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ROC - IFC ALL CAMPUS CARNIVAL COMING MAY 6th

Tremendous! Gala affair! Fun and prizes! These publicity man's ravings can mean only one thing. Yes, the ROC is once again sponsoring jointly with the Interfraternity Council the ALL CAMPUS CARNIVAL. Once again they will offer more fun for less money than at any other campus event. The admission price will be only sixty cents a ticket if bought in advance; seventy five cents at the door. Booth tickets will be one dollar per ten tickets. The time and place, Saturday May 6 at seven thirty in the evening in the '87 Gym.

By popular demand the Vassar Swupper Club will return to perform their beautiful water ballet routines and aquatic wonders. The show will start between nine and nine thirty and tickets will be sold only inside the carnival. The committee feels that this is necessary in order that everyone will have an equal chance at the highly coveted tickets. Should the volume of ticket sales warrant it, there may be a second performance later in the evening. The tickets will be thirty cents including tax.

During the course of the evening the carnival will present over one thousand dollars worth of prizes. There will five big door prizes and five more to be drawn on booth ticket stubs. These prizes will include such items as golf clubs, skis, portable radios, etc. The value of each booth prize will be proportional to the players chances of winning.

In addition to the fraternities, any campus organization that so desires may operate a booth at the carnival. Thus the booths will be more numerous and varied. Each participating organization will be allowed ten dollars construction expenses for its booth. Prizes will be awarded for the best looking, most clever and original booth and to the booth bringing the biggest cash return.

The evening will include music and dancing, refreshments, and entertainment. The newly elected Grand Marshal will again engage a representative of Union in gallant combat. This will be the last big fling before reviews so come on everyone to the ALL CAMPUS CARNIVAL.

RENSSELAER MOUNTAINEERING CLUB CREATED

While on a ski trip this past January, several ROC'ers decided to start a mountaineering club. They felt though the mountaineering activities of the ROC were more than adequate for them as undergraduates, the club activities would hold little for them as alumni.

Why alumni, living and working hundreds of miles away from each other, should want a Rensselaer Mountaineering Club is hard to see, that is, it's hard to see unless one is aware of the tremendous companionship attained through mountaineering. In other words, these men will continue climbing together long after they have left R.P.I.

Such a group, as the RMC would get very little stimulation unless undergraduates could become members. To insure continuity then, the RMC was linked with the ROC with a relationship similar to that of the Spelunkers and the Fishing and Hunting club. Its purpose, "..... to encourage and promote safe and enjoyable mountaineering activities among the student and alumni members of the Rensselaer Outing Club," indicates this. To be eligible for membership, one must be a past or present member of the ROC. Thus, the connection between the RMC and ROC is strong; a characteristic not common among other mountaineering and outing clubs.

Membership in the RMC will definitely be limited to those keenly interested in mountaineering, and any prospective member will have proven this interest by going on climbing trips. To begin with, however a person need only gain experience in one particular phase of mountaineering, such as rock climbing.

Only recently organized as a distinct group, members of the RMC have climbed together several years. They have ranged as far as the Colorado Rockies and the Grand Tetons in Wyoming; they have gone winter mountaineering in the Adirondaks; and they have spent Spring and Fall afternoons on nearby cliffs. Now, with a club which in the future may even be able to send members out on climbing expeditions, the RMC has a tentative constitution and prospects for a snappy emblem.

For specific information on the RMC, one should contact the Rock Climbers of the ROC. The Rock Climbers will be glad to start anyone in climbing fundamentals.

HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB DEVELOPING STEADILY

The Hunting and Fishing Club is presently the most up and coming division of the ROC. It now numbers forty members and is still on the increase. Its activities include plug and fly casting, ice fishing, fly tying, hunting deer, duck, crow and pheasant, etc. and conservation measures. The club members are unlike other OC'ers in that they are interested in mountains chiefly as the source of trout streams, they would just as soon drive to their destination as hike, and they usually shun the companionship which is such an important feature of other outing activities. Their feeling is understandable, however, when one realizes that a good hunting or fishing location generally ceases to be good when it becomes popular.

The meetings rather than the trips, therefore are the chief function of the club. Here the members gather to exchange techniques and suggestions, to hear talks by authorities on the various phases of their activities, and to swap tall tales about "the big one that got away." The meetings are held bimonthly. The next meeting will be Friday, March 31 in the clubhouse reading room. The program will include a forum by the members on trout fishing.

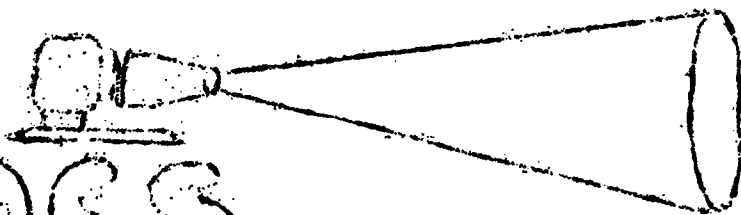
Recent activities of the club have been: March 3rd- early spring trout fishing; March 18th- a crow shoot led by Jim Maxwell of the Management Department after a talk by him on the subject the night before; March 26th - trout stocking in the Kinderhook let by Pres. Bob Rinn. The Club is planning a trip to Cranberry Lake during Easter vacation to be led by Dick Larsen and Dave Oakley. Future plans also include sending delegates to the Wood'sman's Weekend at Dartmouth and operating a booth at the Campus Carnival.

PARTIAL PLANS FOR SPRING TERM

- April 15, 16 - Winter Mountaineering Conference at Cornell
five ROC'ers will probable go.
- April 5, 9 - Spring skiing at Tuckerman's Ravine in New Hampshire
UNHOC will be hosts at their cabin two miles from the ravine. Trip will be extremely economical. Tuckerman's is probable the finest spring skiing resort in the area. Open to ten ROC'ers.
- April 22, 23 - IOCA Conference
The host this year will be UNHOC
8 ROC'ers can go.
- April 29, 30 - The Amherst Outing Club IOCA Weekend
This will be a big weekend and many schools will be represented. There will be games and square dancing all the time.. Its this or Soiree!
- May 5, 6 - Cornell Danby
Big spring IOCA square dance weekend. Schools from all over the state will be there. Lots of fun for all who go.
- May 12, 13 - Wood'sman's Weekend at Dartmouth
An excellent opportunity to meet and compete with other outdoorsmen. Competitions will include wood cutting, fire building, tent pitching, fly casting, etc.
Open to five ROC'ers.
- May 12, 13 - Vassar Square Dance Weekend
Kumor has it that the VOC is planning its popular square dance weekend at this time. Reviews can go fly!

Rock Climbers, Spelunders, and Fishers will probably go out every weekend. There will be at least two or three trips every weekend, many will be overnight. Remember to sign trip list before Friday noon of the week of the trip. Only paid members of the ROC are eligible. The program this spring will meet the interests of any outdoorsman so lets get out and join the gang.

ROC SLIDES



CAMP GRACE - FEBRUARY 11, 12

A few of the fellows packed in four miles Friday night arriving at the camp at three o'clock Saturday morning. Saturday they climbed Saddle and Basin Mountains using crampons, and discovered the joys of Peak 3905 ski trail. The trip was especially noteworthy for the experience gained in packing on skis.

WINTER CARNIVAL - FEBRUARY 25

In conjunction with the Junior Class Snowflake Saturnalia, the ROC sponsored its annual Winter Carnival. It consisted of a grand slalom at nearby Jimmy Peak and a campus snow sculpture contest. Any campus organization or group of independents were allowed in both contests. Delta Kappa Epsilon won the ski meet while the artistic portrayal of a group ofurchins and a snowman by Theta Chi took the snow sculpture.

DARTMOUTH WINTER IOCA

The winter IOCA was held at Dartmouth's Moosilauke Ravine Lodge, with eighty participants from the New England area attending. The skiers found excellent conditions with four inches of fresh powder when other areas were reporting poor conditions. An important point covered at the conference was conservation with Dartmouth's director of conservation giving a very interesting talk on the subject. After a day of skiing and an evening of square dancing, the OC'ers were in a perfect mood as Skyles Runser related the famous Moosilauke Mountain ghost story and brought the evening to a close.

MT. MARCY - MARCH 18, 19

The group left Marcy Dam Saturday morning intending to reach Snowbird leanto. The going was slow, however, due to a foot of fresh powder and the climb took twice the usual three hours. To top it off they lost the trail down the other side of Marcy near the summit and so were forced to return. Their disappointment was compensated for by the wonderful Western type skiing the powder afforded them. Skiing the trail they had just broken, they had only to turn off slightly into deeper snow to check their speed.

ROC SKIDMORE SKIING AT STOWE - MARCH 18, 19

Seven fellows and ten girls journeyed to the popular Stowe ski area and were rewarded with truly marvelous skiing conditions. Bill Halsey, the chaperone, showed himself as good a connoisseur of food as he is a skier. This trip will be remembered as the best all around good time of any similar trip.