



Varsity Outdoor Club
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Vancouver, B.C.

Dear VOC Grads,

Well, another year has come and gone again and its time for me to put pen to paper and give you news of what happened this year with the Varsity Outdoor club.

You'll remember from last year that we were still involved in the Whistler Cabin dispute with both the Ski Club and the A.M.S. We would like to extend a special thanks to all the grads who came to our assistance both in sending letters of support and in testifying on our behalf in the Student court trial.

The outcome of the Student court trial was that the decision was in our favour, and that we should get the \$30,000 dollars. To date, AMS has not complied with the decision. Our lawyers, Gary MacDonald and Ross Beatty (both VOC grads) have told us that upon the change-over in AMS executive, the new executive decided that the court's decision was not valid and they have literally swept the matter under the rug.

The original decision stated that the entire sum would be held for us by the AMS and the interest, \$3,000 dollars per year for 10 years, would be put into our accounts. Then, if we wanted to take on any major project like another cabin, we could apply to have the entire remaining sum taken out.

Now, our choices, as explained to us by Ross and Gary, are as follows:

1. take out a grant from AMS
2. take our case to a civil court and ask for a declaratory judgement
3. sue AMS

The first choice would in effect annul anything we've done up to date and would in a sense admit defeat. The second is perhaps the best choice but would be a fairly lengthy two-part procedure; the first part being to reaffirm Student court's decision on which party is morally right and then the second judgement would have to be made stating whether we would be awarded the monies. The third choice is the most drastic of the three and should only be turned to if all our other efforts fail to move them.

What we have done, at Ross's instruction, is to send a letter to the AMS president charging the AMS executive with negligence to their positions; in fact a punishment clause-bill #25 which states that they can be removed from their posts and would lose their AMS

status for not complying with the previously settled case and therefore not doing their jobs. We will return to Student court in March in reference to that letter if the AMS continues to ignore our case.

Besides the continued Cabin dispute, VOC was active throughout the year. In the summer, several VOC grads and a current member were part of an expedition to Mt. Logan where they successfully put up a new route on the north ridge. In late August, another group of VOCers set out from Juneau to follow the Gold Rush trail from Alaska to the Yukon - the Chilcoot Pass Trail.

This year our membership rose to 250 and meetings have been well attended. Fall trips were a varied mixture of the well-known and some infrequently visited areas (at least by VOC) like Halymore Creek area near D'arcy.

Christmas trips have again been the focus of participation with over 60 people heading off from Vancouver on Dec. 26. McGillivray Pass cabin had an overload of 14 people. Workhikes in the fall brought much of their food in, chopped wood and worked on the trail down to D'arcy. Yoho's Stanley Mitchell hut has become one of the annually visited huts and 18 VOCers spent the holiday period there climbing almost everything in sight. Kokanee and Bow Hut were added to the list again this year. We also had a cross-country trip based in Lake Louise which mainly did day trips from there. Lastly, a three man ski-touring trip went into the Assiniboine area and made the second winter ascent of Mt. Sturdy. Good weather and lots of snow were a ^{definite} benefit to all trips this year.

Any of you that attended the Spring Banquet last year at the Dogwood Room in the PNE's BC Building know it was a great success. We've booked it again this year for Friday, March 17. It will be a smorgasbord dinner and as our surprise guest speaker was so well received, we've decided to surprise everyone again! Tickets are \$10 (we tested it last year so we know the food is good!). If you would like to attend, fill in the form on the back page or phone Heather Hanson (vice-pres) at 733-2364 or Helen Lemson (archivist) at 224-0183. Songbooks are still available and we are having more printed which should be ready by the end of March. The 20th edition of the VOC journal is being

printed this year. If you would like one, please fill in the order below.

All the best in 1978,

Graham Underhill
Graham Underhill (VOC president 1977-78)

Helen Lemon
Helen Lemon (VOC archivist 1977-78)

Please send me _____ tickets (\$ 8.50 each) for the VOC Banquet

Please send me _____ copies (\$ 1.50 each) of the VOC songbook

Please send me _____ copy(s) (\$ 2.50 each) of the VOC journal 1977.

I would like to continue to receive the VOC grad letter: _____ (yes) ; _____ (no)

My name and address is:
