



# THE ROC CAIRN



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

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## FINALLY

This last issue of the Cairn for me shall be a short one intended primarily to inform all of the coming election meeting on March 12. And as long as I've started it, let me present some of my views of the ROC as it appears now and these are pretty low in comparison with those of the gung-hofreshman of a year ago.

A by-stander at a meeting of the ROC would be hard convinced that he was viewing a practice session of the debate team. We are no longer the easy going, restriction free club of a year ago. Quibbles arise over the most trivial of matters. This has done naught but to discourage both potential and active active members from attending meetings. (Note: Paid membership-approx. 130; patch members-approx. 20; members at a meeting-approx. 15)

All the talk might boil down to two main regions of conflict:

1 - Should an outing club be expected to maintain as much equipment as its budget allows or to maintain a minimum, expecting older members to have their own? My opinion? The former alternative, of course. If the talking becomes overcumbersome, use extra-legal measures and then perhaps, inform the membership of purchases.

2 - What is an outing clubber? Is he expected to be one continuous "oddball", excentric sporadically, or the normal-run-of-the-mill-product-of-conformity-that-is-undistinguishable-from-his-classmate type of life that is so common on our campuses. A dissertation on this question could easily run many dozens of pages and I shan't attempt it here.

3 - What is to be expected of an outing club? My aim is to see a club of individuals rather than an individual club.

## UNTIMELY SPACEWASTER

"In the upper part of a steep, growing talus the fragments lie in delicate equilibrium, so that the weight of a climber may precipitate violent sliding."

Physical Geology. Chester R. Longwell, Wiley 1952, p59

## ELECTIONS

A reminder to the club's members that elections will take place on March 12. The slate of nominations made by the present Executive Council is:

president	Bill Homeyer, Andy Monjan, Frank Sandy;
vice president	Bill Homeyer, Andy Monjan, Frank Sandy;
treasurer	Bill Homeyer, Andy Monjan, Frank Sandy, Don Harvey;
secretary	Don Harvey, Mike Smolin;
cairn editor	Bob Gilmore;
member at large	Dwight Deal, Bill Goldner, Walt Lipton, Lou Stone;

At the past Executive Council meeting Joe Smith became life-long Honorary Member of the R.O.C.

Additional nominations may be made by any voting member between the announcement of the election meeting and the election. A voting member is a patch member of active undergraduate or graduate status.

## SONGSHEETS

The ROC is presently putting out a songsheet consisting as much as possible of folk songs not found in most other compilations. The songsheet is constantly growing with contributions coming in from every corner of the world. As much as is available will be sent to anyone forwarding a remittance of ten cents per copy.

Mike Smolin, songsheet editor

## TRIP REPORT?

Tired of the ordinary and placid world society exhibited to them, four members of the ROC, Andy Monjan, Bert Raphael, Frank Sandy, Frank Schiavone, found the mid-semester recess an opportune time to venture out into the Adirondack winterlands for four days of winter mountaineering. January 25 found them equipped and self-sufficient, ready for a sojourn of strenuous enjoyment in a sport yet unrealized by the vast majority of the people.

Extreme conditions were prepared for, and perhaps a bit wished for; sleeping equipment to keep us comfortable to  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ ., tents to withstand high winds, small stoves to warm our food and us, snowshoes to keep us above the high snow, crampons so that we might walk with security upon sheets of ice, food which was compact yet nutritious; and all to be backpacked across our goal, the MacIntyres. All factors were taken into account except one that we had heard rumors of, a heavy bush-wack between the last two mountains, Iroquois and Clinton. This was unfortunately true and a 500 foot descent from the top of Iroquois through a thick mat of pines over, under, and in between which we had to pass took from us six hours of time and an uncalculatable amount of morale.

Thus disheartened and realizing that registration was almost upon us, we sadly threw off hopes of conquering this last peak and headed down to the trail one mile away and 2000 feet below us. Disheartened, though, were we then we enthusiastically can say now, "Clinton, anyone?"  
(Huh?, ed.)

MICE. NOTICES

Winter Mountaineers, ATTENTION!

For Sale, One pair of insular socks - size 9. Been used 1X.  
For information on completing a transaction, see D. Deal.

SLEEPING BAGS

Interested in a winter sleeping bag - a good one? I am trying to get a group together so we can get a break in price on cold weather, down sleeping bags from Black's of Scotland. After duties and shipping the cost should be less than \$30. They are light (4 lb.), compact (roll 7X17), and zipperless (drawtape on top - 30 inch zipper is slightly extra). This offer is being made to all IOCA. For further information contact me through the ROC.

Mike Smolin, songsheet editor

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PEOPLE (?) NOT HEARD FROM IN THE LAST FEW DAYS COLUMN

Calhoun

WANTED

One pinball machine

COMING EVENTS

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