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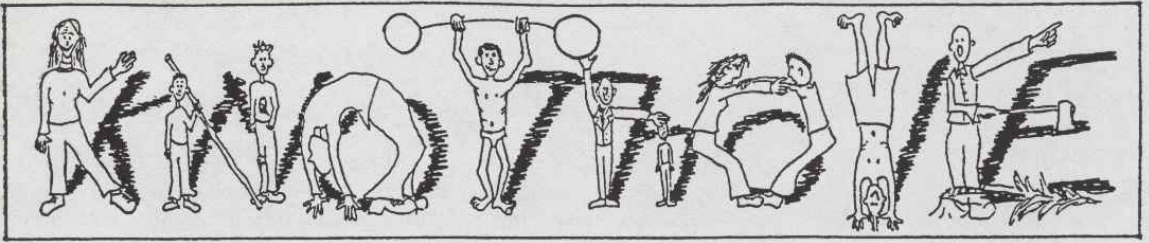
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*The Knothole*

would like to wish everyone

patience

and

good luck

for the end of this semester

and a

happy

Hanukka,

Christmas

and

New Year



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL DECEMBER GRADUATES!!!**

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# Editor's Page

Aaahhhh, the end of the semester at last. Congratulations to all the December graduates and recipients of awards at the soiree. Good luck with future plans to work, loaf or continue on with school. Finishing in December is strange. You "graduate" before last day of classes and final exams. You sit at the ceremony thinking of all the work you still have left to do, while at the same time, have an overwhelming urge to blow it all off and celebrate. Despite the strangeness, it is a relief to know that onewill truly be donewhen finals are over.

I am sad to be writing my last editor's page, as I soon will be leaving the sheltered, good-time life as an undergraduate for the "real world." I have enjoyed my involvement in the *Knothole* because the process is dynamic, extremely creative and has unlimited potential. Our business manager, Scott Klopfer, will be taking over my position in January. Help make his life and lives of the staff easier by getting involved. I have said this so many times, and I will say it again: We need YOUR involvement to continue publishing the *Knothole* every week. Should you ever say or think "The *Knothole* is boring", DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! You can get involved with any aspect of the process, and new ideas are always welcome. We're not "a real slick deal", as someone so bluntly put it, but the *Knothole* serves it's purpose. Enough said.

It was an interesting and busy semester for us here, organizing an essay contest (see the bottom of the page) and being studied by a graduate student from SU. (Imagine that - maybe the *Knothole* will be famous someday!) Next semester will be just as busy, with the creativity contest for ESF students, Best Sandwich in the Area contest, and hopefully a writing/poetry workshop. I would like to thank all the people who have helped make the *Knothole* happen this semester: to the staff, for all their valuable time and effort; to Patrick Lawler, who came up with some really good ideas; to everyone who submitted things and; to all those who offered suggestions for improving the *Knothole*. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

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**"This grand show is eternal. It is always sunrise somewhere; the dew is never all dried at once; a shower is forever falling; vapor is ever rising. Eternal sunrise, eternal sunset, eternal dawn and gloaming, on sea and continents and islands, each in its turn, as the round earth rolls." -John Muir**

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Late last semester, an idea was generated to have an essay contest for students in the Syracuse city schools. The purpose was to see what the "younger" generation (K-6) of students in the community were thinking concerning the environment. At the beginning of this semester, we posed the question "What can you do to help the environment in your area?", and asked the youngest students to draw a picture of their favorite outdoor place. The *Knothole*, along with the generous support from the Friends of the Moon Library, are pleased to present the winning entries in this issue, on pages 5 and 6. I wasn't quite sure what to expect, but I was very impressed with what the students were thinking. From their essays, I learned some new ways to help the environment. The winning drawings of the younger students will soon be on display in the Moon Library foyer. Keep an eye out for them.

## Small Stores

The following questions appeared on the door to Small Stores Thursday December 10, 1992. I felt that since the individuals had taken the time to write something down, I could take the time to respond through the Knothole.

Question One: Some of us **DO NEED** tests- can you please adhere to your hours?!!

I would have to infer from the question that the individual was unhappy when they went to Small Stores and it was closed. In fact, Small Stores probably was closed at some point on Wednesday (December 9) and Thursday (December 10), since every day during the week there is some period when Small Stores is not open. In addition, Small Stores is not always open when the schedule posted lists it as being open. Each and every Small Stores worker tries to make there hours when they are supposed to, however, this is not always possible. I do not condone missing Small Stores hours, but it does happen. The people who work at Small Stores are STUDENT VOLUNTEERS who take time out of their schedules to work in Small Stores. These students receive NO COMPENSATION for their time worked in Small Stores. Knowing this, I hope the student body will excuse the STUDENT VOLUNTEERS for sometimes missing their hours; especially toward the end of the semester, when like you they have projects, reports, and tests to do for their classes.

Question Two: This store has been closed for two days (December 9 and 10) Wednesday and Thursday. Why?!!

First off, your question seems to contain little validity since in reality Small Stores was open both Wednesday and Thursday. How do I know this? Due to the fact that 27 receipts were written by 7 different people who worked. Each receipt has the person's name who sold an item and the date on it. Secondly, I would like to share some facts about Small Stores to the student body. Small Stores is a service provided by the Undergraduate Student Association. The Store is managed by the Second Vice President (a student) of The Undergraduate Student Association. This person receives no pay for their work. All the workers in Small Stores are students and also receive no pay for working there. Items for sale at Small Stores are sold at cost; absolutely no profit is made on any items sold. The test files service is only provided due to the generosity of students and faculty who have donated tests. We do not have every test for every class. ID's are taken for every test taken out because this is the only way we can assure that each test taken out is returned. Next semester there will be a list outside and inside Small Stores of the course and numbers of all test files contained in Small Stores.

One last comment. If you would like Small Stores to be open at a specific time, then you are welcomed to volunteer to work. Anyone interested in working can contact me any Monday at 5:30 in Moon Conference Room, during the Undergraduate Student Association meeting.

Brian Bay, 2nd V.P. USA  
SmallStoresManager



# Knotpoll

Here's your belated

**Best TA of the Year Award,**

Pete Tango!

In response to last week's question of "What do you think of the condom machines installed in ESF restrooms?", many students "found no fault with the installation of the condom machines." Some students wondered what the point is, since one can go to the store and buy them or get them free from the SU Health Center. Thanks to everyone who has responded to the Knotpoll questions throughout the semester. We will return next semester, and look forward to your responses.

## News from Kappa Phi Delta

Fellow Stumpies,

You can always tell when a semester is winding down because you might be able to find Pug in the library. That's because him, me, Slinky and Woody are outta here come December 23. Good Luck to all other graduating seniors. If you have yet to get a christmas tree do not hesitate to stop by the house and pick one up. A brother will be there and gladly help you with the selection process (No, Puff, you can't get credit for every sale). I'd like to thank all the faculty and staff that stopped down for our annual Wine and Cheese Party. Good job Cherry. Coming up soon is our Christmas Party for the underprivileged kids in the Syracuse area. This always proves to be a fun time as everyone gets into the Christmas spirit. Then its finals and getting home just in time to do Christmas shopping on December 24th. Hope everyone had a good time at the Soiree last week. Well, that's it for now.

Later, Plunja

### Winter Solstice Concert

The Syracuse Community Choir, under the direction of Karen Mihalyi, invites you to attend their upcoming Winter Solstice Concert of Thursday, December 17, 1992 at 7:30 at the University United Methodist Church located on the corner of E. Genesee St. and University Ave. The Choir is pleased to present their special guests, the St. Anthony's Gospel Choir with Frank Jones conducting. There will be a sliding scale donation of \$4 - \$15 at the door. The church is wheelchair accessible from the University Ave. entrance and Jim Skvorak will interpret for the hearing impaired. Childcare will also be provided and a reception with refreshments will follow the performance.

## Have some tests that you don't know what to do with?

Why not donate them to the Small Stores Test files. It's quick, easy, and a good way to recycle all that paper. Just drop off your old tests in the box marked TEST FILES DONATION, located in the foyer of Moon Library. All tests that are donated will be added to the test files in Small Stores, and will benefit the entire student body. All names on tests are removed before they are added to the test files, so don't worry that everyone will know how good or bad you did in a class. If you can't make it to Moon Library to donate tests, feel free to drop them off anytime at Small Stores.

## Gamma Delta News

It's over! The sisters would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. See ya next year. Michelle Balzano

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Psychological Assoc. and the Association of Neuroscience Departments & Programs are offering Minority Fellowship Programs in Neuroscience. Students must be American citizens or permanent visa residents and enrolled in a full-time doctoral program. An additional factor for selection is that applicants be members of an under-represented minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Alaskan Natives, Mexican Americans, Native Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Puerto Ricans.

DEADLINE: January 15, 1993

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For more information on either of the scholarships, stop in the financial aid office, 115 Bray Hall.

### Ladies....

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## 1st place

Essay  
by Michael Canale

There are many ways people can help protect the environment. We need to protect the air we breathe. To add less smog we can carpool, take mass transportation, walk and bike ride. We can encourage our parents to have their cars tuned up and checked on a regular basis. Avoid using aerosol cans to protect the air and ozone layer.

We also need to protect our water supply. We can take showers not baths because they use less water. We can also put a brick in our toilet tank so flushing uses less water. Encourage your parents to fix leaky faucets. People can keep buckets in their yard to catch rainwater to water plants with. You can also use water collected from a dehumidifier to wash your car or clean with.

There are many ways to avoid adding to the amount of garbage we already have. Bring your lunch in a reusable bag or container. Bring your own bags to the grocery store. Avoid using paper cups, plates, napkins and towels. Don't buy things with too much packaging. Avoid buying anything with styrofoam, because it takes too long to decompose.

We can help create less trash by making a compost. It is a good way to get rid of household trash, grass clippings, leaves and branches. We can buy artificial Christmas trees or live trees so that so many trees aren't needlessly cut down and wasted. It is also a good idea to plant new trees to make up for trees cut down.

Some other things we can do for the environment are recycle, never litter and remember to use both sides of every sheet of paper. If we want to have a planet to live on, we must all start to take care of it.

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## 2nd place

Helping the Environment  
by Cathy Cluett

Helping the environment takes alot of work and energy. To help, you don't have to have a recycling center in your house. But there are many other ways in which you can help.

Did you know that if we recycle all of our newspapers, we can save up to 200,000 trees a year? Or that a dripping faucet can waste up to a gallon of water an hour? Both of these statements sound unbelievable, but they are true.

The simplest things can help the environment. For instance, recycling is a big part of operation earth. Recycling means less garbage, and that means more landfill space. With more landfill space, trash won't need to be scattered around garbage dumps. Instead of bagging leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris, why not just leave it? and if you don't want to do that, you could start a mulch pile. Not only are mulch piles good for yard waste, they are also good for unneeded or unused food. And about a year after the pile is full, you will have great soil.

Some people need to realize that we need to clean up the air. Factories of many different kinds pollute the air. Hair sprays and other aerosols can strongly pollute the air. The perfect alternative is pump sprays. They work just as well as harmful aerosols that hurt the air. Another thing that people can do to help the environment is to use cars as little possible. The exhaust from cars can highly pollute the air that we breathe.

The waters are another part of the suffering environment. Some people use the oceans as enormous trash cans. What we're polluting is our water supply. Cleaning up the waters just makes sense!

If people started caring got the planet with a little more dedication, maybe mother earth would live a longer, healthier life.

## 3rd place

### My Environmental Essay by Walter Rogers

This is my environmental essay. I am going to talk about water, pollution and recycling.

I am going to start by talking about water. We have too much polluted water. We need to fix this problem by buying more water filters and making new technology to help save our water from getting polluted. We also need your help to stop wasting water. I have already heard of one device called the "Water Saver." All you have to do is hook it up to your shower head and it makes the beam of water smaller and not so wide. You should try not to waste water. For example, when you brush your teeth, turn off the water instead of letting it run. All of these little simple things can help us save water.

We also have too much pollution, in the air, in the water, and in the land. We have to stop air pollution by making larger fees on factories that pollute the air. We need to protect our lakes and rivers. We have got to make people stop dumping garbage and other wastes into our lakes and rivers. We also have to stop people from dumping oil, chemicals and gasoline into the land. We have to do this because you don't want to live in a world of waste and neither do I.

We need to recycle more. We should have a law that says you have to recycle or else you will be fined \$100. We also should have a law that says you have to compost or else you will be fined \$100. We have to make more recycling centers. We have to do this because our landfills are full, and we can't spare any more room.

This is my report on the environment. I hope you enjoyed it. There are lots of little simple things you can do to help us save the environment. I know you don't want to live in a world waste and neither do I.



# Answers to the Recycling Club Survey

{1} Where is the battery "recycling" bin on campus?

(b) Moon Foyer --> these batteries are not actually recycled, but are disposed of properly (batteries are hazardous waste and should not go in with your regular garbage)

{2} How many pounds of compostables does the Recycling Club collect from Marshall each day?

(b) 20 pounds --> that is a lot of waste not going into the landfill in the course of a year

{3} Should you throw your newspapers into the compostables bin in Nifkin Lounge or the Gallery?

(c) no, RECYCLE your newspapers and all other papers in the YELLOW BINS all over campus

{4} Should you take the caps off your glass bottles when you recycle them?

(a) yes --> this really helps us when we sort!!

{5} Every year, Americans throw away how many polystyrene cups?

(c) 25 billion --> so remember to USE YOUR MUG!!!

{6} How long would it take for trash from Onondaga County residents alone to fill the Dome?

(a) less than one year --> just for Onondaga County!...

{7} What % reduction do we attain thru the composting process?

(c) 80%

***Remember, one person can make a difference, so reduce, reuse, and recycle whenever you can!!***



