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of the Bates Outing Club

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SPRING WORK TRIP

With our promised good weather we left for the Spring Work Trip to Thorncrag and Sebattus on April 24th from behind Parker. After "head gnome" Ray Danforth loaded us with the appropriate equipment, we were off to a successful start.

A group of six was transported to Thorncrag where work commenced with a "picking up broken glass detail." While aching backs served as witness to the pile of dirt swept out of the cabin. Two of the side windows, closed last year, were reopened, the shingles having been removed already by Thorncrag's renowned phantom. With the windows opened, the floor and fire place cleaned out and the usual supply of fire wood collected, we left Thorncrag in fairly good condition for the summer.

At Sebattus a large limb was removed from above the cabin, as it appeared to threaten the cabin in time of bad weather. Joel Davidson built a shutter for one of the windows, and he saw that a new porch was constructed to replace the deteriorating old one. The backs of many pairs of blue jeans bear witness to the green stain used on our new porch. Joel assures us that a supply of wood was collected "during the breaks between important things." How so, Joel? With half as many people we saw a bigger pile at Thorncrag. The people from the canoe trip joined us for supper, but arriving late, many of them missed our hot dogs and other "delicacies." All in all, however, a good time was had by all, and our work trip may be termed a success.

-Beth Patton

TUCKERMAN'S RAVINE CLIMB

The morning of April 25 dawned bright and clear, as two busloads of Batesies converged from all directions to eat a hearty breakfast at Commons. By nine o'clock, we were on our way to Mount Washington for the annual Tuckerman's Ravine climb.

WE were delayed a few minutes en route when chaperone T. P. Wright called a stop-- he wanted pictures of the three exchange students from Florida Memorial College in a mountainous setting. We arrived at the mountain, groups were quickly organized, lunch packs distributed, and the climb got underway. Reaching the top, we ate lunch, then sunbathed or climbed up to the headwall. Co-director Pete Anderson authoritatively issued directions to the climbers, and co-director Judy Marden also had a chance to exercise her authority by announcing to

all questioners the location of the bathroom. After various hikes, snowball fights and other kinds of snow-jobs, we gathered to go down, and found the hike down much faster. Barefoot skiing, anyone?

Tired, happy, and sunburned, we piled into the buses, sang and slept all the way home, and arrived in time for supper. Special congratulations to the three Florida Memorial Students who dared encounter their first snow while climbing New England's highest Mountain.

-Judy Marden

ADVANCE 1965

Advance was held this year on May 1, 2, and 3. Since this may be our last year at Jack Leader's camp, we made good use of the weekend with almost half of the Council there on Friday night. The weather was good and the canoes and Bob Armstrong's sailboat were in constant use. The traditional Saturday night steak feed was excellent with the scraps going to Bonnie, Jack's St. Bernard. Bonnie also ate all of the ping pong balls save one. Larry Brown made a very efficient debut as President and the meeting was over about 11 o'clock.

Everyone is left with his own memories of Advance. Perhaps the weekend may be summed up in Newt Clark's immortal report to Council on Advance. "Advance??? Well I guess it was."

POPHAM BEACH OUTING

Sunday, May 16 dawned bright and early, 4:30 to be precise, for Ray Danforth and his gang. The trailer was loaded and on its way before the rest of us stumbled over to Commons for breakfast about 6:00.

The tide was out when we arrived but we could see that the high tide mark was about nine feet from the base of the dunes. With high tide due again at noon, the fire pits were dug on top of the dunes. The clouds present in the morning forgot to clear out so except for about five minutes around 3:00, the day was cloudy, windy and cool. Still much of the campus turned out.

Serving of the meals-over 400 of them- began at noon with a few slowdowns. Wonder how many hamburgers Bruce Wilson lost in the grill? Larry Brown with his fog horn voice made a good communications system between the lobster pits and the hamburger grills. We ate about 3:00 and then after cleaning up, followed the busloads of beachcombers back to campus. Lacking the traditional sun burns we were left with aching backs and windburned faces to remind us of Popham Beach, 1965 style.

OUTLOOK FOR 1965-66

Next year under the capable leadership of Larry Brown, President, Charlie Love, Vice President, Don Bean, Treasurer and Ginny Griscom, Secretary, the O. C. is ready to deal with any problems created by a new calendar. Every weekend has several events blueslipped; canoe trips, mountain hikes and a new innovation cabin parties every Sunday evening at Thorncrag. There are also several new events appearing on the calendar such as: an overnight bike hike, gem hunt, camping trips, snowshoe hikes and additional open houses to get acquainted with the freshmen. Two of the major projects, Popham Beach and Carnival are scheduled for September 19 and that weekend of January 22. Larry with his usual thoroughness also remembered to blueslip the meeting room with its newly painted floor.

Unfortunately with all of these plans for expansion, a familiar face will be missing from the scene next fall. Dr T. P. Wright is striking out for new fields in Albany, New York. We will all miss T. P. with his advice and ready sense of humor. We wish him the best of luck and thank him for his years of service to the Outing Club.

The CAT-TRACKS editor is going to make an attempt to issue a copy six times next year. So watch your mail boxes, there just might be a CAT-TRACKS in it.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SEPT.

- Sept. 2-7 AT Work Trip
- 12 Mount Washington Climb
- 19 Popham Beach clam bake
- 25 Canoe Trip
- Bike Hike
- 26 Mountain Climb- destination unknown as of this moment.

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