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THE WAY WE WERE

UPROPE TAKES A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

"Can it be we were all so different then? Or has time rewritten every line?..."

Back in January 1956, the Mountaineering Committee published qualifications for its voting members. They didn't let just any old cragrat vote like we do now. And how 'bout those "qualifying" climbs?

Sportivas weren't around back then to let you climb two grades better than you deserved to. UpRope chronicles the arrival of PA's at Carderock in 1962.

We used to sing rousing climbing songs while climbing things like Jan's Semi Chimney and Wexlers Worst and Stretch and ChirisWexDon Traverse at Carderock. If "Gory Gory" didn't elevate you, we can only hope it didn't make you fall either.

We were also more analytical then--UpRope explored the Zen of rockclimbing as well as the murky underpinnings of the climber's Id. (See "The Psychopathology of Rock Climbing, or the Reasons Why Rock Climbers Have Ups and Downs") Take a look at this issue's drawing board to see how our sense of humour has evolved--or regressed.

In short, take a sentimental journey through the years with UpRope.

--The Editor

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