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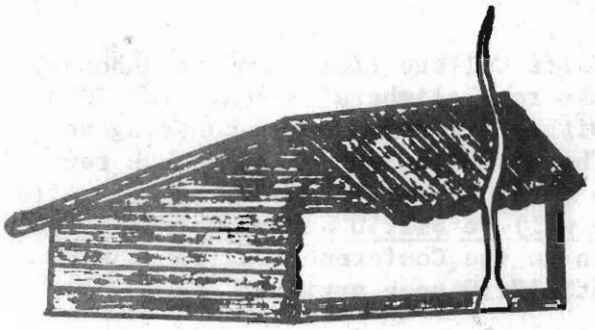

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ALUMNI GROUP OF THE INTERCOLLEGIATE OUTING CLUB ASSOCIATION (IOCA)

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PRE-CONFERENCE ISSUE

## 1976 IOCALENDAR

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| MARCH | 6-14 | IOCA Nether Regions backpacking - Great Smokies National Park, North Carolina/Tennessee. Contact *Bill & Carol Rollins*, IOCAlums. |
| | 19-28 | CSOC Cross-Country skiing - Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. Contact *Alan Brooks*. |
| APRIL | 9-11 | IOCA CONFERENCE - Ashokan, New York. Details on page 2. Annual IOCAlum meeting that Saturday evening! |
| | 16-18 | Smith College Outing Club Weekend - Northampton, Massachusetts. Details on page 3. SQUARE DANCE CALLER - DON BECK! |
| | 16-18 | Newgrass Music Festival - Campsprings, North Carolina. For you bluegrass lovers who can't make it to Smith's weekend! |
| MAY | early | WPIOC canoeing - Saco River, Maine. Contact *Steve Tuckerman*, WPI Outing Club, Box 2392, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609. |
| | 8-14 | IOCA Nether Regions caving & canoeing - Missouri. Contact *Bill & Carol Rollins*, IOCAlums. |
| | 20-25 | IOCA Nether Regions rafting - Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado. Contact *Bill & Carol Rollins*. |
| | 21-23 | CRAW Reunion - Echo Park, Dinosaur National Monument, Colorado. A western IOCAlum weekend! Details on page 5. |
| AUGUST | | SUPER TRIP - any suggestions? |

# 45TH ANNUAL IOCA CONFERENCE

*9-11 APRIL 1976 - ASHOKAN, NEW YORK*

IOCA CONFERENCE will occur at the New Paltz College Field Camp in Ashokan, New York - an hour's drive north of the Shawangunks rock climbers' Mecca. The IOCA CONFERENCE site is a 375-acre wooded campground with a 4-acre lake for canoeing and the other usual CONFERENCE aquatic activities. There will be more than enough tent space and since we'll all have access to the camp's bathhouse and sauna, feel free to lead a caving trip or two! Advanced registration will be $12.50 a person (gosh, New York is expensive!) and this money must be sent in to the Conference Chairperson by 1 April 1976; otherwise you'll end up shelling out $13.50 upon arrival:

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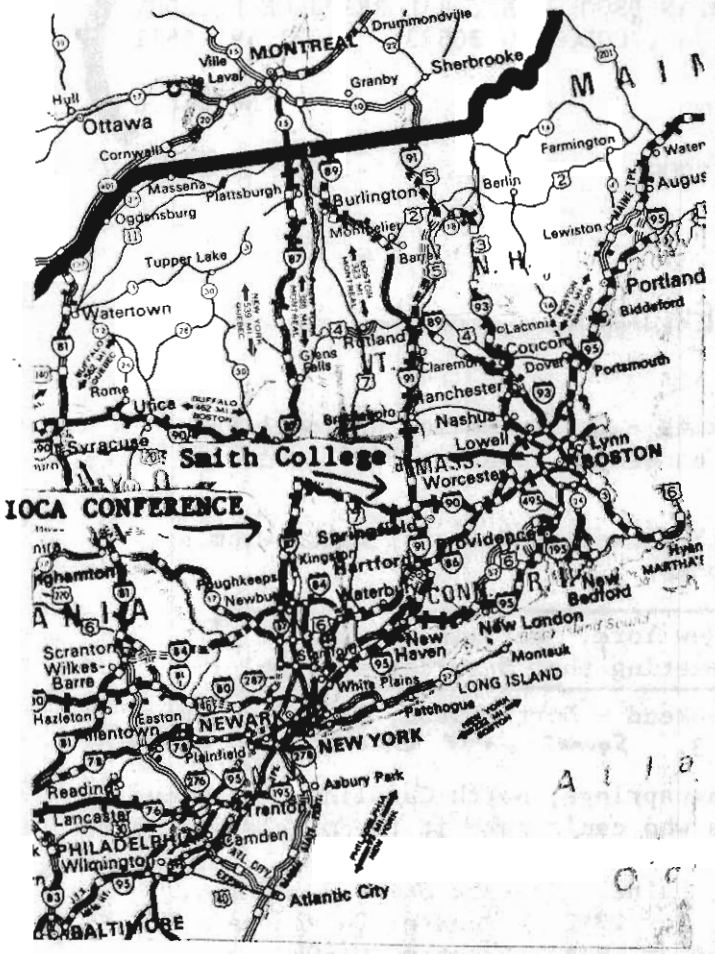
New Paltz, NEW YORK 12561




There will be no meals served on Friday and Ashokan is rather limited in its selection of greasy spoons, so plan accordingly. Bring tents and rain gear, of course, unless *Oogah* heads west that weekend to help the troubled farmers and ranchers in the Great Plains. In case you're stunned by the high cost for CONFERENCE this year, keep in mind that we'll be paying for the services of a professional cook this time, which should reduce our chances for eating burnt Matzoh, again (if it doesn't, the next item on the menu will be one professional cook stirred well in one 4-acre lake!). New Paltz Outing Club didn't send me any directions for this newsletter, but promised to send their *PRE-CONFERENCE BULLETIN* to all clubs and IOCAlums later this month - so hang tight!

Figure on holding the annual IOCAlum meeting after Saturday's supper when we're pretty well stuffed and in a lazy mood. I hope to arrive early enough on Friday to set up an IOCAlum information table in the registration area for new seniors and graduates interested in our little organization. The rest of you folks are encouraged to generate a songfest, square dance, or both to offer to unsuspecting IOCAns and alums as they filter in that evening (after riding in my car for three days, I know the Colorado undergrads will be ripe for a square dance!).

Discussions at the Saturday IOCAlum meeting will focus on an up-dating of our official document (copies of this proposal will be available to you all Friday night and Saturday morning), suggestions for this summer's SUPER TRIP, and election of the next IOCAlum Secretary (unless you're willing to give me another chance at the job!). After the "official" meeting, the rest of your time may be invested in general alum bullshooting and getting ready for the all-night square dance.

I'm hoping to see as many of you as possible that weekend, although don't be too concerned if I appear exhausted after three days of driving! If you can't make it to IOCA CONFERENCE, let's try to get together during the Smith Outing Club weekend . . .

IOCA clubs, Smith College alumnae, and all IOCAlums are hereby requested to make a showing for the most exciting event to hit the IOCA scene since 1967:

SMITH OUTING CLUB'S IOCA SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND

16-18 APRIL 1976

ROCK CLIMBING, CAVING, KAYAKING, HIKING, ETC.

SATURDAY NIGHT IOCA SQUARE DANCE: CALLER WILL BE

DON BECK (IOCAlum)

That's right, folks! You read correctly! After a ten-year period of inactivity in IOCA, the women of Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts have re-surfaced in IOCA and fully intend to become IOCA's most active outing club! And with over 200 members in their club this year, there's little doubt that their goal will be realized in the near future. A full weekend in planned in Northampton the weekend after IOCA CONFERENCE and the Smith outing clubbers want as many IOCAns and alums to attend their square dance weekend as possible - especially guys, since their club has a severe shortage of male-type outing clubbers!

Cost for the weekend is $6.00 (5 meals + square dance); if you're only coming for their square dance, it'll cost $2.00/person. As you've already noticed, IOCAlum's *Don Beck* will call their square dance and the Smith women will not be upset if over 500 people show up (I don't know what *Don* will think, though)!

All meals will be provided in the Smith Field House. Bring your tent or other form of shelter as IOCA will have the entire athletic field for camping out.

SCHEDULE

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| Friday, 16 April: | Registration and general get-together at the Field House. IOCA songfest should begin around 8:00 on. You'll be on your own for supper: large fireplace with wood in the Field House, or ask someone to point you to a hamburger joint! NO FIRES allowed on the athletic field! Bring voices, guitars, kazoos, or whatever for the songfest. |
| Saturday, 17 April: | |
| 8-9 am | breakfast in the Field House. Try to finish up the songfest and informal square dancing by this time! |
| 8-11 am | bag lunch available for outings. Smith Outing Club will lead some trips, but everyone is encouraged to devise their own inter-club outings, too: hiking, canoeing, caving, rock climbing, bicycling, etc., etc. NOTE: the Smith women do not have very many climbing and no caving leaders, so qualified climbers and cavers from other clubs are more than welcomed as the SOC is interested in learning rock climbing, caving, white-water, etc. |
| 6:00 pm | Spaghetti glopfest at the Field House - the Smith gang has a real feast planned for this affair! |
| 8 pm - midnight | SQUARE DANCE with IOCAlum *Don Beck* calling and much cider floating around. Square dance will be in the Alumni Gym (parking available in Dickinson Lot). |

Sunday, 18 April:

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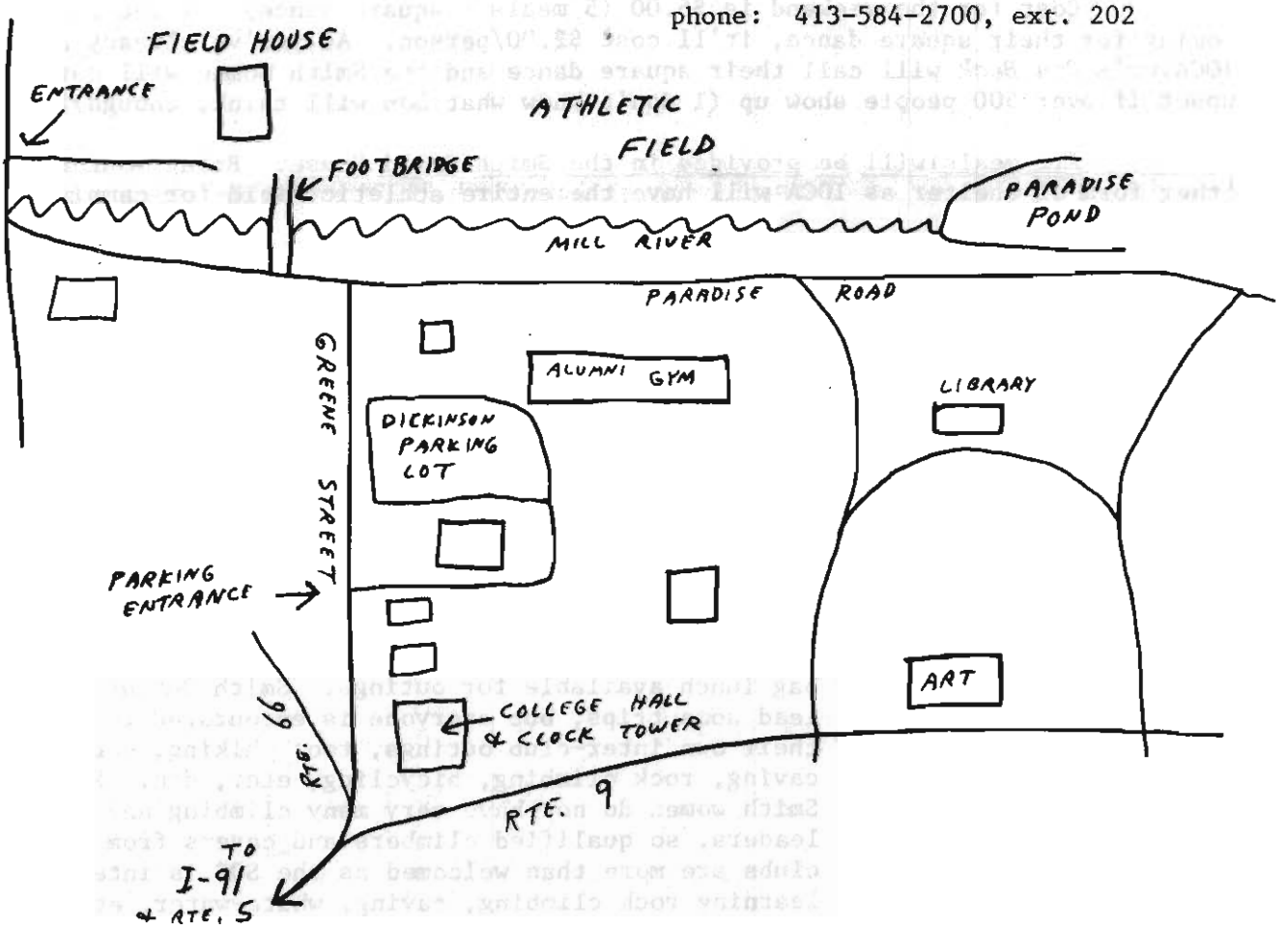
| 8-9 am | breakfast in the Field House. |
| 8-11 am | bag lunch available for outings and/or early departures. Short trips will go out, unless you prefer to catch up on your sleep! |
| 2 pm | Everybody out (don't want to gross out the Smith non-outing clubbers and parents showing up this afternoon!). |

The Smith women would appreciate an R.S.V.P. before their weekend (or tell them at IOCA CONFERENCE the previous weekend), so they can plan food. Also, please show up at the registration on Friday night, if you're coming for the whole weekend, so that all heads can be counted for meals, your money removed from your pockets, and the Smith people can have a chance to meet you, and you to meet them.

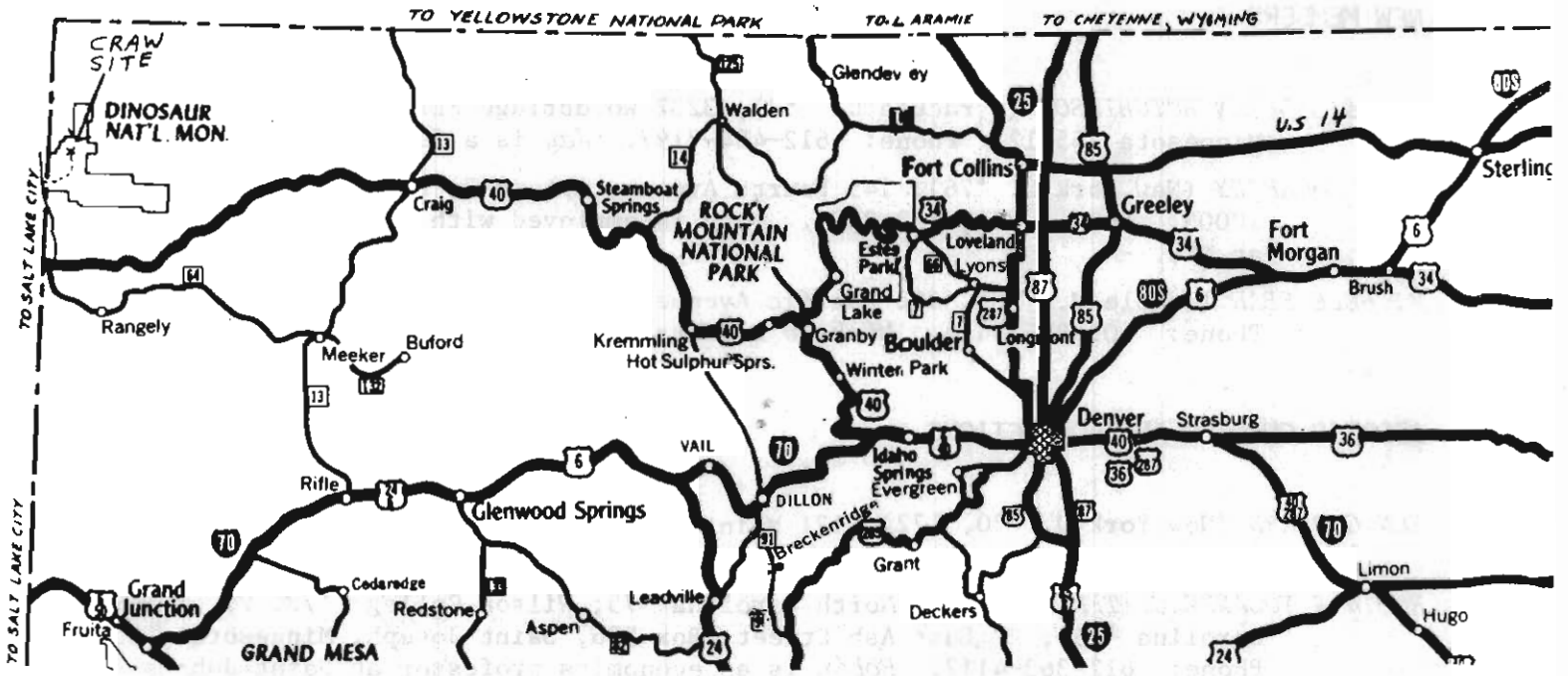
Any further questions should be directed to the club secretary and square dance chairwoman (chairperson, whatever):

Anne Dreizler
Northrop House, Smith College
Northampton, MASSACHUSETTS 01060

phone: 413-584-2700, ext. 202




DIRECTIONS from Interstate 91 in Massachusetts: Get off at the Northampton (Route 5) exit and follow Route 5 into town. Turn left at traffic light onto Route 9 and follow Route 9 to Smith College. At the college Clock Tower, turn left onto Route 66 and then immediately turn right onto Greene Street. Drive all the way up Greene Street, then turn left onto Paradise Road. Turn right off of Paradise Road, cross bridge and then take your first immediate right onto the Field House and tenting area.




## CENTRAL ROCKIES ALUM WEEKEND

*21-23 MAY 1976 - DINOSAUR MONUMENT, COLORADO*

The Central Rockies Alum Weekend (CRAW) reunion will be held down at the junction of the Green and Yampa Rivers at Echo Park in Dinosaur National Monument, notheastern Colorado. CRAW Reunion will be the weekend during the IOCA Nether Regions' rafting trip in the same area. Hopefully, we'll be able to rendezvous with the undergraduates from the Purdue and Colorado State outing clubs at Echo Park sometime during this weekend. The CRAW site offers plenty of desert canyon hiking, rock scrambling and bouldering, rafting, and sandstone caving. Several caves are in the area, including an easy one (but tight!) one mile from the campsite. The road leading from the paved road on the plateau to Echo Park, several thousand feet below, is a narrow dirt road that most outing club cars can travel without any problems. HOWEVER, make sure that your vehicle does not overheat easily as the ascent back up to the plateau is very steep! Since trailers of all types and other pseudo-camping devices are not allowed on this dirt road, you can expect to see only tent campers at Echo Park, if there are any other people down there at all besides IOCAns and alums! Hopefully, one of the earlier IOCAlums (Class of 1936) will be on hand for that weekend, which will make for very interesting fireside gossip one evening.

Also, there are several alums from the University of Delaware living in Utah, Colorado & Nevada (known total of seven, Classes of 1969-76), or planning to be out this area then, so I hope to get most of those alums together for this reunion, as well as several past IOCA Executive Secretaries, *IOCA BULLETIN* Editors, outing club officers and all sorts of other IOCA crazies. All in all, CRAW Reunion ought to be chock full of IOCAlums and trips! Anyone else thinking of heading out this way in late May are more than welcomed to join us for the CRAW activities. See y'all then!

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Definition: *COMMITTEE* - a group that keeps minutes, but wastes hours.

## NEW MEMBERS

*JAY & LILLIAN HUTCHINSON* (Syracuse U. '52), 3232 Woodbridge Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55112. Phone: 612-484-7197. *Jay* is a forestry editor.

*MARY McCARTHY* (New York U. '76), 145 Fourth Avenue, Apt. 9-F, New York, New York 10003. Phone: 212-533-2073. *Mary* is employed with the university staff at NYU.

*MICHELE SBAR* (Temple U. '76), 108 Pacific Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey 08108. Phone: 609-854-4494. *Michele* expects to be a perpetual student!

## ADDRESS CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

*KEN GODDARD* (New York U. '70, '72), 171 Main Street, Apt. 65, Madison, New Jersey 07940.

*ROBIN & YOLANDE GOTTFRIED* (U. of North Carolina '75; Wilson College '72, U. of North Carolina '75), 22 East Ash Street, Box 506, Saint Joseph, Minnesota 56374. Phone: 612-363-4117. *Robin* is an economics professor at Saint John's University and *Yolande* (the former *Yolande McCurdy*) is looking for something in plant ecology.

*MARSH & BONNIE LARRABEE* (U. of Pennsylvania '63), 438 East Bluff Drive, Keuka Park, New York 14478.

*ALLAN LEVINE* (U. of Toronto '73, U. of Western Ontario '74), 66 Frank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K2P OX2. Phone: 613-232-5211.

*ATHOS ROSSELLI* (New York U. '74), Department of Chemistry, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.

*ERIC SVENDSEN* (U. of Delaware '71), P. O. Box 100, Moapa, Nevada 89025. Phone: 702-864-2276. Yep, *Eric* is covering more ground!

*DAVID & LYNN TENNENT* (Allegheny College '74; Allegheny College '74), 132-9 Nimitz Drive, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906. Phone: 419-439-0581.

## WHO'S WHO IN IOCALUM

*BLAKE BACON* sends word regarding several alums and trips: " . . . *John Dixon's* working as a security type, again - no more short-ordered cooking! *Dean Wallace* has moved to Mystic, Connecticut . . . plans to have a housewarming soon. He's working like hell! Alums at IOCA Surprise Lake: the NYC crew, *Keith Spiro, Ann Knudson* & husband, *Bruce Randall, Tom Hall, Mary Ann Zessin, Mike Russo* and *Joanna Augugliaro*. At the square dance, the caller grabbed *Joanna* as partner to lead a snake dance. *Mike* joined on the end. Everything went well until *Silas* (*Mike's* dog) saw that *Mike* was holding onto the girl in front, so he grabbed on *Mike's* ankle to help! Went over Macomb in February with *Kent Johnson* and *Pat Piermatti* - spent one night partway up the slide - glorious view and full moon. The view from Macomb is great; at least 21 peaks in sight. The weather Sunday night was sleet, rain and high wind - good thing we weer down in the col toward South Dip and very well protected. Very warm Monday - sticky snowshoes. Ran into one couple who'd done Blake without snowshoes in hip-deep snow. For some reason they were exhausted . . . *Pat* is spending a week in Russia in early March."

*ANN CAMP* plans to change her name next month: "*Bob Mooers* and I are getting married April 4th - rather anti-climax news as we've been living together for over a year, bought a house together, etc. Now I'll be explaining to people how to correctly spell *Mooers* (yes, three vowels in a row!) for the rest of my life - a small price to pay for happiness!" *Ann* was planning to show up in Colorado in early March, but so far hasn't made herself known to anyone out here, yet. Also mentioned that she is due for some surgery on some misplaced nerves in her foot, so it looks like she'll be missing from trips for awhile.

*KEN GODDARD* will be changing jobs later this month: "I'll be a nuclear safety and licensing engineer for Jersey Central Power & Light. I haven't made many trips lately. I was at IOCA Surprise Lake on January 24-25 - it was well attended by both undergraduates and alums."

*YOLANDE McCURDY GOTTFRIED* was recently married and continues to enjoy reading the *IOCALUM NEWS*: "I read in your previous newsletter that some alums didn't want to receive it anymore since they didn't know most of the people who send in news to you. Well, I don't know most of them, either, but I still enjoy reading about what they're doing; it does make me feel I'm still a part of IOCA, somehow. Unfortunately, I haven't done anything in IOCA since that first year I was at UNC. I wish there were some Outing Club folks around here I could get in touch with. I eagerly searched the newsletters and the directory for some mention of Minnesota, but the closest so far is a couple of people in Wisconsin (check again, *Yolande*, in this issue - *Jay & Lillian Hutchinson* have re-joined us and they're hiding out in St. Paul!). Oh yes, about my marriage - *Robin Gottfried* and I were married in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on November 22, 1975. Here's a little background on him, so you won't think I married outside the "family:" he was an active Boy Scout and went to Philmont twice, and he has his own canoe! Part of our courtship included a week-long backpacking trip in the Smokies. He's working for a Ph.D. from UNC and is doing his dissertation work on the effect of the ski resorts around Boone, N. C. on some aspects of the local economy - that way, we get to spend some time in the mountains, which we love, learning folk music and doing a little hiking. What brought us here to St. Joseph is his job teaching at St. John's University - economics. We've tried a little cross-country skiing until the warm spell melted all the snow, and earlier we did a little canoeing, until the lakes froze!" Very good, *Yolande*, you married a winner - is there an Outing Club at St. John's? - *AB*

*KENT JOHNSON* asks: "The newsletters are great - how do you get everyone to write? (It's easy, *Kent*, if others don't write then they're forced to read my writing! - *AB*). First, I go through and read about the folks I know, then I read about all the rest of IOCAlum, because they usually sound like folks I'd like to know! Like *Cathy Moitoret* (" . . . giving up the search for employment and devoting myself to the life of rambler and bum . . ."), for example, I could fall in love with a person like that! (Perhaps it's mutual, *Kent*, drop her a line . . . I can hardly wait until *Cathy* reads all this - makes this blurb look like a Hollywood gossip column! - *AB*). I think the newsletters should have an unclassified section - charge 25¢ for each three-line ad. Here's your first one: black mouse boots, size 12; $15.00 plus $2 postage. *Kent Johnson*, 6008 Greene Street, Germantown, Pennsylvania 19144. (*Cathy* - how about this ad as an excuse to write to him - I know you don't wear size 12 . . . - *AB*).

Prior to Christmas, most of you received an unsolicited brochure from *Marsh Larrabee* on "Winter in New York's Finger Lakes Region." Some of you really flew off the handle, thinking his brochure was junk mail and accusing me of selling the IOCAlum mailing list to commercial enterprises. I hope *Marsh's* letter

clears things up for everyone: "Your recent letter reveals to me the size of the Pandora's Box I opened by my thoughtlessness in sending out "Winter in New York's Finger Lakes Region." It also demonstrates your capacity in handling a touchy situation - keep up the fine work! When I first heard of the labels I thought it was just super, from two standpoints: (1) the capability - the idea that you could provide this and have it current, and (2) the application - the concept of direct communication in so many ways. In my case, the first thoughts were of transmitting a pending change of address with an invitation to stop in to our new quarters on Keuka Lake. However, I then realized that I should wait until spring. I figured the labels would be old by then and I could get a fresh set if I wanted. So, when your labels arrived, there was still time to get something out by Christmas. I then put my new address on the envelopes and hoped those who knew me would put 2 and 2 together. I guess I should have let you handle my change of address in an upcoming issue of the *IOCALUM NEWS*. When you do (see page 5 in this issue), please let the alums know they're welcome to visit us at Keuka Park, New York." See people, it was only a Christmas card! Sorry for all this misunderstanding and emotional hysteria, *Marsh*. - *AB*.

*ALLAN LEVINE* writes: "I am a great procrastinator, but this delay since July is unforgiveable. Anyway, I hope you'll forgive me since there's been a godawful postal strike up here in Polar Bear Country! We had a great time driving from Houston to Tikal and back. The trip is too complex to describe in a few words, but suffice to say that we are glad for the experience but not too eager to return to Mexico (and the Yucatan, especially), Guatemala, or Belize any too soon. I've become a member-at-large (i.e. - glutton for punishment) of the Youth Hostels Association, so Europe may be my next venture, although a proposal for an Aussie charter has been written up . . . we'll see how things go. What dismays me is that I have not had any mail from New York City since the May 1975 *IOCA NEWSLETTER*. I think I'm still a member in good standing, but I wonder why the freeze. Thus far, nothing - repeat, nothing - has come from *Joy*, *Ellis*, *Lauren*, or anyone else in NYC, and I'm getting worried."

Since *Allan* brought up the subject about IOCA, I'd better make a few comments regarding the undergraduates this past school year. It seems that every time IOCA has a non-functioning (or partially functioning) slate of officers, particularly the Executive Secretary, there are always a handful of IOCAlums doling out their prophesies of IOCA's doom, and I've no doubt that some of you reading this newsletter are emitting such prophesies in your mind. Yet, despite such pessimism, the undergraduates always manage to come through and I'm quite sure this year will be no different. *Joy's* inability to perform her duties as IOCA Exec. Sec. was due only to situations she did not forsee at the time she was elected last April. Such things as a regular job with no set hours plus being a full-time student tends to make publishing a newsletter rather difficult, even though she is literally surrounded by offers to help her out. The poor girl is very upset over her performance this year and I'd recommend that we not make a Federal case out of the matter. She certainly isn't the first officer to run into obstacles, nor will she be the last. Unless you've held that position in IOCA, you really have no idea what it's like to do the job well, or the frustrations one receives when the job is not or cannot be performed well. At any rate, all IOCA clubs and individual subscribers who sent in money this past year will have their membership and subscriptions extended for another year since the IOCA Treasury was hardly utilized this past school year! However, since IOCA CONFERENCE will again be in the Northeast, I suspect things overall will improve, as it did at the 1972 IOCA CONFERENCE. - *AB*

*MARY McCARTHY* joined us recently and is hoping for fair weather at IOCA CONFERENCE this year (what an optimist!): "I'm just learning how to do things such as cross-country skiing, orienteering, field identification of flora and fauna, and doing more hiking and dancing. April will be here sooner than we think!"

*BETSY CAIN-NELMS* writes: "It is exciting to hear about other people's adventures! We hope to be able to write you of ours, should they ever exist. Currently, I am working as a tax consultant for H & R Block and pleased with my job (if not by the pay!). *Ralph* is seeking new employment. We are active members of the local Ozark Society, or at least we attend their meetings! Since I have to work six days a week, most outings don't fit into our aggenda. However, we did participate in a kayak clinic recently; we paddled around in a local pond learning correct techniques, much to the amusement of the fishermen onshore. We also went Christmas caroling through the Vermilian Bayou, but only the owls were listening. There was a light drizzle that night so the canoeing wasn't too exciting anyway!

"To *Davey Whitworth*, the TM teacher in North Dakota, we say "Jai Guru Dev!" *Ralph* and I have found TM to be our strongest aid in learning to live in the South. TM is catching on down here, but very slowly. The South seems to be 5-10 years behind the times.

"There is word spreading of a Bicentennial canoe trip from some town in Iowa to St. Louis, arriving on July 4th. The group planning it would like people from each of the 50 states. I don't expect there would be much river challenge, but it could still be a fun trip. May the Cajun Crawfish bless your everlasting little son-of-a-gun heart!"

*GERRY RICHMOND*, one of the "original" IOCAlums (Brown U. '36), is a geologist with the USGS in Denver, Colorado, and I was happy to hear from him: "Yes, *Will Brown* and I compiled the first *IOCA SONGFEST* - actually, the first three of them - but with considerable help from a lot of others at Dartmouth, Radcliffe, and elsewhere. We still keep in touch with several of the IOCA group of our ancient vintage and managed to get to a reunion of the ancient IOCAlums at Squaw Lake a few years ago. It was a lot of fun, but not of the type when we used to climb Katahdin, run down the Knife Edge, and sing and shoofly most of the night. We do get out in the summers, though, and have spent the last ten in the backcountry of Yellowstone. This summer we'll be back in my old stamping ground of the 1930's - the Wind River Range in Wyoming! All this in connection with my work as a glacial geologist with the USGS. We'd be glad to meet you and of the other alums most anytime either at our home (3950 South Hillcrest Drive, Denver, Colorado 80237) or whereever you get together."

*BILL ROLLINS* writes: "The Second Annual Purdue Outing Club Thanksgiving Trip to the Current River in Missouri got hit with a small blizzard about five hours from take-off time. We ended up leaving twelve hours late and changing our destination to the Merrimac River due to 8 inches of snow and unplowed roads. Due to the rotten weather we day-tripped out of a base camp. Nevertheless, the river was canoed, caves were explored, and roaring fires were built to (1) warm the spirits, (2) melt the snow for water, (3) singe *Carol's* mittens, (4) melt the soles off *Rosie's* boots, and in general, make the weather more amiable. Highlights included a gargantuan glopfest in a cave and the presentation of a large chunk of flaming snow (via carbide!) to some campers who couldn't seem to get their campfire going."

*ATHOS ROSSELLI* is keeping himself occupied: "I am currently a grad student at Duquesne University and working on my Master's in chemistry. There is no official Outing Club here at Duquesne (there was one in the past), but we're working on that! If things do work out, I may be able to get to IOCA CONFERENCE and even bring a new outing club with me!"

*JOHN SANSALONE* writes: "Have been going to New York City most every weekend - IOCA acquaintances, etc., so I have been up-to-date with *Ellis, Ted* and the others, and feel that I am single-handedly subsidizing Amtrak. I hope to get a car soon, when I can afford it - certainly would help me to get out on more trips! Am still pretty active with the Sloop "Clearwater" and the Hudson River folks. The big news of late has been about chlorinated bi-phenyls (PCB, for short). The Hudson River is the most polluted body of water in the U. S. in terms of PCBs. They're similar to DDT and bio-concentrate in fat tissues like DDT. There have been fish caught with more than 70 times the allowable limit, so you can imagine what the mobilization of environmental groups is like. Trying to get the Philadelphia Water Department interested in testing for PCBs - nothing definite to report, though."

*MEG SMITH* writes: "Somehow, with the two children we haven't done that much in the outdoors. Last summer we tried camping in the Adirondacks - wrong week, temperatures above 100 degrees! Four of us in a Drawtite was simply too hot. We continue to be most active in teaching first aid and skiing with the Ski Patrol. We'll help instruct again this winter in their Ski Mountaineering program. Two years ago, we were shocked on Washington's Birthday weekend when all the lean-tos at Colden were filled! Most people had tents and it was well below zero degrees Friday night! We couldn't believe the crowds! *Benjy* is really taking to skiing this winter - goes like a bandit! Both children enjoyed camping last summer and we hope to do more this summer. *Carl's* beginning to plot some hikes for this spring!"

*ERIC SVENDSEN* has parked himself in Las Vegas for a while: "Sure is a long drive across the country! Have moved into an apartment in South Las Vegas, only a one-bedroom job but visitors are welcomed. I will not take any of the responsibility, however, if said visitor catches the Las Vegas Disease and blows all of their money while in town. And if you hit a jackpot, of course I raise the sleeping-over fee! Work at present is only five days a week; getting to see lots of local countryside on weekends. Expect to go to a seven day a week shift later this month."

*DAVE TENNENT* has a correction for the directory: "There are two of us! My wife's name is *Lynn* and is also an alum of the Allegheny College Outing Club. We have floor space for those who might be passing through the area and need a place to stay overnight. Limit is about four as we only have a small apartment. We do have one request of any visitors: since we are avid non-smokers, we ask those who visit to refrain from smoking. I am presently in graduate school in chemistry at Purdue University and *Lynn* works, so if people try to contact us, they should wait until after 6:00 p.m."

*TED TOLKOFF* reports that MIOCA (the IOCA region of New York City area) has finally produced an emblem of its own: "It depicts metropolitan New York in green and blue with black dots to represent the member clubs. The border is white with black lettering that says "MIOCA" and "Rus in Urbe" which is Latin and has nothing to do with *Mike Russo*! It's available to anyone with three MIOCA trips under his or her belt, for $1.00. IOCA SURPRISE LAKE drew eighty or so IOCAns, or about twenty more than last year. There was, as usual, hiking, eating, kidding around, etc., to go along with the Saturday night square dance which was an excellent one (called by *Slim Sterling*). There was even ice skating on the lake, but I still haven't

decided whether to concede that lakes really do freeze or whether to declare Surprise Lake a pond! As for me, I'm programming two-bit . . . er, that is, Two Byte Computers for Olivetti, which I've decided was a contraction for olive oil and spaghetti! They're nice folks, really, and even though they sent me to Portland, Maine for three weeks in January, they did fly me back to New York for the IOCA SURPRISE LAKE weekend. It took three planes to get me there, including the one out of Boston that lost an engine! In Portland, the wind chill factor was 20 degrees below - and there was no wind!"

*EB WERNER* has also been keeping himself busy: "I've been trying to do a doctoral dissertation, write eight papers, edit a conference proceedings, and translate a couple of books - all at the same time!"

*JAN WILLIFORD* devoted part of her grad school spring break to seeing Colorado, where she managed to catch a CSOC meeting, square dance at the University of Northern Colorado, plus trips to Cameron Pass and the Pawnee Buttes. *Jan* met up with IOCAlums *Alan Brooks*, *Mitchell Frey* and *Walt Stockla*, as well as several undergraduate outing clubbers.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

With this newsletter, our Pre-Conference Issue, we approach the end of another IOCAlum year and I can honestly say that I have more than enjoyed serving as IOCAlum Secretary. Doing these little newsletters has been a fun project for me and the responses from all of you have been just fantastic! I hope you realize that the success of IOCAlum this past year has been due almost entirely to your contributions to both the *IOCALUM NEWS* and the organization in general. To be sure, the IOCAlum Secretary must be enthusiastic about the newsletter and the members, as well as about the organization overall, but the real credit, I feel, goes out to each of you as it is your efforts and responses that makes IOCAlum a viable, fun organization for yourselves as well as for future outing club alums. However, when a member writes, "It is great to get those information-packed pages, and all the letters published from alums make me feel a part of a living organization," then I feel that I have done the best possible for you and I hope you've been satisfied with my performance as your Secretary and Chief Stamp-Licker.

Besides the *IOCALUM NEWS*, being able to meet again long-lost outing club friends through the IOCAlum membership campaign and meeting several new alums via correspondence and personal visits, and hearing more frequently from the rest of you has added considerable additional enjoyment to my work. Now if my membership drive works and fifty or more outing club seniors (Fifty!) join IOCAlum either during IOCA CONFERENCE or later in the year, then I shall be 100% satisfied with my output this year!

Admittedly, I've been rather liberal with the IOCAlum revenue; the balance last April was $572.31 and our balance now reads $530.07. So, like a government bureaucrat, I did a little "deficit" spending, though I knew I would in advance. Since the IOCAlum treasury had so much "fat" in the account when I took office, I decided to (1) increase the membership drive as much as possible last Spring, last Fall and prior to IOCA CONFERENCE this year, and (2) publish a really decent *IOCALUM DIRECTORY* with which to throw at you folks as a sort of surprise - it was hard work for me (more so than I anticipated) but your response to the publication was more than favorable. In the total fiscal picture for us, here's what happened:

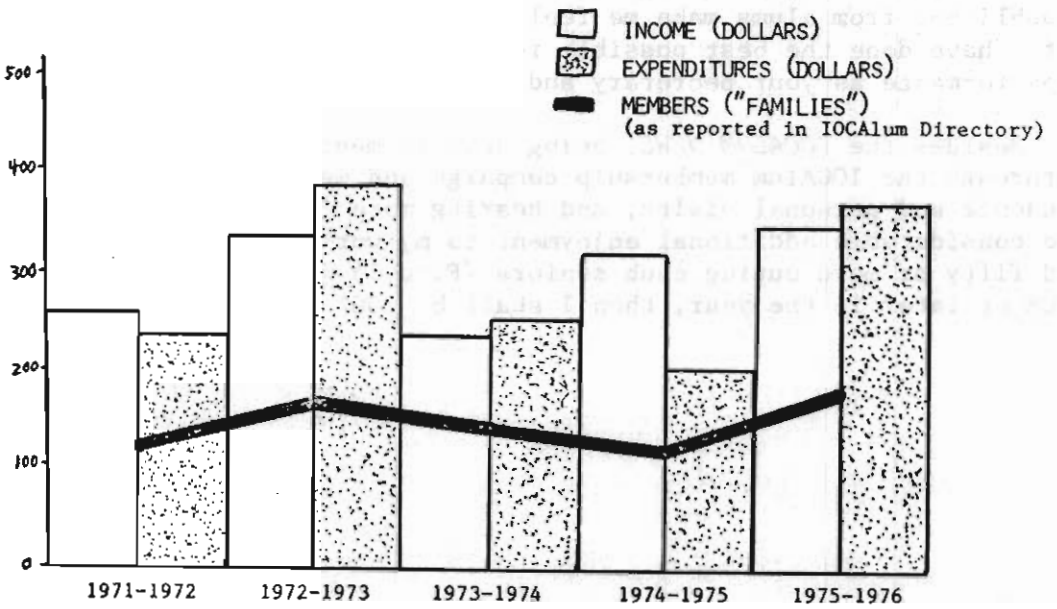
## IOCALUM FINANCIAL REPORT

*(April 1975 - March 1976)*

| INCOME | | EXPENDITURES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand, 4/16/75 | $ 572.45 | Newsletter printings | $ 164.84 |
| Membership dues | 309.75 | Directory printing | 66.88 |
| Interest on savings acct. | 16.06 | Postage - everything | 108.39 |
| | | Membership recruiting | 23.08 |
| | $ 898.26 | IOCA dues | 5.00 |
| | | Employment bulletins | 0.00 |
| | | Balance on hand, 3/5/76 | 530.07 |
| | | | $ 898.26 |

I was shocked to see income balance out with expenditures! The *IOCALUM EMPLOYMENT BULLETINS* were handled courtesy of the Career Services Center at CSU. However if a large number of alums (currently, only 18 receive these bulletins) are interested in receiving them, we may have to charge a $1.00 fee or whatever to offset the costs of printing and mailing, at least to avoid taking advantage of this generosity. Although I have spent more of your money than I had received, the overall picture for IOCAlum finances continues to look real good. There have and will again be times when the treasury is stressed a bit, and other years when the expenditures are lower. Also, some members pay their dues for several years in advance, which I think is a good idea, however such practice distorts the fiscal picture somewhat (not a cause for complaint, however!).

## IOCALUM BUDGETS 1971-76



This next IOCAlum fiscal year would not require as great an expenditure, nor would the quality of our program have to be sacrificed. For one thing, the 1975 *IOCALUM DIRECTORY* was a one-shot deal that certainly would not have to be continued in the elaborate format the next time. As in the past, most directories were no more costly than a normal issue of the newsletter. Also, should my membership recruiting scheme not work out very well, than one would be inclined not to distribute future issues of the *IOCALUM NEWS* to the IOCA clubs as frequently. In other words, working with a balanced budget in the near future is not an impossibility.

We should all realize, however, that the cost of printing the newsletters has been very cheap compared to commercial printing costs. As luck would have it, Colorado State University maintains its own high-speed printing facilities with 24-hour service at prices drastically cheaper than that of off-campus enterprises. And interestingly enough, about one month after postage jumped to 13¢ for First Class Mail, the CSU printers lowered their charges almost enough to offset completely the postal increase. It used to cost $21.60 to print up 200 copies of a 12-page newsletter, plus $18.00 postage back in the Old Days when it was 10¢ for First Class Mail; total cost - $39.60. Now it costs only $16.80 to print up 200 copies of a 12-page (maximum number of pages that can be sent with one stamp) *IOCALUM NEWS*, plus $23.40 postage; total cost - $40.20. This represents only a net increase of 60¢ per issue, instead of a possible $5.40 increase per issue if printing costs stayed the same. I've been fortunate to have access to inexpensive but good quality printing services, so I haven't felt guilty about flooding your mailboxes with thick newsletters. However, another alum may be forced to publish thinner newsletters if he, she, or they are only able to patronize commercial printers, but this sort of situation should be expected.

## IOCALUM - FORTY YEARS AFTER [1]

by *Alan Brooks*

In 1936, the first IOCAlum Secretary, *Janet Cutler* [2] of Vassar Outing Club, wrote that IOCAlum is "a loosely organized branch of IOCA whose main function would be as a central clearing-house for keeping track of mobile graduates and sponsoring trips of various sorts." After forty years, IOCAlum still functions as it did back then, even though outing clubbers may have "changed" a lot. Yet one thing is for sure - outing club alums continue to be "mobile" and they continue to try to keep track of each other and attend outings. And IOCAlum is still "loosely organized" even though our membership is considerably larger than it was in 1936; proof that growth does not require formal organization!

From the single-page newsletter published in 1934 with news of fifteen [3] members, the *IOCALUM NEWS* has become a bi-monthly publication of twelve pages containing more than eighty alums cited in many issues, including address changes for more than fifty members each year - proof that IOCAlums continue to be mobile! Our membership list includes alums not only from New England and New York State, as in the charter list, but also includes members from coast-to-coast, Maine to Florida, Alaska, Canada, the South Pacific, and sometimes Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. Our function of maintaining contact with outing club alums is an ever-increasing and fascinating one.

In May 1937, the IOCAlums attended IOCA CONFERENCE for the first time as a group, electing *Janet Cutler*[2] as IOCAlum Secretary; alum dues were 75¢. By 1939, IOCAlum was well established: newsletters were published more-or-less regularly and "Caa-ooo-wah!" began to usurp the place of "Berg heil!" as the closing remark. Turtle Island became an official annual reunion, ski weekends flourished, and only the original Alum Week floundered and got lost in that old maze of interest versus

time available. New friendships developed and old ones strengthened. Slide shows, glopfests, square dances and, of course, outings have all become vital parts of IOCAlum.

And even by 1976, IOCAlum continues to stand for those things expressed in that initial newsletter. But it is more, as well! It is a spirit - a spirit which prompts an alum to write repeated invitations to "drop in, we've loads of floor space;" it pervades the atmosphere of an alum vehicle crammed full of alive and enthusiastic outing clubbers heading for the wilderness; it is behind the impromptu get-togethers held for IOCAlums unexpectedly in town. It is IOCAlum! This spirit, plus a love for the outdoors in all seasons, in all terrains, are what constitutes IOCAlum. And it is these people who make up what we fondly refer to as our "disorganization" of IOCAlums!

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[1] Adopted from: "What is IOCAlum?" by *Morgan & Daphne Cooper*. 1955. *THE OUTING CLUB HANDBOOK*, pp. 72-73. Intercollegiate Outing Club Association (Editor: *Gunnar Peterson*).

[2] now *Mrs. Janet Nichols*.

[3] of that number, *Norman Greist, Ellis Jump* and *Janet Nichols* are still on our membership roster!

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See y'all at IOCA CONFERENCE, the Smith Outing Club weekend (you bet!), and perhaps we'll cross trails in the Rockies during the summer! Keep up your really fantastic support for future IOCAlum Secretaries, too!

Coo-ooo-wah!
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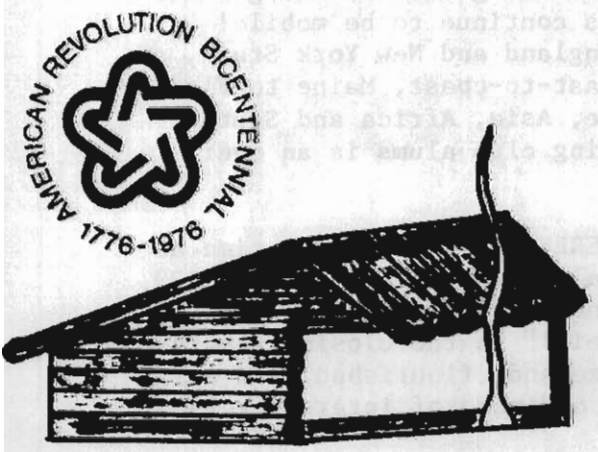


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