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OPEN HOUSE

with
DON MORIN

Thursday evenings at 8:30.....

February 4 ... Enjoy the rusty shades of Colorado in the autumn months with Alen artholomae.

February 11 ... Dave Tomko takes us meandering through some of the glorious western national parks.

February 18 ... Ever wonder how you might survive in the woods with Winter breathing down your neck? Find out from "Snow How", film on winter survival.

February 25 ... Concerned about the fact that you only have ten months to do your Christmas shopping? Forget it and come celebrate Black Widow Spider Day in Deephole, Wyoming as Hugh Gilmour leads us all in some spider stepping dances.

SIERRA CLUB TRIPS LED BY AYH MEMBERS

Bruce Sundquist and Marilyn Ham are both leading SC trips this summer. Bruce will explore the Canaan Valley and Dolly Sods June 20-26. Marilyn Ham, ably abetted by her husband, Cliff Ham, will guide a family backpack in the Wolf Gap area of the George Washington National Forest July 3-10. Any AYH member or friend is welcome to attend. Call Bruce 327-8737 or the Hams 621-7825.

LENT begins on February 24, but don't give up AYH! Give up smoking, polluting.

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BUDGET BANQUET BAKER TRAIL

The Activities Board met on January 12 to submit the projected budget for 1971, and to hear the treasurer's report of 1971. Details of the new budget cannot be published until the Board of Directors voices its approval but it is reassuring to know that we are still solvent in terms of income, and that our membership increased at a rate of 15.4%.

The annual banquet is also in the planning stage with Judy Hurst acting as chairman. She will be asking for additional assistance from willing members. Watch for a separate flyer in the mail and further news at Thursday night meetings.

A series of hikes are planned to begin in March for those hikers who would like to boast of having completely hiked the Baker Trail. Many of our members have hiked various segments of the trail, but gaps in the trail have, for some reason, arisen. Watch for further announcements in next month's issue.

GUIDE SALES DOUBLE IN 1970

Sales of guides, patches, and maps hit a new high with 2880 items sold this year, more than double that of '70. The most popular guide was the Hiking Guide which sold 744 copies. Other big sellers were the Baker Trail Guide 252 copies

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THE STARS REVEAL

And so does...
CATHY LYNCH

In keeping with our policy of offering our readers the most up-to-date features available, the STAFF recognizes the recent upsurge in interest in the ancient science of astrology. As a result, we have asked the world-famous seer and mystic Madame Cynhl to cast her horoscopes for AYH, and we proudly present her predictions.

AQUARIUS is a water sign, and one would expect to find AYH canoeists born under it. Gary Ludwig and Mary Brincka are Aquarians, but so are J.D. Myers, Jack Batchelar and Hugh Gilmour. Aquarians are diverse in their interests and tend to be creative and adventuresome. The new year will introduce new things to try with AYH...sky diving anyone? Those born under the sign of PISCES such as Lubar Jarolimek and Elinor Myers can expect 1971 to be a year of adventure too, but the planets controlling their sign suggest that their future will involve new people, some of whom they will meet at Thursday night meetings. People born under ARIES are leaders and like to take command of things. The new year will see Arians such as Mike LaMark leading many trips, and since it is in the stars, they will be stupid to fight it. (Take note, Trips and Trails Chairmen) Leaders should be aware of their trippers and note that those born under the sign of TAURUS can be stubborn. Has anyone detected a stubborn streak in Fred Mauk or Annie Jurgovsky?

The sign of GEMINI suggests the many sided characters of many of our members...quiet ones who are really efficient workers, glamorous ones who are true nature lovers. Latent talents are certain to be unearthed this year and Any Young Hosteler will go far in expressing his thing. Those born under the sign of CANCER, the crab, like to put the pinch on people, which explains why Armand Panson served so well on the nominating committee last year. It is also an earth sign, and this year will see increased ecology activity on the part of other Cancerians. LEO, the lion, gives his fierceness and nobility to those born under this sign, and 1971 will see Morie Oberg and Bruce Sundquist taking even more dignified positions of leadership. Perhaps Morie will get elected to the National Board; maybe Bruce will grow a mane like Morie's. VIRGOS are quiet, peaceful, and sometimes even shy, but they cause things to happen. Keep an eye on Helen Brincka, for she may be the center of the action...quietly. The stars say that LIBRAS are well-balanced, sensible people who are good at mediating disputes. Some of our differences may be settled by Vince Widmer, Richard Cain and Henry Pollack, but don't antagonize them; nothing in the stars says that Libras must be unicorns.

SCORPIOS have initiative and creativity. The stars reveal that after making his sleeping bag, there is another Frostline kit in Don Hoecker's future, and Doug Ettinger's fate is sealed in fiberglass and resin. SAGITTARIUS is the straight-shooting, clear-seeing sign. Both the futures of Ramona Panson and Ruth Stacklin contain the true vision of AYH's ability to solve its problems. Ask them if they've glimpsed it yet. CAPRICORN is the sign of the reformer, the voice that asks why more people do not discover the merits of AYH over the DAR and SDS and LSD, and Capricorners, Clara Herron and Elizabeth Saffer will be asking louder and longer.

Were you omitted from the gleanings of the stars? Look up, look sharp, look alive...the stars will reveal your moments of joy; those that see the stars on moonlight hikes are destined for some happy times.

BE COMFORTED, MUSIC LOVERS

There's so much air pollution around that people are coughing even when they are not at a concert or a play.

GASP

Interested in GASP, (Group Against Smog and Pollution)? Write to: GASP, P.O. Box 2850, Pittsburgh 15230

ON A WILDERNESS LAND
by Rich Bartoo

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Anyone who has ever loved a wilderness can understand what Robert W. Service meant when he wrote "The Spell of the Yukon."

"No! There's the land! (Have you seen it?)
It's the cussedest land that I know,
From the big, dizzy mountains that screen it
To the deep, death-like valleys below.
Some say God was tired when He made it;
Some say it's a fine land to shun;
Maybe; but there's some as would trade it
For no land on earth--and I'm one..."

"There's a land where the mountains are nameless,
And the rivers all run God knows where;
There are lives that are erring and aimless,
And deaths that just hang by a hair.
There are hardships that nobody reckons;
There are valleys unpeopled and still;
There's a land--oh, it beckons and beckons,
And I want to go back--and I will."

Anyone who goes to Alaska, or Yukon Territory (Canada) will find it still much the same wilderness. There are still mountains that are nameless, and rivers and valleys unpeopled and unmapped; lakes and glaciers unknown and too numerous to name except where the handful of people live--and they live mostly on the six or eight roads serving an area half as big as the "South 48."

Here's what the Yukon Department of Travel and Publicity says about one wilderness canoe trip:

"...up
Laird River, portage over N-S Divide to Campbell Creek, and Yukon River to Dawson City. Approximately 1,000 miles. Little information available on this trip at this time--route has been traveled little if at all in the past sixty years. For more information contact Hudson's Bay Company."

Not exactly the Lower
Yough, is it? More than 1200 wilderness miles of canoeing on the Yukon beyond Dawson City are between you and the sea.

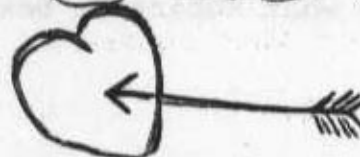
"...Valleys unpeopled and still..."
A land of hardships? "...A find land to shun..."? Maybe, but it's a wilderness with forests that have never been logged (and I hope they never will be), rivers and streams that have never seen a canoe, full of fish that have never heard of a fish-hook. Wildlife often comes closer for a second look rather than run away. People? There are some. The city of Pittsburgh has more than all of Alaska and Yukon Territory together, and one-fourth of those Alaskans are in Anchorage.

A
wilderness can be many things: dizzy mountains, deep valleys, unbroken forests, clean wild rivers, caribou and grayling, a free peaceful life. "...I want to go back...and I will."

SOME RECOMMENDED TELEVISION LISTINGS
Saturday, February 13, 8:00 to 9:00
"The Great Mojave Desert" National Geographic Society--struggle for survival in the desert.
Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 to 8:30
"Everglades National Park" Exploration of the area's ecological problems.

SMITHSONIAN SPEAKS OUT...Rene Dubos
"The greatest crime committed in our cities may not be murder, rape or robbery, but rather the wholesale and constant exposure of children to noise, ugliness and garbage in the street, thereby conditioning them to accept public squalor as the normal state..."

TRIPS *start here!* TRAILS



Tuesday, February 2... Skiing enthusiast, Bob Omlor, suggests an evening of skiing at Seven Springs. Leave AYH at 4:50 pm and be back in Pittsburgh by 10:30 pm. Cost about \$6.00 with your own equipment. Call Bob at 264-3658.

Thursday, February 4... Try cross country skiing in Schenley Park before the meeting. Leave AYH at 6:30 pm with your light ski boots or hiking boots. Reserve C-C equipment in advance with Bob Omlor. (264-3658)

Friday, February 5... Enjoy a pre-skating dinner party with the Brincka girls. Reserve stuffed cabbages by calling 431-6491. Minimum charge \$1.75 assures a complete dinner, nationality style. Meet at 6:30 in upper parking lot or ask for directions if you come on your own. Non-diners can join the group at North Park around 10:30.

Friday, February 5-Sunday, February 7... WALTER FROLIC, hike, snowshoe or ski with the Susquehannock Trail Club at Denton Hill. Square dance party on Saturday night offers refreshments and a chance to meet Earl V. Waffer, first hiker of the entire Appalachian Trail. Fee of \$2.00 includes everything but lunches and rentals. Down payment of \$5.00 reserves this weekend for you. Call Dave Porterfield 471-1733 or Eb Moll 441-0226 before Tuesday the second.

Saturday, February 6... Beginners can get skiing instructions from Bob Omlor at Seven Springs. Cost about \$9.00 with your own equipment. Leave AYH at 7:45 am. Call Bob at 264-3658.

Saturday, February 6... Join Cliff Ham and the Boondockers for a family hike in the Coopers Rocks Area in West Virginia. Ten mile hike calls for shoes or boots appropriate for the weather, substantial lunch and \$1.00. Leave AYH at 7:45 am or corner of Center and South Aves. in Wilkesburg at 8 am. Call Cliff at 621-7825.

Sunday, February 7... Companionable Hal VanZoren leads a 6 to 8 mile hike on the newly developed Laurel Ridge Trail with a hint that snowshoes may be helpful. Reserve equipment with Hal at 243-6564 (after 6 pm). Leave upper parking lot at 8:30 am with good walking boots and lunch.

Friday, February 12 - Saturday, February 13... Crawl a cave with Norm Snyder in West Virginia. Leave AYH Friday night, returning Saturday. Call Norm 371-2371 for additional information.

Sunday, February 14... Sweetheart-warming, Ramona Panson believes in starting them young as she leads a leisurely 1½ to 2 mile children's hike. Leave upper parking lot at 10:00 am with light lunch and willing children. Call Ramona at 411-0944.

Sunday, February 14... For those with more ambition and the desire for something more rugged, congenial Fran Czaplewski leads an 8 to 10 mile hike in the Dunbar area. Leave AYH with boots, lunch, assorted valentines and \$2.00. Call Fran at 661-9543.

Thursday, February 18... Cross country skiing in Schenley Park before the meeting. See above announcement of February 4 for details.

Saturday, February 20... Skiing at Seven Springs with instructions for beginners. Cost about \$9.00 with your own equipment. Leave AYH at 7:45 am. Call Bob Omlor at 264-3658.

Saturday, February 20...Join the Boondockers for an advanced, rugged hike, exploring the western end of the Traders Path from Spring Church to Edgecliff. Leaveater & South Avenues in Wilkinsburg at 8:00 am, with lunch, hiking boots and cash. Call Cliff Ham at 621-7825.

Sunday, February 21...Explore a fascinating but yet undiscovered area with Larry Giventer and Morie Oberg, 6 to 8 miles with ample opportunity for bushwhacking. See Henry Pollack for sordid details of shwhacking. Leave AYH at 8:30 am. Call Morie at 279-5774.

Tuesday, February 23
Skiing at Seven Springs. See announcement of February 2 for details.

Wednesday, February 26 - Sunday, February 28...The weekend you all have been waiting for, as Morie Oberg welcomes about 40 AYH'ers for a weekend of good food, congenial people, ice-skating, tuneful singing, tobogganing, hiking and Scottish Pastries at Oaks Forest (Scottie's Cabins). Hike the new northern extension of the Baker Trail. Volunteers needed to help with kitchen chores. Stone Crest Lodge available for families with children but kitchen in this lodge available for Saturday dinner only. Cost of \$10.00 includes everything. Reservations limited to the first people. Call Morie Oberg 279-5774.

MARCH PREVIEW...A rumor has been circulating that Henry Pollack may be leading another one of his famous snow shoe and back-skiing trips in the Dolly Sods area in West Virginia. Check with Henry for additional details.

ICE-SKATING EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT NORTH PARK...Join the silver-skaters for the Adult Session from 10:30 to 1:00 AM. Meet in upper parking lot at 9:30 if you need a ride or meet the skaters on the rink.

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Personality OF THE MONTH

Meet ANN JURGOVSKY, the girl with the quiet voice who announces every week what she will accept any membership application for the council. This is Ann's first office in AYH although she has been a member for 2½ years. She assumed the job following her cousin, under whose influence the membership showed a 15.4 increase, and Ann promises to go even further.

Ann is a native Pittsburgher, having graduated from South Hills High School, and currently attending evening school at the University of Pittsburgh. Daytime finds her working as a service representative for A.T. & T., where, it is hoped, she is buying stock.

She and her membership book can be found on hiking trails, cycle paths, ice rinks, and the dance floor.

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What appeals to her about AYH? The unexpected...the unplanned...the casual catastrophe...and the members who take them in their stride. One of her favorite trips was in the vicinity of Ligonier where she was led into the heart of a duck shoot. With buckshot flying right and left, she trudged on, meditating on the unexpected, the unplanned and the casual catastrophe!

GUIDE SALES DOUBLE IN 1970

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Baker Trail Patches 324
Dolly Sods Guides 365
Otter Creek Guides 389
Canoeing Guides 213
Canoeable Waters Maps 80

Latest guide to be published is the Climbing Guide, written by Ivan Jirak and priced at \$1.50. Covering all the popular climbing areas of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, it includes route descriptions, face diagrams, ratings, geological information and much other useful information for climbers. See publications Chairman, Bruce Sundquist, for your copy. Also in the process of publication is a Cranberry Rock Country Guide, available in February.

February Calendar of Events	1 Groundhog's Eve! think spring. or go back to bed.	2 Skiing Check the groundhog	3 Pay the rent!	4 Cross Country Skiing Open House	5 Pre-skate Dinner party WINTER FROLIC Get recipe for cabbages	6 Skiing Family Hike
7 Hike	8 Six more days to buy that ... valentine	9 Tell a friend about AYH.	10 Put out the garbage	11 Open House G.T. Deadline	12 Utah women granted suffrage 1870 Lincoln's BD	13 Caving ... Let the sunshine in
14 Children's Hike	15 Didn't send a valentine Take her to dinner!	16 Start on income tax two months to go!	17 Pass ? expired Rejoin! Call Ann J.	18 Cross Country Skiing Open House	19 Aquarius ends; Pisces begins. Tell Cathy Lynch	20 Skiing Hike
21 Hike	22 George W's birthday moved to the 15th	23 Skiing Non-skiers see 1776 Nixon Thea.	24 Ash Wed. Think fast!	25 Open House Folk Dance	26 Cooks Forest Rserve early, is the annual sell-out! Warm clothes!	27 Weekend for this
28 Cooks Forest Weekend Return to Pittsburgh.	Make Monday less blue, like red, like pen	Start thinking of summer vacation - Inquire about AYH Extended Trips!				

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