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STATE OF THE COUNCIL MESSAGE

1967 was a year of great strides-- an excellent reawakening of the enthusiasm that is an integral part of a group which has so many activities to enjoy. Our plans for 1968 promise an extension of this great resurgence.

The Reorganization Committee created in 1967, has presented 1968 with many new stepping stones, such as the by-laws revision for the administrative end of the Council. The basic structure now works for us!

We have also reassessed our goals and the direction in which we are headed, and we have determined that we must communicate effectively with each other in order to broaden our interests, our membership...and particularly, our activities.

VICE-PRESIDENT ELECTED

The Activities Board met Tuesday evening, November 14, at HQ and Bruce Sundquist was (almost) unanimously elected Vice-President. (The one dissenting vote was cast by Bruce himself. Sorry about that!)

CONGRATS AND A FREE PASS FOR ONE YEAR are in order for Sue Allardice. The magnificence at the top of this page was designed by Sue and we all think she really deserves the award for the masthead contest.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

To this end we all must not sit back and "let the other guy do it". If we do, we will wear out our leaders and active members. All too often after a successful year, we suffer the "plateau blues", where an organization staggers and doesn't grow. We must either grow this year - in activities, as well as membership - or we must slide back. There is no plateau to rest upon!

"Well", you ask, "What do we have?"...and you ask, "Who, me?"

Certainly, YOU! We need you every Thursday night! Come out and see the new AYH -- the AYH on the move. We have ski instruction, and movies; we are going to have an equipment show; we are planning a co-op store with quality merchandise; we already sell bicycles.

We have the semblance of a library at Ann Fisher's for anyone to use at any time. (Just call 521-8992). In this library are catalogs from almost all of the outdoor stores and pamphlets, and maps as well as descriptive literature. For those who want to look at the record of our council or the National AYH, the Archives are open to all in the Council.

Do you want a trip...or would you like to lead a trip? Come on around and mention it to Bruce Sundquist or Henry Fisher or anyone active and desiring to go with you.

Do you want to learn first aid or
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by Mary Lilly

Our first idea for Christmas gifts is a quiet book - much like many of the deeply moving things and moments in life that are quiet. "Why do turkeys fly up hill? Why do quail sleep in tight circles at night?" A boy asks and a wise old outdoorsman - his grandfather - answers throughout wonderful adventures of the woods, fields and sea-coast of North Carolina. Their beautiful friendship is one you can share in: The Old Man and the Boy by Robert Ruark, Henry Holt, \$4.95.

If narrow city streets and Christmas crowds start to get to you, have a Sea Quest; Global Blue-Water Adventuring in Small Craft. Described as a must for the boating enthusiast, Charles Borden's book is the true story of solitary sailors from antiquity to the present who sought the horizon in their tiny crafts. Happy holidays for your favorite Chichester or Manry at \$7.95.

Do you know an Audubon buff? The Imperial Collection of Audubon Animals is out at the first printing price of \$19.95 (\$25.00 thereafter). For the first time all 150 original plates drawn by Audubon and his son are published in a single volume with the original text by John Audubon and his colleague, John Bachman. You will find it bound and gift-boxed in the Pitt Book Center.

The book I want to read more than any other...some deep snowy night...is The Fox and the Hound, by Daniel P. Maunix. It is said to be the tale of a duel between a first rate fox and a blue-blooded hound...two superbly skilled antagonists...each born and bred to his dangerous calling." For AYHers of all ages -- \$4.95

Don't forget a gift subscription to the National Geographic for Christmas-- only \$4.50 (12 issues).

WOULDN'T AN AYH PASS BE A NICE
CHRISTMAS GIFT?

WHO'S WHO

by Abbie Geertz

Hikers can look forward to a great year with our new hiking chairman, Don Laszacs. A member for about a year, Don has been an avid hiker and cyclist and is enthusiastic about many good hiking areas for next year. Don must enjoy AYH as much as we enjoy him, because he travels all the way from Beaver Falls to see us! Several years ago he hiked and hitch-hiked across the country and back.

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Intrepid Howard King again assures an exciting canoe season, beginning with the last snowfall of this winter and ending with the first snowfall of next winter, with plenty of downpours, upsets and portages in between. Howard has been with AYH for many years, and has paddled extensively in Western Pennsylvania's rivers and streams. He has led many trips and instructed at AYH canoe schools, as well as at Camp Carondawanna. He lives with his charming wife, Bonnie, and their family in Moon Township and commutes between there and Mine Safety Appliances Company.

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The bicycle department is fortunate to have as its chairman an expert cyclist and experienced cycle mechanic, Bob Omlor. Bob has been setting a fast pace for AYH for over two years and has been responsible for a very successful cycle program since becoming chairman last year. When he isn't on a trip, Bob is probably attending an Air National Guard meeting, but this will end in January with his discharge. Bob is an electronic

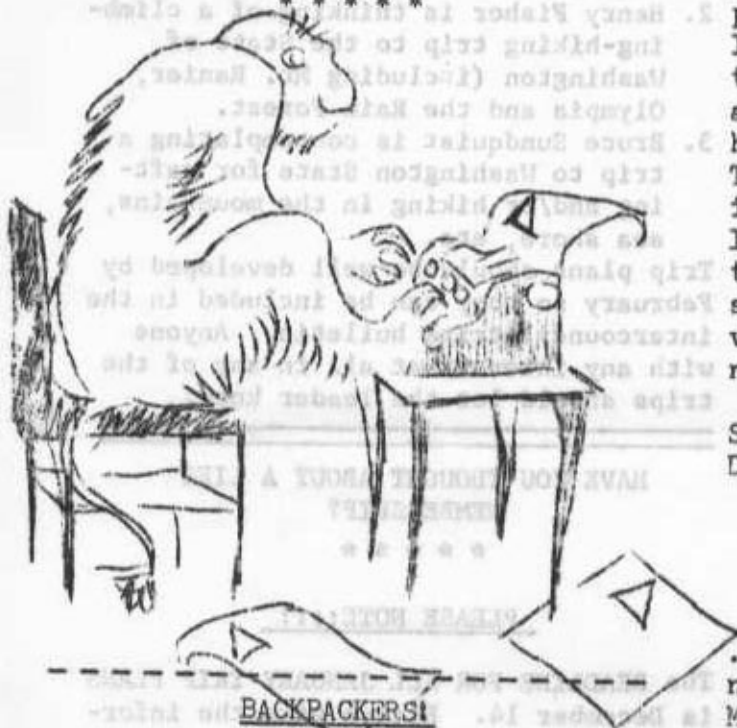
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MEMBERSHIP AT ALL-TIME HIGH

The latest figures from the National Office show that, as of October, Pittsburgh Council had 349 members. The highest membership we ever had prior to that was 327 in the Lee Hayden era. Over the past year, membership has increased 16% from 301 in October of 1966. The National membership now stands at 32,685, up 11% over last year.

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BACKPACKERS!

Run, do not walk (the canoeists, climbers or cavers may get there first) to your nearest supermarket to get one of the new Lipton one-dish meals. Four styles (one beef...three chicken) all feature quick cooking noodles. Weight: 6 or 6½ ozs. All you add is water and shortening. Cooking time in an open pot: 15 minutes. Serves: one hungry hiker...or two, if the meal has other ingredients. Cost: approx. 80¢.

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Take a Triangle staff member to lunch this week!

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Old AYH trip-leaders never DIE...they just fade-away!

COUNCIL MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

canoe safety? How about rock climbing technique? Snowshoeing? Ice skating on Friday evenings with a large group? Would you be interested in adventure in a cave or pitting your skills against tons of water in white water school? How about a short walk?

Sound good? We have everything. To keep it, we need you. 1968 will be a big year. This year we hope to break the 400 passholding membership mark. With this large a membership we'll have even more trips - more types. We're going to have an expedition to the Rockies for walkers, hikers, climbers and water enthusiasts. This year we're going to finish the polishing of the Baker Trail under the able leadership of Don Woodland. We're going to revise our Canoe Guide. Bruce is starting a Hiking Guide, and Don has revised our Baker Trail Guide - even the newspaper is new!

Look at our masthead on the front page. See all those people. They're all moving. Do you see yourself?

The AYH rebellion needs -- YOU!

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WIN A FREE PASS

...for one year by bringing in the most new members in the next four months. Membership Chairman--Kay Lew will award the pass-prize at the Annual Banquet in the spring. The Membership Chairman is not eligible...and renewal memberships do not count.

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WHO'S WHO (continued from page 2)

technician for Allegheny Airlines (who also would trim a Christmas tree with transistors!) He has skied in Norway twice (working for an airline helps!) With new skis and boots, he must have big plans for this year in the offing!

Even if you can't go skiing in Europe this year, Eric Stacey promises lots of snow in Pennsylvania. He has jolly good plans for skiers and ice-skaters, so watch for trip announcements. Eric, our winter sports chairman, is one of England's outstanding contributions to AYH and to Westinghouse Research, where he is an electrical engineer. He graduated from the Southeast London Technical College, and likes to photograph everything and everybody in Pittsburgh, much to the dirty cavers' dismay.

AYH owes much credit to Don Woodland, Baker Trail Chairman, for his many contributions to the trail during the past six years. He has been largely responsible for building shelters, erecting signs, and maintaining the trail. He has generated interest in it among many scout troops and other groups and has established excellent relations with many people involved with it.

Before becoming interested in the Baker Trail, Don served on the Board of Directors and also did a tremendous amount of work on the renovation of our headquarters building. Don has been a real asset to AYH and deserves the members' support and assistance. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Don came to Pittsburgh about 13 years ago, joined AYH and met Billie here. They now have five hosteling children and live in Baldwin Township.

WHY BE A MEMBER OF AYH?

Here are four good reasons for buying a pass:

1. Save money on trip fees and rental fees.
2. Receive the Golden Triangle every month.
3. Use AYH equipment privately.
4. Participate in extended trips.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WHERE TO NEXT SUMMER, GANG?

It's time to start thinking about where you want to go next summer with AYH. Even if you don't want to be a trip leader, talk over your ideas with Bruce Sundquist, our Trips & Trails Chairman. Perhaps something can be worked out.

Some ideas currently floating around include the following:

1. Howard King wants to do some intermediate white water canoeing in Canada or New England (Upper Hudson?).
2. Henry Fisher is thinking of a climbing-hiking trip to the State of Washington (including Mt. Ranier, Olympia and the Rain Forest.
3. Bruce Sundquist is contemplating a trip to Washington State for rafting and/or hiking in the mountains, sea shore, etc.

Trip plans should be well developed by February so they can be included in the intercouncil trips bulletin. Anyone with any interest at all in any of the trips should let the leader know.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT A LIFE MEMBERSHIP?

PLEASE NOTE:::

The DEADLINE FOR ALL JANUARY TRIP PLANS is December 14. Please give the information to Bruce Sundquist.

The DEADLINE FOR ALL JANUARY TRIANGLE ARTICLES is December 14. Please give them to Ann Fisher.

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JOIN THE △ PARTY: Christmas cheer (with a little work thrown in). Help us at the Triangle Production Party, at Fisher's (521-8992).

TRIP REPORTS

Share your fun! Trip leaders and followers - give the Triangle an account of the fun you have had on a trip...it doesn't have to be long, but tell us who got lost, the prettiest sight seen, who found the cave first, etc. You'd be surprised at how much post-interest a successful trip can generate.

SKI-EQUIPMENT: Sales and Rental

Two pairs of new skis (laminated wood with interlocking metal edges and Porlon bases) are for sale at HQ. They are bargain priced at \$20.00 to members, \$25.00 to non-members.

There are also six pairs of new poles in assorted lengths available at \$5.00 per pair. See John Henry or Bruce Sundquist.

We now have a fairly good selection of skis, boots and poles for rent to those getting introduced to skiing. The rental rates: skis 75¢ per day, boots 75¢ per day, poles 25¢ per day...or all three for \$1.50 per day.


SKI WEEK PLANNED

Plans are now afoot for a ski week at Killington, Vermont, for some time between January 13 and February 18. The price will be close to \$100, plus driver's fees (about \$12) and equipment rental (if any). This includes AYH fees, lift ticket, breakfast and dinner, and lodging for 8 days and two hours of ski lessons per day for five days. (No insurance.) If you are interested call Bruce Sundquist, 372-1212 x-412, as soon as possible.

The exact date will be set to suit the majority. All plans will be completed by December 17 when a deposit of \$20 is due. Participants will leave by car early Saturday morning and will return on Sunday afternoon. The leader has never been to Killington but Terry Sanders has, and promises a great place: 6 chair lifts, 5 poma lifts, 35 trails on four mountains. The average snowfall is 23 feet per year.

IF SKIING WEATHER comes in December there will be ski trips organized at Thursday Open Houses. If you cannot be there, call Eric Stacey, 351-3296.

THINK SNOW!!!SUGGESTION OF THE MONTH:

Send Trips & Trails info to members on microfilm so we'll have more room in the  for cartoons, etc.



RENEW YOUR PASS NOW!

FOR SALE: FIVE-SPEED CYCLES

Three five-speed cycles...with less than six months use...are for sale from the Hostel rental fleet. The price is \$50.00 each. They will be put into perfect condition including new tires where needed.

TRIP REPORT: "50 IN 5"

Until Sunday, October 22, it had been years since Pittsburgh AYH had held a 50 miles in five hours cycle trip. The morning was cold with heavy fog along the Allegheny River which we were to follow to New Kensington and back to Pittsburgh. Nevertheless, five hardy cyclists showed up: Don Laszacs, Chuck Vogen, Jr., Bob Omlor, Bob Snell and Dan Milleville.

As the first hour ended we were feeling cold, not having been prepared for the cold river fog, but we were saved by an open drive-in where we could warm up with hot drinks. Also nearby was an open gas station where Don bought badly needed gloves.

After the first hour, the sun started breaking through the fog and everything afterward seemed "downhill" with all five finishing within the five hour limit with no problems other than the cold hands and one flat tire.

-- Bob Omlor

THURSDAY NIGHT IS "OPEN HOUSE" AT AYH

Schedule of Programs for December, 1967

8:30 p.m.

- December 7 - Skiing instruction on the movie screen and narrated by Ken Hörner- for those who want to become enthusiastic before becoming frustrated.
- December 14- Movies of the chilly wildlife above the Arctic Circle around Ellsmere Island by Henry Pollak.
- December 21- NOT to be missed! The first annual AYH Tree- Trimming Party... in the mood of an "Old Fashioned" Christmas. Bring with you a tree ornament that you made yourself (look around your home for materials). Win a prize for the best ornament. Homebaked goodies and cheery punch will be served. Refer your suggestions for entertainment, refreshments and decorations to Doug Ettinger (523-5883) or Tess Henry (661-7952). A movie of skiing in Vermont with the Bromly people at 7:45 for people who come early.

December 28- The annual Cookies and Coffee Party at Liz Saffer's at 4735 Maripoe Street (near the Millvale Street Bridge in Oakland). Meet at Headquarters or go directly to Liz's. 8:30 p.m.--sharp! at HQ

BRING A FRIEND TO AN OPEN HOUSE

WHAT AYHERS WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

- Cathy Lynch- A wetsuit so I can go ice skating all summer.
- Bob Fewkes - Chairlift on the River's End Rapids so I can rerun it.
- Jim Hurst - A lot of snow at Christmas so we can ski all winter and canoe all summer.
- Bruce Sundquist- A computer so I can give mine back to U.S. Steel.
- Doug Ettinger - Legs that can ski by themselves.
- Sue Spindt - Howard to lead a Christmas Canoe trip.
- Nancy Simler - Bob Omlor's camera (Which one, Nancy??).
- Clara Herron - Cadillac with automatic air mattress inflator.
- Ted Diehl - Snow tires for Jack Batchelar's bike.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ AGE (if under 21) _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

Will you use your AYH pass abroad? _____ Ever held an AYH pass before? _____




Referred by: _____

PASSES:	Youth (under 18)	\$4.00	Sponsor	\$10.00 or more
	Senior Youth (18-20)	6.00	Family Membership	9.00
	Adult	7.00	Triangle Subscription	2.00
	Inquire at Headquarters about organizational passes			11.00

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TRIPS AND TRAILS

- 2 SAT HIKE in a new area- Little Beaver Creek in Ohio. Don Laszacs (846-1232) leads. Bring your lunch and about \$2.00. Leave HQ at 8:30 a.m. sharp.
- 2 & 3 SAT
SUN  Last chance to canoe in 1967! Canoe with Howard King (264-1386) on the Upper Cheat River or on the Cacapon River depending on the experience level of the group. Both are scenic stretches of river. Leave HQ at 8:00 a.m. sharp with your camping gear, your own food, and about \$6.50.
- 3 SUN Explore John Friend's Cave (a good one for beginners). Bob Herman (361- 8864) leads. Leave HQ at 8:00 a.m. sharp with your lunch, a change of clothes, about \$3.00 and a light.
- 5 TUE  Enjoy the Pittsburgh International Art Exhibit with an experienced but opinionated guide (Sue Allardice- 731- 4819). Meet at the ticket booth inside the Carnegie Museum at 7:00 p.m. sharp with 50 ¢ for admission and an optional \$2.25 for program and price list. Reserve by the 30th of November.
- 8 FRI Come Skating at North Park. Cathy Lynch leads (362-1045). Leave HQ at 9:30 p.m. sharp with about \$2.00.
- 9 SAT Climbing at McConnel's Mill. If there is ice or snow be prepared for ice practice. Cora Addicott (681-6419) leads. Leave HQ at 9:00 a.m. sharp with lunch, climbing gear and about \$ 1.20.
- 9 SAT Come on an exploratory HIKE in the vicinity of White Rocks on the western slopes of Chestnut Ridge. Don Laszacs (846-1232) and John Henry (661-7952) lead. Leave HQ at 8:30 a.m. sharp with lunch and about \$1.60.
- 11 MON Skating at North Park. Leave HQ at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Mary Johnston (621-0520) leads. Cost \$2.00.
- 15 FRI Skating at North Park during the late session- avoid the crowds. Cathy Lynch leads (362-1045). Leave HQ at 9:30 p.m. sharp. Cost about \$2.00.
- 16 SAT  Explore Cornwall CAVE in Cheat Canyon or the trails in the vicinity of the cave. Another easy cave in a scenic setting. Be prepared for a 900 foot descent on foot into the canyon. Bob Strong (327-6267) and Bruce Sundquist (351-3100 X 412) share leadership of HIKERS AND CAVERS. Leave HQ at 8:00 a.m. sharp with lunch, change of clothes, light and about \$2.20. Be back in time to track cave goo all over Ruth and Cathy's apartment!
- 16 SAT First Party of the Christmas Season at the home of Cathy Lynch and Ruth Stacklin. Call them at 362- 1045 for details.

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM AYH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Budgets Due	2 CANOE---CAVE CAVE	3 CANOE
4	5 Pittsburgh Internat'l Art Show	6	7 Open House Ski Movies	8 SKATE	9 CLIMB HIKE	10
11 SKATE	12 Act. Bd.	13 Open House Arctic Slides	14 Trip Plan Due Articles Due 	15 SKATE	16 CAVE HIKE PARTY	17
18	19  Production Party	20	21 Ski Movies 7:45 Party 8:30	22 CAROLING	23	24
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26	27	28 Open House at Liz Saffer's	29	30	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR

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