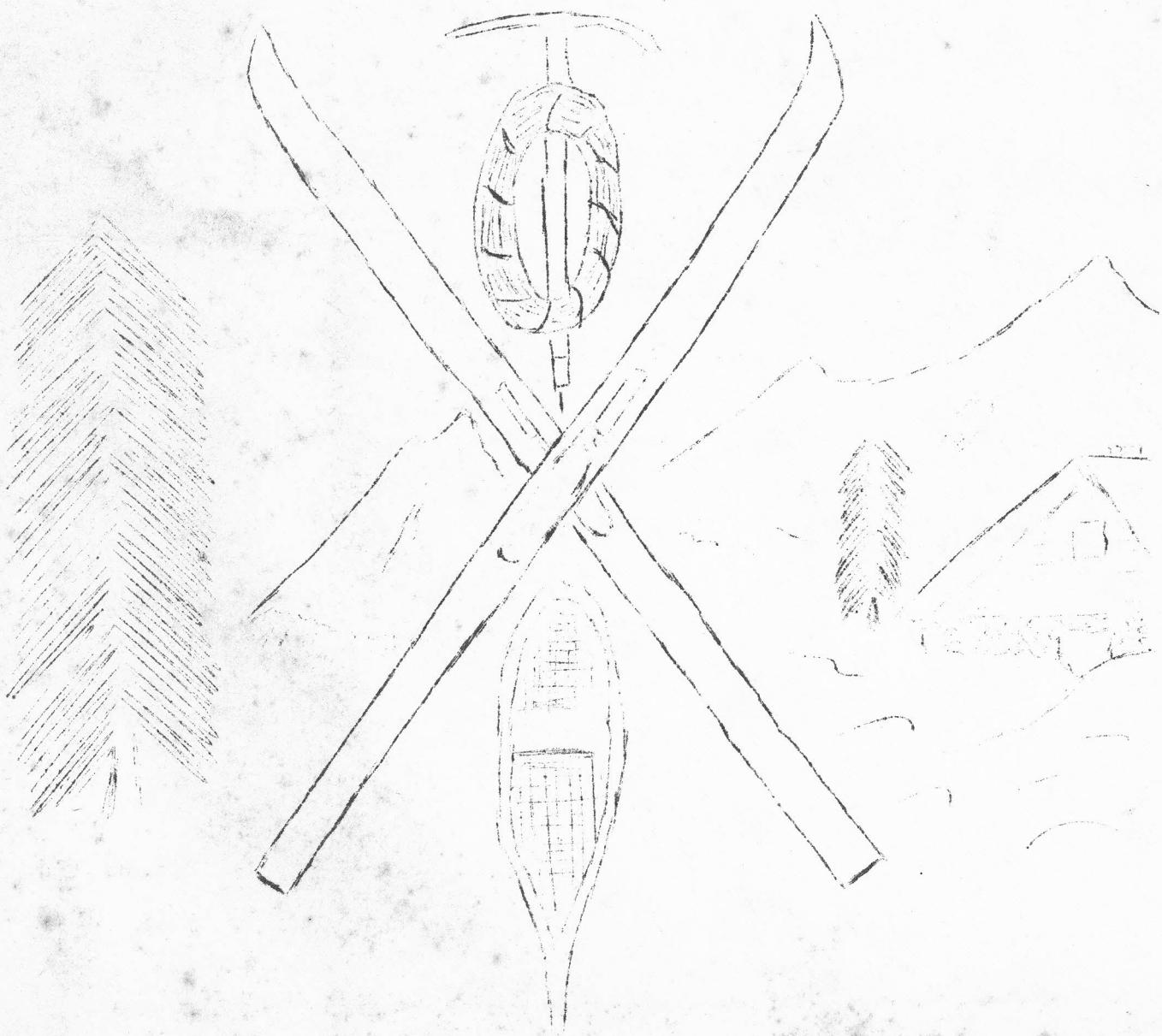


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A MOONLIGHT CYCLING TOUR ALONG THE "WILD COAST"

All the excitement of a hike along a moonlit beach was experienced by nine hardy and adventurous U.C.H.C. cyclists the week-end of October 29-30. We wended our way along 18 miles of the "South Coast, a wild coast...", south of Carmel; our ultimate destination--Big Sur State Park.

The trip was marked by a number of firsts in U.C.H.C. tradition. We enjoyed the company of three Helens, Helen Maurer, Helen Bingham, and Helen Grauer, though I should not fail to mention Letitia Reams. We also encompassed three individuals who spoke French fluently: Meyer Elkaim, Peter Bickel, and Pierre Gros. Finally this tour merits mention as the first Big Sur cycling tour of the U.C.H.C.

We started late from the vicinity of Rocky Point Lodge, eight miles south of Point Lobos State Park, after exploring that park with its magnificent groves of Monterey Cypress. The first stretch unfolded as a long upward slanting mile. The breaking in of unused parts of the anatomy had begun.

This first mile was followed by two miles of downward gliding. The climbing proved to be relatively mild after this first stretch.

The moon shimmering over the crashing surf, the flickering stars overhead, muscles straining to push pedals up and down on the up-stretches present to me, at least, some of the never to be forgotten sights and feeling of this trip.

Helen Grauer filled the role of chief cook. She prepared with the assistance of the other two Helens and Letitia, two excellent meals over the Coleman stove which we had rustled down to Big Sur with us.

Sunday morning we straggled out of the Park as small groups. Some of us spent extra time looking at the deep blue ocean and the crashing white surf; others of us spent more time exploring the Park on foot and bike.

The hero prize should go to Pierre Gros for pedaling a gearless bike the entire 36 miles. The medal for the most experienced cyclist should go to Meyer Elkaim; he brought along a set of repair tools!

One final word...The motorists that saw apparitions with humped backs on Highway #1 that Saturday night may take heart--they were only the UCHC'ers.

Martin J. Zonlight

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

"Snow Camping is FUN." This phrase was heard to echo through many Sierra canyons last year as the UCHC began its first ski touring trips. This season many weekend and vacation trips are planned to acquaint the members with winter travel. The trips, 5 to 10 miles one way, will bring the winter traveler into the more majestic regions of the Sierras.

Snow travel differs from normal knapsack trips in that warmer clothing and a means of locomotion (ie skis or snowshoes) are needed. Most weekend trips will be planned so as to stay at a hut, where a summer sleeping bag is adequate. Snowshoes and skis can be bought cheaply if one watches for sales. A warm sweater or two, a waterproof parka, ski pants, and a sturdy pair of boots are the essentials for ski touring.

The beauty of the mountains in their silvery lace more than compensates for the inconvenience of the colder weather. And if you're a skier runs measured in miles await you. If you are interested in such trips, watch the sign-up board or come in to chat.

Pete Hall

IN-BETWEEN-SEMESTERS TRIP

Worried about oncoming finals? Don't despair; in-between-semesters time is coming. In past years the UCHC has taken advantage of such periods to visit such places as Baja California, Death Valley, and the Arizona desert. These trips, which have usually involved more people (and have left more memories) than most other club trips, require careful planning in advance. If you have any interest in spending the end of January with the UCHC or, better yet, have suggestions as to where you would like to go, or would like to help lead, be sure to show up at the meeting of the Hiking Committee at noon, December 14, in Room C. A sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for ideas.

Shortly after Christmas vacation, there will be another meeting of those people who are interested in planning next semester's schedule of activities - the day hikes, overnights, general meeting and party dates. If you can't come but would like to lead a trip or have suggestions, leave me a note.

Helen McGinnis

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VOGELSANG KIAPSACK TRIP

Ten of the UCHC's most promising members turned out September 17 to invade one of Yosemite's most majestic areas, the Vogelsang basin. This was not a trip characterized by the typically crude, sluggish members of the club; this was a trip characterized by youth in the prime of life. Early Saturday morning, after everyone had arrived at Tuolumne Medows, the group jumped up, bounded into their knapsacks and ran off up the trail toward our destination, pausing only to ask directions from a few browsing mules. The trip was normal and uneventful: Hannah Mears carried at least 50 pounds for the two day trip, Bill Jackson was constantly doing handstands on logs over creeks or on precipitous mountain tops, Dick Lamb and Frank Brogan enjoyed swimming in the warm waters of 10,500 foot Vogelsang Lake, and Michelle Padams wondered the whole time how she ever got mixed up with such a group. We spent Saturday night at Lower Fletcher Lake with a highly synchronized dinner and had an enjoyable campfire which lasted all night. Sunday was marked by seven people conquering Vogelsang Peak and a quick march back to Tuolumne Medows. Knowledge gained: Excellent milkshakes at Hardin Flat on Highway 120 near the Park Boundary

Noon Slide Shows

Starting Monday, December 8, there will be a weekly slide show noons in the South Room of the Second Floor Lounge, Stephens U. Any club photographer who has taken slides of club events or of subjects that would be of interest to UCHCers are urged to contribute, but please edit your slides before the meeting. Phil Pennington has volunteered the use of his projector the first meeting; anyone who could loan the club a projector should talk to Phil.

If you don't take slides--only black and whites-- let other people see themselves at their dirty best by contributing to the club scrapbook. You will be paid for the cost of having the prints made. See me or leave a note if you have any donations.

H. M.

* On Tuesday evening, December 6, at 7:30 PM in the Second Floor Lounge of Stephens Union, we are holding our next general meeting. A panel discussion on leadership in ski touring and winter mountaineering will highlight our program. Dr. Harold Bradley of the Sierra Club will be principal speaker with Miko Loughman moderating. Other members of the panel will be taken from the Hiking Club and local Sierra Club chapter with experience in the Sierra. Refreshments are planned in the winter theme. Everyone who is interested at all in trips into the Sierra in the winter should find the discussions most interesting and helpful. The panel discussion will begin promptly at 7:30 PM, so come on time. Bring your friends.

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MOST PROFOUND APOLOGIES to the Following, who were listed as
undergraduates (horrors!) in last month's membership list.

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Phil Pennington
Deena Zonlight