

THE TIMLOG -- November, 1976

This is the time of year when we are especially busy preparing for our long and varied winter travels; all of this, of course, in preparation for the 1977 season. Before relating to you some of our thoughts and plans for next year and certain other comments about some counsellors and campers whom we have already visited with or heard from, it is especially in order to consider a few remarks about the 1976 season.

Although it will be impossible for the new campers of '76 to make any comparisons, it will nevertheless be easy for the "oldtimers" to do so. I'm referring to the fact that in spite of some very major adjustments for everyone to make, we feel that the campers, the counsellors, and the program came through quite well in spite of the terrific pressure at the beginning of the season to finish the completion of the girls' camp and their facilities, the disappointing delays in the tennis construction and, of course, not the least of our adjustments was the unusual amount of rain we had during the season. Those who have been at camp before can remember clearly that this was a most unusual season in that respect and, of course, the same was true for everyone in our general area of the country. That is something we don't have to look forward to next year because the "weather experts" tell us that last summer's weather was quite rare.

In addition to certain other finishing touches which will be accomplished in the tennis area, let us make at least one guarantee to you; that is (and please don't smile), the Tennis Building -- the old Recreation Hall for the boys' camp -- will be prepared for use principally in the tennis program and on special occasions for other activities. Actually we're looking forward to this development which we described to you last spring and during the summer. Although at the moment we shall make no guarantee about the new huge Main Building which we all anticipate so much, we are at least hoping very much that it will be possible to have that completed before the opening of camp. Obviously that will make a great difference in the use of some of the present facilities in the boys' camp. It will be a huge asset to our entire operation and to the satisfaction of everyone.

The following are a few brief notes concerning people we have seen or with whom we have spoken since the season. It might interest you to know that Bill Galle was by far the last counsellor to leave camp. He didn't leave until sometime in October. We have heard from him a couple of times; he is well and already is making plans for next year. We had planned to see John and Jud Carusone when they were visiting nearby in Saratoga over the Thanksgiving holiday, but it didn't work out. Maybe we'll see them sometime in Philadelphia, and when we announce the plans for the reunion, it might even be possible for them to get to it. Earlier this fall we made a very quick trip to Erie, Pa., and had a very pleasant visit with Doug Zurn. While there we also telephoned Jim Clark, but didn't get to see him as he was going out of town with his college soccer or cross-country team. I talked with Jeff Schlegel and his father on the telephone. Bob is attending school at the University of Richmond and is doing well and enjoying college life. We're happy to say that he has pledged to the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

We told Jeff to give our regards to John Bachman and Fred Moore who both live nearby. We had a very nice letter from Rick Cabal earlier in the fall. He is working very hard at the university and we're hoping he will be able to return next year with his friend David Mejia who lives in the same city, Bogota. Speaking of David, we understand that his cousin, David Parry, is back playing football at Franklin & Marshall. We're eager to talk with him again when we're down that way. If we do get that close -- Lancaster, Pa., -- we won't be far from Reading, Pa., where Jeff Schlegel, John Bachman, Fred Moore, and Jeff Guenther live. Just a little east of Reading is Pottstown where Andy Sokolski is attending The Hill School. If we were to keep on going a few miles farther, we would be near John and Jud Carusone. Tim Jones has written to us from England and says he would like very much to return to Timlo next summer. Paul DeVito is attending Georgetown University in Washington and we're looking forward to seeing him sometime when we're down there. Lee Edwards, with whom we have talked on the telephone, is busy at Bucknell University and is Captain of the Sailing Team. We have talked with John De'loust and his family, and John has played football again this fall for his school. He not only plays on the offense, but also on the defense. We hope to see him soon. Speaking of CITs, we have written to Mike Coster and look forward to hearing what's going on in France. We're expecting Greg Johnson back as a Jr. Assistant Counsellor and have invited a number of other CITs to return in that capacity. We hope we can tell you in a subsequent newsletter just exactly who of the CITs will be JACs in '77. We feel that the particular group of CITs this year was one of our very best.

All of these very sketchy remarks about some of the camper group and the staff reflect a small part of the news we would like to have in our hands so that we can, in much greater detail, pass on to you information about your friends in future newsletters. To that end, would you or your parents, as they read this, take some time to write and tell us any news or special events. Since we hope to have a newsletter for December in just a couple of weeks, see what you can do to get this information to us now.

We hope you had a pleasant Thanksgiving and if you are not from Florida, almost any other part of the country is feeling the cold wave which prevails here at Lake George. Good luck in the next few months. The Almanac says it's going to be a COLD winter!!