

Ecology trip — Alaska to A&M

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If you think the winters are cold at College Station, imagine spending the winter in a log cabin in Alaska. If you're bored with the fare in Texas, imagine eating two to three pounds of moose meat each day. Steve Stringham, a Texas A&M University graduate wildlife ecology student, did just that. With his wife, he lived in the Alaskan wilderness and researched bears, moose and fox in their natural habitats. Stringham specializes in behavioral ecology: how an animal's behavior allows it to adapt to its environment. He calls his work "making minds within the skins of other kinds." It involves finding out how much and in what manner animals learn.

Stringham said an animal's adaptability to a situation depends on what it can learn. His primary interest is in animals' adaptability to their environment. Since men are constantly expanding into wild animal territories, Stringham said he thinks men must consider not only the impact their presence has on wildlife but also on wild animals can successfully coexist.

Part of Stringham's research has involved teaching bears to dislike human foods. Bears are a problem in national parks when they raid campers' groceries and garbage dumps.

Stringham said an animal learns to dislike a food which makes it sick.

He has experimented by putting a chemical which makes the bear nauseous into the foods it should not eat. Lithium chloride, a salt, has been used in honeybee hives in Canada with moderate success. Stringham said he is trying to find out why it has not worked better.

Stringham said electric shock was also used in some experiments. Electric fences were put around garbage dumps to keep the bears out, but the fence only make them mad.

"And you don't want to make a bear mad, especially a grizzly," he said.

Stringham said unless bears can be taught to leave human foods alone, there is little chance of continuing to have wild bears in national parks.

He said bears are "extraordinarily good learners," and found them fascinating to study. He said many bears like music and many have a sense of humor, even to the point of being practical jokers.

Stringham said he became interested in bears when a friend of his was attacked. Before that, he earned his masters degree working with moose. The moose were kept in mile-square pens cut through the natural brush.

He raised two of his own moose calves and said he often woke with

two cold noses in his face or with eight hooves running over him.

Stringham met his wife in Alaska and married her under an alter of moose antlers. They spent their first summer in a clear plastic tent, but Stringham said they enjoyed the continuous Alaskan summer sun.

Out of money, they spent the next winter in a friend's log cabin in the wilderness, 20 or 30 miles from their closest neighbor.

"We spent the winter as a matter of survival," Stringham said. They depended on the meat they could hunt and the berries they could gather and preserve before the winter set in. Passing the time was no problem. They cut a tree of wood a day and had to hike a quarter of a mile for drinkable water. Stringham said he took up sculpture and woodcarving, his wife played the guitar, and they both took up gazing at the moon and the magnificence of their wilderness surroundings.

He said they found tremendous satisfaction in producing for themselves.

"When we were warm or drank water, we knew we had provided it ourselves," he said. He is anxious to

return to Alaska but first wants to earn his doctorate degree here.

Stringham laughed when asked how he found his way to Texas A&M from Alaska. He said Texas A&M has one of the finest wildlife schools in the world and that Fritz Walther, a Texas A&M professor of wildlife and fisheries science is one of the best ethologists in the world. Ethology is the study of animal behavior in the wild.

Stringham has taught labs here in ecology, mammalogy and ethology.

He said there are many Texans in Alaska with the oil companies and that Texas A&M does wildlife re-

search in areas where oil is being developed. He said he hoped for funds from oil companies to study the industry's impact on bears, but has not been disappointed.

Funding for wildlife research is hard to come by, and usually comes from federal and state governments, universities and other organizations. The World Wildlife Fund once sent Stringham to Austria to study the impact of hunting on big game.

He also received a National Park Service grant to study black bear in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park this summer.

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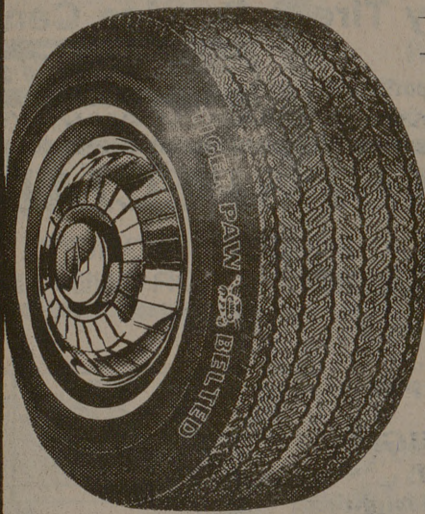
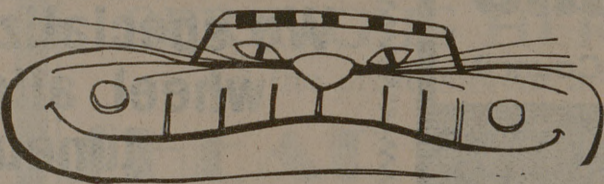
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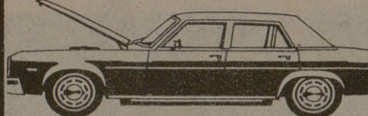
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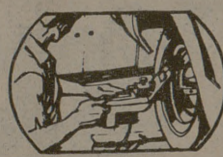
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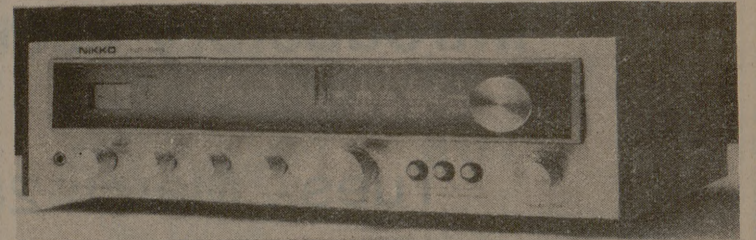
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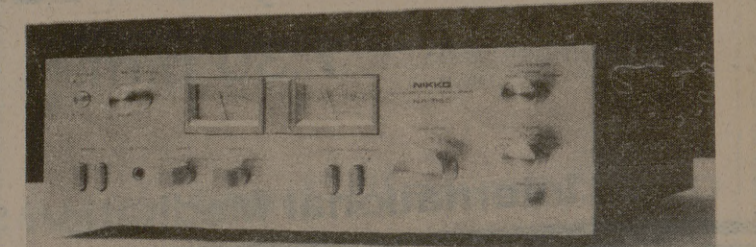
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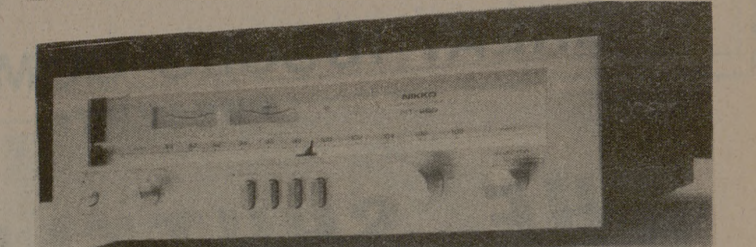
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