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WENT:
ORION KNOX TO PUERTO RICO AND THE RIO CAMUY.

CAME:
THE RETURN OF AN OLD CAVER, MILLS TANDY, FROM A STINT IN THE PEACE CORP. BACK FROM A LITTLE TRIP ARE JAMES AND JANIE REDDELL.

COMING:
SEVERAL NEW QUALIFIEDS FROM THE QUALIFING SESSION, FEBRUARY 9TH.
A NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FROM THE GENERAL ELECTIONS, FEBRUARY 16TH.
SUCH AS:

CHAIRMAN HAS THE GENERAL DUTIES OF LEADING MEETINGS, BEING SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROTTO IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND AS CHAIR FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

VICE CHAIRMAN ACTS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND IS PROGRAM CHAIRMAN, RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAMS AT EACH REGULAR MEETING, AND IS IN CHARGE OF PUBLICITY SUCH AS THAT FOR NEW MEMBERS.

SECRETARY-TREASURER HAS GENERAL DUTIES OF KEEPING RECORDS, DUES AND HANDLING FINANCES.

EXPEDITION CHAIRMAN LEADS OFFICIAL GROTTO TRIPS, TRAINING SESSIONS, AND IS IN CHARGE OF EQUIPMENT.

RESEARCH CHAIRMAN KEEPS THE CLUB'S FILES, MAPS AND LIBRARY, AND GIVES DIRECTION TO RESEARCH.

PRESIDENT

THE "PHYICA L YEAR" FOR UTSS IS NEARING ITS END AND IT IS TIME FOR ELECTIONS AGAIN. A GOOD MANY OF THE "OLD TIMERS" HAVE BEEN HASHING AROUND POSSIBILITIES FOR A NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS AND I HOPE OTHERS ARE DOING THE SAME. THERE IS A VERY GOOD SELECTION OF VERY CAPABLE PEOPLE, BOTH OLD MEMBERS AND NEW MEMBERS, FROM WHICH THE MEMBERSHIP CAN ELECT THE PEOPLE WHO WILL RUN THE CLUB NEXT YEAR. WHEN CONSIDERING THESE PEOPLE, KEEP IN MIND THAT SOME OFFICERS SUCH AS VICE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY, REQUIRE A GOOD DEAL OF TIME, EXPEDITION CHAIRMAN NEEDS STORAGE SPACE FOR EQUIPMENT, AND THE RESEARCH CHAIRMAN NEEDS SPACE FOR FILES, LIBRARY AND MAPS. FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE AS CHAIRMAN, I WOULD SAY THAT ANYONE WITH ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITY, A LOT OF PROPAGANDY TYPE B.S., AND THE ABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS, IS A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN.

AS OUTGOING CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS PAST UTSS YEAR HAS BEEN VERY ENJOYABLE IN ALL RESPECTS. I HAD A TOP NOTCH SET OF OFFICERS TO WORK WITH, AND AN ACTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE MEMBERSHIP TO BACK OUR ACTIONS, AND A NEWS LETTER EDITOR WHO DID A FINE JOB. WITHOUT ANY ONE OF THESE, THE CLUB COULD HAVE HAD A BAD YEAR. AS FAR AS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THE CLUB DID VERY WELL THIS PAST YEAR. WE WERE ABLE TO BUY AROUND 900 FEET OF GOLDLINE, A NEW BRUNTON AND ADAPTER, NEW TAPE, BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY, A FILING CABINET, AND THANKS TO SOME EFFORT BY A FEW CLUB MEMBERS. A NEWBOX OF GOOD LOOKING MEMBERSHIP CARDS. CAVING WISE, AS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE CLUB ACCOMPLISHED AS MUCH OR MORE THAN ANY OTHER CLUB IN THE U.S. IN MY OPINION.

TO CLOSE, I WISH TO THANK EVERY ONE WHO HAS HELPED MAKE THE CLUB THE ACTIVE ORGANIZATION IT IS TODAY, AND TO WICH THE NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS THE BEST OF LUCK.

ORION KNOX, JR.

VICE-PRESIDENT

THE DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT ARE MANY, BUT DO NOT REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF TIME, ALTHOUGH THEY MUST BE DONE REGULARLY. HIS PRIMARY DUTY IF PREPARING PROGRAMS FOR THE MEETINGS. PROGRAMS ARE USUALLY DRAWN FROM THE N.S.S. LIBRARY, GUEST SPEAKERS OR OUR OWN RESOURCES. ANOTHER MAJOR TASK IS THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AT THE START OF THE FALL SEMESTER. THIS DUTY REQUIRES MAKING AND PLACING POSTERS ON THE CAMPUS AND SURROUNDING AREA, PREPARING A DISPLAY FOR THE UNION SHOWCASE (THE TIME SHOULD BE RESERVED MONTHS IN ADVANCE) AND SOMETIMES OPENING A BOOTH AT THE REGISTRATION AREA. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE SENDING THE GROTTO NEWS TO THE TEXAS CAVER, OBTAINING THE MEETING ROOM (SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR EACH SEMESTER DURING REGISTRATION WEEK), AND RELIEVING THE PRESIDENT.

ALTHOUGH PREPARING PROGRAMS CAN BE A HEADACHE, AND NUMEROUS EXTRA DUTIES ARE CONSTANTLY POPPING UP, BEING A VICE-PRESIDENT CAN BE VERY REWARDING WHEN THERE IS GENUINE INTEREST IN A GROUP SUCH AS OURS.

JOHN FISH