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Learn about forestry school at fair

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Visitors to the state fair can make paper, learn about the Great Lakes or create a park at an exhibit run by the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

College representatives will be in front of the Horticulture Building 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Sunday with activities, exhibits and demonstrations. In addition to students and faculty members, representatives from ESF's admissions office will be available to answer questions about the college.

Here's what's going on:

Today: ESF's environmental resources and forest engineering faculty will teach visitors how satellite imagery and remote sensing is helping to study the environment.

Tuesday: Members of ESF's environmental studies faculty will discuss how to reduce energy use.

Wednesday: People can experience the porous quality of wood with air and water experiments.

Thursday: Visitors can learn about ESF's research on developing willow biomass to provide a clean, efficient energy source for the future.

Friday: People can explore soils, learn how to age trees and discover the

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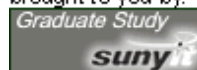
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hundreds of products made from forest products with ESF's forest and natural resources management faculty.

Saturday: Students from ESF's landscape architecture faculty will help children create their own mini park.

Sunday: Visitors can explore New York's Great Lakes, their coastlines and watersheds with ESF's Great Lakes Research Consortium.

'Goons' on hand to help New students and their parents had some welcome, and in some cases unexpected, help unpacking their vehicles when they arrived on Syracuse University's campus last week.

About 500 upperclassmen volunteered to be part of the Goon Squad, a tradition that's been around more than 55 years. Current students greet new students and help them unload their vehicles and find their dorm rooms.

"We have a huge group this year. We're up to nearly 500 volunteers this year that will be helping us with this process," said Anastasia Urtz, dean of students. "It's the highest number that anyone here has been able to recall."

Wells stays same size Classes at Wells College in Aurora, Cayuga County, are scheduled to begin Thursday morning. A campus convocation is at 7:30 p.m. that day in Macmillan Hall.

The all-women liberal arts college, founded in 1868, is one of 69 all-women colleges left in the United States.

The incoming class of 105 first-year students will be joined by 35 transfer students for a total enrollment of 420 students, which is about the same as last year. College officials said 53 percent of the new first-year students are from New York state, 43 percent are from other states and 4 percent are from other countries.

Tuition at Wells this year will be \$13,592, a 4 percent increase over last year. Room and board costs will be \$6,830, a 6 percent increase over last year.

SU searches for comments After a booming first day, responses to a Web site Syracuse University created for people to weigh in on the search to replace Chancellor Kenneth "Buzz" Shaw have continued to come in.

As of Aug. 13, 307 responses had been e-mailed to the site, said Sandra Mulconry, associate vice president of public relations. About 100 people responded to the site the day it opened, after Shaw, 64, announced April 23 that he plans to retire in August 2004.

From July 11 to Aug. 7, a total of 783 people checked out the chancellor search Web page, said Robert Gerbin, senior manager of the Office of Electronic Media Communications. The site allows visitors to tell the university what they'd like to see in the next chancellor.

The number of visitors before July 11 is unavailable because of an upgrade to the server, said Kevin Morrow, speaking for the university.

The site offers a survey that solicits comments in three areas: the university's strengths, challenges SU may face during the next five years, and skills or qualities that the next chancellor should possess.

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To reach the site, access the university's home page, which is at www.syr.edu. Click on the chancellor's search square near the bottom of the page to be forwarded to the survey. Staff writers Nancy Buczek and David L. Shaw contributed to this report.

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