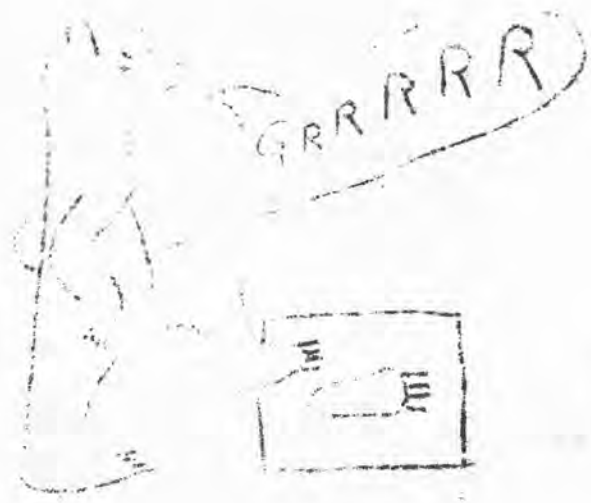




if no one
will write
anything...



BEARTRACK

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The Beartrack is a periodical published by the University of California Hiking Club, sent free to it's members and not available to non-members. I said periodical because that's when it gets put out, periodically, whenever some one gets around to it. I'd like to make it every month this year, but judging from the response I got this time to my request for articles (one), I'm beginning to get a little pessimistic. However I have a typewriter, several clean sheets of paper, all evening free, and a few inside stories about some of our better-known members. (I won't put the stories in this time, but if response isn't better from some quarters soon, I will the next time.) With one exception, the whole rag was written by me. If it seems to lack something in either quality or quantity, (and it obviously does), why don't YOU etiyr s pststshp ot yeo ot motr snf lrsbr iy in the little white box marked BEARTRACK in Room C, Esleman Hall? A short (or long) note on a trip you've taken, (especially if you're a new member or an old member), Comments on any on-campus issue, (Kerr Directives, you know), or any other literary effort will be welcome.

Our first general meeting was October 3. New officers were introduced to the Club. They are:

- Faculty Advisor.....Dr. Colwell, Forestry
- President.....Howard Sturgis
- Vice President.....Fred Andrews
- Executive Secretary.....Karin Carter
- Corresponding Secretary.....Tim Taylor
- Treasurer.....~~*****~~
Chela Varrentzoff
- Representatives at large.....Eric Beals
Mike Haseltine
Dick Nelson
Krehe Ritter

The speaker for the evening was Dr. Colwell who told us about some of the uses of aerial photographs in outdoor recreation.

The next general meeting is scheduled for November 7, 7:30 Room 290 Hearst Mining Building, but I may have to change this so check the bulletin board. Salt Harvest will show movies of kayaking on white water and talk about how you can build a fiberglass kayak. Several of the Hiking Clubbers have made their own boats and there will probably be at least one boat trip scheduled this spring when the water gets higher.

CAVING
by Tom Matney

The first Hiking Club trip this semester was a beginning cave trip for those who had never been in a cave and wanted to find out what it was like. Early Saturday morning Keturah Gashwiler handed out information on what should and should not be done in caves to the twenty or so persons who were going. Promptly at 7:00 we piled into the cars and drove to the Mother Lode country. Arriving at the cave around 11:00, we parked the cars on a narrow dirt road which ran along beside a small creek. Those that had carbide lamps filled them up while the others waited impatiently. After crossing the stream as best we could, a short five minute walk brought us to the entrance of Crystal Consumes Cave. The group wandered around inside the first part of the cave for a while until Keturah showed us an inconspicuous side passage that led to the rest of the cave.

This passage led to a small room that at one time had been richly decorated but which was now almost completely vandalized. This room impressed upon the beginning cavers the club's reasons for wishing to preserve caves. Also the room showed how vandalism ruins the beauty of a cave. Several passageways out of the room soon split the large group up into parties of 2's and 3's. Howard Sturgis and a few of the more experienced spelunkers started to dig out a passage that they thought might lead somewhere. After a few hours of digging, it was apparent that it was just another dead-end. A long, narrow, twisting crawlway out of a small room ended at a small pool of water 2 feet deep and 3 feet across. By the time the digging ended, everyone had seen all of the cave and so in 2's and 3's we came out. The stream offered a fine place to wash the cave mud off and change clothes... By 3:30 we were on our way back to Berkeley after a fine day of caving.

If you don't have a Fall Schedule of trips, there are still a few in the office. Come in and pick one up. Sign-up sheets for each trip are posted the Monday (or Tuesday) before each trip on the bulletin board. People take the available transportation in the order of their names as they appear on the sign-up sheet, non-members getting places only after all members, regardless of the position of their name on the sheet.

There are slide shows in room 390 Hearst Mining Building every Monday at noon. They are mainly pictures that members have taken on trips but occasionally we get something else. It's a good way to see some really fine country in pictures and to get to know the people who take these kinds of trips. I need volunteers with pictures to show. Do YOU have some pictures which would be of interest to the rest of us.....on anything at all? Volunteer now for next week! Or the next, or the next, or.....!

On the list of coming events is the Halloween party on Friday, November 1. Check the Room C bulletinboard for more information on time, location, dress, and accessories (flashlight).

For the new members who attended the practice climb and/or the climb at pinnacles, I am including the following, reprinted without permission from the Sierra Club's 'Belaying the Leader'.

ADJECTIVES FOR CLIMBERS

EASY--the second party's appraisal of a pitch described as difficult by the party making the first ascent.
 MODERATE--ditto for a pitch the first party called severe.
 MIDDLING--pertaining to a pitch you'd rather not climb again.
 DIFFICULT--obsolete; forced into disuse by second party's penchant for downgrading climb so described.
 SEVERE--obsolete for same reason.
 INTERESTING--describes a climb one grade higher than you'd care to lead just now.
 FASCINATING--one grade higher than you'd care to lead ever.
 IMPRESSIVE--pertaining to a climb on which expansion bolts are required for direct aid, but cannot be placed.
 IMPOSSIBLE--this adjective, along with inaccessible, is long gone into limbo: the 19th century writer used it to describe climbs subsequently made by girls in their teens, and no one will repeat his mistake.

For those of you who are interested:

Barbara Tihen (no longer Tihen) is now living in Houston, Texas. She and her husband saw all of interest between here and there, starting with the Glen Canyon, on to the Grand, Carlsbad Caverns, (she could write a jolly article titled 'Caving with 250, Never Again'), and some of Texas' historical sights. They've been boating, backpacking, or fossil collecting every weekend since they arrived. She's going to school there.

Lou Goodman was finally discharged ~~of~~ (whoops, I meant IN) Germany with the promise of a return ticket whenever he wants it. Lou's found that living it up costs there, just like it does here, so he's leading a quiet (?!?!?) life at 101 Worzeldorferstrasse/B Dellart, Nurnberg 85, and has invited us all to drop in and see him. He says he's been doing quite a bit of caving lately and seems quite taken by those German caves. (But perhaps I didn't get the letter translated right. What's the German word for Girls?)

There are several supply houses which sell outdoor equipment. Here are the addresses of a few of them. There is an equipment catalog list put out by the Appalachian Hiking Club which lists more of them, but I've forgotten the address. I'll post it on the bulletin board if you're interested.

Holubar
Box 7
Boulder, Colo.

Fast mail service. His newest sleeping bag looks good.

Gerry
Box 910
Boulder, Colo.

Has a shop in S.F. now, but it doesn't have all the things listed in the catalog.

Ski Hut
1615 University
Berkeley

It's the closest, but if you have time to mail order you can often do better elsewhere.

Recreational Equipment, Inc.
521 Pike Street
Seattle, Wash.

Undoubtedly the cheapest. It's a member-owned co-op. Allow at least two weeks for mail orders.

Eddie Bauer
417 East Pine
Seattle 22, Wash.

Sells only down clothing and equipment. His down sleeping bags are very warm, but heavy.

A.I. Kelty
Box 3453
Glendale, Calif.

If Kelty sells or recommends it, it's good. He makes packs and stuff bags, but I hear he's selling other things.

As long as I am advertising for everybody, I may as well put in a plug for the Sierra Club, too. They're a very good conservation group, even though some of us are a little miffed (that's putting it mildly) at the outcome of one of their latest projects. They work hard to save what little wilderness is left and if it ~~can~~ sometimes seems that they don't accomplish as much as they might, remember how much TIME and money you have contributed lately and you may begin to understand why.

The address is: Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Tower, S.F. 4.
Dues are \$9.50 per year plus a \$5 initiation fee when you join.
Someone in the Hiking Club office will be glad to sign you membership application.

I had intended to put the membership list on the back of the Beartrack. That would leave a blank sheet to write your address on. Since most of the members have picked up their lists, there aren't enough left, so anyone who hasn't gotten his yet, come in and get it, because it won't be sent. This leaves me with the problem of filling up another page so I won't have to send a blank sheet along with just an address on it. In case you haven't guessed by now, I am doing admirably at filling up the page.

Mike Haseltine is equipment manager this semester and *** wants anyone who has equipment out to bring it back...yesterday. For those of you who didn't know, the club owns some climbing, caving, and camping equipment which qualified club members may check out for use on weekend trips if a scheduled trip isn't using it. If you want to use it, see Mike or Howard Sturgis and state your qualifications.

If you want to go somewhere and there's no trip there scheduled, why don't you lead one? Come in to the office and talk to someone who's been in the area to get a few pointers on what to avoid and what to be sure and see, put up a sign-up sheet and take your trip. If no one in the club has been there before, check the club's maps and get the ones you need and take off. Be the first to explore a new area.

Why doesn't someone get up another one ~~day~~ day hike in Marin County, or in the Berkeley Hills and end up in Tilden Park or up Strawberry Canyon? How about a beach party some night, or a trip over to Angel Island?

Question of the month:

What ever happened to the spirit that put the bunny on top of the campanile?