Annual Report from the Student Director….

For the four years I have been a member of the Dartmouth Ski Patrol I have seen our standards of training, professionalism, and commitment consistently improve. This year was no exception. Although we were hurting for snow at the beginning of the winter, some late-season storms gave us the opportunity to take advantage of some great skiing conditions at the Skiway while keeping us busy with mountain operations and patient care. This season we have persisted in last season’s efforts at keeping alumni patrollers involved in the work that we do on and off the Skiway, and we were happy to welcome so many past Dartmouth Ski Patrollers back to train, patrol, and visit this winter.

Last spring, Training Officer Laura Coyle ’12 taught an outstanding OEC class to 16 sophomores. Her enthusiasm and passion for the material meant that this year’s candidates were very proficient with their skills, as they demonstrated during their OEC exam in the spring and during their vest tests this winter. In addition to leading a dynamic and informative OEC class and organizing comprehensive and efficient training days during Fall Refresher and Winter Skills Day, Laura revamped the on-shift training programs to make shifts at the Skiway more interactive and training more hands-on. Implementing a program of weekly training for apprentice and patrollers, shifts were kept busy practicing everything from extractions in the woods to creative splinting techniques. Seeing student patrollers respond to serious injuries with professionalism and aptitude throughout the season left me confident in our training program and proud of the time.

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**S&T winter**

Since Dimitri handed over the community-patroller S&T duties to me, it's been really great to see the results of an ever-improving training program for the Aprenti, and witness the results in the Candidate Refresher. This was the second year in which Matt and the leadership team ran the refresher to get as many vesting sign offs during the three-day period as possible. From the S&T perspective, I continue to be wonderfully impressed at the quality that each of the candidates demonstrated in their runs. These candidates would compete handily in an NSP senior S&T exam! The continuity from the smooth and safe approach, the work with the patient patients, remembering to lock the horns and taking off with a skillful, safe and speedy descent. All good! All intended to get the candidates vested earlier in the season. Mission accomplished, I'd say.

The Aprenti had a special training this winter - a whole day of work with the sleds. While the group was small, the learning was amazing (no surprise, these Dartmouth students)! Patience in reviewing skills (side slip, falling leaf, transition, snow plow) really paid off with greatly improved sled handling. For those who were able to stay the whole day, we were able to spend some time outside the handles with some of the mini bumps on Upper Thomas. Man, this group will be really ready for next year's vest test.

As well, the Skiway hosted a NH women's S&T - half the gals were DSP and half were from other NH mountains. Plenty of sleds and good terrain. Good energy and good learning according to the evaluations. The Skiway presents itself well! Can we get a group of DSP women to other events next year?

So, my work is pretty easy. Each student, regardless of his/her certification level, is motivated to learn, smart and ready for fun. The back end of each session has been organized superbly - making my job fun and easy! Laura C, our humble and gifted Training Officer, has delivered - clear expectations for each program, a solid roster of students and flexibility with a smile all around.

See you next winter!

Karen Keane (adopted) '05
Community Patroller
commitment, and energy that our members put into becoming patrollers and maintaining their skills. We were also happy to host an NSP Women’s Toboggan Enhancement Clinic at the Skiway in February. We hope to see more student patrollers take these advanced NSP clinics in the future in order to further improve the quality and proficiency of our student patrol.

The fall saw many exciting events and improvements for the DSP. Thanks to Director Matt Fulton’s hard work, we completely revamped our website to make it more useful for both current members and the community. Check it out at www.dartmouth.edu/~skipa! Through the generous support of alumni and parents of current patrollers, our “Friends of the Dartmouth Ski Patrol” account grew to the point at which we were able to collaborate with the Skiway management in constructing a new Holts Toppod. This beautiful new patrol building was built in the fall by the Skiway management and Matt with the help of student patrollers, and was put to great use throughout the season. Thank you so much to everyone who donated their time and money to make this project a reality, and make sure to stop by Holts and check it out if you find yourself at the Skiway next winter!

We were thrilled to accept a class of 16 new freshmen into our Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) training class, which will take place in the spring term. We were excited to implement new bonding and training activities for the freshmen in the fall, including the now-annual all-patrol hike up Holts, a trip to the Dartmouth Ropes Course, which called for some class bonding at 40 feet above the ground, and an improved weekly class on patrolling skills. We also implemented new and more advanced training for freshman during the second half of the winter. I’m confident that our new training officer, Jenna Winebaum ’13, will do a fantastic job teaching these freshmen the skills that will be so valuable to them for the next three years as members of this organization. I am so excited to see the ‘15s excel during their OEC class and as patrollers!

The growth and improvement in this organization over the past four years has been tremendous, and I am completely confident that the new board will continue to take the Dartmouth Ski Patrol in a positive direction. I would like to thank the 2011-2012 Board of Directors: Assistant Director Steve Praetorius ’12, Training Officer Laura Coyle ’12, Treasurer Sam Worth ’13, Equipment Officer Robbie Cholnoky ’13, and Secretary Emily Niehaus ’12, who have all done their part to bring Ski Patrol to this exciting place. It is my firm belief that the next Board of Directors: Director Chris Gibson ’14, Assistant Director Amelia Raether ’13, Training Officer Jenna Winebaum ’13, Treasurer Amy Couture ’14, Equipment Officer Robbie Cholnoky ’13, and Secretary Kara Hedges ’14, have the potential to do incredible things for this organization. We have come a long way in the last few years, and I remain proud and humbled to be a member of this organization. I look forward to seeing the places that the classes of 2013, 2014, 2015, and beyond will take the Dartmouth Ski Patrol.

It has been a pleasure to serve, Cody Curran ’12
The Training Report from our very own Training Officer:
Let’s See what Laura Coyle ’12 has to say:

After being involved in Fall, Winter, and Spring Training for a few years now, I no longer think our Patrol Director expects seasonal training to ensure OEC competence. We train for two reasons: 1) our members are constantly looking for new things to learn and 2) student patrollers have diverse interests that scatter us to the far edges of campus, and we need training holidays so we can spend quality time together.

Many patrollers would agree that being a part of OEC class as an upperclassman instructor is an incredibly rewarding experience. As recent graduates of OEC ourselves, upperclassmen assume a large responsibility to ensure the next generation of patrollers are adequately trained. Last spring we were lucky to teach an animated freshman class. Everyone appreciated their engagement in the material and enthusiasm to attack lecturers with questions. When the 5th Edition OEC book arrived this spring, we were excited to read the new chapter written by Dr. Jim Geiling and Matt Fulton. The 14 class aced their OEC Final Exam thanks to their hard work and the loyal involvement of upperclassmen and community members.

Fall Refresher was a great way to refresh our OEC skills, further our knowledge, and catch up with alumni and community patrollers. We always enjoy Lift Evacuation at the Skiway during fall foliage. We also had great lectures delivered by Dr. Geiling and Matt Fulton, as well as two patrol alumni, Dr. Ben Zabar and Dr. Erik Carlson. The Skiway lodge was filled with the hum of 70 people chatting about what is the latest and greatest in emergency medicine.

Our winter season started off strong with four days of Candidate Training over New Years. We tacked on an extra day and were able to vest almost half of the sophomore class. On the first Saturday after classes start, everyone woke up early for our traditional dawn Lift Evac during Winter Skills Day. Later in the day we were joined by DHART nurse, Renee Gaffney, who gave us a lecture and tour of a DHART helicopter. Our final training events included Women and Freshmen Ski and Toboggan clinics led by the wonderful Karen Keane. Throughout the rest of the winter season, both upperclassmen and freshman were actively engaged in weekly training and also had the opportunity to put their skills to good use on the mountain.

This winter once again reminded me of how lucky I am to be part of such a unique, tight-knit group of students, alumni, and community members.

What happened on shift when we weren’t training this year?
Director’s Notes: Matt Fulton ‘96

A dedicated patrol top shack separate from the lift attendant’s quarters was constructed and installed at the top of Holt’s. (See photos on page 9) The project was made possible by generous donations from the Friends of Dartmouth Ski Patrol. Many thanks to all of you who contributed! The new shack was built in the base area on skids made from snowmaking pipe. On December 9th it was towed up Papoose and nudged into position by a Pisten Bully. The new shack was built by Skiway staffers Peter Riess and Doug Leeman with some subcontracting work by DSP members, and includes a substantial area for equipment storage. The “Champagne Room” toboggan shed which dated from the 1960s was demolished this spring after rot, deterioration, and an unfortunate encounter with a snow-cat plow blade left it a bit wobbly.

The gladed terrain known to the patrol as NRO which meanders between MD and Herman’s Highway (formerly MBA) has been cleaned out and culverts placed at the sketchier water crossings. The trail provides some challenging classic New England skiing on the Winslow side, which was sweet after we finally got some snow!

Ben Craig joined the Skiway staff as the Snowsports School Director and Marketing Coordinator. Ben worked previously at Stratton and Mount Snow. PE Program director Ken McClintock has retired and is replaced by John Brady. Ben and John have been introducing many new concepts in ski and snowboard learning at the Skiway and their crews of instructors were a pleasure to work with this season!

The Skiway has acquired a Kassbohrer Pisten Bully winch cat which should be able to lay down corduroy on Worden’s exactly to the race teams’ specifications without slipping or sliding. This lends credibility to the rumored possibility that the Skiway may host the NCAA championships again in a couple of years.

Weddings, weddings! In July: Will Hanson ‘09 to Jen Messina. In September, Lauren Maynard ‘06 to Coley Brenan and Kerri Entin ‘04 to Jonathan Langer - both in Colorado and on the same day! DSPers in attendance at each. Congrats!
The Patroller’s Creed  
Adopted by the Dartmouth Ski Patroller Winter 2012

A Dartmouth Ski Patroller seeks to be a professional rescuer and to serve the public. The Patrol relies on each patroller's four year commitment to the organization and to the Skiway to make the training and selection cycle possible. Once trained, it is a patroller's responsibility to the organization to pass down his or her knowledge by training underclassmen. A patroller practices, maintains, and improves his or her rescue skills relentlessly, and is willing to apply these valuable skills on the mountain, and when needed, off the mountain. A patroller will have sufficient skiing or riding ability to handle any terrain while performing his or her duties, and will challenge himself to maintain and improve his or her style and technique. The ideal patroller displays confidence and a professional image that puts an injured skier at ease; he or she promotes a safe environment at the Skiway and wherever he or she goes; he or she maintains situational awareness of his or her environment and the people around him, helping and protecting those in need. Regardless of personality, a patroller will learn self discipline, control, leadership and teamwork. A patroller makes the most out of time spent with fellow patrollers at the Skiway and at patrol events: to learn, to serve, and to enjoy each other's company.
Paid Patrol Experience from Lani

So after 4 years in this organization, I figured I’d be some high ranking officer on patrol by now- you know, Ski Patrol CEO or President of the People’s Republic of Ski Patrol or something like that. Newsflash to me- apparently that’s not what actually happened. Instead, I’ve become something more pathetic than the clueless apprenti I originated as almost 4 years ago- a full time, paid, Dartmouth Ski Patroller. I wake up at 7 am every day and spend 40+ hours/week in Lyme Center, NH (population 2?) at the Dartmouth Skiway. Smartest career move? Probably not. Regrets? Absolutely zero.

Working full time at the Skiway has been, hands down, one of my greatest Dartmouth experiences. I’ve learned the inner workings of patrol, responded to more than 0 calls in a season, and mastered the art of identifying taxi ride customers based on their exit from the chairlift/ski attire. If there’s one thing working paid patrol made me cherish though, it’s how unique and incredible our organization truly is. The fact that Ivy League students volunteer their free time to bandage imaginary injuries on small children or give taxi rides to people who “didn’t know there was a J bar” is mind blowing. Add this to the fact that we have the two most patient and dedicated bosses in the world (hi Leanne and Fulton!), and it’s not difficult to understand why our patrol is so competent, cohesive, and amazing. Every patroller has been through the same OEC selection process and every individual contributes to the sense of community that keeps us all coming back to the Skiway. Sometimes coiling rope gets old; the people I’m surrounded by never do.

For me, and I think for others as well, growing up through 4 years in this organization has caused ski patrol to become more than just an extracurricular here at Dartmouth- it’s become our family. A screwed up, dysfunctional family, sure. But what family isn’t? So to everyone who put up with me all winter/for the past 4 years, you’re the greatest. I love you all, and thanks for the best last winter ever. ☺️
Welcome to Patrol Class of 2015!

Thoughts from Apprenti Liaison, Chris Gibson:

Thirty-one ‘15s were chosen, early in October, to participate in the Ski Patrol Apprenti Program. Hailing from Singapore, the UK, Alaska and across the continental US, these 16 guys and 15 girls worked hard to try and make it past the second round of selections. After the Apprenti Test, 16 were finally chosen and plan on taking OEC in the spring.

This year’s Apprenti Program had four goals 1) to give the apprenti hard skills that would be useful on the mountain during shift, 2) to give the apprenti a glimpse into what OEC classes and the training aspect of patrol look like, 3) to have apprenti get to know each other and 4) to let ski patrollers get to know the Apprenti.

Apprenti Classes were fundamental to this program. Starting at 8 every Thursday, Laura Coyle, with the help of current Ski Patrollers, instructed the apprenti on such skills as knots, 02, and CPR. Each class also increased the cohesion of the group through activities like Speed Dating, Human knot, and many skits.

But the bonding wasn’t confined to the classroom. Kara and Trevor put together an awesome post-class night where the 14s hung out with the apprenti and then learned to salsa. Some people were better than others. Another day, the apprenti travelled to the Ropes Course and completed the High Ropes team building exercises. Among these activities, the patrol pong tournament, and apprenti-Patroller Lunch dates, the apprenti met a ton of new people and grew as a group.

During the winter, the apprenti got their first taste of patrol. Each shift they would focus their training on sled runs, mountain ops, and other crucial patrolling skills. Eventually the apprenti final rolled around and these skills were put to the test. The training paid off; most apprenti crushed the final test, making second round selections all the more difficult. In the end, 10 guys and 6 girls, were offered spots in the OEC class in the spring. All of them seem excited to improve their skills and learn what it takes to be a Dartmouth Ski Patroller.

Pictures from the apprenti hike up Holts, the Ropes Course, and the bonfire board, Fall 2011
Introducing the new Holts TopPod!!!

Thanks to generous donations from patrol alumni and friends, a new TopPod was built for Holt's this fall by Skiway management with plenty of unskilled labor by student patrol!

When asked what do you think of the new TopPod, students responded...

Chamber of secrets - Sam

Locked - Trevor

Imaginary – Alumni Drew Joseph

As electrifying as a hair dryer thrown into a hot tub - James

IT'S LIKE SUMMER IN A BOX - Lani

The architecture and high ceilings are begging for a loft - Laura

VICTORIOUS - DAVID

Like a Friday night at le chleub - Robbie

A glass box of emotion - Harper

Spacious - Jenna

Bear proof - Bo

Roomy – Ally

Harry pottroller and his chamber of secrets – Big Brett

A groomer brought the TopPod up to the top of Holts on December 9th, 2011
Ally Clark ’12 lectures about the new CPR protocols at Fall Refresher 2011. It is CAB now, no longer ABC.

Community Patroller, Sam Colbeck, takes it all in.

A typical day at the ‘way this year (left and right)

The reality…
’14 OEC Class
Spring 2011

Lift Evac Training
Senior Bios: Class of 2012

It has been a great four years. The first class to have all 15 still left Senior Year.

Wills Begor
Hometown: Wilton, CT
Major: Econ modified with Math (Spanish Minor)
Patrol Involvement: Volunteer Member
Campus Activities: Project RightChoice, Rocky Leadership Fellow
Post-Grad Plans: Working at Morgan Stanley

Ally Clark
Hometown: Haddonfield, NJ
Major: Biology
Patrol Involvement: CPR Instructor, Shift Super, Social Chair
Campus Activities: Pre-Dental Society (NSS Executive Committee Representative), Delta Delta Delta (Philanthropy Chair), Project RightChoice
Post-Grad Plans: Attending University of Maryland School of Dental Medicine

Laura Coyle
Hometown: Yardley, PA
Major: Biology
Patrol Involvement: Training Officer
Campus Activities: Poisoning Amphipods, Researching Breastfeeding, Big Green Bus
Post-Grad Plans: Medical School/ staying in school forever

Cody Curran
Hometown: Ketchum, ID
Major: History of the universe
Patrol Involvement: Director and keeper of the memories
Campus Activities: KDE
Post-Grad Plans: Paralegal at District Attorney's office in Manhattan

Paul Dellorusso
Hometown: Oceanside, NY
Major: Biology
Patrol Involvement: Member
Campus Activities: Theta Delta Chi (Treasurer), thesis research in biology
Post-Grad Plans: Working in San Francisco as an analyst for Health Advances, LLC

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Patrol Involvement: Director and keeper of the memories
Campus Activities: KDE
Post-Grad Plans: Paralegal at District Attorney's office in Manhattan

Tim Hambidge
Hometown: Denver, CO
Major: Gov
Patrol Involvement: the glue that holds the organization together
Campus Activities: club soccer, patrol, busting big
Post-Grad Plans: activist for bovine interests, looking out for cows all over the world

Dan Harper
Hometown: Wayland, MA
Major: History
Patrol Involvement: Member and Official Beard Chair
Campus Activities: Bones Gate, Club Soccer
Post-Grad Plans: Considering being a paralegal or fighting Japanese whalers
Lani Jaimes  
**Hometown:** Valencia, CA  
**Major:** Geography w/ Environmental Studies  
**Patrol Involvement:** social chair, paid patrol  
**Campus Activities:** greek stuff, geek stuff, blah blah blah  
**Post-Grad Plans:** become fabulously wealthy & donate hot tubs to each patrol topshack

Matt Jorgenson  
**Hometown:** Farmington, CT  
**Major:** Economics  
**Patrol Involvement:** Skilled patroller and friendly guy  
**Campus Activities:** Dartmouth Ethics Society, Rockefeller Leadership Fellows, Entrepreneurship Club, SigEp  
**Post-Grad Plans:** Bain & Co. in Boston

Hannah Katterman  
**Hometown:** Wantage, NJ  
**Major:** Government  
**Patrol Involvement:** Shift Super  
**Campus Activities:** Tridelt, Special Programs and Events Committee  
**Post-Grad Plans:** Investment consulting at Cambridge Associates in Boston, making Matt Fulton happy by driving up with Emily to patrol Tremblant weekend

Emily Niehaus  
**Hometown:** Greenwich, CT  
**Major:** Geography and Psychology  
**Patrol Involvement:** Secretary (x2), Flip Cam Master  
**Campus Activities:** Club Soccer, KDE, DOC Trips  
**Post-Grad Plans:** The Parthenon Group in Boston

Steve Praetorius  
**Hometown:** Huntington, NY  
**Major:** Biology, Molecular Genetics concentration  
**Patrol Involvement:** Assistant Director  
**Campus Activities:** SigEp, DOC Trips, Sexual Assault Peer Advisor  
**Post-Grad Plans:** Non-Profit work in Boston for a stint, before applying to Medical School

Sam Williams  
**Hometown:** Summit, NJ  
**Major:** Engineering  
**Patrol Involvement:** Member  
**Campus Activities:** Sailing, Psi U  
**Post-Grad Plans:** Finish BE at Thayer

Dani Levin  
**Hometown:** New York City  
**Major:** Government  
**Patrol Involvement:** Member  
**Campus Activities:** Student Presidential Committee on Sexual Assault (Chair); Sigma Delta (President); Rockefeller Leadership Fellows; The D; SAPA; MAV; COSO; DOC First Year Trips; Palaeopitus; V-Week and Vagina Monologues; DPP; Club Soccer; Senior Executive Committee Representative  
**Post-Grad Plans:** Keep learning, have fun, make the world a better place.
**VISION FOR NEXT YEAR**

**Announcing the 2012-2013 Board**

Director: Chris Gibson ‘14  
Assistant Director: Amelia Raether ‘13  
Training Officer: Jenna Winebaum ‘13  
Secretary: Kara Hedges ‘14  
Treasurer: Amy Couture ‘14  
Equipment Officer: Robbie Cholnoky ‘13

**Director: Chris Gibson ‘14**

After a successful 2011-2012 season, the new board and I are looking forward to keeping up the high Dartmouth Ski Patrol standards. This year I want us to focus on three aspects of patrol. The first is Professionalism. As a medical organization responsible for the Dartmouth Skiway, the Dartmouth Ski Patrol must maintain high standards for training and patrolling. The second aspect we will focus on is Transparency. Ski Patrol is a large organization governed by a small board. We will have open board meetings once or twice a month where any patroller can attend and give their feedback. The final aspect that I want to focus on is Social Cohesion. We need to promote more interclass bonding through more low key and non-drinking events. Events can and may include hikes, a Tuckerman’s trip, biweekly cooked dinners, and a mentorship program. By focusing on Professionalism, Transparency, and Social Cohesion, I hope to maintain and improve the standards of the Dartmouth Ski Patrol.

**Training Officer: Jenna Winebaum ‘13**

I want to establish a program to allow students who are interested to achieve their Senior level. This would probably take two years, the first being focused on getting the S&T senior level and the second on the OEC senior. These upper level seminars are valuable, not only in terms of improving individually as patrollers, but they also expose us to patrollers from all different mountains, so we can get a feel for what other places do differently, and perhaps better then we do. I also want to continue the work that both Laura and Kinney have done to further emphasize the importance of scenarios in OEC. I would want to get the upperclassmen to send me stories of the strangest scenarios they’ve been a part of, so I could incorporate some of the curveballs they experienced into OEC scenarios, and on hill practice next winter.

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**Assistant Director: Amelia Raether ‘13**

I'm so excited to be Assistant Director next year and really hope to strengthen the DSP community and ensure that we have a highly successful patrol winter! I want to put a focus on training by working with Jenna to have an awesome OEC class this spring, and improving the shift super structure next winter. I'm also looking forward to facilitating greater community building through upperclassmen/apprenti mentorships, outdoor activities and weekly patrol dinners to both improve our team work on emergency calls and take advantage of the unique knowledge and experiences that each of us has to offer one another!

**Secretary: Kara Hedges ‘14**

I am really looking forward to continue to develop and refine the "inner-workings" of patrol in order to ensure that the organization can run flawlessly. I am also really excited about working with the board to create more transparency between us and the entire organization, an improvement that we are all really passionate about.

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*Sunrise from Winter Skills Day*
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."

Thank you for a great season! Together we logged 8,161 hours at the Skiway!

Hello DSP Alumni and Parents!

Check out our newly designed webpage (http://www.dartmouth.edu/~skipa) for donations, up to date calendar events, past newsletters and more!

We had a great turn out of alumni at Fall Refresher and hope to see you back next year! Please contact Alumni Coordinator Mike Bayer ’01 (Michael.J.Bayer.01@alum.dartmouth.org) for more information on refresher, providing coverage next year, and Alumni Ski Day over Winter Carnival.

Seniors sign what is left of the bench above the new cabinets