

EUROHIKERS CONQUER MT. CARIBOU

A HIKER'S DIARY

by Ignacio Perez de la Cruz

Friday 10/15/99

5:27 PM Kresge Parking Lot, MIT

After a few late arrivals, the group of 41 Euroclub Hikers boards the vans and cars to make their way into the Maine Wilderness.

9:37 PM Maine House, Bryant Pond, Maine

The group arrives to the so-called Maine House, a New England style house once the home of the daughter of the American President Rutherford Hayes. We assign rooms and beds to everyone, and quickly the canoes fill up as we paddle the canoes into the lake under the shining constellations.

Saturday 10/16/99

7:00 AM Maine House

Wake up call. The high intensity hikers devour their breakfast, and pack the essentials for the day's hike. Granola bars, turkey sandwiches, and water bottles crowd our packs.

12:23 PM Mt. Caribou, 2932ft

The group reaches the summit, greeted by a gentle cool breeze. We enjoy our lunch and rest our legs. Cameras roam the summit for breathtaking views of the valleys below.

1:15 PM Mt. Caribou 2932 ft

In surprise, we realize that we are not quite at the summit yet.

1:19 PM Mt. Caribou 2950 ft

We reach the real summit. Cameras click away once again to capture our triumph and delight.

3:32 PM Rt.113, Trailhead Parking lot
We return to the foot of the mountain. Two hikers have fallen behind, but a 3-person rescue team quickly assembles and successfully locates the stray hikers.

4:45 PM Maine House

After taking a plunge in the icy lake, a couple of hikers run back to the house and into the steam room, only to find the steam room is out of order.

10:02 PM. Maine House

After a satisfying dinner, we gather in the living room complete with a roaring fireplace, and dance away to Latin, Abba,



Euros conquered Mt. Caribou, October 16, 1999

and Hip-Hop, before heading outside to the lake shore to sing around a bonfire.

5:22 AM Maine House

The "party group", headed by the Spanish and the German Pub-tour leaders, make their way to bed.

Sunday 10/17/99

1:38 PM Mt. East Royce, 3114 ft.

The 23 Eurohikers conquer Mt. East Royce after a steep hike, while...

1:38 PM Maine House

...the party group rolls out of bed in search of breakfast.

4:39 PM Maine House

The party group enjoys some outdoor volleyball on the grass behind the house. Chasing a ball, our courageous president falls into the lake behind the house...

6:32 PM Maine House

After enjoying a picture documentary courtesy of our new digital camera, we head back to Boston, armed with fond memories and new friendships.

4TH EUROPEAN CAREER FAIR (UPDATE)

by Bilal Zuberi

The preparations for the 4th European Career Fair are well underway. A team of nearly 20 members has assembled and has been meeting regularly every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the European Club Office. The team constitutes of members from MIT, MIT-Sloan, Harvard, Tufts and a few from other Boston area schools. In fact, there are some working professionals on the team as well, which has added a new flavor to the organization.

So far, the career fair team has been focused on advertising the career fair among the students in the Boston area schools

and to the companies in Europe. On both fronts, the organizing team has had considerable success. A massive advertising campaign was launched at all major Boston area schools to collect resumes from interested students which will be compiled in one volume and sent to every participating company. Campaign e-mails, posters, flyers and personal communications within the European Community in Boston resulted in the collection of a record number of resumes. Over 1200 resumes have been collected so far and in view of the strong interest shown

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PAST EVENTS

TORONTO, CANADA, AUG. 20-26TH

by Gags

This awesome one-of-a-kind event attracted the interest of thousands of members. Unfortunately we could only take the 13 most adventurous. So it happened that a fearless crew started on Friday morning towards the Wild West! Having the best weather conditions, we explored Toronto and it's nite life on Friday and all of Saturday. But the most challenging part was yet to come! The Niagara Falls!! Spending a couple of hours at the Falls on the way home, people could prove their courage by going behind the Falls, on the Maid of the Mist. For those of us who didn't have enough of heights atop the Toronto CN tower, we climbed to the top of the Niagara falls tower to see everything from above! Without having any problems at the border, we arrived happily in Boston early Monday morning.



Nudist trip, July '99

BIKING TRIP TO CAPE ANN, SEPT. 26TH

by Daniel Grohol

We took a commuter train from North Station to the little town of Beverly Farms, and from there set out on a 20-mile ride along a country road (Rt. 127) that traverses the picturesque Cape Ann coast, lined with many trees and expensive houses. The terrain was rather hilly and it gave us all a really good workout. After passing through Manchester, we stopped at several rock formations overlooking the coast and even did some hiking and climbing on the rocks. We arrived in Gloucester around 2pm, then biked all the way to the lighthouse on the Eastern Point of the Gloucester harbor where one can observe boats coming in and out of the harbor. The next stop, Rockport, was the eagerly awaited destination of our journey. There we enjoyed a late lunch (seafood of course!) and a well-deserved rest.

CANOEING TRIP, JULY 31-AUG.1

Europeans leisurely travel down the Saco River.



Duck Tour. The 90-minute ride took us through 'historical' Boston and of course into the Charles River. Some over-enthusiastic fellows even mustered up some courage to steer our swimming "duck". Magically we all survived!! Quack, quack!!



BOSTON DUCK TOUR, SEPT. 8

by Gags

A highly-energized group of 19 people came together to face the dangers of a Boston

BOSTON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, OCT. 18

by Michael J. Gruber

Benjamin Zander gave an intriguing, enthusiastic pre-concert talk, expanding non-trivial, essential musical details in a way everybody could follow. The Russian Overture was somehow a "standard" opening, but technically perfect. Anyway, the audience was anticipating the proclaimed star, young Russian pianist Katia Skanavi. In the first movement, perhaps due to nerves and the volume of the orchestra, one may have gotten the impression that the orchestra guided the pianist rather than vice versa. However, the tempo and 1st variation of the 2nd movement showed off Skanavi's beautiful, well-dosed romantic tone (which originally convinced Zander, hearing her play Chopin, to invite her to Boston). Tchaikovsky's symphony No. 4 showed again the discipline and homogeneity of the orchestra, and Zander's feeling for convincing, well-dosed dynamics. Finally, it's a nice "piece of culture" to meet for an apres concert coffee!

WINE & CHEESE PARTY (IN CONJUNCTION WITH MCKINSEY PRESENTATION), NOV. 10, 7:00 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.,

by Irena Makeyeva

After a 45-min presentation by McKinsey about its job opportunities, the Eurofolks indulged into tasting some 30 fine European wines accompanied by a great selection of some 70 pounds of cheese. Fresh Eurostyle bread, grapes and soft drinks were served as well. Due to the severe MIT alcohol regulations (no more than 74 people at the party :(after a long fight we could only push that number to 150, leaving those who arrived after the presentation outside. Contact the Campus Activities Office 253-6777 if you want to tell them how you feel about the current alcohol policy.

FUTURE EVENTS

CONCERT VISIT TO THE BOS- TON PHILHARMONIC OR- CHESTRA at the Sanders Theater at Harvard Sq. on Sunday, Nov. 21.

The program for the concert is Helios Overture, Nielsen; Cello Concerto in E Minor, Elgar; Symphony No.3, Eroica, Beethoven. After the concert, we will have an informal gathering at some coffee place of the area.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH at Sym- phony Hall on Friday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm.

Conductor Andrew Parrott Karina Gauvin, soprano; Jannifer Lane, alto John Elwes, tenor; Brett Polegato, baritone. Composed for a charity event in Ireland, Handel's Messiah is an oratorio consisting of loosely connected stories of biblical messianic prophecies, told through the chorus, solo arias, and recitative. Bringing Handel wealth and fame, Messiah continues to be a favorite in our time. Handel & Haydn Society feels a special connection to the work, having presented its American premiere in 1818. H&H will be performing Mozart's version of Messiah in English, featuring clarinets, flutes, and French horns. Your favourite European Club has discounted tickets for this show (which has reached now its 146th annual performance!!!) priced at \$22.50 each, on the bal-

END-OF-TERM PARTY

Join us on Friday, December 10 from 5-8PM as we take a break from final exams and thesis work and enjoy coffee and European desserts from fine pastry shops around town. Location: TBA. This Euroclub event is generously sponsored by Council Travel.

YOUR LITTLE DISCOVERY



Interesting, but Not-so-Obvious Places In & Around Boston ...

as divulged by our readers



TOURS

Robert Cocca



Customs House Tower. Tours, which are every day at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Request 1 hour in advance and free of charge, take you onto the outdoor observation deck above the clock. Take the T to Aquarium, State, or Government Center.

<http://www.marriott.com/vacationclub/BOSCH/>

Mapparium. Take the T to Symphony, green E line or to Hynes Convention Center- B, C, or D line, or to Mass. Ave. on the Orange Line. <http://www.tfecs.com/GV/TMC/TOURS/Mapparium.html>

PARKS

Gosia Wozniacki



Boston Public library. A wonderful, peaceful place to read is the little inner garden courtyard.

Philippe Calvet

Arlington Heights for a great view of Boston, best on a clear night (take a blanket and some wood). From 905 Mass. Ave. in Arlington, (by the Stop&Shop), take Highland Ave. (in front of Star Market), go up the hill 1/2 mile, turn right on Eastern Ave., walk 1/4 mile. You've arrived when you see a playground on your right.

But the best place on earth remains...

Halibut State Park on Cape Ann.

(See Newsletter Vol 1-2.)

Lynne Waring

Mount Auburn Cemetery, the first landscaped cemetery in the country, beautiful with ponds, paths, monuments, and hill tower with an interesting view of Boston. (No rollerblading, bike riding allowed though).

CAFES AND BARS

Joseph Thywissen



I've started a list of late-night places (bars, cafes, restaurants, etc) called "Boston after midnight", which you can find on the web at "<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~jthywiss/index.html>". There you can find a listing for

Curious Liquids, a coffee house open until 2am every night; seven restaurants that serve drinks after 1am; and a listing for the **South Street Diner**, which is always open and always good. I invite you to check the site it out, and I hope you will tell me about all the late-night places I've missed...

Jules Owen and Kai

The 21st Amendment, Bodin St. next to the state house, across from the Boston Common. Good beer selection, and the potato soup is a must-try!! Sit in the cozy, back area.

Nora Szasz, Frederick Olowin

Curious Liquids Cafe, suggested twice! 22B Beacon street, corner of the Boston Common. NS: They sell weird non-alcoholic beverages, cream sodas, teas, etc, in a nice artsy environment. FO: Here is a tea room/coffeehouse for the '90s. Upstairs, there are a couple tables next to the big windows. At one marble counter you can order a (very good) sandwich and cookies. At the other, sample some of those curious liquids — a blend of green teas, herbs, pear and passion fruit juices, or maybe a cup of hibiscus, citrus herbs, spices and juices. Espressos and teas come hot or cold. Wander downstairs to the smoking room, with its big-screen TV and velvet couches, or into another room with four barrel-vaulted nooks just big enough for an armchair and side table. It's a perfect place to curl up and daydream, but board games are available if you're in the mood.

THANKS, EUROS, FOR ALL OF YOUR GREAT SUGGESTIONS...

We received so many great contributions to this article that we couldn't print them all in this issue. Watch for more of your "little discoveries" in the next newsletter.

EATING OUT

Anna Polyak

St. Petersburg Café, 236 Washington St., Brookline. Excellent, excellent food, although kind of pricey. A memorable chicken Kiev at New York's late Russian Tea Room many years ago tempted us. It doesn't bear the New York velvet and mirrors - it's actually a small storefront, but the feel is all Russian. We loved the blini, served with smoked salmon or various caviars. The borscht had a subtle sweet-and-sour taste. We liked all the salads made with various sliced and diced vegetables. The Georgian eggplant with a walnut-pomegranate sauce is one of the best excuses for eggplant we've ever had, and the classic stuffed cabbage was a well-done, homey version. And the chicken Kiev? We were happy as a stream of melted herb butter gushed out of the crispy breaded and tender chicken. But why the sliced peach and maraschino cherry garnish? Blintzes were terrific, especially the sour cherry, much better than the bland pastries imported from a New York bakery. The perfect end to the meal is the St. Petersburg tea for two, which comes with a couple of cookies and a bowl of cherry preserves: the Russian way, our Russian waitress explained, is to take a spoonful of jam followed by a sip of tea. Call in advance. The restaurant tends to close early if it doesn't seem busy. Hours: Tuesday - Sunday: noon - 11pm, Monday: closed.

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by the students, the deadline for the resume submission had to be extended from Oct 29th to Nov 5th.

Most organizing team members have been waking up early almost every day to give calls to their companies. Since almost all companies have offices in Europe, we have had to keep the local time differences in mind. So far, 30 companies have registered and more are likely to register before the Fair. Students that are interested in knowing which companies have registered to come to the fair can check out the list at our web page (<http://euroclub.mit.edu/career>).

All of us in the organizing team are very pleased at the strong interest that this community has generated for this career fair. We are working to bring more and diverse set of companies to recruit at our career fair so that the student interests are adequately met. For success of this event, participation of a large number of interested candidates (students, post-docs, working professionals) is necessary and we are sure that you all will fully participate. Keep an eye out for more updates on the career fair. We will be looking for you on January 28th at the Rockwell Cage at MIT.

PUB TOUR REVIEW

by Daniel Grohol, Pub Tour Teammember

The beginning of the Fall semester has brought many new faces to our regular weekly gatherings. Thanks to this influx, we have visited new places which would give our incoming members a good taste of what Cambridge and Boston restaurants and pubs are like: The Purple Shamrock, The Temple Bar, The Middle East, and The 21st Amendment. Especially visiting the 21st Amendment was an educational experience since it reflects an interesting part of America's history. It is located under the Massachusetts State House and its proximity makes it a popular restaurant for the tired lawmakers.

Since many of our EC members have been in America for a relatively short time, the Pub Tour organizers announced a quiz which asked what the 21st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution says and reward the fifth correct contestant with a free beer. We have received 24 answers, most of them correct. Respondents knew that this Amendment repealed the Prohibition in the 1930's. One of the contestants hit the nail on its head: "21st Amendment repealed the Prohibition of alcohol and allowed us taxpayers to enjoy life again. And we still reap the consequences

of the 21st Amendment today". Can you imagine what it would be like going to a Pub Tour these days and sit over a glass of Coke or Sprite? Finally we hope that even more new EC members will recognize the positive effects of this Amendment and we hope to see you in the near future.

EC GOT A NEW SECRETARY!!!

By a closed EC Committee vote James Moran was elected EC secretary. Our congratulations!!!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIMSLEUR LANGUAGE TAPES

I am looking for someone who is interested in learning German or Spanish by using Pimsleur tapes method. The method consists of listening to 1/2 hour tapes - one a day, and after listening to 30 tapes they say you'd speak at the Advanced level.

There is no memorizing or writing things down - just listen and repeat to one tape while driving or jogging. I'm currently listening to French and am totally amazed by the results. The tapes are expensive though (\$280) and I'm looking for other people to split the costs. If you are interested, email me at imakeyev@tufts.edu

NEWSLETTER WELCOMES SIMONNE!

The Newsletter team is growing! Recently another young and highly promising editor - Simonne Longerich - decided she wants to dedicate her talent and time to serve our kind readers ☺. Please join the Newsletter team in welcoming her!