

Axe and Saw

Alumni Newsletter

Fall 1991

Greetings Alumni! Outing Club has been very active this semester. The help of many new active Outing Club members has made this semester a true success. We have had a great many members participate in all the activities this semester. This year's freshmen class has been very active and enthusiastic toward all the club's adventures. We hope they will continue to love the club as much as the rest of us do.

The officers for the Fall of 1991 were:

President: Ashley Wenger
Secretary: Melissa Lesney
Treasurer: Brad Zinnecker
Alumni: Mike Zorn
Heidi Hutchins
Historian: Tom Brannan

The officers for the Spring and Fall of 1992 will be:

President: Ashley Wenger
Vice President: Josh Meeder
Secretary: Karen Emery
Treasurer: Meg Cooper
Alumni: Heidi Hutchins
Joan Snodgrass
Historians: Sandy Lindstrom
Srinivasan Balaji

We are all looking forward to get together more at the cabin etc. next semester.

Heidi Hutchins

A letter from the President

Dear alumni and friends,
Greetings from Grove City! News about the Outing Club is good. At the semester's beginning, things did not look rosy when two officers, including the President, decided to spend the semester elsewhere. However, members have been very willing to pitch in and help, so our activities have proceeded without a hitch. Manpower was never a problem at our six highly lucrative concession stands, and

as for the pig roast, a small but highly dedicated core of workers pulled it off in grand style. (We even had dinner mints, but the club liked them so much we forgot to serve them to the guests.) I personally would like to thank all from the club who helped out this semester, and to thank those alumni who attended the pig roast; your generosity was overwhelming. Thanks are due also to Lee McCoy, for his help throughout the semester.

When discussing the fun things done this semester, the most obvious point to note is the energy of students on this campus. While the Outing Club may no longer sponsor rock climbing, white water rafting, or parachuting, groups of people, all of whom happened to be club members, did all these events. A few daredevils even went bungee jumping. It's funny how they always had organizational meetings right after Outing Club meetings. A special thanks is due to Tom Parker and Mitch Brown for sharing their time, rock climbing equipment and expertise. The club did officially sponsor ice skating, square dancing, and a trip to hike at Moraine State Park, as well as a number of parties.

As I said, the club is doing well. A large group of fairly wild freshmen (11 freshmen skydivers!) have become regulars, and seem to be proving that the attraction of the cabin and the outdoors continues to appeal to students. Older members continue to support the club as well, and as 21 students prepare to go to Canada this winter, prospects look great for the Outing Club next year! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Respectfully yours,
Ashley Wenger
Outing Club President

New Member Outing

On Sunday September 15th, new Outing Club members and old, loaded up into cars and headed for the Outing Club's cabin. Surrounded by beautiful trees, worn hiking paths, and curious wildlife, the rustic cabin lie. It offered a get away from the hectic campus life and a chance to roam about the woods in search of nature's beauty. The group divided: some headed for the natural bridge, some for the cascades, while others remained at the cabin. After the hikes new members enjoyed a time of fellowship. At the cabin they got to know one another and read about past years through Outing Club's journals. Those who remained until late evening also enjoyed a picnic.

I know I honestly enjoyed the time I spent at the cabin and was surprised by the sincere beauty of the area around the cabin and the cabin itself. I also enjoyed some great stories about the interesting history of the Allegheny area.

Kelly Voliz

McConnell's Mills Hike

Well, it was the first time for a few of us at McConnell's Mills and what a sight it was. A small group of us took a hike around the river and boulders nearby. We also tried climbing the rocks with no equipment but our hands, we need more skills! A fun time was had by all of us though, a wonderful relaxing day in God's majesty.

Brad Zinnecker

Pig Roast

My freshman year, I attended the pig roast with naive inquisitiveness. That led to my recruitment for the 3 am shift on the spit! Well, I have put four years of roasting pigs behind me now, and I have learned to get

useful while you can, because the work of the next day will expend whatever energy you do have! However, my excitement for the event has not waned in the least. It continues to be a memorable time of fellowship with old and new friends of GCCOC!

Our 1991 roast began with a fairly leisurely day of preparing food (5 gallons of celery sticks!), playing with the canine population (Cookie and Beatty!), and carving pumpkins! It was encouraging to see the number of underclassmen that made their presence at one point or another during the weekend. Freshman Josh Meeder wins the "Most Likely to Become a Legendary OC Individual" for cutting a pile of firewood before we had even arrived on Saturday!

Although it would be far from a "day of rest," many of us did our best to remember that Sunday is a day of worship, and we celebrated with a small and humble service Sunday morning -- a first in my Outing Club experiences! Despite looming weather forecasts, a blaze of the yellow and orange leaves glowed in the clear sunshine to welcome guests down the trail.

Attendance was down in number from last year, but the food was plentiful, and the company enjoyable. Thanks to the kitchen-management skills of Jen Peters (not to be confused with the archaic tradition of "Kitchen Wenching"), ~~all the dishes were cleared, washed, and packed by 8:00 this year -- a record!~~

Thanks to all who came and helped, including our alumni contributors. Thanks also to the alumni who attended the meal -- it was good to see you!

Lorri Mantz

Halloween Party

Attending the Halloween Party was one of the first things I did with the Outing Club since I was bogged down with work at

the beginning of the year. Before midterms I had not really had much fun at all, it was just work, work, work! I just want to say that joining the Outing Club was one of the best decisions I have made here at college. At the Halloween Party, we played cards, talked a lot, ate real food, watched movies, and went for a hike the next morning. Those may not seem, at first, like the kind of things anyone would get excited over, but when you get together a fun-loving bunch of Outing Club members to do these things, it becomes lots of fun! The Outing Club creates a comfortable atmosphere to have fun in.

Rob Leach

Square Dancing

On Saturday, November 16th a group of about 15 Outing Club members donned their red check shirts and cowboy boots for a fun evening of square dancing! We arrived at around 9:30, where the dance was already underway. While most stuck to dosidoing and allemande lefting, some of us tried our luck at the polka! The pros instructing us were quite amused with our demented versions of the dance. At around midnight (when it ended), after winning the cake in the cake dance, we headed for a snack at a local truck stop. All in all, we had a wonderful (and educational) time, and we plan to head back soon!

Meg Cooper

Thanksgiving Dinner

Whoever said that you have to have turkey, potatoes, and pie for Thanksgiving? The Outing Club broke all traditions at our Thanksgiving Feast on Sunday, November 24. The afternoon began with hiking in the crisp winter air and ended with a scrumptious dinner (?) after our "last" hikers returned home. Although ham was suggested, that vote was

vetoed and we celebrated Mexican Style with chicken fajitas, tortilla chips, and cake! After dinner the kitchen wenches were given a break and our faithful president, Ashley Wenger, and all-star freshman Adam Holt did the dishes! They're the greatest! The rest of the evening was spent relaxing around the fire and playing cards. None of us wanted to go back to school, it was a great day!

Jennifer Peters

This semester has come to a close, but with many enjoyable memories. The pig roast, the parties, or just loafing around the cabin, were some of the ways we spent our time. With new leadership the spring semester is anticipated to be even better. Thanks to everyone who has made GCCOC the success that it is.

Mike Zorn