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STUDENTS OF E.S.&F.

You now have a chance to submit a deserving professor's name for the Distinguished Teaching Professorships and/or The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Both of these awards provide recognition to excellent professors in the SUNY system. All you have to do is submit the professor's name and reasons for your selection to the Student Council Mailbox in the basement of Marshall soon! It's a chance for input so take it while you can.

KLK

BACKYARD NATURE

The E.F.S. Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society is initiating a nature appreciation course entitled BACKYARD NATURE. This course is being offered to sixth grade students at the Dr. Martin Luther King Grammar School. As one of its features, we are looking for the little things that may be done at home with conservation in mind, such as turning off lights when they're not in use and bringing your own shopping bag to the store. If you have any ideas along this line or any questions concerning our course, please drop a note in the Wildlife Society's mailbox in the basement of Marshall or attend our meetings every other Tuesday night at 7:30. (The next one will be on Tuesday, November 2). Thank you,
Kevin Lane

CONSTITUTION REVISION

The College of Environmental Science and Forestry Student Association Constitution is under revision. Any students having input or interest are urged to attend an open meeting of the Constitutional Review Committee. This meeting will be held on October 26th, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 18, Moon Library.

W.F.W.

"He who has once seen the intimate beauty of nature cannot tear himself away again."

Konrad Lorenz from King Solomon's Ring

WORK ABROAD!

Information on IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) is available for students interested in working abroad. A number of our students have participated in IAESTE's program in past years, in summer on-the-job training.

For further information and for application blanks, check with Mrs. Wrightsman in Room 319 Bray Hall.

Charles C. Larson
Dean

STUDENT LEADERS' CONFERENCE

Once again the student leaders' conference has been postponed due to conflicts with the schedules of the college's administrators. The new date is Tuesday, October 26, 1976 at 7:30 PM in Nifkin Lounge.

Topic to be discussed include the college's transition to senior college status and student participation in administrative affairs. If you have any opinions to share with the rest of the college, or if you just want to get the facts straight, be there. We NEED your comments.
To the Editor:

If "Jerald Mathers" feels so strongly about his views on the transition to senior college status, why, then, couldn't he sign his name? Someone might have wanted to get in touch with him. Incidentally, a faculty member came to ME to find out who Jerald Mathers was (the Registrar didn't know).

I don't know how many of those "few" forestry related clubs with, as you put it "terrific participation", YOU belong to, but if participation is so poor, then why were people turned away from the shelter-removal trip of the BMC? With the type of logic you displayed in your letter, Beaver, you'll probably tell us that the Bob Marshall Club isn't a Forestry-related club. Don't tell me that this is just one isolated instance of club participation, either. If you want more, I'll be more than happy to give them to you.

Your inconsistencies are even worse than those made by Jimmy Carter. First you insist that academic excellence won't deteriorate under the senior college plan, but then you say that the number of graduate students will increase by \( \frac{1}{3} \). Come on now, Beaver! If the college accepts more students without the number of applicants significantly increasing (there's no provision for encouraging more grad applicants under the senior college plan, so this is unlikely), the college will be FORCED to accept lower grade students.

Don't tell me that the quality of students who attend community colleges is the same as those students who would rather attend a four-year school. The bulk of the transfers here will be from those community colleges. After all, there will be an automatic admissions program set up with several state community colleges. With higher enrollment in the Junior and Senior years, don't tell ME that academic excellence won't suffer.

I expect to see you, Jerald Mathers, at the Student Leaders' Conference (if it's ever held -- the administrators of this college have asked the Student Association to postpone it three times now). If you're not there, I can be sure that the BS you say has been floating around has been coming from you.

Stephen J. Danko

RJO.

We weren't going to bother writing this editorial, but in the tradition of 10 week editorial arguments such as one reads in the D.O., we will oblige.

First, most of us in the corner are commuters. There is no other place for us to "hang around," eat, sleep, or whatever, unless you would like us to overrun the library with approximately 25 and sometimes more people that are here at various times throughout the day. Naturally, then, one would expect to see more use of the spot than other places within the lounge; and, while not professing to be the most tidy people in the world, we who remain later in the day have helped the janitor clean up the place everyday.

A lot of our garbage stems from the estimated $30-50 we spend daily in the snack bar, and also from the smokers in the group. Therefore, if there was an extra empty (and we're not saying the janitors don't always leave them full) garbage can, and a few more ash trays so that we wouldn't have to use the Coke cans and cups, the problem would be 75% eliminated. We will take care of the hardcores in the group, also.

And, unless you are a janitor--we don't know since you remained close to anonymous, don't be a martyr by picking up after us. Our garbage doesn't chase you around the room, and we didn't ask you to pick it up.

Incidentally, as a suggestion from one of our members, let us see the condition of the place where you live.

We have too many people to sign all of them, but we don't want to be hypocrites about signing articles. Therefore we will say that if you wish to know who we are, you obviously know where we are.

The residents of the corner in question (There are 2 display cases, you know.)

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.
BOTANY CLUB TREMAN FALL FLORA TRIP

What comes in a multitude of sizes, shapes, forms, and colors, that would get twenty people out on a Sunday morning in weather which might duplicate the barbecue? Well, in case you didn't read the title of this article, it was the third annual Botany Club Fall Flora trip to Treman State Park near Ithaca. The reason -- to see how many different varieties of woody plants could be found. Dr. Ketchledge's claim to be sheltered from wet elements of the weather held up, and it turned out to be a nice day for the tree watching after all.

Since we were able to put our concerns for the weather aside, we could concentrate on identifying the woody plants that were present. We started our search from the lower parking lot and hiked up the trail which runs along the side of the gorge that runs through the park. We followed this trail and Dr. Ketchledge to the top of the park, looking for trees which were on the list of trees observed in previous years. The beautiful views of the water running through the gorge over falls and rocks were certain distraction from our Botanical pursuits. However, you were bound to be called to business by the find of some new tree or shrub. After reaching the park we paused for a lunch stop. Some were a mite careless in their choice of dining locations, sitting near a black walnut which is dropping its fruit is not the best of ideas on a windy day! However, no direct hits were scored, only a few near misses.

In order to pick up some new species and as variety is the spice of life, we followed the path which goes along the opposite side of the gorge. We found more species and more scenery on the way down. Dr. Ketchledge's wager of a bottle of beer could not stir any memories or even guesses concerning some plants.

Our luck with the weather also carried over to our search, as we found 86 species plus six new ones which will be added to next year's list. And so ends the tale of the third consecutive Botany Club Fall Flora trip to Treman State Park. Hopefully those who went left with a few new items of dendrological knowledge and enjoyed themselves as well. Thanks to all who went!

-Darcie Eding

BOTANY CLUB MEETING

Thursday, October 28 - General Meeting of Botany Club in 319 Marshall at 7:30 p.m. Plans for the rest of the semester will be discussed; all are welcome to put in their 2¢ worth!

Darcie Eding

RECOMBINANT DNA... CREATION OF LIFE?

Take the chromosomes of one organism and transplant them into another. Could this hybrid be a new form of life, one with characteristics of both its "parents", one fully capable of reproduction? Geneticists in Cambridge think so. In fact, they see it as a step toward curing cancer and preventing birth defects. Others see it as causing new diseases and epidemics. Really, just what are the implications of recombinant DNA?

A specially appointed board will soon decide whether to allow such research to continue in Cambridge. This group will examine the issue purely from a health standpoint. Others, however, are looking at the morals of the issue.

Strangely enough, the Catholic Church has found no religious injunction against DNA research. The Church feels that these efforts do not present the same blatant attack on human life as do euthanasia and abortion. Massachusetts Council of Rabbis, however, warns that the Bible clearly prohibits interbreeding of species (Deut.).

Be that as it may, one crucial question asked, is whether or not those scientists should be responsible for their creations (if they should prove to be dangerous). Says Dr. David Baltimore of MIT, "Some scientists shouldn't be responsible for anything since they are so irresponsible". Because of statements like this, people are beginning to think that scientists shirk the burden of responsibility.

Even after all these questions are considered, some still contend that DNA research could lead to genetic engineering. But "What's wrong with genetic engineering?" asks Dr. James Watson (the same one who discovered the molecular structure of DNA). Perhaps a better question would be not what's wrong with genetic engineering, but what's right with it?

SJD
LOST! Kelly, an all white shepard puppy. Female, 4 months old. Euclid-Wescott area. if found, call 422-0857.

Next time you spot a snail clinging to a rock while you're searching for other treasures (like cool red efts!), look carefully. You may be seeing a rare snail! Yes, thirty-two land and freshwater snail species including New York's Chittenango Ovate Amber Snail, found in Madison County, were proposed for inclusion on the list of threatened and endangered species by the Department of the Interior. Endangered snails?... come on, they're all over! Apparently not so, because it seems that the Ovate Amber in particular is a very fragile species valuable to ecologists because they're good indicators of the overall health of any ecosystem—river, prairie, or desert. If they survive, the health of an entire ecosystem and man's impact can be gauged on the microscopic, plant, and animal organism levels.

Besides being important in the food chain of larger animals, chemical zoologists have recently found that they possess a certain substance which could contain a cure for cancer. This substance, isolated from a clam by chemical zoologists, is thought to provide the metabolic and biological defense against cancer. Similar substances have also been shown to exist in mollusks, including snails. It has also been proven that the snail's systems can produce a variety of other compounds such as poisons, tranquilizers, antibiotics, antiplasmodics, and antiseptic chemicals.

So, don't be so quick to take that small, important member of our ecosystem for granted. Be gentle with the little fella! Who knows... in the future they may provide answers to the environmental and medical problems of our society.

-Laura Mauro

CATCHALL CATCHALL CATCHALL CATCHALL CATCHALL

Take two cows, Taffy!
In Quito, Equidor, there is a line which possesses "0" gravity. Ya better watch it, or you may get goosed to the moon.

George is our bus driver's name—His driving has brought him great fame.
When driving to Tully,
He rarely misses a gully
A feat he can solely acclaim!

Is it a fact that someone we all know has a dog named Abney?

Tired of the same old Forestry Frat?
Rush Zeta Kappa Garagel Find out what Gay-Rage life is all about. Contact Lootjen, Oosheyack, or Bootch. ZKG is the place to be! Mt. Kisco stud.

Is it true, M.C., that yelling obscenities at staff compass's influences their readings?

Silvico's your Forest Store, where your dollar buys you more—This week's green light special: 1/2 price off on all deer browsed trees.

On the count of three...THIS SUCKS!
Why me???

Oh Lord, won't you buy me a good grade in class? Mix. Mix. Mix. A high GPA does not assure one of entrance to heaven or gainful employment (but it sure as hell helps!).

The Great Pumkin Raid.

Wisdom from the stall wall: Here goes another snack bar special. Urb!

D.O. - did you ever think of making a living playing T.B.'s musical typewriter?

Lost: one mind. May be found errantly roaming the stacks in Moon Library, repeating over and over to itself: "Two tests on Tuesday, a paper due Thursday. No groceries or soap. Owe ten people letters; forgot sister's and mom's birthdays, Sigh. Sigh. Sigh. Need a rest."
Flash! The Pumkin-Burner-Murderer is on the prowl. Should be considered dangerous. Armed with a Bic Click that can't be kept down.

Funny, how each semester you say it's got to get better, that it can't be as bad as the previous semesters have been, when all the time it gets progressively worse and you can't wait to GET OUT OF HERE!!

Smile. Somebody must love you, because the probability of being hated by everyone is very remote.

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10/21 - 4pm., SU BIO DEPT Seminar, "Regulation of Protein Synthesis in Mammalian Cells", 117 Lyman Hall.
- 4:30pm., Peter Berle, NYS DEC Commissionerto speak on "Toxic Pollution in the NYS Environment". Env. Law Soc. Lec., Grant Auditorium.
- 7:30pm., Program TBA at the Beaver Lk. Nat. Ctre. Call 638-2519.
10/22 - OAS field trip to St. Agnes Cemetery Meet at 6:45am at the Valley Dr. entrance. Leader, Chris Spies, 423-4150.
- ONC Homestead Days, Baltimore Woods Program for school children; contact Jack Gramlich, 635-9005.
10/23 - OAS field trip to Shackelton Pt. and pts. east on Oneida Lk. Meet at 7:30 AM at Northern Lights Shopping Ctre beside the Ho-Jo restaurant. Leader: Chris Spies, 423-4150.
10/24 & 10/24 - Onondaga Co. Parks and Rec., The Sainte Marie Program, 9am - 6pm.
Sainte Marie de Ganenthaha Fort, Onondaga Lk. Park. Features aspects of 17th century life as experienced by the frenchmen who founded the colony on the shores of Onondaga Lk.
10/24 - 8:30 - 8:45AM, Dr. Hennigan, "Land Planning" WNTQ, 93.1 FM.
10/26 - OAS field trip, Oakwood Cemetery. Meet at 6:45am at the Comstock Ave entrance, Chris Spies, 423-4150.
- Onondaga Cycling Club monthly meeting at Club House, call Jim Konski at 471-2101.

**IDYL OF ANGER**

Exhausted yet determined,
figures along the shoreline fling
clumps of hay
on the puddles of grease
shimmering on the water.

Anger sensed thru silence,
the boaters collect hundreds
of birds
coated with oil
struggling to live
or bobbing in the paralysis of death,
...the hill of beaks and feathers grows.

The birds are crying...
they swim towards a helping hand
then scurry away
piping with pain and fear,
as the oil is technology claimed it impossible.

(Apologies to Joyce Kilmer)

The birds are crying...
they swim towards a helping hand
then scurry away
piping with pain and fear,
as the oil is Pits...

I've never seen a poem a bit
As lovely as a bordered pit.
A cavity in which a porous
Margo grasps a central torus.
A vital, microscopic gap;
Essential to the flow of sap.
Whose membrane can, in times of drought,
Protect a cell from drying out!

Poems are made by many wits,
But only trees make bordered pits.

(Mike Wiemann
Grad. - WPE

**ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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The Security Department has responded in the past to many complaints that dogs on Campus were causing problems by barking, fighting, etc., thus interfering with classes and the work of both faculty and staff; stray dogs are attracted to the area by such conditions, presenting the problem of exposing the Campus community to the danger of being bitten by such animals. Also, in many instances, dogs are brought into Campus buildings by members of the Campus community, causing disruption of working conditions and classes, and presenting a problem for the janitorial staff in keeping the buildings clean.

The City of Syracuse has an ordinance prohibiting unleashed dogs from running loose in the City, which includes Campus property. THIS WILL BE ENFORCED!

Please be advised that the Animal Control Team will be called by Security on provocation - that is, in any of the above-mentioned situations where dogs are causing problems. When this happens, the owners of such animals must face the inconvenience of recovering their dogs from the Animal Shelter and the possibility of having to pay a fine. Do not subject your dog - or yourself - to this experience. DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG ON CAMPUS!!

The Security Department and, indeed, the whole College community will appreciate your cooperation in carrying out this strict regulation.