Fred Harris and the Early DOC



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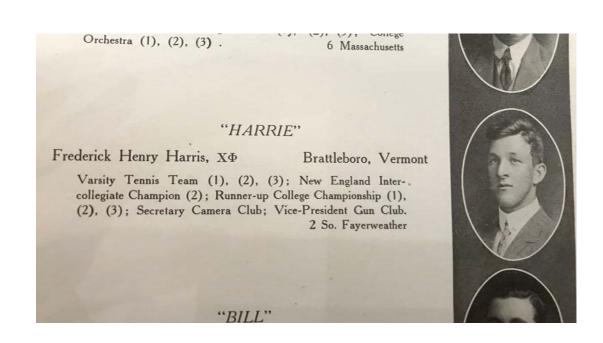


Who was Fred Harris?

class of 1911

avid skier

founder of the DOC



Forming the Club

Harris' letter to The Dartmouth → Editorial

of March 3, 1879.
Friday, December 17, 1909
EDITORIALS
WINTER SPORTS

As Dartmouth has grown numerically, an increased demand for sports and attractions to serve as winter recreations has become more and more pronounced To meet this demand, the gun club was organized. Its success, prosperity, and cordial reception would indicate that it has come to stay. A similar movement is now on foot which deserves like recognition and should meet with like success. We refer to the proposed organization of a club-the object of which is to further those forms of winter recreation for which this section of the country is eminently fitted. The idea is an old one in Canadian colleges, but a new and unique one in American institutions.

Skiing, tobogganing, and snowshoeing ever do have been engaged in at Dartmouth for years, but the attempt has never before sive years.

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THE DARTMOUTH been made to organize these forms of ter activity. Organization of the sports question, such as is projected by the leave club, would enable men in College to gain raduates of Fri, av and Frigreater proficiency in this branch of at llege year. letic activity, introduce the element or-in-Chief ing Editor competition, and place the activity on tic Editor basis whereby it could gain increase cal Editor Manager popularity. A winter carnival could be Manager made the culmination of the season. This would undoubtedly be a feature of college activity which from its novelty alone, i advance. for no other reason, would prove attractive vember It is not impossible that Dartmouth, sale at Sun initiating this movement, is setting and d make ample that will later find devotees among alumni other New England and northern colleges Mor It attendance is any criterion, Durb m. to 8 mouth men are failing to recognize the at the

Forming the Club

• in *The Dartmouth*, December 1909

THE DARTMOUTE Outing Club to Organize most important meeting of the original sponsors and all who are interested in the formation of the Dartmouth Outing COLI Club, is called for Monday night, in H Chandler at 7.15 p. m. This meeting will be presided over by some interested member of the faculty until an organization is effected. It is hoped that the attendance will be large, and that all who are interested will not fail to attend. Alumni '92. A. G. Randall is the founder of a

OUTING CLUB

LIST

Organized Last Night—Sixty Men Join

The call for a meeting of those interested in the formation of an outing club resulted in a gathering of sixty men, in H Chandler last night. Professor Clark acted as temporary chairman, and called upon Professors Hull, Patten, and Goldthwait for expressions of opinion. All heartily endorsed the scheme.

Many additional suggestions were made. It is practically assured that a field day will be held. The club has also been advised to build a log cabin or camp in the college grant, which could serve as a terminus for tramps, snow-shoeing parties, etc. Canoeing and similar prom activities will also come within the scope of the club's purpose.

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Following this preliminary program, the constitution previously drawn up was adopted. The club then proceeded to election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, F. H. Harris; vice president. W. P. Greenwood; secretary-treasurer, C. S. Lyon, C. W. Tobin and P. Whitcomb were chosen to constitute with the officers and Clark were elected an advisory committee.

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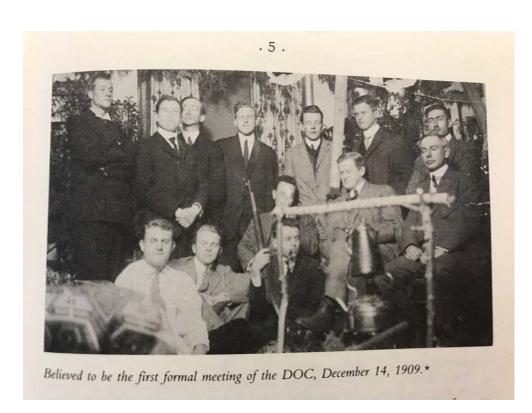
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The First Meeting

before the newspaper article

faculty present

already talks about a "field day"



Winter Carnival (Field Day)





Winter Carnival (Actually Winter Carnival)





Student Response

800 spectators

 "The audience, especially the guests ... made the Winter Carnival so successful"

foreshadows the direction of future
 Winter Carnivals

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FINAL EVENTS CONTESTED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

F. H. Harris Wins Second Place—Cups Given Successful Competitors

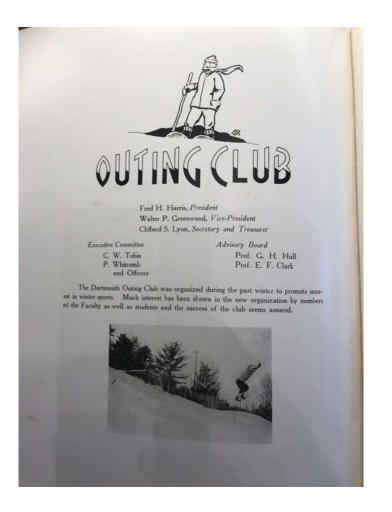
The second annual winter meet, held under auspices of the Dartmouth Outing Club, was attended by a crowd of more than eight hundred spectators on Faculty pond last Saturday afternoon. The weather conditions were ideal, the snow deep and most of the events well contested, and the audience, especially the guests, whose presence made the Winter Carnival so successful, were enthusiastic to the end.

Taking into consideration the fact that

Club Recognition

• The Aegis (yearbook) 1911

"The success of the club seems assured"



National Recognition

- National Geographic article
 - Written by Harris

Brought Winter Carnival and Dartmouth to the national stage

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Photograph by Dr. Leland Griggs

ALL OFF TOGETHER

A ski threesome takes the air for the downward drop at the Dartmouth "Mardi Gras of the North."

On several occasions members of the Club have succeeded in climbing on skis of the travelers to tarry. With a vigorto the summit of Mount Washington, a feat which, until accomplished by these Dartmouth students, was deemed impossible.

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On the steep slope the speed is quickly accelerated to forty miles an hour, as the The difficulty of the ascent is not to be skis sing and whistle over the snow. On pace, the hikers go, sometimes forced from the path by the rapidity with which infrequently there is a spill in the snow, Usually the ski men rope themselves as the moon casts deceptive shadows

Key Contrasts

Fred Harris' Vision





Reality



Carnival Ball in the Alumni Gym, 1924.

