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## COMING UP ON MARCH 24 -- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In any organization such as the ROC, election of officers is an event of paramount importance. Much more than serving merely to "bestow honor" on those who have performed meritoriously, it results in the selection of seven men in whom the destiny of the Club is placed for the period of one year. And in the ROC these seven officers are entirely responsible for all Club activities. In spite of the practice of delegating power and responsibility, the final accountability to the members belongs to them alone. For this reason your Editor believes that considerable thought should be devoted to their nomination and election.

So that all members may be fully acquainted with the Club's election procedure, the Constitutional and other election provisions are hereby reviewed. The initial step consists of a three-man nominating committee appointed by the President. It is the job of this committee after thoughtful consideration to nominate a minimum of one person for each of the seven elected positions. (President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large) At the annual election meeting -- two weeks' written notice having been given all members -- the nominating committee presents its slate of candidates. Additional nominations for any position are accepted from the floor if seconded. The voting by written ballot follows general election rules.

At the Executive Council Meeting on February 15th it was decided to add one feature to this procedure. Henceforth it will be required that at least one member of the nominating committee give a "defense" of the candidate(s) the committee has selected. The purpose will be to acquaint all members with the candidates' personal qualifications and interest in Club activities as evidenced by past accomplishments, committee work, etc. A person nominating a candidate from the floor is expected but not required to follow the same procedure.

This year's election meeting has been set for March 24th at 7:30 PM in the Clubhouse Ballroom. All members are asked to attend. If your term dues have not been turned in to Membership Chairman Dave Dolliver, bring your dollar with you.

## JOHN JAY'S "SKIS OVER EUROPE," FEBRUARY 17

Before a large crowd of over 400 persons John Jay personally presented his latest ski movie, "Skis Over Europe," in the '87 Gym on Thursday evening, February 17. With Mr. Jay's excellent narration and a film of great excitement, color and beauty, it seemed as if time indeed had been turned back to permit the audience to be front seat spectators at the 1948 Winter Olympics. Breathtaking activity and famous participants flashed across the screen as the parade of games unfolded -- to terminate in the great American victory: Gretchen Frazier's slalom triumph. Additional footage taken in Switzerland and Italy depicted thrilling downhill runs at some of the famous southern European resorts.

It is good news to learn that Mr. Jay has accepted the position of Director of Athletics at Williams. We hope to see him again soon.

## UNION SKI WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 19-20

It's true there weren't many women -- just Joan, Cissie, Marian and Dody -- but the gang of 16 had a wonderful time anyway. With Stan handing out steaks Saturday night and Fred showing us the way, the group, eager for skiing on snow of any sort, tried the little slope right across from the lodge on Sunday. One just couldn't go wrong. Even Saturday night produced its surprises: a square dance and several games that ROCers Mohling, Nelson, Ostergaard and Bailey have put away in their little black books for future use.

On Sunday afternoon the rope tow at North Creek was operated almost solely for the party's use. Between the bare spots plenty of skiing was to be found. The trip was highlighted by a rampant Green Hornet whose mechanical failures culminated in a broken universal joint. Thanks to Union, a grey chevvy, a car that ran out of gas, another that had a flat, and finally the bus, everyone made it back to Troy.

## RPI'S FIRST WINTER WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 25-27

In spite of the cancellation of all outdoor activities, the big Winter Weekend came off as a tremendous success. A capacity crowd thronged the 15th Street Lounge on Friday night to dance to the smooth music of Bob Wassung's Serenaders and witness the crowning of Miss Barbara Brinkman as queen.

Saturday afternoon a few leisurely souls enjoyed the quiet atmosphere of Lounge 15. The big gang, however, made their way to Crooked Lake Casino where a real party was held.

But all of these activities were merely the introduction to the Snowflake Saturnalia on Saturday night. To a very excellent Barbary Coast Orchestra from Dartmouth a very large crowd danced and made the round of the fraternity booths from ten to two. If winter was not without, it certainly was within. Huge snowdrifts lined the edges of the Gym and other decorations kept the theme very much in evidence. RSE won the prize for the best booth: an imported Lapland igloo.

It was no unwise move at IOCA Conference last year to hand to the MIT Outing Club the job of publishing this year's IOCA Bulletin. Big and thick and crammed with interesting pictures and articles, it moved into the ROC Office the other day to go on sale at 25¢ each. Feature articles include Olympic Ski Techniques, Why Rockclimb?, Rene Ravoire on the Allais Technique and many more too numerous to mention.

For a couple of dollar's worth of terrific reading, drop in to the office and pick up your copy of the 1949 IOCA Bulletin.

COMING ACTIVITIES

MARCH 10 - BUSINESS MEETING

A very important meeting to organize the initial work to be done on the RPI Campus Carnival. The suggestions and advice of all members are needed to insure its success.

MARCH 12-13 - ADIRONDACK SKI MOUNTAINEERING TRIP

A rugged ascent of three peaks in the MacIntyre Range for the Robert Marshall Memorial Trophy. Necessary equipment will include skis, bearpaw snowshoes and crampons. Descent will be by the famous 35° gradient Wright's Peak Ski Trail. The party of nearly a dozen plan on staying at Adirondack Loj.

MARCH 13 - ROC SKI TRIP

MARCH 19 - ROC TO REPRESENT IOCA AT NEW ENGLAND RECREATION CONFERENCE

Before 150 representatives from all over New England Dick Bailey is giving an hour's talk on the ROC and its activities. Each year the Mountaineering Section of the Conference selects one college to send a representative to talk to its group. This year the ROC has been chosen as typical of a very active college outing club.

MARCH 20 - ROC SKI TRIP (assuming that Winter is still with us)

MARCH 24 - ROC ELECTION MEETING

MARCH 27 - ROC SKI TRIP (assuming the mud isn't too deep)

APRIL 2 - ROC-ADK WINTER MOUNTAINEERING CONFERENCE

As a result of the intense interest shown by ROC men in winter mountaineering activities, a conference is being arranged to bring together the leaders of the ADK program, the participating college undergraduates and prominent outsiders. Its purpose will be to map out general plans for a winter activity program next year. Invitations to about a dozen colleges have already been sent out.

APRIL 2 - RPI CAMPUS CARNIVAL

Gigantic repeat performance of last year's big carnival run jointly by the ROC and the Inter-Fraternity Conference.

APRIL 3 - MT GREYLOCK SKI TRIP

Way up on Greylock there is always snow about this time--even if you have to go to the top of the Thunderbolt Racing Trail.

## PAST ACTIVITIES

### SAGE OUTING CLUB SQUARE DANCE, FEBRUARY 4

With Jed Prouty having put to an end his undergraduate days, Stu Jameson has assumed leadership of the Hayseeders. In the Sage Gym on Friday night, February 4, Stu demonstrated that RPI and other nearby colleges still have a very capable square dance ensemble to play for them. The usual crowd -- cherry and white chubbers from up on the hill and green ones from downtown -- had its customary and inevitable grand time. Even Judy Andrews stayed for a while!

### RSOC-ROC SKATING PARTY, FEBRUARY 5

It was supposed to be at Beldon's Pond. Johnny Liese was going. That's all we know.

### HOGBACK SKI TRIP, FEBRUARY 6

There was snow on the ground but that was about all; the stumps and rocks needed more than an inch to cover them. With a decent base Hogback is a skiable resort. February 6th was just the wrong day, unless you liked to practice gelandeshprungs.

### BUSINESS MEETING, FEBRUARY 10

After initial matters concerning the office watch, sale of John Jay Ski Movie tickets and the reports of various committee chairmen, the regular business meeting settled down to a through discussion of the approaching Winter Weekend. The necessary jobs were divided among specific committees set up, and dates for coming Winter Weekend Committee sessions were set.

### ROC NOVICE SKI INSTRUCTION, FEBRUARY 12

At its debut on Saturday afternoon, February 5, the novice ski program saw nearly a dozen ski-aspirants practicing under the tutored eye of veteran ROCers. Decent weather and a congenial crowd made for a happy combination of fun and instruction.

### SKI TEAM TRIALS, FEBRUARY 13

Under the leadership of Ted DeVries ROC members staged time trials for ski team candidates on Sunday, February 13, at Dutch Hill. Rain and above-freezing temperatures resulted in extremely slow times, but some 20-odd aspirants had an opportunity to qualify for the Varsity and Freshman Teams.