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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

At the annual election meeting held March 24, the Club elected as its President, its former Trips Director, Oliff Ostergaard. Dick Peters is the new Vice-President. Both men bring into office with them a large background of enthusiasm and experience. The other elected members of the Executive Council are: Les McHerron, Treasurer, Jerry Shea, re-elected Corresponding Secretary, Bob Bugbee, Recording Secretary and Bob Woodbury and Len Nelson, Members-at-Large.

Appointed positions have recently been announced by the Council. Franzl Mohling will be the Trips Director for the coming year, Len Nelson, Social Director, Al Ragati, General Publicity, Jim Deyo, Poster Publicity, Harvey Golub, Hiking, Dean Borden, Canoeing and Camping and Don Misare, Mimeographing. Reappointments were made as follows: Equipment, Frank Sacken, Records and Files, Dave Dolliver and Skiing, G. H. Perry.

CAMPUS CARNIVAL

Saturday evening, April 23, will see a repeat performance of the gay and colorful Campus Carnival of last year. All the joyful and care-free atmosphere prevalent under the "big top" will be created by decorations of red and white streamers in both gyms. Guests will be able to test their luck at the 25-odd booths which will offer a wide choice of games of chance and skill.

The ROC and the Interfraternity Council, co-sponsors of the Carnival, will divide the proceeds equally, the former directing their share toward the erection or purchase of a ski lodge; the latter, toward the building of a new outdoor scoreboard for the '86 Field. It all adds up to an evening of fun and excitement; and it also means a lot of careful planning and work by the ROC and IFC. It is an unparalleled opportunity to bring about the realization of one of the Club's pet projects -- a ski lodge of its own. Let's give it our best!

WINTER MOUNTAINEERING CONFERENCE HELD AT RPI

At the first Annual Winter Mountaineering Conference held at RPI on Saturday, April 1, three trophies were presented for outstanding climbing activities in the Adirondack Mountains this past winter. The conference was jointly sponsored and attended by representatives from the Adirondack Mountain Club and a number of colleges belonging to the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association.

The outstanding award of the year was the Adirondack Loj Trophy presented to the ROC for amassing the most points in competition with other collegiate outing clubs in accordance with prescribed rules. In winning this trophy, the Club climbed eight peaks over 4,000 feet in elevation which had never before been known to have been climbed in winter. Second place went to the Cornell Outing Club with honorable mention given to the Yale Mountaineering Club.

The climb across Mt. MacIntyre over to Iroquois Peak under blizzard conditions won the Robert Marshall Memorial Trophy for the ROC. Cornell and Yale were given honorable mention.

The Cornell Outing Club captured the third trophy, presented by the Albany Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club, for their first ascent of Dix Peak, the highest unclimbed peak (in winter) in N. Y. State. Honorable mention was given the ROC.

As part of the program, the movie, "Kamet Conquered", the story of the successful attempt to reach the summit of this giant of the Himalayas, was shown Saturday evening for the entertainment of our visiting guests.

COMING ACTIVITIES

APRIL 8 -- ROC SMOKER

Mr. Fritz Wiesner, whose services last year were instrumental in initiating rock climbing as an ROC activity, will speak at 8:00 PM tomorrow evening at a Club Smoker. Mr. Wiesner is considered one of this country's foremost mountain climbers. His talk will be both informative and interesting. Movies will also be shown. Everyone, rock climber or not, is cordially invited.

APRIL 8 -- FISHERMEN'S MEETING

Fishing, an Outing Club activity born only a few weeks ago, is off to a flying start. All interested in this sport are invited to attend a meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 PM in the Clubhouse.

APRIL 9 -- ROCK CLIMBING INSTRUCTION - 1:00 PM, '86 FIELD

APRIL 9-10 -- LAKE GEORGE CANOE TRIP WITH UNION

A weekend of canoeing and camping for Union chubbers and as many ROCers as transportation and canoeing ability permit.

APRIL 10 -- SPELEOLOGICAL TRIP

RPI spelunkers join forces with Sage to pay a return visit to Ball's Cave in Schoharie County.

APRIL 10 -- BLACK HEAD M.T. TRIP

Mr. A. T. Shorey, well known hiker, camper and naturalist of the New York State Conservation Department, will lead an all-day hike up Black Head Mt. in the Catskills. It's a rough climb but the scenery is superb. Bring your lunch and camera.

APRIL 12 -- SQUARE DANCE GROUP - 7:30 PM, RUSSELL SAGE GYM

APRIL 14-15-16 -- ROCK CLIMBING ENCAMPMENT IN THE CATSKILLS

APRIL 21 -- BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 23 -- CAMPUS CARNIVAL (See page 1)

APRIL 24 -- MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

Hunter Mountain, second highest in the Catskills, is the objective

APRIL 30-31 -- IOCA SPRING CONFERENCE

Cliff Ostergaard and Bob Woodbury will be the two delegates sent by each of the 48 outing clubs in the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association. The location of the conference, co-sponsored this year by the Yale and Mt. Holyoke Outing Clubs, is the Yale Engineering Camp at East Lyme, Connecticut.

APRIL 30-31 -- VASSAR SQUARE DANCE

A place on the sign up list for this trip is a prize indeed if reports about our Poughkeepsie chubbers' last square dance are at all reliable!

MAY 7-8 -- DARTMOUTH WOODSMAN'S WEEKEND

Log felling, buck sawing, fire building, canoe races, fly and bait casting -- these are a few of the comprehensive tests which characterize competition for the trophy cup being awarded by the DOC for the best performance in woodsmanship. It's a full weekend and one in which the Club would sincerely like to be represented by a six-man team. Full particulars are in the ROC Office and Trips Director, Franzl Mohling, will gladly answer any questions.

MAY 7-8 -- CORNELL IOCA WEEKEND AT DANBY, N.Y.

Another famous Cornell "Danby", with dancing, singing, mountain climbing -- "the works".

MAY 10 -- NSS MEETING

The spelunkers will hold their first annual election meeting at which the officers for next year will be chosen.

PAST ACTIVITIES

DARTMOUTH SKI WEEKEND - MARCH 4-6

Cliff Ostergaard and Dick Yoder made the long haul to Dartmouth's Ravine Camp to enjoy a winter weekend in the White Mts. We hear they did a bang-up job on the Hacker's Inferno, or maybe it was the other way around! A rainy Sunday brought activities to a premature close but the silver lining on this dark cloud was the companionship of the Vassar delegation on the way back to Troy in Dick's Chrysler.

NSS SMOKER -- MARCH 4

Dr. Mohr, Vice-President of the National Speleological Society, was presented by the ROC's subterranean unit, the Spelunkers of the Rensselaer Grotto. His address, entitled "Descent to the Underworld", explained how a scientist collects data and specimens in caves. 75 Kodachrome slides of caves, cave formations and subterranean animal life supplemented his talk.

NSS PHOTO DISPLAY -- MARCH 4-18

The Rensselaer Grotto obtained the National Speleological Society Photo Salon, an exceptional display of underground photography which had been shown in Grand Central Palace, New York City, for exhibit in the R.P.I. Library.

ALGONQUIN - IROQUOIS SKI ASCENT -- MARCH 4-6

The trip by ten stalwart ROCers which won the Robert Marshall Memorial Trophy. (See "Winter Mountaineering Conference Held at RPI", p. 2)

POETENSKILL AREA HIKE -- MARCH 20

Small hills and enjoyable scenery combined to make an easy, pleasant hike for six Sageites and 14 Rensselaermen. We understand the only hitch came when it was discovered that the bus which was to bring the fellas and gals back to town had made its two trips for the day.

ROCK CLIMBERS IN ACTION

Since the winter months when the Rock Climbing Division of the ROC began setting up its spring program, climbing activities have been assuming greater and greater importance. Weekly classes have been held every Friday evening, and on Saturday afternoon outdoor instruction given on the east end of the '86 Field. Considerable weekend climbing has been done on the newly-discovered Grafton Cliffs, where a number of excellent routes 50-80 feet high have been developed. Spring plans call for a vacation trip to the Catskills and Schawangunks and joint trips with both the Dartmouth and Yale Mountaineering Clubs. Everyone interested in the sport is heartily invited to attend the movie-lecture tomorrow evening by the internationally famous alpinist, Fritz Wiessner.

LATE FLASH!

The Taconic Hiking Club extends an invitation to all ROCers who have hiked with Taconic to attend their banquet this Saturday night, April 9. See Dr. Worrell of the Physics Department for reservations and details.