



Varsity Outdoor Club

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Dear Grads,

Hello again from this year's VOC'ers. Since the letter of last September, the club has enjoyed a unique fall term. Practically all our activities have centered around Whistler, and we'd just like to bring you up to date on what's been happening.

Traditional VOC hikes were very successful as usual;- so successful, in fact, that the club has grown to a record membership of 350. Long Hike was again on Mt. Wrottesley and Short Long Hike, which by now is almost a tenting trip by definition, was at Whistler Mtn. Smaller trips were organized every weekend to various areas, and the climbing season ended with the second annual Squamish Chief Day, including an evening get-together in the Kakademon Kloset.

As you are probably aware, VOC is becoming much more diversified in its interests. The Conservation Committee, formed two years ago, has added a somewhat academic perspective to the club. The question of VOC's identity, and whether or not the club can accommodate such a committee has been hotly debated, and we would welcome any opinions which you might have. The Conservation Committee was the driving force behind a trail to Cheakamus Lake completed this fall. Studies are being made on Garibaldi Park, and investigations of the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, Cyprus Bowl, and Forbidden Plateau are also under way.

As was mentioned earlier, the Whistler cabin project is at present the focal point of all the club's activities. Every weekend, hoards of VOC'ers hammered, sawed, carted lumber, cooked, gave orders, or merely moral support, and on Hallowe'en, the cabin withstood its first major test, - a VOC party! When it began to snow, and exams came along, the pee showed down a little. However, a group of about 40 stayed there during the Christmas holidays, despite the fact that the ski lift was not in operation at that time. The Seymour cabin is still not sold, and there is plenty of work remaining, but we are all thoroughly enjoying the challenge.

We are holding an Open House at the cabin of February 6, and hope that many of you will be able to come. There will be displays of the Conservation Committee,

all the old scrap books and photo albums, and you will meet many of the active VOC'ers. The cabin is situated about half a mile north of the base of the gondola lift; there will be signs directing you. There is no furnace or furniture yet, but we would certainly like to see you there.

This year's Journal will probably be the best yet. Dr. Neal Carter has written a historical article about the ~~Alta~~ Lake region; Art Morton contributed "VOC Genesis", and there is a description of a traverse (another first!) from Butc Inlet to Pemberton Meadows by Jane Olson and Ann Holden, and their respective husbands. Also, there are other articles documenting the year's activities. We will be happy to mail you a copy, if you fill out the enclosed form, and send it with \$1.00 to Nina Locke, 1849 Blanca St., Vancouver.

Again we are having a Photography Competition. Les Watson, 4669 W. 9th., is the photography chairman, and you could mail entries to him, or write him for further details. Results will be announced at the annual Reunion Banquet, on Saturday March 19 at Glen Eagles Golf Club in West Vancouver at 6 p.m. Dr. Leif Patterson will give a talk on ice climbing in Peru which will prove most interesting. Of course you are most cordially invited to come. For more information, write Joy Stanley at 4842 Queensland Rd., or phone her at 224-6877.

We wish you all the best in outdooring for 1966, and hope that you will write and tell us of your activities if you get the chance.

Yours sincerely,

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