

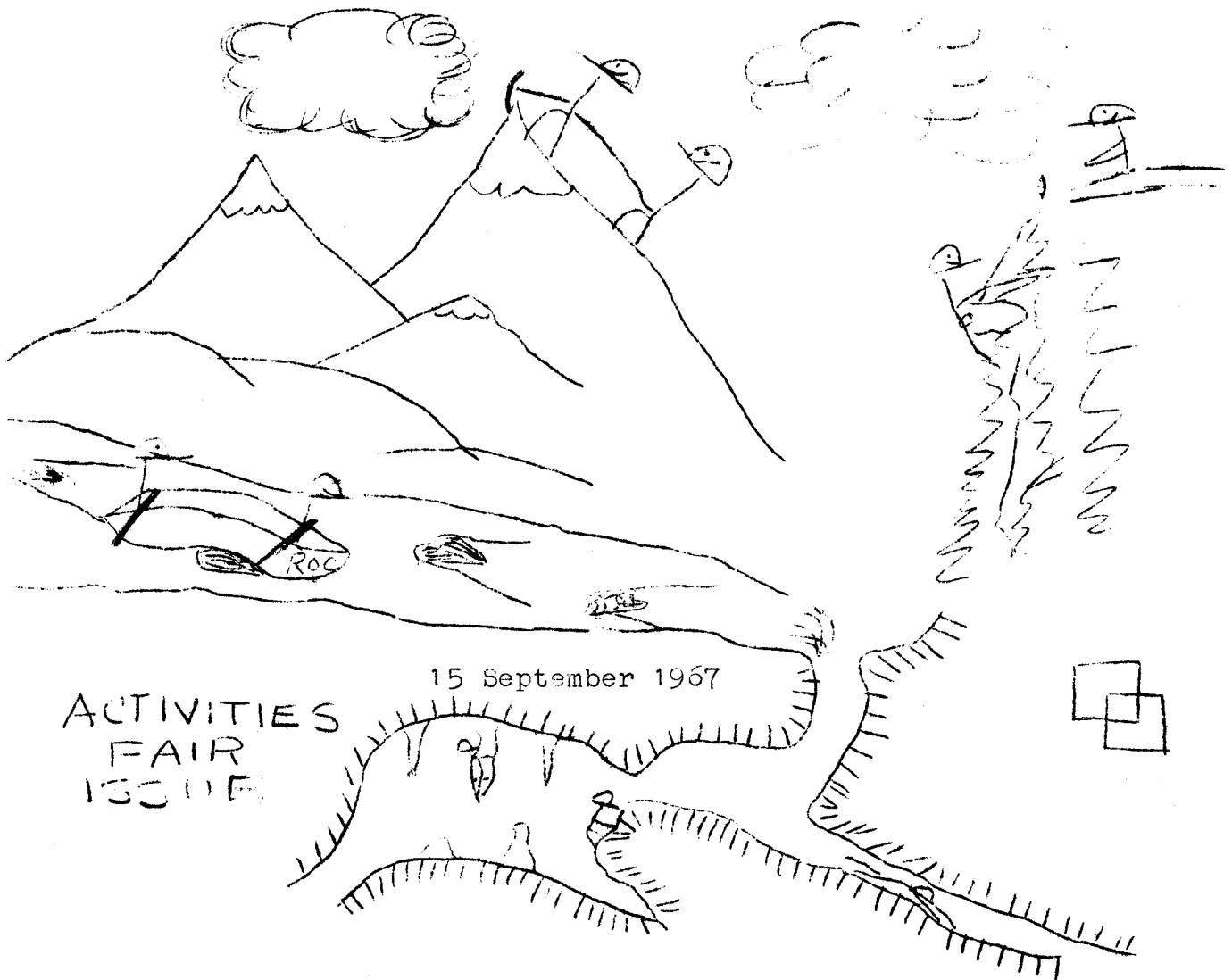


THE ROC CAIRN



RENSSELAER OUTING CLUB, INC. — 15TH ST. LOUNGE, R. P. I., TROY, NEW YORK

First Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7:00PM
15th Street Lounge



COME TO OUR
MEETINGS - TUESDAY

7 PM

LOUNGE - 15

CLASS OF '71

Welcome to R. P. I. We of the Rensselaer Outing Club hope that you will achieve success in your years here. We also hope that we may be able to assist you in filling your spare time (should any develop) by affording you an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors with us. ROC has many, varied activities, such as hiking, peak-bagging, caving, calm and white water canoeing, winter mountaineering, square dancing and rock climbing, blurbs of some of which follow below.

At our first meeting, Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 in the 15th Street Lounge, you will get a chance to hear all about these topics and a great many more. Also, we have reserved for that evening a movie on outing clubs so you'll have a chance to see for yourself what our activities are like.

In order to enable you to go on an outing before homework gets too heavy, several "frosh trips" are run the first weekend after school starts. These trips are of varied types and are free to new members. A member is anyone who has paid dues, which are \$2.00 per year plus \$1.00 initial fee. Most of these trips are short, lasting three to five hours. Don't worry if you don't have any equipment. The club furnishes anything special you may need free. The only things you should provide are old, "grungy" clothes and a pair of sturdy shoes.

See you at the meeting.

Paula Champion
Cairn Editor

PEAKBAGGING AND HIKING

The ROC is fortunate in being situated within accessible distance of many good hiking areas. Trips are run to these areas most every weekend, during which one can enjoy the beauty and solitude of the mountains.

Steve Karon

WINTER MOUNTAINEERING

During the winter, the mountains are at their best. Our trips consist of snowshoeing, on or off trails, many times to peaks over 4000 feet high in the Adirondacks and neighboring mountain ranges.

The ROC is known among other outing clubs for its strong participation in winter sports and the large amount of equipment available at no cost to members.

Probably the highlight of the season is the Winter Mountaineering School run by the Adirondack Mtn. Club during Christmas recess. This five or six day encampment near Lake Flacis, in which the ROC will participate, is open to beginners as well as the experienced.

Steve Karon
Winter Mountaineering Chairman

CANOEING

The ROC is fortunate in owning four canoes, which are kept in our "canoe barn." This past year several interesting trips were run on the upper Hudson River and will be followed this year by many more.

SPELUNKING

Spelunking, or the going into and exploring of caves, is a common recreation for ROC'ers. There are many caves readily accessible. Nearby Schoharie County is virtually honeycombed. There are caves for any and all degrees of skill. Most of the caves frequented by the ROC are beginner caves, but a novice who has acquired some interest and ability will find many challenges left.

IOCA

The Intercollegiate Outing Club Association, or IOCA, of which ROC is a member, is an organization of outing clubs in the eastern United States. Through it, many outings involving from three to forty outing clubs are arranged. Among these are square dances, canoe trips and joint climbing, camping or hiking trips. These trips are an excellent opportunity to meet students of other colleges, whose presence adds extra pleasure to the joys of the trips. Square dancing, a popular joint activity, can be picked up by a beginner, but the same evening can also challenge a skilled dancer.

The best way to find out about IOCA trips, as with all Outing Club activities, is to join the club and try them. Hopefully we'll see you along on some.

Richard Andrews
IOCA Representative from ROC

LAKE GEORGE

Semiannually, once in the fall and once in the spring, IOCA has a canoeing trip run by ROC to Turtle Island in the middle of Lake George. This outing is an excellent opportunity to meet new people and to participate in a variety of activities, such as canoeing, climbing the nearby mountains or rock climbing. The highlight of the weekend is the square dance Saturday night on Mohican Island which usually keeps going until one or two and is followed by several community songfests. Fall Lake George is being held the weekend of October 6-8.