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### BASE CAMP

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The meeting began with a brief summary of upcoming events. Stuart Pregnall spoke on the advantages and necessity of increasing our membership. Many climbers are unaware of the legal decisions being made concerning access or use of climbing areas. With a larger membership, the MS--in conjunction with other clubs--can have a greater influence in land use and preservation decisions. At the Executive Meeting held at the Pregnalls, the possibility was discussed of requiring people who participate in our training sessions to become members or pay for the instruction. Rich Cunningham entertained us with slides of his ascent of Mt. McKinley last summer.

### HANGING AROUND

Camp Lewis, MD. March 21, 1987. Camp Lewis includes the rocks directly opposite Boucher Rocks, just next to I-495 on the Maryland side. From Carderock we walked downstream

along the canal to the first spillway, just about where the large Navy building end (on the left). We turned right and followed the small stream until we had to ford a built spillway. The rocks can be approached either by exiting left or right towards the river. None of the rocks immediately across from this spillway were rigged. Guided by Barb Llewellyn and a copy of the Vol.2, No. 15, 1945 Up Rope, we rigged several climbs. Facing the rocks, from left to right on the "Dome" or "Skull" we climbed the thin, awkward face (5.8), the nose and two variations, thanks to Tom Isaacson (5.9, 5.10). Also climbed the Ferocious Layback either as a layback (5.9), ro using the pinnacle (5.7), the 5.8 route up the corner, and then a face, and attempted the bottom moves of Shaefer's Aching Back (Aid).

Moving downstream we climbed Pony Express (5.6), the ramp/corners which are part of Crawford's Crash and Lizards Ledge. The Short Man's Climb is essentially a short climber's boulder problem to climb the square rock just to the left of the Jam Crack.