

APRIL MEETING Monday, Apr. 8, Eames Theater, Pacific Science Center.
Dr. Dan Stuntz, Professor of Mycology, University of Washington, our Patron and Godfather, will give his annual lecture "Mushrooms that Grow in the Spring", tra la, with slides that display all their charms. A really miraculous thing, tra la, when Nature gets into the swing, tra la, if you can ignore the alarm. IF you can o'ercome the alarm! Identification after.



HAPPY POLITICAL NEW YEAR, all dues-paid members!
If any of you remember, or care, that this year we ran half the ballots with board nominees listed A-Z and the other half Z-A, you will be nonplussed to hear that except for one individual, whose vote varied by 5 between the two, all other voting varied only to the extent of 1 or 2. So the Great American Experiment has triumphed again. Democracy is not merely Alphabetical, as insinuated by Thurston L. Zigafoos when he declined to enter politics.

Epitaph Recently Found
On A Tombstone In
North Scotland
by Paul Rule

Come bide a wee,
'And sit with me
Upon my tombstone long.
The key did lee,
Though it may be
I did but read it wrong....

Following are new Officers, Board Members and Committee Heads. You are urged to save this list so you'll know who to volunteer to. This, then is our 1968 Establishment:

Pres. Ralph Nolan WE 2-3855.
V.P. Clarence Bates LA 2-3949, Fall Exhibit Ch'man.
Areas. Morrill Gatcomb PR 8-4793, Education Chmn.
Secy. Lillian (Mrs. Jack) Titland WE 7-2902.

BOARD:

Dr. ~~Elmo Beeson~~ *Frank Carr*
Ruth (Mrs. Robert) Bell, 1969 Banquet Chmn PR 8-0210
(See form for you to pitch in and fill out.)
Ron Brougham EA 5-5735
Walt Curtis VA 2-8513
Dr. Charles Hughs, TA 4-2967, Asst. Exhibit Chmn.
Tom Imori, PA 5-9886, Invaluable Membership Chmn.
Paul Nestell, Field Trips, Olympia 943-1838
Paul Rule, House Chairman--see message. EM 2-8390.
Charles Woodruff GL 4-4747
George Rafanelli (Past Pres.) Honorary Member
Connie Young, Bulletin pro-tem,



COMMITTEES:

Publicity -
Ron Requa, Jr.
LI 6-4303
Identification
Charles Volz
EM 3-5465
Photography -
Harold Helterline
PA 5-7779
Librarian -
Ben Woo
EA 4-7617

which I've been wanting to speak to you about. There are some other publications I'd like to work on, in particular a booklet for new members, to give them some idea ~~on~~ what they can expect, and how this Society works. President Nolan has asked Joe Deyling (SU 2-3732) to assume the Bulletin, and as far as I am concerned, Joe has passed the exam for the position: when wondered what an oxymoron was, he explained it was an eight-sided idiot. A fellow adherent to the Mark Twain school of American humor.



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BOARD ACTION:

George Rafanelli was voted an Honorary Life Membership, as a reward for the 300 phone calls he got from ignorant strangers during the past year. (RO 7-4408.) Interviewed earlier, Mr. R said, "Accordingly, I shall not seek - and will not accept - the nomination of my party* for another term as your President."

* the Annual Dinner Party

Our Resident Actuary points out that in 350 years we will be a Society totally composed of Honorary Life Members, but do not fret, friends, it's better than being decomposed - a condition closer to mycophagists than to most.

THE BOARD VOTED the Field Trip Chairman mileage and incidental expense allowance in recognition of the good work he does for us. Since we are a nonprofit organization, we have asked him to report for reconsideration when he reaches 25,000 miles. If the coffee and cookies escalates to champagne and filet mignon, responsible members are asked to get in touch with (1) the Treasurer and (2) Mrs. Nestell.

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PAUL RULE, our reliable House Chairman, complains of himself that he cannot delegate authority; rather than grandly point here and there for minions to do the work, he does it himself. NAYTHELESS, he will use your help on meeting nights, setting up ID tables and lights; setting up projector; rearrange seats sometimes, and undo the whole thing at the end. Come a half-hour early, please. You get the best seats and the first look at the fresh specimens, too.

FIELD TRIPS - save this, too!

April 6/7 - Rockport State Park, 30 mi. E. of Sedro Woolley. Potluck Sat. nite. This is the first of the year, and an exploratory trip. Says Scout Nestell: "If we don't find mushrooms, we'll play pinochle."

April 20/21 - Dalles Forest Camp, 25 mi. E. of Enumclaw. Potluck Sat. nite. DRY WOOD, PLEASE BRING.

May 4/5 Crystal Springs Forest Camp, 10 mi. E. of Snoqualmie on Stampede Pass Road. Potluck Sat. nite; BRING DRY WOOD, PL.

Paul says: "We need help on these trips. It's all fun-- someone to hold down the camp while I teach others to hunt. Someone to host the coffee and cookies and direct people, and to tend the fire."

Members who have enjoyed the welcome they get, know what a pleasant contribution it is. The only way you get something out of an organization is to put something into it. Let's go!

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MORE
PEOPLE
MUSHROOMS====YOU
MEET,
THE
----- MORE

If you dwell in single, or even double, but carless splendor, and don't know anybody and would like to go on a field trip, why don't you volunteer to be Transportation Chairman? That way you get first choice of rides. Call Ralph Nolan. Yr welcome, Ralph.

YOU'RE ALWAYS GETTING ME ASIDE AND SAYING IF ONLY WE HAD A COOKBOOK. Call, write or wire Pauline Shiosaki, 7005 S. 132d St., Seattle 98178. If you take them from a published book, please say so, or we'll be sued. Blonk. Like That. Identify your sources, please.

DINNER CHIMES

Well, we had a tremendous time, all told. The reservation returns were dismayingly spectacular, and it was necessary to put what was originally to have been a second bar, and lounging and strolling (laughing and scratching) room into tables. And at that, with great sadness, we had to turn people down.

Ben Woo unveiled the officers and board members with great style, and Awards were made. for the first time in the history of our Great Society. We don't do anything much by rote, and hopefully never will. These awards took the unexpected form of sweatshirts, for hevvin's sake. (And if a form is going to be unexpected, it will be that in a sweatshirt, but to go on...) They were decorated as follows, complete with giant circle insignia:

To Geo. the Raf: "Top Toadstool"

To Dr. Stuntz: "Dangerous Dan,
The Mycomeister"

To Paul Nestell: "Field Tripmaster,
Eagle Rank"

To Me, the sign of the drunken typesetter: "Etaoin Shrdlu" (for people who don't get this, it's made by running the finger down the first two vertical lines of type on a Linotype machine to clear a mistake; you see it the papers sometimes.)

Everyone was highly complimentary of Ladell (Mrs. Dean) Black's get-acquainted system (you wore somebody's else name until you met them and exchanged. I will forever be Gerald Taylor to many.) Her table cards enabled you to pick out a seat and leave it reserved. The table centerpieces were charming little masterpieces - those entrancing and authentic white mushrooms were modeled of egg white and sugar (both authentic) by Ladell, her children and her mother, one-by-painstaking-one. They were safely edible--everything a mushroomer could desire. Ruby Chow's food and service were excellent.

We thank you, Mrs. Black, mam.
You done noble.

PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER has room for a MYCOLOGY exhibit; we invite you all to submit suggestions for it - preferably rough sketches with arrows pointing all around and explanations. At present, roughly, we might have an area 6' x 8', two sides for front viewing, that can be changed. Those of you who have spent any time in our delightful Center will have some idea of the kind of exhibit that will hold its own with the stimulating materials around it. We want all the suggestions we can get no matter how wild - sensible aspects can always be thunk up, but really creative ideas are rare. Should it be an exhibit that can be changed, or should it be static? Should it express the relationship of fungi and their function to the rest of the world? Or be restricted to pointers on identification? Or have a live member in it, hunting, hunting, hunting?

Write out your ideas, or sketch, and let us have them. Or call me up and tell me in 100 words or less and I'll pass them on to Paul Nestell who is Chairman of the Ctte ==CY.

THE SIGNPOST - A Newsletter for Hikers and Backpackers! I've urged this publication on you before--it is crammed with the most valuable information on every aspect of hiking. Editor Louise Marshall (One Hundred Hikes in Washington) says she will send sample copies to each of us, so expect same in future. \$3.00 a year, pub. twice a month April-August, once a month otherwise.

Louise Marshall

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WHILE IT IS ALL FRESH IN YOUR MIND, will you help Ruth Bell, the 1969 Annual Dinner Chairman, get an idea what you feel, if you're feeling anything by now.

REMEMBER, everyone who was furious will write in right away, so if you have some constructive ideas, and you ain't mad, please do us this favor.

1. How many of your family come? _____ 2. Do you have Lenten restrictions; if so, what? _____

3. What kind of food do you suggest? _____

4. Would you prefer some Supplementary Social Activities after dinner? (Drinking and dancing, rassling, pom-pom-pullaway?)

What? _____

5. Do you have a hall you think would be suitable, or superior? Why? _____

6. What suggestions do you have for "Get Acquainted", such as the reverse labels?

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7. Do you WANT to get acquainted? _____

8. Now, what do you LIKE about these dinners? and would like to have more of? _____

9. What do you DISLIKE? _____

10. What kind of kind of speaker would you like? Serious? _____

Name some on the back of this.

Entertaining? _____ Entertaining on a serious subject? _____

How would you feel about, for instance, Julia Child? _____

_____ Dr. Rene DuBois? _____ ZAza Gabor? _____

Vincent Price? _____ Groucho Marx? _____ LBJ? (he'll be free)