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YEARBOOK--LAST CALL!

Attention! The yearbook staff would like to make a last plea for photographs of summer camp. Slides (35mm) are preferred, but 5x7 prints (glossy) will be acceptable. The photographs received so far cannot be placed into the yearbook so if no more are received, no photographs of summer camp will be in the yearbook.

We would also like to remind all seniors to sign up for their portraits in the basement of Marshall. These portraits will be taken November 1-5 in the conference room in Moon Library.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, ARTWORK, LITERATURE (QUOTES, POETRY, ETC.) OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE YEARBOOK, PLEASE SUBMIT THEM IN THE EMPIRE FORESTER MAILBOX IN THE BASEMENT OF MARSHALL. All submissions will be considered.

Kathy Lyons
Editor

SAF NEWS

This week there will be a short general meeting of the Society of American Foresters Student Chapter on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 8:00 p.m. A movie on Forest Tree Improvement with additional comments by Dr. Robert Westfall will follow the meeting.

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE
sponsored by Grad. Student Assoc.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
9PM to 1AM
NIFKIN LOUNGE

FREE ADMISSION AND DRINK (BEER, POP, CIDER)
MUSIC
ALL STUDENTS - FACULTY - STAFF WELCOME
costume encouraged forestry ID req.

NEW BRUNSWICK MEET, CANADA

On Thursday, Oct. 28, the Woodsperson's Team will be leaving for their first meet of the year at New Brunswick, Canada. After the tryouts on Thursday and Saturday of this past week, two teams of hardy men and one team of equally hardy women were chosen to compete. Team members are as follows:

MEN

A
George Braman
Nick Giannettino
Joe Snyder
Eric Siegel
Bill Edmister
Chuck Litty
Alt. Lew Becker

B
Jim Van Atta
Jim Nelson
Terry McManus
Fred Gliesing
Tom Kichura
Skip Heffeman
Alt. Steve Baumann

WOMEN

Denise Wheeler
Joanne Meade
Katy Kavanagh
Alt. Laura Mauro

Bill Coons

KNOTHOLE CREATIVITY CONTEST

The Knothole Creativity Contest will end on Saturday noon, November 20, 1976. While there have been some excellent selections in the POEM and SHORT STORY categories, no one has of yet submitted a CARTOON or a FEATURE ARTICLE.

I urge all students to evaluate their talents with respect to the written word and to their ability with a pen.

Procedures, rules, and prizes for each category are posted in the glass case located in the foyer of Moon Library.

Bill Coons
EDITORIAL POLICY

The attitudes, opinions, and/or statements expressed within Letters to the Editor are those of their respective authors, and do not in any way represent attitudes, opinions, or statements of the Knothole or its staff. The Knothole invites commentary on its content or any topic of interest. All Letters to the Editor must be signed. Unlike articles and announcements, names will not be withheld for Letters to the Editor.

Bill Coons
Editor

EDITORIAL

In the first issue of the Fall '76 Knothole I stated that "...the Knothole is... a forum to which the disgruntled student may turn to air his/her complaints in an organized and objective fashion. That the particular students conception of 'organized and objective' may differ from mine is to be expected," "...I will undoubtedly err, and I am sure that I will be informed in no uncertain terms of my mistakes."

Well, it's nice to know that I was right about something.... Throughout the past week and a half I have been "informed in no uncertain terms of my mistakes." "Mistakes" referring to 1) the publication of the Dear Friend article, and 2) the use of certain derogatory comments, phrases, and words contained in CATCHALL. If students, faculty, staff, and administrators were shocked or dismayed by the Dear Friend article, I am sorry. The article was not meant to shock and dismay but to educate, to convey historical humor and an awareness of our past — our errors and mistakes, that we may better forge the future. I would also like to state that the words used are not gutter language. While not suitable for dinner conversation, they have been incorporated into the common vehicular and are, for all intents and purposes, here to stay. As Editor, I take sole responsibility for the blame (if there is any to be given) for the placement of that article.

Secondly, I have been approached by the VP of Student Affairs and a number of students regarding the dubious quality of statements contained in CATCHALL. Comments ranged from "a little low" to "we don't need this" to "we won't have this." Correct on all three counts. When I initiated CATCHALL I stated that all submitted material must refrain from degrading others. Unfortunately, I failed to heed my own policy. I apologize to those I offended, particularly to Dr. Koten and Dr. Petriceks. I am sorry and I hope that in the future I will be more aware of the potential of possible hurt in the written word.

Students felt open enough to comment to me personally - I appreciate that and can learn more from that than if I were upbraided by one person trying to represent a multitude of interests. In this instance I am referring to members of the faculty and administration who were discourteous to me and the Knothole by failing to inform us, the personages concerned, of their apparent dissatisfaction with the content of this paper. I strongly suggest (as much as a student can strongly suggest anything to faculty or administrators) that the proper channels to follow lead not to Dr. Payne's door but to the source, the Knothole staff, advisor, and Editor. Had I been contacted by the individuals concerned I would have been more aware of the magnitude of the offense taken and could have therefore reacted in a more judicious and understanding manner. As it stands, I have little patience, respect, or sympathy for statements that seem to derive from the very air itself, and like a lost waif, have no home. Individual beings with names and faces and resultant thoughts have greater import.

Long winded bastard, aren't I?

Finally, I would like to refer the reader to the Editorial Policy Statement at the top of this page, and particularly to the last sentence. Since Letters to the Editor are of a biased nature, based as they are upon the individual's relative strengths and weaknesses, they should state the author's name. I am a firm believer in the archaic faith that a person, either when standing up for what he believes in or when refuting a wrong, should be responsible for his/her own actions and statements. This means the personal acknowledgement of deeds done, words spoken, and thoughts written. If anyone finds this policy to be repressive and threatening to their individual well-being I suggest that when confronted with an issue you wish to place in the Knothole you a) sign your name or b) state your points and contentions. If said points are valid and of concern to the college community, I will assume responsibility for them and sign my name to them.

Dissatisfactions? I may be contacted via the Knothole or student mailbox, or you may call 472-1915 and leave a message.

BILL COONS
Dear Mr. Danko,

Setting aside the issues of the Presidential candidates, I wish to comprise a rebuttal to an article with many broad perspectives. In doing so, I will attempt to be exceedingly calm and not let my opinions drown my better judgement.

First, I would like to attempt a brief explanation of the article in question (VOL. 27 #4). The underlying purpose, which I attempted to explain previously, was to bring out other possibilities and opinions that could be related to such a controversial issue. In this rebuttal, I will not tell you that the shelter-removal trip of the BMC is not an isolated case of club participation. Nor will I debate about the so-called, "FORCED," acceptance of lower grade students. I will, however, be at the Student Leadership Conference if for nothing else than to become informed of the total situation so that I can become informed of the issues that you so adamantly oppose.

I do have a few questions in closing. First, please tell me, in your opinion, what is a lower grade student? Also, what do you know about the quality of students who transfer in from community colleges? Are you currently aware of the number of students who transfer in, from "those," type of schools, each year? I suggest that you don't. If it were the case that automatic admissions programs were set up, how can you honestly judge one student from the next? Finally, Mr. Danko I would like to know if this is what you are referring to: "The College of E.S.&F. enjoys 65 years of tradition, uninterrupted by progress or reason!"

Respectfully submitted,
I remain
Jerald Mathers
(David Norton)

The residents of the corner in question:

Let's see, isn't there an old cliche that goes something like this: the first to find excuses are the ones that are the most guilty? But in this case, I guess it doesn't apply. Yes, I know there are two cases down in Nifkin lounge. That is why I said display and not trophy case. There is a difference, ya' know.

As for being commuters and spending $35-$50 a day: does that give you the right to keep a place untidy? There are others that also like to use Nifkin as a place to eat and socialize. Therefore, your logic (giving you the right to leave an area that way till you have time to clean up later) fails miserably. You are truly being "hogs" when you force other people (who can't eat or meet off campus) to habitat in such a pig sty.

As for being a martyr—it doesn't apply since I'm only looking out for other people's welfare but also at the same time, looking out for my own. In other words, my action does not fulfill the necessary requirements of being a martyr. I feel I have an obligation (as should we all) to make life a little more bearable for my fellowman—you are being inconsiderate, to say the least, if you did not take care of your own mess.

Now for the hypocrite part. I know who you people are—not all—but enough. And these people I know also know me. Therefore, I am not a hypocrite by just initializing my letter. If you really wanted to show me up, then why didn't you sign all forty names? Nay, I say you're hypocrites because you're afraid that your fellow classmates may lower their opinion of you if you were responsible for the mess in a corner of Nifkin.

As for seeing where I live, I'm not afraid to let you see where I live and what it's like inside. However, if you see my place, then I must also be allowed to see yours so I may make a better judgement of the situation—or are you afraid of what I may find?

Oh yes, lest I forget: did you people ever think of asking the administration or the janitors for a couple more trash cans since "you're so concerned" or are you just full of hot air?

As ever yours,
R.J.O.

(P.S. I am also a commuter that does buy lunch in Nifkin from time to time.)
These symbols scribed in ink,  
Composed upon the brink,  
Of bizarre and memorable times,  
Chosen now to set to rhyme.

One day it came to pass,  
While suffering through Joel's class,  
Four people formed a crew,  
Dedicated to capturing short-tailed shrew,  
While busy traversing a plot or two.

Anyway, it seems these motley four,  
Had been cast out Hell's backdoor,  
Their leader known as Fred,  
Stomped through swamps without a dread,  
A metal hardhat on his head.

Another, Dennis was his name,  
Drew some maps that brought him fame,  
Yet never he cared for the 'game',

Randi, number threeman of the crew,  
Slung an axe, the trees he slew,  
For diversion between times, rocks he threw,  
Alas the forth, a maiden fair,

Doomed to four weeks of despair,  
Delicate young thing among the bears.

Snakes, stones, and tipped canoes,  
How much could three evils do?  
Taunted, haunted, drenched, and dragged,  
What a time the maiden had,  
Even Bruce, headman of number fifty-five,

Forced her to work to keep sanity alive,  
Corrupted at long last,  
The maiden's sweetness now had past,  
She cursed and caroused just like the rest,  
Her life now focused on pure jest.

Abneys, range poles, tapes, and chains,  
Their meaning and usage down the drain,  
Gin and beer became the rule,  
After all, who really cares about school?

This ode to good old Howard Days,  
Written to account for what $250 pays,  
Thank you all for times of fun,  
I wish you eternal happiness under the sun...

WARNING!

Last year the Knothole printed an article soliciting student input for a poetry contest through the National Poetry Press. Some students have had difficulties in dealing with this agency, so be forewarned. Please assure yourselves of a firm's reliability and honesty before you participate and enter contests or buy their products.

The Bob Marshall Club successfully conducted its Fourth Annual Adirondack Work Weekend on Oct. 15, 16, and 17. Over sixty people participated in the removal of four shelters; two at Indian Falls and the two at Upper and Lower Plateau Camps. These lean-tos were at elevations greater than 3500 feet (1067 m), and in a fragile environment, making them inconsistent with the State Land Master Plan for the Forest Preserve. A few members of the group found the time and energy to climb to the icy and windswept summit of Mt. Marcy.

As a follow-up activity, the BMC will sponsor a seminar series on Wilderness Area Management. All are encouraged to attend and participate in the seminars and other club activities in the near future.

Some bow saws, axes and pinch bars, personal property of Dr. Ketchledge, were not returned after the trip. A plastic poncho is also missing. If anyone on the trip has these articles, please return them to Al Mollitor, 342 Illick, or Dr. Ketchledge, 333 Illick.

The BMC also wishes to thank the Botany Club for contributing funds to our effort. More importantly, however, we thank David Rak and Dr. Ketchledge for their hours of work which made this trip possible.
CATCHALL

CATCHALL is the Knothole's modified personals column. Anyone who wishes to submit a little something may do so... please mark your little piece of whatever CATCHALL and place in the Knothole mailbox. Here goes.

In Moon Library, Paper Folding for Beginners is shelved two books away from Students Under Stress and The Education of American Teachers.

Rumor has it that a certain door cost $800. Can this be true?
Rumor also has it that if it's not in the book it can't be done. True?

Jumping Anacondas!

What do you get out of a forest during war-time? Spears.

Lost: Large overweight sheepdog. Answers to the name of "FATBOY". Reward, call Cumber at 423-CLOG.

I destroy over 30,000 brain cells every weekend.

Why, that's morally reprehensible.
It's difficult to distinguish distinctum from holding. That's what she said...

Dendro II quiz: it was so cold that the milky sap did not flow out of the Norway Maple. Guess who got it wrong.

Watch it, toots.

Keep the law-making young.

I have "it's one of those days" seven days a week!

Brewster stud.

This week's green light special at Silvico: White Pine Blister Rust Remover, only $1.99 a can.

I'm in love.

"Dr. Clifford Winters, vice chancellor of SU, told the County Legislature's Public Works Comm. that 'a major football program is essential to the life and health of the institution.' Mmm. Makes ya' wonder, don't it?

Ever notice the correlation between the heaviness of the foot on the gas petal and masculinity? Neither have I.

I had a spelling contest with my niece and nephew, ages 7 and 8. They were having me spell words that had as their derivation the back of a PUFF tissue box. I spelled three words wrong. I am nearly 21 years of age. Perhaps I should switch to a tissue in a decorator box.......

The white-tailed deer is a noble animal. Its keen scent, fleet legs and innate cunning make it the finest game trophy New York hunters can attempt to outwit. As long as the attitude and ethics of deer hunter match those of the game, the sport and recreation will also be noble.

Unfortunately hunting, including deer hunting, is actually in jeopardy because too many hunters (a minority of the total) are just what the anti-hunting clan claim to be, slobs who have little or no respect for either the game they hunt or the landowners on whose land they hunt.

In today's urban society a large percentage of the hunters live in cities and towns where they have lost contact with the landowner. One vital step in restoring their perspective on the utilization of the wildlife bounty of the land is to reacquaint themselves with those living on the land.

Most deer hunters do some scouting of prospective hunting sites, but not enough of them carry this to its ultimate conclusion of contacting the landowners for permission to hunt. This action has two real benefits. First, you will find a lot of good posted land is posted not to keep hunters off, but to have some control over who hunts. Second, who knows better than the man who is on the land every day of the year, where deer are most apt to be?

The cannonading on the ridgetops that the anti-hunter hears in the valley can mean only one thing to him — somebody is desperately trying to kill a deer, and isn't really taking very careful aim. He is probably right. What he can't hear is the hunter who is patiently waiting to get a deer in his sights where one shot will drop it. Good ethics, paradoxically, are always inconspicuous.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK


Oct. 30/31: Noon - 10PM, Noon - 7PM, 1976 Cross Country and Downhill Ski Show at the State Fairgrounds. Buy and sell used equip. (bring ski equip. Oct. 29 to the Fairgrounds from noon - 9) Door prizes, food, and beer, fashions, movies, exhibits. 75¢ advance, $1 admission. For information, call Art Zimmer, 458-8251.

Oct. 30: Workshop and field trip for local Environmental Commissions, sponsored by the Onondaga County EMC. Topics: Soils, interpretation and mapping, wetlands surveys, drainage and floodplain administration, LUNR. For info, call 425-2640.

Oct. 31: 8:30AM, "Wetlands" by Dr. Werner, WNTQ (93.1 FM)


Oct. 31: OAS field trip to Derby Hill and other points on Lake Ontario. Meet at 7:00AM at Northern Lights Shopping Center beside the HoJo restaurant. Leader: Chris Spies.

Nov. 2: 3PM, "The Landscape of Home" D.E. Sopher. Room 152, Link Hall.

Nov. 3: 7PM, "Unique Communication Problems and Strategies of EMC's" Dr. Hennigan, Botany Seminar Room, Illick Hall.

Nov. 3: OAS meeting, 8PM, Marshall Auditorium, Mike Storey, Director of Beaver Lake Nature Center, will give an illustrated talk on his research into "The natural history of central New York," with emphasis on Onondaga County.


ADK-Adirondack Mt. Club OAS-Onondaga Audubon Soc. EMC-Environmental Mgmt. Council

Oct. 28: 4PM, "Suppressor macrophages in tumor-bearing animals." Dr. Susan Zolla-Pazner. Rm. 3009 Weiskotten Hall, Upstate Medical Center.
So here you are at Pack, and you think that it's going to be a vacation...

But you say that they ripped you off on books the first day, And your parents weren't impressed with the dorms, And you heard the girls had carpeting and black and white T.V. and a sun porch.

Well, you'll make it through, stumpy.

But you say that learning the latin names of trees is impossible... at Harry's, That they drive you around in cattle trucks, And you still don't understand the physics of it.

That's too bad, Ye Forester, But don't worry—you can look forward to celebrating when you close your traverse.

What's that? You say that you never did close your traverse, And a mosquito flew up your abney, And one of your crew members jammed the 180 dollar staff compass in the ground and knocked the needle off the pivot, And you never did understand a J.H. lecture?

Life gets tough—don't it? But you have other things to look forward to... Like dinner and bonfires and tubing down the Hudson.

But you say that you missed the 1976 Olympics And the Democratic National Convention...

Maybe you're luckier than you think, Pack Rat, Where else do you get to hear "Red River Valley" 48 times... in one day, Or see the latest movies like "Wood Duck World," Or see "Baby Sequoias," Or hear about loblolly pine, Or hear a siren at 6:30 every morning, Or work six days a week (and seven if you're lucky).

Don't worry, stumpy, you'll have your fun yet...

You say that every time you try to have fun they don't serve you breakfast, And that unvaselining the toilet seats is NOT fun.

But think of the interesting people you met, Like Doc Chris, And Doc Johnson, And those ( ) T.A.'s.

But you say that all you saw was a bunch of Hawgs, And a munchin...

Don't worry, weary weevil, you'll see them all again at Tully... So go to sleep now, tomorrow will be a brighter day...if it doesn't rain.
PACK HAS HAD THEIR SAY. NOW, HOW ABOUT YOU?!

CROSSWORD SCRABBLE
by WJHMMOL

ACROSS

1. H2O, prefix
5. Kiss My A-- (abbr.)
7. animal
8. cunning
10. virtue
14. minute
15. servant
18. stopper, plug
20. style, type
22. sick bird, ill ___
24. Swedish for yes
27. Resident Advisor
29. animal's overcoat
30. halo
33. one without intellect
36. criminals
39. precise
42. exclamation, 2 words
43. ___ and flowed
45. Civil Engineer
46. necessary wear in Syracuse between October & March
49. name unknown
50. toy musical instrument
53. Fe
55. certificate of achievement
57. girl's nickname
58. participate
59. to like alot
60. assault by troops from a besieged place vs. the besiegers
61. greeting
62. home of Syracuse stumps

DOWN

1. Alpha nicotinamide
2. mother bee
3. Muffet's diet
4. not allowed in dorm
6. aquatic ecosystem
9. record of events
11. it
12. fork prong
13. ready, willing, and ___
15. Visiting Nurse
16. senescent photosynthetic organ
17. excursions
19. to not stop
20. happy
21. electrical engineering
23. grating
25. conceited
26. dog's reaction to mailman
28. Little Red ___
31. Unidentified Landing Object
32. account of
34. for example
35. bill

36. athletic supporter
37. winning
38. not in
40. ___ radio
41. purport
44. scat
46. tooth
47. profession
48. horse cry
51. whizzes
52. out of print
53. not, prefix
54. speed contest
56. Ontario
As many of you know, the New York Higher Education Services Corporation (NYHESC), which administers the Tuition Assistance/Regents Scholarship Programs for residents of New York State, has encountered serious processing difficulties. These problems have resulted in delays in sending students Award Certificates for 1976-77.

In an effort to avoid students from being penalized by the delays at the Services Corporation, the College deferred tuition charges for the fall term against estimated TAP awards for those students who had submitted an application to NYHESC. This is the first time the College has extended this type of deferment privilege to students. The College - i.e. the Business Office in conjunction with the Office of Financial Aid - is beginning to formulate specific plans for spring registration. In doing so, we must determine the status of applications filed by our students who are eligible to receive an award from these programs. The College will again defer an estimated award in the spring for those students who have made every reasonable effort to have their application processed.

The first step in making an effort to expedite the processing of your application is to determine its present situation. Students who have filed an application should fall into one of the following categories:

A. An official Award Certificate has been received from the Services Corporation.
B. No reply whatsoever has been received from the Services Corporation.
C. Additional information has been requested by NYHESC, and the student has complied but has not heard further.
D. Additional information has been requested by NYHESC, but the student has not yet complied.

If Category A applies to you, please take the College copy of your Award Certificate to the Bursar's Office (Room 102, Bray) immediately, if you have not already done so. If you have paid your tuition from personal funds, you will be reimbursed when the College receives the TAP/RC checks from Albany. (This is usually 6-8 weeks after the Award Certificate is received.) If you have deferred tuition against an estimated TAP award, the actual award appearing on the Certificate will be reconciled against the estimate. Appropriate refunds or billings will be generated.

In an effort to assist students who are represented in the B, C, and D Categories above, the Office of Financial Aid will have a special station in 104 Bray Hall during the week of November 8 as follows:

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Thus, if you have not yet received an Award Certificate, please stop by this station where we will have specific advice as to what step(s) should now be followed. We will have available an updated printout from NYHESC showing the application
status for each student at the College who has applied. It would be helpful for you to bring copies of any correspondence you have had with the Corporation or forms requesting additional information.

The College will only defer tuition based on State Awards in the spring term for students who have an Award Certificate or have taken the steps advised during the week of November 8. If part of the spring term charge is deferred against an estimated TAP/RC award, the student must immediately pay the difference between the actual and the estimate if it necessary for the College to generate a bill.

Any forms from the Services Corporation requesting additional information can be turned into Ill Bray Hall and we will photocopy the information and send them to the Services Corporation. This procedure will provide the College with a basis for deferrment during the spring registration.