

Gatehouse Gaieties

A Lesson in Herpetology from the Gatehouse.

Ronald Hayton, our new Information Aid, had been given a tame, beautiful 4'10" gopher snake, which had been delivered to the Gatehouse after Ron had finished his stint for the day. Ron said he would be back Saturday morning for it. Frank Halvorsen received it, and put it in a large, double paper bag. Because of the curiosity that has shown nothing is confidential in the Gatehouse, Frank put a notice on the bag, regarding the contents and the statement that Ron would pick it up Saturday morning. Saturday morning, Frank's door was closed, with a big sign on it, "Keep Out, Snake Loose Inside". When the Aids reported for duty, they put their lunches in Frank's office, not noticing the sign until a bit later. Then began the suspenseful hunt with a flashlight. To make a long story short, the snake had crawled in a drawer of Frank's desk. When it was discovered, Bob Smith, being the bravest of the lot, put on a heavy glove and was going to "capture" the snake, when Penny Pool came in, saw the snake, and reached for it with her bare hands, saying, "How beautiful it is". Bob hid his glove, and his face, and Penny took the snake to the Library, where Ron had a difficult time talking her out of it. The snake, by the way, came out second best, as it had a fresh wound on its body, which Ron thinks he can treat and cure.

Foundation Fact

The Foundation has been busy preparing for the Annual Membership Meeting to be held on May 19th, at 3:00 p.m. At this time Foundation members will be given the plant distribution so all of you who are Foundation members, be sure and plan to pick up your plants.

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