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Patrol in recent Years

From the Director Emeritus

The effort to connect with our alumni is one of the most important strategic goals of the Dartmouth Ski Patrol. Over the past 4 years the organization has continued to make significant strides in improving training and professionalism, while still maintaining the strong social core of the organization. The organization is reaching to a new level, and increased alumni involvement can help them meet new demands and to reach that goal. Here are some of the things we’ve been up to.

Under the intense 2-year tenure of training officer Mike Lauria ’05 and his predecessor Ryan Rosston ’04, we have dramatically increased our focus on training over the past three seasons, especially the training provided to our first year students. From an applicant pool that often exceeds 80 students, only 30 are chosen to participate in the patrol apprentice program. Put through a CPR Patrol In recent Years

From the Student Director

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Dear Friends and Fellow Patrollers,

As the Student Director for the 2005-2006 year, I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to take a leading role in the organization that has defined my Dartmouth experience. I am challenged by my responsibility to continue the tradition of creating a professional level ski patrol out of a rotating body of college students who are hard-pressed for both time and energy. The keys to our success are the

and Basic First Aid course during their Fall term, they spend the winter assisting the vested patrollers at the Skiway. As apprentices, students learn toboggan handling, mountain operations, and may observe at real emergency calls. Their training is closely coupled with continuing education for the vested patrollers, conducted by student supervisors for each shift on a weekly basis. At the completion of the season, only 15 of the top apprentices are chosen to join the patrol as candidates and attend the full National Ski Patrol Outdoor Emergency Care course during the Spring term.

The excellent care provided during the 03-04 season, especially with regard to a few very serious accidents, earned Ski Patrol the Milton Sims Kramer Award, given to the student organization that the Dean’s Office determines has made the greatest contribution to the commitment of our members, our dedication to constant training, and our unending effort to find ways to improve the organization. There are new challenges to be met and DSP must continue improving and take on new responsibilities in order to meet them. No matter how much we have accomplished over the past few seasons, it is essential that DSP continues to strive for a higher level of performance year after year, decade after decade.

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Dartmouth Community. This past season the level of care and training was again brought to a new level with the addition of several new training programs, including shadowing and exchanges with other patrols at local mountains.

The season started with our three-day marathon candidate training session during the last days of December. This three-day session gives the candidates that completed the OEC course the previous spring the chance to practice and refresh their skills on the hill. In addition, there is also extensive training in mountain operations and toboggan handling to get the new patrollers ready for the season. The training was a success and culminated in the celebration of the New Year in true Ski Patrol style. The candidates continued to prove their abilities on the hill as great patrollers throughout the season.

During the season our patrollers spent over 8,000 hours at the Skiway. The participants of our Apprentice Program volunteered nearly 2,000 hours of time learning what being a ski patroller is about. These fabulous students, nearly all freshmen, did a spectacular job helping and learning from our full patrollers. Whether it was rebuilding our terrain park or working an accident, they did an excellent job with great enthusiasm. Our Apprentice Program has truly developed into a great stand-alone training program that teaches aspiring patrollers a great deal about what we do.

Our hope is that in the future all of our patrollers will be pursuing the next level of certification within the National Ski Patrol. This level, termed Senior, requires the completion of senior level clinics and exams in OEC and toboggan handling as well as several electives in areas such as instructor development and avalanche control. This year we made strides towards that end by establishing ties with professional patrols in the area and having several members participate in senior level clinics and electives. No doubt this area is one of the primary goals for continued improvement for next year’s Training Officer Ben Schiffman ’07.

The final event of note for this past year is our recent Skier/Boardercross. The DSP sponsored this event in an effort to raise money for the local charity WISE. The event, organized by Lauren Brown ’05, was a tremendous success. There were over 50 participants that navigated our custom built course during the daylong event. We hope that this event will continue to be a part of every winter season as it helps raise money for a great cause and fosters increased exposure of the organization to the greater Dartmouth Community.

The Dartmouth Ski Patrol continues to uphold its standard of excellent service to the Skiway. Our members, under the leadership of our new board and with the support of our alumni community, will undoubtedly bring the organization to new heights.

Respectfully submitted,
Phillip B. Andersen ’05
Student Director Emeritus
FROM THE PATROL DIRECTOR

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this inaugural edition of our newsletter. As you see on these pages, the Dartmouth Ski Patrol of today is a rare animal: a professional organization that merely happens to be staffed primarily by volunteer college students, working side by side with community patrollers, alumni, grad students, and paid staff.

When the chips are down this diverse team will provide emergency care that would make your head spin – except they’ll be holding stabilization. Along the way, the students gain real-world experience in leadership, business, medicine, and emergency management that is without parallel at Dartmouth.

The patrol’s accomplishments throughout its history have been driven not by the College, not by Skiway management, but by the patrol’s members. That is also true of this newsletter. As you read the tales contained within, I am sure you will be as proud as I am to be associated with this remarkable organization.

Oh, and here’s what you really want to know: you still can’t beat Hans down Worden’s.

See you on the slopes!

Matt Fulton ‘96
Patrol Director

PATROL 2004-2005

WHAT’S NEW AT THE SKIWAY?

- TWO NEW TRAILS (2003)
- SNOWMAKING ON LOWER GAUNTLET (2004)
- NEW DRIVE TERMINAL FOR HOLT’S DOUBLE CHAIR (2005)
- ADDITIONAL 2 MILLION GALLONS SNOWMAKING POND CAPACITY (2005)
Dartmouth Ski Patrol Alumni Group

For more than 60 years, Dartmouth students and community members have patrolled the snowy trails of New Hampshire. Today, the Dartmouth Ski Patrol can count over 200 former members in its records, and perhaps many more now out of contact. However, despite such a large alumni group, there is no formal association of former members. Interest by recent graduates has encouraged the board to appoint an alumni coordinator. If you are interested in remaining in contact with Ski Patrol (including receiving these newsletters), or wish to have a means of getting in touch with other alumni, please contact Ben Zabar (see below) or type in the web link to the alumni interest group.

From the Alumni-Coordinator

Towards the end of my senior year I decided to move out west to patrol and work on an ambulance. I wanted to see if there were any former Dartmouth patrollers out in Colorado who could help get me started. I soon realized that there was no good resource to help me find DSP alumni who would be interested in talking with me. I also wanted a way to find out about the history of ski patrol at Dartmouth and how things have changed in the last fifty years. Finally, I realized that most of my closest friends from school were patrollers and I wanted a good way to stay in touch with them. To address these needs, a few other patrollers and I are trying to start a Dartmouth Ski Patrol Alumni Group. Here is the group’s mission, though we are open to other ways of meeting the interests and needs of former and current patrollers.

1. Keep alums in touch with one another.
2. Enable skiing get-togethers.
3. Act as a collective source of patrol stories and history.
4. Be an avenue through which alumni with interesting jobs/experiences can be contacted by current patrollers for advice.
5. Act as a conduit for alumni with interesting internships/jobs to alert patrollers to opportunities.
6. Act as a way for the current patrol organization to contact and inform alumni.
7. To support Ski Patrol as it meets new challenges.

Eventually members will be able to select how involved they want to be. Some may just want to receive a newsletter, others may want to allow people to contact them for advice. Those options will be worked out in the coming months.

The first alumni ski trip will be the first weekend in February, Fri-Sun, most likely somewhere in Colorado. Start requesting vacation time if you need to ask early.

To become an “alumni interest group” through Dartmouth’s Alumni Affairs we need a list of 100 interested members. This will allow us to use college resources like web hosting. To help us build this membership, please go to:

https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/services/socialnet/login.php

Once you sign in you can create a profile and then go to the Groups section. There is a Dartmouth Ski Patrol Alumni group that you can join. This web site will also allow members to write post to one another and stay connected until we can get our own website. Another way to indicate your interest in the group is to get in touch with me. Please let me know any suggestions that you have for the group. I hope to hear from you.

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The DSP is served best when our members’ interest in emergency medicine takes them beyond the confines of the Dartmouth Skiway. Most of our members literally learn their ABCs of medicine during our Outdoor Emergency Care class. In recent years, a growing number of patrollers have taken it upon themselves to excel beyond our OEC class and obtain National Registry EMT certifications. Additionally, our patrollers are beginning to surface as volunteers on local ambulance services around the Upper Valley and shadowing full-time professional patrols at mountains like Cannon and Sunapee. As our members serve the community, they also gain valuable knowledge about the nature of professional EMS organizations. The success that the DSP has seen over the past several years has largely been the result of members bringing knowledge from other professional EMS organizations back to the DSP.

In the coming season, I plan to inspire our members to pursue emergency medicine with three primary initiatives:

1) Members are going to be given the opportunity to complete their NSP Senior certification by the end of their senior winter. We are going to do this by seeking to offer Senior level elective certifications at the Skiway on one or two days each winter. If we rotate the elective that we offer each year, by senior year, our seniors will be eligible to take the NSP senior exam. We will call them Senior Seniors.

2) We are going to create a mentoring program to ensure that the current enthusiasm for patrol and emergency medicine is passed down through the organization. As senior patrollers are matched with sophomore candidates, younger patrollers will be more likely to have opportunities to lead calls with veteran backup still present. The mentoring program will also promote an increased sense of unity within the organization. This will help us recruit and maintain the most qualified and hardworking members.

3) Improving our increasingly professional appearance, we are going to add a personalized fleece jacket to our already impressive wardrobe. Students will receive the jacket during their sophomore winter and will be free to use it while on duty in the aidroom or while lounging with friends on the green during Hanover’s sub-sunbathing temperatures.

Sincerely,
Paul “PFEIN” Feingold
Student Director 2005-2006
Alumni Homecoming BBQ

Sign Up as a Ski Patrol Alumni!

Go to

https://alumni.dartmouth.edu/services/socialnet/login.php

or contact Ben Zabar '04

Benjamin.Zabar.04@alum.dartmouth.edu

Check us out online at:

www.dartmouth.edu/~skipa

The DSP's mission is to "create a safe and enjoyable environment for the students, community members, and visitors, who comprise our patrons, and to provide swift, efficient, and appropriate emergency medical care and rescue services to those who become our patients. The Dartmouth Ski Patrol is committed to meeting and exceeding the professional standards of the National Ski Patrol and fulfilling its role as a student organization of the Dartmouth Outing Club."

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The 2008's leave their mark on the bonfire