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17 HOURS ON A BUS?

It's New Brunswick time once again!! Each year two men's teams and one equally hardy women's team take a 17 hour bus trip to New Brunswick to test their skills in a Woodsmen's Competition. ESF has few worries as they travel to New Brunswick because they know that victory lies ahead - defeat in the competition, perhaps, but a victory in the party afterwards... and another 17 hours to think about the weekend on the bus ride home to Syracuse.

The Teams

Hardy 'A' Team:
Bill Edmister
George Braman
Mark Grasman
Jim Nelson
Fritz Stahl
Skip Hefferman
alt. Jim Van Atta

Hardy 'B' Team:
Eric "Bear" Siegel
Fred Gliesing
Paul Coffey
Joe Synder
Joe Chudyk
Chuck Litty
alt. Paul Baird

Equally Hardy Girls Team:
Helana "H" Hoover
Jane Kolva
Didi Schultz
Barb Crane
Donna Demuth
Karen Gross
alt. Linda Tambini

CAREERS IN ECOLOGY

Does Not Having A Job "Bug" You?

On October 20, 1977, Dr. David E Ketcham (Staff Officer for the USDA Combined Forest Pest Research and Development Program in Washington, D.C.) will speak from 11:15 to 2:10pm in 111 Marshall on professional opportunities and employment in the field of forest insect pest research.

FIRE TALK

"FIRE AND THE ENVIRONMENT"

- or -
Why Smokey the Bear's Eyes Are Brown!
-by Dave Reider
formerly of the
U.S. Dept. of Defense

Sponsored by the Wildlife Society
Tuesday Evening October 18, 1977
8:00 pm. 5 Illick
TWS: The Wildlife Society Cares
Recently you might have noticed a slight imbalance in the heating/cooling of Moon Library. It seems as though others have also begun to notice, much to the credit of those students who were hot (pardon that one) enough to inform others of their unnatural condition. The following is a quote of a library notice to the students on the heating/cooling of Moon Library.

"The library faculty have minimal control over the temperature of the library - and at times we wonder if we even have that. It seems as if the Heating/Cooling of Moon Library is either an "on" or "off" condition and there seems to be little regulation possible as far as adjusting the internal building temperature to the external ambient temperature. Although there are thermostatic devices distributed throughout the building, it seems that they are ineffective in regulating the temperature (My Interjection: which doesn't say much for the thermostatic devices). Our only recourse has been to call maintenance for assistance and they have always responded and brought temporary relief, but apparently a permanent solution is beyond the scope of their involvement. Permanent relief is not possible with the regulatory device in use."

"I have proposed to the Administration that the Heating/Cooling system be studied and rehabilitated for the fiscal year 79-80. If this is approved there would be the hope of relief in the early 80's. In the meantime we ask for your understanding."

(signed)

Mr. Webster

I hereby propose to the student body the following:

in support of the library's proposal

I urge the concerned among you to

a. inform your student council representative that this is an action which you favor.

b. inform the Office of Student Affairs (107 Bray; x3717; ask for either VP Payne or his Assistant Cathy Glennon) of your support for this action.

c. DO a and b to insure that the proposal does not die an untimely death.

Bill Coons

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**HEY EVERYBODY!**

Hi! Just a quick note about YOUR Student Council. We're not just "another club;" we're your voice to the administration, faculty, and students, both at this school and at others. If you don't give us input (say what you want, how you feel, your complaints and pleasures...) we will be speechless--or putting it more concretely, useless.

Student Council is a potentially forceful communicative and unifying tool. Don't let it go to waste! Get to know your class officers. A list of their names, addresses and phone numbers is posted in the glass case outside SC office (alias Small Stores), Room 18 Moon. Talk with us. Whether you have gripes or praises, we'd like to hear them.

Better yet, come to our meetings held every Monday night at 7:30 in Moon Library Conference Room and join in our discussions. If you can't make the meetings, read the minutes posted in the glass cases in both the foyer and outside the SC office in Moon.

If you can't find one of us on campus, or in the SC office, Student Council officers can be contacted via the Student Council mailbox in Marshall.

Now that you know how to reach us, there's no reason for your not sharing what's on your mind and breathing some life into your council.

Expecting to see and hear from you all soon,

Tisha
Pres., S.A.

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ONE EVENING

The shadows steal forth from their lairs as a marmalade sun sinks. Rustling leaves still. Barking dogs echo from unknown places. Lights appear, dappling the horizon. A lone bicyclist glides silently down a hill, veering sharply as a cat with conspiring eyes darts beneath a car.

The air murmurs peacefully, somnolent, cradled between night and day. It seems to have a new dimension, as if it has absorbed time. Suddenly the moment is lost. From a far hill, a voice rings over the valley, "Organic sucks!"

THE BIRDWATCHER

The Brown Pelican, with its long bill and short legs, may not qualify as one of the most beautiful birds, but it certainly qualifies as one of the most interesting. The Brown Pelican ranges in the summer from the coasts of Western Canada to Southern South America. One of the most unusual features of the Brown Pelican is its method for catching fish. The pelican dives down from considerable heights and strikes the water surface with so much force that it may stun fish as much as six feet below the surface and the impact can sometimes be heard almost a half a mile away. Often small gulls will land on the pelican's head and try to steal the fish from its pouch. The pelican has to tilt its bill and empty the water from its pouch before it can drive away the gulls.

NYPIRG NOTESS:

CAUTION: DRINKING WATER MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH!

Many of you are already aware of the critical drinking water problem in Poughkeepsie. It has been found to contain numerous toxic chemicals, some known to be carcinogenic. Thousands of people are dependant upon this water, assuming that the state and federal agencies are monitoring the system and providing them with safe, pure water.

The non-profit organization NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group) completed the study on the Hudson, which was run mostly by students. As a result, the dangers of these toxic compounds (besides PCB's and Mirex) are known statewide.

NYPIRG has now begun a similar study on the drinking water Syracuse receives from Lake Ontario. This situation is suspected to exist in OUR drinking water.

You can help by volunteering some time to make sure OUR drinking water is safe. Contact Joe Salvo (476-8381), at the NYPIRG office below Marine-midland Bank, or see John Cambalik or Laurie Sutherland on the ESF campus.
THE WAYSIDE CHAPEL

Background: An English lady, while visiting in Scotland, was looking for a room and asked the schoolmaster if he could recommend any. He took her to several rooms and when everything was settled, the lady returned to her home for the final preparations for the move. When she arrived home, the thought suddenly occurred to her that she had not seen any "Water Closet" (toilet) around the place. So, she wrote a note to the schoolmaster asking him if there was a W.C near the room. The schoolmaster was a very poor master of English, so he asked the priest what the letters W.C. might mean. Together they tried to discover the meaning of the letters. The only solution they could find for the letters was Wayside Chapel. The schoolmaster then wrote the following letter to the English lady seeking the W.C. near her room.

Dear Madame:

I take great comfort in informing you that a W.C. is situated nine miles from the house in the center of a beautiful grove of pine trees surrounded by lovely grounds. It is capable of holding 220 people and it is open on Thursday and Sunday only. As there is a large congregation expected during the summer months, I would suggest that you come early, although there is usually plenty of standing room. This is an unfortunate situation, particularly if you are in the habit of going regularly.

You will, no doubt, be glad to hear that a good number bring their lunch and make a day of it, while others with cars get there just in time.

I would especially advise your ladyship to go on Thursday when there is an organ accompaniment. The acoustics are excellent and even the most delicate sounds are heard everywhere.

It may interest you to know that my daughter was married in the W.C. and it was there that she met her husband. I can remember the rush there was for seats. There were ten people for a seat usually occupied by one, and it was wonderful to see the expressions on their faces.

The newest attraction is a bell, donated by a worthy resident of the district. It rings every time a person enters. A bazaar is to be held to provide for plush seats for all, since the people believe that this is a long-felt need.

My wife is rather delicate so she cannot go regularly; it is almost a year since she went last. Naturally, it pains her very much not to be able to go more often. I shall be delighted to reserve the best seat for you, where everyone will be able to see you. For the children, there is a special time and place so that they won't disturb the elders. Hoping to have been of some service to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Schoolmaster

BACKYARD NATURE PROGRAM

What are you doing to make this world a better place to live? Are you looking for an opportunity to share yourself with others? Join us in the Backyard Nature Program by spending a couple hours of a week leading an Urban ecology program with a class at a local elementary school, helping to build and maintain a nature trail on a vacant lot, or supporting other activities of the program.

Our main need now is for people who would be willing to teach in the urban ecology program. Due to our success last year, requests from elementary teachers this year have already exceeded the number of volunteers we have to lead the program. The course lasts five weeks with one two-hour session each week, where you lead a series of activities on the inter-relationships of life and other basic ecological principles. Emphasis is placed on experiencing nature firsthand, using all the senses, and learning by doing. Each student has his own booklet to help them record their observations and illustrate principles, and each leader has a curriculum booklet to help them with the individual units. The experience is unique, challenging, rewarding, and most of all, fun.

We also need people to lead nature walks, help fix-up and maintain the lot we've adopted (watch for signs on campus announcing "Adopt-a-lot" meetings), review films, and help out with other club functions. There is no previous experience required; all you need is some enthusiasm and a willingness to give it a try. If you're interested, give Laura Mauro a call at 475-9237 or better yet, attend one of our meetings and get the full story. We meet every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. in room 319 Marshall. See you there.
As students, we are often apt to not do that which we should, i.e. school work. In recognition of that fact and in accordance with PL§101, the following has been assembled for your reading pleasure.

**A GAME**

**The Rules:**

To Qualify:

- You a) must be an ESF student who's
- b) a bit daft because you
- c) spend too much time in the library
- d) not doing what you should (which, for the more dense among us, means that you're doing what you shouldn't)

Objective:

To facilitate the enhanced productivity of an otherwise aimless mind.

Time Frame:

Does it matter?

Location:

Can't you guess? Third stall on the right.

Age Group:

Semi-adult; i.e., no pacifiers or dentures.

How to Score:

No, no, no, no. Not that! Points, man, points! This game operates on the basis that the range system with relative (as opposed to absolute) frequencies of occurrence determines the winner, despite the fact that you can't win in this game, as that wouldn't be fair to the losers. Add your values. Those with a preponderance of negative real numbers might consider themselves a) incapable of magna- or summa cum laude status and b) prime contenders for that joy of joys, probation. Those with positive scores can consider themselves to be on the path of academic achievement. The rest of you don't count.

How to Play:

Play is a naturally motivating force which exists within each of us, the degree of that force being directly proportional to the amount that one is allowed to get away with. Some play with round, ovate, or spheroid balls, some play with others and a few play with themselves. Particular patterns of play notwithstanding, each individual is encouraged to find within themselves the strength and the capacity to read the rest of this. CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX

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**SING OUT!**

The Forestry Chorus meets Friday, 7:00pm in Nifkin Lounge. All are welcome.
PROCRASTINATION CON’T.

You are now in Moon Library (feel the sweat in your armpits?). Having arrived here promptly after supper to resume your scholarly pursuits, you cast about for some friends, a place to sit, an oasis for intellectual enlightenment; finding none, you roam about, circling like a dog prior to baying, as you search for the seat to carry you through the evening. Having found it, you sit. Notebook, texts, pencils, pens and erasure are by your side, close at hand, ready to answer your every beckon and call. You open the book to the assigned section and you look at it. You sigh, as the pen glides into your familiar and waiting phalanges. Pen placed to paper you write the date, author, and topic of the assigned reading. Preparing for the inevitable, you lower your head as the full burden of what you are about to do weighs down upon you. But wait... what light by yon window breaks? (the window broke because it was the only immediate way to provide fresh air to a student who had swooned). Didn't someone you know just enter? Is that not a thirst in your throat? a cramp in your foot? a dream on your mind? Haven't you forgotten someone's birthday, anniversary, holiday, death? Did you put the milk back in the cupboard again? Think, think. There must be something...Be that what it may, IT has begun. Once the eye hath strayed from the printed word and the pen from the paper, you are doomed. The evenings activities now begin. THE GAME commences.

You:
1. Study (boo-hiss; what do you think you're here for, an education? +100)
2. Read Fur, Fish and Game, the current National Geographic and Audubon (self-education, +10)
3. Look up dirty words in the dictionary (-10)
4. Put dirty pictures in the dictionary for friends and others to find when they look up dirty words (known as personality regression, -20)
5. Watch the urinal(sorry females, there has to be something sexist here - perhaps you could watch the Tampon dispenser?) and hope for some introspective comments on your education... (how cruel! -50)
6. Take a petition amongst the patrons urging a study and rehab of the heating/cooling system of the library, seeing as it's dysfunctional. (practice in democratic processes, +30)
7. Take off your boots and discover trench foot. (health hazard, -50)
8. Think about the infamous SF-171's and the prospects of non-employment for the summer. (depressing thoughts are bad for you, -45)
9. Catch a friend picking their nose. (Touche, +25 for observing one of the finer points of human nature. BONUS: if your friend's last name was A - M, add another 25; if last name was N - Z, subtract 25; this is a new form of reverse discrimination)
10. Take a culture break by going to the Bibliographic room and seeing how many faces, bodys and assorted bits and pieces of human anatomy you can discern in the painting on the wall (+10 for completing your humanities elective).
11. Review your life and wonder how you ended up here (-15)
12. Count the number of blue tiles in the bathroom (-10)
13. Do a complete statistical analysis on #12 (how sick can you be?, -20)
14. Are caught picking lint off your socks (why not? Mom’s not around anymore, +20)
15. Hangout by the vending machines (no score - even the most studious do this upon occasion)
16. Are asphyxiated by falling asleep with your nose stuck in your opened text (klutz!, -75)
17. Wander the stacks, looking aimless, full of despair and without hope - perhaps someone will have pity and take you home (keep trying, -50)
18. Commiserate with classmates (-60)
19. Improve your love life via prior commiseration (+60)
20. Contribute (for shame!) to the carnival atmosphere of the library (+1000)
21. Took your coffee upstairs, spilled it and now cannot find a wet mop (other than yourself, -30)
22. Are caught using the New York Times index to press plants for Systematics (a possible new use for existing resources, +15)
23. Go downstairs and gape in awe at the Conference Room, scene of Student Government activity (motto: JABBER, JABBER, JABBER) (wasted time, -10)
24. Discover that washing your face leaves you no more refreshed than when you didn't wash it. (Zits, +20; You, -20)
25. Develop a key to the classification of ESF/SU students with a pictorial guide of the primary differentiating characteristics. (primo! -50)
26. Take down all of the dated material on the Bulletin Board (civil service, +50)
27. Estimate this semesters cum (it's not nice to fool the registrar, -20)
28. Look at the map of the USA on the wall in the Current Periodicals Room (+25 for dreams)
29. Are a genius. You develop a humane way to kill bugs for Ento.....HEATSTROKE! (the unfortunate factor with your discovery, however, is that while the bugs whither and perish in the library, so also do you, -30)
30. Take note of an EOP meeting downstairs and wonder why you don't qualify. (failure to understand governmental processes, -20)
31. Go blind from reserve readings, file suit with the college stating that they are not considerate of your physical and mental well-being. You win the suit and are rewarded with a braille copy of your reserve readings. (smile, -5)
32. Discover that the library tables are the right size for games of chance. When arrested by the police you say, with an innocent look, "But I was only practicing what Dr. Stiteler preaches. . . ." (+10 for trying)
33. Walk around in a jovial fashion with a smile upon your face and benevolence oozing from every pore (something wrong with you, -15)
34. What?! Successfully read five pages without checking the time, picking your toes or conducting an inventory of the opposite sex? (too bad your pen was out of ink, -5)
35. Are eaten by a giant rampaging E. coli (come on, -75)
36. Do dumb things like this (-100)

Ha! I won. Equality, Justice and Freedom for all (especially self). After much deliberation amongst my various internal fractions, I have decided to remain unknown. Those of you who know me well will know this as my pandering; those of you who don't know me, consider yourselves lucky; and for those of you who'd like to know who wrote this, please go through the proper channels and see the Editor. Signed,

Great Big Gobs of Greasy, Grimey Gopher Guts.

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A THANK YOU FROM TRINA - MOON LIBRARY

I want to give special thanks to all the faculty and staff for the wonderful send-off you have given me on my retirement. I am most appreciative of your contributions and for your attendance at the party. The party and all your good wishes will stay with me for the rest of my life. Thank you again both from my husband and myself.

P.S. At this time I would also like to say goodbye to all the grad and undergraduates students of the college. It has been a pleasure to serve you all these years. Even though I have been hard on some of you I have enjoyed being with you at all times. Goodbye and Good Luck in your future endeavors.

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WINE, WOMEN, AND RAIN

Mother Nature was the top scorer once again at the 61st Annual ESF Bar-B-Que. The loss was made a bit more enjoyable due to a warm building and the band "Monroe Doctrine" which played for the wet and cold stumpies.

There were a good number of brave souls who defied Mom to watch the sophomores fall and twitch the fastest, the seniors cross-cut and Jack and Jill cross-cut the speediest, Wanakena roll the log in the shortest time, juniors threw the axe to take first place in the axe throw, and the grads, faculty and alumni won the speed chop event.

FOUND at the B-B-Q: One green, lightweight ESF jacket, (large). See Bill in the 1st floor L.A. studio or call 478-1528.
Freshman Students,

I wish to serve as your Vice President and to represent your views to the Student Association.

Four experiences have given me skills that a young leader needs. I served as Vice President of my high school class during my freshman and junior years, as Class Representative to Student Council for four years, as school representative to Boys State '76, and as Staff member for a Troop Leader Development Course sponsored by my home Scout Council. I have a reasonable handle on Roberts Rules, I have learned to speak and what representing means, and I have taught leadership competencies to Scout leaders while on the TLD Course Staff.

If elected, I will assist, support, and inform whichever Presidential candidate wins. It is my interest to try and improve communications between students and the Student Association, and I am looking for more ideas. My door will always be open to anyone whether I become Vice President or not, but be as prepared for my questions as I am for yours!

Thank You,

Abe Paradies
Rm. 106 Flint A

P.S. I attended the S.A. meeting of Oct. 3rd and the Constituational revision committee meeting of the 6th and found both interesting. If you want to know more too, then come to an S.A. meeting on any Monday at 7:30 in the Moon Library Conference Room.

VOTE FOR
RALPH E. PHYDQ

A final reminder to students and faculty:

The Office of Student Affairs and the Student Council encourages students and faculty to submit nominations for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Graduating seniors and final year graduate students are eligible for this award.

Scholarship ability, participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, service to the College and potential for future achievement are criteria by which awards shall be determined.

October 21, 1977, is the deadline for letters of nomination. Please send them to Cathy Glennon, 104 Bray Hall.

PHYSICS CHALLENGE

The Physics Challenge Exam will be offered on Tuesday, November 1, in Marshall Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Successful completion of the exam will excuse students from the physics requirement in their particular curriculum and will also decrease the number of hours required for graduation in that curriculum by eight hours. The exam is open to all students who have signed up for it. Dr. John Siau of the Wood Products Engineering Dept. will be in charge of the exam.
EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT
MOVING OFF CAMPUS, by Cathy Glennon

PART III INSPECTING THE APARTMENT

After finding a prospective apartment, call the landlord (or agent) and try to
set up a suitable time to see the premises. Any requests for more informa-
tion should be made at this point. A few good questions may save time to
avoid seeing a place you could have rejected outright. Ask: Is the place
still available? Is it available for immediate occupancy? Are the description
and price correct? Is a lease required? If so, for how long? Are there rules
regarding pets, noise, children, number of people to share the place, etc.?

When looking for an apartment, have a checklist. Often, in the haste to locate
housing the prospective tenant forgets to check for something or overlooks what he/
she considers to be a minor disadvantage of the dwelling; such minor disadvantages
may later become major annoyances.

After finding out how much the rent is, ask whether the amount quoted in-
cludes all utilities, heat and hot water. Ask whether a security deposit will
be required.

It may be helpful to assess on paper the condition of your dwelling before
paying the security deposit. Make sure the landlord and all tenants sign
the document, date it, and have it notarized. This may be important when
you move and want the deposit refunded.

It may be a good idea to take pictures of the premises or have a friend
inspect them with you to document its condition before tenancy begins.

Ascertain as best you can whether there are plans to sell, renovate, or
raze the building. If so, be sure your lease contains a provision protecting
your tenancy.

Speak with the present tenants if possible to get their views of the owner,
the rent they are paying, the condition of the building, and estimates of
utilities and other costs.

Ask about the landlord's policy regarding picture hanging. Some will
prefer small nails. If you plan to
paint or wallpaper, get the landlord's permission in writing.

In short, GET IT IN WRITING! This includes changes in the lease, special
permission...anything.

Check the location of the apartment with neighborhood conveniences (e.g.
stores, laundromats, bus lines, etc.) Find out if pets are allowed. If you
have a car, find out about parking arrangements. Oil heat tends to be the
cheapest. If paying your own heating bill, check on storm windows and doors,
insulation, etc. Find out who controls the thermostat for your apartment.

Window screens should not be bil lowed or ripped. They are a must for warm weather
If there is a fireplace, see if it can be used. Check the flue for smooth operation.
Check closet space, noting height and depth of storage areas.

Check each room for sufficient electrical outlets and be sure they work. Check for
vermin or signs of them (evidence of gnawing, holes in woodwork or baseboard,
unsanitary conditions, or grease and food scraps that have not been properly re-
moved) by looking inside cupboards, behind stoves and refrigerators, under sink,
or any other likely place.

NEXT WEEK: PART IV- LANDLORDS AND LEASES
Several individuals have actively been researching the possibilities of getting returnable soda bottles in the campus vending machines. It is important to find out how much general support there is for this. If there is a very favorable response, then that will help in convincing unwilling vending companies to change their machines. If most students don't want to recycle, well, we will drop this effort. But - c'mon folks, if ESF students won't recycle, who will?

So please fill out the survey below and drop it off at Moon Library Foyer and Main Desk, outside Marshall Aud., Baker Foyer, Illick Foyer, Bray Foyer, and Walters Foyer. We really do need an accurate reflection of student, faculty and staff opinions, so take one minute to fill it out. Thank you!

1. Would you rather buy soda in:
   - recycled bottles
   - non-recyclable cans
   - doesn't matter
   - recyclable aluminum cans

2. Do you buy soda from campus machines:
   - often
   - occasionally
   - rarely
   - never

3. Would you buy soda from campus machines if it came in bottles?
   - often
   - occasionally
   - rarely
   - never

4. Would you be willing to pay 5-10¢ more per can (i.e. Pepsi vs C&C) for soda in recyclable aluminum?
   - yes
   - no

5. Would you like to buy soda in paper cups (a renewable resource)?
   - more or less than non-recyclable can?
   - more or less than recyclable bottles or cans?

6. Do you have any comments, suggestions?

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**catchall**

CAT HALL???

Beanne - Happy Birthday!! From your stupid house with love.
The Tully battery - one down!
"At least two of them have had a hand -
or should we say a hypha?"
Hello Joey. Hope everything is working out on Ostrum Ave. How come you haven't written me back? Ma.
Wanted: one aqualung and pair webbed feet.

A young lady named Mary
Decided to tarry
In a forest quite old and primeval.
A roounder espied her,
And plied her with cider,
and now she's the forest's prime evil,
Question: Will Tully ERM's experience genetic drift from their isolation at Heiberg?

APM 492: It's all greek to me.
Lost: one rubber ducky while on Ecology fieldtrip to the Solvay Waste Beds.
If found please place in nearest clean puddle.
The Ginzo came home!
BBQ -> Bar-B-Quack.