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## RUGGED TEST OF SURVIVAL

In January, JIM MURPHY, Timlo '66, '67, '68, undertook a survival test for a special college project at Colgate University. With him was a fellow classmate, Andy Cox of Buffalo. They spent three weeks on Mt. Marcy in the dead of winter, living in the out-of-doors, camping out and fixing all their meals on an open fire. Timlo campers are very familiar with Mt. Marcy, having gone on camping trips there in the summer, but how would you like to camp out there in weather where the temperatures were generally in the  $-10^{\circ}$  range? The following is a brief account of some of Jim's experiences on this unusual trip.

"We spent our first week in the Marcy Dam area making several practice assaults on Phelps Mountain, the north peak of Mt. Colden, and Algonquin. We carried dehydrated, pre-packaged foods for breakfast and dinner, and ate raisins, peanuts, and beef jerkey for our lunches. Our means of cooking was on an optimer gas stove; had to melt snow much of the time. Did you know that it takes about seventeen cups of snow to melt into one cup of water?! At night we slept in either lean-toos or tents, using down sleeping bags. We also wore mostly down clothing in order to keep warm and comfortable. For each night out on the trail, we averaged about fourteen hours of bed time.

After this "practice time" in the Marcy Dam area, we made the two-day climb up New York state's highest peak. Snowshoes were the only means of transportation on the trails. In the remaining week-and-a-half that we stayed in the area, we hiked into John's Brood Lodge, climbed Cascade, Lower Wolfjaw, Big Slides, and Write, and explored the Avalanche Lake area and Lake Colden region. Temperatures averaged  $-15^{\circ}$  every night and  $10^{\circ}$  to  $15^{\circ}$  during the day. The record low night temperature occurred on January 21, with  $-26^{\circ}$ . The daytime low was  $-8^{\circ}$  on January 21, and the high temperature for the entire trip was  $36^{\circ}$  on January 16.

The trip was an unforgettable experience and taught us a great deal about how to survive totally in the cold and what it's like to live under such conditions."

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## SUMMARY OF CAMP REUNIONS

We're going to have to do a better job of polling the delegation before we plan reunions next year. We fully recognize that with campers from so many different areas, even having two or three reunions in different locations does not mean that we're going to be able to justify such meetings unless more can attend. It's perfectly understandable that skiing trips, skating, basketball, and everything else might come before a boys' camp reunion. We say this because the girls reverse their priorities and come to reunions before they do other things.

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NEW YORK REUNION - We had very few people respond as to whether they were coming or not and because we had to give the hotel a guarantee, we were almost planning to call it off. However, at the last minute we decided to change the schedule somewhat and go ahead with the reunion in the morning, ending with a luncheon. The campers who attended were GARY SAPERSTEIN and his father, JIM WEIL and his father, JOSH GOLDMAN, WILLIE ZOGBAUM, and PETER GELLERMAN and his father. JIM MURPHY was just returning from his Mt. Marcy trip and was good enough to stop in and pay us a visit at the reunion. His presence was greatly welcomed as he operated the slide and movie projectors. After the reunion Jim drove all the way back to Lake George to visit with us for a day or so before returning to college. CAMERON GOUGH and his mother had planned to attend the reunion but last-minute complications prevented them. BILLY VITZTHUM got all the way to the George Washington Bridge and then had no way of getting from that point to the hotel.

For the first time this year we had the "New York reunion" at the Marriott Motor Hotel in Saddle Brook, N.J. The Marriott did a fine job for us and put on a very nice luncheon. However, although we enjoyed the meal very much and had a good visit, it's clear that it isn't really justified to have such a gathering unless we get better attendance.

PITTSBURGH REUNION - The Pittsburgh reunion was a small informal gathering at the home of TIM and NED DENNEY on Wednesday, January 4. Those who attended included TIM and NED, JODY JENKINS, PETER and MARK BURCHFIELD, PECK and JIM KNOX, HENRY and TIM SCULLY, and JIM WALTON. BILL KNOX and RICK PIVIROTTTO are attending prep school and were unable to be there. JOSH and MATT WOLFF were planning to come but didn't make it at the last minute.

Sometime these smaller reunions at the home of a camper seem to be more informal and successful. Although this was just a "quickie gathering" after school in the afternoon, the boys had a good time and seemed to enjoy the opportunity to get together. We're grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Knox for inviting us to have this gathering in their home.

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#### NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

We've received several letters from campers and counsellors since the mailing of our last TIMLOG and are sure that the news will be of interest to you. PETER SORENSEN wrote a long, newsy letter telling of some of his experiences in school in England. He's enjoying school but is working very hard to keep up with the ten subjects that he's taking -- biology, math, chemistry, physics, history, geography, divinity, French, English, and art. In spite of all this, Peter is on the cross-country team, basketball team, plays soccer once a week, and is making a model yacht and a wooden magazine rack in carpentry. We learned of some of CHARLES DUGUAY's activities in a letter from his mother. At the end of the summer, Charles entered a golf tournament, which he won. He also participated in a tennis tournament and did some riding before school started. Charles, too, is kept busy with a wide variety of subjects in school, but still finds time for soccer, curling, is in a basketball league, enjoys skiing, and is taking typing and piano lessons. JIM HESSBERG, who will be returning to Timlo this summer after a year's absence, wrote to say that he's on his school basketball team and they are doing quite well. At the time that he wrote, their record was 3-2, having just lost a heartbreaker 36-34 in overtime. Jim was his team's high scorer in that game with 12 points. We're happy to say that JOHN NEWMAN will be returning to Timlo this summer as a Jr. Assistant Counsellor after an absence of a few summers. John is on his school's cross-country team, has been doing a lot of skiing, and in the spring will travel to France with the French Club. JOHN YEOMAN wrote in early January to say that he was on his school's football team in the fall, the team compiling a record of 5-1-1, and is now a member of the basketball team. A recent letter from PETER MUESER tells us that he's Editor of his school newspaper, is the school photographer, and is President of his class. RICH MARTIN wrote to tell us his new Army address. He's now attending Officer's Candidate School in Ft. Benning, Georgia, and would like to hear from any of you who might care to drop him a line. His new address is: O.C. Richard H. Martin -- 050 38 7701 -- 65th Co., 6 Stu. BN -- Ft. Benning, Ga. 31905.

Please keep in touch with us. We always enjoy hearing from you, and your friends like to know what you're doing throughout the winter. See you next month.