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of the Bates Outing Club

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Fonderings of the President

Recently, a so called campus leaders conference was held at Sugarloaf. Various student organizations were represented in the meeting with President Reynolds and the Deans of the College. At the conference much was said pertaining to the responsibilities of student organizations to the campus as a whole.

While the Outing Club has never shirked its responsibilities in any way and was praised quite highly during various conversations at the conference, a greater burden is now with us. The increase in activities fees was a vote of confidence in the Outing Club. It is now up to the Outing Club to reach out and find those new areas of involvement it spoke so vociferously of in its petition for the increase. As a group and as individuals, we must now seek actively to move in a positive direction toward greater service to the campus.

At times a group becomes complacent upon repeated voicings of confidence. This is a critical time since the danger of stagnation creeps closer. The Outing Club is a dynamic organization and only through the efforts of every council member to seek new opportunities inside and outside of our present realm of activity, can we remain so. We've been handed the challenge-- let's meet it!

Bruce Bates

Short Term Activities

Although the Outing Club officially shut down after second semester, grateful students saw many active council members dashing around campus helping the social director (none other than fearless leader, Colin) provide fun and excitement for short term '69. After receiving their "votes of confidence", various STAC (Short Term Activities Committee) members set about planning and running the various trips. We had several beachwalks and canoe trips, as well as our major outings to Acadia and Hermit Island. The weather for Acadia was just perfect and several OCers were able to join the short termers for a great weekend. Both Acadia and Hermit Island were well attended and left everyone with anticipation for the fall trips. The two new activities on campus this short term were the sailing program,

under the direction of Jeff and Alton, and the extremely popular spectator sport of watching Colin's beard get fuller and fuller. In sum, it was the general feeling of all concerned that short term was extremely successful, and many thanks go to all of those people who gave their time and effort.

Kathy Skinner

Cabins and Trails

Sufficeth to say that some thirteen OCites and two professors staggered in and out (from both sides yet) of the Appalachian Trail Section 22, sleeping at Squirrel Rock and at Frye Brook lean-tos (although not concurrently), ablownd, blazed, and marked nearly a dozen miles of trail; leaving the primevals only moments before the last drops of rain ceased their droppng. Due, in part, to the exertions of the following:

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| Ray Potter | Dottie Kinraide (68) |
| Joe Barsky | Connie Fuller |
| Jim Anderson | Sharon Geil |
| Ivan Bass | Lucy Taylor |
| Dave Welbourn | Lynn Bitzer |
| Hal Wilkins | Mary Cheney |
| | Kathy Skinner |

Dr. Karl Arndt

Dr. James Leamon

and, also in part, to Red Perham, all of this section may be considered to be in excellent condition. Despite charges of littering, catatonia, slacking off while on the job, mismanagement, et al, (and with the expected counter charges), it is entirely possible to get from Maine Highway 5 to the Frye Brook lean-to without extremes of circumnavigation. One apology: the anticipated handrail will not be installed until the spring; at which time work on the continuous dotted line will continue. Humble thanks are distributed to all those who participated, attended, or actually did the work.

The Arnold Trail remains up in the air (north of Flagstaff) and all enthusiastic plans are yet determined by a group of men who perhaps have not been given the opportunity to see an OC trail clearing crew in action (sic). Hopes are still high that something constructive will happen in this decade.

The Great Fall Amx Trip will be held on the week-end of Oct. 17-19. The Bears Ridge Trail of the Elephant Mountain Section of the AT is reported to be in poor condition but will be cleared, one way or another, before deep snowfalls.

Plans are currently being made to secure the cabin on Mount Sabbathus from any further damage at the hands of either vandals or, and this is hard to omit, Bates students. It is the opinion of the Directorship that no substantial repairs should be made to the cabin until some assurance

that all labors will not be in vain. It is assumed that a non-duplicatable lock will be installed, with the key available to responsible parties on a sign-out rental basis from the Equipment Room Manager. Plans for development of the area include a lookout on the "summit", shelves and cupboards inside the cabin, a new tin roof with the possibility of a plexiglass skylight, an outdoor fireplace, and a rebuilding of the sinking foundation.

Hal Wilkins

Hikes and Trips

Longer weekends this fall have given the Hikes and Trips triumverate an opportunity to run and to worry about bigger (and maybe a little better) trips than were possible in the past.

Our first weekend was highlighted by an unusually well attended Mt. Washington Climb. Due to an extremely energetic and adventurous freshman class (plus and occasional diehard upperclassman), nearly one hundred Batesies climbed and/or crawled up Mt. Washington this year.

Next in line came an overnight to Hermit Island which we ran the Saturday night before the Sunday clambake. The afternoon saw a rousing game of football until the ocean thoughtlessly deprived us of our field! The real treat of the trip, however, was our entertainment provided by an honest to goodness Armenian yoyo player which Jim Anderson was kind enough to bring along! Also I can't leave out our Delightful stop on the ride back to Bates at LBJ's Dairy Queen in Brunswick.

Last weekend we ran a horseback ride and a canoe trip. We plan to have more of each in the future weeks. Upcoming events include:

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| Oct. 11-12 | Overnight and Day Trip to Acadia |
| Oct. 18-19 | Gulf Haggis, Overnight Canoe Trip |
| Nov. 1 | Bus to Bowdoin for Football Game |
| Nov. 2 | Casco Bay |
| Nov. 8 | Bus to Colby for Football Game |

Other thrilling events will be scattered throughout the season depending on the weather conditions and the degree of courage and/or insanity of the directors.

Kathy Skinner

Hermit Island Clambake

The clambake this year was held at Hermit Island, Small Point, Maine, once again, with excellent weather, a well-received guest. September 20 saw Hermit Island invaded by many Batesies in camping and beach attire, ready for the cold but fun-filled overnight that began the week's reveries. Sunday, the sand was suddenly packed with 460 or more Bates students, faculty and friends ready for fun, food and sun, of which there was plenty.

At the feast, 320 lobsters were served along with $4\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of steamed clams. Although the serving time was stretched out due to slow hamburger cooking, all went well and nobody complained much. Following

the fantastic feed, while faithful OC helpers cleaned up, the students were at their usual antics of football, swimming for those who dared, frisbee games, and finding secluded, grassy knolls on which to contemplate, concentrate or congregate. Guitars and vocalists were abundant, providing entertainment for all.

A combination of weather, planning and great student cooperation made this a wonderful weekend.

Jim Miller

Sailing

The sailing program in its initial year has been most successful. During short term the boats were used for the first time, by both Bates students and faculty. Trips were run on both Saturday and Sunday of each weekend. The enthusiasm shown carried over to the fall, where sailing has been most successful. Many students have taken advantage of the lessons offered and can now sail quite proficiently. In the future a racing program will be initiated, both with other schools and within the Bates student body. President Reynolds has offered a President's Cup to the champion of each event.

Although the initial cost has been considerable, the program has shown its worth by expanding the Outing Club's activities to yet another field of interest. It has attracted students who do not ordinarily participate in Outing Club activities.