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## A Letter from the President

So another semester has passed. The club has been through good times and some bad. One thing remains the same. Though problems arise the participation and help from the alumni is outstanding and so greatly appreciated by the active members. Special thanks goes out to Lee McCoy, Mark Place, Tom Morris, and Ron Lang in working to solve the current problems detailed within. Thanks goes out to them and every one else that gives so generously of their time and money to help the club run strong and have such a wonderful place to spend time. The help and experience of the alumni lessens the worries of the students.

With continued cooperation and communication between alumni and students, we will continue to be strong and keep the heritage of the club alive. Thank you all for what you have left us, memories and a special place to call our own.

Mike McElhaney  
President 2001

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## Work Outing - 2/10/01

There were jobs for everyone - some inside, some out, some fun, and some not so fun. But overall it was a very successful and productive work outing. We started out with some lunch and then jumped into all sorts of different jobs. As I looked around

I saw people busily running around cleaning and preparing the cabin for the rest of the winter. They say that many hands make light work, and that was true for this Saturday afternoon. There were 18 people that came out and many new faces were among them. In just two hours, Josh Butler, our newly elected cabin manager, could not think of anything else that we could do. We had restocked the little wood shed, chopped and carried wood, cleaned the yard, emptied the contents of the fridge, reorganized and consolidated all the spices and food, done the dishes, swept the floors twice, mopped the floors, cleaned the tables and the fire places, and even cleaned the work room. The cabin looked great when we were done. Since the work had gone so well, some of us went up to Franklin to see the ice-sculpture display -- It was awesome. And the day ended with a feast of spaghetti, veggies, garlic bread and chocolate pudding.

Erin Lyon '02 VP

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## Indoor Rock Climbing Trips

Has the meeting been adjourned? Yes? Good then we can talk about 'Plan B' activities. Everyone likes to rock climb, well at least a bunch of us do. This semester has been full of trips down to Pittsburgh - to Climb North - an indoor rock climbing gym. It is a great little gym that has a fairly large cave thing where you can boulder and it also has six forty-foot climbs set up. There are lots of different routes that can fit everyone's ability. Plus it's student price night every Friday and we can climb for just five dollars. So, we traveled down probably four different evenings and got lots of club members to try it out for the first time. Each time we went, we climbed until

our arms felt like they were going to fall off and our stomach screamed for dinner. We had a lot of fun and hope to continue the trend next semester, and I know that at least I am looking forward to getting involved in outdoor climbing. It seems like there is always something new to learn or try.

Erin Lyon '02

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### **The Spring Work Outing - 2001**

This spring's work outing proved to be another productive weekend. After the usual cabin cleanup chores were completed, the task of a full cleanout of the women's wing storage room was begun. As the excavation of piles of boxes and other more interesting objects continued, it became apparent the cabin will never be lacking in plastic cups, and has enough china place settings to host a small political convention. In addition, a rather odd piece of furniture appeared from the room. A rather persistent Kaitlin Domanoski claimed the item was the chassis of an old victrola. Upon further inspection, and to the amazement of many other doubters, the item was indeed found to be the very neglected frame of a victrola possessing, instead of an ancient mechanism or turntable, some unappreciated gifts from friendly rodents.

A lot of wood was chopped and stacked to replace the supply depleted during the winter months. Luckily, the wood was of higher quality than that of the previous work outing. I personally always enjoy the wood chopping, as it gives me the opportunity to do something completely opposite of my usual heavy studying at school.

Although the weekend proved to be a beautiful one, I was hidden from it for most of the day as Ron Lang, Matt Soffa, and myself replaced a rotted beam under the doorway connecting the kitchen to the dining room with the assistance of a trusty Toyota car jack. The operation was a success and now the doorway has been restored to

its non-springy state. A fantastic dinner of chili and corn ended the chores Saturday evening, before a night hike and well-deserved sleep. All in all, the weekend proved to be very productive and prepared the cabin for yet another fun-filled summer.

- Jason Satteson

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### **GCC Hill Cleanup**

On April 21st, the Outing Club took to the hill. Yes, it was time for the annual clean up on the hill behind the flagpole. We started at 8 am and worked until it was finished. The weather held for most of the day, cloudy but we avoided most of the rain. We braved the thorns and early mosquitoes to do the club's service project. On a day with many tours, we got some interesting and confused looks by the visitors. The college provided us with cold OJ and water, but they forgot to include the doughnuts and cookies for breakfast, much to our disappointment. All in all it was a success and everyone did a great job. Maybe next year only half of the weeds will grow back, I think we started cutting and raking closer to the creek than last year.

Bethany Cauvel '02  
(Historian '00,'01)

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### **Senior Dinner - 2001**

Our senior dinner this year was just great - great food in a great place with great friends and great memories. And here are our seniors.

Amanda Adams - our former president who is busy getting things ready for not only her graduation, but also for her wedding on June 23rd and her move to Delaware. She has been an active member in the outing club since her sophomore year. She has been on many of our adventures - like hiking trips in Maine and Virginia and a canoeing trip to Canada. She has also lead many trips - like spelunking in West Virginia, runs to the cabin and weekend camping trips. She will be missed and we wish her the best in her future.

Jason Labonte - for only joining the club in full force this year, Jason has really proved to just get in there and try everything out. He bought his first sleeping bag (a Sierra Design) just in time to head down to Shenandoah for a backpacking trip - something that he had never done before. He has also been active in all sorts of different activities ranging from indoor climbing trips, caving, camping, night hiking and many-a-night at the cabin with friends. Jason will be continuing his study of chemistry at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Good Luck!

Sarah Ristow - our faithful treasurer for two years has had the semester off from outing club duties, but she too has been very busy getting ready for summer adventures. Sarah will be spending the next 15 months being a guide for a program called 'Reach Out' based in Washington State. This is a very exciting for Sarah, and we all know how excited Sarah gets. Sarah and her VW bus (BOB) have been a part of our many outing club memories. She and Bob have been all over - runs to the cabin, camping trips, super bowl parties, bear cave explorations, camp at Outdoor Odyssey, and they are all recorded in Bob's little journal. Sarah, keep the adventures going and all your wonderful smiles. We'll miss you.

Erin Lyon '02 VP

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### **A Freshman Perspective**

Early on in the school year I attended the Organizational Fair in the IM room. I heard from

representatives of many school groups, and was impressed by a few. On the way out I recalled seeing a tent somewhere, but I had not stopped. So I said to Jon Issler, "Hey, I want to met the people with the tent." We returned to the 'tent people' and found ourselves speaking with some Outing Club members.

I was intrigued by the tent, the idea of outdoor activities, and a CABIN! My family has always gone camping in the Adirondacks in the summers, and I knew that a great opportunity had come my way. What could be better than a cabin with miles of trails nearby? Immediately I wrote my name on the 'interested list', and would soon become involved with the Outing Club.

Not long after the Fair, I made my first cabin run while on the New Member Outing. I had a great time, and met lots of new people- both freshmen and active OC members. My first hike was to the river, and on the way I thought, "I want to bring my bike out here!!!" Well, that still hasn't happened, but it will next year.

Some of the highlights of my year in the Outing Club were the Pig Roast, work outings, and indoor climbing (and all the random times). When I first arrived on Saturday during Pig Roast weekend, I was again with Jon. There were mostly alumni at the cabin, and we had never met them. After they realized we were freshmen, they took us in and I felt right at home.

Well, I'd just like to say thanks to all the active Outing Club members, and to all the alumni. I've had a great first year, and hopefully next year I will be at the cabin even more often. My plans are to actively include freshmen in all activities next year, and after. AND, my bike is going to make many appearances around the cabin.

Ben Grubb ('04)  
Alumni Secretary



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