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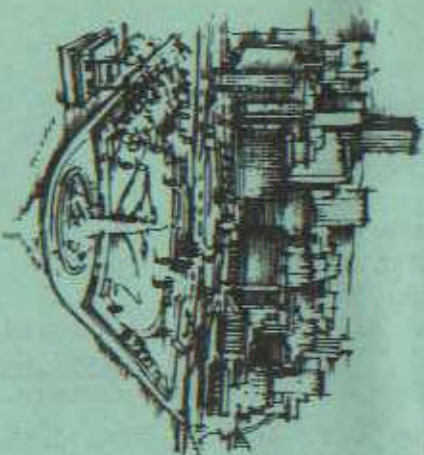
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AYH HEADQUARTERS is located at 6300 Fifth Avenue next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Open House is held every Thursday evening. The building opens at 8 pm and the slide show starts at 8:15. Weekly trip announcements are made immediately following the slide show. The Golden Triangle is assembled for mailing at monthly Production Parties at the meeting. Come out and join us!

DECEMBER OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMS

- December 5: U.S. and Canadian Glaciers and Rocks
by Joe Hoechner and friends.
December 12: Summer and Winter in the Colorado High
Country by Dave McMillen.
December 19: Join our Christmas Production and Carol-
ing Party! See the ad elsewhere in
this issue.
December 26: No meeting, but have a HAPPY AND SAFE
HOLIDAY!!!!

A PLACE FOR SKIERS TO STAY...

As the snow starts to fly, our Hostel Operations chairperson, Len Benson, would like to remind all downhill and cross-country skiers that the Ohiopyle Hostel is open all winter. Major ski areas are nearby, and they include Seven Springs (15 miles), Hidden Valley (20 miles) and Laurel Mountain (25 miles), all northeast of the hostel. Cross-country skiers can literally "ski out the door" onto the River Gorge Trail. With trailhead access at South Connellsville, Ohiopyle and Confluence, this 17 mile trail provides breathtaking views of the Youghiogheny River. As it follows an old railroad bed the grades are suitable for novice skiers. There are also many other cross-country ski trails in nearby state parks.

Brochures for the hostel can be picked up at HQ. Reservations and information can be obtained by calling the Ohiopyle Hostel at (412) 329-4476.

AYH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

AYH memberships are available at Open House meetings on Thursday nights. If you cannot attend a meeting fill out the application below and send it along with \$1.00 to cover postage for each membership ordered and your check made payable to Pittsburgh Council, AYH, to:

AYH Membership
6300 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery of your hosteling pass. Membership also sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$8.00 by mail or \$7.00 at Headquarters.

Note: Memberships run from Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st of the following calendar year.

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THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

JANUARY ISSUE DEADLINES: December 5 ads, trips and articles
December 19 Production Party at 6:00 pm

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A NOTE FROM THE QUIET, BUT STILL FEISTY EDITOR

This has been a rough month folks... It's hard to be feisty when you have laryngitis and can't yell at people. After all, I have a reputation to maintain here! How am I supposed to keep those caving chairmen in line? Luckily, as John Popp says, the pen is mightier than the carbide lamp!

This month's apology goes to Bonnie McElheny and Kim Metheny, who volunteered to help with the layout of this newsletter. I'm sorry I haven't gotten in touch with you ladies, but talking on the phone has been a rather painful experience lately... It hurts my ego when people laugh at me and tell me to speak up!

I do intend to speak up about something here though; the annual Christmas Party concerns me. Are we an unmusical lot? Doesn't anyone besides Cliff Ham and Chuck Ejzak know how to play musical instruments in this group? Chuck and Cliff toot their hearts out every year as we caroll to the Christmas Party, and they sure would appreciate some help. How's about tuning up your old trombone? Trotting out your trumpet? Fetching your flute? Calling on your clarinet? Why, you have nothing to be afraid of, we're all your friends, and we just want to make a joyful noise! We'll even let you read the music!

As for the rest of you who don't play an instrument - dust off those vocal cords! Start practicing early, even if it's only "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer" as you shower! Nobody wants to listen to a bunch of rusty, tone-deaf ninnies -- get into the season and help to make this the best Christmas Party ever!

Hope to see everyone there!

Joy

1985 CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th

Be sure to meet at headquarters at 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 19th! After an enthusiastic time assembling the January Golden Triangle, we will go carolling and end up at AYH President Larry Laude's house at 210 South Atlantic. AYH will provide the hot chocolate, you need to bring:

- (1) Some food (i.e. baked goods) that you'd like to share with others. Food isn't being coordinated, just bring what you'd like, and probability will provide the selection.
- (2) Proper clothing for the weather. Be sure to dress warmly!
- (3) A flashlight, if you don't trust the street lamps.
- (4) A singing voice, preferably your own!

Volunteers are needed to assist with the following:

- (1) Instruments to accompany carolling.
- (2) Shuttling food over to Larry's house.
- (3) Setting up and preparation at Larry's house. Also, Shuttling people back from Larry's house.

If you'd like to volunteer, please call Special Events chairperson Thomas Kinsman at 242-4664h or 578-6617w. If all else fails, call Larry Laude and leave a message 665-9554h.



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AYH MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

(The Golden Triangle is happy to print free classified ads from AYH members, subject to available space and deadlines.)

FOR SALE: Downhill Ski Boots Mens size 9½, \$25.00 Also, Scott poles \$15.00. Call Joe at 373-3403 (keep trying!).

LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK NEWS

For the 1985-86 cross-country ski season at Laurel Ridge State Park on Route 653 there will be a new 50 car parking area and an additional five miles of new cross-country ski trails open. For the 1986-87 cross-country ski season there will be a cross-country ski concession building open with ski rentals and food service.

Remember that the Ohiopyle State Park Youth Hostel is not very far away from Route 653, and is a nice warm place to stay for a great weekend of skiing.

SEA-KAYAKING

Cathy Lynch 361-3707
Tom Trump 284-7349w
Paul Kram 681-9069

Sea-kayakers will continue to paddle until the lakes and rivers freeze over and all the little AYHers go iceskating. Trips are organized informally at the Thursday meetings. Contact the chairpeople if you want to go on a trip.

VOLLEYBALL

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Fred Parker 824-2638

Steve Tubbs 751-2158

All cross-country ski trips are on a "no snow-no go" basis. Most trips leave HQ at 8:30 am. Contact the trip leader(s) for trip details and ski rentals.

CAVING

John Popp 885-2126

Paul Herre 653-7934

Roy Provins 784-9127

Harlensburg Cave, located near Lake Arthur, is one of Pennsylvania's biggest caves. It contains some interesting formations. With luck, we will be able to locate the Ruby Room in the maze. Since it is only a 5 minute hike to the cave from the parking area, Harlensburg is a good "winter cave". For a complete list of upcoming caving trips pick up a schedule on the bulletin board at HQ, or call one of the co-chairmen.

FAMILY OUTINGS

Barbara Hanusa 441-7205

A leader is needed for a skating party at Schenley Park on the third Saturday in January. The skating will be followed by a potluck supper. Call Ellen DeBenedetti 242-6650 or Barbara Hanusa.

NOTICE TO FAMILIES: The following equipment is available to rent from Pittsburgh AYH for members: Toboggan, tents, sleeping bags, cross-country skis for children (near future): contact Ellen DeBenedetti or Barbara Hanusa.

HIKING

Wayne Hennemuth 654-2630

Tom Kaveney 276-8044

KAYAKING

Lou Conley 681-8321

Ray Yutzy 341-5682

The AYH kayaking schools are finished for the season. Swimming pool roll sessions may be organized later in the winter - watch the Triangle for further information.

Cold weather kayaking trips may be informally organized at the Thursday night meetings by those who are equipped for cold weather paddling.



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING: At the November Activities Board meeting, Bill Johnston and Joe Hoechner were re-elected as vice presidents of Pittsburgh Council. (The by-laws specify that the vice presidents are to be elected at the November Activities Board meeting from among the members of the Board.) The budget for 1986 was reviewed and approved for submittal to the Board of Directors for final approval. As usual, discussing the budget leaves little time for aught else. However, we did set tentative dates for the Spring Banquet (March 15) and the Spring weekend (May 30-June 1). Bruce Sundquist (Publications) reported that the new Hiking Guide should be available about February 1st and the Baker Trail Guide about March 1st. Len Benson (Hostel Operations) reported that the overnights at Ohiopyle were down by about 15% from last year. We'll need to work on improving this during the coming year. In the meantime, support your local hostel!

NATIONAL MEETING: By the time you read this, we'll have returned from the National meeting in Columbus; I'll have a report on it in the January Triangle, since the meeting is well after the deadline for this issue.

The Christmas Party is at my house on December 19th. Hope to see you all there! (Well actually, not EVERYBODY, because my house won't hold 1100 people, but at least as many of you as will fit!)

...Larry Laude (412) 665-9554

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DECEMBER TRIPS AND TRAILS

Trips listed are open to the public, AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include transportation, rentals, and a 75¢ registration fee (50¢ per half day or evening). IN ADDITION non-members are charged \$1.50 per day, which may be deducted from the cost of membership when joining AYH. The registration fee covers insurance (\$1000 medical/\$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).

AYH trips are led by competent people who volunteer their time and receive no financial reimbursement. If you'd like to go on an AYH trip, carefully peruse the trip calendar, then look under the activity write-up, where you may find more information. After you've read over everything, call the trip leader to reserve space on a trip.

Talk things over with the trip leader. Find out what you need to bring. Ask where you'll be going. How late will you arrive home? What is all this going to cost you? Remember, AYH trip registration runs 75¢ per day for members, \$2.25 for non-members. You are expected to bring enough money with you to cover carpool, registration, equipment rental, and any other expenses (we often stop at a restaurant on the way home).

AYH trips are geared toward individuals who independently sign up for trips. If you have a group that wishes to go, it is important for the leader to contact the trip leader early, and it may be necessary for the trip leader to speak with every tripper.

BACKPACKING

Jack Peth 921-7214h 777-5365w

Barriet Ann Seiner

Backpack Trip Classifications

NOVICE - No previous experience necessary - a training trip. 6 to 8 miles over two days. Must have been on day hikes.

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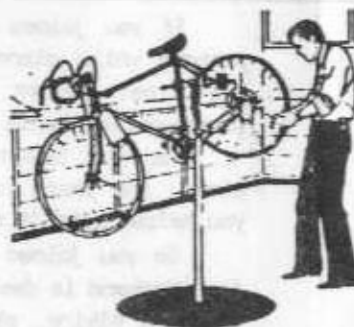
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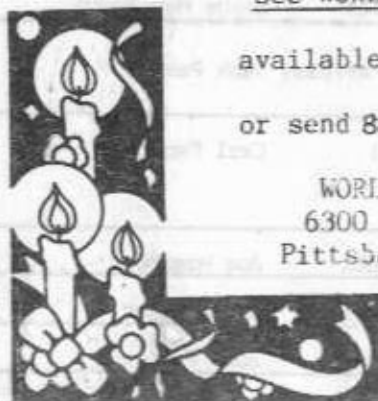
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IN SEARCH OF... A NEW HEADQUARTERS

The "ideal" site which the Pittsburgh Council HQ search committee had discovered has been put on hold for at least a year by the current owners. So we need to keep on looking!

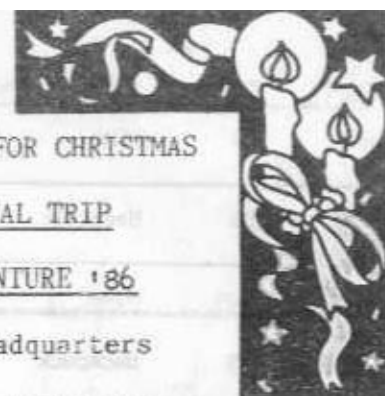
Can you help us find another location? If you are an active member of Pittsburgh AYH you've noticed some of our basic requirements while attending Open House meetings or taking trips. Our future meeting space must be able to seat 100 with adjacent lounge space for talkers. There should be convenient office space for membership and council store sales. Additional office space should be available for the president, file storage, newsletter editor, publication production and small meetings.

Our equipment storage needs are slightly more complex. We need space for our current fleet of rafts, bikes, canoes and kayaks, not to mention future space for wind surfers, roller skates, etc. This means easy access for loading and unloading equipment. No sub-basement or third floor storage areas are acceptable. An adjacent parking area for at least 25 cars with off-street loading area would be ideal.

As part of our new "look" we would have at least one part time staff person. This means heat, air conditioning, phone, computer and of course, toilet facilities.

The location should be in the East End area, as close as possible to the college areas of Oakland-Shadyside.

If you know of any potential sites, please contact Bill Johnston, Larry Laude, or Joe Hoechner at any Thursday meeting, or write to them care of Pittsburgh AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232. 7



DECEMBER TRIPS

DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
6-7	FS	Hike	Easy	Bill Johnston	687-4893	6:30pm	Easy hike around Ohiopyle. Stay at Ohiopyle Hostel. Leave Friday from HQ at 6:30, eat on the way down.
7-8	SS	Backpack	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-2967w	7:30am	Join Glenn on a circuit of the Oil Creek Hiking Trail. Call for info and reservations.
8	Sun	Hike	Inter	Wayne Hennemuth	654-2630	8:00	To be announced.
14-15	SS	Backpack	Inter/Easy	Jack Peth	921-7214h 777-5365w	8:00	Let's meet the first snow on the Laurel Highlands Trail. Rt. 30 to Rt. 31. Both ways.
14	Sat	Families	All	Carl Fertman	247-5291	2:00	Christmas Tree Museum trip followed by a Potluck Supper at the Lutheran Center from 5 until ? Singing and family games. Call for more info.
14	Sat	Ski	Klutz	Joe Hoechner	373-3403	8:30	Cross Country Ski for the first time this year!
14	Sat	Hike	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864h	8:00	Hike on the Baker Trail.
15	Sun	Cave	Begin	John Popp	885-2126		Harlenburg Cave. See Caving writeup for details.
15	Sun	Ski	Begin	Tom Kaveney	276-8044	8:30	
21	Sat	Ski	Int/Adv	Chuck & Lynn Ejzak	466-6196	8:30	
21	Sat	Hike	Inter	Norm Snyder	351-4068	8:30	Hike at Bear Run Nature Reserve.
22	Sun	Ski	Inter	Joel Platt	421-4446	8:30	
22	Sun	Hike	Easy	Tom Kaveney	276-8044	8:30	Morraine State Park
28	Sat	Ski	Inter	Norm Snyder	351-4068	8:30	
29	Sun	Ski	Inter	Cathy Lynch	361-3707	8:30	

AYH AFFAIRS

Each year Pittsburgh AYH has four special events. Four times when we are all together, even though we have different interests:

- (1) In the Spring, there is the Banquet, an evening of dance, music and fun.
- (2) Morgantown Weekend is a weekend when all of AYH joins together to climb, bike, hike, tunnel, etc., at Morgantown, WV.
- (3) The Fall Picnic we just experienced in October
- (4) And the Christmas Party, which will soon be upon us.

Our special events chairperson, Thomas B. Kinsman, is looking for people to help coordinate both the Banquet and Morgantown Weekend. Wait! Keep reading.

Think about why you joined AYH (Think now. Stop and think. Don't keep reading until you have an answer.).

If you joined to meet new people, consider this: working with someone while planning an event gives insight into a person beyond the normal insight gained from social encounters. Working together forms special bonds that last.

Did you join to have a good time? All of these events are good times, and there is a special sense of satisfaction in knowing that you helped make it happen.

So you joined to try new interests or to get outdoors? Morgantown Weekend is designed for you. Each day there are climbing, hiking, boating, biking, etc. At the end of the day we get together to eat dinner and share our experiences. But it won't happen unless we have help.

If any of these activities sounds like something you'd like to participate in putting together, please contact me, Special Events Chairperson, Thomas Kinsman, at 242-4664h or 578-8617w, or call Larry Laude at 665-9554h.