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An Amalgamation of Stuff Happened!

Editor's Note: This severely truncated broadside version of *The Megaphone* is the first publication bearing that name since Washington's Birthday, 1996. We are profoundly sorry for the delay.

Much newsworthy Rascal activity has taken place since that time, both here and in Roanoke. Unfortunately, the editor of *The Megaphone* has had a hard summer and is only now beginning to return to a new version of normalcy.

So with that bit of whining out of the way, we turn now to executive summaries of the historic and histrionic events of the past months.

Special thanks are owed to **Jeff Sivek**, **Jake Horner** and **Jeff Campbell** for outfitting me with a computer that works and that can produce this remarkable publication.

MASS CHALLENGES SWEEPED BY PHILOSOPHERS

The Mass Challenge competitions held this summer by the Roanoke and Pittsburgh lairs were both won by philosophers, Prof. **Peter Fosl**, PhD, and **Dan Morrison**, ABD, RR&R.

This remarkable fact lays to rest, once and for all, the fallacious and salacious

opinion that philosophy ain't worth a rat's ass.¹

The Pittsburgh Mass Challenge was announced at the Rascals' Ball. The first and last names of all contestants were mixed in separate hats and drawn out one by one, producing such unfortunate monstrosities as Wyatt Baierl and Donald Wolfson.

The challenge was to go out and find someone by the given name and return with a good story.

Dan Morrison won the Pittsburgh competition with a video on Jeffrey Scheer, a welder in New Bremen, Ohio. Along with that win comes the Jon Landgraf Prize, which will be awarded at the 1997 Rascals' Ball.

John McGeoy contributed the runner up prize, now known as the Bitter Cup. The Bitter Cup is a glass suspended from a rope which hangs around the neck, something like a feedbag for alcoholics.

Mark Miller and **Barry**

¹ Members of the Sensitivity Committee will note that by "rat's ass" we do not refer to the hind quarters of an oversized mouse, but rather the donkey owned by the rodent in the well-known Scottish fairy tale, *The Fiancee and her Man*.

Lavery tied for second place and the matter was settled with an "Greenlandic Dis' Off," which consisted of an exchange of witty barbs by the tied contestants.

Mark Miller's presentation featured a telephone conversation with a Florida chiropractor during which Mark learned of a chiropractic remedy for the coccygeal spasms he suffers following orgasm.

While Mark floundered in the gutter of medicine trying to titillate his audience with unnatural and un-Baptist manipulations, **Barry Lavery** chose the high road by introducing a woman and changing the subject. Presented with the challenge of finding a story about Daniel Sivek, Barry settled for Danielle's Civic. Rascal o' the Year, **Bill Baierl** was heard to say he didn't give a damn about her Civic, but he wouldn't mind checking out her cervix.

The Roanoke lair took their challenge to be finding the best story from Floyd County, Virginia. Floyd County is evidently known for moonshine, consanguine marriages, and people who believed Ross Perot.

Peter Fosl won the competition according to reliable reports.

PLINY MILES DIES IN MALTA

At the March 1996 meeting of Lair No. 1, **Don Pickerine** reported on 18th century peripatetic rascal, Pliny Miles. Don made his long-suffering wife take a trip to Watertown, New York, hometown of Pliny, during her most recent bout of double pneumonia.

Postal reformer, mnemonic visionary and restless rambler, Pliny traveled the world writing dispatches for newspapers.

Washington, DC seem to have been the closest thing to home for this vagabond. Unfortunately, Pliny died without having married or having kids, so Don was unable to fulfill part of his Rascal's Challenge -- to deliver a descendant of Pliny to the RR&R meeting.

For further details, you should ask Don. The humble editor of *The Megaphone* has exhausted the limits of his memory.

RASCALS PICNIC AT LAKE ERIE, BAIERL TAKES A DIP

The second annual Rascal Picnic was held at beach no. 11 on Presque Isle, Pennsylvania. The weather was perfect, and Rascal families ate lots of food and played in the water. Die-hard Rascals watched the sun set into the lake.

Bill Baierl, Rascal o' the Year, was carried aboard an 8-man sedan chair, built of

poles and an overstuffed chair found in **Dan Morrison's** basement. Bill was carried amidst the sun-soaked throng lying half-naked² on the beach, down to the water, where he was gingerly lowered so that his nether regions received their second baptism.

RASCALS ELECTIONS

Elections for officers will be held at the next quarterly meeting of Lair No. 1. Officers will assume their duties beginning January 1, 1997, under the leadership of **Jeff Campbell** who will assume the position of Director for the year.

Please consider becoming an officer in the RR&R. These positions have no power or glory, but constitute a vital service to your fellows.

COLORADO CASTLE VISITED BY RASCAL

David Dunn's Rascal's Challenge took him and his wife to Colorado to the Rocky Mountain castle built over the course of twenty-some years by an ordinary guy with a libertarian penchant for stealing rocks from federal lands.

David's first-rate presentation contained video footage of him giving away RR&R flag no. 1 in what was later discovered to be an

unkind ruse. The Ephorate is arranging for his proper discipline.

OTHER NOTES, NEWS AND NONSENSE

Wyatt Aasen moved to Milwaukee where he pursues his career with PPG. **Jack Brice** played his guitar and ate macaroni and cheese. **Greg Bruns** foreclosed on a few delinquent widows. **Ron DiOrio** was admitted as a member of Lair No. 1 at the September meeting. **David Dunn** is expecting a 4th child. **Charlei George** has been corresponding with a tall blonde beach volleyball bunny. **Bill Baierl** is running for Pennsylvania state house. His face appeared on the cover of a recent issue of the *City Paper*. **Jeff Campbell** is getting married on April 5, 1997. **Jake Horner** smoked cigars. **Don Kellander** teaches surely and dim-witted undergraduates. **Barry Lavery** became a member of Lair No. 1 at the June meeting. **Dennis Looney** was elected Chairman of the French and Italian department at Pitt. **Brian Holly** chanted. **John McGeoy** is a free man. **Don Pickerine** still lives in his casa natal. **Greg Scheer** got a new car. **Dan Morrison** got a new job. **Karl Williams** got Christmas tree lights above the 200 foot mark. **Glenn Vernon** re-lined his hot tub. **Lee Wolfson** will present at the next quarterly meeting.

² That's half-clothed for members of the Sensitivity Committee.