



# Outlook Views - Spring 2005 Issue

## Greetings Views-Viewers! A message from the Winter Directors

April 3, 2005

If you are viewing this Views edition, then we would like to send out a heartfelt greeting; as the current winter directors, Emily and I are honoured to be part of an organization with such a rich history of both community involvement and freeze-dried food consumption. Writing for the Views is a good opportunity to reflect on the depth of Outlook's history and contribution – we hope browsing through it will foster the same in you. This winter has been an interesting one for Outlook; it has featured some agitating setbacks, and overwhelming successes. Here are some updates on our past snowy season.

This season's staff training trip was hosted by the Carlson family. Although access to Andrew Carlson's farm and to his utterly charming family was not the pri-

mary reason for his being chosen as a new Outlook volunteer, the success of the staff trip has practically assured him a spot on our staff next year – should he find the call of the Quincy strong enough to carry him back to King-

ston...The trip was hosted at the farm, with the first night held in Andrew's somewhat spooky farm house, and the second spend in the warm embrace of homemade tarp

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### Special points of interest:

- *Emily Rahuala's (winter director) last year working for Outlook (or is it?)! We'll miss you!*

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Justin Bates (left), who tripped last summer and many times this winter and his friend Brandon Brownell, on his first trip with Outlook.

## A message to Alumni from the Alumni affairs guy, Bon Ryu

Salutations again! This is the Second time we are sending out a views to you this Winter Season. This views is an update on how the winter went and some info on how Summer Outlook is shaping up.

Along with this

Views, we have attached a letter from the Chaplain of Queen's university, Brian Yelland. The chaplain's office has been helping us out for years with fund raising and we are forever grateful.

If you have already

responded to the December issue, we ask that you consider this views as a hello and thanks for your wonderful love and support. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of you who continue to support us in mind

and spirit. Outlook cannot survive without its Alumni and we are forever grateful for your support.

Also, special thanks to Brian Yelland and Maureen

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## 25 volunteers and about 30 campers

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shelters. It was pretty cold.

This winter season was a great success, with 25 volunteers leading trips between January and April. About 30 campers participated in the winter program, and reports of snowball fights, navigationally-suspect hikes, and tobogganing, made their way safely back from the wilderness. On a personal note, Emily and I owe a debt of gratitude to the volunteers who gave each trip everything they had, and made Outlook possible this winter.

Our fundraising committee was also busy both making the Outlook's name familiar on campus, and making us some needed money. From the shoulder-claiming portage-a-thon, to the tantalizing photo auction, to the soul-freeing benefit concert, to the fabulously crunchy GORP

sale, Outlook volunteers were busy throughout the year raising our funds.

Currently our minds are on the upcoming summer season. Preliminary reports from the summer directors indicate that the summer volunteers are excited to become part of Outlook, and are ready to throw themselves into the challenge. If you are reading this letter, and are interested in helping out Camp Outlook this summer, we would love to have you! Please don't hesitate in getting in contact with us if you can help in any way, or if you would just like to catch up on the organization. We would love to hear from you.

We hope this Views finds you well, and that this chance to catch up on Outlook brings back some fun memories.

With warmth,

Tom Macmillan and Emily Rauhala  
Fall/Winter Directors, 2004-2005



**Emily (left) and Tom. Emily is graduating this year and is very sad to leave Outlook. Don't worry Em! We'll send you the Views! (FYI: These two are dating)**

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## It's time to chip the canoes out from the ice!

By Ryley Beddoe  
Summer 2005 Co-Director

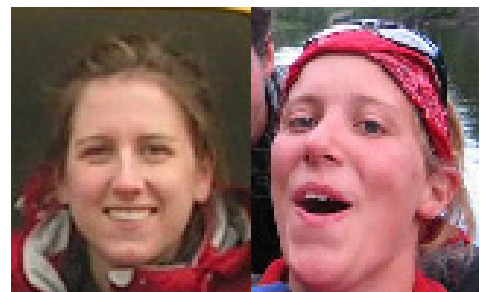
The snow is melting away in Kingston, and thankfully the sun is starting to show it's face a little more often. As April approaches it's impossible not to start dreaming of the summer days that will soon be spent in Algonquin Park. Yes that's right, SUMMER 2005 is only 2 months away! Emily Marmoreo and myself are absolutely ecstatic to be this year's Camp Outlook Summer Directors and we are excited to say that things are already well under way. We have spent the past month talking about Camp Outlook with folks across the country, from Northern British Columbia to Nova Scotia and everything in between. The summer staff of 2005 are filled with enthusiasm, excitement and what seems to be endless energy (though we know how brilliantly campers like to test that!) and we're sure that this

summer is going to be a great success.

We are currently in our "fundraising" mode as we continue to work towards meeting our operating budget before the summer starts. We are also very excited about a leadership program we will be working on this summer with older campers. Continuing on the work that has already started, Emily and I will be implementing a counselor in training program for campers who are too old to trip with us as campers. We are very excited about it, as are the youth that will be participating in this program.

As the days grow longer, and the camping season approaches we look forward to hearing from you. If you will be in the Kingston area during June and would like to share your Outlook experiences with the staff, or if you've got an old tent you're looking to pass on, or if you'd like infor-

mation for a potential camper, we would very much like to hear from you!! Anything at all, we can be reached at either the Camp Outlook office, or by email at [outlook\\_scd@hotmail.com](mailto:outlook_scd@hotmail.com). Have a wonderful, hopefully sunny and bug free summer, and hopefully we will see you in the Park soon!!



**Amelie Harmoatmeal (left) and Ryley. Emily's pic was taken during winter staff training 2004/5 and Ryley's pic was taken during staff trip of summer 2004**



## Alumni Affairs update

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Freedman for all their hard work. Maureen is on the board of directors for Outlook and works with Brian Yelland in the Chaplain's office. She actually had to work her buns off in order to get things ready for this issue and the Chaplain's Appeal because she had to go into surgery in March. We all hope you are doing well Maureen!!

Finally, we are currently making plans to find a better way of keeping in touch with our alumni. This will likely involve keeping in touch by e-mail and possibly even setting up a special section on the outlook website for our alumni. Stay tuned for updates in future Views issues. Also, please read the article **Making Changes to Outlook**, which discusses how we, the exec are trying to make Outlook better.

Your humble Alumni Affairs dude,



Bon Ryu

## Making Changes to Outlook

By Bon Ryu,  
Alumni Affairs Director

As the winter season was drawing to a close, the exec reflected on some of the problems Outlook ran into during the year and what we could do in light of them. Some of these we had no control over, for example, we have been kicked out of the School of English where we have been keeping our equipment for ever due to health concerns. Also, we need to find a place to park the bus and trailer and some canoes during the year. We are currently trying to do what we can but it is turning out to be more difficult than expected.

Some of the bigger issues that were brought up was the need to attract more campers, gain more sources of stable funding, improve transition from year to year, and others.

The latter seems to be the main problem since Outlook has a very high turnover rate of staff due to the volunteer nature of the job. If staff leave, so do much knowledge of how Outlook should be run. Outlook therefore must make sure knowledge gained by staff during one year is passed down to the next through more extensive training of new execs by older ones, and creating detailed transi-

tion manuals.

This season, although much effort was made to raise money internally, as in through events targeted at the Queen's University populace, acquiring new sources of funding has been difficult. One way for us to deal with this issue is to designate a new committee responsible for external fundraising.

Another issue is that over the years, camper numbers seem to have dwindled. When referral agencies are called, some are not even aware of Camp Outlook. Despite the fact Outlook has obtained OCA status (Ontario Camping Association) last year, we have realized that Outlook needs someone who will consistently maintain contacts with referral agencies and schools in order to boost our presence in the community and acquire more campers.

Some of these issues seem to have been with Outlook for years and it is going to take lots of work to turn things around. Outlook staff are currently doing whatever we can to raise funds for the summer season as well as improve Outlook for the coming years. We thank you for keeping Outlook in your hearts and making it all possible.

## Transcript from an Episode of **What do the campers have to say about Camp Outlook!** Hosted by Amelie Harmoatmeal

**Emily** - Thanks for tuning in! During this episode of "What do the campers have to say about Camp Outlook?", we'll speak with Damien Heasler, the Blaine sisters, Kenny Moore and Craig Monk. Let's start with Damien.

For Boys trip this winter, the first person we called was you, **Damien**. You went on 3 trips this winter and when I called, you were hoping that it was to talk to you about

the plans of *another* trip. Why do you go on so many trips?

**Damien**- "Winter trips are long, cold and freezing, but they are better than being at home."

**E** -Unfortunately, the winter season is over, so he'll have to wait until July and August for the sun and canoes...

Next, the Blaine sisters are famous Outlookers. Amber and Christa have been tripping for as long as I've been at Outlook. This winter they went on 3 trips each... always together.

Amber what was your favorite part of camping this winter?

**A**- "When I saw the massive pigs."

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## What do Campers think of Camp Outlook?

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E-The ones that live a couple trees down from where the winter trips take place?

A-“That’s right.”

E -Why do you like winter tripping?

A- “I think that it is fun, relaxing, and I enjoy getting to know the other people on trip. I like summer tripping because I can push myself everyday, and because of the

feeling I get after I finish a hard day”

E -Amber will be joining us again this summer for more portaging and canoeing. Let’s turn to Christa now. Christa, is there anything you would like to say before we get started?

C- “Yes, I would like to tell everyone that I will be going to Loyalist College this September. I still have to decide whether or not to take Business or Accounting.”

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- Christa Blaine

E -Maybe Christa can do Camp Outlook’s books in a couple of years!

Why do you enjoy tripping with Camp Outlook?

C-“I enjoy tripping in the summer because it’s harder than winter camping and because I get to do things that I wouldn’t normally do. “

E-Kenny Moore is another longtime Outlooker. Welcome to the show Kenny! Unfortunately, you are too old to trip this summer as a camper but, you are going to participate in our Leader in Training program?

K- “Yes I will.”

E-This program will allow you to complete high school with all the necessary

> Please see **Kenny**, pg 5



From the left, Bon Ryu (staff), Amber Blaine, Michelle Fung (staff). Valerie Knoop, Jackie Pepall (staff), Samantha Knoop, Erin Way (staff), Nathalie Burns, Christa Blaine.

## Winter 2005 Fundraising Update!

By Sophie Barbier

Once again, this year’s fundraising committee has had an exciting and packed term, pulling off three wonderfully successful events.

We started things off with a gorp and baked goods sale to catch those energy starved students studying for mid-terms at Stauffer Library. This event was

lots of fun, and basically we all took turns hanging out with each other in the library foyer for a couple of days. Bags of gorp could be seen scattered around the library amidst piles of paper and books and they were gratefully devoured by those who appreciate some good ol’ peanuts and raisins (with lots of other yummy stuff too!). People stopped and asked about Camp Outlook, and summer applications were

given out to those brave souls.

Next was the very entertaining charity concert, featuring campus bands Electric Mayhem and The Radical Dudes. Past and present Outlookers and friends came out to the Grad Club on a Tuesday night to hang out, and pitched in a few

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dollars to hear some awesome tunes. Updates and tripping stories were shared amongst friends, and positive Outlook vibes could be felt in the air. It was the social event of the semester!

The most beautiful event by far was the very awesome photo auction,

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displaying scenic shots taken by Outlookers themselves, as well as friends. Passerbys admired the stunning shots and it was really like a temporary photography gallery. The bidding wars went on for three days in the lower celeigh of the JDUC, but as the last few minutes ticked away, it was the highest bidders who won the prized pieces of art. This event was also the most lucrative, as it was able to earn us almost \$600! Thanks to Jen Hirano who spent more than \$100 on photos, apparently our biggest fan!

So, our year's goals have been met: we were able to raise a few thousand dollars, we increased awareness about Camp Outlook, and we were responsible for some great staff bonding and fun. Thanks to the fundraising committee for everyone's hard work and dedication in helping plan these amazing events. And special thanks to Sheila Gordon for taking on so much initiative this term; you will do a great job with the committee next year! Way to go team! You guys are great!



**Sophie Barbier (left) and Kinga (right), the Fundraising Directors**

## A Camper's Story

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**Kenny Moore on his last summer trip with Camp Outlook in beautiful Algonquin park.**

credits (Ontario students now need 40 volunteer hours to graduate).

Kenny, why do you enjoy tripping with Camp Outlook?

K- "Because it's relaxing, and I like to get out of the city. I go to Algonquin with my dad to get away."

E-What are you up to these days?

K-I'm doing carpentry with a friend.

Thanks Kenny!

E-Craig Monk, the Craig Monk, you've been with Outlook for yeeears! Craig can't trip trip this summer because of his age, but is it true that you will take advantage of our LIT program?

CM-"Yes I will."

Is it true that it was you who suggested the idea to the new Summer Directors?

CM-"That is right. And who wouldn't want me to be their leader?"

What do you spend your days doing?

CM- "I'm still in high school and I work at Pizza Hut."

I've seen Craig on numerous occasions working like a machine at Pizza Hut. I've also had the privilege of eating his pizza...it's amazing.

Well folks, that wraps up this episode of "What do the campers have to say about Camp Outlook?" Thanks for tuning in!



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**A big hug from our winter staff!**

Thank you soo much for your continued support. If you have an address change, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you.

Stay tuned for the December issue to read about summer 2005 and the upcoming winter season!

**Story of a Summer Director**

By Amelie Harmchocolatechip

I joined Outlook in the summer of 2003, after my first year at Queen's. First year, was an experience, to say the least. The party scene wasn't my thing and I felt that residence was just like high-school...only worse because you live there. I was annoyed with how much food, time, and money was wasted. I felt completely self- absorbed and I couldn't understand how writing a 8 day paper could help *anyone*. I was not a happy camper.

By February, I had decided to take the next year off. The reason why was because I didn't want to work all summer long, to afford to go somewhere that I really didn't want to be. My parents weren't too happy with my plan, to say the least. I told them about Camp Outlook. I think the only reason they let me do it

was because they knew that it was the only way I would return to school.

I chose to do Outlook because I had spent the whole year focusing just on me and I wanted to do something for someone else. I learned a lot during that summer. I had never met so many strangers that I felt comfortable around. The environment was inclusive, and taught about personal interactions, communication, laziness, group dynamics, taking initiative, personal experiences, appreciating what you have and more. And this was on top of all the planned sessions.

Camper trips were amazing. The stories you hear are unbelievable. How can 13 year-old kids have gone through so much in such a few number of years? And how can parents do those things to their children? The things that they come up with (Sorry bud!) are often hilarious, and the

interesting things that you learn from them are eye opening.

After my summer of Outlook, I was so happy to join the Winter Exec. I was able to give, while still focusing on school and myself. Feeling as though I belonged to a group and, indirectly, to the Queen's community, changed my views of this place.

I watched Harold plan and execute Summer 04 and I knew that I wanted to do Outlook again. When the Director spot needed to be filled this summer, I thought: well, why the hell not? Ryley is awesome, I can't wait to get all the staff in one room, and I'm counting down the days till I can spend my evenings on the Outlook porch, watching everyone's hard work unfold. Stop by if you are around.

