



# THE ROC CAIRN



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## Elections Held

Elections were held on March 25, 1952 at the Union Club-house. The club, recognizing true ability and talent, somehow botched and the new treasurer is Dick (Little pixie of the woods) Opsahl. However, the rest of the newly-elected officers are not quite so grundgy. They are--

President	Carl Henrikson
Vice-president	Dick Shumaker
Treasurer	Little pixie of the woods
Secretary	Jim Wells
<u>Cairn</u> Editor	Bob Radulski
Members-at-large	Don Bailey
	Ilmar Ratsep

Congratulations to the elected men. It (the election) was totally impartial chug-chug, but we did the best we could.

## Notice---Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

When planning your Fall Schedules, leave room for the ROC annual Lac du George Canoe Trip. This year the trip will be from October 10-12. Come early and stay late. The schedule of events will be the usual and if you don't know what that is, just ask somebody who went last Fall---any one of the 250.

TO ALL ODD BIRDS\*\*\*

Carl Henrikson is starting a collection of rare bird feathers and would gladly welcome any contributions. This should be of special interest to Cornell as I understand that they have many odd birds in their club. Please send the feathers to Carl Henrikson III, c/o ROC. Thank you kindly.

(now you turn the page over)

## IOCA CONFERENCE WEEK-END

Came the week-end of April 18th and ROC wagons began rolling out of Troy, bound for Cornell's Danby. This was the 21st annual IOCA Conference and the whole affair was sponsored by the Cornell Outing Club. Over 200 delegates from more than 30 different, energetic outing clubs were gathered there on that week-end to share the fun and frolic of Spring in a wonderfully warm spirit of the Creed. The program for the week-end was well planned and in spite of the fun, business was also well taken care of.

On Friday evening there were games, square dancing and other activities rounded off by a slide show of IOCA doings over the past year.

Things really started rolling on Saturday. A group toured the campus of Cornell University, others went on hikes to Lick Brook and Taughannock and of course, a few stragglers remained around the camp and did a mite of swimming or canoeing in the pond. After lunch, the traditional group photograph was taken. Dick Shumaker is struggling to produce a legend for the photograph and if anyone is also undertaking such an endeavor, perhaps they can compare notes with Dick.

After the group picture was taken, Blondie initiated the business on hand. Dick Maise led the discussion on the site for College Week and it was decided that Katahdin would be the site. Puppert Amann of U. of Maine was elected chairman for College Week.

Mary Lou Riest of Wellesly led the discussion on the IOCA calendar. A definite schedule of IOCA events was decided upon, including an IOCA ski trip next winter.

Walt Dunlap of Cornell introduced the discussion on a statement of IOCA principles. The Creed was accepted after a few additions and ammendments. Members can now use this as a means of showing people such as a Dean of Women what the IOCA stands for.

Darnall Dugan was elected the new Executive Secretary for the IOCA. Plans for the next IOCA conference were discussed and the U. of Pennsylvania Outing Club will be the host. The site will be Greenlane Camp which is about 24 miles from Philadelphia.

That concluded the 21st conference and time came to bid farewell to Danby and head back to dirty old Troy.

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Anyone who wishes to work on the Cairn just drop a note in my box in the office. We need distribution men, typists, and coolies in general. Articles can also be submitted on just about any subject you wish. If there's room, it will appear in the Cairn.

R A Radulski

## NEW ROUTE AT GRAFTON

For a number of years, the ROC has used the cliffs at Grafton for rock-climbing purposes, especially for the instruction of beginners. The climbs have become rather standard, but a few weeks ago the author succeeded in pioneering a new route just east of the present "Jacob's Ladder" route. Directions for the ascent are given below.

An easy climb of about 6 feet puts you on a secure ledge just below a small overhang of about 2 feet. The rock above the overhang is bare except for a large crack running diagonally up to the left. By using the lay-back principle and jam-holds in the crack, you ascend to a point where your feet are below the overhang and your hands are on loose rocks in the diagonal crack. From here, reach up with your right hand and place 2 fingers in a small indentation at about arm's length. This hold is often difficult to find. Now bring your right foot up and place it beside your right hand. This will prove uncomfortable, so to relieve the tension, bring your left foot up across your chest, past your left ear and your right hand, and place it in the crotch of a small tree near the cliff. Now replace your left hand with your left eye-lash and grip any of the large lichens directly over your head. You will note that lichens grow in profusion here. A short traverse and a simple pitch leads to the top.

Our leader,  
Carl Henrikson

## COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR---

Usually the editor of a major publication has plenty to say to the world. However, I'm not one of those. Except for exams, all's right with the world. The only things that I'll discuss are what ever I darn well please to discuss. Just a short note today as I'm new at this job and I haven't developed my crusading instinct.

On a recent trip of the ROC in conjunction with some girl's schools, the trip leader who is supposed to be available at all times was discovered to be missing. Naturally this isn't too bad but for the fact that he was coupling-off. The main purpose of trips is to have fun in a group of several people, not a group of two. I consider this matter important enough to warrant censure in the Cairn which usually is not conducted too seriously.

The IOCA Creed goes into fine detail on the purpose of these trips, so I'll terminate my squaking now. However, read the Creed; you'll learn a lot from it and I hope it does some good.

R. A. Radulski

## VASSAR SQUARE DANCE WEEK-END

Friday, April 26, 1952, and the first carload of ROC members consisting of Dick Opsahl, Coolie Radulski, Jorge Houghton, and Jim Butler arrived at Vassar campus. We first aroused Dugie and then Marty Hayne. After a futile attempt to scale the side of Davisson house, we went to Kenyon Hall where we watched the Vassarites in the pool.

An excellent dinner was served us by Marty and her illustrious helpers at the Students' Building, during which we were interrupted by the arrival of Mal Forbes and Dan Behm through the window. They had hitchhiked to Mount Everett in Massachusetts and thence down to Vassar. After dinner we were entertained by a satire on the ROC "The Raunch Outing Club" by the unwashed heathens of the COC. Several Vassar girls treated us to some hillbilly songs too.

The caller and the "orchestra" were late in arriving, but in spite of this the dance was a success, and everyone went to sleep completely exhausted. The Majority of the ROC slept under the Co-op House, but a few hardy souls braved the night rain and slept in the pine trees. Needless to say, they were quite wet by morning.

After breakfast, the party split into two groups, those who were afraid of rain, and those who wanted to go to Mohunk. The latter group rode to Mohunk, across the river from Poughkeepsie, in a chartered bus. There we had a right good time rock-climbing, hiking, etc., since it didn't rain after all. We got back about five, mostly due to Bob Radulski's argument with a barbed wire fence. He lost, and added a four-inch gash on his leg to his patched eye. (Ed. note, It was only two inches, just a scratch.)

The less hardy of our crew stayed on campus and engaged in such manly activities as taking a tour of the campus, swimming, bowling, and playing ping-pong at the gym, and taking bicycle hikes around the surrounding territory on borrowed bicycles. Upon the return of the party from Mohunk, the members departed in small groups, the last of which was Opsahl's, the first and the last.

The week-end was a success in spite of the bad weather, partly due to the general good spirit of the people, and partly to the good food. (Vassar, take note. This is a compliment.)

### BANQUET\*\*\*\*\*

Bring your bucket and shovel and come and gorge yourself at the annual ROC banquet the week-end of the (wee-ll, it's this next Saturday at Sampson Lodge. Chef Don Bailey will have trucks loaded with ~~your~~ (opps-- an error and I'm out of correction fluid) your favorite delicacies.