

Spelunkers Uncover Lands Down Under

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If you're a curious cuss, male or female, and don't mind paying the price (low in cash, high in vigorous exercise, educational interest and adventure), investigating curiously formed, still unexplored underground marvels of nature is for you.

This is called cave exploring, or spelunking, which is sometimes wearying, eerie or exasperating but fascinating all the same. The activity is carried on by the local members of the National Speleological Society, the Nittany Grotto, whose members conduct field trips and explore and map caves throughout central Pennsylvania.

Spelunkers of Nittany Grotto will meet at 7:30 tonight in 316 Frear Laboratory to set up a program for the coming year. Arthur Hussey, president, has announced the meeting will be open to non-members who are interested in cave exploring.

Dates for a picnic and field trip for beginning spelunkers will be set and slide lectures on caves will be shown.

Caves Cleaned Out

As soon as one sets foot in a cave, or to be more practical-minded about it, as soon as one crawls through the entrance, he is in an entirely different world, where absolute darkness reigns in a general cavern temperature of from 42 to 56 degrees Fahrenheit. This world is often referred to now as "the last frontier."

During the 1930's commercialized caves were the rage and many of central Pennsylvania's caverns were carefully cleared so visitors might walk upright. Normally, however, one would have to crawl or wiggle about through narrow passages or imitate a roundshouldered chimpanzee in transversing caves. The floor may be of sharp-edged rock, hard or goeey clay, or may resemble an underground river requiring wading or actual swimming.

Kooken's Cave Unexplored

These are common conditions encountered in the average cave, but spelunkers agree the thrill they get in finding places where man has never before set foot is worth it.

One such cave is located 30 miles from State College. Kooken's Cave is the deepest and possibly the longest in Pennsylvania. Despite expeditions by the

Nittany Grotto and other groups, much of the cave remains unexplored.

"We generally schedule a picnic and a field trip for beginners. We take them to a series of gradational caves, each one a little harder, until they acquire some cave 'savvy,'" says Arthur Hussey, president. "This is part of our safety program."

New Caves Found

"Members must use hard helmets and carbide lamps. Out of the \$1 semester's dues they receive a subscription to the newsletter and the use of grotto-owned equipment. Footwear is optional—either sneakers or boots. I've found your feet keep drier in boots," Hussey said.

Under the presidency of William Devitt III, a transfer from the University of Pennsylvania, several new caves have been found, explored and mapped. October, 1952 saw the beginning of the Nittany Grotto Newsletter, which now appears monthly.

Between fall semester, 1952 and spring semester, 1953 eight members visited ten of West Virginia's larger caves. Recently, members accompanied Dr. Charles E. Mohr, N.S.S. president, on his annual bat survey in central Pennsylvania caves. Trips to commercialized caves were also undertaken.

Government Consults N.S.S.

The present group of spelunkers hope to set in motion a comparable program, according to Hussey. Officers who will join with Hussey in leading "the most active group under campus, further and further downward" are David Fenstermacher, vice president; Dean Porterfield, treasurer; and Barbara McIlrath, secretary. James Walczak will continue to edit the newsletter.

Caving offers rare photographic

'Moon is Blue' Set Design Made by Whaley

"The Moon Is Blue," which opens at 8 p.m. tomorrow at Center Stage, will feature another set by Russell G. Whaley, instructor in dramatics.

Instead of his usual job of turning a proscenium-type set into one for an arena-type theater, Whaley is faced with the problem of practically turning Center Stage into Schwab Auditorium.

To accomplish the staging of the play, which has two radically different sets, the observation platform of the Empire State Building and a modern apartment, Whaley has removed the seats on one side of the theater-in-the-round. By putting a wall in this space, he has combined the two sets.

Although the audience will only be able to sit on three sides of the theater instead of the usual four, Whaley said more people could be seated than previously.

Whaley, who has been teaching stage designing at the College for two years, also works as a professional designer. Last summer he worked with a New England touring company at Nantucket, Mass.

He recently has become a member of the United Scenic Artists of America.

Tickets for the show are on sale at the Student Union desk in Old Main for \$1.

Rod and Coccus Club

Rod and Coccus Club will hold a big brother-big sister get-acquainted meeting and bull session from 7 to 9 tonight in the main lounge of McElwain Hall.

subjects, but if you do not feel an interest in picture taking, you can perform worthwhile services to science and to the federal government. Science needs spelunkers to study cave geology and minerals, to record cave history, observe cave animals, investigate cave hydrology, and collect its plant life and fossils (some thousands of year old).

Poly Sci Mixer Scheduled Tonight

Political Science department will sponsor a mixer at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Simmons lounge.

Dr. R. Wallace Brewster, head of the department, will introduce representatives of political science organizations after reviewing the nature and aims of these groups. He will also introduce members of the faculty.

Political science groups which will be represented are International Relations Club; Intercollegiate Conference on Government; Political Science Club; Pi Sigma Alpha, political science honorary; and Pi Lambda Sigma, pre-law honorary.

Psych Mixer Tonight

Psi Chi, psychology honorary, and the Psychology department will sponsor a mixer at 7:30 tonight in Temporary Union Building.

State Party Officials Will Meet at Theta Chi

State Party officials will meet at 7 tonight at Theta Chi. Former committee chairmen, class clique officers, all-College clique officers, and school council representatives have been asked to attend, said Kenneth White, clique chairman.

Committee chairmen are requested to turn in reports on committee and workshop meetings last spring to Margaret Shierson, party secretary, White said.

Quarterdeck to Meet

Quarterdeck Society will meet at 7:15 tonight in the wardrobe, second floor of Engineering E.

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SUSANNE: Come home. All is forgiven. I will stop playing cards, I will cease beating you, and I'll take you to the Bell-Hop Ball. Jonathan.

CANDIDATES: Thespian Homecoming Queen photos—5x7 or larger at Student Union desk. Deadline, Mon. Oct. 12, 5 p.m.

HELP WANTED

STUDENTS EARN up to \$1.50 per hour on a steady part-time job. See "Perry" at Dux Club, 128 S. Pugh.

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CHEVEZ-ROOS Slide Rule—brown case, between Temp. and Hort. Reward. Leave message for E. Donosky at 6718.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA sorority pin (key). Name on back—Diane Miller. Call 272 McElwain.

WOULD PERSON who picked up Magnetic hair clippers from 10 Sparks Wednesday, return to Student Union or call 7881.

AOPI SORORITY Pin. Call Rita, 39 McElwain.

BROWN WALLET Friday night. Valuable cards. Call Bill Jackson ext. 784.

KAPPA KEY—Thursday night, Oct. 1 on campus. Name on back Susanna Westcott. Call Rm. 338 McElwain.

MISCELLANEOUS

EVENING CLASSES in elementary shorthand begin Thursday 8 p.m. Oct. 9, Rm. 9 Sparks. Enroll at class or call ext. 2524. Few openings in elementary typing still available. Room 9 Sparks, 6:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 8.

THE MOON is not made of green cheese. "The Moon is Blue." Players—Center Stage, Oct. 9, 10.

DELIVERY SERVICE at night. Special fried chicken (cold or hot), French fries—75c. Other sandwiches. Korman's Dairy.

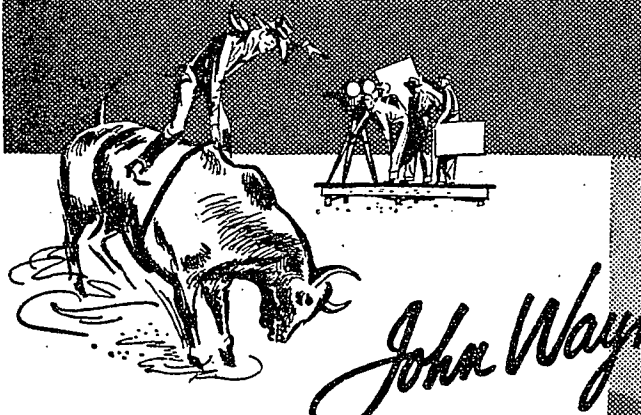
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How the stars got started



John Wayne

John Wayne says: "My college football coach got me a summer job at a movie studio. I started as a prop man and stunt man. Afterward my studio friends inveigled me into acting. I made about 75 Westerns before big parts came my way."



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