

EDUCATION SOCIETY Holds Successful Week-end at Oak Acres

by Gerald McKenna

I guess it's about time that we let all you hardworking Education students know what's going on in the Education Society. Well, we had our election on Oct. 5. Rose Mary Fleming is the new President and Gerald McKenna the Secretary-Treasurer.

We are in poor financial straits. As a matter of fact we're broke or were broke. We ran a pub on Wednesday of Fall Fest and made about \$20 and we also have a few dollars left over following our out-door education weekend at Oak Acres after all the bills were paid.

A lot of work and planning went into the weekend. We would like to thank: Prof. Ed. MacDonald for all his organization and planning and finding the resource people (sorry you couldn't make it Friday night); Prof. Campbell for coming out to the camp on Friday; Maureen Sinnott for finding the 12 canoes, 30 paddles and life jackets, and also the canoe instructors; Rose Mary Fleming for hauling the canoes, paddles and jackets to camp; Beryl MacLeod for looking after the gifts and meals; Blair Thompson for the entertainment on Friday night; Anita Murphy and Donna Connally for financial arrangements, and especially John, who took us on the night hike, procured films and set up the Orienteering. Hopefully we haven't missed anyone. If we did, thanks anyway.

The weekend started Friday afternoon at 3:00 when we left the Education Building for Oak Acres. Most people

arrived between 4 and 4:30 (the ones that didn't get lost anyway). Everyone grabbed a bunk and got settled in. A football game started before dinner. Team #2 won with a touchdown in the last minute of the game. The touchdown resulted from a pass from Q.B. Jim Gillis to all-star center Francis Fagan (who had to miss part of the canoeing the next morning due to health reasons).

The game ended in time for dinner. The night hike started at twilight. We walked for what seemed like miles through the woods and then returned to camp along the shoreline. All in all it was a pretty good time, except for those blinding flash bulbs, but most of the people learned something about outdoor education.

Films on orienteering and practice with compasses and maps took up most of the first two hours back at camp. This was followed by a bonfire in front of one of the cabins which ended when the rain started.

The social evening that was planned turned out to be a bit damp, not all due to the rain outside. Laurie Tirone, Sister Debbie and Mike McKinnon kept the singing going (with a few improvised verses from Tom Haywood) until the party atmosphere got warmed up a bit, at which time Maureen Sinnott and Blair Thompson added their vocal talents. Sister Debbie kept everyone in stitches with her Ruth Buzzie imitation (I wonder if Prof. Campbell received his phone call). Miss Sinnott then organized the teams for charades. I'm afraid she may make a poor teacher. The poor girl has yet to learn how to count; there

were 8 players on one team and 15 on the other. At this time most people retired to bed although rumor has it that a few continued to party.

The next morning (almost) everyone was up by 8:00. Following breakfast, we split into groups, one went canoeing the other Orienteering. In the afternoon the groups changed. A good time was had by all. The Resource people were excellent. A great deal was learnt about outdoor education. Not only was the weekend educational but it also allowed us a short rest

from the books. But most important of all, we all got to know one another. After all, we are all going into the same field teaching.

Once again we would like to thank all the people who made the weekend a success.

Hopefully the Education Society will have an article in the SUN every two weeks, if not weekly. So, watch the paper for further Ed. Soc. happenings. Good luck in your two-week teaching block, and don't forget the Senior Class party in Barn this Friday.



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