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Introduction from the Student Director….

Coming back to Hanover after Thanksgiving to a light dusting of snow on the ground, it is impossible for me to focus on upcoming exams and reports, and instead turn my attention to the upcoming season. There is a lot to be excited about for this upcoming season. In my four years as a Dartmouth Ski Patroller I have not seen this much energy and excitement for not only skiing, but also improving our training, group dynamics, and intensity.

We are excited to have 34 new apprenti join our ranks from all parts of the world, from Alaska to Istanbul. The apprenti classes in the fall have become a yearly tradition at this point, and the apprenti learned basic patrolling skills that will come in handy at the Skiway this winter. A highlight of this fall was a new tradition, a hike up Holt’s Ledge with all of the student patrollers. This hike gave the apprenti to meet the upperclassmen on a personal level, and get everyone out in the mountains on a Friday afternoon. We had been planning for a while to get everyone out to Killington for a day to practice running scenarios on snow early in the season, and get some experience running...

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The Dartmouth Skiway opened on December 15, 2010!!

Upcoming 2011 Dates and Events

Candidate Training 12/29-1/2
Winter Skills Day Sat. 1/8
Special Olympics Sat. 1/22
Apprenti Final Test Sun. 1/23
Tremblant Weekend 1/28-1/30
Alumni Patrol Wkd. 1/28-1/30
Winter Carnival 2/11-2/13
99 Cent Ski Day Fri. 2/11
Alumni Ski Day Sat. 2/12

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DSP Website: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~skipa
Skiway Website: http://www.dartmouthskiway.com/
(Webcams on Holts and Winslow!)

Dartmouth Ski Patrol Page

Alumni: Please turn to page 6 to see what you can do!
sleds down steep ungroomed terrain. Due to the limited terrain they have open right now, we are planning on waiting until the winter, when we will hopefully be able to practice running sleds, and develop a positive working relationship with their patrol.

Candidate training this year will also bring exciting new changes to our candidate program. There will be four days of candidate training this year, and on the fourth day every candidate will have the opportunity to take his or her vest test. The '13s have all worked extremely hard to get to this point, and we hope that we have 15 new vested patrollers before classes start. On the fourth day of candidate training, we will also host an additional day of training for all shift supers. As with every season, we are aiming to have more training happen on shifts, and we hope that by formally refreshing each shift super in on-mountain patrolling skills, they will be more equipped to make sure training happens on shifts.

We’re always excited to have alumni up at the Skiway, to patrol or just to visit. We’re hoping to get more alumni who are still OEC certified up for the weekend of January 28th to come and have the chance to patrol at the Skiway, since it is difficult to get actual patrolling time during Winter Carnival with the amount of student patrollers present.

For now, pray for snow,

Brandon Cohen ’11
Student Patrol Director

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SPRING 2010 OEC CLASS

13s Gain Experience, Have Fun During OEC Training
By David Kinney ’11

Last Spring, I had the privilege of running OEC training for the DSP’s newest class of candidates, the ‘13s. Watching the newly-selected candidates learn how to assess an injury, evaluate a patient and perform essential patient care skills was an incredibly rewarding experience. These guys are an incredibly solid class, and I am confident that they will go on to be extremely talented, professional ski patrollers.

Some highlights included guest lectures by Dr. Jim Geiling and medical student Ben Zabar, during which the 13s were able to grasp the broader medical context into which their OEC skills fit. Additionally, we were able to make use of Skiway facilities in order to conduct lift evacuation training and run several challenging, on-hill scenarios. Not only were these special event extremely fun, they

OEC- Passed
By Robbie Cholnoky ’13

After having a wonderful winter out at the Dartmouth Skiway, and seeing the upperclassman in action I think our whole class was more than ready for OEC in the spring. We were eager to learn the knowledge and technical skills we witnessed out on the slopes.

Led by David Kinney, class of 2011, the course stressed scenario training, which was hugely rewarding. Over the course of spring term, OEC helped our class grow tight as we studied, practiced, and learned together. Individually we became confident decision makers. We became proficient leaders of scenarios and Kinney tested us, strengthening our skills, by constantly forcing us to adapt to changing circumstances.

Kinney also brought in many other patrollers and alumni

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established high expectation for the 13s as to the level of ability that they will bring to the hill with them for the next three winters. I am confident in the ability of this class to get vested early in the season, and to some day be leaders themselves within this organization.

I could go on and on about OEC and the great time we had last spring, but it’s the middle of finals right now so I’ve got to cut this short. Before I finish though, I’d like to thank all the people that made this year’s OEC class the success that it was. OEC simply could not have happened without the wealth of knowledge and support provided by Matt Fulton and Leanne Woodward, who drove to campus regularly to help out with classes, midterms and finals. Next, all the upperclassmen patrollers who took time out of their busy schedules to help teach on Tuesdays and Thursdays, especially Dan Moore ’10 and Emily Baumrin ’10, who gave a fantastic guest lecture on upper extremity injuries. Most of all, however, I’d like to thank the 13s, whose effort and desire to learn were present throughout the term. I look forward to patrolling with them all in the winter.
**Director’s Notes: Matt Fulton ‘96**

**Congratulations**

Congratulations are due to:

- Erik and Kiki Carlson (both '03s) on the birth of the first known all-DSP baby: Kristina, born May 22, 2010. Kristina attended her first refresher in November.
- Jessie Seymour '04 and Gabe Perkins were married in August.
- Tom Runcie '07 and Laurel Clark '06 tied the knot in September.

**Joint Training**

DSP patrollers spread out across the northeast over the past year to participate in joint training with other patrols and ski area operators, including:

- A women's toboggan clinic at Crotched Mountain, NH, a meeting of regional patrol directors at Mount Sunapee, risk management seminars and rope rescue training at Sunday River, and NSP instructor training and OSHA fall protection programs both held at the Skiway.

The patrol also hosted a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) drill in conjunction with the Lyme Fire Department, Lyme FAST Squad, and Hanover Fire Department. Over the course of an afternoon, eighteen mock patients (shmen) with a variety of simulated injuries were carried off the hill, through a treatment area in the lodge, and loaded into a steady stream of simulated ambulances. All patrollers are now trained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which helps the various emergency services to work together with less squabbling about who is in charge.

**Skiway Pipes and Bearings**

The 09-10 season came to a somewhat abrupt end on March 15th when rain and snowmelt overwhelmed the base area storm drains. It seems there was a long-forgotten plumbing surprise somewhere beneath the parking lot, which has since been rectified.

Bullwheel bearings on the 1979 Hall Holt's double and the 1994 CTEC Winslow fixed-grip quad were replaced, along with other scheduled maintenance and inspection of various metal pieces large and small.

The operations crew was busy all summer: intake pipe from the snowmaking pond was reinforced, and pipes on Lower John Meck were replaced. Leased air compressors with greater fuel efficiency have been added for the season. The system is now ready to go, awaiting appropriate weather.

Think Snow!
OEC- Passed (from page 3)

to guest lecture, which was always interesting on several levels. It was fun to see people invested and willing to give their time for the organization. Additionally, I thought it was very beneficial to have those experienced, and in some cases professional, perspectives in the classroom.

The payoff was the OEC final at the very end of the term. Every member of our class passed the written on their first try, and our rigorous scenario training showed as well. There were just a few retests and before we knew it we were done, and certified as Outdoor Emergency Care technicians. Despite the long Tuesday and Thursday night classes I had a great time and cannot wait to help with the class and scenarios this spring.

Hello DSP Alumni!

We are making an effort this year to get alumni more engaged with patrol in ways other than giving. We are looking to move electronic by gathering current email addresses to keep you up to date and send out newsletters. We are attempting to create an alumni network where you tell us your whereabouts or any further patrolling you have been doing, in the hope that students will be able to reach out for you for jobs and opportunities. The purpose of this newsletter to kick off the season (the first time we have done this!) is to get everyone excited for the upcoming 2010-2011 winter and encourage you all to come back and relive your fine patrol moments!

Mike Bayer ’01 is taking over from Ben Zabar ’04 as Alumni Coordinator. Email him at mjb01@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG for questions and if you can make Alumni Ski Day and/or Alumni Patrol Day.

*Alumni Patrol Weekend 1/28-1/30- What is it? It’s new this year! Since the student patrollers will be taking off for the annual Tremblant trip that weekend, we want YOU to patrol the mountain. That is, all of you that are still OEC refreshed and pay your NSP dues. It will be a great way to get out and patrol!

*Alumni Ski Day- 2/12- The annual ski day will be occurring the Saturday of Winter Carnival (like always) and is a great way to reunite with your classmates and see what’s going on at the ‘Way. Maybe you will even get some delicious pancakes from the apprentice.

Please email dsp@dartmouth.edu with your current email address, what you are currently doing, and any feedback you have! We would love to see how many alumni we can get involved in the ever-growing DSP network. You are always welcome back at the Skiway!

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."