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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING October 17, 1968

The annual business meeting and election of Officers, Directors and Standing Committee Chairmen was held on October 17, 1968, at the Council's Headquarters.

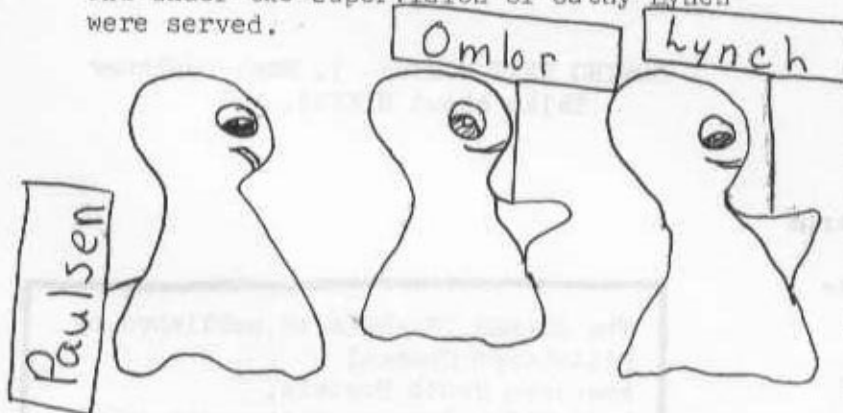
After elections and a speech from the outgoing president, Henry Fisher, the creative minds of Larry Smith and Gene Cone were put to work in presenting service awards to outstanding members. Among them, Ken Horner receiving a book for "dirty old men."

Refreshments contributed by members and under the supervision of Cathy Lynch were served.

Elected to the Board of Directors for three year terms were:
Elizabeth Saffer (re-elected)
Lloyd Geertz (re-elected)
Cathy Lynch
J.D. Myers

Elected to the Activities Board for one year terms were:
PRESIDENT: Bob Omlor
SECRETARY: Mary Johnston
TREASURER: Fred Hull
COORDINATOR: Bruce Sundquist
PUBLICATIONS: Larry Smith
(excluding TRIANGLE)
TRIANGLE EDITOR: Sue Simler
PROGRAMS: Chris Anderson
MEMBERSHIP: Kay Lew
TRIPS AND TRAILS: Ann Fisher
HIKING: Doug Ettinger
CYCLING: Bob Arthur
CANOEING: Don Hamilton
CLIMBING AND CAVING: Bob Strong
WINTER SPORTS: Ken Horner
BAKER TRAIL: Eberhard Moll
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mary Micules
DEVELOPMENT: Henry Fisher
SERVICE: Don Hoecker
HOUSE: Bob Taylor

Congratulations to all those elected!



PITTSBURGH BICYCLE CLUB

The next meeting of the Pittsburgh Bicycle Club will be at AYH headquarters on Tuesday, November 5 at 8:00 pm. An excellent cycling film, "The Wonderful World of Bikes" will be shown. There will also be advance registration for the cycle races to be held on Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am on Circuit Road in Schenley Park. These races will be held in cooperation with the Pittsburgh Parks Department.

Meet at the pond at the bottom of the road near Tech. We will need volunteers to help register participants and to judge the race. We also want AYHers to participate in the race and bring their friends.

Male age groups in the race will be 12 and under; 13-16; 17 and over. The girls races will be 15 and under and 16 and over. There will be separate prizes for heavy-weight and lightweight cycles.

This will be a great opportunity to introduce Pittsburghers to cycling and to AYH. We will have information sheets to give out and bulletin boards to inform people about cycle paths and informal park tours will follow the races. To volunteer help and to sign up for the race contact Bob Arthur (931-2851) Dave Davenport (441-4292) or Tess Henry (661-7952).

THE OUTDOOR NOSE

Congratulations Howard Klein even though you "went West" to marry Mary Snyder. Lest we forget--Raj Kumar is now residing in Jackson Heights, New Jersey; Dick and Barb Rothrock are now at Seal Beach, California, Howard Schwartz has now found the people of Columbus, S. Carolina friendly; Margery Topscher is still in that biology department at Wooster College.

It's rumored Bruce Sundquist has the inside dope on married women. Not to mention our new house chairman by name, but Bob Taylor has the most phenomenal heels!!

Has anyone seen Eric Stacey? Education minded Larry Smith is agitating for another brewery tour. Douglas Ettinger has won an award for spelling.

SENECA WEEKEND REPORT

The Fourth Annual Highlands Review sponsored by the W.VA. Highlands Conservancy again proved to be enjoyable for 22 AYHers who attended. On Saturday part of the contingent biked in the Dolly Sods area while others climbed Seneca Rocks. The Dolly Sods group saw fall colors nearly at their best, active beaver dams and lodges, and at one point a view covering about 40 square miles of rugged countryside without a sign of civilization except for a fire tower on the horizon.

On Saturday evening the W.VA. Department of Natural Resources put on a program describing its efforts in conservancy such as reclaiming strip mines, scenic rivers, parks and recreation areas, wildlife, etc. It's apparent that W.VA. is working very hard at preserving its natural beauty--harder in fact than Pa. Afterwards, there was much discussion and debate over the allegedly heavy-handed manner in which the National Forest Service is procuring land for the Seneca Rocks-Spruce Knob National Recreation Area.

Sunday again saw perfect fall weather with more climbing, a visit to the Sinks of Gandy (an underground river about 1 mile long) and a visit to the top of Spruce Knob.

COMING NEXT MONTH: I. Rank Beginner Talks about HIKING.

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MEET THE NEW DIRECTORS

J.D. Myers has hiked more miles than most of us, and possibly more than all of us, in the twenty years he's been with AYH. His first trip, he recalls, was over the hills above Braddock back in 1948, with Tony Pranses leading. He took his older son, Bill, then 12, on this hike and on many others to follow. Younger son, George, began hiking later. J.D. has hiked through the Smokies, the Adirondacks, Shenandoah, and the Appalachian Trail, and with Bill he hiked nearly the entire Skyline Drive. He recalls an AYH trip from Valley Forge to Hershey where the group hiked from hostel to hostel along the way.

J.D. leads an annual hike in January that always ends at his home in Monroeville around a cozy log fire. Mts. Myers serves scrumptious dinner topped off with a birthday cake for J.D. and Hugh Gilmour, who share birthdays with Robert Burns and Somerset Maugham.

J.D. was instrumental in locating and making the Forbes Trail and assisted in making maps of it. He is responsible for the sector from Washington Camp to Murrysville. In 1958, the year of Pittsburgh's bicentennial, J.D. and a friend hiked the whole trail from Ligonier to Murrysville.

He also helped build the shelters at Cochran Mills and Indiana on the Baker Trail.

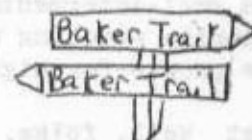
When he ends his career as an electrical engineer at Westinghouse, J.D. and his wife, Elinor, plan an active and colorful retirement beginning in January with a trailer camping trip to Florida.

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continued NEW DIRECTORS

Articulate, talented, exuberant, Cathy Lynch joins the Board of Directors after serving on the Activities Board as Secretary and Service Chairman. She joined AYH some 5 years ago and has managed to be very active despite her busy schedule at the University of Pittsburgh, where she hopes to earn her Ph.D. in English soon.

She is also a student advisor at Pitt and a former public school teacher. Cathy is an ardent skier and ice skater and also enjoys canoeing, sailing, rafting, hiking and folk dancing. She should be a real asset to AYH as a member of the Board of Directors.



BAKER TRAIL NEWS

Our beautiful new Pine-ees Shelter was built in less than two days thanks to the round the clock work of the members of the Pine-ees Chapter of NCHA of Indiana, Pa. This is our finest shelter to date. Keith States and his crew deserve a round of thanks for their splendid achievement. The shelter will be dedicated sometime in the near future.

1968 has been a record year for the Baker Trail. Two shelters and four latrines were built as well as a stone fireplace at the Cochran Mills shelter. About 40 new signposts were installed. The trail has never been in better shape. No work was done from Corsica North. These sectors will be worked over next year. Some major trail relocations are being planned.

There still remains a lot of work to be done to make the Baker Trail into a first class hiking trail.

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THURSDAY NIGHT IS "OPEN HOUSE" AT AYH

Schedule of Programs for November, 1968 8:30 p.m.

7th One of AYH's few intellectuals,¹ the very passionate Mr. Thomas More Weet has agreed to scintillate "we little people" with a little chit-chat of his trip (via jet and not via cough medicine, bananas or airplane glue) to Denmark and Norway this past summer. We shall oscillate between fjords and rugged peaks, cycleste between fishing wharfs and dairy farms, gyrate between the freckle-faced toe-heads of Oslo to the absolutely pinchable girls of Copenhagen and reflectorate the works of art of the many museums and uncensored publications. Mr. Weet has grown a full beard for the occasion and is prepared to discuss Carl Jung with any rock climber or canoeist who wants to intellectualize for a few minutes. Learn why Mr. Jung was not a Scandinavian.

14th When one finally goes to South America, what does one do first? Snow skiing of course! One of AYH's nouveau-riche bachelors, Jim Hurst, will be taking we beginners and semi-intermediates to the slopes of Portillo, Chile. We'll also do some Spanish Senorita watching at the lodge and on the streets of Santiago. Jim is constantly on the prowl--for high adventure that is and as you will see he constantly finds it.

21st Well, folks, it's "Bobby Fewkes time" again. The stage crew consists of Bobby, Dougy and Walty. The props consist of an immense assortment of cameras, about 40 rolls of film and a rented car. The stage is the Sonoran Desert in May. The action is creeping, crawling reptiles, scared burrowing mammals; lazy carnivorous vultures; comical, noisy roadrunners and quail; quiet soaring, diving, deadly raven, owls and hawks blossoming, thorny Saguero, Senita and Organ Pipe; and jumping Teddybears. The script had a few disappointments; it lacked rattlesnakes, scorpions, Crisco the Kid and Pancho.

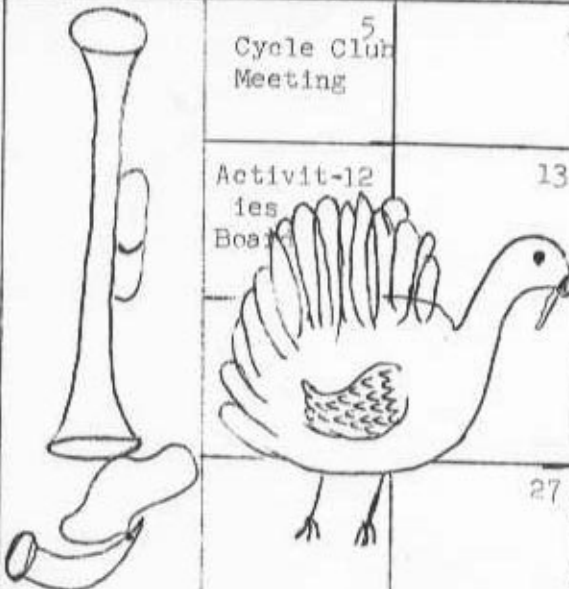
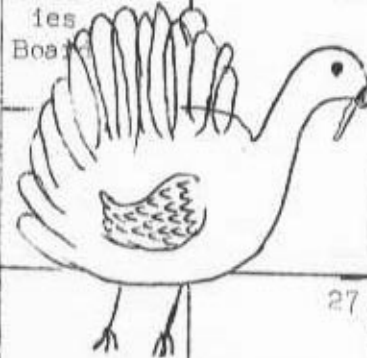
28th Sorry folks--no program this evening. It's turkey carving time. And don't forget the cranberries.

¹Definition of an intellectual: has traveled abroad, is well read (has read something that someone else has not read), is striving for a Ph.D., hopes to associate only with Ph.D's in the future, guides younger generations into confusion, emulates a past "grest" such as Freud, Marx or Von Lutz, is the best of lovers, and acts civilized (does not pull women's hair and instigate food riots at restaurants -- that means you Henry Pollack). Frankly, if I had to make the choice between these two ways of survival I would rather be a Pollack than a Von Lutz. Do all "we little people" agree?

by a Pollack fan

TRIPS AND TRAILS

- 1 FRI Sharpen your blades with Larry Smith (681-4595) for late session SKATING at North Park Rink. Meet at Hostel 9:30 pm. In addition to rink fee about 50¢ for transportation and insurance.
- 3 SUN Bob Arthur leads beginners cycle trip. Meet at Hostel 1:30 for tour of Pittsburgh Parks. Bring 40¢ plus rental fee. (Call 931-2851 to reserve bike)
- 8 FRI Cathy Lynch (361-3707) leads skating trip North Park. Meet at Hostel 9:30 pm.
- 9 SAT 8:30 am registration for Pittsburgh Bicycle Club Races. (See Article)
- 10 SUN Meet Jim Hurst (281-5100 x-2558) for beginners and intermediate (15-25 mi.) tour of covered bridge country in Washington County. Reserve early.
- 8 FRI Attend the AYH National Convention in Washington, D.C., staying at the new
9 SAT Hostel there. Bruce Sundquist leads (351-3100 x-2416). Leave Friday evening
10 SUN approximately 7 pm, return by 6 pm Sunday. Cost--about \$10.00.
- 10 SUN Caving with Sue Alardice (731-4819) for rugged beginners or intermediates at Milroy or Scherers Cave (Near Penn State). Leave 7 am. Reserve.
- 15 FRI The gay blade Larry Smith leads another late session skating trip to North Park. Leave Hostel 9:30 pm. (681-4595)
- 15 FRI Pittsburgh Cycle Club goes to Warren, Pennsylvania. Members only. Explore
16 SAT scenic Warren County. Leaving Friday night returning late Sunday. A
17 SUN hunting lodge will be used as dormitories for girls while the men rough it in a trailer. Community food. Phone Bob Arthur (931-2851) or Dave Davenport (441-4292) for more information.
- 16 SAT Beginners canoeing and camping trip on the Cheat River above Rowlesburg.
17 SUN Excellent scenery. Camp on an island. Bring your own food and camping equipment. Leave headquarters at 7 am Saturday. Call Howard King (264-1386)
- 17 SUN Hiking in an area to be announced. Kay Lew leads (531-4783) intermediates. Leave headquarters at 8:30 am with lunch, poncho, canteen and about \$1.50.
- 22 FRI Camp and Cave with cavemen, Bob Herman, (361-8864) for beginners. Cave
23 SAT selected is Martha's near Seneca. Phone for reservations. Bring camping
24 SUN gear, old clothes and caving equipment.
- 24 SUN Hike with Fran Czapiewski (661-9543). Call Franny for more details.
- 28 THU Have a gala Thanksgiving with the turkeys of Cooks Forest. Ann Fisher
29 FRI (521-8992) and Abbie Geertz (372-6053) will roast the bird. Join the
30 SAT group any day leaving any time. Phone Ann or Abbie for Thanksgiving
1 SUN Dinner reservations and more details on the various activities planned.
- Oops ! !
- 2 SAT Mike Hurwitz cycles part of the Ligonier Valley. Leave headquarters 8:30 am. Cost approximately \$1.75 plus cycle rental. Reserve 731-1083.
- 10 SUN Eberhard Moll leads, as always, an interesting hike in an area to be announced. Call Ebe for details.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
November				Skating ¹	Cycle ²	Cycle ³	
	Cycle Club ⁵ Meeting	⁶	OPEN HOUSE ⁷ Europe	⁸ Skating	⁹ Pgh. Cycle Club Races	¹⁰ Hike Cycle Caving	
	Activit- ¹² ies Boat	¹³	¹⁴ OPEN HOUSE South America	¹⁵ Skating	¹⁶	¹⁷ Hike	
		²¹	OPEN HOUSE Western Desert	²²	²³	²⁴ Hike	
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			The Looooong Weekend At Cooks Forest				

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