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Greys Draw First Blood — but not Much!

The Greys have won the first lap of the summer's race for points. At the campfire of Saturday, July 14, Dave Fergus announced that the score stood: Greys, 550; Maroons, 437. Such as it was, the score represented a clean sweep for the Greys. In the one and only inter-team sports event to date, the water meet of Saturday afternoon, they had taken a 35-to-32 victory. And in the Achievement Level work, which made up the remainder of the score, they had also enjoyed a considerable edge. As a result, the Greys entered the second half of July with an advantage of 113 points.

Not even the experienced build-up of the veteran scorekeeper, however, could make this initial score seem other than a very modest little affair. As of the Saturday announcement, the Maroon-Grey competition had not yet managed to "get off the ground". The variable weather may have had some share in producing this result, for team meets and games had been reduced to a minimum and several days of wet courts and fields had hampered the work of some departments. More important, however, was the obvious disposition on the part of all activity heads to make a solid, rather than a fast, start on the summer's work. Consequently there were reported a great many of the "units" that go to make up levels, although comparatively few of the levels themselves. As points are given only for completed levels, these many units did nothing to swell the scores.

For those to whom the term is unfamiliar, it should be explained here that the "level" is the basic measure of all Kawanhee accomplishment. In all of the major departments, the work of each of the four age-groups is organized in three "Achievement Levels" of carefully graduated difficulty. On the completion of any level, points are awarded: 15 for the primary First Level; 35 for the intermediate Second; and 50 for the advanced Third. These are the points which form the bulk of every team score.

Achievement Levels, July 8 - July 15

CAMP CRAFT, Junior B Cub — Third Level: P. Connor.
NATURE, Junior B — First Level: Richard Barnes, R. Bentley, S. Carnes, B. Escher, D. Escher, H. Long, J. Long, C. Stetson.
NATURE, Junior A — First Level: R. Robinson.
SHOP, Junior B Cub — Third Level: A. Nyitray, T. Slade.
SHOP, Junior B — First Level: G. Beals, D. Cole, J. Colthup, H. Smith, H. Sydnor.
SHOP, Junior B — Second Level: Richard Barnes, T. Benua, B. Connor.
SHOP, Junior B — Third Level: M. Hertenstein, B. Johnson, R. Weber.
SHOP, Junior A — First Level: J. Alexander, B. Harmon, G. Lohnes, D. Pickering, D. Studebaker, J. Wiggins.
SHOP, Junior A — Third Level: S. Dexter.
WRESTLING, Junior A — First Level: D. Beggs, P. Gelpi, D. Hoch, W. Unkrich.
WRESTLING, Senior — First Level: R. Eckler.

Archery, Range and Swimming

ARCHERY, JULY 1 — JULY 14

Junior Yeoman Arrow: A. Adams, R. Angerer, J. Burke, W. Chipman, T. Clark, D. Cole, J. Colthup, B. Connor, C. Cox, J. Dunnick,

B. Escher, D. Escher, S. Hall, E. Hershberger, B. Johnson, J. Long, G. Tittmann, J. Wiggins.

Junior Yeoman Arrow: A. Adams, R. Angerer, J. Burke, W. Chipman, T. Clark, D. Cole, J. Colthup, B. Connor, C. Cox, J. Dunnick, B. Escher, S. Hall, E. Hershberger, B. Johnson, J. Long, J. Wiggins.

Yeoman Pin: A. Adams, R. Angerer, J. Burke, W. Chipman, T. Clark, B. Escher, E. Hershberger, B. Johnson, J. Long, J. Wiggins.

Junior Bowman Pin: A. Adams, W. Chipman, R. Goldthwaite, E. Hershberger, T. Hanners, J. Long.

Junior Bowman Arrow: A. Adams, W. Chipman, R. Goldthwaite, E. Hershberger, J. Long.

Bowman Pin: W. Chipman, J. Long.

Bowman Brassard 1st Rank: W. Chipman, J. Long.

Bowman Silver Pin: W. Chipman.

RANGE, JULY 8 — JULY 15

Pro-Marksman: B. Gardner, Tim Hirsch, D. LaRue, G. Lohnes, H. Long, A. Nyitray, R. Scherring, D. Shea, H. Smith, B. Welton.

Marksman: G. Benua, R. Scherring, D. Shea, R. Weber.

First Bar: D. Beggs.

Fifth Bar: R. Wollam.

Eighth Bar: J. Teichert.

Ninth Bar: J. Teichert.

SWIMMING TESTS, JULY 8 — JULY 15

Dock Swim: W. Brewer, M. Follansbee, W. Putt, R. Wells.

Cove Swim: R. Bentley, Barry Birch, L. Cory, B. Escher, M. Hertenstein, H. Long, D. Murphy, J. Teichert, B. Welton, R. Welton.

Lake Swim: C. Adams, L. Andre, Robert Barnes, R. Cory, C. Cox, D. Fung, W. Greenwood, M. Hertenstein, Tim Hirsch, T. Lutz, R. Robinson, M. Sabback, H. Sydnor, G. Tittmann.

Kawanhee Yachtsmen Set New Courses

Sailing is enjoying its biggest boom in Kawanhee history. To dispose of a few of the cornier metaphors right off the bat, it may be reported that the Sailing Department has received a stem-to-stern overhauling, has taken on a full cargo of improvements, and, scuppers awash with new plans and ideas, has been launched on the season. New boats, the new title of Kawanhee Yacht Club, a new dock for the department alone, permanent quarters at last, and a new rating system are major items in Mike Smith's new deal among the yardarms.

To begin with the more obvious, and already completed, parts of the program, it should be noted that the *Seagull* and the snipe, the *Betty H*, have been rebuilt and are riding at anchor in the cove with the other brightly repainted boats of the sailing fleet. The construction of the new dock was finished on July 10, and since that date it has been in constant use. This use, however, is to be limited strictly to sailing business, for the 76-ft. length of this pier is merely a narrow catwalk out to a broader platform in water deep enough to allow the larger boats to come alongside. At the angle of the "T", two of the small new boats are tied up and, back of them, the two catboats, while a proposed yardarm near the dock's end will soon be flying the brand-new pennant of the Kawanhee Yacht Club.

A more recent development was the delivery, on July 14, of two new M. I. T., or "Tech", dinghies, 12½ ft. in length and of 5 ft. beam, with centerboards, fiberglass hulls, aluminum masts and bronze fittings. In immediate prospect is a further enlargement of the fleet. Two "prams" are

to be constructed by Uncle Charlie Long for use as small yacht-tenders in ferrying Kawanhee sailors back and forth from the anchored boats in the cove. Present plans call for two additional dinghies next year.

For years the Sailing Department has had no more than squatters' rights to part of the ground-level floor space in the former boathouse, the building which houses the Crows' Nest in its top story and the Badger Lodge in its south flank. Now, however, the camp yachtsmen are officially taking possession of all unoccupied territory. The whole of the open area on the ground level, except for a gangway to the Crows' stairway, is to be partitioned off into headquarters for the newly named Kawanhee Yacht Club. An adequate classroom and various types of storage facilities are the long desired requisites to be provided by this remodeling. The classroom will boast its own pot-bellied stove, new benches, and rough desks of some type equipped with cleats to allow practice work with ropes, etc., in weather when actual sailing is impossible. Lockers for paint and other supplies are already installed or in the planning stage. Racks along one side will take care of spars, and on the other serve as storage space for the dinghies. The *Gull* and the *Betty H* will also find winter housing in the new Sailing quarters.

More than all of these additions, the new "rating" system has drawn upon the pre-season thought and planning of Commodore Smith and his experienced mates, Ernie Johanson and Jay Sanders. This rating system will be integrated with the camp's Achievement Level system in scoring, but will supersede it as the department's actual basis of work. The fact has long been recognized that the stress on age groups, inherent in the Levels set-up, fits most awkwardly with the subject of sailing, where proficiency depends entirely on experience with no reference whatsoever to a camper's age. The new plan therefore institutes four progressive categories of sailing accomplishment — Novice, Crew, Skipper and Racing Skipper — and classifies all campers according to these, disregarding entirely the fact of whether the individual is a Junior B or a Senior. For purposes of scoring, progress up through these categories will be translated into Level points, but this is a matter of bookkeeping for the department heads. There is also the possibility that points, over and above Level points, will be given for the completion of work for these Sailing grades, as is done in the case of Life Saving.

Having the benefit of such extensive, constructive and imaginative innovations as these, Mike Smith's Sailing Department gives every promise of becoming the Activity of the Year.

First Round of Trips to Local Peaks

With the coming of July's second week, Bates and his Trip program went into action. During three midweek days, five separate expeditions at one time or another had the great majority of tribesmen out of camp on their initial trips of the season. First out, on Wednesday, July 11, was a mineral trip, under the command of Forrest Dexter, an eyewitness account of which may be found below. Thursday found Bates running shuttle service for 64 campers to two of the most frequently climbed of the neighboring mountains. The Pine Trees, the Hawks, and an assortment of Polecats and Deers with Mr. Dexter and Bob Mathews went up Mt. Blue, one of the highest of the mountains surrounding the Webb Lake valley, but one which is generally considered a "snap" of a climb. Meanwhile, the Eagles, Falcons, Panthers and a few Polecats, under convoy of the Messrs. Chace, Gowan and Klapp, scaled the gentle slopes

of Bald. The Blue climb was made on Friday by a group from the Birch, Beaver and Moose lodges under the guidance of Julian Freedman and Dave Fergus. The same day the Lynx and the Wildcats, with Ray Brown and John Pethic, had a crack at the favorite of all local mountains, Tumbledown. Off-agin, on-agin weather bedeviled other parts of the week, but happily these three days allowed all the Kawanhee travelers to depart and return undampened in body as well as in spirit.

C. S.

Mineralogists Visit New Mine

On Wednesday, July 11, 1956, a group consisting of Chris Adams, Don Gardner, Bill Greenwood, Pete Gelpi, Jack Allen, Ken Wheeler, Sam Davis, John Denise, Phil Guthrie, Bruce Harmon, Rush Robinson, John Teichert, Don Shea, Jeff Beals, Jack Alexander, Chuck Fowler, Dan Seeger, Jack Burr and Steve Dexter, and led by Bates and Dexter, went in the Bouncing Buggy to the Slattery mine at Paris Hill. This mine was opened last year as a source of feldspar and Mr. Slattery gave us his kind permission to visit it.

The following minerals were found: feldspar in perfect cleavage pieces, graphic granite (so called because it looks like Egyptian cuneiform writing when cut and polished), thick "books" of biotite and muscovite mica, rose, smoky and clear quartz which should cut and polish well in several shapes, black tourmaline, and green beryl.

After leaving the mine we went down through the town of Paris Hill with its beautiful old New England mansions. Paris Hill gave two governors to the state of Maine and Hannibal Hamlin to the Federal Government as Lincoln's Vice President.

Finally the party wound up at Perham's Maine Mineral Store at Trap Corner in West Paris. Deany made a fine quartz brooch while the group was there, showing the boys each of the steps from a quartz crystal to the finished piece of jewelry. The campers also purchased specimens of minerals which cannot be found on the camp mineral trips.

On Thursday Mr. Birch brought a 25 lb. snapping turtle to the Nature Building and, on Friday, Bates on his way back from Mt. Blue found a baby porcupine which he contributed to the cause. This year's menagerie is therefore building up. It of course contains the usual assortment of frogs, salamanders, snakes and insects.

F. DEXTER

The week's program of evening entertainment had its ups and downs. On Monday, a very wet, rainy day had its conclusion in a very wet "rainy day" movie in the Rec Hall. The title was "Cracked Nuts", in case anyone wants to make a special effort to forget it. Things definitely looked up on Wednesday and Thursday nights with the two-part showing of the regular weekly movie. The bill included an admirable Disney cartoon, *Crazy over Daisy*, and a feature, *Rogues in Sherwood Forest*, most satisfactorily filled with action and technicolor. Friday evening Kawanhee's "legit" dramatic company celebrated the opening night of the 1956 season.

First Show Features Skits and Orchestra

The Kawanhee Theater had its first 1956 performance Friday evening, July 13, under producers Kent and Hirsch. "John Scott" Yenser's Orchestra, which is providing the musical entertainment again this year, opened the evening with two familiar pieces, *Marching Along Together* and

Anchors Aweigh. Jim Murphy and Rob Cory did especially good jobs on the flutes.

Hirsch's "catch-bag trick" proved somewhat baffling to this reporter. The throwing from the audience of some imaginary object into this small bag, which causes a noise in the sack, suggests a method of supplementing the monetary resources of the Kent-Hirsch Theatrical Company, or perhaps a convenient way for campers to turn in objects to the Lost-and-found Department.

The skit presented by Dave Kent, *The Gathering of the Nuts*, was different to the extent that it was over before the audience knew that it had begun. The gathering of the cast from the audience was the whole of it. Herb Yenser was to play the hero; "Miss" Lee Smith, the heroine; and Julian Freedman, the villain; while Tom Ultes and George Tittman were to take the part of footlights. With the closing of the curtains on this turn, the next band number, *Sing, Sing, Sing*, satisfied the anticipations of the audience, with the drums being ably played by Dan Beggs and Sam Davis.

Ray Brown's "science of acoustics" proved most entertaining with its highly selective echo effects. The truisms such as "Frannie is a wonderful Camp Mother!" and "Defoe likes girls with long curls!" created echoes with the assistance of "Eggebert" Johanson, while the "falsisms", like "Mr. Birch can't hit a nail on the head!", lacked the quality of "echoability" under the acoustical laws of the Kawanhee Theater. When the word "bologna", due to its fantastic acoustical qualities, finally echoed back to the audience, it brought the skit to a humorous if embarrassing ending.

Brad Connor's grand solo tap dance reminded us of the many — and sometimes hidden — talents of Kawanhee campers.

Good Night Sweetheart was the closing band number and was especially "touching" to those who could not but feel that it was dedicated to "Miss" Lee Smith, the heroine of one of the skits.

E. HAMBLIN

Greys Take Meet: Maroons Win Ball Game

Plenty of action took place, as the Maroons and Greys opened their water meet competition, Saturday, July 14. In this rain-spattered, abbreviated affair, the Greys under the leadership of Lee Smith emerged victorious 35-32. The Maroons piled up an early 17 to 10 advantage after two events, due mainly to the work of Bruce Gardner and a fine 100-yard free style relay team. Then the Greys rushed to a 35 to 27 lead at the end of five events. The scheduled war canoe race was called off due to the inclement weather conditions.

The Summary:

JR. B 100-YARD FREESTYLE — First: B. Gardner (M); Second: G. Tittman (G); Third: C. Stetson. Time — :23.5.

JR. B FREESTYLE RELAY — First: Maroons; Second: Greys; Third: Maroons.

JR. A 200-YARD FREESTYLE — First: R. Bennett (G); Second: D. Hoch (M); Third: D. Burr (M).

JR. A FREESTYLE RELAY — First: Greys; Second: Maroons. Time — :1:23.0.

JR. B TUG OF WAR — First: Greys; Second: Maroons.

SR. MEDLEY RELAY — First: Maroons.

The Maroons opened the annual Maroon-Grey baseball competition July 15, besting the Grey team 4 to 3. This close initial contest seems to bear out the idea that this year's competition will be among the keenest in Kawanhee's history.

The Greys started the scoring in a rush as they plated two runs in the top second off Maroon pitcher, Bob Guthrie, but their rally died as the Maroons shoved across twin tallies in the third and fifth frames.

Bill Greenwood and Joe Shepard led the winners' attack, both smacking out doubles.

The seven inning contest was delayed three times due to thunder showers which tremendously slowed down each team's attack.

D. GEHLBACH

Saturday and Sunday Events

In spite of the hit-and-run visitations of several rain squalls, the Kawanhee week end managed to dodge through its traditional schedule without omissions. The summer's first water meet was staged Saturday afternoon, although in a somewhat curtailed form as the result of a stiff wind which came up at the last minute and whisked all of the boating events off the docket. The Junior Counselor - Senior Counselor ball game filled the after-supper interval, and the campfire was held in the Recreation Hall. Songs, awards and the first report on the summer's score occupied the early part of the evening while Dean Miller took over the last half for the opening installment of the season's continued story. Hugo's *Les Miserables* is Dean Miller's choice for his summer-long narrative this year.

At the various week-end gatherings it was a pleasure for Kawanhee to note, and welcome, the presence of Dick Miller, well remembered camper and counselor, and of the very new Mrs. Miller. Dick and Joan, as a matter of fact, are spending their honeymoon in these parts. Heimberger is another name whose association with Kawanhee has been long and cherished. This year Dr. and Mrs. Frederic Heimberger of Columbus and Ohio State University are spending the month of July in their summer home on Center Hill, and their occasional visits within the camp have recalled their years as members of the tribe. A truly venerable chapter of Kawanhee history was brought to mind during the week with the appearance in camp of David Salembier, a camper of the late '20's, for the purpose of visiting his son, another David, who is this year a camper in the Deer Lodge.

At the Sunday morning service in the Recreation Hall, Dr. Elmore's sermon made most vivid use of the figure, both literal and metaphorical, of a scarecrow. The afternoon featured a Maroon-Grey baseball game. Evening found Herb Yenser presiding over the singing at the vesper gathering in the Recreation Hall. By popular request, *I Believe* was returned to the Glee Club's repertoire. The instrumental soloist of the evening was pianist Bob Angerer with Schubert's *Waltz in C*. Dean Miller built his talk around the beautiful wood carvings of Uncle Charlie Long, several examples of which were held up for admiration and more of which will be on display in camp later in the summer. The evening closed with the Glee Club's impressive singing of Malotte's setting of the Lord's Prayer.

C. SCARLETT