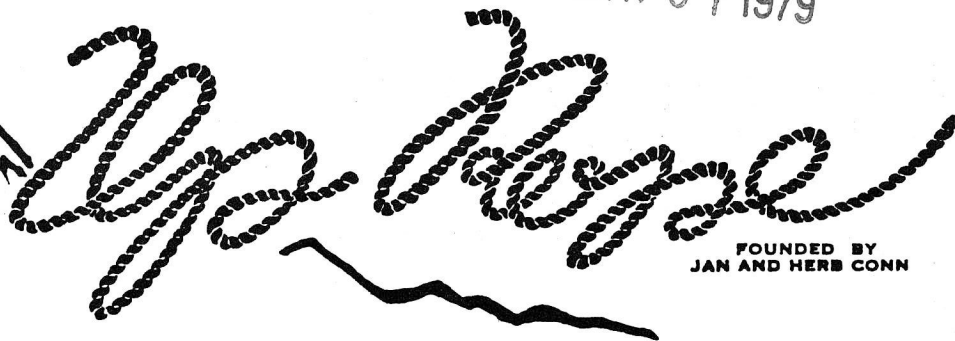




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BRINGING THE OUT WEST NEWS BACK EAST

This past February I had the opportunity to catch up with Mountaineering Section stalwarts who've moved to Seattle and Portland. This was all in the line of work, you understand.

Curt Mobley and Ann Kruse are alive and well in Seattle. They are also most hospitable. Their house has crash space in the basement for a modest expedition. I can recommend the couch -- comfy, and a view of Rainier on a clear day, I'm told. The house even has a rock problem along the drive way. Check it out at 7702 29th Avenue, N.W., Seattle, WA, 98117.

Curt is doing whatever it is Curt does with computers and weather for NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Lab. Ann is attorneying (ed. note - Agh! A new Sallie word!) with a firm in Seattle -- complete with an office with window from which, I'm told, you can see Rainier. Curt and friends chalked up the first ascent of Rainier for 1979 in March. Not at all bad as the weather conditions have been miserable on the mountain.

Ron Yokim is in Portland and learning to speak lawyer at Lewis and Clark. He's been out to the hills, which, I'm told, you can see from Portland. Watch out, Ron may be back this way for the summer. Should any of you get out that way give him a call: 246-9402.

Time and distance kept me from getting to Eugene to see the Bonines. Maybe the next trip I can catch up with them.

By the way, the weather cleared on my last day in Washington, and I saw the Cascades from Baker to Hood. Magnificent!

Sallie Greenwood

(Sallie is currently suffering through a "work trip" for the AAC in Yosemite as this article goes to press)

FIRST AID COURSE BEGINS

Harold A. Driscoll began teaching his advanced First Aid-CPR course on April 17. He started off by asking the 19 participants about their particular interests and knowledge in approximately thirty different areas. People said they'd like to know more about mountaineering medicine and how to rescue those involved in climbing accidents. There was a film on CPR. The second class session he quizzed us and demonstrated artificial respiration on a CPR teaching manikin. The strangest thing was loading up the manikin (several ½ men, a partially exposed ½ woman, and 2 babies) in suitcases and taking them down to Harold's car.

Lin Murphy



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MOUNTAINEERING SECTION ACTIVITIES

The MS holds **monthly** meetings at PATC Headquarters (1718 N Street, N.W., D.C.) to conduct a brief business session and present a slide show, movie, or other form of entertainment. Sunday trips to nearby climbing areas and/or weekend trips to more distant areas are sponsored every weekend. Check the schedule on the back page for details on planned trips. Beginning and intermediate training is offered once a month. Any individual is welcome to participate in MS activities, although some restrictions are placed on participation on

club trips. The Sunday trips are usually to areas where there is a complete range of top-roped climbs, from easy to difficult; however, we ask that you have some instruction or experience prior to the trip. The weekend trips are usually for lead-climbers only, and you are expected to find your own climbing partner. For more information on trips, call Doug Howard, 736-6937, Chairman of the Trips Committee, or call the designated trip leader. For information on training, call Rick Todd

Meeting Report

April 11, 1979

Most of the talk was about the Nelson House, the picnic, the MS Budget, trip leader liability, John Stannard's Seneca Rocks Guide and Lin's slide show on her Bolivian Expedition.

It was decided that the Stannard guidebook will be put on sale for \$2.50 at PATC Headquarters and will be sold to outfitters for the same price. These guides were donated to the club by Mr. Stannard! Trip leaders should be aware that they are not covered by insurance but the Executive Committee has recommended buying a rider to extend insurance coverage to the leaders from the general PATC insurance policy.

WIND RIVER UPDATE

The planned "climbers camp" in the Winds this summer (July 23- Aug 10) now has six paid-up members and six open spaces. Food planning and other details will be taken care of soon. Arrangements have been made with a Wyoming packer to carry seven loads of up to 150 lbs each most of the way into our camp in the cirque of the towers, so we should be able to pamper our hedonistic urges.

Stan Halpin

Just another note to announce that my sister and brother-in-law, Chuck and Jean Sproull, formerly of the MS, are now the proud parents of their second child, David Charles Sproull. Congratulations!

Mark Amberg



UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CO-EDITOR LEADING
"TOMATO", 5.7, SENECA ROCKS, WV

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From the Editors' Chimney

poem

As summer nears many of us will undoubtedly be planning our great adventures to the corners of the earth. Some of us are joining Stan Halpin for the Wind Rivers trip. Don McIntyre is progressing towards a meeting with the mountains of Peru. Lin Murphy and Sallie Greenwood are joining separate expeditions seeking to climb Mt. McKinley and I'm going to battle the tourists to clamber up some routes in the Swiss Alps.

Both Lin and I want to be able to write about your experiences. Make them as exciting as you can so there'll be plenty of lusty tales to share!

I recently acquired course descriptions for a number of well-known climbing schools in the United States and abroad. Anyone interested in obtaining information about these schools is welcome to contact me for specifics. Here is a list of the schools which have sent me info:

International School of Mountaineering, Leysin, Switzerland

Jackson Hole Mountain Guides, Teton Village, WY

The Mountain School, Renton, WA

Palisade School of Mountaineering, Bishop, CA

Rainier Mountaineering Inc., Paradise, WA

REI Adventure Travel, Seattle, WA

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when faces called flowers float out
of the ground
and breathing is wishing and wishing
is having-
but keeping is downward and doubting
and never
-it's april(yes, april; my darling) it's
spring!
yes the pretty birds frolic as spry as
can fly
yes the little fish gambol as glad as
can be
(yes the mountains are dancing together)

when every leaf opens without any sound
and wishing is having and having is
giving-
but keeping is doting and nothing non-
sense and
-alive; we're alive, dear: it's (kiss me
now) spring!
now the pretty birds hover so she and
so he
now the little fish quiver so you and
so i
(now the mountains are dancing, the
mountains)

when more than was lost has been found
and having is giving and giving is
living-
but keeping is darkness and winter and
cringing
-it's spring (all our night becomes day)
o, it's spring!
all the pretty birds dive to the heart
of the sky
all the little fish climb through the
mind of the sea
(all the mountains are dancing; are dan-
cing)

e. e. cummings

Hanging Around

Sugarloaf, MD- Sunday, 22 APR 79

At long last our training program was resumed after a winter recess. Many of the participants had called as early as December. Their patience rewarded them well. It was a splendid day for climbing. Overcast morning skies and occasional showers kept the usual crowds away until about 1:00 PM when it turned into a beautiful afternoon.

With assistance from Dave Palmeter and Roger Slakey we covered the techniques of belaying, climbing and rappelling. By mid-afternoon we had everyone ready to assault some of the more difficult climbs. The rest of the day was spent climbing, falling, clawing, bleeding, discovering and all those other "nice" climbing things. By 5:00 PM we were all thoroughly exhausted and decided to stop for the day.

One thing I noticed while at Sugarloaf was the amount of litter. Beware of the broken glass if you go there. Not only is it at the base of the climbs, but also on some of the larger hand holds and ledges as well. A large heavy paper bag to put the glass in would be something you should take along if you plan to go there.

Participating in the training session were:

David Duncan	David Cohn
Joe Howell	Peter Winsauer
Susan Clark	Joseph Slakey
Wesley Mills	Roger Slakey
John Miller	Dave Palmeter

Presented by,
Ricky Todd



Nelson House, WV- 21-22 APR 79

The first work trip almost failed to materialize, but despite the slow starts and a meager turnout, we managed to finish the side porch, including two coats of paint. The side door now opens and the dead-bolt is functional in the kitchen. Both stoves have been hooked up. One work of caution!! The damper on the stove is 90 degrees to the handle. Expect a fair amount of smoke from the first use of the living room stove because of the oil on the new stove pipe. The stove pipe connection may need more work.

The spring was dug out and a pipe installed. Mr. Nelson claims it is good water, having supplied several without any mishaps.

The new location of the outhouse has been found and it will command a prime view of the valley. The hole is almost complete being more than four feet deep. We stopped digging when we hit water. Maybe the new outhouse site should become the well!

The only evidence that the traveling circus from Boston had stopped at Nelson House was their generous donation to the house fund and the description of several new 5.8-5.9 routes on Nelson Rocks.

Sunday was devoted to climbing at Seneca. Many thanks to those who turned out to work. They were:

Ryan Pierson, Charlie Dorian
and the talented Howard family,

Doug Howard

Publications

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC Magazine has published two dramatic Mountain-eering articles of two historical climbs. In the March 1979 issue, coverage is given to the American Women's Expedition that climbed Annapurna. Written by Arlene Blum, it is titled, "Triumph and Tragedy on Annapurna." In the May 1979 issue, Jim Whittaker reviews his remarkable Expedition which climbed K2 in "The Ultimate Challenge."

OFF BELAY Magazine, April 1979, contains several detailed stories concerning the death of Willi Unsoeld while climbing on Mt. Rainier. Also in this issue is a feature story by local climbing school instructor Barry Nelson of Geneva Spur Ltd., Vienna, VA. The article is titled, "The Climbing Mogul."

Climber's Calendar

May 6	Stone Mountain, NC	Bill De Lano	532-0650
May 9	MS Meeting*	PATC Headquarters	
May 13	Annapolis Rocks	Janet Young	296-0778
May 20	Buzzard Rocks	Tom McKenna	972-8739
May 26-28	Gunks	Stan Halpin	340-2593
May 27	Leader's Choice	-	
June 3	Great Falls, VA	Hernando Vera	229-2347
June 9-10	Seneca Rocks, WV	Ian Cruickshank	484-5108

*John Teasdale will show a slide review called "Alpine Climbing in the Western United States."



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