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At Base Camp

SECTION LAUNCHES WORK TRIP TO SENECA

Climbers are asked to donate half a day to work on restoring talus slopes at Seneca Rocks, during the weekend May 26-28, in this first area-wide conservation effort undertaken by mountaineers. John Christian who is spearheading this project in cooperation with climbers from other clubs urges every MS climber to volunteer in this first work trip and restore through common action similar to the Shawangunks undertaking led by John Stannard what we have destroyed. See climbing calendar, page 4, for details.

ISHI IN TWO WORLDS - Program, Wednesday, May 9

An ecological, anthropological film about the last aboriginal Indian to live in North America who emerged from the hills of Northern California in 1908.

He had been alone for 15 years, having outlived the other remaining members of his tribe with whom he had been isolated in a stone age culture near Mount Lassen since 1870.

The program will be preceded by a brief discussion of current section and mountaineering matters.

Tink Peters, Program Chairperson

Hanging Around

Bull Run Mountain, March 25

Art Wilder - Trip Leader
and Sallie, Elizabeth and Moses
Perry Price
Harold Kramer
Barbara Lewellan
Mark Gunther
Lee Ozmont
Janet Gladfelter
Chuck Sproull
Lois Shipway
Jim and Larry Nagy

John Anderson
Ralph Erickson
Jim Shada
Joe Nye
Tony Madden
Frank Straingfellow
Bill Molden
Jim Shipley
Ed Goodman and 14 members
of Explorers Post 98

The paths show a lot more use than they did one or two years ago and there were a lot more beer cans below the cliffs. But the rock hadn't changed and neither had Harold Kramer's mastery of Charley's Crack.

A PATC member stopped by with a wanderbird hiking group and

mentioned that the climbing area is part of 3000 acres recently donated to a conservation group, and that the blue-blazed trail passing by is PATC maintained.

Ed Goodman's coed explorer post seemed well trained and did a lot of climbing. They had camped there Saturday night.

Carderock MD, February 4

Jim Nagy - Trip Leader	Jay Ozmont
Tom Trump	June Lehman
Bill Bookhout	Janet Gladfelter
Carol O'Neill	Bob Croft
Mark Sollinger	Jack Seaber
Cliff McGwinn	The Milligans
Marjorie Coffey	Chips Janger
Daniel Weinstein	Julie Golden
Kevin McCarthy	Bob Connor
Bill Thomas	John Birch
Marjorie Prochaska	John Bonine
Tink Peters	Merv & Fran Oleson
Kevin Miller	Chris Scoredos

Due to the unseasonable, warm weather and a lack of interest, the trip to Big Devils Stairs for ice climbing was cancelled. It was a beautiful day at Carderock for the crowd of old friends not recently seen, new faces, cavers and Boy Scouts. The scouts camped on Beginner's Crack, the cavers rappelled on Nubbles and the high water wiped out the climbs at Easy Layback except to rappel down. Chris was instructing as usual, Tink and a Milligan left some blood on Buckets of Blood and Barnacle Face and Tink and Marjorie were happy on Swayback Layback. Kevin McCarthy, a newcomer from California and never on the rock before, was ecstatic doing Barnacle Face. John Bonine noticed some poorly rigged ropes and I observed too many bad rappelling practices. A near accident occurred when a wrongly run brake bar/rope system failed. It never really was working and the rope finally slipped out of the biner and the beginner found himself with only a rope under his leg. This after I had cautioned that a belay should be used.

Crescent Rocks VA, February 18

Marjorie Prochaska - Trip Leader	Jim Nagy
John Birch	Ralph Erickson
Bob Ryan	

The trip leader brought her usual good weather. The rock was warm, the wind down and we had surprisingly pleasant climbing for sub-freezing temperatures. We actually should have climbed much better than we did, but there were lots of excuses, to wit: "I haven't climbed for 25 years; I haven't climbed for ten months; I haven't climbed in two weeks." (Continued on p. 3)