



RUSSIAN RIVER a la CANOE

May 4 and 5 was the weekend eighteen Hiking Clubbers turned canoeists on the Russian River. Led by Norman Turner, who was assisted in the planning by Gloria Ramos, the eighteen boarded the boats at Healdsburg and paddled, pulled and pushed their way down to Monte Rio, with an overnight stop en route.

Once in the boats and started down the river, those who had never canoed before were introduced to paddles, and those who were old-timers renewed their acquaintanceship. A good current carried the boats through - and against - the first obstruction, the pilings of a bridge. Wiser and wetter, the group continued through several broad stretches of river with an adequate current. The irregular shore line provided coves for docking the boats while members swam or ate lunch; the green shore shade offered relief from the mid-river heat.

Swimming and sunning marked the first day's descent. Some dashed down while others dawdled; some tanned while others roasted. By late afternoon all paddlers had drawn their boats up on the shore of a strictly air-mattress camp site. The rocks were so large that bed-sites were not cleared but pushed away. People cajoled their stoves into lighting, dinner was eaten, and campers made like moths and headed for the light of the campfire. Guitars, songs, comets, and hummingbirds added to the nightly scene. cont. next page

IRMA IS OUR NEW PREXY

The officers of the UCHC for the fall semester are as follows: President, Irma Webber; Vice President, Ann Dacey; Executive Secretary, Marcia Lightbody; Corresponding Secretary, Tom Aley; and Treasurer, Lorie Voigt. Mike Loughman, Pat Malone, Bob Orsoro, and Don Wainwright make up the remainder of the Executive Committee.

HIGH TRIP - 1957

This year's annual High Trip will be taken in northern Yosemite. We will start from Tuolumne Meadows. From there we will head north via Glen Aulin, Cold Canyon, Virginia Canyon, and Matterhorn Canyon to the base of the Sawtooth Ridge, then west to Kerrick Canyon, south and east via Benson Lake to Virginia Canyon, and return cross country (easy), near Mt. Conness, to the cars. The total length is 78 miles, which will allow about six layover days.

We meet Saturday, August 31, in Tuolumne Meadows; the hike actually will start Sunday, September 1. The return to the cars will be on Saturday, September 24.

Remember this is a backpacking trip. The girls should expect to carry between thirty and forty pounds and the fellows between fifty and sixty.

More information will be available during the summer through letters. Information about things, such as equipment lists, rides to Tuolumne Meadows, and further plans will be included in these letters.

Congratulations and best wishes to Sandy Ihrig and John Enright, who were married this month.

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CAVE TRIP April 28

Another cave trip has passed into the memories of our little group of cavers. This time we decided to try a different area, still in the Mother Lode, but this time near the town of Volcano. Two cars left Berkeley after the folk dance, and arrived at Volcano in the wee hours of the first day of trout season. After a short snooze, rudely interrupted by the heat of the hot Mother Lode sun, our party of five arose. Present were Allen Kaplan, Ann Dacey, Ray de Saussure, Dave Rottman, and one other person whom I cannot at the moment remember. Oh yes! ME.

We visited Masonic Cave first, and found just how poor some caves can be. After that we decided -- correction -- Ray decided that we should decide to look for the Ives Hill Cave. Finally we found it, and descended the fissure-like entrance. This was a very interesting cave, and after prowling and crawling around for awhile, Dave Rottman and I left via another entrance. It was a very good exit, but quite narrow. After ten minutes of pushing pulling, scraping, and, whew, expelling all out breath, we made it. I have since found out that this is not an exit, and I am in complete agreement.

Later in the day we found another cave, and in it found some very fresh quills of a very famous animal. We also found some fresh droppings of that very famous animal, and finally we found -- BEEK -- that very famous animal. Of course, we were brave and finished exploring the cave; then at last left it to the very famous animal.

Saturday night Don Wainwright joined our party, and we went to bed early (2:00 in the morning). By ten the next morning the sun had become so hot that we had to get up. The motto: If you go to bed late, sleep in the shade.

We spent the morning looking for a closed-up cave, and did not find it. Finally we went to the Sutter Creek Cave instead. Down out of the hot sun and into the cool mud we went. We arrived at the bottom finally, and spent a while exploring this nice cave. Dacey made the find of the day, discovering a bone. We hadn't had lunch yet, so Ray cracked the bone. Rats, no marrow! But what are you to expect from a bone thousands of years old?

We departed from the Mother Lode at about 4:00 in the afternoon and rushed through the swarms of trout fishermen and fisherwomen to the nearest frozen custard place. Another cave trip was over, and we returned to Berkeley and to our loafing in Room C.

Tom Aley

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HIGH TRIP, continued

Deadline for the sign up and payment of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) will be August 1. (Make checks payable to Dolores Voigt.) Sign ups are limited to members of the Hiking Club.

For further information contact Lorie Voigt: from now till June 1 at 2478 Telegraph Ave., phone TH 3-6459; from June through August at 1019 Middlefield Rd., Berkeley 8, Calif., phone AS 3-8679.

RUSSLAN RIVER, continued

The following day consisted of water fights, wind, dams, and capsizing. Two small dams each took their toll, and a wind which blew just about had the trip going back to Healdsburg. At five in the afternoon the group docked at Monte Rio and then descended on Sebastopol for dinner.

Marcia Lightbody

CLIMBING, ANYONE?

Members of the Mountaineering Section are planning a post-semester climbing trip in the High Sierra, to leave Berkeley on June 6 and return June 16. A flexible itinerary is planned, including the Cathedral Range, the Minarets, and the Mt. Morrison area, as snow conditions permit. Previous climbing experience is required, and heavy snow is to be expected. For additional information contact Mike Loughman, TH 8-8476.

SUMMER PROGRAM

For anyone who will be around the Bay Area this summer who is interested in doing some hiking, climbing, and/or caving, there will be a sign up sheet on the club bulletin board.

PINE (REALLY OAK) CANYON

The length of this article will match the number of people on the hike, which was very few.

Rushing down to West Gate at 8:00 (Daylight Saving Time!), I found a huge crowd of some 60 or 70 students waiting. I felt rather smug about my popularity as a leader until I found out it was a paleontology field trip. (Oh well, I can dream, can't I?) Anyway there was an eager group waiting for me in the bright morning sunshine, consisting of Jose and Eulian Vidal and the invaluable (he was the only one who could tell me where to go) Lev Akobjanoff.

We found that indeed Pine Canyon was all downhill except for the part where we went back to the car. At the bottom of the hill Lev and I enjoyed a refreshing swim just before lunch, and while hiking back we continually soaked our shirts.

MJB

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

The final general meeting of the semester has now passed, and with it my term as Program Chairman. I tried to get speakers who would give interesting and informative talks, yet I seem to have failed, at least by virtue of the size of attendance. It is most embarrassing to ask a person to donate his time and energy to give a talk and then have only a few people show up for the meeting. I feel that the only good turnout that we had was for our second meeting, and then we had such a noted speaker that we should have had twice the number of people present for his talk. It would appear that the only way to have good speakers for the Hiking Club members to hear is to not have general meetings at all, but instead to have our meetings open to everyone, and to attempt to get people outside the club to come rather than the seemingly uninterested Hiking Club members.

Of course, I realize that the main reason that most people are here is for an education. For this reason I would have been pleased to have 60 of the 170 club members present for each meeting; however, we never had this number for any meeting and for our last meeting, we had only 20 members

present. This number was so small that we could not properly conduct any of the important club business that should have been taken care of. I hope that the person who is given the task of arranging the programs next semester has better luck than I have had, for I certainly enjoy good general meetings with good speakers.

Tom Aloy

To the Editor

One of them there educated fellers (a cave man, I think) is trying to make better the way we uns write in this here poop-shoot. If that city-slicker thinks he can dandify our languige he must be plum loco.

Sincerely yours
M. Michael Appleman

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THINK & THINK

Here are two separate problems for you to relax with in between finals. Given the following two equations in Roman numerals, imagine that they are formed from matches. The problem is to make the equality true by moving only one match. There will be a prize for the first correct answers.

(1)

$$II = \frac{XXII}{VIII}$$

(2)

$$II = VI$$

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