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Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips  
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Dear Former FOOT Leader,

Wow! The FOOT network continues to grow. We heard back from a lot of leaders for our first fundraising drive. Thank you all for sending news and money. Even thanks to those who couldn't afford a check this time, but sent news anyway!! Money came in throughout the year, as our letter finally reached some leaders in far corners of the world. Everyone sounded in good spirits with lots of adventures to tell. We raised about \$1500, and that money will be used for scholarships and for leader first aid training with SOLO.

FOOT continues to be as strong as ever. This year we will again have 46 leaders and 20 support crew members, and we hope to take 230 entering students on FOOT this August. We will run 4 trips in the Catskills (this region is getting overcrowded, plus there are dangerous rangers there!), 4 in the Adirondacks, 4 on the Appalachian Trail in northwest Connecticut, 3 in the Yale Forest in northeastern Connecticut and 8 trips this year in southern Vermont. That still makes a total of 23 trips. We will probably add 4 more trips in 1994.

With all the changes in Yale's administration, there is the possibility of FOOT becoming an official Yale Dean's Office Program. If this happens we will make sure we keep our autonomy and the high student involvement in running the program. We still have more people apply to be leaders than we can take and this year's leaders are first-rate.

So now for the news. It seems that everyone was eager for news of other FOOTies. I am amazed at people who would run into another FOOT leader in odd places or being able to identify them by their FOOT T-shirt. Keep wearing those T-shirts. You never know who will pass you on the street. Some early folks wrote back: Greg Felt is married and owns his own whitewater boating company called Canyon Marine. It is in Salida, CO, on the Arkansas River, so if you are in the area and want an adventure... Diana Selig spent last year in Israel where she did some great hiking, including trips in the Galilee, the Negev, and the high mountains of the Sinai desert. She is now living in Northampton, MA teaching reading and

writing in an adult literacy program. Susan Lamar has moved to Arizona to work as a nurse practitioner on the Navajo Reservation. If you are in the Fort Defiance area, look her up! Jamie Williams is thriving in the West. He is now working for the Nature Conservancy directing its effort to protect the Yampa River, one of the last two major free-flowing tributaries to the Colorado River. It is at the forefront of the Conservancy's new approach to protecting large scale ecosystems, not just isolated areas of rare and endangered plants. He has moved to Colorado Springs and is eager to help plan our FOOT leader alumni river trip, perhaps in 1994! Eve Vogel finished the Peace Corps in Honduras where she worked on protecting a cloud forest reserve, focusing on environmental education with rural teachers. She is now in Portland, Oregon doing environmental education at the Audubon Society. She may be leading trips for Lewis & Clark students (reminiscent of TOEI) She ran into Roger Wynne who was in Portland for the summer doing an internship while finishing up a joint law/natural resources degree at the University of Michigan. Kristin Mitchell is in her third year of medical school in California. She did a health education project in the Bolivian Andes. She fit in time to do some mountaineering at 21,000 feet! She may fit a stint in Alaska soon.

Frank Levy is working for the L/E/K Partnership, a consulting firm in Boston. He was sent to Minneapolis for a while which he found a bit cold. He was looking for other FOOTies out there, but no avail. He would like to move to Seattle, which is the home of Ben Saylor & Betsy Jubitz Saylor. Betsy's at the University of Washington Med School. They've been hiking in the Cascades & Olympics and are planning an anniversary trip to Montana or Wyoming this summer. Toby Kovacs is still in New York and yes, will sing for anyone who will listen. He is working for AT&T to support himself and is looking for any female FOOT grads in the area! Gillian Todd is in Asia for the year teaching at an international school in Taiwan. She hopes to travel as much as possible. Trex Proffitt is alive and well in DC as a real estate tycoon. In his spare time he forms partnerships and buys property. He admits being an outdoor geek for not doing the "rough guy in the woods" thing. He has been on a lot of bike trips, day hikes, and car camping ventures! Trex was super generous to FOOT this past year which should be recognized. He is a member of our BIG FOOT Contribution Club. Ann Vileisis gave me a call around last Christmas time when she was in the area with her travelling writing companion. She finished her masters at Utah State.

Steve Petricone worked two years in and around Washington DC on a losing Congressional campaign, for an environmental political action committee, and on Capitol Hill for Rep. Ron Wyden, Democrat of Oregon. Now he is at the Kennedy School at Harvard with the goal of earning a Master in Public

Policy, focusing on international environmental studies. Dan Gerwin is in New York City. He worked for Dinkins as a policy analyst on Homelessness, and then worked directly with housing the homeless as a case-manager. His office was in Times Square which is a far cry from the Catskills! In his spare time he is getting a masters in social work with a minor at Columbia's business school. Melina Novy wrote from Portland, Oregon that she had spent last year in Czechoslovakia doing research on a Fulbright. She was looking into their reform of social policy -- unemployment, social security and family support systems. She is thinking about applying to grad school in environmental policy. Alan Kaufman is in his second year of a PhD in Applied Math at MIT. He went on a great vacation to the Pacific Northwest, climbed on Rainier and visited the Olympic Peninsula.

Michael Kahan is doing a PhD in American Studies at U. Penn. He had been working with Trex in DC at the Investor Responsibility Research Center, Inc. He blew all his savings on a trip to France, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Israel before settling down to the books. He lives in the same building in Philadelphia as Tiff Bigham (at vet school, who led a NOLS course) and Kristin Wolcott (at Temple Med School). He heard that James Schifren is at the law school at Penn. Jeannette DeMallie has been living in Alaska. She helped train a team of dogs for the Iditarod, then got a job at the University of Alaska as a lab technician in glaciology. Through it, she has had the "opportunity to scramble about the moraines and cravasses of several Alaska Range glaciers in the name of science." She has also spent some time in very remote areas. She attended a wedding of some friends at an isolated homestead and bumped into Dotty Shaffer who was a cousin of the bride!

Diana Fisher spent last year in DC working for the EPA on their Stratospheric Ozone Protection program. She helped set up a program to evaluate substitutes for CFCs. Her plans were to move to Boston and find a job in environmental policy. Baker Mallory is working for an architecture firm in Atlanta, Georgia. He plans to do a lot of hiking in the Smokies. Tali Zulman is in med school in San Francisco. She is very involved in a medical-student-run homeless clinic. She's been also working on a long-term project looking at cocaine use and prenatal care during pregnancy. Emel came out for a visit and the two went up and down the coast. Tali also visited Israel and hiked in the desert and north for about a month. Emel Gokyigit is still in New York. I think she was in a computer program but may have dropped out. She was also working as an editorial assistant. One night, not too long ago, she and Chris Roberts rang my doorbell in the middle of the night to say hello! What a treat! Speaking of Chris Roberts, he is also in New York working as a research assistant for Bill Moyers. He has found New York "ugly and beautiful and so busy it

exhausts you but so rich you wouldn't want it any other way." Next year he will study at Oxford on a Rotary Scholarship. Steve Bunyak is at Boston Collage Law School in his second year. He is working under Professor Zygmunt Plater, who is a well respected environmental lawyer. He worked on a teacher's manual for Plater's new textbook. Steve thinks he would like be a law professor himself someday, perhaps working for the public interest for the first few years after school. He also is active in the school's conservation research group. In his spare time he listens to jazz, cooks, and spends time with Anne ('89). Philippe Wells is in Boston. He was working for a consulting firm, but has decide to go for a PhD in economics next year. Laura Grant is in Utah working and skiing every chance she gets. She may be moving soon to more of a "brain job" as she puts it.

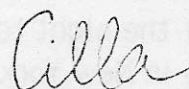
Some other news is that we have our first alumni FOOT leader for the upcoming trips. Eric Greenwald is in the area and will lead a FOOT trip next August. We also have our third FOOT marriage in the works, but I'm not going to let the cat out of the bag until it's official! Finally, I ran into Karen Shipley Taylor at a teacher's conference in New York. She is happily married and working as Director of Admissions at the Wooster School in Danbury, CT.

So now down to business. Yes, this is still a fundraising letter. We would like to do an annual drive for scholarship money so that we can improve our minority participation and also provide funds for those who just can't afford the cost. We would still like to help subsidize the cost of our first aid training by SOLO for our leaders. We would appreciate any amount you can afford. We are still self-supporting (we are still not a part of the Yale budget), and this gift is tax deductible for you. Please make your check payable to FOOT and mail it to FOOT, 1434 Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520. Please keep sending us news of what you are doing. If you haven't received a FOOT mug, you will get one with a contribution.

Many thanks and I hope all is well with you. One final note. I am still planning to put together a 10th year anniversary trip for former FOOT leaders. How about a 4-5 day trip in Colorado late June in 1994? Jamie Williams and Greg Felt have offered to help. Let me know if you are interested!

Hope all is well.  
Send news!

Cheers,



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