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Late Drops Clarified by Prof. Scott Shannon

In the spring of 1993, the following guidelines on "late-drops" were distributed to advisors and published in the Knothole. During that semester, a significant reduction in attempted late drops oc-

curred, and those that were attempted were generally successful. This past fall, however, we experienced a relapse of sorts, as attempted late-drops increased and the success rate dropped. Hopefully, if we reacquaint everyone with the guidelines, we will again reduce the numbers and improve our success rate. If this works as we hope, in the future we will try to make a standard practice of distributing a "reminder memo" each semester.

Guidelines for Successful "Late Drops:"

- A petition must exhibit a clear and significant mitigating or extenuating circumstance existing outside of "normal" and predictable distractions from college coursework, etc. Examples might include illness, injury, death in the immediate family, financial emergency, and others.
- The mitigating or extenuating circumstance must occur after or extend beyond the college designated "drop deadline."
- The mitigating or extenuating circumstance is clearly the result of actions outside the control of the student, i.e., not a self-

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Students Present in Owego

by the Wildlife Society
ESF Wildlife Society members Jeanne Hickey and Kevin Hynes each gave presentations at the Annual Meeting and Joint Program of the New York Chapters of the American Fisheries Society and The Wildlife Society in Owego on Jan. 27-28th. Jeanne presented a poster on black tern research and Kevin presented a paper on physical indicators of rabies in raccoons.

At our meeting of Feb. 1st, Len Lisenbee, a special agent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, spoke to us about his experiences working undercover to catch poachers and other undesirable. He brought with him an assortment of illegal wildlife products and he told some amazing stories.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation biologist Al Hicks gave a presentation at our Feb. 15th meeting entitled "endangered species in New York and how you can get involved". He discussed management plans and strategies for everything from bald eagles to

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Benedict and Kelly Place in Collegiate Ski Meet

Two ESF juniors, Craig Benedict, Forest Engineering, and Brendan Kelly, Resources Management, competed for the Syracuse University and the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry Combined Nordic Team at a United States Collegiate Ski Association meet on February 12 and 13 in Oseceola, NY. Benedict finished 17th in the 15 kilometer classical race in a time of 70 minutes and 31 seconds. However, he was disqualified in the 10 kilometer freestyle race after a race course directional incident. Kelly finished 19th in the 15 kilometer classical race in a time of 76 minutes and 34 seconds and 6th in the 10 kilometer freestyle race in a time of 44 minutes and 23 seconds. Both students helped the Orangemen and the Stumpies to a 4th place finish. The next meet for the Orangemen and the Stumpies is the Mideast Conference Regionals February 19 and 20 in Lake Placid, NY.



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News or Gossip?

by Angela Santilli, Senior

I am a little baffled by our (ESF) campus's sorority's column entitled "News from Gamma Delta Theta". Is it really news from our environmental/social sorority or just a bunch of inside jokes and comments only a select few know and care about?

I am a student who is curious and interested in what our sorority is up to lately. I have read in past Knothole issues various volunteer projects Gamma Delta Theta has sponsored such as, food drives, dance-a-thons, and other efforts to help worthy causes in and outside of our community. I also understand exciting and informative events do not happen every week. In last week's issue of the Knothole (Feb. 3) this was expressed, "there's not a whole lot to say this week." Great, we understand- Your column could be short and sweet! In the past short & sweet comments have been written by a member of the sorority. I praise her for stopping there.

Maybe I am just discouraged in what has become of our newspaper...Many advertisements, a "gossip" column, and only a few dedicated writers, poets and illustrators. Let's all try to contribute to ESF's newspaper and have it actually represent the diversity of our campus.

Fee For What???

I just recently paid my \$100 graduate student services fee for this semester and I would like to ask, what is it that I get for my yearly \$200? 4 TGIF's that I don't go to? Doughnut hours at 8 in the morning? A free mug? (we don't even get that, plus if I want a mug I'll get one at Citgo). Couldn't the "services" fee be optional? I could think of much better ways to spend my money.

-a graduate student

"Effective in the Spring 1991 semester, all full time students will pay \$87.50 per semester to partially offset the cost of academic and other support services provided by Syracuse University. Part-time students will be charged \$7.50 per credit hour." This appeared in the Undergraduate Bulletin we found in mailboxes (the week of Nov. 7, 1990).

Apparently this fee charged by Syracuse University has been in existence for some time, but the college has picked up the tab. With New York State's budget in it's current state, ESF can no longer do that.

At the time this appeared in the Nov. 19, 1990 Knothole editorial, it was also uncertain what that fee got us. Only hours after the Knothole's delivery, Nick Paradiso met with student leaders to answer questions.

This *particular fee* covered items purchased from SU: computing services (i.e., mainframe and administrative use), utilities (i.e., heat), instruction (ESF students taking SU classes), and "services" (i.e., health services). He also clarified some of the services provided by "activities": bail bond, Student Legal Services, Student Ambulance Corps, student newspapers (i.e., Daily Orange, Knothole), and some speakers, in addition to the student government and organizations that then pay for TGIFs, mugs to incoming undergrads, donut hours during finals, coffee houses, morning munches, ice cream socials, Festivals of Places, Small Stores (including test files), and even more.

This only addresses a small portion of your question, but we hope we clarified the "fee structure."

Drops, from page 1

inflicted hardship. Similarly, if the student is innocently a victim of misadvising or administrative mishandling, justifiable ground for the petition may be found.

The clear message contained in these criteria should be, "late drops are only justifiable under exceptional conditions." The drop deadline placed by the college (ESF, not SU - it differs in intent and date) is exactly that -- normal drops are not accepted after the deadline. At the risk of offending anyone, one of the strategies I find most useful is to see what isn't appropriate, as well as knowing what is. To address this idea, I've listed the following "typical" examples of petition justifications which would *not* be accepted:

- student missed the "drop deadline" by accident
- student's coursework load is too heavy
- student is failing the course
- student missed too many classes or has fallen too far behind
- student has changed major & course isn't required in the new major
- student intends to retake the

All Perspective 1994 Cranberry Lake Biology Station Students, Alumni, Staff and Families...

On
Wed., Feb. 16
from 6-10 pm
in Nifkin Lounge,

TWS will sponsor an
Orientation and Reunion.
Come hear about 1994 courses,
pre-register, and party.

**Refreshments
will be served.**
Bring Proof of Age.

course later or at another college

- student gambles unsuccessfully in taking an exam or attempting a project on or after the drop deadline

Two other points are of noteworthy consideration; first, a late change to "audit" a course is considered equivalent to dropping, and all the criteria above apply; second, a petition is not "approved" until final review by the Dean of Instruction and the Subcommittee on Academic Standards - students petitioning for late drops should *continue to attend class until they receive final notification* of the subcommittee's action. Even if your instructor and advisor approve the petition, it's not a done deal.

Please note that this semester's drop deadline is: Tuesday, March 15, 1994.

Editors' note: Prof. Shannon is the chair, ESF Faculty Subcommittee on Academic Standards.

Gamma Delta Theta News

by Mary Ellen

Hi! The weeks sure are going fast! First of all, happy birthday to Karen (Feb 19), and have a great year! We'll be sponsoring a Rape Education Seminar the week of February 21st, so watch for flyers with the exact date and time. Our committees are all hard at work, putting the finishing touches on the swim-a-thon and formal weekends.

And now, the best was saved for last! We'd all like to welcome our Epsilon pledge class:

Melissa Backus
Marci Bour
Meredith Carlson
Dawn Deeks
Dana Glielmi
Erin Reilly
Jennifer Reynolds
Pam Shedlock

Congratulations! We're all looking forward to getting to know you better! Until next week!

GSA News

by Rob Barber - GSA President

Well, its been awhile since you have heard anything from me here in the Knothole. There are a few things going on that I should let ya'll know about. First, and probably of greatest concern to you (well, I hope not) is that the INN Complete has finally gotten its liquor license. Yep, the new location, at the "Ski Lodge" on top of the hill at South Campus is finally up and fully operational. I saw some of you there last Thursday at Open Mike Night. The new place is spacious, and has some new drink and food offerings. Check it out for yourself.

If you have not heard yet, the construction of the new Chemistry building has again been delayed. Apparently, the lowest construction bid was way over our budget. Therefore the project has been put into redesign. That means from two to six more months before construction can start.

Just a reminder for those of you who haven't heard. GSA meetings are on every other Tuesday at 5:00 pm in 324 Bray Hall. The next meeting will be March 1st. Everyone is invited. Another point about GSA. The election for next year's officers is just around the corner. The positions to be elected include, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Chair (or Commandante Sociale, as Landis likes to call herself). The elections begin on February 28th, so letters of intent or nominations must be in soon. Talk to Suni Edson, this year's Vice-President if you have questions, or ask any of the other current officers about what their job entails. I would like to bring you up to date on who the other GSA "Senators" are, and welcome Karen Deitz as the new EFB representative. See below.

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GSA, From page 3**Officers:**

President Rob Barber
 Vice-President Suni Edson
 Secretary Naseer Idrisi
 Treasurer Jim Sahn
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EFB Aimee Delach
 EFB Karen Deitz
 PSE Craig Fauler
 ERE Dennis Pokryzwka
 GPES Kim McDade

Other Positions:

Faculty Instruction Committee
 Dave Croll
 Faculty Public Service Committee
 Win Everham
 Faculty Research Committee
 Marie Balle
 Faculty subcommittee on Computing
 Will Ravenscroft
 GSO Representative
 Joe Cornell
 Board of Trustees Representative
 Kevin Hutton

Suni is going to be busy in the near future, not only is she running the election but she is also chairing the Shifting Paradigms Conference. Suni is looking for input, and volunteers to help with the planning of the conference. If you are interested, you can find her in 129 Illick Hall, or e-mail her a message to smedson@mailbox.

Some of you are probably wondering about the TA Union contract, and whether or not it was approved by the students two weeks ago. Unfortunately I do not have an answer for you. We hope to know shortly what the outcome was. If it passed you will probably have an official volunteer representative for the union. She/he will be someone that you can go to if you have questions about the union or the contract.

The GSA Graduate Student Awards are here again! They consist of three awards given to outstanding graduate students at ESF. An award is given to the "best TA", "best RA", and "best in public service". The winner of each award will be presented \$200 at the Spring Awards Banquet on March 18th. In order to be considered for these awards you have to be nominated. For the "best TA" you must be nominated by one of your students. For "best RA" you may be nominated by your major professor, or by yourself. For "best in public service" you may be nominated by another student, faculty member, or a friend, as well as yourself. The Deadline for nominations to be received is March 11th, the Friday before the banquet. Nomination forms are located in Moon Foyer, and outside 224 Illick Hall. Please drop completed nomination forms off in the box in Moon Foyer, or get them to me, Rob Barber in 224 Illick, or by campus mail to 242 Illick.

FEG News

by John Fazzolari

This semester has jumped out of the starting gates and taken off! We have finally set down a meeting time: Wednesdays, at 3 pm. For the juniors, don't worry, you'll be out of Hydro lab by then. We've been talking about a lot of things lately, including the trip to Long Island and the banquet.

On the last weekend in January, we went to Paul Smiths College. Everyone was geared up to go, but slowly and surely, almost everybody had too much work to do. Well, the five people who did go were ready to have a good time.

It was a miracle we even got there! The roads were so icy, we slid up and down the hill for about ten minutes. Katie's driving expertise was the only thing that got us through. After pushing some other poor sap out of a snow bank

(and being offered a lot of money for doing it) we found that we were only a quarter mile away. By the time we got in, it was almost eleven. Better a late party than no party!

Harold, the guy who lives in the cabin full-time, helped us cook dinner and even helped us eat it. What a nice guy. After dinner and a four hour fireside chat, we decided to turn in early. Big day tomorrow.

Saturday, January 29, Whiteface Mountain. Skiid it. Skated it. Crashed it. We had a ball. Christian takes up to the very top. "Trust me. You guys can handle it," he says. I just looked at Kevin and screamed, but we ALL did it! I dropped my pole on the lift. So I go down the hill with one pole. Everyone else goes back up to retrieve. Mike comes down first. "Where is everyone?" As I look up the slope, I see Christian's ski flying down the hill. Christian is flying down not too far behind. It was a great day. By the time we got back to the cabin, we were all ready to crash. When I woke up at nine, there must have been twenty people in that cabin. Better an early party than no party! This time, we made sure to get to bed by one-thirty, so we could get up early and ski some more before coming home. NOT!

No one woke until it was too late. We just packed up our stuff to head home. Long drive home. We were home just in time to watch some insignificant sporting event. I think I'd rather have stayed in the Adirondacks. Harold invited us to stay again if we liked. We said "Yes, if we could get back up before the snow melts." I hope we can.

If you want to get in on the next trip, come in and check us out. Wednesdays at three. If you're a FEG, you're already in the club. Come and see what we're doing next!

Got cabin Fever?

Well, do I have the answer for you! On March 18, ESF will have it's 81st Annual Spring Awards Banquet. It is a semi formal dinner dance held at Hotel Syracuse from 6 pm to 1 am. Everyone is welcome, tickets will be available soon! Groups can reserve tables, so start asking who you want to sit with to go! I emphasize the fact that this is an event that doesn't require dates. It just requires you to come and be ready to have a great time!



Education System Falls Way Short of Expectations

by B. Edward Wilmot

Education. We all know that it is important. Why else would we be here? Students learn, professors profess. Yet, what is education? When was the last time you questioned the purpose of education? When was the last time you questioned the purpose of education?

We spend hours upon hours reading, studying and memorizing information. When enough information is learned, we say we are knowledgeable, understanding the rudiments of a profession. We adamantly pursue those letters which we wish to put at the end of our names. The

by Shandor Szalay

Apathy is contagious. It is a breeding sort of chap. Its promiscuous. It sleeps around. It doesn't call home. Like the plaque at Oran, and later Paris, it claims its victims with speed, and devilish precision. (Before I go any further let me dispell any myths of my being an activist giant. Indeed, I have been, at many times, known to shack up, and revel in the sweet, musty embrace of laziness, the tender tractor beam of time and television, the sweet bubbled waters of cheap, watered-down beer. However, my guilt does not exile me from my right to criticize.

This past week I've heard a lot of people bitch and moan about various campus manifestations that irk, mif, and "get their proverbial environmental goats". These people always start their gripes with the same two words- THEY SHOULD. They should cater more to vegetarian diets at marshall. Certainly, you're right - a prudent and relevant observation. Now all we have to do is wait for "Them" to arrive. Tick. Tick.

Tick. Complete with superhero's outfits, X-ray vision, and a flair for that Copperfield dramatism, in a radiant burst THEY crash through the ceiling. Wallah!!- a vegetarian buffet- Poof!!- a tofu bar- Abracadaver!!- alfalfa sprouts and garden burgers. What a dream!

Activism should grow here as rampantly and willingly as the Ivy on Bray Hall. It should flourish and bloom like spring flowers, only all year. The healthy rage; the spunky, energetic cries of the young idealist; the hypocritically heartfelt deliveries of a post adolescent, neo-hippie verbalist. What do we need here, a pep rally? Let's go Environmentalists, Let's go? If your green and you know it shout Amen? In the true spirit of all who are passionate, not just in the dark recesses of bedrooms and catacombs, but out in the sun among the toiling masses, and urbn sprawl, an attempt to burn the flags of apathy is already being organized. Will you join, O' closet crusader?

quest, which brings us the supreme knowledge, will sedate the ever powerful urge to be on top. When we reach this pinnacle of life, then all will finally be well. Until then we must strive unneringly, to gain as much knowledge and power as possible.

Well I question this whole structure. Not just question, but refuse to fall into this traditional ideology.

How often do we see a professor pushing the limits of a class to get as much information as possible out to the student; who in turn is frantically taking notes so that he or she does not fail. That grade is the mark by which we

judge one another.

This form of education perpetuates competition. In order for one the be on top, another must be on the bottom. What is the message being given to the one on the bottom? You are a failure. If you do not wish to be there then you must try harder; you must compete. You must memorize large amounts of information to be knowledgeable. Otherwise, you will not find a good job and make money, allowing you to have a secure life.

The primary goal of education should be teaching people how to think instead of what to think. *Education, cont. p. 7*

O p i n i o n s

Attention
Dual & RM Majors

SUMMER PROGRAM
IN
FIELD FORESTRY
Information Meeting

When?

7:00 PM
Thursday
February 24, 1994

Where?

212 Marshall Hall

Some years it's difficult to start thinking about summer in February, but not this year!!!! Trudging forward from January 1994 as the second coldest month on record in Syracuse history with a whopping average daily temperature of 12.7° F (as in 20° below freezing), and with more of the same projected for February, it is almost therapeutic to think of seeing light in the sky at 7:00 PM and greeting the mid-day 70° isotherm as it passes through Syracuse on its annual northward migration. Linked with longer days and warmer weather is the annual bill of fare offered by the Faculty of Forestry at the James F. Dubuar Forest, just minutes from beautiful downtown Wanakena, New York. Yes, back for its 82nd year, playing to every graduating forestry class since the beginning of ESF in 1911, it's the "*Summer Program in Field Forestry*"!!!

Come to the information meeting to learn everything you ever wanted to know(and more!)about the Summer Program at Wanakena. Dr. Joel R. Howard and Asst. Program Director Ms. Heather Engelman will be there with members of the 1994 Camp staff. They will be loaded with information gathered through 25 collective years of experience. So, think about summer, and start thawing out those winter woes and frozen toes (ugh!). Bring a friend, bring popcorn, bring warmer weather, but above all, bring your **questions**.

If you are a sophomore Resource Management major, a junior or senior Dual major, or if you are scheduled to take the Tully semester in fall 1994, then the 1994 Summer Program in Field Forestry is for YOU.

O p i n i o n s

Toxic Lumber on Five Ponds?

Dear Editor,

What better time to tackle the controversial issue of "treated lumber" of the Forest Preserve than during the writing of the next 5 year plan for the 5 Ponds Wilderness Area? The draft unit management plan has been presented and comments taken. We can expect a final any time now, but will this final version wrestle with the complex issues surrounding the use or misuse as the case may be of treated lumber on 5 Ponds? Don't get your hopes up.

DEC wilderness managers take the position that the use of lumber pressure injected with copper, chromium and arsenate to render it toxic to the organisms of decomposition is a non issue. According to DEC interpretation of the State Master Plan, New York State's Bible of Forest Preserve management, treated lumber is OKed as a "natural material". If lumber pressure injected with copper, chromium and arsenate--all 3 heavy duty biological poisons--can be termed a "natural material"

why not just re-write the Forest Preserve's own well known "Forever Wild" to read "Forever Poisoned"?

Neither do the abuses end there. It's bad enough that toxic lumber is used throughout the preserve in everything from foot bridges to outhouse foundations. The final abuse in the toxic lumber saga is that when a structure deteriorates and is replaced, the old waste lumber is left on-site, along with its toxic contents; creating, as the 5 year plans file by, ever-growing mini-hazardous waste sites scattered throughout our precious mountains and forests. If the DEC must persist in using toxic lumber on the Forest Preserve, can't these people at least abide by their own "Carry in-Carry out" policy?

Dave Hassig
Gouverneur, NY

Note: Mr. Hassig is a former student at both the main ESF campus in Syracuse and the NYS-Ranger School.

HELLO From *ECOLOGUE* !

The response for the Winter Issue was Tremendous--THANKS to all who submitted work! (There has been a delay due to a backlog at the printer. I promise it will be released soon.) But...

It is time to think about our Spring Issue!

For those who don't know, *Ecologue* is a creative journal comprised of poetry, artwork, etc. submitted by the ESF community.

To reflect upon the nature of ESF,
The Spring Issue of *ECOLOGUE* will be in Honor of Earth Day.

We are in need of **Environmental or Nature Poetry** in addition to **Artwork!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

So... Let Your Creative Juices Flow--Everyone is Invited to Participate.
Stay Tuned For Deadlines and Other Information!!

If you would like to help or if there are any questions please call Katherine Terry (423-8298) or Patrick Lawler (470-6914).

Education, from p. 5

course every profession requires a rudimentary basis from which critical thinking arises. Freshmen and sophomores need a foundation of courses before any real dialogue can begin. Yet, I see senior, and even graduate students, who lack this skill of intellectual exchange. Compartmentalization and unilateral thinking continue to rule the system. Students resemble computers more than their humanity, stagnant pool of information. Knowledge for the sake of knowledge will get us only so far.

Upon a student's immediate arrival at any school there should be a course which teaches the student how to think, lest brains mire in academic ritual. The education system falls short in supplying a spiritually stimulating environment that can open a gateway to multilateral thinking and learning.

Here and there are a few good professors pushing the edge of the envelope, loving life and all that can be learned from it. Bravo, I say! And maybe the system can be changed if enough of us raise our voices, sharing our hopes and fears. I can not do it alone, but we can.



Cold enough for you?

Sick of that statement? Me, too! That's the reason we are having the First Annual Tropical Night on February 25, 8 pm - midnight. Come dance the night away with a live DJ who'll play music that'll warm the cockles of your heart. Everyone welcome.

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In response to President Whaley's Climate for Women Action Plan, the Offices of Student Affairs and Personnel and Affirmative Action are in the process of establishing the ESF Contact Network. The objective of this resource referral network is to facilitate contact between the appropriate campus resource and women students, staff, or faculty navigating their way to success at ESF.

In order to begin this program we need men and women of the College Community to apply for a 1-2 year appointment as Network Contacts. From the applicants, approximately 20 volunteers, (with the endorsement of their supervisors as appropriate) will be selected and trained to serve the resource/referral needs identified in the Climate for Women Study. The list of Network Contacts will be widely published on campus to encourage easy access by students, staff and faculty. As volunteers, Network Contacts will be required to attend periodic meetings on resource availability and issues updates as needed.

If you would like to learn how to facilitate referrals on a variety of topics be they personal, academic, career, campus life, financial, or health, you may be just the person we need.

For more information and application materials, please contact:

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Assistant Director
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Deadline for Applications is 3/1/94

Volunteers Needed!

The Olympics -- An International Circus

By Greg Bubniak

Yes, it is time for the Winter Olympics soon, and that carries along with it a media circus possibly larger than the Super Bowl. The last Summer Olympics showcased a first in Unites States Basketball; The Dream Team. The media got a huge charge out of our boys going over there and winning games by lopsided scores that would make a Syracuse and LeMoyné College basketball game look close. This Winter Olympiad will have its own little story within the story also--the Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan debacle.

It may be somewhat confusing to a reader at this point why on Earth I have equated these two situations in recent Olympic history, especially since the Winter Olympics hasn't even started yet. Have I lost my marbles? No, not really, I suppose you could consider my rambling this week to be a sort of prediction, albeit not a very risky one. What I am trying to point out is that as long as the media gets its hands on single events that they feel will pique the curiosity of the American people, then these events will take over our newspapers during the period before, during and after the Olympics. Unfortunately, what gets lost in this mix is the performances of all other American athletes and all other athletes in general.

Remember, if you will, the Summer Olympics in 1992. I myself had a job that did not allow me to have access to a television, so what little I did find out was through newspapers. It seemed to me that the only thing sports sections in various papers were concerned with was the box score of the US Basketball Team's latest fodder. We got all of that, and more quotes from the players than you could possibly publish in a book. This overshadowed almost everything else that went on in Barcelona. Some athletes were

happy about this, like the two annoying triathletes who did those idiotic commercials for Reebok. They were spared somewhat of the humiliation that one of them didn't make the Olympic squad, and the other didn't get gold. Then, there were the rest of the US athletes that contributed to the second highest medal total in the world for any nation. They were the ones who were deprived of the coverage they rightly deserved, and we were deprived of knowing what they did in representation of our nation.

I would suppose the only saving grace of that situation is that the US Basketball media blitz was about a group of guys that did something exceptional at the Olympics. The Harding-Kerrigan debacle is about an incident that took place before the Olympics and off the ice-- and any new developments we get will also be news that is from a conference room, court room, or law office. This mess will detract from the good stories (and there are bound to be some) that will take place at Lillehammer. I see this whole thing as something we'd all be better off without. If you read a story about a sorry guy who can't get over a failed marriage and a confused little girl masquerading as a 23 year old, you'd laugh and read on elsewhere in that newspaper. If these two had planned to attack, with the help of his friends, another girl in the neighborhood that she didn't like, we'd all call her a crackpot--but add in the implications of losing a spot on the Olympics and a horde of real losers (her husband's cohorts), and we can't get enough of this stuff as a nation.

What a waste of space in the papers and on television this has turned out to be---and its not even over yet! Throw that in with the fact that the Olympics attract a ton of media attention without this hubbub, and you've got a mess on the way in less than a week. Hey,

as far as I'm concerned, Tonya Harding stories should be cut in all papers and news programs on television and radio. We've had enough. She not likely to win anything in Lillehammer anyway, so let us not be concerned with such drivel. Make it stop! Make it go away! We've had enough already, oh media gurus. Tell us something else.

The Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters

Present:

*Michael Bamberger ,
Griffiss Air Force Base
Resources Planner,
1972 ESF graduate in
Landscape Architecture and
Resources Management*

and

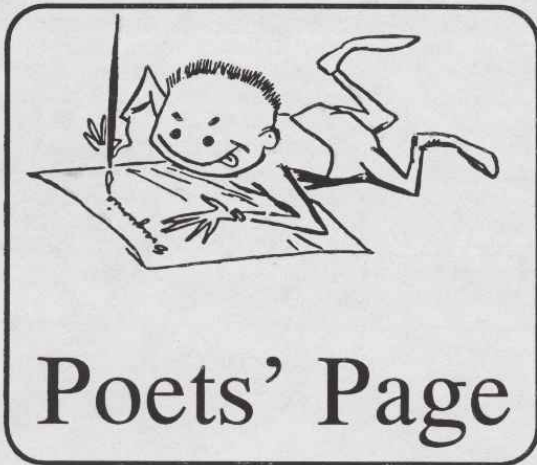
*Fred Conover,
Griffiss Air Force Base
Hazardous
Materials Specialist,
1973 ESF graduate in
Resources Management*

Managing Resources and Protecting the Environment on Federal Installations

March 1 at 7:00 pm

212 Marshall Hall

*Refreshments
will be served*



Poets' Page

A poem.

The forest is all around me, and I
Am on the forest floor.
Simple symphonies of wind and color
swirl, dance, and I
can only cry, can only cry.

Six satin angels wait and I
Am lifted, lost in the leafy canopy
In the distance familiar frightening noises
trumpet, echo, and I
can only cry, can only cry.

Saviors, and soldiers march and I
March with them as I lie
free from chains of physicality and movement
present not in past and I
can only cry, can only cry.

Sadness sifts silently and I
am thinking amplified resonating thoughts
The bristled interruption of earth
prickles and tickles and I
can only cry, can only cry.

-Shandor Szalay

Spell Checker

I have a spelling checker
It came with my PC
It plainly marks for my revue
Mistake I cannot see
I've run this poem threw it,
I'm sure your please to no
It's letter perfect in it's weigh
My checeker tolled me sew.

Libib

(To *Elizabeth Bella* with trust)

eyes
a pair of concave mirrors that
reflect my youthful years, silent and confident
who loved to challenge values and actions
and dial God at his secret number

with discrete scraps of beard like a failed crop
who loved to ply the midnight streets
like a misguided genius

with endless love who was shopping life
on the deserted sidewalks
on the wrinkles of a lazarus face
in the sewage canals
in the soulless rotting bodies--
victims of freedom fight

difference brings humiliation
but it makes a poet

what do I regret for!

eyes
a mirror
that brings my childhood back
when I was mourning the loss of a
red flannel shirt

-Azharul H. Mazumder

An illusion of
mountains, hills, forests, and babbling brooks
engrave the mind of the lonely city dweller;
Trapped inside a huge roach hotel,
no feelings, intimacy, creativity,
Just windows that the dweller
looks out for no apparent reason.
His blank face tells his whole life-
a big blank nothing.....

-Heather K. Shoudy

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 gloming, on sea and
continents and istands, each in its turn, as ther round earth rolls.
- John Muir

Leaves of Grass

Now I see the secret of the making of the best persons. It is to grow in
the open air, and to eat and sleep with the earth.
- Walt Whitman



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 GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY
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ANYONE INTERESTED IN SHOWING WORK (FACULTY/STUDENTS)
 CONTACT THE HONOR SOCIETY VIA THE MAILBOX
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 AT 424-2560.

The second, semi-annual
Pizza Extravaganza
 Official Entry form

Win a Pizza from your
 favorite pizza place.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Pizza Place (One per entry, please): _____

Location: _____

Type of pizza(s) being nominated (optional): _____

Entries can be deposited in the *Knothole* box (lobby of Moon) or the student organizations mailboxes (base-
 ment of Bray). Please be sure that we know who you are and where you may be reached.

Please submit your Artwork, Poems, Short Stories

Win A piece of
\$200
in the

twentieth Annual Creativity Contest

entries accepted in 22 Bray Hall until April 13

Please address ATTN: Creativity Contest

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woodrats, and also gave us valuable insights on getting a job with DEC.

The Wildlife Society student conclave will be held at Pennsylvania State University on April 15-17. It would be great if we could get all current ESF chapter members to go down and show the northeast what we are made of.

We are currently planning a trip to the Mohonk Preserve (in New Paltz) to survey peregrine falcon nesting sites. This would be a good opportunity to gain some field experience (maybe you'll see a woodrat). Come to our next chapter meeting for details.

Watch the bulletin boards for upcoming speakers and activities. Many of you are presently preparing your resumes, and if yours looks slim, then get involved with us!

Confronting Racism Workshop

February 24

7:00 p. m.

Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall

discussion led by:

Ali Rashad Umrani

reception to follow

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Scholarships available

Army ROTC has full tuition scholarships available NOW! An Army ROTC scholarship pays 100% of your tuition at SUNY ESF as well as providing an allowances for books, fees, and living expenses. These scholarships are available for students who will graduate in 1996 and 1997.

Sophomores who are interested in or are currently members of the Army National Guard or Reserve can compete for scholarships which allow them to continue in a reserve unit after graduation. For more information, contact Captain Eric Tamke at 443-2462.

Bowman Educational Scholarship Treasure. Requirements: Ward or child of a current Bowman employee; employee must have been employed by Bowman for at least 36 months; accepted or enrolled in a full-time undergraduate program; demonstrate financial need (determined by Financial Aid Office (FAO)). Deadline: May 1. Individuals interested in applying can come to the FAO for the necessary application forms.

The Golub Foundation (The Graduate or Professional School Scholarship). Requirements: graduating college senior or a college graduate who has demonstrate scholastic ability and plans to attend graduate school as a fully matriculated first year student; live in the Price Chopper Supermarket marketing area; plan to attend graduate school in NY, MA, PA, or VT. Deadline: March 15. Individuals interested in applying can come to the FAO for the necessary application forms.

Benjamin and David Scharps Award. Requirements: competition for SUNY juniors who plan to attend Law School for the best 3,000 word paper on "Whose best interests: custody rights for the Non-Traditional Family." Individuals interested in applying can come to the FAO for the scenario information and necessary application forms.

Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program. Requirements: student who will be enrolled in an approved undergraduate program which leads to preschool, elementary, middle or secondary level teacher certification. Deadline: March 8. Individuals interested in applying can come to the FAO for the necessary application forms.

John Gyles Education Fund. Requirements: Canadian or American citizenship. awards available for all areas of post-secondary study; min. GPA of 2.7. Deadline: April to November. Individuals interested in applying can come to the FAO for the necessary application forms.

Zonta International. Requirements: female resident of Onondaga county; mature student continuing her education for career advancement; currently enrolled for at least 6 hours; matriculated in an undergraduate or graduate degree program; employed or involved in other responsibilities while attending college. Deadline: March 1. Individuals interested in applying can come to the FAO for the necessary application forms.

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Student Environmental Action Coalition

Get Involved:

- Wednesday February 16th
- Moon Conference Room
- 6:00 p. m.

Our committees are currently working on:

- Saving New York State Wildlands
- Saving You From S.U. Dining Hall Food
- Fighting The Destruction Of James Bay

Come to the meeting and find out how you can participate in any of these important issues!

Pay your rent, work for the Earth!

UnClassified Ads

New publications from the EPA. The ABCs of Asbestos in Schools; Home Buyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon; Air Conditioners and the Ozone Layer. Call 212-264-2515.

Free To A Good Home

Long-haired Tabby cat about 8 mos. , male, not neutered. Likes people. Feline FeiV/FIV negative 478-8127

Campus delivery wants you!

Hiring drivers to north and south campus. \$4.60 /hr (raises available) + \$.50 per delivery. You hustle-- you make big \$\$\$\$. Could make up to \$10 an hour. Must provide your own car. Come to 3rd floor Faculty Center or call Kate @ 443-5285.

Microbiology Textbook (Cano and Colomé); For FALL SEMESTER : EFB Environmental Microbiology ; Used; No High-lighting; GREAT CONDITION!!!!!!; COST \$50.00, WILL SELL FOR \$30.00 OR BEST OFFER!! CALL KATHY 423-8298 LEAVE A MESSAGE..

TGIF

Friday, February 18, 1994
4:30 in Nifkin Lounge
Bring your mug

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 16

Men speaking with men about the Climate for Women at ESF; noon in Nifkin Lounge.

"The Relative Size Growth (RSG) Function: An Approach to Linking Whole Stand Models and Individual Tree Models," Dr. Lianjun Zhang, 3 pm, 324 Bray.

Cranberry Lake Biology Station summer program meeting for prospective students; 6-10 pm in Nifkin Lounge.

Thursday, February 17

Men speaking with men about the Climate for Women at ESF; 4 pm in Nifkin Lounge

Knothole Meeting. 6 pm, 22 Bray Hall.

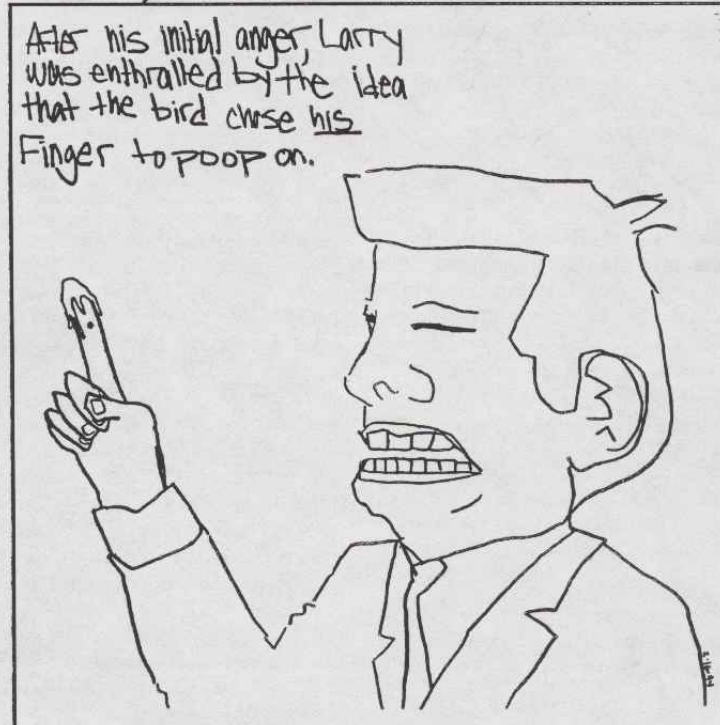
Peace Corps on Campus. Info session, 7 pm, Moon Conference Room. For more information, call the Syracuse Campus Recruiter Anne Draddy at 470-6678.

Friday, February 18

20th Annual Festival of Places, "Parks in Peril: A Conservation Alliance For The Americas," Brial L. Houseal, Regional Director, The Nature Conservancy, 7 pm, Marshall Auditorium; Exhibit, 8 pm, 3rd floor Marshall.

Cytochalasins as Microfilament-directed Agents with Potential Clinical Utility: Applications in Cancer Chemotherapy and Multidrug Resistance. Dr. Thomas Fondy, Dept. of Biology, Syracuse University. 4 pm, 132 Lyman Hall.

bOOGER by Michael Russem



Place, Space and Gender Series. "Negotiating National Action: Feminist Critique and Compromise in Multiple Canadian Publics." 3 pm, Room 500 Hall of Languages, SU. Refreshments served.

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Tuesday, February 22

Pick up your disks. Any old disks not picked up by 6 pm will be erased and used to back up issues of the Knothole. We appreciate your contributions!

Thursday, February 24

"Confronting Racism"

Summer Program in Field Forestry Information Meeting. 7 pm, 212 Marshall Hall.