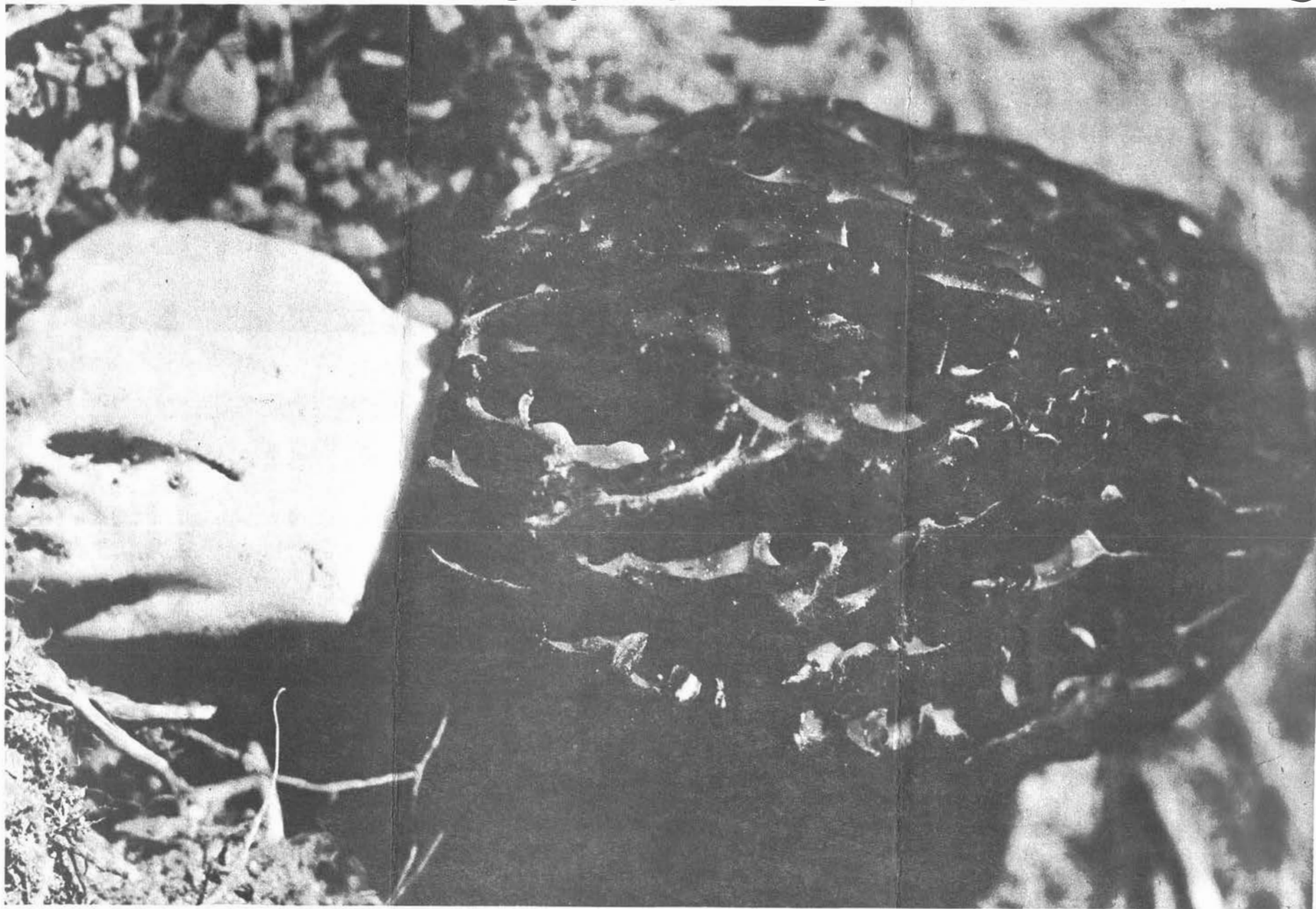


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SPORE PRINTS



membership meeting

NOTE: Planning Committee meets 6:45 before regular meeting April 10. Science Center Conf.Room.

Monday, April 10, 8 pm, Eames Theater, Pacific Science Center.

Featured is THE NEW MORELITY!!!, panel discussion with slides of the Spring darlings - the morels. Since PSMS is doing a morel study and needs specimens (refer to your collecting sheet), this is a good time to learn the variations.

BOARD NOTES, MEETING OF MARCH 20

Keep this list. You can make a Chairman ecstatic by calling to volunteer your services before he or she calls you for something you didn't want to do at all. Vestigia nulla retrorsum. Onwards!

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SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR Dr. Daniel E. Stuntz

C A L E N D A R

April 10	Monday	10:00 a.m.	Ramble in Seward Park
		6:45	Planning Committee!
		8:00	Membership Meeting
April 17	Monday	8:00	Board Meeting
April 21	All day Friday, deadline for SPORE PRINTS news. Mail to SP, 4029 E. Madison, 98102		
May 8		8:00	Membership Meeting
			G'bye, Bob
May 22		8:00	Board Meeting

PSMS BEGINNERS CLASS Taught by Milton Grout

Designed for the beginner, but a good refresher course for more experienced members, a series of five lecture-slide discussions will be held at Eames Theater on the dates below. No charge to members.

TIME: 7:30 to 9 p.m. Please be on time.

DATES: April 17 and 24 (Mondays)
 May 1, 15 and 22 "



Prez and First Lady: Howard and Fay Melsen.
H'lo, Howard

FIELD TRIPS

By Martin Hansen

April 8/9 Rockport State Park (near Concrete).
Take Burlington exit from Freeway or
Arlington exit and thru Darrington.
Park is one mi. west of Rockport. Burlington
route is best road. Either route offers cotton-
wood bottoms to hunt on the way. Our quarry,
Verpa Bohemica for the most part.

A reconnaissance made by the Field Trip Committee
on March 12 found patches of snow still showing,
but Spring on the way.

The resident ranger, Mr. Les McKenzie, requests
that trailers only use the 21 designated spaces.
Campers are to use the parking area in front of
the shelter. If more than 21 trailers arrive, Mr.
McKenzie will find a place for them. Please check
at the shelter before putting down your anchor.

Tariff is \$1.75 per day for camping. There is a
dump station for trailers but no hookups. Water
taps will be turned on for us and modern rest room
in operation.

Motorcycles are not allowed on trails in State Parks.
Minibikes are not to be used anywhere within the
parks. There is a good motorbike trail up Sauk
Mountain. Have fun there.

Potluck will be 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the shelter.

If, in your wanders, you happen upon an old mill
site, please convey this information to Mr. McKen-
zie; he will appreciate it.

This is a beautiful camp. Mr. McKenzie has extend-
ed to us a warm welcome. Let us relate with the
ecology and let's leave a clean camp as we always do.

Ella and Ed Cantelon will lead this trip, assisted
by Belle and Bernie Swaffield and Pauline and Bill
Pollard.

APRIL 10 - Friday. WEEKDAY RAMBLE in Seward Park.
A no-expert do-it-yourself (share the
knowledge) identi-session after, over brownbag
lunch. At Seward Park drive to left uphill, take
right fork, park at picnic area parking. Meet at
covered cook-shack at 10 a.m.

April 22, ONE-DAY TRIP. Lake Sammamish State Park,
south end of lake. This is the center of
a wide hunting area. Shelter available. Betty and
Andy Yuhl will lead, assisted by Katherine and Paul
Anson and Pauline and Bill Pollard.

April 29/30 Thunderbird Park, five miles east of
Monroe on south side of Skykomish
River, on Ben Howard Road. This will be roughing it
in grand style, shelter with wood furnished, showers
with hot and cold running, hookups with water, sewer
and electric at \$2.75 per day. Admission per person
for day only is 50¢. Snohomish Co. Myco group will
be joining us to learn how a field trip is run.
Hazel and Paul Rule, active members of our organi-
zation, will be your hosts. Potluck 5:30 pm Saturday.

Leading will be June and Harley Perkins, assisted by
Ruby and Doug Carmichael and Dorothy and Vic Nendza.

TO NEW MEMBERS: Contact one of the trip leaders at
the shelter if you do not know where and how to be-
gin. They will help you or if possible find some-
one to go and hunt with you. We have done this in
the past on a couple-to-couple basis and have found
it a happy way to know new people. We have not con-
ducted group tours.

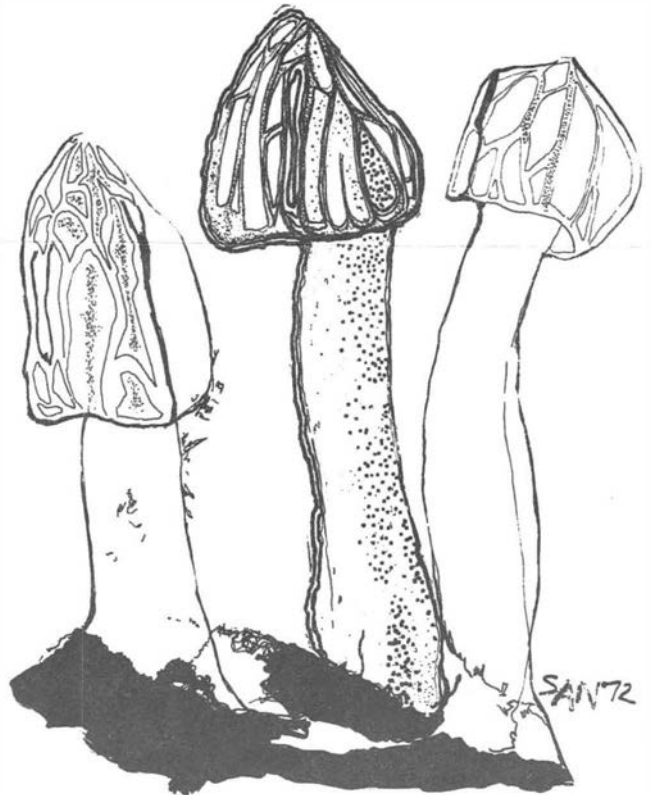


MOREL COMMITTEE REPORTS there isn't much action yet.
"We have heard of finding True Morel down around
White Salmon at about the 800' level. We have not
seen these ourselves so are unable to do any offi-
cial work on them. Seeing is believing. Let's get
with it and sacrifice one of those choice little
goodies for science.

"Let's all hunt up the morel collection instruction
sheet enclosed with last month's bulletin. We have
1,000 official PSMS Morel Collecting Sacks just
waiting to be used. If you need any (and you do),
just contact one of the committee members listed on
the reverse side of the instruction sheet.

"Good news for you mycologists out around Redmond -
we have a bag distribution and collection point
for you: Add to your list Clark and Marion Farmer,
11845 Willows Road, Redmond, phone TU 5-2048.

"With a little good weather and a lot of cooperation
from all you loyal, devoted morelists, our next
report should be more fruitful!"

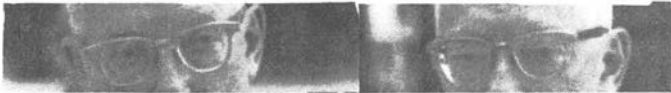


FLASH ! ! !

600 (SIX HUNDRED) SURVIVORS SELEBRATE SPLENDIDLY, ACCLAIM EACH OTHER IN WINE AND WACKINESS; STUNTZ SECRETIVE SUB SERVIETTE; PELLEGRINI PARALYZES WITH STORY, SONG AND SPEAR.

WEBERS, CAROLINE AND CARL, LAUDED FOR BANQUETRY ABOVE AND BEYOND CALL OF DUTY. WE THANK YOU WEBERS, AND ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE GENERAL GOOD WILL.

—From Norway Center, by a Group of Mycophagists Left Unclaimed in the Cloakroom...



MOREL NOTES FROM FAR AWAY, EXOTIC WISCONSIN!

In Southern Wisconsin, the wildest morel hunters look within a 75' radius around stumps of red elm trees which have been cut down three to seven years before. Since white elm decays faster, morels might appear the second year after cutting, but the third and fourth years will be better hunting. Fruiting will continue each May for three or four years, then dwindle out. Mushrooms may be scattered in a loose circle around the stump, unless it's on a slope. Then they'll be on only one - the downhill - side.

Contrariwise, morels may be found popping up at random under living ash, maple and white oaks. If the trees are cut, the mushrooms disappear.

Morels don't grow under live elms, or dead oaks. Odd, ent?

ECOLOGY CORNER (We're painting ourselves into it...)

We have to look on our society as we look on the biological world in general, recognizing, for instance, the extraordinary contributions of the fungi, the manures, the worms, *et al.*, in the chemical reprocessing and fertility upgrading of the earth. We must learn to think of the functions of the trees' roots as being of equal importance to the leaves' functions. We tend to applaud only the flower and the fruit, just as we applaud only

the football player who makes the touchdown, and not the lineman who opened the way. What society applauds as "creative" is often isolated out of an extraordinary set of co-equal evolutionary events, most of which are invisible. Evolutionary "touchdowns" are unpredictable—sometimes centuries apart. Who knows which child's to make the next breakthrough?

—Buckminster Fuller in the "What I Have Learned" series, Saturday Review, November 12, 1966.

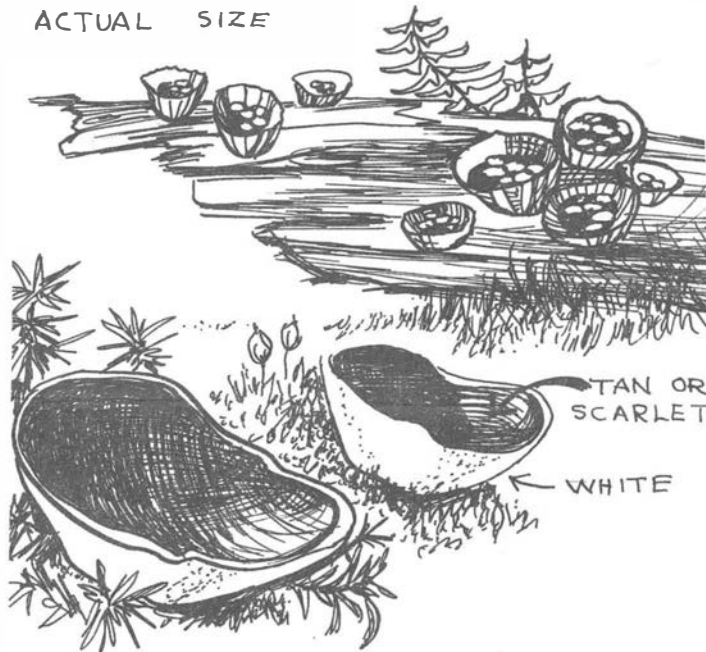
He didn't make it in time for Easter, so this is a Western Bunny. On the floor is the Western Bunny's hat, thrown in the ring. This brings him up to date again. Political note from Dina, now successful candidate.



mystery mushroom



ACTUAL SIZE



Easter egg hunters might vary their routine by hunting for these miniature birds' nests, 1/4" to 3/8" wide, complete with spore-filled "eggs" too tiny to be of interest as snacks.

More promising are the tan-lined cups sometimes found by the dozen fruiting on sodden logs or in moss (possibly on buried wood). A similar, but rather rare cup fungi is lined with vivid scarlet. Known by a name that sounds like an Italian cheer, the cup fungi are in the large group called Ascomycetes, along with morels, earth tongues, some truffles and yeasts. Spores are borne in the colored lining, rather than on the underside, as with cap-and-gill fungi.

Answer: Bird's Nest Fungi, *Nidula candida*. Generally known as "a peziize" (inspiring shout!), the scarlet-lined cup fungus is *Sarcoscypha coccinea*, the tan-lined is *Discina erodii*. A black rubbery cup is *Bulgarie mexicana*.

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HELP WANTED, REAL MONEY INVOLVED!

Needed, a teacher for Fall Quarter, 1972 class in Beginning Mycology at Highline College. Not more than 20 pupils to start as beginners and go on to whatever the class can absorb. Number of classes to be determined later, probably one per week with perhaps one or two field trips. Classes probably held off campus, probably Highline H.S. or Burien Library. Fee will be determined later. That's the teacher's fee.

If you would like to teach such a class, please contact Mr. Elmer Sears at Highline College, CH 6-0644, or at his home, CH 2-1613.