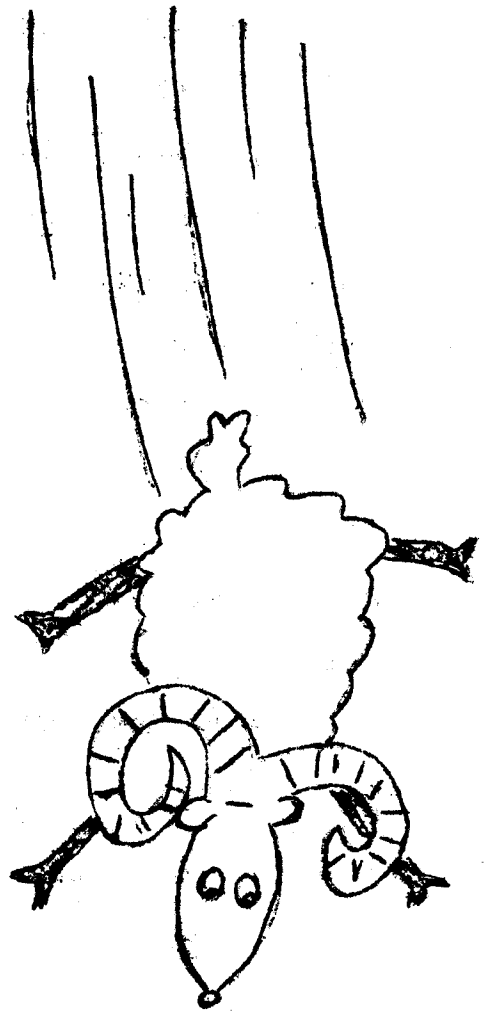
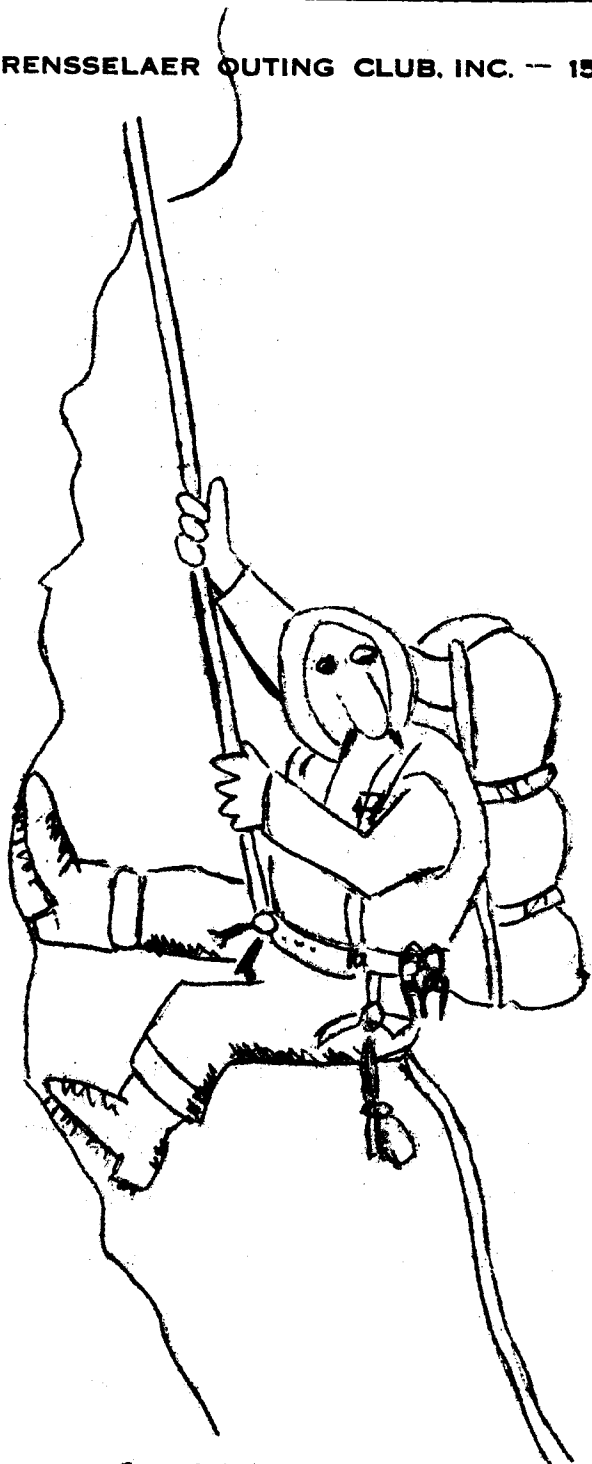




THE ROC CAIRN



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



GORY, GORY, WHATTA HELLUVA WAY TO DIE...

The Cairn is published about 6 times a year, in SEPTEMBER, November, December, February, March, and April. These dates vary according to how much material is available from club members AND Alumni (Yes, keep those cards and letters coming in!!). At present there is a list of about 60 Alumni who receive the Cairn. Cairns are sent everywhere from Scotland to Mexico.

With the advent of the new term here at RPI the club has been going in full gear again. There's been lots of cross-country skiing, winter mountaineering, and ice climbing. Remember, if you miss a meeting you can still go on a trip by signing up on the lists posted beside the ROC "pit" in the basement of the AS&RC.

For those interested in joining the club, meetings are still held Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. but the location has been changed to the traditional 15th street lounge.

** Ask about phys. ed. credit !! **

TRIVIA.....

Kemo Sabe- Say What?

Trivia..... fans may not remember that Tonto's HORSE was named Scout, but ~~xxxxx~~ they're sure to remember his famous words, "kemo sabe". Most people guessed that the phrase meant "white man" or "friend", since it was addressed to the Lone Ranger. Another theory held that kemo sabe was a corruption of the spanish "Quién lo sabe",

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**** CLUB NOTICE ** CLUB NOTICE ****

To: All members of the RPI Outing Club.
From: Kevin Clemens, Vice President
Re: Club discounts

In order to reinstate the 20% discount at Trail North which was lost through the actions of some unthinking and inconsiderate people, it is necessary to exactly define and describe the conditions of the discount.

All members of the ROC are entitled to a 20% discount on all merchandise offered by Trail North for purchases totalling more than \$10.00. This is a maximum amount of discount available. For example, if an item were on sale for 20% off, then no further discount is available. If an item is on sale for 10% off regular price, then club members can expect an additional 10% off for a total of 20% off the regular price.

The discount provided by people Trail like Trail North is helped out by the number of us who do business with them. But, they are people too and do not like bully tactics. So use the discount, but use it courteously and try to play it by the rules.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF PROFICIENCY FROM THE RENSSELAER OUTING CLUB FOR GYM CREDIT

WINTER MOUNTAINEERING: Must know snowshoeing, cramponing, basic stepkicking, ice ax arrest, basic bivouac techniques and use of creepers; to be demonstrated to the winter mountaineering chairman. The person must also be familiar with stove lighting, winter tent erection, orienteering, winter clothing and meal preparation. The person must have been on at least 5 winter mountaineering trips with the ROC of which at least 1 was an overnight.

ROC CLIMBING: Must know proper belaying and anchoring techniques, rappelling, counterforce and balance methods of climbing, rope handling, all climbing signals and basic protection placement and removal. The person must have made at least 8 climbs with the ROC of which at least 8 one was continuous and two were rated 5.3 or higher.

CAVING: Must be familiar with the use and care of carbide lamps, tip cleaners, electric headlamps and safety equipment. The person must be familiar with rescue techniques and subterranean orienteering. The person must have been on at least 8 caving trips with the ROC.

REQUIREMENTS.....cont.

- CANOEING: Must know all basic strokes; bow, j, c, stern pry, bow rudder, sweep, draw, etc. The person must be familiar with canoe over canoe rescue and proper carrying techniques for portages, etc. The person must have been on at least 5 canoeing trips with the ROC.
- CROSS COUNTRY SKIING: Must know herringbone step, side step, kick technique, step turn, stationary turn, general poling technique including pole brake and snowplow stop and turn. The person must have been on at least 5 cross country skiing trips with the ROC.

Notification of fulfillment of ROC proficiency requirements will be through a typed list presented once each month (if necessary) to the physical education department signed by the current president of ROC.

President 73-74 Robert Harris

TRIVIA.....cont.

Kemo Sabe- Say What?.....cont.

meaning "who knows," or "El que lo sabe," meaning "he who knows"; and that "tonto" was a Spanish word meaning stupid or crazy. Anthropologist Martha Kendall, in a study published in the Smithsonian, found some odd contradictions in such explanations: "While this theory is plausible linguistically, it creates a curious exchange between our two heroes: one habitually calls the other "he who knows" and is addressed as stupid in return. If we accept a Spanish etymology for kemo sabe, then the Lone Ranger becomes a racist and Tonto a red-skinned Stepin Fetchit!" Kendall also reported that kemo sabe could be a corruption of 'kema sabe', meaning "Apache friend"; a Yavapai Indian word for "thou, white clothing," or more irreverently, "Hey you, white rags"; or even Navajo for "stink beetle." She concluded that ultimately the mystery would not be solved.

An Old Arabian Proverb

I've always found this proverb interesting, but perhaps, like the "child", the "fool" too could be taught.

Evan Bergen

- He who knows, and knows he knows,
He is wise, follow him.
- He who knows, and knows not he knows,
He is asleep, wake him.
- He who knows not, and knows he knows not,
He is a child, teach him.
- He who ~~is~~ knows not, and knows not he knows not,
He is a fool, shun him.

Once again elections are upon us and it is time for the Cairn Editor to corner the prospective candidates and hand them a scrap of paper and a stencil. After reviewing the same questions which have been asked for a number of years now, we, the candidates, came to the collective conclusion that these questions are not very informative to the voting membership. After some soul-searching we drew up a much more informative set of questions, which are as follows:

- 1) What obligations do you feel the job of President involves?
- 2) Why do you feel that you are qualified to hold the office of President?
- 3) What changes and improvements will you stress as President?

We hope that these new questions will help make your decision easier. Thank you.

Your Candidates

The Rensselaer Outing Club is one of the largest clubs on campus. Included in its membership are students actively participating in seven outdoor activities - from X-country skiing to caving. Membership varies from the well-qualified and experienced leader's to the novice but enthusiastic freshman. Whether it be for adventure, love for outdoors, to meet new people, or just to try something different, the ROC has become an established institution and will continue to actively function in the future. I am proud to be part of this organization, and very pleased to be nominated for the office of President.

So what does a President's job entail? Everybody is aware that he runs the meetings. That's the easy part. The major responsibilities include organizing publicity in the Fall, gaining freshman membership, the Spring banquet, outside public relations, communication with the Union, purchase of equipment, encouraging trips to go out, next year's budget, and keeping the club as a solid organization and guiding it toward the established goals of the club. In addition, and most importantly, it is the President's duty to act upon all club business that is not within another officers jurisdiction and to keep open relations with all 'groups' and individuals within the club. He should stay informed of the various opinion's and improvements that are brought up. The President should give necessary guidance to the rest of the E-Comm, keep them well informed, and if your assistance is needed, always willing to help out.

Usually, the newly elected President is going to be a senior in his last year at RPI. Upon receiving my nomination, I was slightly hesitant to accept because of my class standing. However, I feel I have the necessary experience, interest, and the willingness to sacrifice the time required to become President. This past year, I held the office of Secretary, I dealt with numerous equipment purchases, and acquired further knowledge on the internal club functions from the

association with other officers. In addition, I am the acting X-country ski chairman. Over the past two years, I have actively participated in all club activities, and have gained a degree of expertise in all but caving. I am, thus, very familiar with how each activity functions, and would be able to reasonably decide new improvement and equipment priorities. During my freshman and sophomore years, I've associated and taken trips with a number of different members, and from these experiences I am able to get a feeling of what they expect from the club, and what the club should provide. Fortunately, I have no personality differences with anyone and thus if contention did arise, it would be acted upon in the best interest of the club.

Looking back on last year, overall, it should be considered very successful. Our projected membership quota was achieved and a number of freshman have become active members. There was a marked participant increase in back-packing overnights, winter mountaineering, and in particular cross-country skiing. As always, there were some problems, which involved poor communication and planning within the E-Comm itself. The problems were resolved, but could have been avoided. The relations with the Union should be improved. Union policy will have to be followed more closely and the club, for now, should tolerate their negative perspective of our club. The club should attempt to follow their recommendations for we're the ones who have something to lose (ie. A reduction in allocated Eq. budget). Starting next year, most of the allotted budget would be spent before the Semester break.

After this June, we will again lose a number of key leaders in various activities (rock-climbing, canoeing, and wtn. mtneering). It will be strongly encouraged for interested freshman to take the Adv. First Aid and become leaders in their area of interest. During the last couple years, canoeing has become almost non-existent. Also, the First Aid department has to be reorganized. I will take it upon myself to take canoe trips out and get the First Aid kits assembled.

Lastly, I would like to say that, if the president looks as good as the officers under him allow him. The President cannot run the club by himself. If nothing is accomplished, it is the President who gets the blame, no matter how much work he himself puts in. The President gives direction which should be acted upon by responsible E-Comm members. I am aware of the great extent of time and responsibilities involved with becoming a ROC President. I ask for your support and will do my best if electe d. Thank you.

Rimas J. Gylys

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The responsibilities of the president are many indeed. Like an iceberg, only a small fraction of the president is evident to the members of the club. They only see his deportment at the meetings. Some even get a chance to glimpse his finesse at an E*Comm, but oh, there is so much more! The President is the representative, the spokesman if you will, for the club. He must spend hours preparing budgets and other such items in order to justify our existence to the Union, only then to be asked, "Why do you need a \$300 tent? The Army has canvas ones which zip together so that they can be split up." The President is always ready for that midnight phone call; "I'm calling for the RPF Players. Do you have any crossbows we could use as props?" He must at all times be ready with a congenial answer and the number of the Equipment Chairman. In summation, The President sees to it that all of the club functions run smoothly, and he must be willing if necessary, to do this on his own.

I can say with all honesty that few have had more experience in the running of this club. After a year of living with a president, I know what running around is needed to get things done. For three years I have gone to budget hearings and heard each time the question, "What is a Terrordactile?" I can handle myself well (no comments Jürgen) while being laughed at by desaster. As shown by my methods at The Late Lake George, (which my opponents will no doubt use against me.) Probably my best qualification is that I have seen where we have made mistakes in the past, and will be able to keep from blundering into them again.

Right now you are thinking to yourself; "Boy the office of president is a lot bigger than I thought," or "This guy's been caving too long without a helmet." Correct on both counts. Actually you probably don't care a hill of beans about The Bureaucrazy of the club and Union. What is important to the members is; the trips, the equipment, and safe instruction. I already know we have the best equipment and damn good leaders. All I can try fore is more trips and making more of these leaders. And about this I am serious.

Thankyou for putting up with me,
Dave Gutter

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	JIM RAWDING	272-5404	X	X		C		
	MIKE DESAVENTO	272-9877	X	X		X		X
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	RIMAS GYLAS	273-9575		X	X		X	
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Y	PETE KNOBEL	273-7971					X	
	STEVE WARD	270-7196			X		X	
	MAGGIE MORZIN	272-9225	X	X	X	X	X	X
	SUE WOODS	273-9791	X	X	X	X	X	X
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	PAT NEARY	274-2279	X	X	X	X	X	X
	PETE KICZA	272-9409	B	B		B	X	C
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	DAN STEVENS	274-8039	C	B	X	A	<u>6</u>	C
	NELSON KENT	272-2810	X	X		X		X
	MARY SERVOZ	270-7144	X	X		C	X	

Monty Python's

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LUMBERJACK SONG

1. I'm a lumberjack
And I'm O.K.
I sleep all night
And I work all day.

All He's a lumberjack
And he's O.K.
He sleeps all night
And he works all day.

2. I cut down trees
I eat my lunch
I go to the lavatory
On Wednesdays I go shopping
And have buttered scones for tea.

Mounties He cuts down trees
He eats his lunch
He goes to the lavatory
On Wednesdays he goes shopping
And has buttered scones for tea.

All He's a lumberjack
And he's O.K.
He sleeps all night
And he works all day.

3. I cut down trees
I skip and jump
I like to press wild flowers
I put on women's clothing
And hang around in bars.

Mounties He cuts down trees
He skips and jumps
He likes to press wild flowers
He puts on women's clothing
And hangs around in bars.

All He's a lumberjack
And he's O.K.
He sleeps all night
And he works all day.

4. I cut down trees
I wear high heels
Suspenders and a bra
I wish I'd been a girlie
Just like my dear Pappa

Mounties He cuts down trees
He wears high heels
(spoken rather than sung)
Suspenders ... and a bra?
That's shocking, ...
That's rude...tuttut...tut
tut

And I thought you were so butch!