

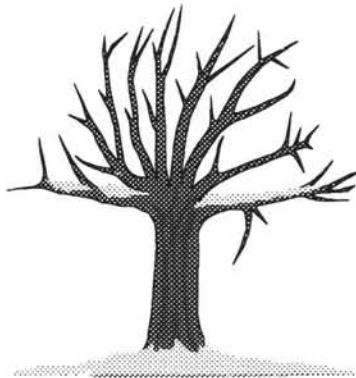
(On Course With The President continued)

body really wants to say anything to an individual for fear of hurting feelings or sounding snobbish, but it doesn't take much effort to play the part. Professionally dressing and conducting ourselves for the image we *want* is an important step.

The GCSAA has been working hard to enhance its member image and the educated expertise of the Superintendent. The MAGCS will be looking into developing new methods of promoting the MAGCS image and its members. Bob Maibusch is Chairman of the Public Relations Committee and he brings a new enthusiasm for these MAGCS Public Relations goals. The efforts of the committee will be of benefit to all, but it will require a group effort to be meaningful. In closing we have been told to act and dress for the position and respect we desire. In so far as new goals, we must not let the fear of failure keep us from trying. If we believe we can or we can't, we are right.

Wishing you the best for 1995.

Joel Purpur, President MAGCS



## Ode To An Oak

Oh, mighty Quercus out there in the snow,  
How do you handle this 20 below?  
Standing out there on the edge of the glen,  
Seeing harsh winters again and again.  
You've stood in that clearing for quite a few years,  
I guess you looked down on the first pioneers.  
Oh, giant oak of such silence and grace,  
How many years have you stood in this place?

I see you in awe. It's beyond my belief  
All the wonderful things that you do with a leaf,  
And the foliage you sport ... 80 feet in the air ...  
How do you get all the water up there?  
Even the scientists don't seem to know  
Just how you manage to live and to grow.  
I've read many theories. They're more than just thin.  
You keep your secrets well, you and your kin.

We humans are clever, we're clever indeed,  
We've walked on the moon and we've outdistanced speed.  
We've got our computers, those marvelous things;  
Missiles that hurdle past Jupiter's rings;  
And one little bomb that will level a mile.  
Oh, yes, stately oak, if you could, you would smile.  
For all our inventiveness, as of this date  
An acorn is something we cannot create.

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