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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

It should not be a surprize when I say I have given the Section's current problems a lot of thought. One major problem, as I see it, is the lack of communication between the Executive Executive Committee and the rest of the member-This is something I hope to correct. The Section's secretary and new editor of Up Rope, Patti Lemon, has assured me that minutes from both the monthly Business Meeting and the Executive Meeting will be published in Up Rope. I would also like to have a reading of the previous month's minutes at the beginning of each Business Meeting. In addition to the minutes, I would like to have a Treasurer's report at the Business Meeting every other month. Hopefully, such reports will serve to solve any communication problems.

Another area of confusion and misunderstanding is the role of the Executive Committee Meetings. I will briefly describe what I think an Executive Committee Meeting should be.

The Executive Committee Meeting should be held before the monthly Business Meeting. It is open to everyone. Section business, new and old, is brought up and discussed. The Chairman organizes the topics to be discussed

into a logical agenda that can be presented with speed and clarity at the Business Meeting. The Executive Committee does not dictate the Section's policy at these meetings.

Executive Committee Meetings, while not essential to operation of the Section, does allow the Section to operate more smoothly. The Chairman can get business organized and keep track of club activities. It is also an excellent forum for discussing Section business and getting feedback on different ideas to formulate proposals and projects.

This is how I wanted to operate the Section during my term as Chairman. What I have suggested may not be adequate to truly represent the membership to its satisfaction. If not, I am willing to listen to others' solutions.

In the February Up Rope, I attempted to express my views on what I thought of the Mountaineering Section's December meeting, what the purpose and responsibility of the Section is, and what I hope the Section can do in the near future. These are my feelings, hopes, and desires in regards to the

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coming from."

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Section. In other words, "Where I'm

Now the strange questions is, "How

do I get there from here?"

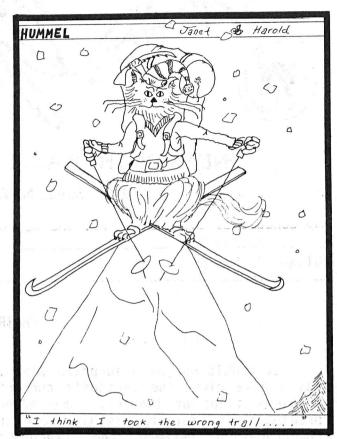
The procedures followed in December meeting and the function of the Executive Committee Meetings still seem to be the polarizing elements of the Section's current problem. Apparently, the problem efforts to resolve amongst individual members have not been The only course of action left is to follow John Stannard's suggestion to set aside the March Business Meeting and to make this an open meeting where the Section's current problem and the future of the Section can be discussed by area climbers. It is important that the member and non-member climbers attending the March meeting do so with mature, constructive ideas on how this problem can be resolved, and how similar problems can be avoided in the future. I will welcome any suggestions in regards to these matters. I do not wish to repeat this experience.

James



INTRODUCING







Up Rope is the monthly newsletter of the Mountaineering Section (MS) of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) of Washington, D.C. Climbing articles, letters, and comments are welcome and should be addressed to Patti Lemon, c/o MRC, Inc., 3413-1/2 M Street, N.M., Washington, D.C. 20007. Deadline is the 20th of each month. Subscriptions for MS members are included in the dues. The annual subscription price for nonmembers is \$4. Current PATC members interested in receiving Up Rope may obtain a subscription at no charge. MS members must be Tong to PATC. Applicants for membership and PATC members can join the MS by obtaining sponsorship from a current MS member. Send subscription and address changes to Mountaineering Section-Secretary, 1718 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

MOUNTAINEERING SECTION ACTIVITIES

The MS holds meetings at PATC headquarters (1718 N Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.) the second Wednesday of each month except August. There is a brief business session followed by a slide show, film, or other form of entertainment. Sunday trips to more distant area nearby climbing areas and/or weekend trips to more distant area are sponsored every weekend. Check the climber's calendar for scheduled trips.

scheduled trips.

Beginning and intermediate training are offered once a month. Anyone is welcome to participate in MS activities, although some restrictions may be placed on participation in club trips. The Sunday trips are usually to areas where there is a complete range of top rope climbs. However, we ask that you have some experience or training prior to the trip. The weekend trips are usually for lead climbers only, and you are expected to find your num climbing partner.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the PATC Council:

As you have all probably heard by now, the December Mountaineering Section's monthly meeting was not in keeping with the normal conduct of MS proceedings. I regret my actions at that meeting, and although I feel my anger was not without reason, I do not excuse my conduct as Chairman of MS, and by no means believe that it was appropriate for me or for any chairman. I do not intend to try to justify my behavior nor defend my two years as chairman.

For my own part, even without the subsequent events, I believe that I have suffered for my mistake. What grieves me the most is that I feel that many others in MS have been unjustly treated as a result of my conduct. I would like it to be known that although my actions were not premeditated nor maliciously thought out, my actions were entirely of my own doing, and I cannot let others be blamed for my wrong doing. I have stated my regrets to those involved privately.

Two members of PATC have demanded that I apologize to the club for my actions, and although I have no animosity toward any members, I would like it to be understood that my apology is not directed to those two nor is my apology given in fulfillment of their demand. I do sincerely apologize to PATC for my conduct. I would also like to apologize to those members of MS whom I believe have unjustly suffered for my mistake: Charlie Dorian, Ed Cummings, Patti Lemon, and Ian Cruickshank. But my deepest apology goes to James Eakin who But my ended up receiving the greatest injus-I would also like to say that I give James my full support and will help him in what ever way that I can to make MS a better and more active organization. I might also add that I will in

the future not let personal grievences interfere with my participation in MS activities.

Martha Hale

To: Up Rope

We should like to contribute our opinion to the current discussion regarding the role of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee does not have the authority to run the club. function of the Executive Committee has been and, in our view, should continue to be to organize the agenda and handle routine matters so that club business will be expeditiously processed in general meeting business sessions. Executive Committee actions, including routine matters, should be reported to the membership via general meetings or Up Rope. The Executive Committee does not have the authority to make policy decisions or judgments on controversial matters. This is the responsibility of the general membership meeting.

Inviting members to the Executive Committee meetings does not relieve the Chairman of the responsibility of conducting business sections in the general meeting.

The PATC is significantly involved in conservation. Without conservation the Appalachian Trail would not exist, the PATC would not exist, and the MS, if it existed at all, would not enjoy its very beneficial and almost completely parasitic relationship with the PATC. Members who do not want the MS to be involved in conservation issues should remember this.

Chuck and Margaret Wettling

FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting began with James' discussion of the December meeting, and reading of the John Stannard's motion. (See Executive Committee Sallie Greenwood spoke briefly for herself and Lin Murphy. It was announced that PATC was given us \$3200 for our 1982 budget: \$2000 for Up Rope; \$150 for training; \$600 for programs; \$150 for Mohonk Trust; \$100 for UIAA; \$100 for North Fork Resque Squad; and \$100 for a conservation donation. There is \$3200 in the Templeton Fund; \$1900 in the Stannard Fund; and \$120 in the Nelson House Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Climbing at Bull Run. Ron Greenberg made the motion that the MS continue to indicate a formal interest and actively participate at Bull Run.
- 2. Janet Young reported on Carderock erosion problem. She is trying to reconstruct past efforts, talking with the Park Service, and welcomes any ideas on stopping the erosion.
- 3. Discounts available from PATC-Denali Expedition. Tom Russell and Ed Cummings reported that IME is giving a 20% discount on orders over \$1000. The first order should have gone out by now, but there may be a second. North Face has offered a very limited discount as they have no sleeping bags in stock. There may be a discount coming from Ramer. Mountain House is giving about a 50% discount on cases of food; there is \$450 minimum, and the order is going out soon. EMS will give a 10% discount. The Gendarme may donate a pack.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Conservation donation. Vivian has suggested the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy of which PATC is already a member. Their newsletter is in the PATC library.

- 2. Stokes litter. When we get the named of the manufacturer, we will ask the club acquirer to help us.
- 3. Seneca work trail trip is February 27 at 9:00 AM at the Vistors Center.
- 4. The Ski Touring Section is having John Harlan on March 1st for a slide show/movie at the Bicentenial Theatre in Alexandria. John Christian made the motion that in the spirit of friendship, we donate \$50 to the Ski Touring Section. It was 2nd, discussed, and carried.
- 5. No volunteers at this time to lead trips on the Climbers' Calendar.
- Membership list is being updated and hopefully will be published in April's Up Rope.

AAC - Blue Ridge Section Announces ...

The American Alpine Club - Blue Ridge Section is planning its 1982 program, which includes a guest speaker of international mountaineering reputation, last year's Poland climbers' exchange, the 1958 Hidden Peak Expedition, and another climber rescue workshop. Please contact Lin Murphy (533-8412) if you wish to receive notice of these events.

EXECUTIVE MEETING - February 3, 1982

In attendance: Ed Cummings, James Eakin, Charlie Dorian, Patti Lemon, Joe Farness, Martha Hale, Barbara Llewellyn, Janet Young, Harold Goldstein, William Vanderseltz, and John Stannard.

Topics discussed:

 Our entertainment money has been cut from our budget by PATC, and

- we will have to approach funding programs one by one.
- 2. Ken Erikson of the Ski Touring Section has been in touch with the Charlie to announce that they are having John Harlan on March 1st for a slide show and movie. They wished joint sponsorship which cannot be done due to lack of funds in our budget. (See Business Meeting Minutes.)
- 3. PATC-Denali Expedition Discounts:
 (1) IME is giving 20% off catalog prices. The first order will go out by the middle of February. There are may a second order. Each order must total \$1,000 to get the discount; (2) North Face will give a discount depending on availability of a limited number of items. These orders will be going in soon. Tom Russell (301-869-8058) is the contact person, and checks are to be made out to PATC-Denali.
- 4. Minutes of the meetings will be read at the beginning of each business meeting.
- 5. The Treasurer will give a status report of the budget, particularly noting Stannard, Templeton, and Nelson House Funds at each business meeting.
- 6. Janet reported that two types of erosion have been identified at Carderock: river and rainfall. In the past, rocks were placed in the river by the bank, plants were planted, and logs were laid for trail maintenance. Lin is writing a letter to the American Alpine Club's newsletter to solicit help from that group.
- 7. Patti reported for Vivian about the conservation donation. She has identified the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy of which PATC is already a member as a

- possible group. Vivian will be in touch with Jeanette Fitzwilliams to see how they would use a donation from us.
- 8. Charlie is still trying to locate the names of manufacturers for a stokes litter for the Gendarme.
- 9. Patti reported for Dave Atkinson of the about the meeting on February 27 with Ray Blum of the Forest Service. (See February's Up Rope for further information.)
- 10. The Climber's Calendar was updated through the beginning of May.
- 11. John Stannard asked for agreement of the members present at the Executive Meeting to make the March Business Meeting an open meeting to discuss the future of the club. To prepare for this meeting, all of us who care about the club are to encourage communication by talking with each other -- testing out our ideas by contact with others -- so that we can attend this meeting with matured opinions. John's goal is that the future of the club will be determined by the membership. The following motion was made, discussed, seconded, and passed by committee for presenting before the members at the February meeting.

The March 10th Business Meeting of the Mountaineering Section of the PATC will be devoted to discussion by the membership and other interested persons concerning policies and methods of operation which, in future, will best allow the section to advance the common interest of the membership. meeting will be chaired by John Stannard. The members are urged to discuss the future of the $\check{\text{club}}$ freely among themselves well in advance of the meeting so that a consensus will be achieved.

FOREST SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Anticipating our work at Seneca this spring, Jerry Bremer sent me a letter and brochure on information for Forest Service Volunteers. I would like to pass along the following.

The Forest Service (FS) is the agency responsible for promoting conservation and wise use of forest land in the U.S. The FS is dedicated to the principle of multiple use management of the Nation's forest resources for sustained yields of wood, water, forage, wildlife, and recreation.

A volunteer may be working with the National Forest staff specialists in resource protection and management, cooperative forestry, or research. The opportunities are many and varied.

Contact any FS office in the area where you wish to volunteer. You will be given an orientation on the FS, including its history, objectives, programs, and safety.

There are two main advantages to this program: (1) the volunteer is protected under the Tort Claim Act and (2) the volunteer is covered by the Workman's Compensation Act.

Gerry added in his letter that they may be able to pay some of our expenses, provide direction and overall supervision of our project, and our work has to meet their standards.

Patti

P.S. The Forest Service is also looking for persons to serve as Hosts at their camp grounds this summer. If you plan to stay at one of the following camp grounds for several weeks, give Ray a call at the Visitor's Center: Lake Sherwood, Blue Benwood, Smoke Hole, Dolly Sods - Red Creek, or Spruce Knob.

THANKS!!!

Our thanks to Barbara Llewellyn for all the preparation and work she did for the February slide show. She provided the large screen and made certain that we had an adequate sound system. She went above and beyond the duties of Program Chairman, and as a result of her efforts, we were able to enjoy a professional slide show.

Thanks also to Janet Young and Harold Goldstein who lugged their speakers to PATC.

AN INVITATION ...

You are invited to become a contributing, voting, participating member of the Mountaineering Section -- not an observer -- when you attend Executive Meetings. This meeting is generally held the first Wednesday of the month in the home of one of the members. If you are interested in coming, please call James, Charlie, Ed, or myself for information on place and time of the meeting. We generally throw together a pot luck dinner, so you may be asked to bring something along to share. Hope to see you there.

Patti







DOLLY SODS SKI TRAVERSE

Our goal was a crossing of the Sods from Red Creek Camp Ground to Canaan Valley. We planned to camp Saturday night somewhere on the Sods, probably by Deu Creek. For several years this goal has been thwarted by bad weather, lack of snow, or lack of opportunity when conditions were favorable.

We missed again. A forecast of temperatures in the 50's and steady rain all weekend was enough. As it turned out though, we got in some fine skiing and the traverse will be a "piece of cake" next

time.

Saturday, in search of some klister to match the forecast, we were directed to White Grass Ski Touring -- a new enterprise using the old Weiss Ski Area slopes and building not far from the State Park and modern downhill ski area in Canaan Valley. The friendly atmosphere of the place induced us to stay, pay the \$2.50 area use fee, and to ski up onto the Sods In 50° temperatures from there. superb sunny weather, we climbed the hill, traversed northeast into a small col, and intersected the Little Stonecoal Trail in a delightful area of meadow and spruce. A few miles later we were on the Sods where Fire Road 80 tops out from Buena. exhilerating two-mile downhill run was marred only by Charlie's wipe-out while attempting to cross a half acre of melting ice and gravel at 20 miles per hour. His fall best resembled a losing effort at the national springboard diving championships.

Canaan Valley State Park offers large six-person camp sites with toilets and showers for \$5.50 plus tax. Close by the super-modern lodge has a restaurant and bar, free movies and, incredibly, on this occasion, a live professional version of the broadway hit "The Fantastics" with

free admission.

Sunday's weather was more threatening and we opted for cross country downhill at the Canaan Valley Ski Area. While I had skins the others variously over-klistered, herring-boned, or walked up the 900-foot vertical hill several times. The corn snow was perfect for telemark practice, and we had plenty of attention from the downhill-only crowd. The ski patrol was

friendly and apparently do not object to cross country downhill.

Neither rain nor the few "You're going the wrong way" remarks from well-meaning but misguided downhillers spoiled our day, and Jeff and I were able to promote Charlie to "Advanced Telemarker" and William and Patti to "Beginner First Class".

Present were Jeff Brown, Patti Lemon, Charlie Dorian, William Vanderseltz, and

Ian Cruickshank



SNEAK PEAK UPCOMING

April 14th

Ron Greenberg

Traveling Through the Andes or

50 Reasons Not to Climb

PREVIEW OF MARCH'S MEETING

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ICE NINE

Ice Nine is a fictionar crystalline modification of ice invented by Kurt Vonnegut for ending the world in Catis Cradle. A small piece of ice nine instantly turns liquid water into a hard solid. I had the feeling we discovered it at the Elkins quarry on an ice climbing trip there January 23-24, 1982.

A week of preceeding warm weather caused some doubts, but John Teasdale, Patti Lemon, Jeff Brown, and I carried out our plans to give the area a try. Sure enough, Saturday was warm, in the low 40's. The quarry's ice was an emanciated and gaunt shadow of the preweekend's glory. Waterfalls poured over the lip. But wasn't this why we spend dollar after dollar for Gore-Tex and pile? You bet! John led up and under a waterfall, both frozen and in motion. His main complaint? "My feet are wet." (They were, too. After we came down, he took off his boots, and poured a pint out of each one.) I followed and found that I couldn't avoid the hose, either. My pants kept my boot tops covered but my hands got soaked (to the elbows!). Just as they were supposed to, my thick Dachstein mitts kept my hands warm while wet.

Once on top, we rigged a top rope above on overhanging icicle. Climbing it was good news-bad news: the ice took tools very easily (one swing per placement) but you couldn't wait around under it gathering your nerve (the water soaked you) so you just had to go for it!

That night we dried off in the Valley View clothes drier (at least our clothes did) and hoped for a little colder weather for Sunday.

Apparently, we hoped too hard. It was 15°F and gusting. New ice was forming very rapidly. John had had his eye on a lead Saturday and was not about to let the weather stop him! Never mind that it was right next to the biggest waterfall, with its blowing spray. You could hear the spray hit, but not see it. By the time you swiveled your head to look, it had changed from water to ice nine!

John's lead was staggering. second screw in was slung, not clipped quick-draw 'biners because no openable. The third screw was clipped With a 'biner holding two other wart hogs because it was the only openable 'biner left. To take the protection out, I had to crack an inch of new ice off first, like the shell on a walnut! When I got to the top, John had a perfect double helmet-ice over his hood over his helmet. Jeff followed easily beautifully. 0ur descent facilitated by the fixed rope we had left behind Saturday -- now rigid.

Once down, we found that we could not undress! Crampon straps, snaps and zippers were welded shut by the ice in them. So we thawed slowly on the way back to Washington. Even try to drive with crampons on?

Charlie Dorian

TRAGEDY AT SENECA

A 33-year old Huntington pharmacist fell 150 feet to her death after she lost her footing while climbing at Seneca. The victim was identified as Senzana Kelly. She has climbing with two companions on Sunday, February 14th, when the accident occurred. Trooper Rich Gillespie said she was making her along Broadway Ledge when slipped and lost her footing. unroped. She fell from the east face, or the back side, near the part of the rocks known as The Chimney near Old Ladies Rock. They were just getting started. Ms. Kelly fell about 2:00 PM. Some of people who were there said she appeared to have been sick and thought about not climbing. to have all the necessary gear, including a helmet and a harness. have been sick and become dizzy. was taken to Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, and pronounced arrival.

ITALY - SEPTEMBER 1982

9/5 Fly into Milan; go to Trento and take bus to Madonna di Campiglio to climb Dolomiti di Brenta. It is 2 hours to the hut; stuff can be sent ahead; limestone climbing; Gianni's says this is like the Gunks, but the rock is a little different. Recommended climbs here are Cima Margherita - Route #112, Campanile Basso - all routes, Fehrmann Route - #125, Torre di Brenta - West Face #130.

9/10 Take train to Sondrio and Morbegno; take bus to Bagni del Masino. Gianni's favorite area is the Badile (granite) with short climbs on the slabs in the valley (and a wonderful hotel with excellent food) and long hike up to the huts in the mountains.

9/15 Bus to Trento; train to Orbetello; then 5 miles to Porto Santo Stefano where Gianni and Sandra own a home on the shore.*

9/17 Go to Rome.

9/19 Go to Gran Sasso -- if the weather is nice.

9/21 Go to San Felice Circeo where Massimo (Gianni's friend who visited here last summer) has a home on the shore. There are two climbing areas here: Monte Circeo and Gaeta (sea cliffs).

9/23 Go back to Rome.

9/25 Back to D.C.

* An option here is to stop in Florence and Pisa on our way to Porto Santo Stefano.

For Gaeta - summer clothes; for Gran Sasso - all kinds including pile jacket; for mountains - heavy clothes.

If we plan to stay in the huts, we will not need to take tents, sleeping bags or pads.

We will meet Gianni in Trento (probably). The idea is to start in the area where we want to do the most climbing just incase we have to wait out the weather. This draft itinerary and these climbing routes were suggested by Gianni. If you are interested in going, and have some other ideas in mind, let me know so that I can pass the information along to Gianni for feedback, modifications, other suggestions, etc.

If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible as I will probably start making travel arrangements in April or May.

Patti



MOUNTAINEERING PEOPLE AND PLACES

Answer the clues and find them on the puzzle. Have fun.

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- 2. Eiger "Directissima" tragedy.
- 3. World's highest range.
- 4. Mountain with the king's trench.
- 5. First ascent of Foops.
- 6. Great Pacific Iron Works founder.
- 7. First ascent of Matterhorn.
- 8. New Zealand bee keeper of mountaineering fame.
- 9. Nepalese mountain tribe.
- 10. Seneca's corner-crack.
- 11. Mountain area which includes Nandadevi.
- 12. Italo-Swiss granite valley.
- 13. Highest alpine summit.
- 14. Two of the three highest volcanoes in Mexico.
- 15. Highest peak in Canadian Rockies.
- 16. Named by Mallory for daughter Clare.
- 17. Everest's Tibetan names means "Goddess Mother of the Land"
- 18. Half Dome is found here.
- 19. Zermatt is at its base.
- 20. First ascent in 1956 by the Swiss.
- 21. Highest peak in the American Rockies.
- 22. Horn-like peaks of Pre-Cambrian rock.
- 23. Great Mount of New Zealand.

IN SEARCH OF SNOW

For the New Year's weekend, Greg Christopulos and I wanted to ski. Heavy rains during the preceding week had removed most of the area's snow, so a trip to the Gunks carriage road seemed in order.

Another rain storm on the drive up started to dampen our spirits, but we were committed! At New Paltz, at midnight a quick decision: hopeless here, press on. 3:00 AM in Saratoga Springs: we'll try it here.

They have a very pretty public area, a golf course and spa in the summer, rolling hills and meandering streams. After two hours of skiing slush (in which waxless skis worked great, waxable skis approximated a frictionless surface), the rain caught up with us.

Back on the Northway, to Montreal if necessary, we finally stopped at Lake Placid with hope in our hearts that all would be fine. Next day it was! Sunny, teens, five inches of new powder at Mt. Van Hoevenberg, site of the winter XC olympics. A perfect track had been set; the trails were constantly entertaining, and the setting breathtaking. The drive had been worthwhile after all.

To my surprise, track skiing was very different from the New Germany type. No snow in the boots, no narrow trails, no sharp turns at the bottom of a hill. Very, very mellow overall.

Sunday, with limited time before starting home, we tried downhill on our cross-country skiis. An icy surface and hot-shot six-year-olds whizzing by made it exciting to say the least.

One more storm, <u>freezing</u> rain this time, almost made me change my mind that it was all worth it. But a good night's sleep erased the pain and left only the pleasure.

Charlie Dorian

Dear Members and Interested Persons,

The February Executive Meeting was exciting. The main theme of the meeting was reunification of the section. The level of concern expressed by those present of how the MS will proceed from here makes me optimistic about the future of our club and about all of us as people.

It appears to be time for a mammoth amount of input from the members and interested persons about our future direction. How do we prevent the past events? What kind of activities do we want to pursue? How much are we really willing to commit ourselves to? need to redefine our goals and objectives? Should we reformat the Business Meeting and perhaps change the starting time to 7:30 PM or 7:45 PM to get an earlier start with more discussion of business? Can we provide some educational programs (expedition planning, mountaineering medicine, rescue techniques), in addition to the training programs we now offer? Could we plan to have a Swap Shop or Used Equipment Sale this spring from which each vendor could perhaps donate some small percentage of his take to the MS for some special activity or program?

In addition to this, I feel I should inform the membership that a formal complaint was lodged at the February PATC Council meeting. Bill Hutchinson, President of PATC, tabled it until their March 9th meeting while the MS continues to try to work this out on our own.

Jeff Brown and I have come up with the following idea and would appreciate some feedback on it.

We propose that when controversial issues are raised (those requiring extensive discussion and weighing of facts) that before a vote can be taken, the following procedure be employed. Once a motion has been made and discussed, both sides and all available information published in Up Rope, a formal vote can be taken by the following way. By voting on such an issue by a ballot provided in Up Rope, all of the members of the MS can respond.

The following ballot requests information on an unmade motion to be presented at the upcoming March meeting. Please take the idea and motion seriously.

After voting, please cut out your ballot and return it to me as soon as possible. Thanks for caring.

Patti

Committee the contract of the	
	dship, we move that the Mountaineering Section ear-marked for their Lake Minnewaska legal fund.
VOTE: For	or Against
(If there are two persons received	ving this Up Rope, the second person vote here:)
VOTE: For	or Against
Name(s):	
Address:	Please give us some feedback:
	 Do you like this idea? Do you have any suggestions?

CLIMBER'S CALENDAR

Date	Place		Leader/Information
3/1	### EXECUTIVE MEETING ###		Call for information
3/7	Crescent Rocks		
3/10	!!! MOUNTAINEERING SECTION	MEETING !!!	8:00 PM PATC
3/14	Cupid's Bower		
3/21	Sugar Loaf		B. Llewellyn 871-6197
3/28	Wolf Rock, MD		G. Christopulos 525-4061
4/4	Annapolis Rocks		D. Atkinson 654-1784
4/7	### EXECUTIVE MEETING ###		Call for information
4/9-11	Gunks, NY*		P. Lemon 762-4769
4/11	Purple Horse, MD		
4/14	!!! MOUNTAINEERING SECTION	MEETING !!!	8:00 PM PATC
4/18	Bull Run		Ute Christoph 273-5117
4/25	Sugar Loaf		Don Kocher 949-2239
5/9	Old Rag		Janet Young 966-9091

For trip information, call the leader or Charlie Dorian (362-7523). Day trips are to top rope climbing areas. Weekend trips (designated *) are to lead climbing areas -- please arrange for your own climbing partner. For ice climbing trips arranged on an impromptu basis, call Charlie or James Eakin (587-5062).

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