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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings all, this school year has been busy as usual and the Outing Club has been busy in its variety of activities. The fall semester started off well with the Pig Roast, in which many teachers, Alumni, and Actives participated. Tom Morris broke his record of consecutive weekends out at the cabin standing at a phenomenal 7 weeks in a row. There were no camping trips planned the first semester, but there were quite a few people out for hiking and overnight stays. In the winter we did a big skiing trip and were able to attract Eleven pro skiers.

In the spring semester not much went on as far as events. There was one camping trip where several Alumni from the class of 2002 came out along with a few of us Actives. There were a couple of rock climbing trips at Slippery Rock. Alumni Cory Gibson has offered his rock climbing skills and hopes to take the Club to McConnell's Mill for a rock climbing adventure. Unfortunately we were not able to arrange it this year, but hopefully will next year. The most recent events were a trip to a team building camp in Ohio led by active Jess Dalzell and the Senior dinner in late April.

Hopefully next year we'll continue to pull in more members that have an extreme interest in outdoor activities [editor's note: this year the Club has attracted a group of very active freshmen]. We shall see how well we will be able to recruit next year. I intend to organize over the summer so

I can jump in feet first at the beginning of next year. This summer I plan to arrange a schedule of activities so new members will see dates and the activities we will be doing. Also, informative weekly emails will keep current and interested members up to date. Until next year,

Dean Schuttner '04 President '03-04

FEBRUARY SKIING EXPEDITION

Eleven members participated in a ski trip to New York. Snow conditions were slightly slushy but we were able to have fun skiing anyway. The weather was very nice until a lightning storm came through around 7pm and the lifts were shut down. We took a break to eat dinner and by the time we finished the lifts were operational again, so we were able to ski for the rest of the night. It was a much-enjoyed trip and hopefully we will be able to do it again next year.

Dean Schuttner '04 President '03-04

MARCH 31 PENS GAME ACTION

Although the weather wasn't the best, spirits were high on Monday night, March 31st. We set out for Pittsburgh at about 5:30, hoping to get good seats for the Pen's game that night when they faced their cross-state rival, the Philadelphia Flyers. Driving was Matt Myer, who was going to his first NHL game ever. Also along were Katie Bauer and myself. Conversation on the way down varied between the rules of hockey and driving directions to stadium, to complete randomness. All three of us were psyched about going to one of Mario Lemieux's final games.

We arrived shortly before seven o'clock and purchased student rush tickets that were fabulous. We ended up only about 10 rows away from the ice, right on a corner. Unfortunately, we were next to the visiting tunnel, which meant we were primarily in Flyer fan's territory. The seats weren't perfect, but we did get a very good look at Hedburg's amazing goaltending for two of the three periods.

Midway through the first period, the Pen's got off to a 1-0 lead, which they carried into the first intermission. However, by the end of the second period, they were down 1-2. Finishing the game 1-3, the Pen's didn't win, but the fans had fun nonetheless. Matt, as usual, entertained us all with his characteristic behavior of making strange observations, which helped to make the night what most OC outings end up being, memorable.

Jeff Willard '04 VP '03-04

SPRING WORK OUTING

On an overcast day several members met at the cabin for a little spring cleaning. During the course of the day much male bonding occurred as wood was chopped and trees were felled. On splitting detail were Andrew Holmberg and Andrew Cramb. They were both very efficient, quickly reducing our pile of wood to neat stacks. Speaking of stacking, Matt Myer and Matt Reidenbach expertly laid the newly split wood, maximizing available space and even trying to organize pieces into groups. Supplying the wood were Wes Bell and Jeff Willard. Both were manning the chainsaws turning a tree into nice 16 sections ready for splitting. They only halted when their chains grew so dull that there was a fear the tree may catch fire from the friction.

Soon cries for supper were heard and it was prepared. Then and only then did a female presence appear at the cabin in the form of Fran Montemayor and Alyson Piatt. Nevertheless, since any female presence is welcome at the cabin, all was forgiven. All in all it was decided that much had been done and all went home happy and well fed.

Wesley Bell 03' Treasurer '03-04



GRAND VALLEY CHRISTIAN CENTER CAMP-GCCOC OUTING: APRIL 4, 2003

Bright warm sun, 25 feet in the air, soaring through the trees--three things GCCOC members unfortunately did not get to experience on their trip to Grand Valley Christian Center, a camp in northeastern Ohio. I was highly disappointed that the trip I was leading to the camp I worked at the previous summer was interrupted by rain. The monsoon-like conditions left us to play in the camp's gym all evening. At least my boss agreed to let us stay and play for free! Despite the adverse conditions, which were not in the original plan, everyone had a great time. We ended up climbing on the indoor climbing wall until our forearms ached. Then we tossed a Frisbee and played basketball until everyone was hungry and we ventured down the road to an A & W for dinner before heading back to campus. Overall, it was not bad for a night of free indoor rock climbing.

Jessica Dalzell '04

SPRING HILL CLEANUP: APRIL 5, 2003

This year's Hill Cleanup was once again a success. After a bit of hesitation about the date (a weather report was calling for severe thunderstorms), many of us enjoyed a beautiful day outside. It always feels good to do a little bit of *real* work after months of sitting inside becoming good friends with your calculus book.

We worked in a different area this year. Instead of clearing the hill below the flagpole, we cleared brush and picked up trash on about 100 yards of the hill below Memorial parking lot. It is looking beautiful now, a great improvement from the way we found it.

Andrew Cramb '06 Cabin manager '03-04



After the Hill Cleanup, left to right: Andrew Holmberg, Fran Montemayor, Wes Bell, Adam Neff, Andrew Cramb, Kate Buckwalter, Jacqueline Bush

SENIOR DINNER 2003

On Saturday April 26th nearly thirty Outing Club Actives and Alumni gathered at the cabin to honor our seniors with the traditional Senior Dinner. Seniors present at the event were Jesse Helms, Josh Poulette, Jeremiah Otto, and Matt Myer. Ali Wade, who is also graduating this spring, was unable to attend.

Our weekend actually began Friday, when a half dozen or so alums and Actives spent the night at the cabin. We occupied ourselves with bottle rockets and a potato gun for around an hour

before spending a quiet evening around the fireplace. People continued to trickle in throughout the night and early Saturday morning. The weather cleared early Saturday and there was ample time for hiking, shooting, and other activities.

The underclassmen prepared dinner, which consisted of steak cooked over the campfire, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and dirt pudding. Our feast was excellent, and the clear weather and fine company of so many Actives and alums made for a great evening. Trent Denison '77 brought a truckload of firewood and many of us spent the starry night gathered around a great bonfire before finally going to bed around two o'clock. At least a dozen alums and Actives remained through Sunday morning and were served an excellent breakfast by Tom Morris '77, who had arrived shortly after dinner on Saturday.

We underclassmen are very grateful for the leadership of our senior members over the years, as well as the alums who have contributed so much to our enjoyment of the Outing Club.

Adam Neff '06 Historian '03-04



Matt Reidenbach '06 Prepares the Dirt Pudding

Road Trip! Road Trip! Road Trip!

On Sat. August 16th of this summer, numerous Actives and Alumni will make a pilgrimage to Ron and Sarah Lang's house in Colorado to begin a week-long wilderness adventure. Being planned by the Lang's, the itinerary for the trip will include many different outdoor activities. First there will be camping, a waterfall hike, and frolicking in the sun at the Great Sand Dunes National Park near the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Then the group will spend a few days hiking and camping on and around Mt. Blanca. Regarding camping on the mountain, Sarah says that there is a view of a "beautiful valley with burned-out cabins and a gorgeous lake surrounded by 14er's (mountains over 14,000') and woods." After descending the mountain, tired Clubbers will likely indulge in the relaxation some of Colorado's natural hot springs provide. Lastly, after resting at the Lang's house, the group will disband so that Actives can drive non-stop back to Grove City in time to move into

their dorm rooms. Interested in coming? If so, call the Lang's at 1-719-686-0513 or e-mail Sarah at seotto@rocketmail.com.

Matthew Myer '03

ALUMNI NEWS

Pop Quiz!

What is this a picture of?

- A. White Water Raft Guide
- B. Missionary
- C. GCC OC Alumni
- D. All of the Above
- E. None of the Above



Hi! This is Sarah Ristow writing and I would like to share with you a little about what I spend my time doing. What's the answer to the quiz you ask? I'll tell you that a little later, but I bet if you pay attention you can figure out the answer before I tell you. I'll give you a hint, though, that's me in the picture. ☺

I graduated from Grove City in May of 2001 with a degree in Math. I was a member of the Outing Club for 2½ years (and served as treasurer for a year and a half). Now, I work with a Christian Wilderness ministry out in Washington and Oregon called Reachout Expeditions.

Reachout Expeditions and our parent organization, Youth Dynamics, exist to invite and challenge Pacific Northwest youth to a lifelong journey in relationship with Christ. Reachout specifically uses wilderness adventure activities (such as rock climbing, backpacking, and white water rafting) to get teens' attention. A teenager who normally wouldn't be excited to go to Church may be excited to go white water rafting. That is when we have the awesome opportunity to get to know them, love them, and speak into their lives about the truth and hope of Christ. For a relationship with Christ is far more exciting than

rafting, but sometimes it takes a rafting trip to see that.

So why am I sharing all this with you? Well, I thought that since you too are an outdoor enthusiast you would enjoy hearing about a fellow GCC OC Alumnus who is working in the outdoors. Also, I raise full time support in order to work with Reachout and I thought you might be interested in supporting a wilderness ministry. I am looking for people who will commit to supporting me on a monthly basis through prayer and finances. "From [Christ] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16)

If you want to learn more about the ministry of Reachout Expeditions or join my mailing list, you can e-mail me (sristow@yd.org), write me a letter (P.O. Box 1095 / Anacortes, WA 98221), or visit Reachout's site on the web (www.reachoutexpeditions.org).

What's the answer to the quiz? It's D., all of the above. The picture was taken while I was on a 5-day backpack trip with 9 high school freshman, but I'm also trained as a white water rafting guide. ☺

SUMMER WORK OUTING 2003

This Summer's joint student-Alumni-friends outing will be held **June 26-29**. We try to rotate months every few years to accommodate different folk's schedules.

With the market still down, we will be doing limited, focused repairs to the cabin as well as prep work for the major renovations to come. The #1 priority is to get gas back to the girl's wing for the fall semester. We will also address the normal summer housekeeping projects. We will plan on attitude adjustment and a swim each night down at the river.

Meals will start with a late lunch on Thursday and run to lunch on Sunday. If you have any menu requests or wish to contribute a favorite dish or dessert, please let me know. There is no charge for the meals.

If you are able to participate this year, even a day or an afternoon, please call or email me

before June 24th with the number of adults and children under 10 so we can plan the meals. If there is enough interest, we will try to plan a separate children's program on Saturday. That will require more notice to coordinate volunteers.

See you soon!

Mark Place

Alumni Cabin Manager

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PUBLIC USE OF THE CABIN

As noted in the last two issues of the *Axe & Saw*, due to the work in progress we have been forced to curtail use of the cabin by school and Alumni groups. Several groups are planning day hikes and other events in the yard, and that is great. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but until the floor, kitchen ceiling, and gas line issues are resolved we must continue this policy. We will also finally be spraying for insects this summer at a date to be announced.

Mark Place '77 Alumni Cabin Manager

ALUMNI USE OF THE CABIN

Alumni are encouraged to use the cabin when the Active Club is not using it. There is no charge for Alumni use of the cabin, but donations are of course appreciated. A copy of the new cabin manual is available at the cabin as a refresher on how everything works. All we ask is that you leave everything spic and span, and take a turn mowing the lawn as required.

Lee McCoy remains the point man for scheduling the cabin with the Actives. You can reach Lee at 724-458-7003. Tom and Jane Gregg have also agreed to back Lee up and be another source of keys. Tom can be reached through his college number at 724-458-3795 or their family email at tandjgregg@pathway.net. At this time only Active and Alumni officers and Cabin Managers have keys. Keys are not being left at the cabin anymore due to unauthorized and/or slovenly use.

Mark Place '77 Alumni Cabin Manager

EMAIL MASTER

If you have a new email or are looking for a classmates email, please drop me a note so that I can update our records or see if we can help. We are still running about 100 folks in the database. mplace@johnplaceinc.com

Mark Place '77 Alumni Cabin Manager

65th OUTING CLUB REUNION

It is hard to believe it is about time for our 65th Outing Club reunion! It will be October 17th-19th, 2003 during the College's Homecoming weekend. We have ten rooms on hold for Friday night and twenty for Saturday night. The room rates are between \$60 and \$70 per night and include a continental breakfast. The rooms are being held for our group until October 1st, 2003. A mailing will be sent out in late August/early September as a reminder to make reservations. However, Alumni are strongly encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible since hotels in the area fill up quickly. You can make your reservations with Howard Johnson by calling (724) 748-3030 and telling them that you are with the Grove City College Outing Club Alumni group. For those that want to stay at the cabin, it will be open Friday and Saturday night.

We have made reservations with the Howard Johnson hotel in Mercer to have a dinner on Saturday night after the football game. On Sunday morning we will meet at the cabin for a continental breakfast and lunch. In between we are planning to have a worship service and free time to hike and fellowship with Clubber's new and old. Our annual business meeting will be Sunday afternoon.

After forty years, we had our first reunion in 1978. Since then we have had reunions in five-year intervals; this will be our sixth. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us this fall for our 65th Outing Club reunion.

Lee McCoy '61 Alumni Association President

THANKS FOR ALL THE GENEROUS GIFTS

We'd like to thank our many generous Alumni for their gifts to the Club. In a future volume of the Axe and Saw, we intend to recognize you individually.

Sincerely,
2002-03 Outing Club Members

PHOTOGRAPHS: SPRING 2003 OUTING CLUB ACTIVIES

Since we still have a good deal of space in this issue, I have included a selection of pictures taken at the cabin and various Club events this semester. I hope you enjoy them!

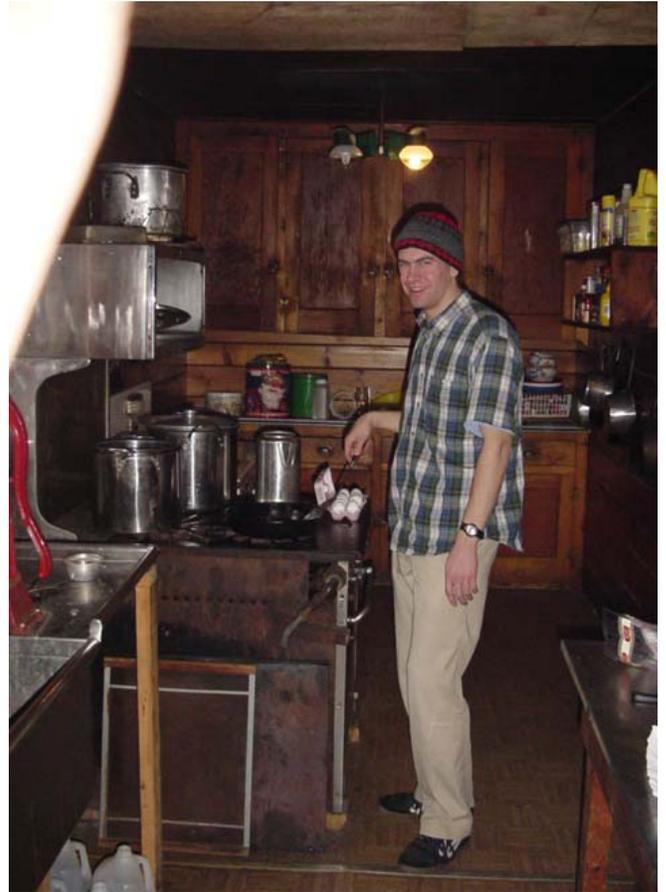
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Fran Montemayor and Andrew Holmberg Shoot the Potato Gun the day of the Senior Dinner



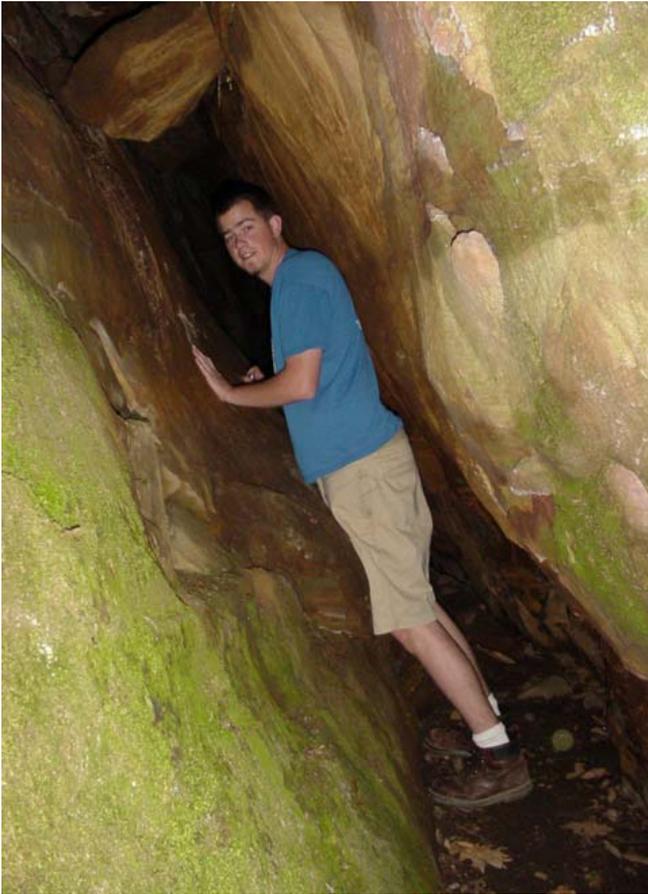
Cory Gibson '99 Walks the Tension Rope he Strung in the Front Yard the day of the Senior Dinner



Senior Matt Myer Cooks an Early Breakfast on a Cold Morning in February



Freshman Adam Neff Mashing the Potatoes for the Senior Dinner



Freshman Wes Bell Explores the Cave Near the Natural Bridge, Late April 2003



Actives, Alumni, and Guests Gather Around the Table Before the Serving of the Senior Dinner

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