



Outdoors

EVERYONE IS ...

by Alexia Barnes and Kevin Moore

"Because he called the forest brother,
Because he called the earth his mother,
They drove him out into the rain,
Some people even said the boy from the country wasn't sane.
Because he spoke to the fish in the stream,
He tried to tell us the animals could speak,
Who knows perhaps they do.
How do you know they don't just because they've never spoken to you.
Boy from the Country left his home when he was young.
Boy from the country he loves the sun.
Yes he does. Yes he does.
He tried to tell us we should love the land.
We just turned our heads and laughed,
You see we did not understand,
Sometimes I think the boy from the country is the only one who sees,
And the boy from the country doesn't want to see the forest through the trees."

JOHN DENVER

This is the second last OUTDOORS and throughout the term people asked me. "Why do you write such a column for a college newspaper?" Often I questioned it, not that it was time-consuming but that there was no feedback. Of all the students at Dalhousie, not one was interested enough to write up an article for this column even though it was requested often. It makes you wonder about the interests of all those biology and geology majors and the argument of time doesn't apply since again this isn't time consuming. To think that I had to go to Memorial University for assistance as well as to McGill for another article, but the reason the column continued wasn't because it was neat to see one's name in bold print for that fades on the second article but that I felt that there had to be some out there who read this and found it interesting or at least different. Comments for a few students and professors did boost interest especially at times when they quitting point was almost reached.

But the above is only one part of the question asked. The other section is, "Why are you interested in Natur-

al Science?" This was followed by comments like, "I get off on scenery but knowing birds and plants is above me." or else snide comments like "When are you going to do a poison ivy article for all these types of columns got to have a poison ivy article at some time." And this leads me to the title of this article. Everyone is at least partly naturalistically inclined. It's not that those of us who do go bird watching or frog collecting are unusual but that we simply have a strong interest. There are few who cannot get off on scenery. Many need to be stoned to appreciate many of its features which is simply not the way to be for you do not see the real features of the stream or mountain you are looking at. But most people will sit and watch waves crashing on a beach or a snake as it crosses the road. This is a very basic requirement for a naturalist. (This is a general term which we will apply to anyone who does hold an interest.

In discussing particular fields, of course everyone has varied interests. Roger and Debbie are by far better birders than most of us will ever be but most people can identify a few birds. As Cathy Protos said, "I couldn't identify any..." but yet who reading this could not tell a house sparrow, a starling, a pigeon, a robin, a crow, a blue jay etc. if a bird were to land by them? Plus don't stop there, most people could tell a crane if they saw it. Or at least they would call it a crane and so if we enlarge our knowledge just a little we find that there is only one common bird of that type in Nova Scotia and that is the Great Blue Heron although there are six rare to very rare visitors. (Tufts 1956) So we see that there are some basic birds or types of birds that almost everyone knows.

In relation to mammals, almost everyone knows such animals as the white-tailed deer, the moose, the bear, the squirrel, porcu-

pine, skunk, etc. Where ever they read of or heard of these animals makes no difference, unless they received wrong information, but they do know what these animals are. Of course shrews, voles, and moles might be more remote but one hour reading would be enough for a decent level of knowledge. In relation to herptiles (reptiles and amphibians), everyone can tell the difference between a snake, turtle, frog, and salamander. The common garter snake is known by most and if a small, green snake is held up then you naturally know it is the green snake (eastern). Although amphibians can be harder to tell, most know a bullfrog although they might confuse it with some closely related species but total twenty-six species in Nova Scotia aren't hard to identify. (3-marine turtles, 4 - fresh water turtles, 5 - snakes, 6 - salamanders, 1 - toad, and 7 - frogs).

People in general know more than they let themselves believe. A starfish, a sea urchin, a periwinkle, mussel, a clam, a flounder, a trout, a catfish, a leach, tadpoles, goldenrod, daisy, dandelion, wildrose, blueberries, cranberries, raspberries, etc. Are there any there that you really don't know? Although each has more than one species or variety, for the beginner that is not necessary.

Every is at least a little bit knowledgeable in this field and of course everyone is definitely interlinked to the environment. Not that this article has been concerned with the declining environment and how we must all work to improve things before everything is screwed into the ground, even though this is true. This article is on a lighter sense in that we intend to allow most to see that they do know a lot of basic fauna and flora and that this knowledge will increase the enjoyment of any walk. Everyone should try to cultivate it a little further.

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and modest. However, on the court this determined young lady is a real "Tiger". A credit to volleyball and Dalhousie, Joan is a leader in every way.

MVP Women's Junior Varsity Volleyball

Linda Wells, an outstanding player in her first year at Dalhousie, will be the one to watch for in future years at Dal. She is the 'spiker' on the team and opposing teams appear fearful when they see the set headed towards Linda. Ms Wells hopes to make a career for herself in marine biology.

MVP Women's Junior Varsity Basketball

Judy Smith, known as calm, cool, and consistent by her teammates, is the recipient of this year's award. Judy, a fourth year PE major, is exceptional in all sports, in which she participates. During the Championship Tournament in New Brunswick, Judy was the high scorer in every game.

MVP Women's Junior Varsity Field Hockey

Sharon Keough, a third year PE major is this year's award winner. Sharon certainly was a pleasant addition to this year's team adding spirit, determination, and Varsity experience.

Broomball

by Cathy Campbell

The Physical Education Grads team has successfully captured the Co-ed Broomball title. The team finished regular play with a 3/3 win/loss record taking 4th place. They defeated the PEI team 2-0 on penalty shots to advance to the final game with the strong Pharmacy team. John Chisholm preserved a shut out while Doug MacDonald tallied 2 points and Charles Babineau scored 1 for a decisive 3-0 victory over Pharmacy. Congrats Grads - well done!

Student Union Election Results: Poll breakdown (Presidential only)

	P1 A&A	P2 Dent	P3 Dunn	P4 SUB	P5 Tupp	P6 Law	P7 Pharm	P8 Lib	P9 LSC	P10 Shirr	P11 Howe	P12 Fen	P13 Ed/SW	TOTAL	%
CLAHANE WHITBY	10	0	5	41	3	15	1	3	17	5	3	1	1	105	6.224
GORMAN NEAL	33	11	33	95	12	13	13	24	75	55	40	16	0	420	24.896
KEATING BILLARD	2	0	3	9	4	1	0	3	7	2	6	1	0	38	2.253
RUSSELL SMILEY	89	16	64	210	71	153	26	71	136	140	106	29	13	1124	66.627
TOTAL	134	27	105	355	90	182	40	101	235	202	155	47	14	1687	100%
HERTWIG REYNARD	8	0	3	29	3	20	0	8	23	0	8	3	0	105	
SPOILED	1	0	2	3	1	4	1	3	9	1	0	0	0	25	28.12