

HIGH SIERRAS TO BE SCENE OF TWO WEEK SEPTEMBER HIKE

CAL HIKING CLUB LOSES SEVERAL MEMBERS AT GRADUATION TIME

With the end of the semester upon us now, our minds tend to wander more and more; a few are leaving Cal & wondering what it will be like without the university's security, others are curious about the best classes in summer session to take, but many of us are dreaming of the peaceful serenity of the Sierra country and its stimulating, uplifting spirit clad with the simplicity of an unmolested purity.

Our high trip this year is in an area new to most of us — the area which includes the northernmost part of the John Muir Trail. While this part of the Sierras is perhaps not so rugged and glorious as that further south, it has, we believe, a more charming quality. In general the average elevation is about 1500 feet lower, with the highest peak about 11,500 feet and the timberline close to 9,500 feet. Much of our travel will be on duck trails, knapsack
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HIKING CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED

Two weeks ago, the Hiking Club received their ballots and members for the next few days were involved in an old democratic (and Republican) custom... electing a new president and officers for the Fall, 1953 semester.

Pete Scott, an old standby in UCHC circles, came off with top honors when he was elected to the office of president. Herbert Webber ("Moose" t'you) was elected to the forgotten-man post of vice-president. Corny Stoakin came through in the role of executive secretary and Ilse Kirchhofer will do all our letter writing next fall in the capacity of corresponding secretary. Handling of the clubs money will be in the hands of Emy (Pistol Paakin' Mama) Johans-
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When the registration lines begin to form for the fall semester, when the first Hiking Club meeting is called to order, and we meet at West Gate for the first hike of the new season, several prominent UCHC'ers will be conspicuous by their absence.

It happens every year at schools and colleges everywhere & we don't know whether it's a sad time or a glad time. We can only be philosophical about it and accept it as the expected result of a planned objective on the part of all of us. Four years are short — to darn short — and will grow much shorter as the years pass. But graduation means going onto even greater accomplishments and the exploring of new trails and mountain peaks in ones life. Cal and the Hiking Club, though none of us may have given it much thought, is really only a beginning. If you're like us — one of those who
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PINE CANYON CAPERS

Sunday, May the 10th found the UCHC on a united front with a combination picnic and climb among mountaineers and hikers alike. Pine Canyon and Castle Rock Park were the stomping grounds. And the day was warm, sunny and bright.

We arrived early before the crowds had a chance to beat us to the choice spots. By following an old dirt road with winding stretches, we came across some interesting rocks. At this point ten mountaineer section members took off for the rocks above while the remaining seven hikers amused themselves with a good jaunt up the canyon complete with ice and waterguns. However, the hike was discontinued in favor of food when some rifle shots (uncomfortably close by) sent us back to the park. Here we blackened weiners and had potato salad till the climbers returned. After food came exercise in the form of a ball game. No one knew we had so many heavy hitters. A few brave souls went swimming in an icy cold pool. At this time, with no ideas forth-coming as what to do next, we piled into the cars and returned to Berkeley after a wonderful annual outing. (EJ;ER)

A NOTE OF FAREWELL — Dick Searle

Another school year is coming to a close. new officers have been elected and several of us, including Jean and myself, will not be back in the fall when the Hiking Club raises the curtain on what I know will be another banner year. But I cannot leave Cal & the club without first expressing my sincere thanks to all members of UCHC who have done so much to make this past semester such a successful one. Club officers, committee chairmen and active club members have been wonderful in their co-operation to make the past semester's activities generally successful and rewarding occasions — successful in attendance and rewarding in the recreation they provided. If the spirit and co-operation that I have received are carried into the fall as I know they will be, then we will have an even more useful and active club to offer to the students of the University of California. I must confess a form of "creeping" nostalgia has already gripped me with the knowledge of leaving Cal and the Hiking Club. Perhaps Jean and I can make an occasional hike or trip with our old friends. At least it's a thought that makes the prospect of leaving a little happier for us. Now, in the meantime, I sincerely welcome the new officers and wish them every success in the coming year.

A NOTE OF WELCOME — Pete Scott

When the election returns were made known, there was no one more surprised (and happy) than I to discover that I had been given the honor of being your president for the coming semester.

Since this edition of the Bear Track is going to be our registration, as well as our graduation issue, I would like particularly to take this opportunity to welcome all new people, and give an encouraging wink to everyone who will be back next semester. We have planned an unusually fine schedule for you, including all sorts of hikes and climbs, with a few folk dances and parties sprinkled in, all topped off with a joint trip with the UCLA Mountaineers in the Southland during the two week vacation between fall & spring semester.

In talking with members recently, I have found lots of wonderful co-operation and many helpful suggestions. Keep it up, gang, and we will all have a club to be proud of.