressed daily (or thereabouts). The need of which I speak involved visitation to ceramic bowls, where one paid homage by sitting on them. The offering left upon the alter was some what less than palatable.

One day, some naijy men came and forbade access to the most favored bowls, creating hysteria amongst the populace. The people became dull, listless- life had no meaning when they had to leave their offering upon another alter. As all creatures of habit, they mourned the loss of their shrine.

But lo, a ray of Hope penetrated the gloom. Eyes were raised from humbled position and focused upon the coming Hope. Faces, radiant with joy, longing for relief, brightened as the Hope was received with opened arms. The Hope, tired from its long journey (Hope's home was a field campus of the F.U.F's some 25 miles distant), placed itself down beside the site of the favored bowls (alas, now gone!) and was soon patronized. Homage was paid and paid and paid again as many from far and wide came to sit and give forth. The Hope smiled, a crazy half-moon smile, and settled in for a long winters rest.

CREATIVITY CONTEST

Who says Creativity doesn't pay? The Knothole is sponsoring a Creativity Contest with a cash prize of ten dollars for each category.

The different categories are:
- Poetry (2)
- Cartoon (1)
- Artwork (1)
- Feature Page (1)

ALL entrees must include artist/author name, school address and phone number, curriculum and year. Entrees will not be returned unless requested. Entrees must be in ink, and legible (typed if possible).

Please state at the top "FOR KNOTHOLE CREATIVITY CONTEST" and indicate which category the entree falls under.

This contest is open to all students enrolled in ES & F. All material will be judged by the Knothole staff.

Artwork: Artwork must be a blank ink drawing.

Feature Page: The feature page should deal with a topic of interest to the general college community. It should be a visual presentation, not just an essay.

Deadline for entrees is Feb. 1, 1978, which leaves plenty of time to work on your submission over Christmas vacation. Drop off your creative masterpieces in the Knothole mailbox, located in the basement of Marshall.

The sophomore class is sponsoring a Square Dance featuring Cranberry Lake Friday, Jan. 20, 1978! The dance will be held in Nifkin Lounge from 9 pm to 1 am. Everyone is invited to start their semester off right by coming down for dancin' and drinkin' up a storm. See you there!

Peace Corps Beetles

John E. Miskell of Genesco, N.Y. finds it "exciting work" spending hour after hour peering through a microscope at dead beetles. "I figure that it would take me 100 years to finish the job," said the 30-year-old Peace Corps volunteer. He is trying to identify the unnamed species among a quarter of a million beetles at the National Museum in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya.

A 1969 wildlife management and entomology graduate of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, Miskell has lived in East Africa for about 7½ years, nearly five of them working as a Peace Corps volunteer.
ARCHERY CLUB NEWS

All persons interested in competing in the City of Syracuse Indoor Winter Archery League, please see Dave Mathien or call 478-7128.

The Heaven of Animals

Here they are. The soft eyes open.
If they have lived in a wood
It is a wood.
If they have lived on plains
It is grass rolling
Under their feet forever.

Having no souls, they have come,
Anyway, beyond their knowing.
Their instincts wholly bloom
And they rise.
The soft eyes open.

To match them, the landscape flowers,
Outgoing, desperately
Outdoing what is required:
The richest wood,
The deepest field.

For some of these,
It could not be the place
It is, without blood.
These hunt, as they have done
But with claws and teeth grown perfect,
More deadly than they can believe.
They stalk more silently,
And crouch on the limbs of trees,
And their descent
Upon the bright backs of their prey
May take years
In a sovereign floating of joy.
And those that are hunted
Know this as their life
Their reward: to walk

Under such trees in full knowledge
Of what is in glory above them,
And to feel no fear,
But acceptance, compliance
Fulfilling themselves without pain

At the cycle's center,
They tremble, they walk
Under the tree,
They fall, they are torn,
They rise, they walk again.

-James Dickey, 1961

ESSAY CONTEST

Through an awards program, Woodchuck Lodge, Inc., seeks to identify and recognize outstanding concern for the Catskill Mts. by their young people.

The essay should discuss the importance of the Catskill Mts. and land use and environmental planning. Recreation, resorts, farming and timber use, and industrialization are part of the Catskills. From the biological, economic, physical, and sociological points of view, the Catskills are both different and unique.

The essay should explain the theme, "The Catskills in Sight and Sound: Land Use, Energy, and Environmental Planning."

A grand prize of $75.00 will be awarded for the outstanding essay.

RULES:

1) Any full-time college student (Undergrad or Grad), who maintains a permanent legal residence in the Catskill Mts. may enter. (The Catskills are defined by the Counties of Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster.)

2) Essays should be no longer than 25 typewritten pages.

3) Essays will be judged for interpretation of theme, presentation of environmental issues, and concern for the Catskills and their residents.

5) The deadline for mailing essays is January 31, 1978.

6) The students name, age, year of college study, college or university attending, college address, home address, and title of essay should appear on the cover page.

7) Essays should be sent to:

Woodchuck Lodge Essay Contest
P.O. Box 184
Roxbury, New York 12474

Woodchuck Lodge, Inc. reserves the final decision on rules, awards, and publication rights; and all essays submitted become its property.

This contest is part of an environmental education project supported by the United States Office of Education.

Hark to the whimper of the sea-gull,
He weeps because he's not an ea-gull.
Suppose you were, you silly sea-gull
Could you explain it to your she-gull?

-Ogden Nash
Don't forget that the retaking of Senior portraits is Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Catchall

!! Rick, you "NUT"...you are free now, she's gone!!! How about giving us a piece now? Signed, Long-a-waiting
!! Congratulations Swat and Jody.
!! Hey Bill- did I do it right?
!! Section 2: Good time Charleys?
!! "Fric and frac of the bottom of the hill"
!! Regina- the Pudgy Baby.
!! Baker, Merry Christmas and May the Force be with you.
!! Join the new organization on campus: CRAP- Committe to Reduce Administrative Paperwork
!! Q: What is 5'8" tall, has a brown nose, and wears a green beret?
!! Hey Jim, I heard your mother lost her health card. Too bad.
!! And next time you flic and frac take off like that, you can pick up your lunch pails and hit the pike!
!! Sorry, I spell my name, Danger!
!! Bring a sled to Tully (or maybe a toboggan).
!! Terry, I love you. Joe
!! If the thing with the bathrooms makes you mad, stop down to the Office of General Services and Design and ask them how many toilets are needed in a public building that gets as much use as Illick does. The Office of G S. & D. is located in the State Office Building on the 6th floor in beautiful downtown Syracuse.

Basketball!

Dec. 9 Finger Lakes CC 7:30 Away
Dec. 16 Dameon 5:45 Home(M)
Dec. 17 St. John Fisher 6:15 Away

Home game with Dameon will be played in Manley. Show some stumpy support by attending the game and cheering the team!

Current Stationery
1st Order is Here!!!

If you have not picked up your order, please do so on these days in 225 Illick:
Weds. Dec. 14 12:00 - 2:00
Thurs. Dec. 15 10:00 - 1:00
Fri. Dec. 16 12:00 - 2:00
Please bring your receipts!!

Going's on...

WED. DEC. 14: 7 - 8:00 pm. Informal Advising Session, Nifkin Lounge.
FRI, DEC. 16: Last day of classes.
DEC. 16 - DEC. 23: Final Exam period
WED. DEC. 21: 3 - 5:00 pm. Nifkin Lounge. College-wide Holiday Party. All welcome to share festivities
JAN. 16 - 17: Spring Registration.
JUNED. JAN. 18: First Day of Classes.

What the hell am I doing here?