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DANCE

The Senior and Freshman classes will be sponsoring a dance Friday, November 12, 8:00-12:00 p.m. in Nifkin Lounge. There will be Labatt and/or Molson's, wine and cider to drink, and potato chips and pretzels to munch on. The band playing will be Holy Smoke, with rock (non-disco) music. There will be plenty of everything for everyone, so come prepared to finish off a lot of liquid and food.

FOUR YEARS OF ENERGY

The student body of The College of Environmental Science and Forestry would like to congratulate those Seniors and Graduate Student(s) who have devoted a tremendous amount of their time and energy to help us! These student leaders have organized and run our clubs, represented us to the administration, run our parties and square dances, have cleaned up after us and most important ... they have kept the show going strong, fighting against a disheartening tide of ESF student apathy.

For these students who have eagerly given their spare time to us, we would like to present the Student Body's very own "Robin Hood Oak Award."

For service to the Student Community we thank:

(Seniors)
James Cane
Bill Coons
Stephen Danko
Darcia Eding

Nicholas Giannettino
William Hamersky
Anne Henderson
Ken Kogut

Marilyn Phillips
Sue Rogers
Michael M. Rubinstein
David Smith
Jack Stevens
Mark Vandover
Denise Wheeler

Shelah LaDuc
Joan Miller
Jeff Morrell
Jack Nocera
John Ozard
David Paradowski
Dan Peterson
Joel Howard (Graduate Student)

The standards for the selection of these students were very high. Many other Seniors and Graduate Students who have devoted nearly as much time also deserve a very sincere thanks. Without these people E.S.F. would just be classes.

The actual awards will be officially presented next spring at the ESF Awards Banquet.

Jim Perry
Chairman, Robin Hood Oak Awards Committee

HEY! WHAT'S ARMY ROTC?!

Well, simply stated, it is a program available at over 275 prestigious college and university campuses to provide a way for earning a commission in the United States Army. What the individual does with that commission depends on his/her own wants and desires. The Active Army, the Reserves, the National Guard, and - most importantly - the Country demands and deserves a well-rounded, intelligent officer. The kind that comes off of today's college campus. Let's think of ROTC not as the presence of the military in the university, but rather as the presence of the university in the military. It perpetuates the notion that our Armed Forces are not only controlled by civilians, but University/College graduates, internally, provide the intelligent and moral leadership desired by our system of government.

Army ROTC: Learn what it takes to lead
Room 225 Archbold Gym
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Bill Coons
Editor

To the Editor:

Last week (two weeks ago, now) I submitted my cartoon for publication in the Knothole. I included with the drawing a short comment on a separate slip of paper. That comment was meant chiefly for the enlightenment of those who would select what to put into the paper. I did not wish to have a caption with the drawing. Unfortunately, a sentence was added that was found to be misconstrued and misleading.

Now I must try to rectify the mistake by restating the comment to those conservationally minded who might have objected to last week's interpretation.

The controversy of the porpoises and dolphins involves their destruction by the tuna industry through the present harvesting methods used for tuna.

The porpoises swim with the schools of tuna and are equally ensnared in the large nets used for the harvesting.

The porpoises, being mammals, have lungs and must return to the surface for oxygen. Their entanglement in the nets causes these animals to drown.

Many porpoises and dolphins die needlessly each day because the fisherman refuse to return to the older method of harvesting tuna by hook and line. The dolphins and porpoises are of no economic value to the fishermen and are just dumped overboard. The industries supposedly "progressive method" of harvesting is only helping to hasten the ultimate extinction of these docile mammals.

By publishing the cartoon I had hoped to make the public aware of this most urgent situation and possibly influence them in boycotting the tuna industry until a more conservationally minded procedure of catching tuna has been established.

I hope that what I have just written will correct what was previously misstated.

Sincerely,

Tina "Smiley" Woldow

(see Editor's Note top 0 next col)

Editor's Note:

How strange the whimsy of the mind. Yes, Tina "Smiley" Woldow "included with her drawing a short comment on a separate slip of paper." However, she failed to mention that the "separate slip" was attached to the drawing with a piece of masking tape, thus giving the impression that it was indeed to be used as a caption. Secondly, there was no note to indicate that the "comment was meant chiefly for the enlightenment of those who would select what to put into the paper." I am not omniscient. Had Ms. Woldow not wished the caption to be included with her drawing, she should have so stated. Also, a sentence was NOT added. Her comment was printed verbatim. Any misconstruction or misinterpretation is not the fault of the Knothole, but the fault of an individual who failed to properly identify her wishes. I repeat, there was no mistake on the Knothole's behalf—what Ms. Woldow is rectifying are her own errors, errors regarding her own lack of foresight and apparent inability to communicate her desires.

Just as sincere,

Bill Coons

To the Editor:

In a Knothole article last week entitled "The Returnables", I would like to ask LP what was meant by "this could be a big step in the returnable war". Have you or anyone else taken time to acquire professional advice concerning deposits on bottles and cans, for instance, the results of the law in VT? I strongly suggest that you contact Mr. William G. Bentley, Director Div. of Solid Waste, NYS DEC 50 Wolf Rd. Albany, NY 12205

More power to the people of Massachusetts for voting "NO" on their returnable bottle and can proposal. I suggest that you contact Mr. William G. Bentley, Director Div. of Solid Waste, NYS DEC 50 Wolf Rd. Albany, NY 12205
for information supporting and opposing returnable law proposals.

John Ozard

To the Editor:

Two major views are prevalent concerning our schools planned transition to a two year program. Basically, the first of these views is of agreement, the second, opposition. These two camps seem to be closely aligned with the titles of Administration and Faculty, respectively. I personally feel more alliance with the faculty than the administration, and in my opinion, so do the majority of other students.

This alliance, along with the conservative attitude prevalent at ESF, has tended to bring the student opinion to opposition of the planned transition. Yes, there was a Student Leaders Conference at which an open discussion and fact finding session was to occur, but I personally believe that any opinions that were changed by the SLC is not statistically significant. That is, the majority of student opinion was decided prior to the meeting and this opinion, for the most part, was based upon rumor, distortion, and faculty alliance. Didn't it mean something that not one question, inquiry, or statement was directed towards those present who were in opposition to the transfer? Didn't we all feel a common bond with the faculty in opposition to the administration? Were we, are we, or will we ever be open minded concerning this program?

Granted, the administration seeks to extinguish opposition to "their" program, but members of the faculty have behaved remarkably similar to this. So, none of us are pure, and all of us want agreement and acceptance with our ideas, I don't feel that a decision of the magnitude concerning the proposed transfer should be based upon these prejudices. Rather, I feel the following should be considered:

1) Would the quality of the student entering ESF be significantly lower at the transfer level than at the freshman level? This seems to be the concern of nobody.

2) Would this school become extinct without a change to the transfer program? This seems to be the concern of the administration. Or, more importantly,

3) Would the quality of the education a student will get out of ESF be of a higher caliber with the change to senior status (via an increase in course diversity)?

This seems to be the concern of nobody.

After all, is a school's reputation based upon the 'quality' of the student given an education, or is it based upon the quality of the education given to the student?

Respectively submitted,
and expecting to hear from LaLonde, Danko, Inc.

Kevin Lane

To the Entire College Community:

LOST....one SOILS by BRADY. Necessary for the education and enlightenment of one Jane Kolva. If found or if you have any leads to the where-a-bouts of this wonderful text, call 3-3304 or 424-9753. Or, drop it off at Rm. 301, Winchell.

Misplaced Pseudo-editorial:

As mentioned previously, I will assume responsibility for pertinent Letters to the Editor which are lacking identification. What follows is a brief rendition of a letter received signed by "The Friends of YOYO".

Attention! At this time last year we had had at least 4 and possibly 5 or 6 dances. So far this year we've had 2. What's going on? The Senior Class has lots of money because they never put on the hay ride they were supposed to sponsor. Isn't it about time we had a good old-fashioned rock-n-roll Stumpy dance (NO MORE BUMPING!) with lots of beer?

YOYO'S FRIENDS: NOTE DANCE FRONT PAGE.

Another item which has recently been brought to my attention regards Moon Library hours. There has been a suggestion which states:

How about shifting the weekend hours from 9 A.M.-11 P.M. Saturday and 1 P.M.-11 P.M. Sunday, to 11 A.M.-11 P.M. for both Saturday and Sunday? Note that there will be no loss in time and that there could possibly be a resultant increase in use.

Any takers? Tell the librarian your opinions ...

Bill Goons

PS - it's getting near the end and time is running out. So too for the Knothole. The last two issues of 1976 will be Nov. 17 and Dec. 8. Depending on my workload and the willingness of others to help, there may be issues Dec. 1 and 15, but please don't count on it.
BIRD OF THE WEEK

The red-breasted nuthatch (Sitta canadensis) is a handsome member of the family Sittidae (Order Passeriformes). The bright blue-gray back goes well with the chocolate-stained breast and belly. The black stripe through the eye (with a white line above the eye) is a good field characteristic. Females are similar to the males in color pattern, but tend to be duller.

Like all nuthatches, this bird is an acrobat. It climbs up, around, and comes down a tree trunk head-first as it searches for bark insects. This nuthatch can usually be found in conifers. It resides in New York State all year, but Canadian migrants in the spring and fall will increase your chances of seeing this bird.

This species is smaller than the white-breasted nuthatch (Sitta carolinensis), and is less well known. But this is no surprise. The call of the red-breasted nuthatch is softer than that of the white-breasted, and is less easily heard by most people. Combine this with the fact that the red-breasted stays high in the dark crowns of conifers, and it's easy to see why this bird goes unnoticed.

The red-breasted nuthatch can be found flocking with chickadees, brown creepers and golden-crowned kinglets.

Thomas Ventiquattro

THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

On Oct. 15, 1976, the City of New York officially opened the competition to staff its Urban Fellowship. Under the conditions of the program, the City will select 20 young men and women from colleges and universities to serve full-time internships for the academic year commencing 09/77, at the highest levels of City Gov't.

The NYC Urban Fellowship is open to undergrads who will be entering their Sr. year of college by 09/77 and to grad students. Applicants must be registered in an academic institution at the time of application and must have the endorsement, including a grant of academic credit for participation in the Fellowship, from the college or university they will be attending for the academic year 1977/78.

Eligibility is restricted to residents of NYC and/or students who live or attend a university in a state within 1000 miles of the City. All students interested in active discovery and experience in the realm of urban gov't are encouraged to apply, regardless of their previous field of training.

Applications endorsed by the sponsoring college, and required supporting material, must be received postmarked no later than midnight, 02/15/77. All applicants will be notified of their status by March 31, 1977. Selection will be based on full detailed applications, transcripts, personal statements, and recommendations as required, with 40 semi-finalists invited, all expenses paid, for interviews in New York City.

Each of the 20 Urban Fellows selected to participate in the program will receive a stipend of approx. $4,400 plus round trip travel expenses. In addition, it is expected that each Fellow will receive a supplementary grant of at least $500 from the college or university as well as a tuition waiver.

Urban Fellows will be assigned to work on projects of importance in the Mayoral Office. Areas covered will range over fields such as planning, criminal justice, service delivery, economic and financial administration, budgeting, and others. Fellows will be given commensurate responsibilities in administrative problem solving, research, policy planning, and related management areas. Further info. is available in the Office of Career Services, Room 108 Bray.
How Do Forests Survive Breakfasts??

I was waiting for breakfast in a coffee shop the other morning and reading the paper, which had 66 pages. The waitress brought a paper placemat and paper napkin, and took my order on a paper pad. I put the paper napkin in my lap, spread the paper over the paper placemat, and began to read about a Bill allowing clear-cutting in the US Forests.

The waitress brought the coffee. I opened a paper sugar envelope and tore open a little paper cup of cream, and went on reading the paper. The Senate voted, without dissent, to allow clear-cutting, the paper said. Critics say that clear-cutting can lead to erosion and destruction of wildlife habitat. FS and industry spokesmen say that a flat ban on clear-cutting would bring paralysis to the lumber industry. And the paper industry, I thought. Paper comes from trees. Clear-cutting a forest is one way to get a lot of paper, and we sure seem to need a lot of paper.

The waitress brought the toast. I looked for the butter. It came in a little paper tray, with a covering of, you guessed it, paper. I opened a paper package of marmalade and read on. Sen. Randolph of WV urged his colleagues to take a more restrictive view and permit clear-cutting only under specific guidelines for certain types of forests. But, neither he nor anyone else, voted against the bill.

The eggs came, with little paper packages of salt and pepper. I finished my breakfast, put the paper under my arm, and left the table, with its used and useless paper napkin, paper placemat, paper salt and pepper packages, paper butter and marmalade wrapping, paper sugar envelope, and paper creamholder. And I walked out into the morning, wondering how our national forests can ever survive our breakfasts.

Charles Kuralt, CBS News.

The Knothole Creativity Contest will end Saturday noon, November 20, 1976. There have been NO contributions for the Feature Article category. If there are none that category shall continue to be open until such time as it is filled.

Staff will meet Monday evening, Nov. 22, at 8PM to judge the entries. Winners will be notified via student mail.

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Nov. 12 - 7:45pm, "New Light on America's Oldest Industry", by Robert Wallace, Exec. Dir. of the National Interagency Council on Smoking and Health. Sponsored by GASP. May Memorial Unitarian Church, 3800 E. Genesee St, Syr. $1 admission at door. Contact Mrs. Jensen at 446-0104.

Nov. 13 - 10am-2pm, ONC Workday at Baltimore Woods, volunteers needed to help build new nature center. Contact Tom Benjamin, 635-9005.

all day, Onondaga ADK hike on Caroline Area section of Finger Lks. trail, call leader Charles Hufford at 685-5677.

8pm, Folk Concert Series, Sonia Malkine (medieval to modern ballads on hurdy-gurdy and guitar). Also, Bonnie Abrams, Leslie Berman, and Friends (home brewed harmonies). Everson Museum Aud., tickets 3 dollars.

Nov. 14 - 8:30am, "Wastelands to Greenspace", Dr. Richards. WNTQ, 93.1 FM.

7:30am, OAS field trip to Oneida Lk area. Meet at Northern Lights Shopping Ctre Mattydale, beside Ho-Jo's. Leader Chris Spies, 423-4150 days.

all day, Onondaga ADK new trail construction, Call leader Warnie Doherty at 469-1797.

Nov. 16 - 8pm, Wildfowler's Assoc. of CNY, general meeting with speaker or film. LeMoyne Manor, Liverpool. For info call Bill Eagan at 474-7411 or 446-3534.

Nov. 17 - 9am-2pm, ONC Pioneer Day, Baltimore Woods. Demos of pioneer crafts and skills. Contact Tom Benjamin at 635-9005.

7pm, "Educational Futures", by Dr. Robert Bundy, consultant. Botany Seminar Rm. TBA, Onondaga ADK meeting, subject: weather forecasting. Call Maurice Cady for details at 487-7021.


In its report to the President and to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality paints a somewhat gloomy outlook on the environmental activities of 1975. Although it reports that in a recent public opinion poll by Opinion Research Corporation in October, 1975, nearly 60 percent of Americans thought it worthwhile to pay the cost of environmental protection, it also reveals that energy conservation efforts since the end of the 1973-1974 oil embargo have been seriously neglected. And despite efforts by government and private industry to permanently build environmental concerns into their processes, too many delays in meeting air and water quality standards have been permitted.

Specifically, the report focuses in on four facets of our environment where major improvements are required:

- Conservation of energy resources
- The quality of life
- Highway beautification and long-range planning
- Use of ocean resources

The Committee’s report emphasizes the close interrelationship of the environment to our economy. It emphasizes that environmental improvements need not be done at the expense of our economic vitality. It can, in fact, provide a valuable boost to a depressed economy, by generating the jobs needed to solve these complex problems.

The report summarizes the environmental activities of 1975 with the following statement: “In reality, the environmental movement is not doing badly — but it is not doing enough.”
After a generally poor first session with natural resources last year, the 94th Congress finally attended to such matters during the closing days of the second session. The last minute rush of activity improved Congress' conservation record considerably. Several important bills did not make it, however, for lack of Congressional attention.

Only one major piece of wildlife legislation came through this year, and that was the extension of the Wetlands Loan Act of 1961. Signed by the President, the extension permits the Interior Secretary to continue borrowing money each year from the general treasury to acquire important wetlands and increases the loan ceiling from $105 to $200 million.

A bill was passed authorizing the establishment of the Minnesota River Valley NWR.

Action on several very restrictive bills considering control or a ban on leghold traps was dropped following extensive hearings.

Three very important bills relating to wildlife failed to gain adequate attention. The measure to tax component parts of handloaded ammunition for wildlife restoration and hunter education purposes succumbed, reportedly because some Senate Members did not want any of the money to be used for education purposes. Ammendments to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act were also overlooked. The search for someone to introduce a bill providing funds for nongame fish and wildlife programs was unsuccessful until the last day of the session and there was no opportunity for consideration.

Congress passed and the President signed legislation increasing authorizations for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The annual funding level was set at $600 million for fiscal year 1978, $750 million for FY 1979, and $900 for FY 1980. The states are now permitted to use up to 10% of their share each year to construct sheltered swimming pools and ice skating rinks. The Act allows more National Wildlife Refuge and National Forest Lands to be acquired with the money.

The President is expected to sign an act placing 400 miles of Montana Rivers in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The legislation includes the Breaks Area of the Upper Missouri and all three forks of the Flathead.

Three important wilderness areas were established. They include the Alpine in Washington and the Flat Tops and Eagles' Nest areas in Colorado.

Awaiting Presidential signature is an act authorizing the acquisition of up to 15,000 acres in SC to be known as the Congaree Swamp National Preserve.

The President signed legislation repealing early laws permitting new mining claims in certain areas of the NPS. The action closed the last six areas of the system left open to mineral entry under the mining law of 1872. These areas include Death Valley Nat. Monument, Glacier Bay Nat. Mon., Crater Lk. NP, Organ Pipe Nat. Mon., Mt. McKinley NP, and Coronado National Monument.

Congress passed an Organic Act for the BLM. The legislation should improve resource management on the more than 450 million acres of national resource lands. The Act changes BLM's withdrawal authority, liberalizes its disposal and exchange authority, and provides needed law enforcement authority. It also calls for a one year moratorium on grazing fees.

The National Forest Management Act of 1976 should help settle the clearcutting controversy plaguing forest management activities. The act provides for sustained yield—ever flow timber management, controls on clearcutting, and the use of timber receipts for wildlife habitat improvement.

Other issues passed, the Toxic Substances Control Act (ban on PCB's, pre-market testing of chemicals, authority to EPA to prevent or limit uses of chemicals that are dangerous to human health or the environment); Land and Water Resources Conservation Act (requires the Sec. of Ag. to make an appraisal of the nation's land, water, and related resources and develop a national program to conserve those resources.) Coastal Zone Mgmt Act (leg. which extends and improves it, authorizes a grand program to help states contend with on-shore effects of offshore oil developments); a bill extending US fisheries jurisdiction from 12 to 200 miles offshore; an Act with provisions to permit conservation organizations to lobby more effectively. The National Land Use Planning Proposal and the Strip Mining Control Bill were rejected by Congress. These programs will return again next year, at the convention of the 95th Congress on January 4, 1977.
GREENHOUSE CUTTING SESSIONS

The Botany Club will be sponsoring its annual greenhouse cutting sessions December 6, 7, 8. This will be a chance for all those interested to make cuttings of some woody plants to grow and propagate for your very own.

Larry Whelpton, who is in charge of the greenhouses, will show you how to do it. Cuttings in past years have included various types of cedars, among all trees.

After leaving the cuttings in the greenhouses to grow a few roots and mature, you can pick them up to take home and plant at the end of the spring semester.

All those who want to participate need only to sign up for a single one hour session anytime from 1-5 P.M. on Monday, December 6, Tuesday, December 7 or Wednesday, December 8. The sign-up sheet will be on the door of 333 Illlck. There will be a meeting the week prior to the sessions to discuss any questions.

Darcie Eding

WILDLIFE SOCIETY

There is an outline of the Wildlife Society's Backyard Nature Course on reserve in Moon Library under Wildlife Society. Specific activities will be added upon a weekly basis.

Backyard Nature Program meetings are on Monday nights at 8:30 P.M. in the Birds and Mammals Lab (238 Illick). All are welcome and more are needed.

Also, I'd like to thank everyone who showed up to help this past Saturday, despite the fact that none of the children from the school showed up.

Kevin Lane

SIERRA CLUB LAUNCHES GROUP TO DEFEND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW LAW

Early in July six statewide environmental and civic organizations announced the formation of Friends of SEQRA, a group which will organize statewide support for effective implementation of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The six sponsoring organizations are: the Sierra Club, the Environmental Planning Lobby, the Friends of the Earth, the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, the League of Women's Voters of New York State, and the Long Island Environmental Council.

A spokesman outlined the goal of the group: effective implementation of SEQRA without any additional delays or further weakening of the Act's provisions. The spokesman explained that to achieve this goal, Friends is encouraging as many individuals and organizations as possible to become affiliates of Friends of SEQRA. Those interested are urged to write Friends of SEQRA, 50 West 40 Street, Suite 416, New York, New York 10018, (212) 354-9624.

From September-October 1976 enviroNEWS

The Knothole is the student publication of the SUNY CESF. Issued on a weekly basis, the Knothole is published every Wednesday and is generally available to the student body that same evening. The deadline for material submission is Saturday noon prior to the upcoming issue. All material submitted must be signed; names will be withheld upon request.

The Knothole meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Bray.

**Park Recycling Project:** In a test program designed to help establish a returnable container system for all federal facilities beginning next September, EPA instituted a summer-long bottle and can deposit for beverages sold within Yosemite National Park. The experiment involved the placement of a five-cent deposit on each can or bottle of beer or soft drink sold in the park. The deposit was then refunded when the empty container was returned to one of the eighteen park redemption centers. The latest counts revealed that about 72 percent of all the containers sold had been returned. Last year the park's concessionaire, Yosemite Park and Curry Company, ran a voluntary recycling center and collected about a ton of empty containers over the year. This year, under the refundable deposit system, nearly a ton of returned cans and bottles were collected each week.