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DOUG SCOTT ON EVEREST

After two months of procrastination and many non-commitments, I am finally reviewing the lecture-slide show by Doug Scott, a summit member of the British Southwest Face Expedition.

Those of PATC who ventured to Baltimore the night of March 22 were richly rewarded with a superb photographic show of the "hardest climb on the hardest mountain of the world." The Himalayan photography was outstanding, and it was narrated well by Scott, who livened the evening with his brand of humor.

The show began chronologically with the march from Kathmandu through the highlands to basecamp and the slides were right out of Tolkien's Trilogy. You could almost see hobbits bounding around the scenery. The usual member shots were shown, somewhat reminiscent of a high school yearbook. Then on to the climbing sequences, interspersed with photos of previous SW face expeditions, and thoughts about the failures

of the past expeditions and improvements made to atone for them. Of course the most radical was the route change to try the left gully, and the subsequent success of this route. When the summit was gained, the usual summit photographs were taken, and Scott was selling copies autographed after the show for \$3.00. The funny thing about this was the same photo was available from Summit magazine's article on the expedition.

Again, the overall quality of the photography was superb--those of you who have read Bonington's books can get an idea of what you may have missed. But the show did slow at some points, lasting an hour and forty-five minutes, somewhat long to sit through. And it did end on the note of the death of Mick Burke, which was how the expedition did end, but somehow it seemed to leave you hanging.

Steve Williams

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Next month's UP ROPE will be a combined July/August issue which, due to vacation schedules, will probably be out sometime in late July. The regular meeting and training will be held in July but

the Section is taking a vacation in August--no meeting or training. Monthly meetings will resume Sept. 8 with training scheduled for the following Sunday. Deadline for the September UP ROPE is Aug. 20.

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Hanging AroundPurple Horse, Md. - April 18

Although the mid-summer heat in April made one think more of climbing into a pool than anywhere else, a hardy group of seven gathered at a reasonable hour across from Old Angler's Inn. Since the climb had been listed in UP ROPE as a Bunny Climb, we were somewhat disappointed when no bunnies, Easter or otherwise, appeared, but we hiked in to the rocks nevertheless. After the trip leader's rusty memory was refreshed as to the exact location of Purple Horse, a number of climbs were rigged. Hal Kramer stopped by and showed us "the easy way" up the short boulder climbs by the side of the trail. The longer balance climb by the side of the river saw everyone get up it, and the Barn Roof and other overhangs in its vicinity received a good deal of attention in the afternoon, with mixed results.

The consensus that it was a "more than one quart day" received further confirmation at Trav's late in the afternoon.

Pat Donohue, Skip Henderson, Mike Hill, Bill Kelly, Hal Kramer, Jon Larson, Mike Norman, and

Rich Raymond

Training at Carderock - April 25

The following students completed training, instructed by Sallie Greenwood, Joe Ney, Rick Todd, and Stevie Smith.

Eric Williams
Mike Harris
Mike Cecchini
Tom Cook
Mark Williams
Chris Harris
George Underwood
Jan Rishein
Pete Dessira
John Boran
Charles Harris
Paul Underwood
Paul Theriault
Mari Hope
Pat Donohue (secondary)
Skip Henderson (secondary)

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John-Paul Arsenault
Howard Kelly
Warren Kozlow

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Climber's Calendar

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| ** June 13 | Training
By appointment only | Joe Ney (Home: 354-2168)
(Work: 354-2600 ext. 341) |
| June 20 | Bull Run, Va. | Vivian Goldberg (869-1935) |
| + June 26-27 | Smoke Hole Canyon, W.Va.
Canoeing/rock climbing | Ray Kremer (656-0132) |
| June 27 | Wolf Rock, Md. | # |
| * July 3-5 | Shawangunks, N.Y. | # |
| July 4 | Annapolis Rocks, Md. | # |
| *** July 10-11 | Seneca Rocks, W.Va. | # |
| July 11 | Cupid's Bower, Md. | Barbara Llewellyn (871-6197) |
| July 14 | MS Meeting 8 pm
PATC Headquarters | Program to be announced |
| July 17-18 | Hermitage Cabin Worktrip | Bob Humphrey (229-4083) |
| ** July 25 | Training
By appointment only | Joe Ney (Home: 354-2168)
(Work: 354-2600 ext. 341) |
| *** July 31-Aug 1 | Seneca Rocks, W.Va. | # |
| Aug. 1 | Sugarloaf, Md. | # |
| Aug. 8 | Camp Lewis, Md. | # |
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- * Lead climbers and experienced seconds only. You should arrange for climbing partners before arriving at destination.
 - ** All training is by appointment only. Contact trip leader no later than the preceding Wednesday.
 - *** Combination work and climbing trip. Climbing is for leaders and experienced seconds. No experience necessary for working at Nelson House.
 - + Experienced intermediate level canoers only. Arrange for your own canoe.
 - # Your help to lead this trip would be appreciated. Contact Barbara Llewellyn (871-6197) or Ray Kremer (656-0132).



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