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NEW OFFICERS FOR THE ROC

At the March 24th meeting of the club, annual elections were held and the new officers assumed their duties immediately. Many thanks to ever efficient Dick Opsahl for his printed nominations or should I say election results. The true significance of being on ROC officer is that you get a personal "pigeon-hole" in the office mail box. Sorry Cornell, but our mail box is nailed down. Back to the subject, here are the election results:

President	Jim Butler
Vice-president	Win Oakes
Secretary	Jan (gad, a woman!) DeWan
Treasurer	Al Clark
CAIRN Editor	Carl Henrikson
Members-at-large (2)	Holmes Simmons
	Jack Hershey

As is the custom, the new president made the following appointments at the March 31st meeting:

Office Manager (now cludes Historian and Librarian)	Jack Hershey
Ski Director	Winslow Blodgett Oakes
Winter Mountaineering Director	Dan Behm
Equipment Chairman	Paul Bock
Membership Chairman	Harry Ledyard
Spelunker Chairman	Holmes Simmons
Cycling Director	Dick Miller

For more information on the more important officers, see the next page.

HERE ARE OUR OFFICERS OR WHO LET THESE GUYS IN?

On the night that the ROC elections were held in the office, the following members were present: Jim Butler, Win Oakes, Jan DeWan, Al Clark, Carl Henrikson, Jack Hershey, and Holmes Simmons. The meeting was enjoyed by all and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Jim Butler, president, has just acquired a guitar. He hasn't spoken of the MHOC since. People who climb with him are cautioned to wear some sort of helmet. He delights in "innocently" dropping 70 lb. slabs on his belayer. He is intelligent, handsome, suave, and at this moment is twisting my arm.

Win Oakes was last years equipment chairman and the only reason he wasn't demoted all the way to president is that there is still one sleeping bag left in the club's possession. He is well known to ski patrollers from Stowe to Tremblant as the man who will ask a fallen skier if he is hurt and then ski over him. He likes snow, food, and Montreal bank tellers.

Jan DeWan is the girl with the sharp tongue (and teeth) who has the dubious distinction of being the only one to talk down Jorge. When she learns to read and write, she should make a good secretary.

One For the Road Clark is reported to be the tightest man the club has ever seen. His first official act as Treasurer was to install a taxi meter in his car that reads 20% high.

Carl Henrikson, the new editor of the CAIRN, is the man who XXXXXXXX with XXXXXXXX at XXXXXXXX last year. He also XXXXXed on the CXXXXX trip and caused no little concern by XXXXXXXXing while he XXXXXXXX. It is also reported that he stood at the base of the East face of Long's Peak shouting, "It's all downhill from here on up!"

Holmes Simmons, MAL*, is a fugitive from a hole in the ground. The whole is still chasing him.

Jack Hershey, the other MAL, is the outing club's shining example of a man with no vices. He doesn't, he doesn't smoke, but at the moment he is looking for a secretary.**

Harry Ledyard wasn't elected to anything but just wanted to see his name in print.

SUNFLOWER

* Member-at-large

** He snores.

NOTES AND EXCUSES FROM THE EDITOR

As I was browsing through the jumble of papers that every new CAIRN editor inherits, I came across the following item left by an ambitious CAIRN editor of past years, Dick Bailey. It was under "instructions" and read: "Don't let errors slide! Use the correction fluid. It makes our little publication much more professional looking!" This is fine advice, but it so happens that I am in the process of teaching myself to type with ten fingers instead of two and the cost of correction fluid would be prohibitive if I were to correct everything so please be patient with my mistakes for the first few copies.

I would like to encourage anyone and everyone to contribute articles to the CAIRN. Don't worry about the old saying, "All the news that's fit to print". If you haven't realized it by now, you soon will realize that the CAIRN will print anything — anything at all! I would also welcome some letters to make a letters-to-the-editor column.

HUDSON VALLEY SKI TRIP

On the week end of February 28 - March 1, the Hudson valley region had its first combined ski trip. On Saturday, the groups went directly to Snow Valley which had perfect snow conditions and then returned to RPI's Sampson Lodge in the evening. Although there was no snow in Troy, the snow 15 miles outside of town made the road to Sampson Lodge almost impassible. With lots of shovelling and pushing, all the cars got into the lodge that night with the exception of the milk truck. All hit the sack early with the exception of a handful of ambitious Vassarites who insisted on taking a long moonlit hike. It had been rather an easy day for them as they had neglected to bring their skis. Skiing the next day took place at Big Bromley where they were able to rent skis. Special thanks go to our very patient chaperone Charlie Hine who knows enough to eat supper before coming on a trip.

Notes for future trips of this nature: Try to pick small ski areas so that the group can stay somewhat together. Obtain lodging at a place that is out of the way, has heat, can easily accommodate the group, and has good cooking facilities. This is impossible. Impress upon people before the trip that not showing up increases the cost for everybody who does come. For example, if five people don't show up on a trip planned for 30, the cost per person is increased 20%. Lastly, be sure that everyone brings their skis on ski trips.

WHO'S WHO IN SKIING

Thinking back on the just completed ski season, you will probably recall that the average skier is far from average. The following is a partial list of ski types that may prove useful to the beginner in picking out his friends on the ski slope:

Ball-of-fire Literally burns up the slopes. Skis strict parallel technique. Stands erect and aloof and will not leave the top until appreciative cloud has collected. Skates down first half of slope.

First-time-on-skis-type Often seen traversing lower half of slope. Skis in low crouch (legs bent only slightly; torso horizontal to the ground) with eyes intent on snow ahead and skis wide apart. Characteristic color is snow-white.

Spirit-of-youth-type Ranges in height from 2-5 feet and is known to travel in packs. Generally appear about 3:30 on week days and are characterized by much noise, energy, and skiing ability. They are extremely effective in making older hackers feel like fools.

Big-man-on-the-tow-type This type tries at all times to be first on the tow and invariably leaves a trail of jumbled skis and skiers behind him. Has edges sharpened to scratch tops of new skis. Yodels and ca-ooo-wahs on the way up the tow and does his best to flip his friends (along with complete strangers) off the rope.

Beauty-on-parade This type, rarely of the male sex, has the ski equipment of an expert and only the latest and most fashionable in ski clothes, but sad to say, knows less about skiing than south seas beachcomer. Oftenseen standing (and this is a project in itself) looking much alone and wishing she hadn't sunk so much money into an impossible sport. Cannot take a step without fear of crossing her skis or otherwise marring the beauty of the scene.

The-ski-bum Ski-bumming ~~is~~ consists of two things: skiing and bumming -- the latter being the more important of the two. The ski-bum poses as a friend but must be repelled at all costs. Skis only at slopes near likely sources of supply. Always can sleep and cook in car or truck in case of emergency retreat. This type is hard to recognize and operates the year around. Discretion must be used, but when in doubt, throw him out!

Lodge Skier The lodge skier, often called the oral skier, frequents bars and living rooms of any available ski lodge. Wears well-used ski equipment that has been purchased second-hand. Calls the waiter and bartender by their first names and it is believed by some that he is hired by the management to regale the guests with tales of skiing glory.

Social Skier(female counterpart of the lodge skier) This type sleeps during the day, parties at night, and must live or room near the slope in order to arrive before the tow closes each day. Spends some time skiing each day in order to make acquaintances for the evening. Believed to be responsible for the popularity of double solitaire and Hudson Bay blankets.

ROC SPRING SCHEDULE

- April 17-19 IOCA Conference to be held this year at the University of Pennsylvania's camp at Sumneyville, Pa. Some reliable, long range transportation is needed. ROC Coordinator: Dick Shumaker
- April 24-26 White-water canoe trip with the Ledyard Canoe Club of Dartmouth. This trip is being run under the assumption that all Ledyards are not like our Harry. Trip leader: Carl Henrikson. Trip limit: 10
- April 25-26 Vassar Square Dance week end. Square dance
or Saturday night, and possibly some rock-climbing.
May 9-10 More later.
- May 2-3 Cornell's Danby week end. Danby will be at North Lake campsite in the Catskills which will be great for all Hudson Valleyites.
- May 9-10 RMC rock-climbing trip.
- May 16-17 Hudson Valley Lake George canoe trip. One of the highlights of the Spring schedule. ROC limit will probably be about 20. Trip leader: Jim Butler
- May 22 RMC Banquet
- May 23 ROC BANQUET - SAMPSON LODGE