



THE ROC CAIRN



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HOWDY, AND WELCOME TO THE ROC RALLY

A hearty welcome to all you new OC'ers and a jubilant Ca-oo-wah to all those returning is extended to you by the "Cairn" and its staff-me. "The ROC Cairn", to the layman, is the official news and literary organ of the ROC published at the discretion of the editor and his class schedule. It is a priceless folio of sardonic satire, quixotic oups, articulate articles, and neoterical news. (It may also be used for trailmarking.) A regular issue is in the offering and should be in your mailboxes as soon as it arrives there.

Aside from consisting of the "Cairn", the ROC also conducts trips on the weekends and vacations in at least 10 different phases of outing throughout the year. We already have planned a spelunking trip down to Virginia during the Thanksgiving recess, and a real fine get together with over 200 other OC'ers up at Lake George in an affair known as Fall Lake George. These activities run from summer camping to winter mountainering, skiing to rock climbing, spelunking to trail clearing, canoeing to square dancing, etc., etc., etc. The slides which you will see can give you only a very superficial and inadequate view of the physical experiences (since the out-of-doors are a thousand fold more beautiful than its representations) and they are completely void in the good fellowship you encounter.

For not only do these trips provide a break in the routine of the school week, but they enable you to form close bonds of friendship with others who possess mutual interests. You'll come across an atmosphere of informality and cordiality seldom experienced elsewhere in everyday life. You will soon discover that an outing club'er is a truly unique person.

Now you begin to wonder (I hope), "Just how do I get into this Paterzebie organization?" Simple, just go over to one of those strange people wandering abouts in the red shirts (with patch) and hand him your \$1.00 initiation fee and \$2.00 yearly dues or be directed to where you can be legally deprived of it. Warning! Watch out for SCROUNGES.

We have a big program planned for all this year and a multitude of unplanned trips to squeeze. Join the fun; join the ROC.

Oh, by the way, any sounds that you hear which seem to resemble "Ca-OO-wah", shouldn't worry you too much. It only comes from an OC'er. Nevertheless, be wary when they're wounded.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Sept. 22	With RSOC, canoeing, spelunking, trail clearing Square Dance and supper at Sampson Lodge
Sept. 29	?
Oct. 6	Black Mountain Canoe trip
Oct. 12	Fall Lake George
Oct. 20	Square Dance at RPI (not ROC sponsored)
Oct. 26	Smith Square Dance

I hate to see all this space empty.