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A Letter from the Editor:

The other day when walking down Euclid, I caught a whiff of a horrible smell: rotten eggs! It was absolutely disgusting, and even worse I had to endure the stench for a whole two blocks. Normally, a bad smell like this doesn't really bother me, but I guess what pinched my nerves was the smorgasbord of trash in the front yard of almost every house I passed, making its way to the side of the road...

And then I was thinking the other day, why does the city of Syracuse look so grey and depressing. It is actually a rather beautiful city, however this is never shown by the downright criminal neglect that is rampant in this city. If only someone would do something about this, if only...

But unfortunately, there has been an overwhelming dose of lame being passed around lately. Lame, lame, lame. The kind of lame that allows for smelly lawns, grey skies and three projects being due all in one day. The kind of lame that makes me wonder why I didn't go to college somewhere warmer and sunnier. But most importantly, the kind of lame that makes life a little interesting, so I don't pass into some mundane ritual of mediocrity. So what's a college student to do with such conflicting feelings? Lame...

But on the bright side, it's amazing how much amusement little furry rodents can give a stressed out student. In a moment (well, an hour) of procrastination, I looked out my back window to find a gray squirrel gorging itself at my bird feeder. Way to work the system, little man! Lucky for him, the crazy snow storm on Valentine's Day weighed down the feeder, leaving it permanently bent close to the ground. Rather than running, they waddle up and down the tree, emboldened by this newly found cornucopia. Maybe they're just following America's general Super Size me trend, and now I'm guilty of enabling them! Now I'm stressed out again...

With considerable resentment did I watch that fat little specimen toddle away, the rascal unharmed under my bitter rage. I made an attempt on his life once before with my car, but missed, and hit an oak tree on Euclid. But really, the joke is on him... He's not safe... I have another car!

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Student Life and the Environment

Rachel Dedora
Staff Writer

They catch your attention everyday on Marshall street: girls decked in big sunglasses, mini skirts and Ugg boots, Tiffany & co. jewelry; boys drenched in cologne, hair gel and ego.

What, or who, are these creatures? SU’s stereotypical sorority airheads and fraternity meatheads.

While you may look at them in disdain, Greek life at Syracuse University is much more multi-faceted than given credit for.

I shared this unflattering portrait of sorority and fraternity members until my student manager at work, someone who I admired very much, came out of the office one day wearing a sweatshirt with letters on it. After a few minutes of being puzzled, she confidently told me she was a member of a house here on campus. Being the incredible role model she was, I decided to give recruitment a shot. Now I’m on the executive board serving as the Vice President of Finance, live in the chapter house and wear my Alpha Chi Omega letters proudly just like her.

Most ESF students take classes through Syracuse, and participating in Greek life helps to bridge the gap between campuses, making it seem more familiar and friendly. Most national research illustrates that going Greek is strongly associated with better academic performance, increases in involvement in community service projects, extra curricular activities, and leadership positions.

“We all know how to balance having fun, academics, and involvement in campus and community activities. The leaders that come out of the Greek community are always very impressive,” Ortega reports.

From philanthropic aims to community outreach, each house dedicates their time and effort to make this world a better place just like the students here at ESF.

During 2006, fraternities and sororities raised a total of $40,934.80 in philanthropy dollars and performed 17,376.75 community service hours. Some popular causes are the Vera House, St. Jude’s Children’s Oncology, Service for Sight, Reading is Fundamental, Adult Literacy, National Kidney Foundation, American Heart Association, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Society, Prevent Child Abuse, and many more.

“There is so much to do and get involved with while being a Greek and so many new people you meet. It is not all about drinking, and sorority girls, there’s community service, philanthropies, chances to gain leadership skills, and to meet life long friends you can call your brother,” said Andrew Krieger, a brother of Phi Kappa Psi.

“Going Greek is probably one of the best choices I’ve made while attending ESF” Krieger concluded.

So if you’re interested, there are twelve Panhellenic sororities and fourteen fraternities, all open and willing to encompass ESF individuals. They’re waiting for you.

Greek and Green... An ESF Student’s perspective on SU Greek Like
A Summer in the Sierras...
Reflections on an internship

Cara Stafford
Staff Writer

As an undergraduate conservation biology major, it seems like all I ever heard about was internships. Why I should get one, where I should look, how my college experience wouldn't be complete without one (not to mention I need one to graduate). Last winter break I finally stopped procrastinating and scoured the Internet for the perfect summer internship. If you've taken a course with Guy Baldassarre, you've undoubtedly heard about the Texas A&M site, whose website is http://www.wfsc.tamu.edu/jobboard/index.htm.

Mostly EFB and Wildlife Management positions are listed here, but it's a great place to start. Check back regularly for new listings from universities, state and federal agencies, and non-profit organizations. What really caught my eye was the conservation internship page on the SCA site (http://www.thesca.org/). I applied to four wildlife, plant, and restoration positions throughout California, Hawaii, and Wyoming. Honestly, the SCA online application was a pain—very lengthy and detailed (i.e. how many hours have you spent canoeing?). You pick up to five positions you're interested in, SCA reviews your application, and sends it to prospective employers if the positions are open. I applied in January, conducted phone interviews in March, and flew out to California in May.

My first view of the Golden State was Fresno, which left much to be desired. But for the next twelve weeks I lived, worked, and breathed the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Kings Canyon National Park and the adjacent Sequoia National Park form the most breathtaking workplace I have ever experienced. I shared a rustic two-room cabin at an elevation of 6,600 feet with a college sophomore from Pittsburgh who had never been on her own; this was a challenge in itself. Nestled between huge sugar pines, my little cabin was a ten-minute walk from a giant sequoia grove. Evening jogs in Grant Grove brought me around the General Grant Tree, one of the largest trees in the world!

What exactly did I do all summer? Plain and simple, I looked for and pulled out weeds. I prefer the more glorious title of National Park Service Vegetation Management Crew Member. Each day, I donned my NPS volunteer uniform, grabbed my gloves and shovel, and headed out with my small crew. Surveying for bull thistle, woolly mullein, and other invasive plants sounds monotonous; sometimes, I definitely got sick of keeping my eyes peeled for plants for eight hours straight. Nevertheless, I felt privileged to hike in areas of the park that visitors rarely saw. My daily workday was anything but normal!

I hiked up and down steep slopes in remote areas, encountered rattlesnakes and bears, crossed beautiful rivers and discovered many new plants. On weekends, my off time was spent hiking up mountains, rock climbing in the canyons, and exploring California. Our crew went on two backcountry trips, where I got to camp and work away from civilization for weeks at a time. A friend and I created a list of firsts for summer 2006, and it was pretty extensive. I climbed my first mountain, ate chicken-of-the-woods and gooseberries, maneuvered my way around the backcountry off trail, and saw the Perseid meteor showers from my sleeping bag from the top of a seemingly unexplored ridge. I don't feel quite so sheltered anymore, plus I have a new favorite place in the world. Not only did I overcome many fears, but I also forged great friendships and decided to pursue invasive plants for future graduate studies.

Based on my summer, I would highly recommend SCA internships to other ESF undergrads. After talking with many other interns in the park, I felt that everyone was generally satisfied with their SCA experience. However, I did hear about some sub par SCA experiences. For example, my roommate was hired at the last minute and was not properly informed about how airfare, accommodations, and uniforms worked. My crew leader, who had completed multiple SCA internships, was so unhappy with a poorly organized position that she failed to complete her stay.

Obviously, some positions are better than others. Regardless, the take-home message is that SCA helped make summer 2006 the best of my life—so check it out! It turns out our professors and mentors were right all along. Internships are fun, give important focus, and ultimately act as stepping stones to future careers. For more info, check out http://www.esf.edu/internships/.
The Rainforest in the Backyard
ESF's Own Greenhouses

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Staff Writer

The greenhouses perched atop Illick Hall do not generally command the attention of casual passers-by. It is unfortunate that such unusual and spectacular facilities should be all but overlooked, and pursuant to this end, I was inspired to conduct an interview with the chief caretaker of the greenhouse facilities in order to obtain a deeper and more informed perspective on the facts, figures and trivia pertinent to their residence here on campus.

Early in my interview with Laurence Whelpton, chief caretaker of the Illick Greenhouses, it came to my understanding that for all their magnificence, those greenhouses were not the original facilities of their type on campus. The Illick facilities were, as a matter of fact, preceded by a smaller building, located between Bray Hall and Oakwood Cemetery that is considerably older, that continues to stand in that location to this day. The Illick greenhouses were not an addition, but have been a component of the massive biology building since its construction, thirty-eight years ago.

A casual observer standing at ground level might be inclined to believe that they were an addition, appended at a later date, though it readily becomes apparent shortly after disembarking from the elevator on the fifth floor, that the entire floor, in large part, is an extension of the greenhouse's supporting infrastructure. Needless to say, that infrastructure is quite extensive. In addition to the novelty of a small store equipped to sell exotic plants, the special provisions related solely to the operation of the facilities include a backup generator. The greenhouses' ample energy demands are generally supported by the Syracuse University steam station, but in the event of a power meltdown, the generator lies in wait, poised at a minute's notice, to commence producing life-sustaining power to the space heaters for the preservation of the delicate vegetation.

To complicate matters further, each greenhouse simulates a specific environment from some alien portion of the world. A steamy rain forest environment and an arid desert are just two of the broad range of climatic variations offered by the facilities.

Before concluding our discussion, I inquired of Mr. Whelpton what sort of academic background would be appropriate for individuals interested in a career involving the maintenance of facilities containing fragile, exotic plant life, like the Illick greenhouses. He informed me that he was the owner of a two year degree in horticulture from SUNY Alfred. ESF does not currently offer horticulture, but does offer programs that confer similar degrees of qualification.

After my interview with Mr. Whelpton, I reflected upon the day's experiences, and found it unfortunate that such spectacular displays of exotic botanical life should be relegated to use in only six courses every year, plus roughly half a dozen independent graduate projects. I had only previously visited the Illick greenhouse facility several times, and not once in the past two years, but recently, upon reentering that little fragment of tropical paradise atop Illick Hall, I once again realized what a treasure our school has.

If you may be as creative as to overlook the steady hum of the climate control equipment, you may easily imagine yourself thousands of miles removed from snowy Syracuse, in a lush Amazon rainforest, a tropical citrus orchard, or the arid, sun-drenched Southwest. My recent visit to the greenhouses opened my eyes to the reality that regardless of whether you are a student in one of the few classes that actually utilize the facilities for academic purposes, the wealth of plant life in our greenhouses is bound to hold an experience of aesthetic wonder for all visitors to behold.
On February 23, 2007, Nifkin Lounge was transformed into different cities from around the world. Fifth Year Landscape Architecture Students traveled to different countries and "rebuilt" the cities they visited in little corners of Nifkin Lounge. The event was the annual Festival of Places. ESF Student Cariann said, "I admire the creative ability these people have to transform the country they visited into a small little section in Nifkin." Caroline Massa, an ESF sophomore, said "I like how we wind through the different places and we don't even need a passport." When entering Nifkin Lounge, people encountered a Windmill that they were able to spin. A palm tree made up of paper machete was near the stage with a sign that read "Hey Mon, Welcome to Belize."

"Welcome to Berlin," said 5th year L.A. Student Vincent Cocca (Vinny), who recently studied in Berlin, Germany observing how the demolition of the Berlin Wall has affected the city's landscape. In the entrance to the Berlin section, there was a bear made up of pictures from Berlin. "There were bears all over the city; most had artwork from different cities. We just plastered pictures on this bear." When someone came over with a sausage that was served in the Berlin section, Vinny said "Good sausage, did you get the curry ketchup? Put it on there! Do it!"

"The food is amazing," said one ESF Student. Each section served traditional food from the city they visited. There were waffle cookies in Amsterdam, Netherlands that were very sweet and a mini-pizza in Empanada, Spain.

Julie Russotti, a 5th year L.A. Student that went to Italy said, "It was lots of fun, a challenge to put this up. We did a lot of drawings sketching out the villages with different characteristics and details. We started putting it up on Sunday, about 50 hours went into building this. The pasta curtain was the most tedious."

Nifkin Lounge was packed with people trying to see everything and get to the food and drinks. Vinny said "This place is such a bottleneck, I love it!" Not only did ESF students attend this event, but also parents of the students and people from the surrounding community. One student from Arts and Sciences said, "This is a very good event, very well put together, the organization is done very well. This can't be a big room and they fit so much in it."

On the stage were books that the L.A. students made with their sketches and pictures of the places they went to describing the landscape and history. One book by Dana Weiss showed the transition of landscapes from land to water in Greece. Sean Kearns' book, entitled "The Phenomena of Design Details," had on one page a picture of buildings with a caption that read "Roof of the two pavilions with Amanita mascara Mushroom." One ESF student recommended a book called "Living with Nature." The first page included study objectives that documented "how the art creates a sense of mystery, stimulates curiosity," and more.

In addition, there were slideshows and pictures in each section showing the places the students visited. The Belize section had pictures of the sea and a star fish. In the Spain section, there was a drawing of the street and buildings in the area where the students who traveled there lived. Sean Kears, one fifth year L.A. student who visited Spain said, "We tried to make the perspective of the streetscape. Even though it's so wide, 80% of the street is given to pedestrians. The pedestrian has right of way completely." His group spent 12 weeks during the fall semester studying their city, but arrived a month before to tour the different countries. Covering the Nifkin display cases were other drawings, such as the Gothic Cathedral.

Nicole Formoso, a L.A. fifth year who visited Amsterdam said, "I love Festival of Places, its so nice to see everyone with smiles on their faces, to know we put in all this work and everyone's enjoying it makes it all worthwhile. Two years of work and the pieces are falling in together."
Ask Nifkin:

Hi all, Most of you have heard of me before, but if not, I have been around this campus since the early 1940’s. In my tenure here I have learned a lot, and have been privy to a lot of helpful information that has guided me on this wild and crazy journey that is going to school at SUNY ESF. So I felt that it was time for me to extend this knowledge to the entire campus community and beyond by creating an advice column in the Knothole. Don’t be afraid to ask me anything, just create a pen name and no one will ever know who you are. Feel free to send me an e-mail at Knothole@esf.edu with Ask Nifkin in the Subject line.

Your Friend
-E. B. Nifkin

Dear Nifkin,

I am a freshman here on campus and am finding the adjustment process more difficult that I imagined. In high school, I was a straight A student and now I am failing one of my classes! This just isn't like me. What can I do about this dilemma? Please Help Nifkin!

Sincerely,
Dazed and Confused

Dear Dazed and Confused,

No worries Man! I and I have many solutions to this problem. If you have yet to approach your professor, I recommend it as the first and best possible solution. Most professors are sympathetic because they have been in your position before. Also, they will surely try and work out alternative methods for your success as long as they see that you are truly concerned. Another resource is the Academic Success Center, where you can find tutors to help with your course. If both of these suggestions fail to work and you are still having trouble with your class, there is still one more thing you can do. The worst-case scenario would be meeting with your Advisor to talk about dropping the class. You see man, there’s no need to fret my friend when the Nifkin Man is here for advice.

One Love,
Nifkin

Hunting & Heritage

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To the non-hunter, the world of hunting must seem like a strange place. There are many types of hunting, many types of hunters, and many reasons why people hunt. As wildlife managers and historians know, hunting can and has had a dramatic impact on many species of wildlife throughout the world. Some condemn it and proclaim the recreational hunting of animals as brutal acts of savagery, and others say that hunting is a part of human heritage and should be preserved.

To agree upon the facts and share a common reality is the first and most vital step in hosting a debate on hunting. So, I will lay out several details which I believe are facts, though I will leave them open to dispute…

1) Hunting is not necessary for the survival of most of the human population.

2) Hunting is commonly defined as the stalking or killing of any animal for the prescribed reasons, whether that is food, recreation, population control, or other.

3) Over-hunting has caused species extinctions in the past, one of the more famous examples being the Carrier pigeon.

4) Regulated hunting is mandatory in order to make the existence of game species sustainable.

5) There is an ethical argument between non-hunters and hunters, as well as between hunters and other hunters, as to what ethical hunting is.

6) Hunting is a part of human heritage, and something that groups of people of varying ethnic groups have done for thousands of years of human history.

I am a hunter. I have been hunting since I was twelve years old, the minimum legal age to hunt in most states. I hunt because my father and all of my ancestors before him did. It is a part of our heritage as Americans, and something my family has been doing here since its arrival in the early 17th century. Living off the land as farmers & hunters is what many Colonial era people did in what eventually became the United States. While this means of living has become largely no longer necessary for human survival, men and women still cling to this ancient practice. They do so because hunting, as I stated before, is a part of human heritage, and there is nothing like it. Ask a hunter. They’ll tell you.

I have heard many arguments stating that hunting is too easy, because of modern technology. Modern technology has made the killing aspect of hunting easier, this is unarguably true. The frontiersman in the Colonial era did not have custom-made Remington Model 700s chambered in 30.06 with 3-9x Leupold Scopes, that can shoot sub-MOA (Minute of angle) shot groups at 100 yards.

The fact of the matter is that not everyone hunts with these weapons. Some hunt with bows, crossbows, spears, and even knives. Some use rocks and sticks sharpened into points. While hunters like this are relatively rare (especially in North America) they do exist. I will write more about traditional styles of hunting next week.
RACHEL CARSON ONLINE BOOK CLUB BEGINS IN MARCH
http://rcbookclub.blogspot.com

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Rachel Carson is considered by many to be the mother of modern-day ecology. This year, to mark the 100th anniversary of Rachel Carson's birth, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, working with the Friends of the National Conservation Training Center, will celebrate the achievements of its most notable employee by launching the Rachel Carson Online Book Club.

Beginning in March and continuing through November 2007, the online book club will focus on the life and work of Rachel Carson including her role as a female leader in science and government. Through the study of her writing, the Book Club will provide an opportunity for dialogue and discussion of current environmental issues in light of Carson's legacy.

Several distinguished moderators will participate in the online discussions. Author and Carson biographer, Linda Lear will launch the first session on March 1. Among other moderators in the line-up are: marine biologist and Director of Duke Marine Laboratory, Cindy Van Dover; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service historian Mark Madison; Houghton Mifflin Executive Editor Deanne Urmy; author and professor of Environmental Studies at Middlebury College, John Elder. (See complete list of moderators below.)

"This online discussion (or blog) will be such a fabulous way to engage and bring together people from many different communities to focus on the life and legacy of Rachel Carson," said Anne Post Roy, NCTC conservation librarian. "The discussion should be incredibly interesting given the stature of some of our moderators and the depth of knowledge that they will bring to the online chat."

Each month, a moderator will start the book discussion with an opening statement. Then, in dialogue with book club participants, the moderator will provide weekly installments and add comments on the discussion throughout the month. Discussions will encompass current environmental issues like global warming, and will extend to personal attitudes toward the natural world.

Titles in the schedule range from Carson's first book, Under the Sea-Wind, in which she reveals her unique ability to present intricate scientific material in clear poetic language that captivates readers; to Courage for the Earth: Writers, Scientists, and Activists Celebrate the Life and Writing of Rachel Carson, an anthology edited by Peter Matthiessen that will be released on April 22, 2007.

Silent Spring, Carson's most well known book which alerted the public to the dangers of pesticides and sparked a firestorm of controversy in its wake, will be showcased as well as some of her lesser known texts on the sea, and the truly inspirational The Sense of Wonder.

The Rachel Carson Online Book Club is sponsored by the Friends of the National Conservation Training Center. Participation in the online book club is open to everyone. For more information, please contact Anne Roy, National Conservation Training Center at: Anne_Roy@fws.gov, or Nancy Pollot, Oregon Fish & Wildlife Office at: Nancy_Poliot@fws.gov. View the book club Web site at: http://rcbookclub.blogspot.com

The complete list of moderators includes: Patricia DeMarco, Rachel Carson Homestead Executive Director; Thomas Dunlap, author and Professor of History; John Elder, author and professor of Environmental Studies at Middlebury College; Maril Hazlett, Independent Scholar; H. Patricia Hynes, author and Professor of Environmental Health; Jim Lynch, Northwest author; Mark Lytle, author; Mark Madison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service historian; Tom Schaefer, educator and historian; Deanne Urmy, Houghton Mifflin Executive Editor; and Cindy Van Dover, marine biologist and Director of Duke Marine Laboratory.

For more information on how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Rachel Carson, please visit our website at http://www.fws.gov/rachelcarson/

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A Sustainable SU (title??)

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In late January, SU students came back to school with a clean slate, while SU received a C+.

In the first report of its kind, The Sustainable Endowments Institute researched the top 100 colleges and assessed them on their sustainable practices and issued a College Sustainability Report Card to each. SU earned high marks in all categories except those concerning investment policies.

“This is an area, if any, that is serious in terms of outsiders looking in,” said Eric Ripley, a graduate student pursuing a Master's in Environmental Science and Policy at ESF and an MBA at SU’s Whitman School of Management.

In November, Ripley spoke with Chancellor Nancy Cantor about the university’s investment policies and how it could implement sustainability into its practices. Around the same time a group of faculty, staff, students and administrators from SU and ESF formed their own sustainable campus committee.

A sustainable campus group grew out of the Environment and Society: Partnerships in Interdisciplinary Research and Education (ENSPRIRE), which began in 2003, said Rachel May, director of the Office of Environment and Society. May, who said, coordination between the two institutions is valuable to efforts, serves as a facilitator between SU and ESF.

SU defines sustainability on its website as the “balancing of needs and aspirations of the present with the preservation of choices for future generations.” The sustainable campus group’s goal is to incorporate sustainability concepts into every campus sector, from financial policy to academia.

The campus energy is currently 20% renewable and the committee's plan is to increase that number a little every year, said Steve Lloyd, the head of the Energy and Building sub-committee and Associate Director of Energy Management at SU Physical Plant. A comprehensive lighting audit will also be conducted within the year to give the committee a better understanding of the university’s energy costs, Lloyd added.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification is not a new topic to offices within the university. The university's policy is that any project that costs $10 million or greater will be built under the LEED certification guidelines, said Paul Mahaney, senior project engineer for the Office of Campus Planning, Design, and Construction.

SU's low mark on The College Sustainability Report Card helped the efforts of Eric Ripley's sub-committee. Ripley's group is concerned with the university's endowment investment policies. The three categories that received the lowest grades were “Endowment Transparency, Investment Priorities, and Shareholder Engagement.”

Ripley used the following example to further explain this idea. If SU invested in Exxon Mobile, a company not known for its environmental policies, Ripley said, ideally it could pressure Exxon to reduce or report openly on its greenhouse emissions. The hope is that this would cause the company to become more environmentally sound, he said.

When referring to the university Ripley added, “I want to stress that they are very open to doing something.”

The final area important to a sustainable campus is education. Administration and top staff members at both SU and SUNY ESF are very supportive of sustainability efforts, Rachel May said. However, there needs to be something from the bottom up, she said, to get people thinking about sustainability in their daily lives.

“The short-range focus is to establish programs that help faculty from a wide range of disciplines understand the connection between their work and sustainability,” said Elletta Callahan, a professor at SU and member of the sub-committee for sustainability integration in academia.

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Syracuse Coffee Shops

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For those of you lacking a quite space in which to do your work, a trip to one of Syracuse's many coffee shops may be in order. Most of the shops are located downtown but there are a few gems scattered throughout the city limits. On the hill there is always the Starbucks on Marshall Street. I usually avoid Starbucks at all costs due to their high priced and overall crappy coffee. The Starbucks on the hill is also usually crowded and noisy, not very conducive to reading or studying. The Starbucks downtown is a little better if avoided during the rush hours and weekends.

But why go to Starbucks when better coffee is available for less? One of my favorites places is the Coffee Pavilion, located directly next door to Bull and Bear Pub at 133 E Water Street in Hanover Square. The Coffee Pavilion provides comfortable seating as well as a quiet atmosphere. They are also open until midnight 7 days a week, which is handy when it comes to late night cramming. Back to the Hill, Recess Coffee House and Roastery opened last fall. Recess is located at 110 Harvard Place—a hop, skip and a jump from Alto Cinco on Westcott Street. Recess is three quarters coffee shop and one-quarter skate shop. It has the best outdoor seating in Syracuse with a covered front porch. The interior is spacious with multiple rooms making it easy to find a quiet nook.

If you want the best cup of coffee available in Syracuse, I would recommend Freedom of Espresso. They are Syracuse's main micro roastery, roasting beans at two separate locations. They provide coffee to some of the most prestigious restaurants in Syracuse such as Ladore and Lemon Grass. There are four locations: 424 Pearl Street right next to the former Big Shots; 128 W Genesee Street in Fayetteville next to Milligan's; 133 Walton in Armory Square directly across from the downtown Starbucks; and the fourth location is on the corner of Plum and Solar Streets in Franklin Square, sadly no bars nearby. The Franklin Square location is my personal favorite because it has the most seating and is usually the quietest.

If you’re not into the coffee shop scene there is always the trusty all night diners known as Doc’s Little Gem on 832 Spencer Street. I have pulled a couple of all night crunches at this location. Past 11pm, it is usually pretty quiet; the coffee is good and ever flowing. This is also one of the cheaper alternatives if buying four cups of coffee at 2 dollars a pop is breaking the bank. So next time your roommates break out the bottle rockets while your trying to study take a couple seconds to shoot a couple at the neighbors house then check out one of these study hot spots.

BMC X-Country Skis

Rebecca Dionne
Staff Writer

Recently the Bob Marshall Outing Club took a drive out to Highland Forest for a Saturday of x-country skiing. The weather was crisp and the sky was blue, a perfect day for playing outside.

Highland Forest is set in the hills of Fabius, NY and has miles of trails for x-country skiing, snowshoeing, and sleigh rides. They also have a sledding hill which many children were utilizing on that beautiful day. Ski rentals are $15, but going with the Outing Club makes it free to students. There is a large lodge overlooking the surrounding countryside equipped with a snack bar, visitor center, and fireplace.

Our group left around 9:30am, arriving less than an hour later at the park. After snapping on our skis we head out onto one of the shorter, easier trails to get used to what some of us had never tried. Gliding along at a decent pace we soon warmed up on that cold day and took breaks to shed layers. Going uphill proved a bit of a challenge before we mastered ‘herring bone,’ the steps used like a wind up toy to climb without sliding backwards. I’m pretty sure all of us fell at least once as we picked up speed to soar down the little hills along the trail.

After getting warmed up our group split into two, one taking a harder trail and the other keeping it simple. I chose the easy way. This trail was about 3.5 miles and brought us through forests and fields. We listened to birds and greeted other skiers along the way, stopping once for a cup of hot tea I had brought in a thermos. We all met back at the lodge for lunch and shared one of Highland Forest’s gigantic brownies. Some of us ended the day by sitting in front of the fire watching the families and other visitors mull about the lodge. Others decided to go out for another trek through the forest. It was a satisfying morning and it felt good to have spent the day outside under the sun.

BMC takes trips out every few weeks. Stop by 110 Moon at 6pm on Wednesdays to learn more or e-mail Becca at rjdionne@syr.edu.
Do you ever get that feeling?
That your heart has stopped beating
And all you can feel
Is that hole that was once
Beating with so much love
There's really no substitute
For the fresh and bone and red hair
And silky lips
Do you ever get that feeling?

When you're an ocean
A sea, and a half day away
It's easy to sink below the surface
Just wait for that day
When you just wanna scene
But you can do
When you're in an ocean
It's easy to sink below the surface
When you're alone
There's really no substitute
Less calls
And letters and emails and phone
When pictures and emails and phone
There's only so much you can fill
There's only so much love
Is what you have once
And all you can feel
That your heart has stopped beating
Do you ever get that feeling?

M. Johnson
Native Animal Coalition

Deep in the Australian Outback, an abundance of wildlife native to Australia depend on...

Many species of plants and animals can only live in this habitat.

Until I was introduced! My name is Rabbit McSleeze and don’t you forget it! I’m here to take over this place and I’ll do whatever it takes to conquer this land. This is my ‘hood now!

Hand over the goods.

This is just too easy.

Science Fact: Rabbits were first introduced in Australia in 1788 for sport. Since then, they have caused the extinction of several ground-dwelling mammals and at least two plant species.

Deep Underground...

oh! How will these native animals ever survive with a villain like Rabbit McSleeze on the loose!
In the last edition, Rabbit McSleeze was wreaking havoc on the Australian Outback. But... little did he know... a band of Native Underground headquarters heroes was on the alert in their... a brilliant scientist With a Knack for Spelling!

Echidna ...fearless leader, With wit as sharp as his spines!

Sugar Glider

...a good looking fella who... flies!

Flying Fox Bat

What?! We have to fight?! I thought I was hired because of ou... cuddly! 

Together, they will halt the tirade of Rabbit McSleeze... with brute force if necessary.

Come on... hit me with your best shot!

STOP RIGHT THERE, SLEEZE! Don't make him!
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Yearbook is holding a photo contest this year.
Categories are:
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Due no later than March 30th.

International Women’s Day
March 8, 2007
A Global Day of Celebration
“Our Voices in Our Communities: A Women’s Talking Circle”
Thursday, March 8 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
The Warehouse (take the Warehouse bus, College Place stop)
Reception Catered by Francine Lyons, Onondaga Nation
For additional information, contact Colleen Donovan-Togo (colleendonovan@hotmail.com or 607.743.6137), Regina Jones (rajones@syr.edu or 315.443.0258) or Sue Eiholzer (rsue@twcny.rr)
Reception sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Native Student Program
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Thursday s at 8pm in B9 Marshall hall
Woodsmen Team meets every Monday and Thursday at 6:45pm at the green houses behind Bray hall
Society of American Foresters meets every Monday at 5:15 in 212 Marshall Hall
Syracuse University Outing Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30 in 207 Hall of Languages
The Bob Marshall Club meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm 110 Moon Library
Green Campus Initiative meets every Thursday at 7:00pm in Nifkin Lounge
Creative Minds meets Tuesdays @ 5pm @ Illick 11.
ESF Acapella meets most Saturdays @ 4pm in Nifkin lounge.
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