

THE BEAR TRACK



THANKSGIVING DINNER? (Bear would like the Red Meat)

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A COLD WEEKEND

ICE SKATING PARTY * Something new for the Hiking club this semester has been planned for those who are bored with hikes and such--(and for those who aren't)--an evening at Berkeley Iceland. November 22 is the date, the time is 8:00 to 10:30. The price for admission is ninety cents plus twenty-five cents if you want to rent skates. However, if fifteen or more people are signed up by Friday evening, we can reduce this price by twenty-five cents per person. (These are student prices, so be sure to bring a student body card!) Plan to meet at West Gate for the short ride to Iceland at Ward and Milvia at about 7:45 p.m. Whether a large group or small, this should prove to be fun for all who attend.

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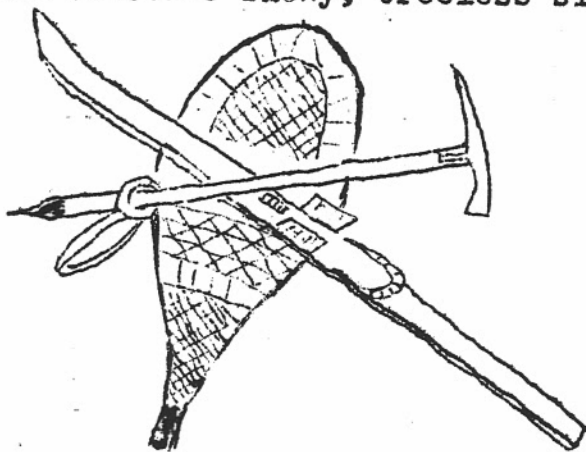


THANKSGIVING

In the summertime one bounces along the dusty road at a good forty miles an hour but at some point in November that is cut short; the wheels spin around good and fast but the car just doesn't move forward nor backward for that matter. Skis off the roof, snow shoes from the trunk, and you from the car; a pack with a few essentials for the snowy hike and then up to the stone hut above.

The woods about are strange indeed but their strangeness is beautiful for the dark green firs are heavily laden with soft piles of snow, the ground sparkles, each ice crystal winks, and the shadows of strange-formed trees give a rich tapestry of color. The great silence is only broken by the hushed crunch of a planted ski or the occasional muffled sound of snow falling off a limb. The forest soon gives way to some trough-shaped meadows, spotted here and there with stately pines, and leading up to the stone hut. But one doesn't first see the hut; instead a geyser greets the eye, beneath it where the water splatters, a triple-tier wedding cake affair with real frosting and the spurt of water is refreshment. The stone

shelter is a cozy place. From its frost-caked window panes one may scan Shasta's snowy, treeless slopes,



and toward evening watch the hill catch fire then slowly burn out.

This is what we hope will greet us at Mt. Shasta; it did last year, so did the Stanford Alpine Club. We will try and leave either Wednesday night (Nov. 26) or Thursday morning coming back Sunday evening (Nov. 30). To get more information about this trip drop into the club office, scan the equipment list and other posted details. There will be skiing, snow shoeing, Turkey-con-Primus, Cranberry ala mosh, and a GOOD TIME.

B.F.

CLIMB IN YOSEMITE PENINSULA

Thanksgiving Recess

Although there may be a little inconvenient weather by the time of this last trip to the Valley of the year, past experience indicates that it won't be enough to stop the UCHCMS. Last year there was snow on the ground, the year before, none; your guess is as good as ours as to what will happen this time. As long as snow or rain isn't descending, we will be ascending.

Although plans are not yet complete for the climbing itinerary, some particular climbs are in mind. One is the traverse route on Washington Column, a climb that has not yet been accomplished. It is a long route in terms of time, and Bill Loughman, who plans on doing it, expects to take sleeping bags and other equipment for a bivouac on a large ledge almost reached during the last attempt, made in October. This is a strenuous and difficult route, not at all suited to beginners; Loughman is searching for someone to make the 90 foot, sixth class lead, a pitch which no one has ever led twice.

For less audacious bergsteigers a variety of climbs are available, some suitable for the near beginner, some more to the taste of the average climber. From this last class one that is being planned is the Arrowhead, an enjoyable climb to a spectacular summit. See the mountaineering bulletin board during the week preceding the trip for more details. Ignore Mt. Shasta, 'tis crud.

DM&DG

*Moonlight hike**rehash*

"Ilse, -- oh, Ilse. Hey Chuck I think we've lost Ilse!"

"No you haven't. I'm still here!"

So with a sigh of relief-- anyway with a sigh (It's not often we lose one of the hike leaders, or is it?) The hikers trudged forth through the night aided by moonlight and the more dependable flashlights. The club's Moonlight Hike centered in the Redwood canyon area, starting from Skyline Blvd. and trekking down the Descends Trail to Redwood Canyon proper.

The moon was full; the poison oak was in bloom and hikers stuck determinately to the center of the trail. The briskness of the night air in the canyon itself sent the group on the run down the road, while the drivers were escorted back to their automobiles in style (thanks to Will Charter). The cars were reloaded, but soon again deposited their

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On the memorable day of Dec. 7 the Hiking Club will travel down to San Mateo Memorial Park. Our wanderings will start on a dirt road leading to some abandoned "test" oil wells. The road goes up a beautifully forested hillside. About half way up we leave the road and venture forth on a "trail" that has been retired from service for a number of years. Ah, all the pleasant aspects of going cross-country without the disadvantage of being totally bogged down in brush. If the leader doesn't get thoroughly lost by this time, we'll find ourselves on "Get Losted Ridge" (the nemesis of a sturdy minority on the Butano Hike a year ago) From this ridge an excellent view of the Butano Area is available. If time permits and someone has straightened out the leaders sense of direction, we shall descend into the mighty gorge of the North Fork of Butano Creek. Here we will have an opportunity to see for ourselves the virgin Redwoods that are to become either a State Park or Building Materials. Somchow, we'll get back over "Get Losted Ridge", perhaps, a volunteer more experienced with getting lost over this Ridge will lead the way.

Since this is a substitute, more or less, for Conservation Day this semester, food will probably be served. But the sheriff is at the UCHC door trying to collect the mortgage (ah, it isn't quite that bad); ergo, there will be a slight charge for any goodies, no doubt.

Remember Dec. 7! If it rains, something just as exciting is being planned, so reserve this day now.

PS

Moonlight Hike cont.

load at a picnic area. Here smoke, hot dogs and melodious voices mingled together in a warming up session before the fire. Despite this, the moon shone full even after the group of 16 were homeward bound.

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THE CRYSTAL BALL

This article is a bit new to the Bear Track and the University of California Hiking Club. Its title should have been something like this; "Rehash of Mt. Madonna Trip" or "U.C.H.C. Explores the Old Hecker Estate Ruins", etc. However due to recent events, the title as well as the body of the article have changed materially.

In all sincerity, these statements are not directed at any one or any group of people. They are just a bit of digression and the stating of a few facts. If they accomplish no other purpose than to cause a bit of thinking on the matter, I'm sure your reading time will not be wasted.

To be blunt about the situation the U.C.H.C. has met a crisis, the answer to which must be answered soon. The Fall semester 1952 started out with a bang, but for some reason, or reasons, it is on the skids. No single person is responsible, since "circumstances" have brought us to where we are. It's up to us to realize these causes and to overcome the effects.

A few facts may be in order here. First of all, looking over our schedule and doing a bit of research into past years, we find previously that from four to five week-end overnites were held each semester. Three were scheduled this semester, with a fourth added by the rock climbers. How many were held? One to Russian River, and one to Lover's Leap (which incidentally was held on the date of our Annual Birthday Party making the latter far from being a success). The other two fell through! Circumstances? Maybe. Previous Fall semesters the U.C.H.C. has been of service to the community by aiding in a Conservation Project. This year none such is scheduled. In the Social Program, four events were scheduled. Previous semesters have seen this same number, possibly one more. But previous semesters have not seen them attended by so few members. Circumstances? Maybe. Finally, the day hikes have been nothing to brag about, their average attendance ranging from seven to eighteen members, a far cry from the two previous Fall records.

Now not all is so bad as has been stated. Several of the events have been very much a success, especially the rock climbs. The point is, though, why can't they all be a success? Additional homework may be a factor, but it is hardly possible that eighty some students have noted such a drastic change in

the teaching procedures of the Cal professors in just one semester.

Our General Meetings have without a doubt been very successful, primarily because there was something good to offer. This is not to our trips have little to offer, but possibly a little better scheduling may be in order so as to prevent the "stacking" up action all on a few weekends. Repeat trips may be dull to the old members, but how many old members have we? The record shows a tremendous turnover in the last year. Surely not all of the people have explored all these locations we have scheduled! At least when we try to get leaders, they are all very quiet as to their experience in visiting the locations. When people have to be begged to lead hikes, or when no leaders can be found, somewhere we are lacking in our purpose.

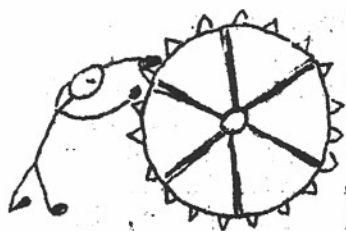
Coming down to the committees, now, we see some additional points. For eight weeks there have been sign-up sheets on the board, and for eight weeks some have remained relatively blank. Talk about this semester! Who is going to plan next semester's schedule?

Lastly, our poor Editor of the Bear Track is about to give up the ship. Help, as far as the writing of the stories and the printing of the stencils, is at a premium. From the looks of Room C lately, is it possible that people have forgotten just where our office is located? It seems the mice may eventually take over! True, many of the people say there has been no schedule as to the printing of the Bear Track posted. The editor has realized this fact and will have one posted from now on. What will be the result will be up to you.

One of the chief purposes of the Hiking Club is to provide a well rounded program for its members. This is the only way the club can grow and expand. Somehow we are doing the reverse! A well organized program with the enthusiasm of the club's leaders is essential. Where this enthusiasm and balanced schedule has gone, only the club itself can answer to.

Only one-half the semester has passed now. Lots of time still remains to complete the term with a bang or with a flop. The U.C.H.C. has suffered its ups and downs before and always survived. As long as a desired service is performed, it will flourish, otherwise it may fade. The members are the only ones who can make this decision. What'll it be?

What makes it Go Round ~



A frequent occurrence while sitting in Room C is the new or prospective member who comes in and asks what is what about the club. So, in order to save future lung-power, here is the scoop.

The U.C.H.C. is organized for students at the university who are interested in hiking especially, and the outdoors in general. There are special special sections in cuttings, rock climbing, folk dancing, and bicycling for people who are especially interested in these things. Instructions are frequently given. The prime purpose of the club is hiking however, and hikes predominate throughout the semester. There are events almost every weekend and you can participate in as many as you wish.

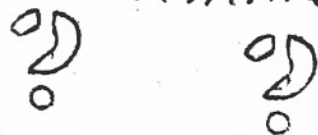
Trips include day hikes, overnites, week-long trips, and backpacking for one or two weeks.

The administration is carried out by the Ex. Committee and various special committees. Ex. Committee is composed of nine of the more active club members, and meets every two weeks to trasact club business, and establish policies. Then there are also various committees, each with a chairman, which handles the particulars connected with its own function. Some of these are: hiking, outings, entertainment, publicity, and nominations. New (and old) students are of course encouraged to sign-up for any of these which seem interesting.

There it is -- any questions? If so drop into Room C for the answers.

J.S.

Ex Committee Doings



Since new membership cards must be printed for next semester, it was decided to contact Ron Smith in regards to printing costs, procedures and other details as he has handled it in the past.

The Christmas Party has been changed from Dec. 13 to 12 (A Friday night) as there is a climb and hike on Sunday at Pinnacles National Monument and most people will be leaving Sat.

A program was discussed to revitalize membership, encouraging people to become active on commit-

Let's Talk Shop

Hey, we're starting a new column in the Bear Track which we hope will meet with the approval of all U.C.H.C. hikers. Points of discussion and arguments will be welcome so just leave a note for Alice in Rm. C.

An appropriate item to discuss with winter coming on is how to maintain a comfortable body heat output. The best heat producer is exercise which may increase heat output as much as 16 times. And speaking of exercise, what is shivering but nature's method of preventing freezing!

You tall, slender people can blame your chattering teeth to your physique. You have a relatively greater body area exposed to the environment than the stocky individual. Of course adipose tissue is a good insulator but extra energy and more heat is used to lug the extra weight around. Tubby, you can't win though because fatigue decreases the amount of heat produced.

We all know wool is warmer than other materials because of the thicker layer of dead air enmeshed among the wool fibers. We can apply this same principle to a few other things: Fluff out that sleeping bag. This means a vigorous shaking and fluffing to make sure the feathers are evenly distributed throughout the length of the bag and there is as much dead air between you and the cool of the night. Be sure your mummy bag is large enough for the same reason. A tightly fitting bag means greater compression and consequently a thinner dead air layer.

(To be continued -- I have a word limit on this column).

Ex Com. cont.
tees as well as other events. It is time for the formation of a nominating committee to choose next semester's officers.

It was suggested that a short sketch of each committee's work should be printed on the registration line schedule to give a better idea of the functions of the club.

Treasurer's report:
Cash on hand \$85.03 S.O.F.
14.80 Petty
99.83 Total
assets.

Outstanding bills:
To Alice Jenson****\$1.25

E.C.

Little Carson Falls Hike

The weather was perfect last Sunday as if we didn't know it was going to be so and 10 UCHC'ers tramped over Mt. Tamalpais. The hike started from Mountain Home and from here we went to Bootjack Camp. A change of plans was made here and we went down Steep Ravine. The forest was beautiful from the recent rain which fortunately was not sufficient to make the trails muddy. From Highway 1 we went up-up-up the Mat Davis Trail and then cut over the ridge to Laurel Dell. From here we went to Barn's Retreat and over the Simmonds Trail and Rock Springs Trail to West Point, then down the Nora Trail and back to the cars. Because of the weather, the Farallones and the whole Bay Area were clearly visible affording a terrific view.

*which didn't.

DS

Thanks

As editor of this paper I would like to thank all the contributors to this issue. I've had all kinds of help on this issue, typists, art, and article contributors. I have hopes that this will continue to be.

BUT there is still an apparent apathy among some of our members, one article did not come in. Perhaps this was just due to circumstances. This apathy is not confined to the Bear Track however, it is more universal than that. I would suggest reading of "The Crystal Ball" in this issue.

I would like to quote from an article by Danny Kaplan in the first Bear Track published.

"I wanta anap a horse whip at them varmints what joined this here no-account club and ain't never been seed agin. Mebbe they fell in a gulch en one a them hikes and the buzzards got to em. Don't rightly think so, though. Ain't that many buzzards. This here season ain't over yet. We're figgerin on roundin' up them low varmints what don't never come out. Might have to send 'em an engraved invite and a pair of specs."

Well enough of that. There is still time to contribute to your paper. There are two sections left this semester. The Christmas edition Dec. 13 and The Between semester edition, Jan. 17.

Thanks again--
Moose

Rehash of Bike Trip

The bike trip Sunday, October 19, had its variety in scenery, participants and events.

The scenery varied from sun in Oakland and the Bay, fog near the ocean to sun in Marin County.

The participants varied even more. We started with eight from West Gate, picked up an elderly gentleman at the Southern Pacific Ferry (who rode with us for the whole trip), left Bob M. and Chic at Golden Gate Bridge and somehow lost Jack Spence in Marin County. (Jack finally arrived back in Berkeley a few hours after the rest much to my relief.)

As for the events, we had a couple of flat tires, a beautiful 10 foot slide on the pavement on his hands while still half on his bike by Pete Watson, a close inspection of some new chameleons at the Aquarium. (They rolled back their eyes and changed color--green with envy because of our trip), saw some oil paintings at de Young Museum, had lunch on the beach, had a close survey of the steel structure below the road level of the Golden Gate Bridge and inspected a 35 foot boat under construction.

All in all, it was a pretty good trip as all who went can tell you.

HJ



Here is a bit of amusement---

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Solution should come within 10 minutes. If not, see next issue of the Bear Track.

P.S.

The Glories of College
Education ~ OR ~

Use a Gun —

This astounding gem of wisdom was taken from one of the texts currently used in criminology courses at the University of California:

"In considering deaths from stabbing and cutting wounds, it is well to remember that death is seldom accidental, but almost always homicidal or suicidal."

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