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SUMMER SEMINARS:

SUNY is offering three and six hour programs in literature and/or anthropology conducted in the Adirondacks. "The Man and Nature Seminar" held June 10-25, for 3 or 6 credits at a resident camp, will be conducted in a conventional seminar format. "The Adirondack Workshop" offered July 31-Aug. 8, and again 11-20 for three credits, will be conducted while camping in a wilderness setting.

Costs for the courses are between $272.55 and $365.10 for state residents, and $352.55 and $485.10 for out-of-staters. For applications and more information write Wilderness Workshop, Morey Hall, S.U.C. at Potsdam, New York 13676.

Tree Power?

A university of California chemist is predicting that someday in the future the United States will be growing much of its oil on trees.

Melvin Calvin, a former Nobel Prize winner, says he has already established a one-acre "energy plantation" in an arid area of southern California where petroleum is being produced by plants.

Calvin says there is a tree known as "euphorbia lathyrus," that needs relatively little moisture to survive. It reportedly produces a latex that can be converted directly into oil for about $20 a barrel.

Calvin adds that there's enough available land in the state of Arizona alone to produce one-tenth of America's current oil needs.

ALPHA XI SIGMA

Just a reminder to Alpha Xi Sigma members that there will be a meeting on Thursday, March 23, at 7:00 PM. From this meeting on, Alpha Xi will meet every 2 weeks on Thursdays at 7:00. Check the notices posted in Marshall and Illick for the location of the meeting.

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT TWS

"A Guide to Graduate School Faculty In Wildlife Biology", Volume I, Northeast Section. This is a directory of faculty interest in wildlife research. Information includes a detailed description of current research projects, an index by subject area for each faculty member and the present number of graduate students per faculty member.

The cost is $2.00; orders and inquiries should be addressed to the University Chapter TWS, 225 Illick.

SEMINARS

March 23; Dr. Lee Ehrman will speak on "Infectious Heredity in Drosophila and Elsewhere?", in 117 Lyman Hall, at 4 P.M.

March 22; Mr. G. Taylor will speak on "Development of Indian Forest Policy", in 324 Bray, at 11:45.
To the editor:

I'm writing this letter as I look out my window on a bright sunny morning. I have the dubious fortune of living in the southwest corner of Lawrinson high enough to capture a complete view of the western horizon, including Allied Chemical in Solvay. If you are under the impression that the Air Pollution Control Laws are effective, think again!

I ask myself, where in the hell do the people who run such industries get the idea they can dump so much pure unadulterated filth into the atmosphere? Where? From us, that's where! You don't like the pollution?—Bitch! Bitch like hell! Write the company, your congressmen, your state and local officials! It's your air.

You say you can't see the problem. Well, the industry is clever. Give a look toward Solvay about sunset. It's getting dark so you'll have to strain your eyes, just the situation you'd want to hide a pollution discharge. If Solvay doesn't pollute excessively what's that layer of brown shit covering the sky in the morning. Granted, last night's inversion accent the problem but Syracuse is not free of this type of phenomenon infact its rather common starting in the evening burning off in the morning.

Do you wake up with a scratchy throat? Sick more often than at home? Perhaps you attribute this to the close quarters students keep. Could it be in part the consequence of living down wind from the armpit of Central New York?

Get mad! There is no reason we have to live with this!!!

Keith Ryan

"Understanding" Syracuse:

Comprehending the largest forestry school in the world, the State University of New York College of Forestry at Syracuse (us!), is not easy. Its very history, size, and complexity assure that. Plunging in and familiarizing oneself with its present role in the broadening field of forestry, as now defined by SAF, can be a pleasant and stimulating experience.

Pleasant because of friendliness and eagerness for understanding born of pride. Stimulating because size (some 1,500 students and 160 faculty members) and one-of-a-kindness exist without administrative apathy and with ferment. Here is a unique grouping of disciplines in a college of forestry ranging from biology to pulp and paper, resources management to landscape architecture (landscape architecture has been part of the scene since the College started in 1911). Exciting frontiers in research are being explored. Interdisciplinary roles and relationships are under discussion and evolution. Carefully selected, talented students show concern about their professional identity and don't think they "have it made." A brilliant faculty of academicians is being deliberately infused with experienced administrators from the "firing line." The growing physical plant is almost overwhelming.

Things are happening at Syracuse. And you leave wondering why you stayed away so long—and when you can get back.

H. R. Glascock, Jr.
"Journal of Forestry"
To the Editor:

A short time ago some students approached me inquiring about the possibility of Good Friday becoming a school holiday. (This seemed to make good sense as school was not in session in the fall on one of the Jewish holidays.) It turns out that nothing can be done this year because the school calendar has already been set and must be followed strictly. However, at this time I would like to inform the student body of the first three sections of article 224-a of the SUNY Educational Law. It reads as follows:

224-a.

1. No person shall be expelled from or be refused admission as a student to an institution of higher education for the reason that he is unable, because of his religious beliefs, to attend classes or to participate in any examination, study or work requirements on a particular day or days.

2. Any student in an institution of higher education who is unable, because of his religious beliefs, to attend classes on a particular day or days shall, because of such absence on the particular day or days, be excused from any examination or any work or study requirements.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the faculty and of the administrative officials of each institution of higher education to make available to each student who is absent from school, because of his religious beliefs, an equivalent opportunity to make up any examination, study or work requirements which he may have missed because of such absence on any particular day or days. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the institution for making available to the said student such equivalent opportunity.

I would also like to encourage any students, faculty, or administrators who feel strongly about the selection of our school holidays to contact me through the mailboxes in Marshall.

-Ed Frankoski
Climate: Spurred on by such growing national concerns as the widespread drought, and the possible climatic impacts stemming from changes in the amounts of ozone and carbon dioxide found in the atmosphere, the House passed a bill (H.R. 6669) establishing a National Climate Program. It appears quite likely that the Senate will do the same early in the second session and that the U.S. is likely to have a National Climate Program Act by next summer. The main purposes of the Act will be:

1. to improve climate monitoring to enable the government and the private sector to anticipate climatic fluctuations;
2. to augment basic and applied climate research;
3. to improve the dissemination of climatic data and information; and
4. to identify the domestic and international impacts of climatic changes and fluctuations (especially as they relate to allocation and use of energy resources, management of land and other natural resources), and on the planning of food supplies.

Forestry: Neither the Senate nor the House attempted to pass any new substantive legislation so close on the heels of the enactment of the 1976 National Forest Management Act. Committee efforts, instead, were devoted to drafting bills designed to revamp and revitalize forestry research, extension forestry, and cooperative forestry assistance. Additionally, the House Subcommittee on Forests held extensive oversight hearings, both in Washington, D.C. and in the field, on implementation of the (Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act) RPA. Its report dated November 1977 is now available. It is expected that Congress, during the 2nd session will act on one or more of the new bills mentioned.

The National Conference on Forest and Associated Rangelands Research met in mid-January to identify and rank more than 450 research problems in 19 subject areas. The priorities set at the conference may guide the research community at least through the mid-1980's.

Overall, the category of "Multi-Resource Inventory and Appraisal" received top ranking. Watershed Protection and Management" and "Multiple Use Potential and Evaluation" were second and third. "Wildlife and Fish Habitat", "Range Resource and Outdoor Recreation" and "Rural and Urban Environmental Enhancement" were at the bottom of the list, ranking 16, 17 and 18, respectively. Forest and range fires control was ranked 19, least priority.

"We have probed the earth, excavated it, burned it, ripped things from it, buried things in it, chopped down its forests, leveled its hills, muddied its waters, and dirtied its air. That does not fit my definition of a good tenant. If we were here on a month-to-month basis, we would have been evicted long ago."

Rose Bird
Chief Justice
Cal. Supreme Court

CATCH ALL

"Farewells from your former council."

Tisha still loves Jim #1!

Kathy wants french fries Now!

If your student council can make a pen fly, think what it can do for you!

Take an ex-student council member to lunch!

Ask not what student council can do for you--just shut up and the meetings go a lot faster!

"What would you have done if you hadn't found a stapler, Tisha?"

Elwood lives!

Small Stores has a sale on T-shas; no buttons, one size only, inquire at 104 Bray.

Feed your poor grasshoppers, they look ill!

Is Braman a lame man?

LOT'S OF LUCK TO THE NEW COUNCIL!
Welcome back to S.S. (Sunny Syracuse)!

We did it! September 1 marks the end of our vending machine contract and the beginning of bottle soda machines on campus! Some people were concerned about deposit refunds—well so long as the bottles get returned there will be no effect of deposit monies felt in your pockets. And it is hoped the price will remain 25¢.

The Undergraduate Student Association is now the proud owner of a ping-pong table (complete with paddles, balls, and net!) So bone up for our next T.G.I.F. And speaking of Council parties, the Senior class is sponsoring a dance with "Driving Sideways" on March 31, keep that date free!

Monday a group of students from Nassau Community College will arrive on campus to check out our school. They'll be here till Tuesday—so let's show them some stumpy spirit!

The SUNY Board of Trustees is having a public hearing "to receive testimony and statements from concerned individuals about university-wide issues", on April 5 at the Ag and Tech College at Farmingdale. Anyone interested in speaking at the hearing should contact Council as soon as possible.

For more big news, Chancellor Wharton was very impressed with us on his visit of March 7! And, had you the opportunity to meet him, you would have been impressed. Chancellor Wharton seems to be a very personable administrator and truly interested in our school, its interests, and problems. We should be pleased to have him as our new Chancellor.

Finally, read the referendum posters. It's very important for you to understand the reason for the asked increase and to vote!

STUDENT FEE: VOTE!

Another valiant effort by your ex-trez in action to get you to VOTE IN THE STUDENT FEE REFERENDUM on March 21 and 22 (Tuesday and Wednesday). Are you aware? Do you care? If you've been keeping up with the past few Knothole's, anything I say here will be ho-hum. If not, well... find out what it's about and then vote!

The referendum involves any and every student that pays a student activity fee. As it stands now, you pay $9 a semester to support almost all the extracurricular activities on campus. We, student leaders (and especially treasurers!), want to raise it to $10 a semester. Did you go to the Spring Banquet just this week? Too bad if you didn't—you missed a good time and a good deal...$1 for a $6.75 meal and Lt. Gov. Mary Anne Krupsak and the Alligators. Not bad, eh? Well, if you didn't make it, maybe next year. And Wednesday night, I highly recommend you to go to the Albrecht Lecture (sponsored by the Mollet Club and the LA Dept). Not to forget—Friday night of next week the Senior Class is having a big function...keep your eyes open for more info. C'mon! How can you not be for the increase? (No, don't tell me...!)

Anyway, whether you're for it or not, VOTE. It'll only take a little effort on you're part—let's see some student concern.

Didi Schultz
the ex-trez!

P.S. Note: This increase does NOT increase the amount of income available for disbursement. It only "replenishes" a fund that has just recently been depleted. The total amount will be approximately the same as this past year's was.
Is job hunting and the agony of writing cover letters getting you down? Take heart, even Eustace B. Nifkin's nephew, Cadwallader Nifkin has struggled to obtain employment:

1 Washington St.
syracuse, N.Y.
March 29, 1952

Personal director
Weyenheuser Paper Works
c/o Postmaster U.S.

My dear;

How about a decent job with your outfit? say chief logging foreman.

I've got my diploma, a B.S. in forestry; I really haven't got it yet, but my father has some pull up here and so has my big brother Eustice. Well anyway EvE had some experience with trees as we have one in front of our house and I cut it down last week since I thought it was over ripe. I've been on the Deans other list all thru' school. Tho' this letter is unsolicited i think you can make room for a character like I.

By the bye there is inclosed a personnel data sheet which I am sure you would find helpful in judging my abilities. My mother, father, and brother have been used as references I think will give the best opinion of me.

I would rather not submit to an interview as I speak very poor and look like hell. Personally I can't see why us collegians graduates have some much red tape to get a decent job.

Please let me know when I can start work as soon as possible

respectfully yours,

Cadwallader Nifkin

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CATCHALL con't...

"Be oblong and have your knees removed"??

My goodness Pete, you've gotten so big! (What an A.U.!) You constipated Pig!

Fruitflies are driving me buggy!!!

Passing statistics is improbable!!

Why doesn't Smokey the Bear have kids? Because every time his wife gets hots, he beats her over the head with a shovel!

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Silvico announces it's final close-out sale:

1. Slightly used Anova tables
2. SILVILAX, a new laxative sure to regulate your forest.
3. A graduation clearance sale — blaze orange safety vests.
5. Motorized pencils and pens for APM 492

C.L.: You'd better take your car back, its been spelled wrong!

Definition: faggot (fag st)n. 1. A bundle of twigs, sticks, or branches bound together. (American Heritage Dictionary) Hence the saying, "Throw the faggot on the fire!"