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Dear Fellow Mushroom Lovers,

Let me introduce myself. I work for the State Department of Mental Health. I have picked mushrooms since about 1965 and have belonged to the Mycological Societies in San Francisco, Denver and Boston and currently belong to the North American Mycological Association (NAMA), the national mushroom club. When I moved to Missouri in 1981, I was disappointed that there was no mushroom club to join. However, I did not decide to organize one until after my wife died suddenly on May 24, 1986. I felt that I needed to do something a bit different. However, my wife's death also makes it possible that I may leave Missouri in July, if my present job runs out. In that case, I hope to have things well enough underway that someone else can take over easily.

Announcement #1: This letter is going out to over 120 people! Most of you answered the little notice by Dave Catlin in the October Conservationist. Some of your names were sent in by friends or relatives and some of you are NAMA members.

Announcement #2: There will be a meeting at 215 Stadler Hall, on the University of Missouri St. Louis campus, on Sunday, February 15, 1987 (campus map enclosed). Particularly for people in the St. Louis area, come, bring your friends, a snack if the spirit moves, enjoy a book exhibit, a slide show and lies, oops, I mean conversation, about mushrooms and mushroom hunting.

2:00
pm

Announcement #3: With input from a few of you, I have decided to set the first year's dues low: \$15.00 for a regular member and \$3.00 for 'poverty' members. Please fill in the form and return to me. If you don't want your phone number distributed to other members, please check the appropriate box.

Because Missouri is a large state, I have divided it up into regions. The St. Louis region is the City and counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Franklin, Jefferson, and all of Illinois. The Kansas City region includes all the counties surrounding Jackson out to Hwy 65, all 816 area codes south of KC, and Kansas, though I haven't heard from any Kansans. Northern Missouri is everything north of I-70. Southwest Missouri includes everything in 417 area code west of State Hwy 5. Southcentral Missouri includes everything from I-44 to the Arkansas line, and from Hwy 5 to include the counties of Oregon, Shannon and Dent. Southeast Missouri is the rest of the state south of I-44 and the St. Louis metropolitan area. Finally, Central Missouri runs from I-70 to I-44 and from the St. Louis area to Hwy 5 at Lebanon, to Hwy 7, then Hwy 65 up to I-70. The regions are listed on the form. Since I am not from Missouri, check the region you think you belong in and I will adjust boundaries accordingly.

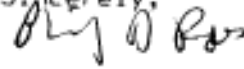
There are 3 kinds of affiliation with NAMA. First, there is no affiliation. Second, we can pay NAMA \$25.00 and NAMA dues for club members will be reduced. Third, every member of this club can be a NAMA member and we will be "fully affiliated." I recommend the middle alternative. Please check your preference on the form below, and may the plurality rule.

Announcement #4: Officers. For the moment, I volunteer my services as Secretary-Treasurer. It would be nice if others volunteer for newsletter editor, for chairperson, and for regional coordinators. In order to save on phone bills and travel, I suggest that we have regions, even if they end up differently than indicated above. (There are relatively few names from the Northern and Southeastern regions; we will know better when we see who actually joins.)

Plans: I suggest that we do not have any Spring forays. People are not all that fond of company when they hunt morels. I suggest a full schedule of fall forays. If I am still in Missouri, I will go out every weekend from the end of August until the end of October, and work from the Northwestern part of the state to the Southeastern part. Some of the forays in southern Missouri might be joint with the Arkansas Mycological Society. There is plenty of public land; in Southcentral Missouri, there may be two large private tracts where we could go. Again, your suggestions for times and places will be most welcome. Of course, people from any region may go anywhere and people can bring their friends. This will be an informal group. Some of us have decades of experience; a few have considerable academic knowledge. People who go mushrooming are assumed to know that there are a few really deadly ones out there. If you don't know normal precautions, I'm sure you will find many people happy to give you advice.

Finally, I loved all your letters. Many of you wrote about your experiences and fond memories. A few sent pictures. (A few of you are primarily interested in photography.) Please fill out the form (below or attached) and send it back to me. I hope to meet many of you in St. Louis on the 15th.

Sincerely,



Philip D. Roos

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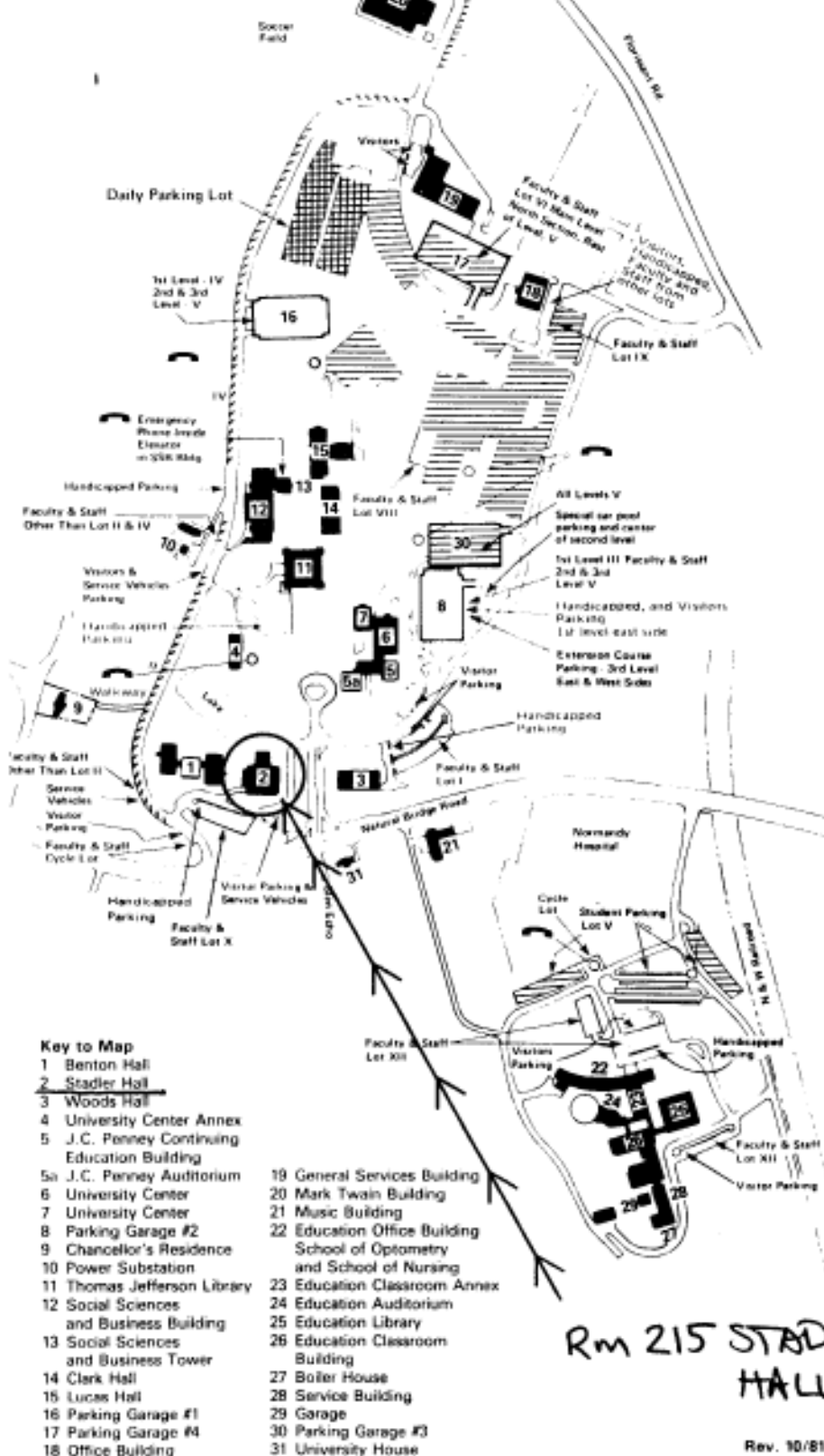
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Emergency Phone

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Key to Map

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- 3 Woods Hall
- 4 University Center Annex
- 5 J.C. Penney Continuing Education Building
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- 27 Boiler House
- 28 Service Building
- 29 Garage
- 30 Parking Garage #3
- 31 University House

Rm 215 STADLER HALL.