

- FEBRUARY MEETING Monday night, February 8th, 8:00 pm, Eames Theatre, Pacific Science Center. Amendment of By-Laws as discussed below, together with other business. Program will be a preview of Darryl Grund's doctoral thesis: Survey of the Pacific Northwest Species of *Russula*, presented by the author. This interesting program should give us an insight into the taxonomic approach to a genus, with special application to our *Agaricus* project.
- BY-LAWS CHANGE On deck for the coming meeting is a Board proposal to increase the number of Trustees from five to ten. The intent is to establish a number of standing committees in line with the expanding activities of the Society and to give wider opportunities for participation by the membership. We would not only provide a more effective framework for our programs but would also relieve some of the existing doubling-up of assignments among the present Board members.
- NOMINATIONS A hard-working nominations committee consisting of John Uitti, Basil Ferguson and Connie Wood is canvassing the membership for candidates to run in the March election of officers and trustees. Nominations will also be received from the floor at the coming meeting. If you are unable to attend, you may nominate by mail. If the proposed amendment to the By-Laws is adopted, there will be fourteen positions open. Remember that modesty is unbecoming at a time like this in a democratic society. Throw your hat in the ring and join the fun. Now's the time for coining campaign slogans, mounting soap boxes, carrying bumper strips, and even buying votes. The Board gets first word on the best mushrooming spots.
- DRY-YOUR-OWN Remember the Mark I apartment-size mushroom dryer pilot model that was built by John Uittie last fall? It has been occupying a corner in the Society's office the the Board feels that it would be nice to let one of our members put it to use. After 47 consecutive ballots ending in a nine-way tie at the Board meeting, and considering that flipping coins for odd man was beneath the dignity of the Society, we decided to be impeccably correct and raffle it off at the next meeting. In order to recover our investment in materials, tickets will be 25¢, three for 50¢, and let's hope we won't be raided during the proceedings. Only those at the meeting will be able to participate, so plan to be there.
- ANNUAL MEETING To properly mark the First Anniversary of the Puget Sound Mycological Society, the coming annual meeting will be a Dinner Meeting at Ruby Chow's Restaurant on March 15th. Guest Speaker will be the noted gourmet and author, Dr. Angelo Pelligrini. The menu will contain surprises and the program promises to be noteworthy.

The only business at this meeting, barring some act of insurgency on the part of members who didn't make reservations in time, will be the counting of ballots and introduction of new officers.

Schedule calls for a social hour, no-host cocktails, commencing at 6:00 pm, dinner scheduled for 7:30, allowing plenty of time to eat, followed by a leisurely program.

Accommodations are limited and, to insure comfortable seating and elbow room, reservations are being limited to 160, first come first served. Tickets are \$4.00 per head. Cut-off date for reservations will be March 8th, allowing sufficient time for planning and preparation of a memorable feast. A handy form is enclosed for your convenience. Send Money!

YEAR OF AGARICUS Enclosed is the promised first installment of our battle plan for the Agaricus Study Project. This is a key to the Pacific Coast species, courtesy of Bill Isaacs, who authored it as part of his master's thesis, and Dr. Stuntz, who spent the past weekend cutting the stencils for this edition. Keep it as part of your library: amendments and revisions will follow. Don't be intimidated by the somewhat formidable format. By the end of the year you will be rattling off the names and descriptions like an old timer.

FIELD TRIP Spring field trip is scheduled for May 9th, up the Teanaway River Road from Cle Elum. More details in coming bulletins.

See you all at the meeting,

Tom W. B.