A weekly journal produced by the students of The State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry and your Student Activity Fee...
A Letter from the Editor:

This is the story about an adventure in the mall which is not just any story but the best damn story that you will ever read because I am writing it and that means that it will not make any sense because I believe anything that makes you confused and wanting to question reality is a good thing and worth writing and therefore worth reading because there is way too much order in this world and for that reason too much of everything and speaking of overabundance there is also too much consumerism which brings me to my story. I was at the mall but I was really there not to be a proud consumer who buys clothes and useless materialistic objects but to look for a camera to be used specifically for the Knothole staff strictly for creativity and to take pictures of nature that inspire people and promote innovative ideas which are positive and beneficial in this world, the exact opposite of buying crap stuffed in cubicles lining the 4 stories of floors which are basically traps that put us all in debt. And so, when walking into the doors underneath the carousel this evening approximately at 6:50 in the evening I walked into what is the exact opposite of a community that is welcoming but instead found myself surrounded by a swarm of what at first I thought were bees but then soon realized were angry girls who were very angry about something that I am sure was insignificant in the whole scheme of things but to them it seemed to get them in a furious rage that resulted in a lot of punching, shoving, tearing out hair and more but you get the point it was your classic cat fight and then out of nowhere as I was standing right in the center of all this my trustee sidekick Bane Wing flew in from almost every direction and together we halted all the nonsense that was going on and congratulated each other over a couple beers which were mighty delicious I should add and ice cold at that which inevitably led to a feast of all sorts of exotic foods and then an scrumptious desert that was the darkest and richest chocolate I ever consumed which finally brings me to the end of the story. What was first just a trip to the mall to buy a camera with state money resulted in a violent experience and eventually more consumption so the moral of the story is that you should never go to the mall because it will only make you spend money that you don't have and it will also make you consume way too much but fortunately there is a positive side which is that it was a crazy and unexpected adventure and this story would’ve never been written and writing is a form of creativity so at least there is that…at least we have that.

Free Written by
Sarah Pallo

Editor-In-Chief
A notice to all ESFers!!! The School for Field Studies (SFS), through Boston University, gives you the opportunity to travel to other countries with different cultures and study a subject about their environment for credits. They offer courses abroad in countries all over the world including the Turks and Caicos Islands, Australia, Kenya, Costa Rica and Mexico. I had the opportunity to go to Kenya for a month during the summer of 2006 to study wildlife management and the politics involved. During that time, I had the opportunity to meet thirty other students, now friends, from across the USA. Together we had the chance to camp out in Tsavo West for four days while searching for lions and cheetahs as well as their prey, water buffalo and elephants. I also got to see some of our Lion King friends, like pumba and rafiki (which means “my friend” in Swahili). I was able to learn some Swahili during the four weeks that I lived in Kenya. Any major can apply to these programs, even SU students studying fashion have a chance to go and study the environment through SFS. I encourage anyone to go and learn more information about SFS while your parents are still willing to pay for your education. This is definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity that needs to be taken advantage of. To learn more just visit the SFS website at fieldstudies.org or fill out one of those cards that are on posters for SFS and can be found all throughout campus or at least in Illick Hall.

Comment on Recent USA Election Results
By Jason Gayton

As a matriculated, fee paying, undergraduate student registered at the Syracuse campus, I am officially a member of the Undergraduate Student Association. According to the USA minutes taken during the meeting two weeks ago, no candidate was able to reach a simple majority when the votes were finally counted for this spring’s election. In these circumstances, the USA Bylaws have no set election causatum. However, elections are always subject to Robert’s Rules of Order as written in the Undergraduate Student Association constitution, which state that a candidate can only win an election with a 50% majority plus one. For example, if there are 100 total votes, a candidate must have 51 votes to secure victory. President of the USA Steve Fox quotes directly from the minutes, “In our case, this definition of a majority vote did NOT happen.” Instead of strictly following Rob’s Rules, the executive assembly decided to voluntarily suspend the Bylaws through an anonymous vote. This decision goes directly against the policies already in place that govern over the election process, specifically Article 5 Section 2 of the USA Constitution.

“Section 2. All meetings shall be guided by the rules of Parliamentary Law. A copy of ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER shall be kept by the parliamentarian of the council, and all business not otherwise governed by this Constitution and Bylaws shall be guided by the rules established.” The actively running candidates still were able to vote on the suspension even though it is customary and traditional that they abstain from any voting activity. In light of this situation, there should be further review into whether or not the bylaws should be changed or if in fact we should keep the rules we have now and actually enforce them.
Space Flight and You...

Tripodial Law

Mike Tripodi
Managing Editor

Over winter break I received an envelope in the mail, one which I have not seen in many years. The return address read: “US Space and Rocket Center,” and was adorned with the space camp logo. The last time I received one of these was when I was in middle school.

I was one of those kids who dreamt of being an astronaut. It took me until sophomore year in high school to realize that I was too dumb and out of shape to be one. However, before this time I was obsessed with everything to do with manned space flight. I read all the books I could, I watched every STS mission, and I also had the amazing experience of attending Space Camp, and Space Academy, Level 1. I learned the inner workings of the entire Space Transportation System (the proper name of the Space Shuttle), the principals of how astronautics work, and the practical application of the laws of physics, in addition to having to function as a team, and fly a successful Extended Duration Mission. From dealing with delirious members of the space station Deadalus with a roll of duct tape, to how to land the orbiter without the help of the computer, we did it all, and for one week, we were astronauts. However at the end of the week we all went our separate ways and never spoke again.

One thing that amazed me was how much the manned space program has influenced our daily lives. Most people do not even think about it. When you say space flight most people think of the moon landing or the tragic losses of the Orbiters Challenger or Columbia. In addition there are a lot of questions on whether or not space flight is worth the money in the federal budget. But I ask you; did you know that personal computers and microprocessors were developed for the manned space program? You go to ESF, ever heard of GPS or GIS? They rely on the space program. Ergonomic chairs? Smoke Detectors? Tang? The list goes on (www.thespaceplace.com/nasa/spinoffs.html has a more comprehensive, but not complete list)

NASA is also an important but overlooked agency when it comes to the environment. When Apollo 8 took the photo “Earthrise” (where the earth is rising from the lunar surface) this image became the symbol of how fragile our planet is. In addition NASA devolved a lot of the monitoring technologies we use for the tracking of global patterns, and NASA pioneered the whole concept integrated global information systems. And don’t forget NASA is one of the instrumental agencies in the fight against global warming.

Even though my dreams of being an astronaut are no more, on the eve of the big Space Camp reunion, there is still the spark of desire to travel to the heavens, and go beyond our planet and further explore our universe that will forever be implanted in my brain. It is the basic desire of humans to see what is over that mountain, or to see what is around that bend of the river. It is Human Nature to want to explore further then ever before. NASA represents this basic human need to explore. It is time again for the citizens of the US, and the world to come together and reignite this desire to explore the heavens.

And of course remember, if you cannot make Edwards, there is always White Sands.

Protecting the ESF Community
From Pure EVOL!!!

Graham Tuttle
Staff Writer

On the northeastern corner of the ESF quad sits a stone with a plaque that the class of 1996 donated. It reads: “As an ESF tradition, students past and present ask you not to walk across our quad.” This simple decree warns us all against committing an act of pure evil.

There are few things in this world that I would deem as pure evil: Hitler, MCAT/LSAT exams, ex-girlfriends, broccoli, and last but certainly not least, walking across the ESF quad. Why is this so evil, you ask? Do you question whether Hitler was evil? Exactly. So don’t question the evilness of crossing the quad either.

But fear not, because we have some defense against one of the purest forms of evil to manifest in the middle of the ESF campus: tackling. That’s right, the only way to combat this wickedness is to tackle it. For years the ESF community knew this and performed this practice religiously. Now, it seems that the skill is diminishing to the point of being lost. I will pass on all I have learned about this sacred art. If you see a devil-spawn (probably disguised as a student) strolling across our quad, nail him/her so hard that every sinner in the world feels it. Make sure that, while sitting in the Health Services office, they have plenty of time to contemplate whether the dislocated shoulder or torn ACL was worth the twenty-three seconds they would have saved cutting across our quad. Don’t think someone else will do it. It is your task. We must be vigilant because the fate of the entire world rests on our shoulders what happens if we allow the evil to exist and persist on our campus? Have you ever seen the movie “Ghostbusters”? Remember how crazy things got when Gozer the Gozerian set up shop on top of Dana Barrett’s building? The road crumbled, the skies darkened, and spirits wreaked havoc all over New York City. If someone walks across the quad, the repercussions will be ten times worse. So, if you care about the future of the world, please tackle the next walker you see.

Now, am Icondoning violence? Simply put, yes. Sometimes, like in WWII, a little violence is necessary to combat evil. For the sake of our children and our children’s children, please tackle the next person you see b-lining across our quad.
For the last 25 years, the recycling incentive in New York has been quite simple: recycle carbonated beverage containers for 5 cents a can or bottle. This idea has done wonders for the environment (or prevented horrors, depending on your view). However, this idea is about to grow with a proposed modification of the Returnable Containers Act.

It is commonly understood that soda and beer bottles are returnable for money. When the original bottle bill was passed, bottled water, juice drinks, and even milk were not included under the legislation, and are still not subject to the deposit. In the last 25 years, these non-carbonated beverages have become extremely popular and currently make up a significant portion of the containers sold. Think about how many college students have a case of water in their room… chances are there are as many cases of water as there are sodas sold to students and families each year. Without the 5-cent return, there is less incentive to recycle, and containers often make their way to garbage cans rather than recycling bins.

When a consumer buys a case of soda or beer, they pay a 5-cent deposit. When bottles or cans are returned, the deposit is refunded. However, containers that don’t make it back to the stores result in millions of dollars being kept by the major corporate bottling companies.

Under the new “Bigger Better Bottle Bill,” all carbonated and non-carbonated containers would have the same attached deposit per container (excluding wine, liquor, and milk). Also, if bottles were not returned, the 5-cent deposit for every container would be transferred to the state and placed in the EPF budget, rather than being kept by corporations. This is the point at which a state environmental organization starts to gain from the legislation. The EPF is an organization created by the Adirondack Council in 1993, and is the main funding source for many of the state’s environmental programs. In future years this legislation could add as much as $100 million (proposed) to the state funding.

Here’s the part where you can help. The new bottle bill is not yet in effect. The Adirondack Council wants you to write to the NY State Legislature encouraging them to include the “Bigger Better Bottle Bill” in the NY State budget. To be received on time for the budget approval, letters need to be sent by March 30th. Now a quote from the Adirondack Council website: (http://www.adirondackcouncil.org/)

Letters should be directed to:
Hon. Joseph Bruno, Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Hon. Sheldon Silver, Speaker
New York State Assembly
Albany, NY 12248
Spring Break
Cara Stafford
Staff Writer

Let's revisit last year's thrilling Spring Break, shall we? Sitting around my house, attempting to write a paper, and catching up with old friends and family. Fast forward to 2007 in the West Indies: hiking around tropical rainforest, snorkeling in the Caribbean Sea, and witnessing the world's largest boiling lake. For once in my life, Spring Break was actually more than a week to catch up on school work. 15 other students and I traveled to Dominica for the Tropical Ecology course taught by Dr. Allan Drew (FNRM) and Dr. Donald Stewart (EFB). Dominica, not to be confused with the Dominican Republic, is part of the Lesser Antilles island chain. Known as The Nature Island, Dominica is the most rugged and undeveloped island in the Caribbean—a perfect place to study the biodiversity of the tropics.

We stayed at the Springfield Experimental Station, which is formerly part of the Springfield Estate plantation and now owned by Clemson University. We were joined by Conservation International members, as well as student/professor groups from Clemson and Yale University. Most of the time, it was hard for me to remember I was in an academic setting. Dasheen, plantains, and all the kinds of fresh fruit imaginable were on the menu. We went to bed in mosquito nets and woke up to the calls of bananaquits. Our backyard view was palm trees, fruit trees, rainforest, and the distant Caribbean.

Most days, our awesome guide Clem Johnson drove us around the island so that we could explore different ecosystems and National Parks. We climbed hundreds of slippery stairs on the trails to crater lakes, spoke with a former Carib chief, chased anoles, explored military garrisons from the 1700’s, got pinched by black land crabs, and saw abandoned shade coffee plants. We toured the Indian River, the dark brackish river covered with buttressed trees where “Pirates of the Caribbean” was filmed. A couple times, we even ran into Survivor film crews (or as they called it, “Untitled Production”).

Some people now have home brewed Mount Joy coffee to get them through those 8:25am classes. Half a day was spent in the capital city of Roseau, which was a welcome opportunity to split from the group and explore the markets, restaurants, and rasta culture (Jah bless). Much of our time was spent learning about, swimming in, or hiking to water. My most rewarding experience was snorkeling in the ocean for the first time; I saw my first hawksbill turtle, morays, and parrotfish. Swimming in waterfalls and stopping in a hot spring on a ten mile hike weren’t bad, either.

After these adventures, we’d come home for some down-time, dinner, and a night lecture. When Dr. Drew and Dr. Stewart weren't teaching us about limnology, rainforest composition, and volcanism, we were treated to guest lectures from the most knowledgeable professionals around. It was interesting to hear different perspectives on the conservation problems facing Dominica's farmers, tourism offices, and resource managers.

Everyone also worked on individual research projects—people focused on everything from snails, ferns, and aquatic macroinvertebrates to ecotourism and cultural views on snakes. Conducting research in this unfamiliar setting was challenging, but I think everyone handled it well. Eventually, our final projects will be sent back to Dominica in the hopes of continuing research efforts on the island. This was my first time setting foot in a tropical rainforest, and I’m positive my classmates would agree that this was a really rewarding experience. For anyone who is even considering a field course, I highly recommend FOR 523 Tropical Ecology!
**Ask Nifkin:**

Dear Nifkin.

I’ve been having this dream...I see myself running around the campus, searching for something...I see myself looking through the recycling and the trash cans on the quad patio and, when I don't find them, I run into Marshall Hall. I run all the way up to the 4th floor and go through all the rooms, but I still can't find them. I go through ALL the rooms on the 3rd floor and all the rest after that...until, finally, I reach the auditorium. The auditorium—yes! I hear angelic music when I walk in...with a harp! I pass the aisles and a dim light highlights the stage. They're the missing, reusable Gallery plates! Yes, all 118—all, sparkling like new, just, stacked on the stage. The angelic music climaxes as I lift two plates up and look at their beauty. Then, suddenly, it hits me—I just want to eat reusable plates.

Sincerely,

Wanna Eat My Plate

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Dear Wanna,

You know, at the start of the school year, the Gallery (the d'lish snack bar at the basement of Marshall satisfying your every taste bud) had 150 plates. Sadly, as of the week before Spring Break, there were only 32 reusable Gallery plates. SU Food Services, which own the Gallery and run it for ESF, had to purchase a stack of disposable plates to supplement. What can we do? That's the way the world turns now, Wanna, no one wants to support reusing things. Man, this makes me sad. I need to take a break from letter writing. Okay, we'll talk another time.

Grab me a tissue, wouldja?

Eustace B.

(I'm tuff most other weekends...)

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**The Glass That Might Really Be Half Empty**

By Rachel Dedora

According to the United Nations, more than 1 billion people around the world lack clean, safe drinking water and more than 2.6 billion lack adequate sanitation services.

Consequently, World Water Day was founded in 1992 to address the issues surrounding this natural resource we often take for granted.

This year’s World Water Day, held on March 22nd, focused on scarcity and sustainability. There were several workshops and lectures offered throughout the week to encourage thinking and discussion among the student body.

Upon attending a workshop, I thought about the fact that 70% of the Earth is covered with water. If this is the truth, how could we possibly be running out?

In reality, a tiny portion of this is fresh water available for drinking and related uses. Desalination, or removing the salt and other minerals from plentiful ocean water, has several implications such as its energy intensive nature and industrial waste end products.

At the Thursday workshop in 204 Maxwell, students proposed a variety of ways to make a local impact. Putting a brick or glass jar in the toilet tanks, installing motion censored sinks in bathrooms, and recycling sink water into the toilets were just some of the ways SU and ESF could be more hydro-friendly. Attaching water scarcity information stickers on bathroom mirrors and walls was also suggested to promote the monitoring of personal consumption.

Globally, the group agreed that droughts and disorderly weather patterns due to climate change, and increases in population will be huge challenges to solving the water scarcity crises. Students hoped to see more classes offered related to water scarcity, as well as its incorporation into all policy, natural science, and environmental courses.

If you would like to learn more, visit Worldwaterday07.org. The message of World Water Day is to spread the word of scarcity and decrease your own daily impact, before the glass is half empty for us all.
Come together @ your Library:
Celebrate National Library Week at the Moon

Betsy Elkins, Library Director

“Come together @ Your Library” is the theme for National Library Week, April 15-21. The American Library Association indicates that this week is a “time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries, librarians and library workers and to promote library use and support.” Moon Library has some fun things planned to help you celebrate your library during this national celebration:

In anticipation of the Library’s “extreme makeover,” scheduled for this summer, we have prepared a few displays that will show you how we hope to transform your library with new furniture, floor covering and a new service desk (circulation, reserve and reference) in the center of the Library. Look for these as you enter the Library.

As part of this makeover, the Library’s defunct card catalog will be physically removed from the building. While the Library has used an online catalog for nearly 15 years, the card catalog has remained in place as an interesting piece of furniture (?) and as a symbol of its former importance to Library service. Library customers are encouraged to take piles of catalog cards as a memento of this historic library tool. (Seriously these cards may be used for interesting projects)

Check out the display about National Library Week in the conference room, which includes some old pictures of the Moon Library. Notice the prominence of the card catalogs!

To help you spot the friendly Library staff we will be wearing green “Team Moon” t-shirts with a call number for college and university library staff! Look for our team photo in the Library.

If you stop at the Reference counter as you enter the Library and tell the Librarian you would like to “highlight your day at the Moon,” you will be given a green highlighter, which you can clip on your belt or backpack.

On Tuesday April 17 plan to attend the Friends of Moon Library reception at 4 p.m. After some brief remarks from President Murphy, Kevin Reynolds (Current President of the Friends) and Library Director Betsy Elkins, there will be a presentation by Bill Porter and Ross Whaley about their forthcoming book, “Reflections on an Adirondack Prism.” Throughout the afternoon there will be a book raffle to raise some funds for the Library, which you may enter as well (and you need not be present to win!)

Come in on Wednesday morning and be one of our lucky customers to get a free cup of coffee and a half Moon cookie!

On Thursday we’ll be holding this semester’s Food for Fines. For every non-perishable food item you bring to Bonnie Charity in room 104, a dollar will be removed from your overdue book fines.

Throughout the week you may enter a drawing for a basket of “school” supplies” that will be displayed on the reference desk. The winner’s name will be drawn on Friday April 20.

This week, as you celebrate libraries, remember that the Moon Library “seeks to provide information resources to the ESF community and to teach library users to learn independently” (our Mission statement.) We seek “to have a user-friendly learning environment, to access to a wide variety of resources that utilize state of the art technology, to offer multiple and diverse services to library users and to have a highly trained, helpful and courteous staff” (our vision statement.) And we are “committed to providing excellent work and courteous quality service to all library customers” (our values statement.)

Stop in and let us know how we are doing.

Syracuse University Library and Information Science student
Interning at Moon Library

Charlie Bush
Moon Library Intern

Hello to the ESF community. I’m a Library and Information Science student from Syracuse University, and I’ve been interning at the Moon Library reference desk since January. In that short time, I’ve learned a lot about Moon Library and its community. As I’ll be graduating soon and entering the real world, I’d like to share some of my observations and advice.

First of all, I’m thoroughly impressed with the dedication and talent shown by the Moon librarians, who provide a wonderful service to all. I advise you all to take the time to get to know them and make sure to ask for their help when needed, because they’re willing to go above and beyond the call of duty to help ESF students and faculty. This is a service that you probably won’t get at other schools or larger libraries, so take advantage of it while you can.

My second observation concerns the importance of Moon Library as a place of truth and knowledge. Mark Twain once quipped that “a lie will make it halfway around the world before the truth can put its shoes,” and now that most of the world’s knowledge is available on the Internet, this quote is more relevant than ever. We all use the Internet more and more now, but we need to be careful to avoid using misleading and confusing information. The library can help with that- librarians have been around for a long time, and they know how to sort out the facts from fiction. As more and more information becomes available each day, the importance of this service grows exponentially.

Finally, and most importantly, I’ve observed the important role that Moon library plays in the ESF community. On one hand, it’s an important area for scholarly learning, and the hard work I’ve seen put in by ESF students is impressive. On the other hand, I’m also surprised at how many students come in to just sit down, meet friends, or relax between classes. Clearly, Moon Library is an important social center for the ESF community, and one of the most important things we take with us from our college experience is the friendships we’ve made and connections we’ve built with other students. So, the next time you’re at Moon, take the time to say hello to someone you haven’t seen in a while.

Ultimately, my internship has been a rewarding experience, both professionally and personally. I’m pleased at how much I’ll be taking with me after only one short semester here. For those of you spending four years or more here, I urge you to take advantage of everything Moon can offer you.

The Knothole
Hearing the Tree Fall

Results from waste audit reveal campus trash 42% recyclable, compost

By Tina Notas
News Editor

The Green Campus Initiative (GCI) got together with ESF Grounds, the maintenance worker's of the college's facilities, last Wednesday afternoon and picked through campus trash for this semester's waste stream analysis. But, what exactly is a waste stream analysis, and why would you have one at ESF?

A waste stream analysis is essentially a waste audit that looks at the composition of what's thrown out on campus. The GCI wanted to look at what's in our trash in order to understand how the labeling of our bins on campus for garbage and recycling and to better understand campus culture. Results from the audit revealed that 42% of the total garbage disposed on campus could have been recycled or composted. This is up from the waste audit conducted last year, Spring '06.

Two recycling cartridges and a computer keyboard were also found in the trash—two items that should have especially been recycled.

### Analyzed waste contained the following:

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Results from this semester's waste audit

- The amount of paper found in our trash (not recycled) also went up from last year's audit—from 29 pounds in '06 to 95 pounds this semester. This amounts to 16 percent of the total trash composed of paper, which is up from last year's 5%. Commingled recycling (aluminum cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles numbered 1 and 2) in our campus trash also went up from 4% last year to 11% this semester. The amount of cardboard found stayed the same from last year's audit.

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Recycling results, April 11, 2007

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Compost results, April 11, 2007

But the actual waste disposed of in campus trash bins was found to only be 58%; this number is down from last year's audit of 71%.

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Actual trash in waste audit results, April 11, 2007

A waste stream analysis makes the campus more aware of the issues of waste. Look for more updates on this topic in upcoming issues!
The 2nd Annual East Coast Lumberjack Roundup was hosted by ESF on March 31st at the track by Manley Field House. Finger lakes Community College, Paul Smith’s College, SUNY Cobleskill, and Penn State Mont Alto joined five ESF teams (Men’s A/B/C, Jack-and-Jill (JJ), and Women’s) on a perfectly sunny warm day to compete for East Coast Championship. ESF President Neil Murphy and Team President Matt Marks kicked off the show with some crosscut sawing. Various newspapers and TV channels were there to report all the action. If you’ve never been to a competition, the day’s events were: axe throw, pulp toss, log roll, fire build, hard hit, horizontal chop, vertical chop, team crosscut and bow saw, superswede, single buck, stock saw, and splitting.

The ESF Men’s A team won team crosscut, vertical chop, splitting, single buck, and had a great horizontal chop. Men’s B team won axe-throw, and came in a close second in team crosscut (watch out A team!). The Men’s C team won stock saw and took a hard hit by a landslide. The JJ team, which had some new members, also had commendable performances. The ESF Women’s team won team bow saw, crosscut, logroll, and hard hit. They also had strong chopping events, and had a close second stock saw finish. Overall, ESF Men’s A, Women’s A, and JJ teams all took home first place trophies!

This meet was different from our typical Roundup in many important ways. Hours of hard work and dedication on the part of team officers and members were required to host the meet on the track at Manley. Usually, we compete near our practice fields at the Lafayette Field Station, a peaceful place in the woods ten minutes from main campus. However, this time around, pole climb and pack board were not included and a few people complained about not competing in the woods. Although I definitely agree that crosscutting on a rubber track seems out of the ordinary, the new setting enabled us to have a more professionally run competition. The Stihl trailer was there to display chainsaw equipment, but most importantly, we actually got a sizeable audience! Not only did friends, family, and Julie White show up, but also many students who have never seen us in action were cheering us on. Thanks to all who came, you were a fantastic morale booster! Next up for our team is Spring Meet at Dartmouth University in Massachusetts on the weekend of April 20. Hopefully we will have a successful showing at the biggest competition of the semester. Practice is held at Lafayette Field Station Mondays and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (meet at the old greenhouse at 6:45 for a ride). Questions? Email President Matt Marks mamarks@syr.edu.
A crowd gathered in spellbound anticipation early on the morning of Thursday, March 22 at the parking lot behind Moon Library. Their enthusiasm was the culmination of the ceremonial first running of Centro’s nine brand new hybrid buses. The people gathered on that sunny morning were primarily students and faculty who were free to spend a portion of their morning partaking in the celebration. All persons affiliated with the school were welcome to attend, and all received the consideration of a commemorative t-shirt for participating. The new buses’ initial run was an event steeped in grandeur. From the roadway behind Moon Library, all nine buses made the short drive to Clinton Square, bearing the members of the campus community who partook in the occasion, accompanied by a full police escort, and many bewildered onlookers.

Upon arriving at Clinton Square, the first bus in the convoy broke a ceremonial ribbon to officially inaugurate the new vehicles’ turn in the public service. A large tent had been erected in Clinton Square to accommodate the students and faculty in attendance, and ESF President Neil Murphy, Syracuse Mayor Matt Driscoll, and Assemblyman Nick Pirro proceeded to laud Centro and speak of the great strides Syracuse has made in recent years in becoming one of the “greenest” cities in America. Multiple local television stations attended the celebration, and the large number of media personnel present made it apparent that this was an occasion that the greater community regarded as one of prime significance. After the speakers were finished, there was a brief pause for discussion and refreshments, and soon it came time to once again board the buses and return to campus.

Most individuals who are remotely aware of the concept of hybrid vehicles are apt to conjure in their minds a vision of a small, European-looking, perhaps even cramped stereotypical automobile when they envision a hybrid. On the contrary, the new buses do not conform to this preconceived stereotype whatsoever, rather, they are just as roomy and comfortable as the “regular” Centro buses that many of us have come to be very familiar with. In addition the new buses even look similar to the older, natural-gas-powered machines that they are scheduled to soon begin replacing en masse. Centro is truly an environmentalist’s dream. Even in the days of ordinary diesel engines, public transportation was hailed by those with a concern for ecological and climatic issues as a great benefit in the constant struggle to limit the impacts of human activities upon the earth. In public transportation vehicles of years gone by, one large diesel internal combustion engine was capable of transporting great numbers of people, which in turn produced far fewer emissions than if the same passengers each used separate private automobiles. In the 1990’s Centro made a substantial step in the right direction when they incorporated a large contingent of revolutionary buses powered by compressed natural gas into their fleet, which emitted far less pollution and carbon dioxide than their old diesel counterparts.

The new hybrids actually have diesel engines, but instead of representing old, heavily polluting technology, they are a component in what will turn out to be yet another large step in the right direction for local public transportation. The new diesel engines are merely a component of a complex system developed by General Motors that greatly supplements the internal combustion engine by producing electrical energy during the braking process, and thus, decreasing fuel consumption considerably. During the course of their productive lifetimes, it is estimated that the new hybrids will save more than 4,000,000 gallons of diesel fuel, contrasted with the performance of comparable vehicles powered exclusively by diesel. Consequently, this will spare the climate approximately 45,000 tons of carbon dioxide, currently the most troublesome greenhouse gas. The clean electrical energy used in part to power the buses will also greatly reduce emissions of particulate matter and compounds that contribute to acid rain.

Best of all, these magnificent improvements are only the beginning. The nine hybrids, whose initiation was recently celebrated, represent merely the beginning of a coming trend that should soon embody the majority of Centro’s fleet. Centro has announced that it plans to shortly begin phasing out older buses and replacing them with hybrids, making the diesel-electric buses the norm rather than the exception, and leaving a lasting mark on our community for years to come.
Downtown Review

By Lief Brunet

For those of you who have grown tired of the drama of the bars on hill, maybe a trip downtown is in order. Chucks is great for cheap beers, but I have noticed that they rarely taste as they should, and the crowd can sometimes be less then conducive for carrying on a reasonable conversation.

Downtown opens a whole new world of variety when it comes to the bar scene. The recently reopened Ale's Wine and Whisky (321 S. Clinton Street) has changed its ways from a smoky cigar bar to a classy wine and cheese joint. The overall appearance has remained the same with multiple seating arrangements of plush leather couches. I would recommend Ale's as one of Syracuse's best date bars.

On the other end of the spectrum, across the street and to the left is Daisy Duke's (414 S. Clinton Street)—the last bar in town where one can still ride a mechanical bull. Daisy Duke's is connected directly to the dance club Soho East, incase you feel like some post bull ride dancing.

If you are in the mood for live music, Bar or "Corner Bar"(400 S Clinton Street) has a live band every Thursday night usually starting at about ten o'clock complemented by dollar fifty jack and cokes for the whiskey drinkers in the crowd. Ohm (314 S Franklin Street) is very similar to Ale's only with a stage that attracts some very talented live music usually on Thursday nights.

For the punk rockers there is always the Half Penny (321 W Fayette Street) sporting a constant supply of two-dollar cans of PBR. Half penny also sports dance parties almost every Friday, sometimes to eighties music and other times to salsa.

The best of the restaurant bars would have to be the Blue Tusk (165 Walton Street), their dinner menu is excellent, while their list of beers is extensive. Beers can be a little spendy but almost always worth it. So next time your drink gets spilt by brawling frat kids think about taking a trip off the hill and checking out some of these other local bars.

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The Tip of the Iceberg

How Long
By M. Johnson

How long, how long
Has it been since the day
When we could wake up
And know that if we wanted
We could kiss

How long, how long
Did we used to lay in bed
And just be
It was the simplest bliss
And I loved it

How long, how long
Did I hold you in my arms at night
Before you fell to dream
And I could only hope
That she’d be thinkin’ of me

How long, how long
Has it been since I’ve last seen your smile
When we could laugh together
At things that only made sense to us

How long, how long
Will it be ’til we can meet again
And wake up by your side
And lie in bed all day
In each others arms
Dreamin’ of what’s next
Laughing at what only we see

How long babe, how long?...

Sun
By M. Johnson

I see all these stars in the sky
They all shine so big
I look at them at night with wide eyes
Cus I feel I’m starin
You in the eye
I know you think we’re drifting away
Like the sun in the solstice

But don’t worry babe
You’ll never lose me
You’re the sun in my solar system
I’ll never stray away
From those lips & body clips
You’ll always shine through
You’re my solar eclipse
I see all those stars up there
And I can’t help but wonder
Is she lookin at the other side
Of these same stars?
I would like to think so
It’s scary to be alone for all this time
Like a comet lost in the Milky Way
But don’t worry baby
Your love is my beacon
You’re my north star
I’ll never stray away
From those lips & body & lips
You’ll always blow my mind
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