

# Outdoors

THE END

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Well it's over. For some of us, for good. **OUTDOORS** was started with good intentions and we hope that it has been of interest to some readers at some times even if only as humor. But, NOTE, I am going to Newfoundland in April never to return to Dalhousie so the column is going to die. Unless someone out there gets off his/her ass and decides that it's worth the hour a week to write a column. But whatever, no other college paper has such a column, or so says Michael Greenfield, CUP Editor for the Gazette but he's a New Yorker so what can ya expect. Anyway...

This being the last **OUTDOORS** we have given much thought to what we could do. It could have been a way to say thank you to all our friends, to blow out all the garbage that's in our heads so we can go to Newfoundland to start afresh, or it could be a column of the bits and pieces of articles that we started to write but never finished. As it is this column is a little bit of all. Some of it is true and serious, some humorous, some personal, and some complete bull so read on into the wonders of the human mind.

Student on Rampage Killed by Police

**OUTDOORS** has had a wide variety of articles this year, covering the topics of Hemlock Ravine, National Parks, camping philosophy, spleunking, Terra Nova National Park, Backpacker, Winter, Point Pleasant Park, WHAT TO DO IN WINTER by McGill student, Mike Rosen, Outdoor Education, Snowmobiles-ugh, Scat-yum, Natural Science in the school system, Nat. Geo. failures, and Spring. We missed topics like diving, cross-country skiing, photography, hiking trails etc. that hopefully will be picked up next year if someone carries on the column.

**Marine Turtles**

- Atlantic Leatherback Turtle
- Atlantic Ridley Turtle
- Atlantic Loggerhead Turtle

Natural Science can have its benefits and knowing different common plants and animals could have its benefits outside of the aesthetic and bettering of personality that goes with the knowledge as shown in this true case example: In the essence of desired natural scenery, Billy Blake and Kwai Chang Craig found a wet marsh somewhere in the black mining hills of South Dakota there lived a young boy called ... anyway, in this marsh they set up a blind and sat for several days watching water fowl. During a regular argument over the identification of a particular species, one thinking it a Great White Heron while the other thought it was a robin, B.Blake delivered a roundhouse kick to the ribs of K.C. Craig. Spitting blood due to a ruptured lung, K. C. Craig returned with a backpunch to the nose joint and a hammer punch to the solar plexus and as B. Blake fell to one knee in extreme

pain, K. C. Craig moved in for the kill but B. Blake remembering the example of his Newfoundland influenced friend Kataquruma which placed his friend two yards away on his left. Rising to his feet, a mass of towering, masculine, boney, anger, K.C. Craig removed the piece of wood from his abdomen and using it as a club attacked. Here foolishness and ignorance was shown for if he knew the wood he held was simply red spruce then he would have not attacked for a simple shuto from B. Blake shattered the wood into may fragments. As this petty argument continued, they reached a point were both were ready to agree that the bird they had seen was a razor-billed auk when a hunter thinking that the noises he heard were antagonistic rutting behavior in moose, put two 303 shells into each of them.

*Trix are for kids.*

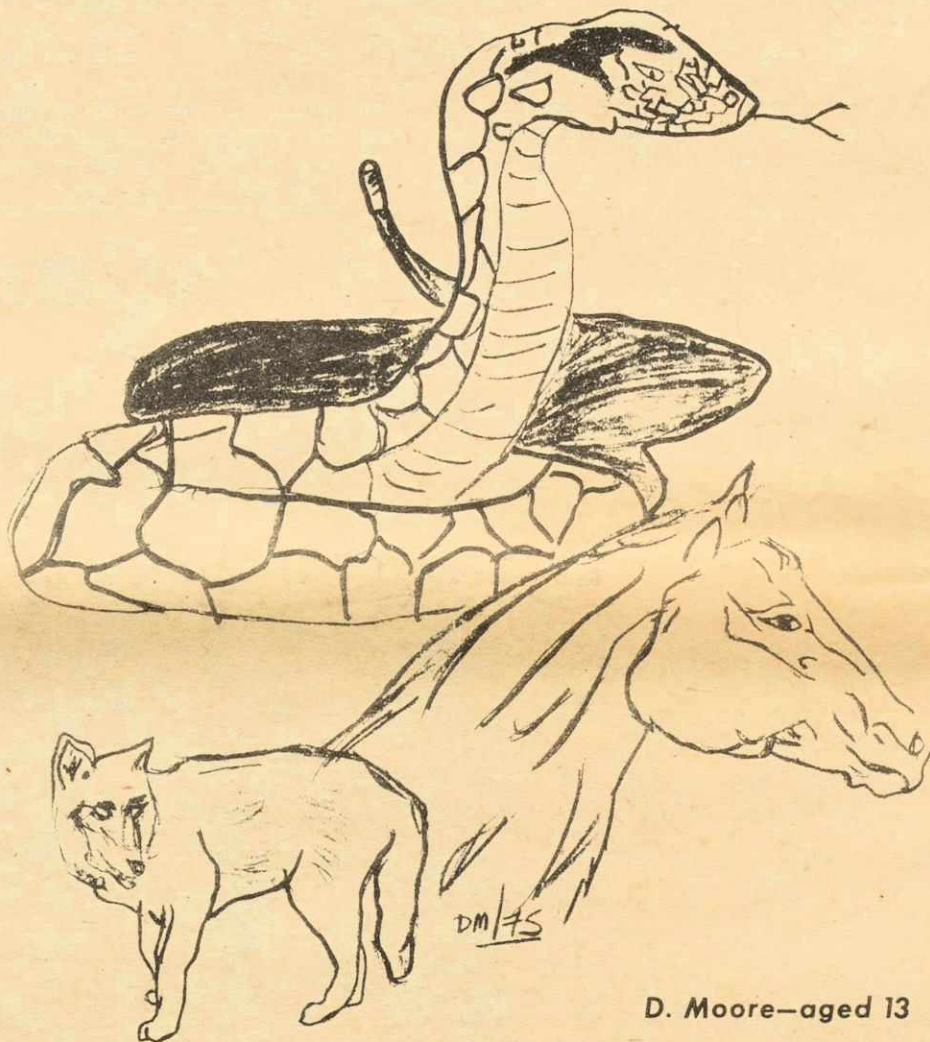
that hit it. The paint covering the crystals in the cave, the pop can (Coke) found under ice at the north pole, the DDT detected on top of Mt. Everest, the dead porcupine on the road. Game over. The concept is there, it can't be expressed in words, it's a basic idea and yet man who has developed the concept of God and religion, who has developed extra-terrestrial transportation, has developed genetic maps, can't grasp it and use it to his advantage.

"You fill up my senses, come fill them again." ...

Just so all the work done on essay this year was not entirely wasted, we summarized them for you, 1) the Steed-Evans Quarry, Dartmouth has caused substantial siltation in Lake MicMac although this has largely been corrected. However the problems of noise, dust, and land defacement still exist. 2) Of the twenty-four or so mammals

For those of you who didn't take the time to go to Newfoundland, and in particular Terra Nova National Park, you should be disgusted with yourselves but as it is with open heart we bring you excerpts of magnificent slide talks done by Sir Michael Rosen.

"As the world's human population continues to expand ... can always have a choice of routes to your next national park. You can take the northern route and pass through rolling hills of yellow pine; or you can take the southern route and drive through Canada's only sage-bush desert. Whatever the route, almost 300 miles east of Vancouver are Glacier and Mount Revelstoke National Parks. Situated in the ... few places can match Quebec's Laurentian Hills for fall splendour. Looking across the hills in La Maurice National Park sometime around



D. Moore-aged 13

**Salamanders**

- Greater Blue-spotted Salamander
- Blue-spotted Salamander
- (Yellow) Spotted Salamander
- Red-spotted Newt
- Red-backed Salamander
- Four-toed Salamander

A CONCEPT: The idea floats there. It never solidifies. It's a feeling more than an idea, the formation of a concept. It develops from a rooted passion for the outdoors and a natural dislike for the city. It develops from the depression caused by the knowledge that even before 1200 AD the wolf and brown bear were extinct in the British Isles by the hand of man. It caused one to read intensely the story of the threat to the Ipswich Sparrow on Sable Island from the oil companies while skimming over the story on the inflation/racial/politics practices. It's knowing that the plants and animals can't fight back and need help whereas man has put himself into his own mess and those who care and work to get him out. The concern for the dead moose on the highway hit by the car more intense than the concern for the occupants of the car

of Newfoundland, about 50% are introduced by man. (house mouse, rat, bison, moose, mink, red-backed vole, red squirrel, snowshoe hare, chipmunk, and mask shrew) 3) Terra Nova National Park is almost equally divided in its drainage pattern with the watershed divided running through almost the center of the park. 4) Snowshoe hare avoid snowmobile trails. 5) etc.

**Frogs & Toads**

- American Toad
- Spring Peeper
- Bullfrog
- Green Frog
- Mink Frog
- Wood Frog
- Leopard Frog
- Pickerel Frog

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**Snakes**

- Northern Red-bellied Snake
  - Northern Ribbon Snake
  - Maritime Garter Snake
  - Northern Ring-necked Snake
  - Eastern Smooth Green Snake
- Blow it out.**

Thanksgiving Day; one would almost swear that the oaks, maples, fir and aspen were mixed to achieve the perfect color balance...the boreal forest with its rolling hills of spruce, fir, birch, and aspen covers nearly 1/3 of Canada. Terra Nova is one of the few places in the country where the boreal and the sea meet." copyright 1974/MR

**Fresh H2O Turtles**

- Snapping Turtle
- Wood Turtle
- Blandings' Turtle
- Eastern Painted Turtle

"*Hyla crucifer* is a small frog of the family Hylidae, individuals measuring between 2.3 and 2.6 centimeters at maturity. Males of this species of aruran, alternate their calls between 30 and 100 times a minute, depending on the temperature. Males migrate to the breeding ponds in late April or early May..." copyright 1974/MR

Good-bye everyone, if you come to Terra Nova during the summer, stop in and say "hi" or in the fall then in St. John's. Whatever you do, visit Newfoundland if you can. My love and I will greet you with open arms. You wouldn't believe.

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