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SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Student Body

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FALL 1976 ESF ENROLLMENT AND STAFF

All data approximate.

FROSH .................. 227
SOPHS ................... 365
JUNRS .................. 594
SENRS .................. 469
5th YEAR ................ 043
GRADS ................... 359
CONT. ED ................ 113

All data approximate.

FACULTY (teaching) ....... 104
NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONALS
(Administrative Support Services, the majority of which is composed of Technical and Research Assistants) 107
CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES
(Maintenance and Secretarial Support Staff) ............. 170
RESEARCH FOUNDATION
(full time) ............... 040

BBQ: "I'D LIKE TO TRY IT, BUT..."

How many times have you heard this phrase on BBQ day from spectators observing the woodsmen's events? Have you ever had the same feeling? If you have, then you're in luck! The Forestry Club, in an effort to make the BBQ a more participant oriented affair, will gladly show anyone from any class the basics of the events so more students from all classes can compete for the coveted BBQ Cup.

A general meeting of the Forestry Club will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7:30pm in Room 110 Marshall. The topic for the meeting will be the BBQ and all associated factors; tickets will be going on sale Tuesday; practice will be on Sunday, 1-4pm; setup at Heiberg will begin Sat. at 8:30am. At the meeting, special emphasis will be directed toward orienting new people to participate at the BBQ. The entire student body is welcome and the more bodies the better. If you have any class spirit at all we'll see you there!

DEC COMMISSIONER TO SPEAK

Mr. Peter A. A. Berle, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will meet friends of Central New York Environment, Inc., at an informal reception Thursday, September 30, from 5 until 7 p.m. Beaver Lake Nature Center will be the location for Mr. Berle's first public meeting in Central New York since being appointed Commissioner by Governor Hugh L. Carey on May 5. The reception is open to the public and a donation of $3.00 (tax deductible) will go to aid CYNE, Inc.
CATCHALL is what may be called a piece of the paper devoted to everything in general and nothing in particular. Anyone who wishes to submit a little something may do so, as long as the submitted material refrains from degrading others and contains a minimum of expletives (that takes all the fun out, doesn't it?). Please be sure to mark your piece of whatever CATCHALL. You might call this a modified personals column.

Here goes...

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ATTN.: The next two issues of the Knothole will come out Thursday evening, October 7 and 14. Same time and place.

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. All interested students are invited to attend and share ideas.

**ABOUT THAT COLLEGE FEE**

Upon receiving my tuition bill this fall, I discovered another $25 added to it in the form of the College Fee.

Not knowing what this added amount was for, I enquired at 107 Bray Hall, Office of Student Affairs.

The SUNY (as mandated by its Board of Trustees) has for many years charged this fee to students of all state schools to help defray dormitory costs. Previously, ESF was excluded because we have no dorms.

In recent years the College Fee has no longer gone solely for dorm defrayals, but into the State University general fund.

As a result of this shift in the use of the fee, ESF students are no longer exempt.

The fee is $25/year for full time students and 85¢/credit hour for part time students.

Phil Hertzog
Robin Hood Oak Award and Who’s Who in American Universities and Colleges Nominations

Robin Hood Oak Awards are given by the Student Association to seniors and graduate students who at some time during their college experience have participated in extracurricular activities, thus contributing a service to the college community. The following criteria also apply for Who’s Who in American Universities and Colleges.

Criteria
1) It is not necessary to hold an office of any type.
2) Holding an office does not necessarily entitle a person to an award.
3) The nominee should be judged by the quality of his services. A short period of excellent work is just as valid as a long period of dedicated effort.
4) The nominees may include those who participated as freshmen and sophomores and then ceased to serve.

At this time the Awards Committee of the Student Association is accepting nominations for this award. We would appreciate student input in our decision. If you know of any senior or graduate student that you judge is deserving of this award, please let us know by submitting his or her name with a list of reasons as to why this person is worthy. Place the letter in the Student Association mailbox addressed to Awards Committee, as soon as possible. We need your nominations to help us find deserving people.

Jack Stevens
Jim Perry

B.M.C. 4th Annual Work Weekend

Here is some more information about the BMO work weekend to the Adirondack back country the weekend of October 16, 1976.
1) There is now posted on Dr. Ketchledge’s office door, Room 333 Illick Hall, a sign-up sheet for the trip. If you are planning to join us please sign up as soon as possible.
2) The organizational meeting for the trip will be held on Wednesday, October 6th at 7:30 P.M. in Room 319 Marshall Hall. At this meeting, we will finalize who is going and assign people to cars. It is somewhat imperative that all those who are planning to go on the trip be there at the meeting, or send someone to speak for you. We will need your name and social security number for the arrangements with the DEC for workpersons compensation. Also any questions you have about the trip can be answered at this meeting.

For the trip we will try to leave on Friday, October 15 some time in the afternoon. The choice will be yours to camp at South Meadows or to walk into Marcey Dam Friday evening. We will form at Marcey Dam as a group with the D.E.C. Rangers at 10 A.M. on Saturday morning. Then we will proceed up to the work sites at Indian Falls and Plateau Camp. When the work is done it will be your choice to spend Saturday night at Marcey Dam or to walk out and drive back to Syracuse. No matter how you choose, it will be a good time for all who attend.

I would like to repeat my request to people with cars to sign up and help us out. I would also like to encourage any students new to our college, or those who have not come out before, to join us if you are interested. We are due for some good weather this year and this trip is an excellent opportunity to meet people at our school with similar interests. You will also be doing a service to the state and promoting the name of our college. See you there!

David Rak
344 Illick

EIS FOR 1980 OLYMPICS DUE SOON

The 1980 Winter Olympics is scheduled to take place in Lake Placid. The release of the Environmental Impact Statement by the N.Y.S. DEC in early September will allow the people of New York to see how the Olympics will effect the Adirondacks. The October 21 public meeting of the Iroquois Group of the Sierra Club will be a full discussion of this Impact Statement.

Information on where to obtain a copy of the EIS to read will be available from the Sierra Club. Call (315) 472-4977 (evenings), or write 1217 Jamesville Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13210.

Attn.- some students have yet to pick up their BEOG and SEOG checks.
Well, there I was, standing on that chopped up patio, facing west. Out on Route 81, I saw a small, white rectangle, blurred by the distance, cross into my line of vision and then pass out of sight. There is really nothing special about my family's car, but it made me feel sluggish, as though I were walking through water, to see it leave without me.

Briskly, I turned to face my new life, and trudged into Lawrinson, that upright shoebox of a dorm, on the southwest corner of campus. My new life wasn't so great. First of all, living in Lawrinson is no visual smorgasbord. It seems that everything in that dorm is a square or rectangle! All those squares and rectangles then conspire to form boxes and all boxes confine you.

Oh, I forgot. I will give credit where credit is due. The fire alarms are dome-shaped and several (yes, several!) parts of the elevator are circular. That, to me, cancels their extra aesthetic value.

You may ask, "Why is this nut so anti-right angles? For what rational reason does he hate them?" Truth is, I don't hate 90 degree angles, I'm OK, they're OK. It's just that there are 89 other angles to choose from and I like to see some of them. Lawrinson is to the eye what baloney is to the taste buds. Stifling.

Even while walking outside, on the Forestry or Syracuse Quads, or looking at the view of the city, little relief was to be found. In overwhelmingly oppressive numbers - the numbers of monotony - the rectangles and squares marched on.

Then came the work, sweeping in like heat to a boiler. Read five chapters of this, three chapters of that. Do this in three hours. Do that in two hours. The hands of the clock would sweep into preassigned positions. On their command, thousands of people would move to a new place to learn even more.

The pressure built up (confined as I was to boxes). I was sure to blow a circuit.

It was then that I looked out my window, which I had previously ignored because it too was a rectangle, certain only to lead to more rectangles and right angles. Instead, the rough, patchwork pattern of the treetops of Oakwood Cemetery stretched out before me, lazy in the afternoon sun. Some of the pressure escaped.

I grabbed a light jacket, set my back to the university, and headed out. As I stepped into the woods, I felt an immediate deceleration of my body's molecules. The pressure expanded outward rapidly into the openness of the woods, until it was so finely thinned as to become negligible.

Man's newly imposed time schedule was replaced with a more ancient rhythm. A rhythm, you may correctly argue, which also has its demands. However, its demands are the ones my molecules were built to meet and so, they relaxed. Just as you or I would relax in the presence of an old, familiar friend.

My eyes received what they craved. The Oak trees swept upward easily in long, subtle arcs, and their roots grasped at the earth in radiating patterns. The evergreens were tall, thin triangles. Hills formed graceful domes...the squirrels were a myriad of changing shapes.

Even man's intrusions were acceptable here. The right angles of our headstones seemed unable to dominate the more varied sweeps and curves of unHomo-Sapienized nature.

Life in Syracuse suddenly became much better, I now knew there was a place to which I could escape when things really got bad.

This makes Oakwood Cemetery an interesting paradox. It is the place where we depart with our souls, but it is also the place to rejuvenate an old one.

Mike Bontje
ADK MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan was prepared in 1972, to protect the wilderness areas within the forest preserve, while still allowing full public enjoyment of these beautiful resources. The Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) are now striving to implement the Master Plan.

Under the plan, all the state lands in the Adirondack forest are categorized by their capacity to withstand use. The most protected classification is "wilderness," and the Adirondack wilderness totals 997,000 acres. This is the largest wilderness resource in the eastern United States.

The initial focus of the program, beginning this fall, is the removal of man-made facilities which tend to mar the wilderness experience. This includes the removal of all interior headquarters except Lake Colden. Telephone lines to interior buildings will be removed after a one-year trial of a new radio system. Peripheral visitor contact points will also be developed under this program, at three major trial heads.

Seven lean-tos, located above the 3,500 ft. elevation, will be removed, due to their impact on the fragile alpine environment. Volunteer crews of E.S.&F. students will tear down four of these lean-tos.

Another aspect of the plan is seeking greater contact with recreationists. Nearly half of the people entering the high peaks in the winter have never hiked the Adirondacks before, or never camped in the winter. On the average, 35 people are injured, and 25 lost in wilderness each year. To meet the need for greater public information about the preserve and the high peaks, DEC is designing a Forest Preserve Visitor Center. Satellite centers at key entry points to the peak will eventually complete the program.

Linda Palter

HANDBOOK AVAILABLE

The "Natural Areas Handbook" for Onondaga County, published by The Onondaga County Environmental Management Council, is available free of charge by calling 425-2640 or writing the Onondaga County Environmental Management Council, 1101 Civic Center, 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York.

DOWN UNDER

We live in an environmentally aware age in which people have often rallied to important causes such as "Save the Blue Whale," "Save the Hudson River," or even "Save the Whooping Crane." These causes are well worth their efforts but we often overlook some of our less spectacular but more basic species: No one has ever rallied to the cause "Save the Earthworm."

It is certainly hard to get excited about the bacteria, actinomycetes and earthworms of our soil. We must realize that saving our environment means saving every part, no matter how small. In just a gram of the soil we walk on every day, there should be over one billion bacteria, one million fungi, a million or more actinomycetes, and seventy thousand protozoa, not to mention the larger insects, earthworms and other life.

Earthworms in soil are much like canaries in coal mines. When the canary dies, the miners know the environment has become too dangerous for man. We now know that when a soil contains no earthworms, it is too dangerous for man. (Deserts not withstanding.) We can't continue to overlook such an important part of our ecosystem. All plant and animal life depends, either directly or indirectly, on the soil for survival. Plants need the nutrition of the soil, herbivorous animals need the plants for food, and carnivorous animals need the herbivores for food. Although the food chain depends on all of them, we still save only the higher life forms.

Soil has become synonymous with "dirt" in our society. We must stop thinking of soil in the "ring around the collar" context and start thinking of it as a living ecosystem. It's too bad that rallying to "Save the Earthworm" would only gain you the title "Out of your tree."
OLD YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

For those who may be interested in purchasing, for the nominal fee of $1, past issues of the Empire Forester:
- The following years are available:
  - 1975 ............ 45
  - 1974 ............ 111
  - 1973 ............ 9
  - 1970 ............ 8
  - 1958 ............ 4

As of yet no date has been set for the distribution of these old copies; please keep posted to future announcements regarding place and time of distribution. When said time arrives, please have a misc. cash receipt from the Business Office.

MONEY FOUND

A sum of money was found during the Graduate Student Association Picnic at Jamesville Beach. If you lost money at this event please contact me in Illick Hall, Office 108. Please ask your friends who attended the event—they may not see this notice. Thank you.

Bob Mungari
GSA President

ECONOMIC BOTANY

The Botany Club will be taking a winery tour on Monday, October 4th. We will be visiting the Great Western Winery to sample their wares.

Sign up on the list posted on 333 Illick; there will be a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 30 (room and time TBA). All those going on the trip must attend.

All are welcome; if you have a car you will be reimbursed for gas.

Darcy Eding