



# SPORE PRINTS

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APRIL MEETING-MONDAY APRIL 13, EAMES THEATER PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER  
8:00 PM

PROGRAM- Our new Prez Bob Ramsey will discuss the position  
of the P.S.M.S. on the extent to which we will  
support or participate in conservation activities.  
AND--- A slide show of various mushrooms collected on  
field trips during 1968-69 - Paul Nestell

IDENTIFICATION SESSIONS BEFORE AND AFTER MEETING.

At the 1970 Survivors' Banquet, outgoing Prez M. Gatcomb  
presented a check for \$1000.00 in the name of P.S.M.S., for  
the advancement of science, to Dr. Ray, Director of Pacific  
Science Center.

## FABULOUS FAKE!

In our announcement of the guest speaker,  
we billed him as:

Dr. Phineas H. Oakes, PhD

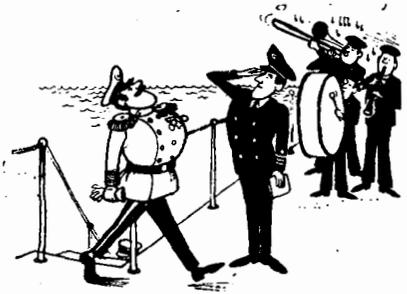
Apparently, his letter of acceptance,  
written in Sanskrit, lost something  
in translation. It should have read:

Dr. Finney S. Hoax, PhD  
(Dr. of Phrenology)

Sorry 'bout that.



### TO THE RESCUE



At the last minute, the banquet caterer was  
unable to locate a supply of morels. So we  
had to beg Morrie G. and Paul N. to dip into  
their hoards of same and make them available.

our thanks  
to  
both of you!

Oh, what a tangled WEBB we weave  
When first we practice to deceive

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Sir Walter Scott

March 21, 6:35 PM

My name is Saturday. I was working the Night Watch out at Riot Control when I received a call to rush to the San Juan Room at the Seattle Cen'. Someone had reported that a crowd of about 400 suspicious characters were clutching little yellow and pink cards and milling about eating from large trays of mushrooms. That in itself was cause for alarm, but the biggest worry was that this crowd (being high on the mushrooms) might become belligerent, as they were not allowed to deposit their pink and yellow envelopes immediately upon arrival at the scene. A mass revolt was neatly avoided by a very efficient lady in a gray wig who let them go into the banquet room just in time. I was on my guard with my shoulder holster ready, when a group of disorderly winos seemed to get out of hand, but this was soon controlled by rapid dispensing of the desired beverage.

I was about to return to Headquarters, as the crowd was docilely eating what looked to be a delicious gourmet salad, when I noticed several suspicious characters and decided to bring them back for a line-up and possible booking. They were as follows:

1. an Oriental banjo player
2. an exotic dancer, disguised in a light blue Science Center jacket
3. the bodyguard for said exotic dancer - goes by the designation "Gus"
4. the grey haired lady (better known as "kiss'n Hildah" alias Minnie the Smoocher), who seemed to be the gang leader - suspected of fencing stolen goods - 44 items.
5. Phineas H. Oakes -(alias Guy Shehane), master con man. Suggest immediate booking for taking practically everybody for a ride.
6. a grey haired fellow who kept whistling and stomping every time he saw a girl in a mini-skirt. Suggest booking on suspicion of a 197.
7. a Mafia leader (we were lucky to get this guy - been hunting h for years)

#### Items Brought Back as Evidence

- Exhibit A - 1 brown teddy bear
- Exhibit B - 1 green sack that goes "ho ho he he haw haw chuckle chuckle"
- Exhibit C - 1 bucket, green, used for illegal lottery
- Exhibit D - list of names and numbers - suspected numbers game

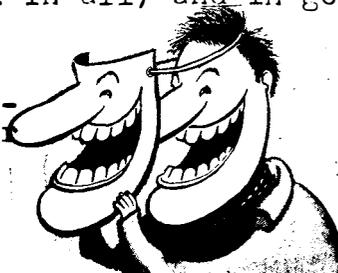
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For those of you who couldn't get to the banquet and therefore wouldn't understand all the inside jokes - an explanation is in order. Our M.C. was Ben Woo, who outdid himself again with his great sense of humor. Our guest speaker, Guy Shehane, (billed as a paleomycologist) turned out to be a master in the art of the put-on. We all (mostly) kept straight faces while he talked about his publication "Mushrooms of the Sahara", mushroom growing upside down in the desert, and Arctic mushrooms lost off a dog sled. Most of us finally tumbled to the joke when he said that Ghengis Khan's army lived off mushrooms grown overnight in his horses fecal matter. That was a bit much!

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation to each of our former presidents with a gold name plate accompanied by a kiss from Hildah. Our new president, Bob Ramsey also received the new name plate.

Many thanks to the banquet committee for a delicious gourmet dinner, clever menu-programs, beautiful decorations, obtaining and wrapping all those great door prizes (44 in all) and in general giving us the best banquet ever.

(Ed note- Belle Swaffield trod many miles helping with shopping for prizes and gave another day assisting with the wrapping. It was a great committee)



Barb Lansinger

HEAR YE!

THE NEXT 4 FIELD TRIPS.

HEAR YE!

Unless otherwise announced at outings, potluck dinners will be at 5:30-Saturday.

April 18/19 CLE ELUM- Fireman's Park Pavilion. Turn right at Swiftwater Park sign. Pavilion is just behind athletic field (Loggers' Field)

April 25/26 DALLES FOREST CAMP - 25 miles east of Enumclaw on Hiway #410.

May 2/3 TUMWATER FOREST CAMP- 10 miles north of Leavenworth on Hiway #2.

May 9/10 SALMON LA SAC, on Cle Elum Valley Road 903, 21 miles north of Cle Elum.



Ques: What sits on a mushroom and squeals to the police?

Ans: A Toad-stool pigeon.

Ques: What sits on a mushroom and squeals to the police with its toes crossed over each other?

Ans: A pigeon-toed toad-stool pigeon (contributed by Dina Chybinski)



The newly elected officers and trustees believe in ACTION. At their first meeting, most of the committee chairmen were appointed.

Volunteering (?) for the following positions were:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Historical	Ann Bard	Banquet	Belle Swaffield
Education	Milton Grout	Mailing	Bernie Swaffield
Membership	Fay Melsen	Arts & Crafts	Charles Proctor
House	Howard Melsen	Bulletin	Ralph & Hildah Nolan
Exhibit	Victor Nendza	Field Trip	Paul Nestell
Publications	Ben Woo	" " Assistant	Claude Coffman

Program Chairman, Dave Schmitt

Still to be appointed are Publicity and Photography

The chairmen are going to be looking to the general membership for help in carrying out these programs.

Kudos to those members and others who contributed the door prizes which were so well received. (No one went to the swap table.) Thanks to Ed Cantelon, Peggy Fay, Joan Hilliker, Carole Nestell, Joy Spurr, Irene O'Connor and Lillian Titland. Neither Joan Hilliker nor Irene O'Connor were able to attend the banquet so it was doubly thoughtful of them.

In addition, we were given a subscription to the Pacific Search by Harriet Brewster; four gift packages from the Ostrom Mushroom Farms and the PSMS gave us an autographed cookbook and a text book. All in all they were impressive. Can't think of a better word than -THANKS!

And how 'bout that clever cartoon on the menu - drawn by Richard Swaffield (son of Bernie & Belle)

Hildah Nolan, Banquet Chairman

Mushroom collecting has been called the most dangerous of outdoor sports, bar none. This will not be so if we play by the rules.

It wouldn't be so necessary to tell one mushroom from the next if they were all equally good to eat.

But this is not the case!

Whenever we collect mushrooms for food, there are some general rules to follow:

1. Know precisely and positively what you're after.
2. Collect only one species at a time. In case you do collect more than one kind, keep each kind separate. Never mix several species in same basket.
3. Use a flat container for collecting, preferably a box or basket. Be sure the handles are solidly attached. It's distressing to spill a basket of mushrooms.
4. A rigid container will help prevent crushing or breaking of the mushrooms while you're collecting.
5. Only young fresh specimens are suitable for food. After a mushroom matures and begins to deteriorate, its edible qualities likewise deteriorate.
6. Keep your collection as clean as possible. Pick the entire fruiting body so you're positive it's the right kind. Then trim off the lower parts and clean off any dirt before placing in basket.
7. Have a trimming or cutting knife (in a shield), a pencil and paper in case you wish to make any notes or leave any notes (should you get lost) and some waxpaper to wrap any other item collected to keep it free from the mushrooms you plan to eat. (You're certain to find a pretty stone for an artistic arrangement or a bird feather you'll wear in your hat.)
8. Keep mushrooms in shade and as cool and well aired as possible until you get home.
9. Clean, process or cook your mushrooms as soon as possible after you get home. Most mushrooms deteriorate very rapidly after they are picked. To clean, split cap lengthwise to check for spoilage or insect infestation.

GUIDELINES FOR  
SAFE  
COLLECTING

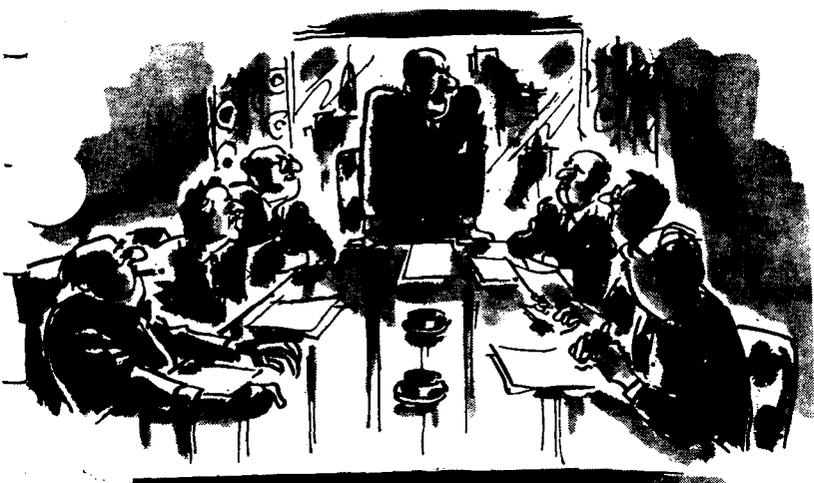


The first time you eat a wild mushroom, eat sparingly. You'll want to observe your reaction to it. Always save a few fresh specimens for identification in case you become ill.

And what if we make a mistake? -- if you should and eat a poisonous mushroom, empty your stomach and call a doctor.

(Above are excerpts from "May is Morel Month in Michigan" by Mrs. Ingrid Bartelli)

A prisoner about to be executed was asked by the warden to pick anything he wanted to eat for his last meal. The prisoner thought for a few minutes and then said: "I'd like some mushrooms - you know, I've always been afraid to eat them."



Here are your 1970 Officers  
and Board of Trustees:

President- Robert W Ramsey  
Vice-President- David W. Schmitt  
Treasurer - Fred H. Wasson  
Secretary - Freda Paice

Board Members:

Ann Bard  
Paul Nestell  
Dorothy Nendza  
Victor J. Nendza  
Fay Melsen  
Howard Melsen  
Georgia Ramsey  
Belle Swaffield  
Helen Wasson  
Ben Woo ----- and

Past Prez: Morrill A. Gatcomb

"Lissen, youse guys, dis year  
we gonna woik on dat ejuication  
pogrum!"

Alternates--: -Estella Hansen, Martin Hansen,  
Milton L. Grout

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You'll have lots of fun at board meetings  
With the feudin' and fussin' and fumin'  
You may not learn much  
About fungus and such  
But, Boy, what you'll learn about humans!

\* \* \* \* \* (RMN)

Remember, the Officers and the Board are the governing body of the society. If you wish anything done, contact a member of the board and have it brought before the meeting; you have the privilege of attending a board meeting any time, but it is well to notify an officer or a member so that a great crowd doesn't attend at the same time. To the new members of the board, it might be well to remind them that not only are they part of the government, but also part of the work. It is thru the board members that the president finds his chairmen of committees and also expects help on discussions of important matters. We have a splendid board this year (as always), so let's get our shoulder to the grindstone, our nose to the wheel and all that stuff and make 1970 the best year ever.



WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH THAT LONG, HOT, DRY SEASON  
BETWEEN THE LAST MOREL AND THE FIRST CHANTERELLE?

The Trail Trip section of the Seattle Mountaineers is offering a series of weekly condition hikes that gradually increase in difficulty, starting with an April stroll around Greenlake and ending with an October assault on mighty Si. For information,

phone: Dina Chybinski  
PA 5-9081  
or ask  
The Mountaineer Clubroom  
719 Pike Street  
MA 3-2314

to send you a membership information packet.  
YOU TOO CAN GET THOSE HIGH ALTITUDE BOLETES!



Our Past Prez sez:- Elsie and I started reminiscing over the past year's activities at PSMS. I'm sure we have forgotten many things that wheeled the year through to such a stupendous success.

There were Ben Woo and the Melsens, who, tired of the same routine, found mushrooms never found here before.

John and Mary Crosetto, from east of the mountains, dug down deep into their reservoir of hunting places to come up with a few dozen edulus when we needed them most-- and can Mary cook!

All the news was available each month through the bulletin with considerable style. Ralph and Hildah both claim a tie for effort on this one.

Every meeting night Howard and Fay had the floor and theater ready for the old ball game. They also put a lot of effort into getting the bulletin mailed each month.

After the fabulous publicity job done by George Rafanelli, the whole team turned out to fill the theater with all kinds of mushrooms for the exhibit even when the experts doubted any would be found. The more of these shows I see, the more I am amazed at the expertise of all the people who turn out to make each year better than the one before. I'm sure it will always be this way.

Dr. Stuntz and his team made the nationals with the keys they published this past year.

Prof. Ramsey dug down deep and gathered all sorts of gems of wisdom, then proceeded to beat them into our heads.

Paul put the old Houdini or the mycelia every Friday night with the result that every weekend produced a full basket of the old favorite mushrooms for the tired wife to put up before she could retire late Sunday night.

Tom broke his own record by recruiting overflowing armfuls of new members.

The very best cookbook ever printed fruited this year. The editor Pauline Shiosaki and her staff pulled this one out of the fire just in time for the summer sales and the exhibit.

Our new husband and wife team, Clarence and Carol Bates, undertook the thankless job of handling the election which gave us our new officers and board of trustees for the year.

The grand finale of the year, the banquet, was organized and produced by Hildah Nolan and her committee. The result of Hildah's tireless effort was thoroughly enjoyed by over 400 people who ate, drank and laughed their way through a fun-filled evening.

With a team like this how can one lose? Finally when it is all over, now does one express gratitude enough. All I can say is thanks so very much to all of you.

Morrie and Elsie

