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*** OPEN HOUSE ***

8:30 Thursdays

December 6 - Doug Broghie, Vice Pres of the Student Ski Club, will show a film and slides of the Santa Fe, Toas area. Any student interested in skiing this winter is urged to come.

December 13 - Doug Ettinger presents canoeing and kayaking in the Nantahala River Region - "Land of the Noon Day Sun". A new media will be used in the show. Nothing like a little suspense!

December 20 - Come Christmas caroling. We will meet at the hostel at 8:00 P.M. (Note the earlier hour) and then sing our way over to Cliff and Marilyn Ham's where the festivities will continue. Dress warmly and tune up your voices.

December 27 - Time to look back at another year. Barnie Bench takes us back several years to India, Burma, and China in 1945.

The AYH will sponsor ski lessons at Boyce Park again this year. The price for 6 weeks of lifts, lessons, and equipment rental is \$45.

WINTER HIKING AND BACKPACKING

Are you unsure about winter hiking or backpacking?? It is done and you can join in the fun. Come to AYH Tuesday December 4 at 7:00 P.M. A couple of experienced winter hikers and campers will show you that hiking and/or backpacking is possible without spending a fortune for down clothing or equipment.

AYH has for rent two back packs. If you have or can borrow a good down sleeping bag and a foam pad, and would like to try a winter outing contact an AYH trip leader. He may be able to team you with a person that has the other necessary gear (tent, stove) Call the leader and ask or we may never get to know you.

FOSSIL FINDING

Join the AYH Free University. Do it yourself course in field geology No credit! No exams! No grades! Asst Prof J Roberts will give a classroom session - "What is a fossil and what to do if you find one" at headquarters on Thursday December 20th at 7:00 P.M. Prof C.M. Lynch will then lead the field trip Saturday, Dec 22. Classroom session NOT required for field trip.

Western Pa Ski council is sponsoring a ski program for the handicapped. volunteer to help.

*** Hostel of the Month***

HAINESVILLE, NEW JERSY

Your'e missing out if you have not visted this beautiful hostel on the bank of the Delaware River. A quick 75 miles from New York City or a long drive from Pittsburgh, it is one of the Hostels run by the National Park Service.

Whatever your hosteling pleasure, Hainesville is the place for you.

In winter, the immediate surrounding area is good for cross-country skiing, with downhill skiing facilities available about 30 miles away. There is ice skating at the hostel, and a toboggan you can borrow (at no charge). The hostel might be getting snowshoes; check this with the friendly houseparent, Marty "Tex" Hughes.

For hikers, the Appalachian and other trails are just 7 miles away, at Stokes State Forest and High Point Park.

Two canoes and three sailboats can be rented at the hostel and you can swim in the Delaware River.

For bikers the back roads are ideal, with a one day loop to the north and another to the south.

There is even good hunting and fishing, in season, if you prefer that.

For additional information about this Hostel or for bike routes in the area contact:

Sol Weber
31-51 37th St
L.I.C. New York, 11103

The above Hostel of the month will be a regular feature of the Triangle. Send a write of your favorite hostel to the Triangle editor.

*** New Hostels *****

Sherrill, New York: Located near Rome, N.Y., Wonder House will be open year-round at a cost of \$1.50 per night. Contact:

M/M Wayne Sears
Wonder House Youth Hostel
353 East Seneca Street
Sherill, N.Y. 13461

Warrensburg, New York: The Glen House Youth Hostel is looking forward to a busy winter season. Situated in the Adirondacks near Lake George, the hostel is ideal for skiers. Glen House owns 10 pairs of snowshoes and hopes to have 20 pairs of cross country skis by mid-January. 840 acres of state land adjoin the hostel and can be used for cross country skiing or winter day walks. Overnight charge from Dec 1 thru Apr 1 will be \$3.00.

Contact:

M/M Richard Nelson
The Glen Youth Hostel
Route 28
Warrensburg, N.Y. 12885

RENT FREE VACATIONS

Would you like to spend the summer in rent free accommodation in a prime hostelling area?? How about two weeks in such an area, rent free??

Become a Houseparent. Duties are minimal: open Hostel at 4:30 and collect passes and money as people arrive, and then return the passes in the morning after the place is cleaned up. The entire day from about 9:00 to 4:00 is yours to enjoy.

Pay is non-existent, although you do get free room and utilities except phone, the opportunity to meet people from all over the country and the chance to live in a prime hostelling area.

As accomodations are typically small couples with no children are preferred. There are also some openings for singles as assistant house parents in some lager hostels. Call George Tiedeman (703) 592-3271.

The Law and You

Senate Bill #1105 has recently been introduced by Senator Thomas McCreesh into the State Senate for review. This bill provides the following: "No fixture (rack) may be attached to the front or rear bumper or to the chassis of a motor vehicle for the purpose of carrying a load other than another towed vehicle or trailer." What this means is that all bumper mounted bicycle carriers would be banned. The wording of "chassis" is not clear whether this would also ban roof top racks. The wording of "fixture" could also ban eye bolts for the tying down of equipment.

This bill if passed could affect all bicyclists and skiers, boaters, etc, who use their cars to transport equipment. What can you do??? Write!!! contact your local senator, the sponsor, Senator McCreesh or Senator Wayne Ewing, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, which is now reviewing this bill. The address is :

Senator Such and so
The Pennsylvania State Senate
Harrisburgh, Penn, 17120

MORE LAW AND YOU

The Federal Dept of Health Education and Welfare recently completed its report dealing with bicycles. Some of the conclusions of this report were reported in last month's Triangle. This report brings out suggested rules that would both help and hinder the bicycle boom in the country today. To find out for yourself: write to:

Consumer Product Safety Commission
5401 West Bard Ave,
Washington, D.C. 20207.

Ask for a free copy of
the food and drugs administration report:
"Bicycles - Proposed Classifications
as Banned Hazardous Substance."

COMET KOHOUTEK

" Eight things there be a comet brings, when on high it doth horrid range; war, famine, plague, and death to Kings, wind, earthquakes, flood, and dire change."

Man in primitive times would spend this December praying and sacrificing to drive the evil demon Kohoutek from the skies. For you Comet Kohoutek can provide a beautiful addition to the sky during the holiday season.

The comet was discovered in March of this year. It is racing towards the sun at 70,000 m.p.h. and will pass within 13,000,000 miles of the sun. Most comets are about one mile in diameter but Kohoutek may be 15 miles across.

The early sighting, due to the size of the comet, is providing the time needed to prepare large scale studies by observatories, NASA, and Skylab.

The best time for watching the comet will be from Oct 1 thru Feb 4. Consult your newspaper for view times and locations. For photography use a tripod, set the lens wide open, and focus on infinity. Expose for several seconds to one minute. Longer exposures will cause star trails on the film. Use a high speed film (Kodak high speed ektachrome or Anscochrome 500 for color; Tri-x for black and white) and bracket your exposure times.

The Baker Trail has two shelters that provide an open view of the southern sky from good elevations. More important will be the lack of a glowing horizon caused by lights around Pittsburgh. If you are interested in leading a backpacking trip overnight during December or January to take a better look at Kohoutek, call Jim Roberts at 362-5792.

For more information about Comet Kohoutek see Popular Science Nov. '73.

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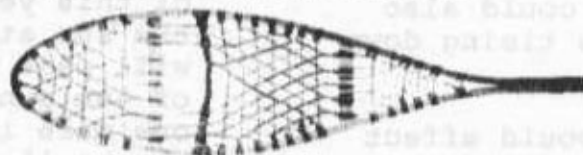
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George Robertson at 823-5517.

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helps to build yours.

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Jun, Tyrolia bindings, boots (size 6)
boot tree, aluminum poles, safety
bindings, goggles, and wool socks.
Very good condition. \$75 for entire
outfit or very low prices for indiv-
dual items. Contact Prof Creshkoff
624-4765 or 687-5390.

For sale- used, unsafe, life jackets.
AYH is selling its old life jackets
for \$1 each. In most cases the
covering is worn or rotted thru.
These unsafe jackets can be used as
kneeling pads or recovered and used
as life jackets. Contact Gordon
Bugby, (canoe chairman) at Headquarters

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RARE BIRD FINDS, NEW HABITAT

Henry Pollak has left Pittsburgh for a job in Cranfield, New Jersey. He departed in a Chevy van painted his favorite color-- international distress orange. Henry joined AYH six years ago and immediately started adding color and noise to all our activities. Besides being fluent in his native Czech, English, French, German, and Spanish, he speaks duck (Quack!), pig (Oink!) and unicorn (Ugah!). He is admired by all for his social finesse (tying girls' hair in knots) and profound spirit of philosophical inquiry ("What is your opinion of life in general?")

Many AYH'ers will remember Henry's Thursday night programs of slides and movies of his adventures while working for the Canadian government as a geologist in the Arctic. He has shown slides of his recent backpacking and birdwatching trips in the U.S. In Pittsburgh Henry was a graduate student; he received his PhD in geophysics in 1971.

Those who have been on a trip with Henry have been impressed with his energy, sense of humor, and knowledge of wildlife. ("That is the noise of an animal so sophisticated it hasn't evolved yet") Anyone who has ever sung "I am Musikaner" under Henry's direction will never forget the experience. Henry's new job is with a firm which does consulting work in environmental geology. He is looking forward to doing a lot of travelling-- one of his favorite activities. He has promised to visit AYH when he passes through Pittsburgh. Life in general won't be the same without him, but we wish Henry "FAN-tastick!!" good luck.

ANNUAL COOK FOREST WEEKEND

In only two months you can frolic with your AYH friends in the snow in Jefferson and Clarion Counties. The annual Cook Forest weekend is scheduled for the first weekend of February to make it more likely that there will be snow (Feb 1,2,3). Plan to hike in the moonlight (full moon on Feb 6) and in the sunlight; to participate in other winter activities, including a battle with soft snowballs; and to share in the preparation, eating and cleanup of some really good food.

Cost should be under \$15 in spite of inflation. Reserve now by sending \$5 to Nan and Dave Porterfield, R.D. 1, Box 173, Zelienople, Penn, 16063. Our cabins at Laurel Oaks Cabins will sleep 49 people; last year 47 people went and had a good time.

TRIPS AND TRAILS CONTINUED

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| Dec 26 | intermediate <u>backpacking</u> We will be hiking about 31 miles |
| Dec 27 | along section 1 of the Florida Trail in Big Cypress Swamp. |
| Dec 28 | You will need all supplies for three days, tent with netting, two sets of shoes, and stove. Must reserve soon with Cliff and Marilyn Ham 687- 4960. Come and walk with the alligators. |
| Dec 28
thru
Jan 1 | <u>Backpacking</u> New Years eve under the stars. Backpacking trip to Dolly Sods. Leave headquarters at 7 pm Friday Dec 28 and return Jan 1. reservations necessary, limit of 12. Call Larry Giventer 624 4752 or 422 9282 currently |
| January | The hiking chairman is/planning only one trip in January to go Comet watching. If you are interested in this trip please let him know so he can determine if he should schedule more than one trip. |

The trips below are open to the public on a first come, first served basis, with AYH members having priority. Call the trip leader to make reservations, and to find out more about the trip: equipment needed, experience required, etc. Cost of the trip includes 10¢ for insurance, 30¢ AYH registration, transportation at 1½¢ per mile per passenger, and equipment rental, if any. Each tripper is insured for up to \$500 medical expenses. If you should decide to cancel your reservation, please call the leader and let him know.

Sat 8 Hiking seven plus miles on the Braddock's Crossing Trail from White Oak Regional Park to Rillton. Leave AYH promptly at 9 am with lunch and boots on. Reservations not necessary. For further information contact Carolyn Slaugh at 466-5204.

Sun 19 Baker Trail hike. This trip of about 10 miles is an OK trip for beginners. We will be hiking on section two of the Baker Trail and will do some exploring of possible rerouting of the trail in this section. Bring lunch, \$1.60, wear your boots, and meet at the hostel at 8:30 am. We plan to be back around 6:00 or 7:00. Leader is Nan Porterfield 452-7071 (toll call).

Sat 15 beginner backpacking. First Comet Kohoutek backpack
Sun 16 trip. For experienced winter campers and beginner backpackers. Will probably need stove, tent, down bag, food for 2 days. Trip is limited to about 12 people so reserve early. We will be hiking, camping on one of the higher sections of the Baker Trail. Get up Sunday morning, two hours before sunrise to watch comet and listen to chattering teeth. For more information call Jim Roberts 362-5792, or Joe Hoechner 343-2465

Sat 15 Baker Trail Hike. Another beginners hiking trip of about eight miles maximum. We will be hiking section one of the Baker Trail from Freeport to the Schenley Shelter. For reservations call Marilyn Ham 687-4960. Cost will be \$1.40, bring lunch, wear your boots and be prepared for snow. Will leave headquarters at 8:30 am and return around 6 pm.

Sun 16 beginner's stroll - An easy beginner's stroll with the jolly John Hayes 325-2345 and Helen Brincka 431-6491 as leaders. Meeting at the headquarters at 11:00 am with lunch, water, and wearing long johns and appropriate foot gear we will then proceed to stroll thru Frick Park. Cost 40¢.

Sat 22 Fossil finding hike - Weather permitting Prof C.M.Lynch will lead the field trip associated with the fossil lecture given the preceeding Thursday (see page one). Leaving headquarters at 10:00 am, there will be little hiking and much rock chopping and grubbing. Wear sturdy shoes and old clothing. Bring rock hammer, collecting bag, labels, and lunch. If you have none of the preceeding items in their official form bring something that you think will substitute. Note: Thursday lecture not, repeat not, a prerequisite for the field trip. For more information call Cathy Lynch at 363-2707. Meeting at 10:00

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17	18	19	20 OPEN HOUSE GEOLOGY LESSON CHRISTMAS CAROL ING	21	22 HIKE	23
24	25	26	27 OPEN HOUSE INDIA, BURMA CHINA IN 1945 BACKPACK - BIG CYPRESS SWAMP	28	29 BACKPACK - DOLLY	30 SODS FOR NEW Y.

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