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Dear Dick,

Bad day at Black Rock. The B.A.D. has goofed. It may even be forced out of existence.

Sat. morning (early of course) Greg Smith and I were caught running out of the library. After working hard to convince the officer we had climbed it for fun (I even demonstrated) and that we were alone, two others (Roger Hope and Pete Hall) came tip-toeing out with their shoes off right into the hands of the law. We spent about an hour at the U.C. Police Station, during which time they discovered that we were members of the U.C.H.C. and that was once caught bridge-climbing. They were quite interested in the latter; They were curious to know if you were climbing anything in Chile.

anyway, Sunday night several Hiking Clubbers were caught steam tunneling (Greg Smith was in on both episodes) so the U.C.P.D. and consequently The University now look upon us and the Hiking Club with disfavor. ¡Así es la vida!

Our trans-Sierra tour Turned out rather fine. Four snowshoers

(Roger, Mel Bernstein, Phil Pennington, and myself) left the Valley and took three days to reach McCulloch Cabin in Tuolumne. We staggered into the Hut about 9:00 PM, half starved half frozen, and half dead from fatigue. The skiers (Charlie, Bill, Pete, and Paul Delany) started a day later from Silver Lake and consequently arrived at the Hut a day after we did. We spent two days at the hut gorging ourselves and watching it snow outside (it snowed two feet - regular blizzard) then took off to complete our journey. It also took three days to get out. Each party encountered a small snowstorm on the way out, although the skiers stayed at the Hut for two days after we left.

Charlie, Paul and Pete made a 1st winter ascent of Cathedral Peak.

I'm trying to take up skiing now - got a used pair of skis for \$1.50 so I took them into Desolation Valley with 15 other UCHC'ers Feb 20-22. The weather was good because the Olympics were going.

You ought to invest in either a better pen or better stationary. Deciphering your letter was a feat!

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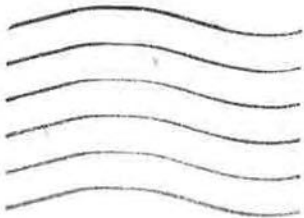
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