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## Charles A. Proctor

Born: ? Died: 1961

*Charles A. Proctor worked constantly over many years to develop and maintain equitable competitive rules and scoring techniques in intercollegiate skiing.*

Born and raised in Columbia, Missouri, Charles A. Proctor moved to Hanover, New Hampshire, to accept a teaching position at Dartmouth College. A professor of physics, for years he was considered the guardian angel and patron saint of the Dartmouth Outing Club. Proctor was its faculty advisor and chairman of the board of directors. His leadership helped establish intercollegiate skiing competition in the Eastern United States and Canada. The first intercollegiate event was a relay race between McGill University and

Dartmouth

College in 1913.

Proctor's

effectiveness

was apparent in

the activities of

the many

Dartmouth

alumni who

subsequently

became officials

of organized

skiing, area

manager of far-

flung ski

operations, and

ardent

participants in as

well as

supporters of the

sport.



Perhaps

because of the

emphasis Proctor placed on intercollegiate sports, his activities parallel

the history of organized skiing, both Alpine and Nordic, in this

country. His early research into the dynamics of ski jump flight left its

mark on F.I.S. jumping, affecting both design and competition, and

stimulated the sport's beginnings in the Eastern United States. His

association with Sir Arnold Lunn of Great Britain was responsible for

the introduction of slalom skiing in North America. His enthusiasm

launched the first national downhill race, in 1933, and the first slalom

race, in 1935, both of which were sponsored by the Dartmouth Outing

Club on Mount Mosselauke. A supporter of the American ski teams at

the 1924 Winter Olympics in Chamonix, France, and 1928 Winter

Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland, he was an active organizer and

official at the 1932 Games in Lake Placid, New York.

Directors of the Dartmouth Outing Club pointed out that Proctor's nomination was submitted at a time when his widow and two sons (one of the latter an Olympian and Hall of Fame Member) were still alive to appreciate the award. Charles A. Proctor was elected to the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame in 1966.