



Varsity Outdoor Club

University of British Columbia
VANCOUVER 8, B.C.



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Dear Grads,

Hello once again. Another year has rolled around, and V. O. C. now is stronger and healthier than ever before. Our membership has expanded until we are now 194 strong! The executive is busy organizing and carrying out an active and inviting climbing, skiing and social program. Many changes, which we hope are improvements, have been made on the cabin and in the activities of the club.

The cabin was used to such an extent last year that an extra room was considered necessary, and was constructed in the basement. The dorm floors were covered by a cotton mill canvas for protection and sound-proofing. The cabin is nearly paid for, as we have only \$1,700 left on the loan, and with any luck another \$1,100 will be paid at the end of this year.

Last year the club started its first Annual Photography Competition. All grads are urged to enter their best colour slides in the following four classes: Alpine Natural History, Club Activities, Alpine Pictures, and Climbing and Ski Mountaineering. Mounted black and whites, 8" x 10", may be entered in one general class. All entries should be mailed to Dave McRae, c/o V. O. C., A. M. S., U. B. C., Vancouver 8, by February 15.

As you are quite accustomed to a Newsletter each year, you may be in for a shock this year. We hope it will be a pleasant one. The mountaineering clubs of the North-Western universities, and Yale, Dartmouth and Harvard have excellent yearly journals. Our club unanimously agreed to convert the Newsletter to a journal of a ~~more~~^{less} formal nature than that of the Alpine Club of Canada. It is being lithographed on a non-rush basis and consequently it will be another month before we mail it out. We have spent considerable time, energy and money to produce a book we feel proud to send, and hope you will be proud to receive.

Once again the Annual Spring Banquet will be held on March 20, at the Swedish Pavillion, North Vancouver. All grads are urged to attend as it proves a wonderful opportunity for old and new members to get acquainted. If you are interested, please contact our Vice-President, Fran Magwood, at 4536 West Eighth Avenue, telephone ALma 1353 L.

As usual, the club membership fees and other club functions do not quite provide enough capital for our expenditures. Seymour Cabin expenses, club maintenance and the prospects of a Garibaldi cabin have to be met —so all donations will be gratefully accepted.

We are keenly interested in you and what you're doing, so we hope to hear from you. Perhaps the Grad News in the Journal will help to bring you somewhat up-to-date on your fellow V. O. C.ers.

Yours truly,
Carl Ricker
President

Bev Campbell
Archivist