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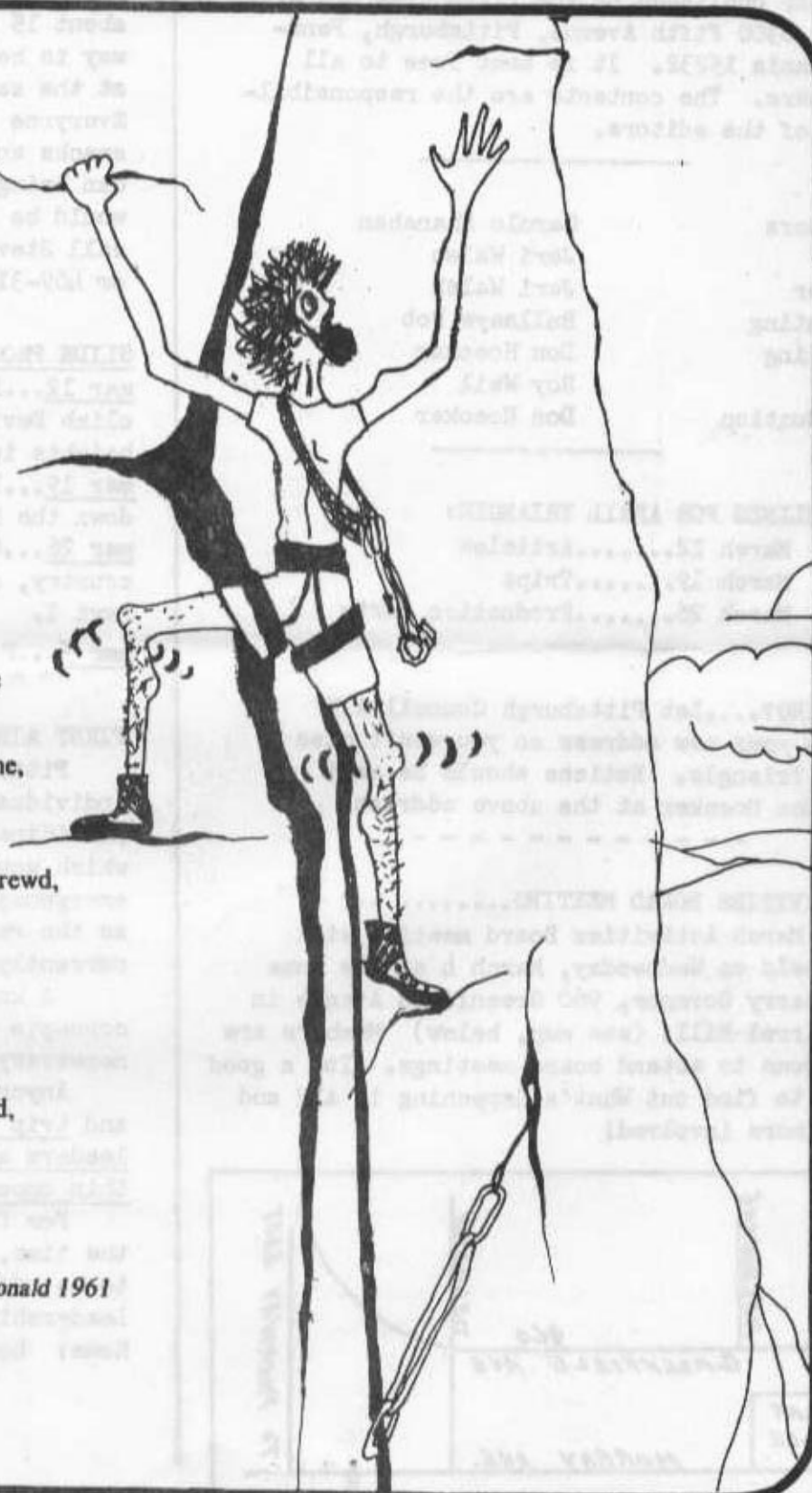
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## *The Leader*

The leader, to restore his phlegm,  
Designs an artful stratagem,  
Aware that, with the rope below,  
Should fate disturb the status quo,  
Then twice the distance of the rope  
He'd drop at speed, without much hope  
(Acceleration, unimpaired,  
Thirty-two feet per second squared).  
He threads his rope through loops of line,  
Running belays his anodyne! -  
From fear alone; from harm no shield  
When there's a deadly flaw concealed,  
Producing from this scheme, though shrewd,  
An undesired vicissitude.  
He slips, and from above is heard  
A very rude four-letter word;  
Then screams, as he perceives too late  
His unpremeditated fate:  
The loops were thin, a masquerade  
Of safety, and have snapped; betrayed,  
He drops spreadeagled through the void,  
An unprehensile anthropoid.  
But from this lack of commonsense  
Results no fatal consequence.  
Our ignoramus is not dead:  
You see, he landed on his head.

*Keith McDonald 1961*





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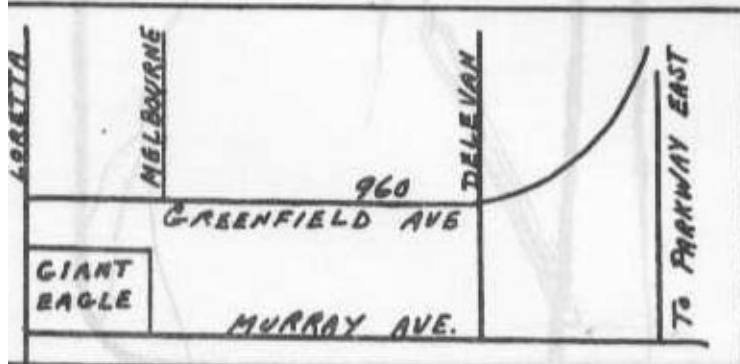
## DEADLINES FOR APRIL TRIANGLE:

March 12.....Articles  
March 19.....Trips  
March 26.....Production Party

MOVING?....Let Pittsburgh Council AYH know your new address so you won't miss the Triangle. Notices should be sent to Don Hoecker at the above address.

## ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING.....

The March Activities Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4 at the home of Barry Govenor, 960 Greenfield Avenue in Squirrel Hill. (see map, below) Members are welcome to attend board meetings. It's a good way to find out What's Happening in AYH and get more involved!



## WANT TO BE ON T.V.?

Twice a year we help out WQED television by answering phones in their pledge drives. This year we're scheduled to help out again on Wednesday, March 11 from 8 to 11:30 pm and we need about 15 volunteers. This is a good way to help out public television and at the same time give AYH some publicity. Everyone usually has a good time--we get snacks and a tour of the station (and we can bring our own wine...) If you would be interested in helping out, call Steve Martin at 462-5000ext 6185(w) or 469-3153(h).

## SLIDE PROGRAMS FOR MARCH

mar 12...Bill Skallos and Al Uhrine climb Devil's Tower and assorted other heights in Wyoming and Colorado.  
mar 19...Lena Easter-Dories travels down the Grand Canyon.  
mar 26...George Novak, "Going cross-country, one pedal at a time" (I) Part I.  
mar 5...Bob Goff, Grand Canyon Woods.

## FIRST AID COURSE AVAILABLE

Pittsburgh Council is looking for individuals who would be interested in participating in a first aid course which would be geared to the needs of emergency situations which could occur as the result of activities which we currently sponsor.

A knowledge of basic first aid concepts would be helpful but is not necessary.

Anyone is welcome to participate and trip leaders and potential trip leaders are urged to take advantage of this opportunity.

For further information concerning the time, location and cost of the course to be offered, contact Jane Toben, Leadership Development Chairperson. Home: 466-7885, Work: 462-9500 x6585

## MARCH TIPS AND TALES

by Joe Hoechner

The Keystone Trails Association has several publications available which may be of interest to AYH members. These include "Pa's Hiking Trails", a 90 page guide book in a 8 1/2 x 11 format. Cost=\$2.80. "Guide to the Tuscarora Trail", 82 pages, pocket size, cost=\$1.75. And the "Official Guide to the Appalachian Trail in Pa.", 160 pages, pocket size and only \$2.60. All of these prices INCLUDE tax and shipping. To order, send check to:

K.T.A.

P.O. Box 251

Cogan Station, Pa. 17738

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Are you a 'regular' who attends Thursday night Open House meetings? Do you live near any trail, ski or bike shops? These could include Avalanche, Wilderness Voyagers, Scholls, Willi's etc.

You can help spread the word about AYH by dropping off brochures at these shops. See Hostel Development Chairperson Joe Hoechner anytime at a Thursday night meeting.

Also, if you are planning to travel via interstate highway to any neighboring state, we can now drop off brochures at the official state tourist information booths--see Joe for details.

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March may be your last chance to pick up any bargains at cross-country or downhill ski sales. Keep your eyes and ears open for clearance sales at any of Pittsburgh's shops.

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Time to check on your Ten-Speed! Just because the tires are low doesn't mean they're flat.

Pump some air into them before you start taking your wheel apart or, worse yet, bring it into a shop to get fixed!

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SPRING CLEANING? If you are planning to 'redd-up' your condo this spring, keep AYH in mind. Our area hostel can always use items such as: Pillows and pillow cases, fitted(bottom) sheets for twin size beds, folding chairs and tables, framed mirrors, floor lamps, big pots, china and cups, silverware, can openers, etc.

Please call Joe Hoechner at 828-5399 before you bring anything in to H.Q.

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Would you like to spend a weekend at our Ohioypyle Youth Hostel? Be sure to call ahead for reservations...speak to Stan or Cindy at phone# 412/329-4476.

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If you are planning to write to friends in Europe or make hostel reservations, be sure you check postage rates first.

Uncle Sam recently raised the rates for air and sea mail. Postcards now cost 19¢ via sea and 28¢ via air mail. Postage for letters is a little more tricky: They cost 40¢ for EACH 1/2 oz. up to 2 oz. Over 2 oz. the cost is 35¢ for each 1/2 oz.

This rate increase does not affect mail going to Canada or Mexico, which remains at 10¢ for postcards and 15¢ for letters. So visit our neighbors!

(ed. note...recently the post office announced a domestic rate change from 15¢ to 18¢)

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Would you like to design a hostel stamp? Joe is seeking member input (makes his job easier) on a rubber stamp design for the new Gilmary Hostel out near the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Such a stamp could include the words 'Gilmary Youth Hostel, Coraopolis/Pittsburgh, Pa. USA' and perhaps a plane silhouette or the international hostel symbol.

Since opening day is set for May, we have some time on this project. Watch for a detailed story regarding the new hostel in future issues of the Triangle!!



## SUMMER TOURS IN NOVA SCOTIA AVAILABLE !

The Nova Scotia/Canadian Youth Hostelling Association has scheduled a series of summer trips for hostellers on their island.

These include a "Valley and South Shore" mini-bus camping and hosteling trip, seven days for \$235, "Cape Breton" mini-bus camping and hosteling trip, seven days for \$235, and a seven day bicycle tour priced at \$210. Accommodations on these tours include primitive campsites, campgrounds, hostels, or inns. Please note that the price is given in Canadian dollars, the U.S. price is about 10-12% less. A hostel pass is required on all trips.

For a copy of their detailed brochure/application form see Joe Hoechner any Thursday night or call 828-5399.

### The Sap is Running!

No offense to jogging, but it is Maple Syrup Time at Boyce Park Nature Center on March 7 and 14 from 9 am to 4 pm. There will be demonstrations on making syrup. The Center is on Old Frankstown Road; call the Center at 327-0338 for more details.

## IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE... in the Golden Triangle

---- low rates ----

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-1000+ membership-----

FOR INFORMATION, contact  
Harriet Ann Seiner

**412/681-1189**

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR NATIONAL A.Y.H.

American Youth Hostels new address is  
1332 I Street N.W.  
Eighth Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20005

### FOXFIRE Readers!

The Foxfire Fund, Inc., a non-profit corporation for educational, literary, and charitable purposes, has received a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in which NEH will match each three dollars donated with one dollar. Donors should specify that their contribution is to go toward support of the NEH challenge grant. The money is for funds for continuing Foxfire and allied projects. Also available, are subscriptions to Foxfire Magazine, a quarterly, for eight dollars yearly and the newsletter HANDS ON. For further information, contact:

The Foxfire Fund, Inc.  
Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568  
404-746-5318

### Trails Coordinator Sought!

Pgh. Council wants YOU if you feel that you could help Cliff Ham in the position of Trails Coordinator. If you want to contribute some time and/or effort to the Pgh. Council but are uncertain as to how you can go about it, please feel free to contact Cliff or myself for further explanation concerning what this position would entail.

Barry G. Govenor  
421-7114  
481-3300 X373

### MANY THANKS

to Jerry Finger who has served admirably as trails Coordinator these past few months. The time and effort he put into the office was evident in the manner in which he delivered his reports and he will be missed.

Thanks again for your services,  
The Activities Board

## trips and trails

The trips listed below are open to the public with the exception that AYH members are given priority when a trip is of limited size. Trips costs include 50¢ registration and insurance (\$500 med) plus transportation and rentals. In addition, non-members are charged \$1.50/day which can be deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate and ADVanced, with the exception of bicycling.

**backpacking**

chair: Steve Martin 462-5000 x 6185 (w)

fri mar 20-

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INTER- Somewhere in Allegheny National Forest. Leave Friday night at 7 pm. Call Fred Parker at 824-2638 to reserve.

sat mar 7-

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INTER- North Country Trail in Allegheny National Forest. Leave HQ at 6:30 am and stop for breakfast. Call Chuck Ejzak, 327-5031 to reserve.

**hiking**

chair: Kathy Reilly 687-6160

sun mar 8

INTER- Hike with Kathy Reilly on the Baker Trail. Meet at HQ at 8:30 am. Section to be decided. Call 687-6160 to reserve.

sat mar 14

BEGIN- Destination to be decided. Join Sally Brunson for hiking and dinner later at the Food Tree restaurant. No hike if skiing is good. Leaving HQ at 9 am. Call Sally at 231-6074.

sun mar 15

INTER- Hike with Stu Clark. Leave at 8 am. Call Stu at 361-2265.

sat mar 21

INTER- Hike with Steve Tubbs. Leave HQ at 8:30 am. Call to reserve, at 751-2158.

sat mar 28

INTER- Norm Snyder is hiking Sandy Creek. Call him at 351-4068. Will meet at HQ at 8 am.

sun mar 29

BEGIN- Work off your banquet excesses by taking a close-to town hike with Marilyn Ham. Meet at HQ at 1:30 pm. Questions? Call 687-4520.

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**canoeing**

chair: Jane Toben 466-7885(h) 462-5000 x 6585

Cold weather canoe trips are scheduled at the Thursday night meetings. Necessary equipment for these ventures includes wool and/or wet suits.

fri may 8-

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The Western Pennsylvania Whitewater Canoe School will be held at Camp Kon-o-Kwee. The Pittsburgh Council, AYH is a co-sponsor along with the Red Cross and several other canoe clubs. The cost is \$60 for the school and food and lodging (add \$10 if you cannot furnish your own canoe). Applications and further information is available from Jane Toben (phone numbers above) or Dave Marschik (327-2778)

## special events      special trips

For you folks who like to play in the water, there are two summer trips being planned now for one and two weeks. Now is a good time to start planning your summer vacation.

June 13-

21      ADV- North Carolina Canoe-Kayak trip. Nantahala; Chattooga; French Broad; Little Tennessee; Ocoee and other 'good' Southern rivers. Class III and III+ Car camping. Trip size limited. Reserve with Ray Yutzy on Thursday nites or by calling 929-4443. or Carol Davis at 821-8047.

August

First two weeks. Canadian Whitewater Canoe-camping trip. Class III Rivers for experienced paddlers. Trip size limited. Reserve with Dave Marschik at 327-2778 or Ray Yutzy at 929-4443.

## from the activities board

### SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 4, 1981 ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

MINUTES BY SUSAN M. MILLER

SUMMARY BY EDITOR

Backpacking: The Chairman is ordering a new tent to replace a missing one.

Cycling: Pgh. Council will help financially in remapping the East Coast Bike Trail since the Boston Council has paid its loan in full. The amount of aid may be small since Pgh. Council is not on this trail.

Treasury: All inventories from each activity due to Fred Hull by February 5, 1981.

Kayaking: The Continuing Education program of Allegheny Community College may rent our boats for their Spring Session. The Session is twelve weeks, Monday nights, starting February 23 and is open to all residents of Allegheny County. Roy Yutzy was asked to teach the course.

Service: Harriet Ann Seener is looking for an activity to sponsor a workshop in March.

Special Projects: See A1 for Spring Bouquet in this issue.

Trails: Baker Trail pamphlets now available. The National Park Service is developing the North Country Trail which stretches from eastern New York to North Dakota covering 3,200 miles. Cliff Ham will be Pgh. Council's representative to the Advisory Board for this trail. National Trails System Act establishes a board for each trail.

Search for new Trails Coordinator continues.

Hostel Operation & Development: There will be a one night Solar Energy Workshop at Ohiopyle in April or May.

Other: Pgh. Council will renew its membership in Pgh. History and Landmarks Foundations. Allegheny Community College has offered to do a First Aide Course geared to AYH needs for a group of fifteen persons. Pgh. Council and the Wheelman have sent a letter to the Pgh. Planning Commission asking it to take into consideration parking facilities for bicycles when putting in new building projects.

National Board Meeting is on February 21 and 22; Cliff Ham will attend.

Steve Martin committed Pgh. Council to answering phones on Pledge Night at WQED, March 11, 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.



# AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Fill out the following application and bring/send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh AYH" to: AYH Membership, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pgh. Pa. 15232

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ New?/Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Youth (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Three-year Senior  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Senior Citizen (60+) \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.00 Senior (18-59) \_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00 Life  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$21.00 Family

(Note: Membership sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00.)

Please Circle one or more:

Service Interests: Newsletter, Hostel Development, Bicycling, Publicity, Trail Maintenance, Equipment Repair, Auditor Service, Typing, Art Work

Leadership: Backpacking, Cycling, Canoeing, Caving, Climbing, Hiking, Cross-country Skiing, Rafting.

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