

DECEMBER MEETING

Monday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m.
Eames Theater, Pacific

Science Center. Session 2 of 4-session course in amateur mycology: Explanation of Physical Features and Introduction to the Key. Materials provided. Speakers are Dr. T. Russell Kurtz and Steve Fisher. Extra added attraction - the KOMO TV film taken at the Crystal Springs field trip, courtesy Bill Brubaker. Parts (or maybe all - I haven't seen it) of this film were shown on KOMO's Thursday night SPECTRUM show.

"A man must have a certain amount of intelligent ignorance to get anywhere." --Charles Kettering



"I have dropped sunflower seed on stony mesa tops and planted cactus in Alpine meadows...I have sowed northern seeds south and southern seeds north and crammed acorns into the most unlikely places....

"Life is never fixed and stable. It is always mercurial, rolling and splitting, disappearing and re-emerging in a most unpredictable fashion. I never make a journey to a wood or a mountain without experiencing the temptation to explode a puffball in a new clearing. ...It is not out of sadistic malice that I have carried cockleburs out of their orbit, or blown puffball smoke into new worlds....One out of all those seeds may grope forward into the future and writhe out of its current shape. It is similarly so on the windswept uplands of the human mind."

--Loren Eiseley,
"Man, Time and Prophecy"

OUR PRESIDENT PEERS INTO THE FUTURE FROM BEHIND THE TELEPHONE BOOK:

The Society is growing and is making itself known to the public. The public appears to use and appreciate its discovery. Some 500 or more of them made various inquiries, most concerning identification, during the fall and winter growing season. Unofficial estimates indicate that some 200 calls were handled at the University by Dr. Stuntz and his graduate students. Another 200 or so were received by your president. The remainder were fielded by well-known members who stay home evenings. As a reaction from this pressure, the Board is discussing methods for setting up zones by next fall hunting season. Members will be needed who can recognize the common edible species. More information will be disseminated as the program takes shape.

--George W. Rafanelli, Pres.

THIS PAST MONTH: Paul Nestell gave a slide lecture to the Tacoma Myco Society and iden-

tified 35 of the 40 species their members brought. (Incidentally, Paul's knit rainbow stocking cap, which matches a similar vest, disappeared during the Crystal Springs hunt. This garment of character is an esthetic loss to the Society--if you know its whereabouts, own up.)

George Rafanelli spoke to the Burien Men's Garden Club (which has 8 women in it), and the Algoma Garden Club of Edmonds - the only time, George says, he ever saw a lady offer a Tiparillo to a gentleman - and he doesn't smoke; he also lectured to the So. Snohomish Exchange Club.

Ben Woo spoke to the Bellevue Garden Club and to the Snohomish Mineralogical Society (maybe we can swap them rocks for mushrooms?)

BOARD NOTES: Present: Imori, Nestell, Fisher, Rule, Ladell Black, Rafanelli, Kurtz, Ogata, Hughs, Young.

DO SHUTTERS BUG YOU?

Yosh Ogata made a very scientific presentation of slides made by 10-thumbed amateurs to test the close-up quality of the Kodak Instatech camera such as used by orthodontists and plastic surgeons. The literature describes this as an "Idiot-Proof Close-Up Camera", franker than which you cannot get. Your measurements can't go wrong with its lens and frame system. After comparing results produced by camera systems costing up to \$450, the Board decided the Society would be well served by this camera, and we have ordered one (for around \$60) to take pictures of specimens for Society files. Field trips come and field trips go, and Camera Experts are now always available (tho I hesitate to suggest we are in any way supplied with Idiots) to get pix of rare specimens, or even rare situations among common species. (Oh well, you know, sitting around drinking and singing and so forth.)

The camera will be (it takes a while to get it) available to any member who will use it for field trip slides, perhaps on family outings between official hunts. George Rafanelli will store it at his home, as being more convenient than checking it in and out of the Society space at the Center. So call him in the Spring.

"...they know enough who know how to learn." --Henry Adams, Education of

HOW COME WE DUE YOU LIKE WE DUE? You are invited to pay 1968 dues promptly in January in order to keep you on the mailing list, eligible to vote and persona grata for the Annual Dinner and Revelry in March. Further persuading, cajoling, extoling, pleading, conning, asking, suggesting, reminding, entreating, supplicating, importuning, petitioning, begging, beseeching, appealing and imploring will take place in January and February, after which time, I am sorry to say, you will be lopped off the list with a heartless sweep of the axe. To avoid dismemberment

mail your dues to PSMS, 200-2nd No., Seattle 98109. Or bringum to a meeting, where Tom Imori will gladly receive them. \$5 family/single; \$2.50 student.

We now have 322 members; 70 are already in good standing for 1968 buh-less your littul hearts.

COOKING BOOKING The Board, influenced only remotely by the possibility of taste-testing, has asked Pauline Shiosaki to be editor of a PSMS cookbook. We would like all your ideas about what you would like to see in such a book, your recipes, and your different methods of preparation ov various wild mushrooms. Pauline says we have so many different national backgrounds represented in PSMS we really should discover many different approaches to preparation and use. Send your recipes and methods to Pauline, 7005 S. 132nd St. Don't worry about spelling, grammar, neatness or boxtops, just get us the information. We hope to produce a handsome little book for members and to sell at the next exhibit. All suggestions welcome.

EVEN ICE CREAM? ATTA GIRL!

"Any dish is enhanced by the use of mushrooms." --Hilda Nolan whose recipe follows. (Ask her about Philip Nolan, The Man Without A Country.)

TUNA MUSHROOM RING

2 C soft bread crumbs	1 Tbs chopped pimento
1 C milk	
1-10 oz. can condensed Cr. Mushroom soup	1 Tbs ch. parsley
2 eggs beaten	½ tsp salt
1 - 3 oz. can chopped mushrooms*	¼ tsp pepper
	1 - 7 oz. can tuna, flaked

*I don't know how this would taste with the common, store variety of mushroom; I used oyster mushrooms which we had picked and they had the flavor of chicken.

Soak bread crumbs in milk, combine with all other ingredients, stir in tuna. Bake in greased ring mold or casserole at 325 for 1 hour. Serve with mushroom sauce if desired. This is supposed to make 6-8 servings. It was so good, it just barely fed two of us.

W.A.

LEPIOTA RACHODES BATTER, by Lois Ohlson

- 1 C flour)
- 1 Tbs cornstarch)
- 1 Tbs baking powder) Mix
- 1 tsp salt) together
- 2 eggs)
- About 1 C water)

Batter must be thin!

Dip sliced, quartered or pieces of cap of Lepiota Rachodes and fry in deep fat until golden brown. Batter keeps well in covered jar in refrigerator.

MORE FATHEADED FAKELORE:

- 6. Poisonous mushrooms grow mostly in woods. Oh for heaven's sake, NO.
- 7. Just pick the caps, then the mushroom can spore from the stems next year. (Sigh.) NONONONO. Come to meetings.

"Ignorance is preferable to error; and he is less remote from the truth who believes nothing, than he who believes what is wrong."

--Thomas Jefferson



'68 ELECTIONS (they're everywhere, ain't it?) HEAD START PROGRAM:

Members are asked to please nominate from the floor at both December and January meetings. You must have the consent of your nominee first; equally, it is tradition in this Society that you can nominate yourself (or if you're shy, ask someone to do it for you). Ben Woo wrote the following in 1965; it is repeated here because it can't be said better:

- a group with as large and diverse a membership as ours, we encounter the hazard, common to many organizations, of having the leadership increasingly concentrated in a small clique who happened to be around at the beginning. While this arrangement may not of itself be bad, and indeed may yield good results, the accompanying rigidity often precludes participation by other gifted and talented individuals and prevents infusion of new ideas and viewpoints that may benefit the Society.

"Under its Articles of Incorporation, the Society places all of its governing and policy-making powers as well as its management functions in its officers and board. At the present time the governing body consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer together with 10 Trustees. This Board is under normal circumstances only controlled by the membership through selection of its members during the annual nomination and election process. It is therefore of greatest importance for members to exercise their rights of nomination and voting.

"We have been most fortunate during these past years of formation of our Society in having received the dedicated service of persons both in official positions and out. While the duties undertaken and the responsibilities assumed have been at times highly demanding, those who have participated have been rewarded by many personal satisfactions - deep feelings of accomplishment, warm friendships and associations, and access to the most valuable kind of information on where to find mushrooms.

"We therefore urge you to give serious consideration to nomination of persons, not excluding yourselves, who will be assets to the Society as officers or trustees."

NOT ALL STUFFING IS FOWL:

You are all, men, women and children, invited to sign up to put out the Bulletin, a sociable chore performed monthly by a loosely rotating group (that goes around together?)--it's a pleasant way to meet fellow members. You maybe have noticed every sheet is a different color? That's so you can talk while you work without having to check out page numbers. You can sign up at the next meeting. C.Y.

And one last quotation from an opinionated Greek poet:

"Silence is a woman's glory."

Well good luck, Greek poet, from

Conrad Young
Editor