

Eustace Conway

Getting Back To The Basics

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How would you like to go camping 364 days a year? Could you endure the cold winter weather, the heat of summer and the lack of home furnishings. Most of us couldn't or wouldn't but one Gaston College student can and does — he's Eustace Conway.

For some time now, Eustace has lived in a teepee located in the woods somewhere in the southern part of Gaston County.

He lives there year-round and begins each day by looking at the sunrise. "I like to watch the sun come up over that hill," he said. "When I wake in the morning I start a fire. Then I get my books together and get ready for school."

Eustace wouldn't trade his close encounters with nature. He said, "I try to listen to things around me. I'm at peace with myself and my surroundings."

Many people believe that Eustace lives his lifestyle because he is anti-social. Close friends disagree with that and say that he is very hospitable and easy to talk with. They



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME — Eustace Conway (Above) prepares a fire that he uses to keep warm in the mornings and to do his cooking. (Below Left) Eustace doing some work. Behind him is his home.



also say that he has the ability to make whomever he talks with feel more relaxed. His friends believe that he just wants to do his own thing.

Eustace has many visitors to his camp-site in the woods. He has even been visited by such distinguished television shows as *P.M. Magazine* and *Carolina Camera*. While he reminds people that the teepee is his home, he never complains about the abundant number of friends who often drop by for a visit.

Visitors to his campsite receive a grand tour of the place, including the creek where he washes his hair, brushes his teeth and cleans up for school. He also likes to show off the spot — up from the creek — where he does his leather works, a craft at which he has become very skilled. Many items around his teepee have been produced from the skins of animals. Often he proudly shows visitors the hat he made from three raccoons. Sometimes he even trades for the skins.

Cooking has also become an art for Eustace. The spoon he uses to stir his stew was made from a cow's horn and even his serving bowls came from Mother Nature. "You know, nature provides everything," he said.

"If a depression came I would be prepared," he said. "I can survive!"

It might seem that such a resourceful person really wouldn't need school, but Eustace still attends and has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average. He says that he likes to prove to people that they can make it in their own world.

Next fall, Eustace plans to attend A.S.U. in Boone, where the winters are even colder. "I know I can make it, but I want to see how comfortable I can make myself," he said.

Someone once said that Eustace is a man who works harder just living than most people work at their jobs. Maybe that explains the motivation behind all that he undertakes and it may explain his success in his way of life.

Resort Jobs Available in Massachusetts

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While seasonal jobs may be scarce around these and other parts this summer, there is at least one place where this is not the case.

If you could use some extra cash in your pocket and a little adventure in your life this summer, why not check out the job opportunities available in the resort areas of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, including the offshore island of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

Up in that neck of the woods, they're

experiencing a growing problem in finding summer employees to properly service a rapidly expanding tourist and convention industry. Cape Cod and the Islands will be offering over 55,000 good summer jobs in 1983 and the best part is that most require little or no prior experience.

Because it is impossible to fill these jobs with local residents, most of whom make up the year' round work force, it is necessary to draw heavily from other geographic areas to satisfy this seasonal need.

Again this year, the Cape Cod Summer Job Bureau has coordinated an effort to assemble all pertinent facts on available summer employment and has published this information in a concise directory of summer job opportunities listing over 100 categories, some of which follow:

Lifeguards, swimming instructors, beach maintenance; camp and craft counselors;

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