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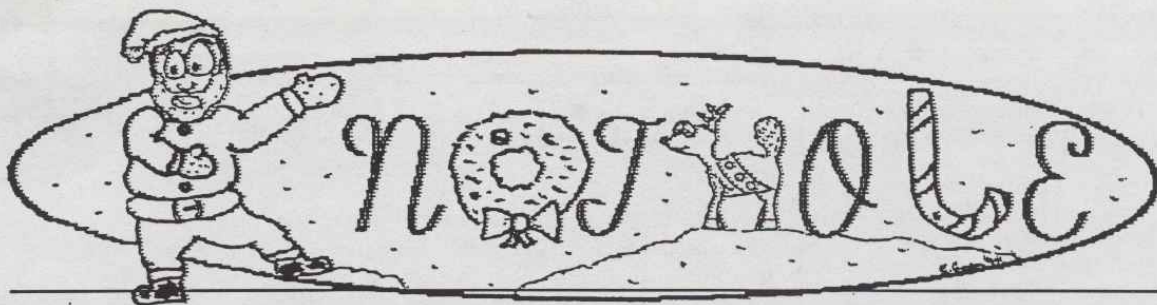
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Knotpoll #3: Did you read the Knothole?

by Rob Barber

The Knothole staff completed its third Knotpoll this semester. We interviewed 171 undergrad and grad students and eight faculty and staff members. The surveys were conducted from Friday Dec. 2 through Tuesday Dec. 6, following the publication of our 11th issue on Nov. 30. We asked ESFers whether or not they got a copy of the 11th issue of the Knothole. Over 53% of those interviewed said that they

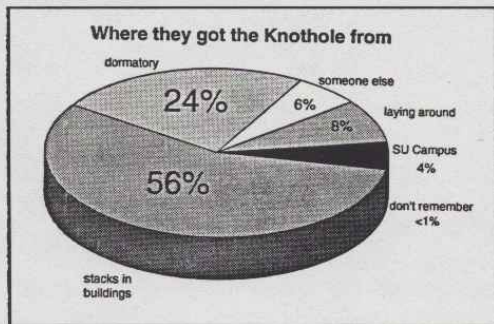
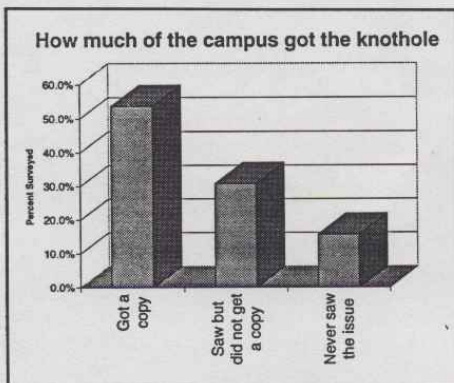
considering how late in the semester we conducted this survey it does not surprise me that 9% had not yet had a chance to read it, and that 29% had skimmed it that week.

Part-way through the semester we began delivering Knotholes directly to four of the SU dorms which house significant numbers of

ESF students. Many 1st and 2nd year students take the majority of their classes at SU. The dorm deliveries were set up by Julie Rawls in order to try to get the underclass students more interested in activities on our campus. According to the results of the Knotpoll the majority of

we distribute 455 copies of the KH in this way. We received numerous unsolicited comments during the survey about the number of KHs distributed. Comments ranged from, "they go real fast" to "there aren't many on campus." The Knothole staff would like to see distribution increased, and we will pursue this with the Office of Student Affairs and the Copy Center staff next semester.

The categories of students which had the lowest readership were PhD students, LA, PSE and FEG majors. I guess we now know who have the toughest course loads, enough said. More Knotpoll results next semester.★



had a copy, of the remaining 47%, a large number said that they had never seen the issue before (see graph at upper right).

We also asked those who had gotten a copy to what extent they had read it. There was no one category that held predominance with 29% skimming the issue, 30% reading some of the articles, and 23% reading most of it. When con-

underclass students receive a copy of the Knothole in their dorm mailboxes. Over 65% of 1st year and 70% of 2nd year students interviewed picked up a copy in their dorms, and because of this their readership was higher than any other class. Most of the rest of us however, have to rely on the stacks that are put out around campus. Overall 56% of those who got a copy of the Knothole got it from the stacks. Currently



Policy/Deadlines

The Knothole is the student publication of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. It is published every Wednesday during the school year. **The deadline for submitting pieces for publication is WEDNESDAY at 4:00 pm on the week before they are to appear. On disk or by e-mail, the deadline is THURSDAY at 12 noon.** E-mail submissions may be sent to KNOTHOLE@MAILBOX.SYR.EDU. Letters to the Editor will not be printed unless they are signed. Articles must also contain the writer's name (names will be withheld upon request). The opinions expressed are those of the writer only and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the paper's staff or anyone else affiliated with the College. We strongly encourage any counterinterviews, articles, notices, suggestions, and new staff members. The Knothole staff meets in Room 22 in the basement of Bray, Wednesdays at 6:30. Phone: 470-6892.

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From the editors



As this is the last issue of the Knothole this semester, and someone else will be taking over as editor-in-chief we would like to take a few words to say something about the status of the paper, and the direction we hope it will take in the future. As always, we are open to any and all suggestions about how to improve your publication and we thank you for reading it.

We made many changes throughout the semester, often in response to input from the campus community, and ideas from brainstorming sessions at our weekly meetings. They included classifieds, an off-campus page, an around campus page, interviews, the Eighth Page, scholarship listings, and Knotpolls.

We tried to do more with the paper graphically, to make it more readable; Russ Martin and Chris Grom's artwork were an important part of this. We also successfully added photographs to the Knothole for the first time, and we hope future issues will include photos taken by our new photographer.

We have tried to cover off-campus events, but would like to see more of this next semester. It was recently suggested that we include a separate calendar of events for local events, hopefully the new editor-in-chief will get enough information to begin this next semester. If you hear about an off-campus event or are involved in a local club, it only takes a minute to drop us a note or send us a quick e-mail message.

We felt that a major problem in making a quality paper was a lack of communication between the student community and the Knothole staff. To try and improve this we setup an e-mail account to receive submissions, sent out e-mail messages to ESF students with SUnix accounts, contacted department chairs, and reached local groups such as the Peace Council and Syracuse.Greens. We received 45 submissions by e-mail this semester, a healthy start. The Office of Student Affairs, headed by Julie Rawls, was very helpful in providing information on upcoming campus events. We were encouraged by participation from the Recycling Club and SEAC. These groups regularly submitted articles and announcements of their activities, and although many other clubs did participate, we would like to see USA and more of its sponsored clubs contribute to this publication. This would not only improve communication on campus, but also improve the content of ESF's school paper.

We added news stories which we felt would be of interest to ESF students, especially stories on the Environment Page. These included national stories such as the Wilderness Bill, state environment news such as the Eastman Kodak Company cleanup settlement in Rochester, and local stories such as the open-

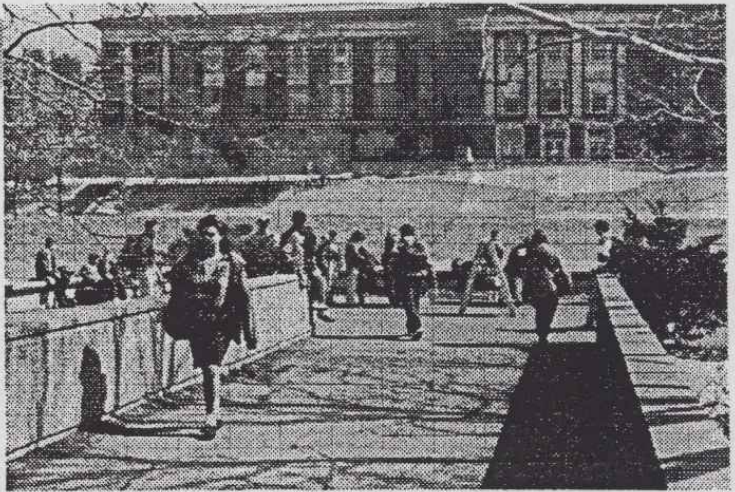
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Around Campus

Nominations Sought for Martin Luther King Human Rights Award

The Syracuse University Martin Luther King Committee and the Syracuse Regional Martin Luther King Commission are seeking nominations for the second annual Martin Luther King Human Rights Award that will recognize individuals, both adults and youths, from the University and community, whose lives exemplify the philosophy and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. The awards will be presented at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Dinner in the Carrier Dome on January 22, 1995.

Submit nominations to Carol Walker Bell, Co-Chair, Syracuse University Martin Luther King Committee, Student Health Center, 111 Waverly Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13244-2320. Phone 443-9001.



A Message From the Physical Plant

from Pat Murphy - Director of Physical Plant

As I tour campus buildings, I continue to observe a large number of paper signs affixed to walls and doors. Most of you will agree that this can have a negative aesthetic impact on our buildings and increase the maintenance required to repair and paint affected surfaces. Equally important, the paper signs are indications that the permanent signs and/or bulletin boards are not adequate.

In a collective effort to alleviate this problem, please comply with the following procedures:

1. If you have placed a paper sign on a wall or door, please take it down immediately (and carefully).
2. If you believe that a sign is required on a permanent basis, please complete a "Request for Installation of a Permanent Sign" and submit it to the Physical Plant. Unless the sign is of unusual size or detail, it will be purchased and installed by the Physical Plant (as long as funds are available).
3. If the sign is of a temporary nature, please place it on the appropriate bulletin boards. The only exceptions to this are postings required for safety and health reasons, such as those advising occupants of asbestos work, pesticide spraying, or construction limits.

I appreciate your support on this issue as I continue to look for ways to improve the overall appearance of our campus. If you have any questions, please contact me at 470-6588.

Grad TG

4:30 pm

Friday

Dec. 16

Nifkin Lounge

letters to the editors

To the Editors of the Knothole:

Vice President Paradiso is correct in stating that a "faculty committee" was not involved in deciding which trees and shrubs to save on campus prior to constructing the new chemistry building. Rather, it was just a few faculty members (including me) who began discussing with physical plant (in fall 1992) the tree and shrub relocation and future landscaping around the new building. In our last informal

"ESF probably has the richest tradition of dendrology instruction in this country..."

non-committee meeting (October 11, 1994), we all agreed to a relocation plan based on what plants were at risk according to the construction plans. As part of this meeting, we flagged a number of "save/don't harm" trees (including a bur oak, sweetgum, and Ohio buckeye) that were supposed to be out of the construction site near the campus cemetery boundary. On the basis of our discussions that day, with construction plans in hand, it appeared that these trees would not interfere with construction activities. Although I was very pleased with the tree relocation effort (we lost about 35 mature trees and shrubs, but generally were able to move the most unusual species), I was very surprised to see that the construction company/subcontractor had removed "save" trees. More disappointing was seeing the placement of the construction fence within an area that did not include these three specimens,

suggesting that the trees really did not have to be cut anyway, but were just inconveniently located.

The campus plantings are part of the outdoor laboratory in three dendrology courses that I teach each fall to about 225 students who come from all over campus. Unfortunately there are no other sweetgums on our campus. And the single, very large sweetgum in the cemetery does not have a key diagnostic feature. Because of our small campus and limited space for things that grow (except apparently for extensive bluegrass turf), I already rely heavily on off-campus locations for most of the species that I cover in the College's dendrology courses. Campus plantings also are used for courses in other academic programs.

ESF probably has the richest tradition of dendrology instruction in this country, thanks largely to Drs. Harlow and Ketchledge. This tradition exists despite campus plantings that are very limited because of greatly restricted physical space and what appears to be an attitude by some administrators that a tree is a tree. Or perhaps an attitude that trees are as easy to replace as any physical structure. One might expect this sort of attitude at other institutions, yet I know of many campuses that have done much more towards building and maintaining a respectable collection of woody species. For example, some campuses have recognized their woody plant collections formally as arboreta, even at some institutions where woody

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No buses running to the airport

Dear Editors:

There is a gaping black hole of omission in the "Year 2020 Transit Plan" of the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council, the \$3 billion blueprint for roads-bridges-transit projects around Syracuse. It does not plan for regular, scheduled bus service to Hancock Airport.

Centro bus service was promised at the public meeting on June 10, 1993. More than 2000 employees at Hancock Airport must either drive or use taxis daily to get to work. Talk about traffic gridlock and air pollution! In addition, thousands of traveling students, staff, and faculty from SU and ESF could use convenient buses rather than taxis (about \$14 one way) or cars.

A second petition for regular Centro buses to the airport was filed at the latest "2020 Transit" public hearing on November 16. It is time for ESF students and student governments to flex their political voting power and call for Centro to start regular bus service to the airport. Politicians and bureaucrats should be held accountable for the \$3,000,000,000.00 (that's billion) that we pay in gasoline taxes.

Austin G. Paulnak - Coordinator,
The Accountability Project
472-1394

"A taste for the beautiful is most cultivated out of doors."

- Henry David Thoreau

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plant courses are not offered. Just putting signs on our trees is not the answer. The collection of trees should be deserving of such signage. And anyone who believes that a campus turned arboretum would not be aesthetically pleasing should visit Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

Our campus plantings must function beyond simply providing a pleasing form in the landscape. They must be regarded as an integral part of outdoor labs, no less important than fixtures and equipment in indoor labs in our campus buildings. Typically the College tries to provide whatever a faculty member needs for his or her lecture or lab instruction. That cooperative spirit should fully be extended to on campus outdoor laboratories.

One large opportunity to enrich the woody plant instructional resources on campus will be the landscaping of the new chemistry building. The initial landscaping plans, which were promising, have been scrapped to save money for the new building. The last plans that I saw (late spring 1994) offered little improvement to the College's woody plant instructional resources. Eventually I hope that our College will more generously support the improvement of this instructional resource.

Donald J. Leopold - Associate Professor, EFB

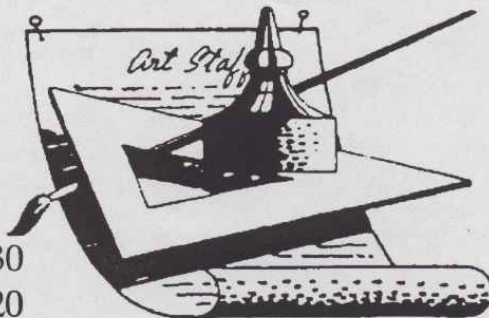
"To anticipate, not the sunrise and the dawn merely, but if possible, nature herself!"
- Henry David Thoreau

26th Annual Creativity Contest

The Knothole
is soliciting entries for its 26th Annual Creativity Contest

There will be 3 cash prizes in each of 4 categories:

Artwork
Photography
Short Story
Poetry



First place: \$30

Second place: \$20

Third place: \$10

Send submissions to the Knothole, 22 Bray Hall via campus mail, or drop them off in person.

Deadline for submissions is 4:00 pm, Feb. 22, 1995. Rules and Regulations are posted on page 10 of this issue.

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ing of the new Incinerator. in Syracuse. Our ability to bring you news was greatly enhanced by Trish, our News editor, and our access to information on the Internet (courtesy of Jim Palmer, who provided us with a modem). Unfortunately much of the news that we presented was taken from second hand sources. We hope that in the future the KH will be able to more actively pursue local and campus news stories via student reporters.

We would like to see more Knotholes distributed on campus. Currently we distribute 173 to four dorms, and 455 in stacks in the buildings. See the article starting on page 1 about our survey of ESF students.

- Rob and Shandor

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EPA Update

by Trisha Basford

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that fiscal year 1994 was a record year for EPA enforcement actions with 220 criminal cases, 1,597 administrative penalty actions, 403 civil referrals to the Dept of Justice, and nearly thirty civil referrals to enforce new consent decrees recorded. Superfund cleanup commitments by responsible parties exceeded \$1.4 billion and returns to the Treasury from Superfund sites was roughly \$200 million.

The agency is especially proud of this record since the office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance was reorganized this year. New offices that will emphasize environmental justice and improve relationships with Indian tribes and states were added in June of 1994. An office which will provide the regulated community with help in technical compliance was also insti-

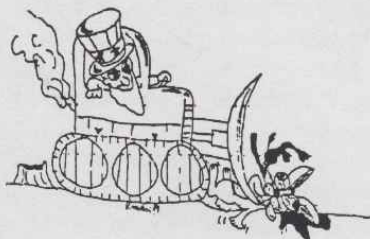
tuted.

According to a recently released EPA report, the United States has the capacity to manage all hazardous wastes that are projected to be generated within the next eighteen years. Copies of the Draft National Capacity Assessment Report are available by calling the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act Hotline at 1-(800)-424-9346.

The EPA has expanded the Toxic Release Inventory list by 286 compounds, bringing the list to a grand total of 654 chemicals proven to be harmful to public health and/or the environment. Companies must provide data regarding the amounts of listed toxins they use and emit during manufacturing operations. Citizens have a right to know what sorts of chemicals may be affecting them and their communities, the agency said, and the expansion of the TRI provides them with a more complete picture. Information on accessing the TRI data may be obtained by calling the EPA at (202)-260-1531.

Environmentalists Sue to Stop Fort Expansion

SIERRA VISTA — Environmental and Table groups that contend wildlife will be harmed by planned expansion



at Fort Huacuca have gone to federal court to force the Army to consult with federal wildlife officials.

The lawsuit which was delivered recently in U.S. district court contends that expansion of the army post will reduce flows in the San Pedro river. That threatens five endangered fish species that live in the river, as well as the Southwestern willow flycatcher, a

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Agenda 2020

by Trisha Basford

The US forest, wood and paper industry has recently signed a collaborative research agreement that will be carried out with Department of Energy scientists. Some of the long term research plans will focus in areas such as sustainable forest management, environmental and energy performance, recycling, and improving certain aspects of paper processing. Fundamental chemical and physical properties of

fibers will also be subjects of research

The research initiative was developed under the auspices of DOE's Industries of the Future program. The program's aims are to promote the growth, energy efficiency and competitiveness of the United State's most energy-intensive industries. According to the American Forest & Paper Association, the industry has invested \$9 billion in pollution controls since 1980, reducing particulate emissions by 97% and dioxin emissions by 92%. They

hope to gain some new technologies through the program, since the industry's primary focus has been on control rather than R&D for the past 14 years.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary pointed out that the forest and paper products industry has been the most active participants in the program thus far; and hopes that other industries such as chemical, petroleum refining, and steel will also become more concerned with long-range plans for environmental sustainability. C&EN

Direct College Loans

by Aimee Delach

The Department of Education has announced that its new direct lending program has reached the Congressionally mandated benchmark of 40 percent in new loan volume for the next academic year. The program will provide \$8 billion in loans to two million students at 1500 schools in the next school year.

The White House anticipates that this program will reduce the complexity and costs for millions of student borrowers. It is also expected that the option to repay loans as a percentage income over time will reduce burdens on young families and make it easier for young people to serve their communities and country. (Source: White House Press Release)

The direct lending program, which is also intended to benefit taxpayers by saving over \$4.3 billion in the long term, has been called "the most innovative student financial aid program since the creation of the Pell Grant Program in 1973." This comparison is particularly interesting in light the current trend to shift the burden of higher education costs to students and their families (see Rob Barber's article in the Knothole from November 30, 1994). Twenty years ago, "innovative funding for higher education" meant absolving some of the tuition burden. Now, it means giving out loans, which only temporarily defray inevitable costs. In light of skyrocketing tuition and the prospect of paying interest on enormous loans,

these brilliant solutions tend to ring a bit hollow.

The only real solution, of course, rests with students and their families. Since we are being asked to shoulder larger proportions of higher costs for college education, we are the ones who should be speaking out to demand more funding for our schools, and for the continuation of the assistance programs currently in place. Central New Yorkers are fortunate to have an ally in NYPIRG, which is currently sponsoring the "Movement to Re-Invest in Education." NYPIRG can't do it alone though. Students must begin to use their voices in Albany and Washington. More details in the upcoming semester...

MOON LIBRARY EXAM WEEK EXTENDED HOURS

Tuesday	December 13	8:00 am-1:00 am
Wednesday	December 14	8:00 am-1:00 am
Thursday	December 15	8:00 am-1:00 am
Friday	December 16	8:00 am-6:00 pm
Saturday	December 17	9:00 am-6:00 pm
Sunday	December 18	9:00 am-6:00 pm
Monday	December 19	8:00 am-1:00 am
Tuesday	December 20	8:00 am-5:00 pm



MOON LIBRARY WINTER BREAK HOURS

Wed, Dec 21 thru	Fri, Dec 23	8:00 am- 4:30 pm
Sat, Dec 24 thru	Mon, Dec 26	CLOSED
Tue, Dec 27 thru	Fri, Dec 30	8:00 am-4:30 pm
Sat, Dec 31 thru	Mon, Jan 2	CLOSED
Tue, Jan 3 thru	Fri, Jan 6	8:00 am-4:30 pm
Sat, Jan 7 thru	Sun, Jan 8	CLOSED
Mon, Jan 9 thru	Fri, Jan 13	8:00 am-4:30 pm
Sat, Jan 14 thru	Sun, Jan 15	CLOSED
Mon, Jan 16 Regular hours resume		

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bird species proposed for the endangered species list, the suit says.

"The San Pedro in the only healthy river left in Arizona." said Kieran Suckling, director of the Greater Gila Biodiversity Project, one of the plaintiffs.

THE EIGHTH PAGE

The flannel in any wardrobe

Cocoon

Imprisoned beneath sordid
flesh&bone
Lies the heart which screams in the night
Dreams of blinding radiant perfection
Ensnared by sinews and tendons
By lies and bitter truths, by
bargains and concessions to my shabby
reality
Until it is too great a thing for me to contain
Burns too brightly, sears my mind of all else
And, realized, it bursts from my chest
Soars knife-edged flame into the heavens
Newly born angel butterfly
Leaving behind my bloodless body, ragged
cocoon

-Ron Salkin

Sh*t

Guaranteed to offend
Or amuse
We sh*t in metal boxes
behind closed doors
(god, I hope the doors locked)
Because we are ashamed
of our biology
We are not ashamed to eat, or breathe
But many of the efforts of sanitation
appear to enable us
to pretend
we dont
Of course everybody does it, but
in secluded, deniable privacy
Perhaps this elderly matron, dignified
is somehow spared this
social burden of shame
But I doubt it
This desire to cover the bare truth
says we cannot even expose
our assholes- cover 'em up.
You cant protect the innocent youth from this
After all, they've got firsthand evidence
All you can do is
shame them
Preserve the tradition- that which we disapprove of
We disbelieve

-Ron Salkin

The Leaves

All different colors,
small, medium, or large
like another layer of grass.
Oval and triangle
Falling in the wind
People gently swaying in the wind.

- Abby Fennessy

Meditations of a Crucified Christ

I see an ant struggling across gnarled wood,
slowly,
aimlessly. You appear to have lost
your path, my friend.

I would help you, my brother
But they have nailed
my hand
to tree

-Ron Salkin

Leaves

In a quiet woods
On a cool sunny day
When the sun is at its highest point
Rustling leaves on the ground.
Tree tops swaying in the wind.
Leaves falling with the breeze.
Trees are bare.
Leaves cover the flowers.
Close my eyes.
Listening to the leaves crackle.
Happy, and joyful.

- Abby Fennessy

Abby is 11 year old and attends fifth grade
at Eagle Hill Elementary School in Manlius



"IT'S TIME FOR A PRESCRIBED BURN"

Call for Nominations:

1994-95 SUNY Distinguished Professorships and Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

The interim Chancellor of SUNY, Dr. Joseph C. Burke, has invited nominations for the 1994-95 Distinguished Professorships and Chancellor's Awards. ESF has been allocated one nomination for each award. The Local Selection Committee is **soliciting nominations from the entire college community - faculty, staff, and students.**

Please consider your colleagues and coworkers and help recognize their lasting contributions to ESF and SUNY. Letters of recommendation providing specific reasons for nomi-

nating your candidate should be sent to Dr. Neil H. Ringler, 242 Illick Hall by **Friday January 6, 1995.** Please include in your letter the names of at least two colleagues, staff members and/or students who you feel would support the nomination. This information will assist the committee, whose task includes gathering additional information to make strong nominations to SUNY.

Individuals do not apply for these awards themselves. **Nominators should not contact those whom they nominate at this stage.** Individuals

who are ultimately selected as college nominees will be contacted by the Selection committee to assist in developing the dossiers to be sent to SUNY.

Listed below are abbreviated descriptions of the professorships and awards. Further details about the scope, eligibility, and criteria for selection during 1994-95 are available in each Faculty office, and in the offices of Student Affairs and Educational Services, Continuing Education, Instruction and Graduate Studies, and on reserve in Moon Library.

Distinguished Teaching Professorship

Recognizes outstanding teaching competence over a period of years at the graduate, undergraduate or professional levels by a person at the rank of **full professor.** This individual will have completed at least three years of full-time teaching at ESF and ten years in SUNY. The Distinguished Teaching Professorship is a rank above full professor.

Distinguished Service Professorship

Recognizes a distinguished reputation for service to not only the campus and the University, but also the community, state, and even the nation, by sustained effort in the application of intellectual skills, drawing from scholarly and research interests to issues of public concern. Nominees must be at the rank of **full professor.** The Distinguished Service Professorship is a rank above full professor.

Chancellor's Award For Excellence in Teaching

Recognizes superior teaching at the undergraduate, graduate, or professional level by persons of **any academic rank** who are full-time instructors and have completed at least three years of full-time teaching at ESF.

Chancellor's Award For Excellence in Librarianship

Recognizes extraordinary professional achievement in the field of librarianship by persons who have completed at least three academic years in full-time appointment at ESF at **any rank** as a professional librarian. Possession of an **MLS is required.** This award excludes the individual who is director of campus libraries (see next award).

Chancellor's Award For Excellence in Professional Service

Recognizes extraordinary professional achievement by persons serving full-time in professional service capacities, with more than 50% of the assignment in non-teaching services. Persons nominated must have completed at least three years of continuous full-time professional service in the position for which nominated. Specific categories included are academic administration, business affairs, student affairs, institutional support technologies, instructional and research support technologies, and the individual who is director of campus libraries.

26th Annual Creativity Contest Rules and Regulations

Sponsored by the Knothole

1. *The Knothole's* annual Creativity Contest is open to any ESF student, undergraduate (including the Ranger School) or graduate, excluding *Knothole* Editors and Assistant Editors and their immediate families.
2. Judging will take place either at a series of TG's, or as works displayed in Nifkin Lounge over a two-three week period with ballots collected at a central location. Editors and Assistant Editors of the *Knothole staff*, their advisor, immediate families and Creativity Contest entrants, are prohibited from casting ballots. Ballots will be tallied by the Editors and Assistant Editors of the Knothole.
3. While the *Knothole* has organized this contest, solicited materials, and screened entries to ensure compliance with the following criteria, it is not responsible for the content of or message portrayed in work shown.
4. Entries must clearly indicate the category in which it is to be considered: short story, poetry, artwork, or photography.
5. **Short stories and poetry** must be typed and double spaced, with stanzas clearly delineated (if applicable). Two copies must be submitted, with name, phone number, class and curricula clearly marked on **ONLY ONE** (i.e., the other should be anonymous for judging).
6. Short stories may be no longer than three pages.
7. **Photographs** must be 8 x 10, black and white. Entries may not contain name of photographer. Rather, a second copy or description of piece containing name, phone number, class and curricula should be included separately to permit anonymity in judging.
8. **All other Artwork** must be black and white, 8 1/2 x 11 or smaller. Title and description of piece (or photocopy) containing name, phone number, class and curricula of artist should be included separately.
9. All work must be suitable for inclusion in a news oriented publication. That is, in the event of libel, profanity, nudity, racism, sexism, other -ities, or -isms, the decision to further include the entry in the contest will be determined by the *Knothole* Editors and Assistant Editors in consultation with the *Knothole* advisor.
10. **Prizes** will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Three prizes will be awarded in each of the three categories, generally First, Second, and Third place.
 - b. In the event of a tie, monies for that category will be reapportioned to split the two prizes. For instance, rather than \$30 for 1st, \$20 for 2nd, \$10 for 3rd, money will be distributed as \$25 each for 1st place tie and \$10 for 3rd place, or \$30 for 1st place and \$15 each for second place.
 - c. In the event that not all prizes are awarded, these monies will be reapportioned to other winners, or to cover additional ties within categories.
11. The predetermined and published **deadline** (5 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1995) will be strictly enforced.
12. Entries become property of the *Knothole* Publication, and will be offered to *The Empire Forester* Yearbook for inclusion in that publication if they see fit to use them.
13. These rules will be published within the first 3-4 weeks of the fall semester, and will be available at the Knothole office thereafter, until prizes are awarded.
14. Concerns about these rules and regulations should be addressed to the Editor-in-chief(s) and Advisor (Mr. Patrick Lawler), for discussions and reconciliation of said concerns.
15. By entering this contest, entrants agree to these rules and regulations and agree to abide by the judges' decisions.
16. Award Certificates and checks will be presented at a yet to be determined time and location, and will be published in the Knothole prior to the last day of the semester. Award materials may be picked up at the Knothole office unless other arrangements are made between the entrants and staff.

Kappa Phi Delta News

by G.I. Rozman

Hi, my name is Gary. Occasionally I'm called Sac. I'm a brother of almost one year at Kappa Phi Delta. For the next semester I will do my best to take a break every once in a while from being active participant and switch to casual observer and relayer of information. I respect the Knothole as a forum for communication and I hope to develop a relationship with the reader based on professionalism and honesty (and every now and then a little humor won't hurt).

The end of this semester marks the end of the undergraduate careers of four of our brothers. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the House and the College, to wish them the best of luck on all their endeavors.

Stephen Foley, who's been with the House ever since he started as a freshman more than 4 years back, is on his way to a successful career in paperscience, but has yet to find a company worthy of his services. If I had to pick any one brother, I'd say it's due to him that I am where I am today. Any future pledge trainer I encounter will always be compared in my mind to how he stands up to Cherry. Also, I would have liked to have gotten to know Gina better.

Roger R. Creighton I consider one of the best friends I've ever made. From him I was always assured of a hearty "Hey, Sac!" whenever I walked into the room. I enjoyed spending time with him very much. No matter what time of day it was or where he was going, K-Mart was never an inconvenience. Also it's because of Roger that I know some extremely interesting people. I'm glad he's staying in the

area.

David Cunningham...it was a unique experience getting to know him. He's one of the few people I know that operates on that same warped level I do. Anyone that knows me can attest that I can come up with a doozy of a conversation. However, it was not uncommon for me to be left speechless by one of his one-liners. David has a unique sense of morality and fair play and I thank him for all his advice.

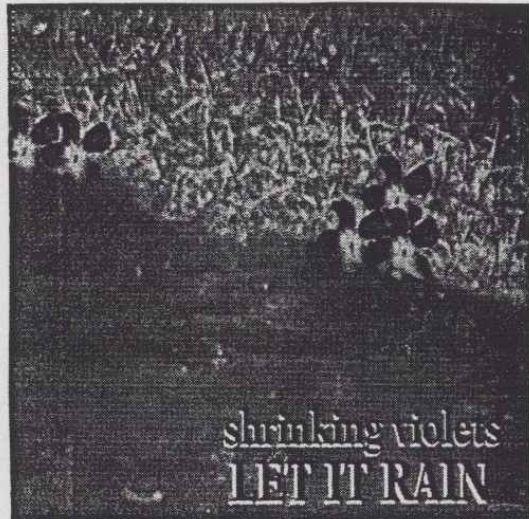
Last but not least, Gary Chattem,

my big brother. It's safe to say that I knew him probably better than most of the brothers, and honestly, he's a good guy. Once you get past the loud demeanor, there's a very intelligent and thoughtful person underneath. On account of both of us live on Long Island, I have an advantage in understanding where he's coming from. If I had to do it over again, I'd still pick him as my big brother.

To all of them: you're always welcome on Fifth Avenue, either one.

Happy Holidays, ESF.

It's Finally Here!



ESF's own Shrinkin' Violets new CD release "Let it Rain" is now available in room 410a Bray Hall or call 478-3903 to order your copy.

Commentary

Walking on the Good Earth: An Essay

by Shandor Szalay

I've been thinking about paths lately. And this is not some bland effort to be metaphorical- I really have just been thinking about paths. Not the paths of life, or war, or political autonomy, or love. No sir, this mind refuses to play the tunes of analogy. These thoughts are simple and down-trodden, and as my feet go pitter patter I begin to churn and begin to wonder. What is a path? And why the hell would I want to walk on one?

Lets role back the clock for some years. We find ourselves in New Mexico, and we're all huffing and puffing in the great mountain air building what's called a drain ditch. A drain ditch is a way to reduce erosion on a trail by digging a gully where water flow is known to cross the trail, filling it with rocks so that the water will trickle through the rocks and not erode your trail. Now we're finished building the drain ditch and we're very proud of ourselves. Our leader, a young energetic and enthusiastic man, comes over to us and applauds our work. His words make us aware of the incredible importance of trail conservation. We are passing down a legacy, he insists, insuring that our grandchildren can enjoy the same beautiful new Mexico wilderness that we are now enjoying. We would die, it seemed, but our drain ditch would live on. So it was, and I left new Mexico that summer feeling rather important, and certain that I had done a great service to my fellow man.

It was not until two weeks ago that I realized that everything that man said that day, was, and I quote myself, a crock of sh**. I was walking through

the SU campus, on a path, following its twists and turns, when I saw a most peculiar sight, some guy who had forsaken the whole idea of walking on the path, and had decided to take the shortest route to his destination. At that particular moment I was still what I would call an ally of pathdom, which means that I appreciated, respected, and honored the paths of the world, be they trails, roads, footpaths or whatever, and was thoroughly convinced that in restricting our movements to paths we were helping the planet. This was the essence of what Mr. Trail Conservationist was saying, paths are good because they concentrate human impact into a small area; we sacrifice a small area of land, the path, to save a larger one, everything around the path. Please. The next thing I did after I saw the guy not walking on the path, was to get off the god damn path myself. Then I started remembering all the times that high and mighty conservation minded people had yelled at me or someone I was with "Stay on the path, you're going to destroy the alpine vegetation". Again, a crock of shit. So for the last two weeks I have taken every opportunity to avoid paths, to walk though forest, grasses, over boulders, through streams; anything but on a path.

In the last two weeks I have grown up to an enlightened lookout in which I see all of the ugly human paths of the world, and I am able to realize the perils of path walking. The principle problem with path walking is that you are never really anywhere but on a path. I am sure we have all felt this traveling on an interstate highway. When you pass through a city on a interstate, you feel like you're not really in the city.

You're on the interstate, with the other cars, and the guard rails, and the road kills. You're on the interstate, and that's it. The city you are trying to experience can only be experienced by getting off the interstate; other wise you are on the path and the city is not, the two simply do not intersect. This same

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principle of isolation pops up anytime you walk on a path. I was in Montana this summer roaming through the most beautiful areas in the country. At least I thought I was,. In reality, I was just on a path that didn't lead anywhere but to more path. However hard you try to be in the Montana wilderness, if you stay on the path you are never going to get there. Not ever. There were a couple of instances when I and my friends left the paths and entered the world. These were incredible experiences, and we were so happy to really be part of the land. Some criticized us for destroying pristine alpine vegetation. We were sorry then, but now I would just laugh and know that I had not killed nearly as much as had created.

For those of you, paths in hand, who believe that I am foolish and callous for suggesting hat we go around randomly trampling over natural areas,

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"impacting" the land with horrible hiking boots and big human feet, I sympathize. I really do. I can see that, in light of the mass migrations that wilderness and countryside are subject to, the impact of a pathless recreation would be high. However, if you're just going to walk around on a path you might as well watch TV, because you're not really there, you're just in path world. The paths in our national parks and wilderness areas, while concentrating impact are limiting experience and crushing interaction. Perhaps we need to be less worried about footprints. Perhaps if more people took the time to impact our wilderness, the wilderness would have a chance to impact them. Yes, I admit it, alpine vegetation would suffer, but the American people would finally have the means to reestablish a strong connection to the land, at last, the land ethic we so desperately require.

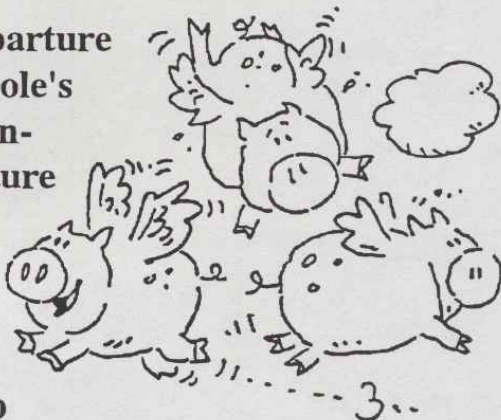
There were times when the paths did not etch their isolating stitches in our sides. There was a time when the

earth was under our finger nails, in our hair; it danced in our primitive minds. With hands we touched the land, with feet we tread upon it. Today, our paths, our roads, and trails have placed us away from this earth so we can no longer touch it. This isolation, this disconnection, is so typical of this a culture which no longer has any idea how to relate to the land. This isolation is the father of our ignorance, and is in large part responsible for the incredible demonstrations of environmental degradation this 20th century has seen. We need to physically touch the land if we are going to relate to it as a society. Paths make this impossible.

At the edge of the path, lies the edge of the world, just as the ends of the day and night meet at dawn. This is my petition for more footprints, more humans, more people. In a word-mingle; mingle with the land, get to know it again. Impact it, let it impact you- be a part of it. And say hi to the alpine vegetation for me, will ya? ♣

**With the departure
of the Knothole's
Co-Editors-in-
Chief the future
of the three
flying pigs
is uncer-
tain.**

**But hey, who
knows. Anyone want to adopt a flying pig?**



Classifieds

Split pine firewood

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Artists, Poets, Writers, Photographers

Submit your best to the Knothole's Creativity Contest

Help Wanted

Experienced photographers for Empire Forester staff. Call our office in 22 Bray at 470-6892 ASAP.

Wanted

Person who would like to attend the "Stabilization and Restoration of Disturbed Sites" Conference, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Rutgers, NJ - to share travel and lodging expenses. Call Aimee 470-6948.

Housemate Wanted

Fifth person to share a house; furnished; nice, quiet neighborhood in Eastwood (we carpool, only 5 min); mon. to mon. lease; affordable; available now/spring sem. call Tammy 437-7313.

Roommate needed

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Roommate Wanted

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For Sale

1994 ParkPre Sceptor Comp ATB, 19 inch frame, purple anodized parts, chrome finish, race-ready. Tons of extra accessories. Asking \$500 (way below cost). Call 423-3167.

In The Near Future...



Final Exams Begin - Wednesday, Dec. 14
Final Exams End - Thursday, Dec. 22
Classes Resume - Tuesday, Jan. 17
Happy Holidays, and enjoy the extra long break this year.

Christmas at Lorenzo, Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia

Tour this historic mansion decorated for a turn-of-the-century Christmas. Free Admission and music at the following times.
Dec. 14, 7-9 pm, Music by Bells and Motley Consort
Dec. 15, 7-9 pm, Music by John Rossbach

doughnut hour

sponsored by

Alpha Xi Sigma

(ESF's Honor Society)

7:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Sunday, Dec. 18

Moon Library Conference Room

Included **FREE**:

doughnuts, coffee, veggies etc.

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**4:30 pm
Friday
Dec. 16**

**Nifkin
Lounge**