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# CANYON

## WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY!

go canoeing with pittsburgh council this month

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## Personalities OF THE MONTH

et JIM HURST, canoing co-chairman, hiker,  
 clist, skier, climber and runner in the  
 wntown area, whose bright yellow helmit  
 kes him easily recognizable in any slide  
 ow on Thursday nights.

A member of the  
 uncil for the past five years, Jim was  
 rmerly winter sports chairman, a post he  
 lled more than adequately, avid skier  
 at he is. He abdicated his position as  
 st eligible bachelor when he married  
 dy Miller who was then editor of the  
 lden Triangle, and together they skied  
 eir honeymoon through Switzerland and  
 stria.

He is a local boy, having gradu-  
 ed from Carrick High School and Allegheny  
 llege, and is presently employed as a  
 rket development chemist at PPG Indus-  
 ies. At lunchtime you can find him jog-  
 ng in Point Park. He even ran the Bos-  
 n marathon.

He is another supporter of  
 e Sierra Club, the YMCA, the Wilmington,  
 laware Ski Club, and the Alpine Club of  
 nada. Along with several others, he  
 imbed Mt. Columbus, the highest mountain  
 Alberta. He likes AYH for the outdoor  
 tivities and the fascinating people he  
 s met here, one of whom he especially  
 members on his wedding anniversary.

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et GEORGE ROBERTSON, the second co-  
 airman of the canoeing group. Red-  
 arded George is a comparative newcomer  
 Pgh. Council, but though he has been a  
 mber for less than a year, he has as-  
 med a post on the activities board.

comes to us from Memphis, Tennessee,  
 ere he graduated from Vanderbilt Univer-  
 ty, and is presently doing graduate work  
 CMU in computer science. Interested  
 rticularly in the design and implementa-  
 on of artificial intelligence programming  
 stems, George also reveals an interest in  
 king, cycling, scuba diving and camping.  
 has camped in many of our national parks  
 d has happy stories of the Badlands, the  
 skies and the Smokies.

(continued)

As a newcomer to AYH, he suggests tha  
 the best way to really get the most o  
 of AYH is to volunteer one's services  
 He feels quite at home with the group  
 almost as if he had been here for mon



with DON MORIN

Thursday evenings at 8:30.....

May 6... "No Room for Wilderness," a  
 thought provoking film produced by the  
 Sierra Club. Remember: when it comes  
 to pollution, you can be the solution.

May 13... Back from Greece, folk dance  
 leader, Hugh Gilmour, leads us through  
 some of the dances of the islands. Get  
 in step for the folk festival at the  
 Civic Arena... May 21-23.

May 20... Preview of Angel Falls '71, a  
 John Timo and George Bogel tell us all  
 about the Explorers Club summer expedi-  
 tion to Angel Falls.

May 27... "Ole, Ole!" you'll shout, as  
 Clara Herron, Post-Gazette reporter  
 takes us to Spain, via slides, of cour-

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# CAN YOU ? CANOE

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by George Robertson

As canoeing season opens once again again, we've been busy thinking about this year's activities; the results of our canoeing cogitating promise two to three lake or flat water trips and an equal number of white water trips per month. For big water enthusiasts, we plan several raft and closed boat trips, for beginners or conscientious ones we hope to have one or two canoe schools; for canoeing-campers we envision a couple of weekends on either flat water or white water trips.

Everyone is welcome on flat water or lake trips, but it is recommended that amateur canoeists take advantage of the canoe schools offered before they tackle white water. Canoe School #1 will be aimed at teaching basic canoeing for those with little or no experience with white water. It will teach familiarity with strokes. Even those who have canoed before might benefit from this teaching; by the second time around, the student should have a good feel for the canoe's responses. Canoe School #2 will assume that the canoeist has this background and progress to white water techniques. This kind of training will qualify you to run in hostel grumman on white water trips and also in the hostel rafts on the big water. As you become more proficient in a grumman on white water, you may find yourself catching the white water bug and wanting to build or buy your own closed boat. Inquire around; there are molds and technological advice available and plenty of non-technological advice.

Our ambitious plans can only be followed through if we have sufficient leaders for each week. How about it? What trips are you planning to lead?

And what does one need on a typical canoeing trip? Obviously money...hostel fees usually run about \$1.75, transportation costs 1½¢ a mile, dinner will run you anywhere from \$2.00 and up, depending on your appetite. You should also bring a lunch; if you bring something to drink, be sure it is in an unbreakable bottle. Sneakers for wading are dandy, and a swimsuit is practical, but if you burn easily, bring sun tan oil or a raincoat or windbreaker. Hats are serviceable and also personality setters. If you insist on wearing some clothes, bring along a complete change. Anything in your pockets such as car keys is best tied on to you so bring cord for this purpose. You may also need something with which to hold your glasses on. WE shall supply a life jacket, canoe and paddles, throwlines, patching tape, waterproof bag for lunch, first aid kits, maps and experienced leaders. We hope you will soon join that last category so that we can continue to offer the best in canoeing experiences.

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# TRIPS

MAY...the month of flowers and festivals.  
GRAFFITI: Don't be content with cycling; if you want to do your bit for ecology...recycle!

Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2...Weekend at MORGANTOWN YOUTH HOSTEL...Your choice of one or two all day hikes: along a loop trail which takes you into Pennsylvania and on a portion of the Mason-Dixon Trail or hike the scenic Cheat Canyon from Jennersburg to Mont Chateau. Leave AYH at 7 PM on Friday evening; reserve with Cliff Ham at 621-7825.

# TRAILS

Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2...CANOEING SCHOOL...Camp Carondawanna...workshop for prospective canoe leaders. Applications should be obtained from Bunny Dawson at the Downtown YWCA. Proud graduates are expected to fill the ranks of budding leaders of future canoe trips. Approximate cost \$25.00.

Saturday, May 1...Afternoon and closed boat trip on the Cheat River through the canyon, open to those participating on the Morgantown Weekend. Hal Van Zoeren (243-6564) leads this one as well as a climbing session at Coopers Rocks on the following day, Sunday, May 2.

Saturday, May 1...Explore the Jennings Wildflower Preserve with Linnea Creeburg and hike about 3 miles. Leave AYH at 10 AM with lunch and \$1.25 (361-370)

Saturday, May 1...Join the Boondockers of Wilkinsburg for a family hike of about 10 miles in the Rolling Rock area...Linn Run State Park...Leave at 8 AM at the corners of South And Center Streets in Wilkinsburg with lunch and 50¢. Call Cliff for reservations 621-7825.

Sunday, May 2...Baker Trail Chairman, Eb Moll, will still use a few more hard-working volunteers to repaint blazes on the Baker Trail. Here's a chance to get in a few maintenance points; relieve your conscience by calling Eb (441-0226)

Friday, May 7 to Sunday, May 9...JOINT BACKPACKING TRIP with the three most popular hiking groups, AYH, the Sierra Club, and the Western Highlands. Hike the Cheat Canyon and Sand Creek Areas. Reserve early with John and Tess Emery (441-5052) as reservations will be limited.

Friday, May 7 to Sunday, May 9...See one of the great caves of West Virginia with Norman Snyder. Leave AYH at 7 PM on Friday and return early Sunday morning. If caving or spelunking is your bag, this is it. Call Norm at 371-2371.

Saturday, May 8...Cathy Lynch, "girl kite-flyer," leads a half-day water canoeing trip on the Conemaugh River from Tunnelton to Salena. Leave AYH at 8:30 AM with \$3.75 and assorted necessities listed on page 3.

Sunday, May 9...THE OTHERS' DAY HIKE...If she's up to it, bring her along, but warn her that it's an additional 5 or 10 mile hike. Vicinity unknown at the moment, but it will be a warm, maternal spot. Leave AYH at 9 AM.

Sunday, May 9...Jim Hurst, "personality-of-the-month" canoeist, leads a white water canoeing trip for experienced canoeists the Casselman from Markelton to Fort Hill. Leave AYH at 8:30 AM. 276-0447

Saturday, May 15...Larry Giventer (422-9282) leads a hike in the South Connellsville area with an opportunity to do some caving in Casparis Cave afterwards. Hikers-cavers should bring a change of clothes and a flashlight. Leave AYH 8:30 AM

Saturday, March 15..."the other half of the personality of the month" George Robertson, leads a canoe trip on the lower-lower Yough from Steverton to South Connellsville for intermediate and experienced white water canoeists. Leave AYH at 8:30 AM with \$5.00. Call George at 683-9679.



Saturday, May 15...Not enough climbing? Then join Hal Van Zoeren at White Rocks for all grades from beginners to experts. Leave AYH at 8:30 AM with lunch and \$2.50.

Sunday, May 16...Section 2 (Clarks Farm to Crooked Creek Dam) 10 miles hike. Assemble at 8:15, leave at 8:30. Fee \$1.60. Dianne Moll (441-0226)

Sunday, May 16

Join in on a miscellaneous river flotilla to show appreciation for clear streams. Fred Hull leads a flat water trip on the Clarion River, which has been organized by the Youth Leadership Task Force for the Institute of Human Ecology and the Clarion Citizen's Environmental Council. Leave AYH at 7 AM. (242-5379)

Saturday, May 22...Hike a ten-mile section of historic Pittsburgh-Butler Electric railway. Wear long pants for this one; no danger of railway trains.

Saturday, May 22

Interested in a longer hike? Then join George Bower as he leads a 20-mile hike in an area to be selected later. Leave AYH at 7:45 or join group at South and Center Streets in Wilkesburg at 8:00. Another one of the Boondockers' trips.

Saturday, May 22...CANOE SCHOOL #2, Mary Shaw (421-7641) conducts a session for those interested in white water. Pre-requisite is Canoe School #1. See page 3 for details. Leave AYH at 8:30 with about \$4.50.

Sunday, May 23...Maintenance

hike, probably section 7. Assemble at 8:15, leave at 8:30. Fee \$2.50. Reserve with Baker Trail leader, Eb Moll (441-0226)

Sunday, May 23...SAIL CANOEING on

Lake Arthur with Roy Weil. Never heard of it? You attach this sail to this canoe and put it on this lake and...well, try it. Leave AYH at 8:30 with \$4.50. Call Roy at 521-1336)

Friday May 28 to Monday, May 31...MEMORIAL DAY "LONG" WEEKEND with Rich Bartoo in the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania. Leave AYH at 7 PM with about \$10.00. See Rich Bartoo for minor details like food. 882-9568.

Friday, May 28 to Monday, May 31...another MEMORIAL DAY "LONG" WEEKEND...Backpack in the Wolfgap area, the one you've been hearing so much about. Check with Cliff Ham for equipment needed for this trip and for reservations (621-7825).

Sunday, May 30...Don't let them say you've got rocks in your head...bring them along to Seneca Rocks as Hal Van Zoeren leads a climb for experienced climbers. Leave AYH at 7 AM with about \$5.00.

Monday, May 31...Just 82 years ago today,

Johnstown was flooded. Meditate on this as you hike 6 or 7 miles in Tom's Run in Glenfield, Pa. with Morie Oberg (279-5774). Leave AYH at 9:30 AM with lunch.

Read up on contour lines and practice reading a compass. An opportunity will be offered to pit your skills against the co-champion teams, Marilyn Ham-Bruce Swenerten and Maxine Lew-Eb Moll on the next orienteering contest Saturday, June 19.

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CAMPING+HIKING...Anyone interested in traveling through the West, camping and hiking through Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, Yosemite, etc. for four to six weeks between May 31 and July 12, call Ken Nodyne. Length of trip and itinerary can be arranged. Call Ken and reserve the charges 304-336-7660 or write Box 47G, West Liberty, West Virginia.

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CYCLING\* in MAY

- \* SUNDAY MAY 2nd - Alan Sher (421-4429) invites cyclists for a 45 mile trip on flat terrain in the Pymatuning area. Leave the Hostel at 8:30 a.m. and bring a lunch. Cost about \$3.50 plus rental.
- \* SATURDAY and SUNDAY MAY 8th and 9th - TOSRV - TOUR OF THE SCIOTA RIVER VALLEY - Call Jack Batchelor (963-7868) or Greg Siple (371-1509) for information or transportation to Columbus for the start of this annual 210 mile cycle trip.
- \* SATURDAY MAY 8th - Call Jim Hurst (276-0447) if a 25 mile cycle trip in the Ligonier area sounds good to you. Meet at HQ at 8:30. Cost \$2.70 plus rental. Bring a lunch.
- \* SUNDAY MAY 9th - Mike Hurwitz (731-1083) is leading a 30 mile cycle trip on Saxonburg Blvd leaving the Hostel at 9:00 a.m. Cost is 50¢ plus rental. Bring your lunch.
- \* SUNDAY May 16th - CALL TO RESERVE SPACE....if you are an intermediate cyclist and would like to cycle for about 25 miles in Ligonier. Bring lunch, meet at the hostel at 8:30, and CALL Mary Brincka at 431-6491 TO RESERVE. Cost about \$2.70 plus rental.
- \* TUESDAY MAY 18th - A CITY PARKS TOUR - To either Highland Park or Schenley and Frick Parks. Meet at the Hostel at 6:30. Cost is 20¢ plus 50¢ rental. CALL EARLY-Helen Brincka 431-6491.
- \* THURSDAY MAY 20th - CYCLE BEFORE THE MEETING - Beginners Welcome - Call Mike Hurwitz (731-1083) to reserve bikes. Cycle through the city parks leaving the Hostel at 6:30. Cost 20¢ (rental 50¢).
- \* SATURDAY MAY 22nd - BOB OMLER will announce his destination at a later date but he says it will be a 30-35 mile cycle trip. His phone is....264-3658.
- \* SUNDAY MAY 23rd - A WASHINGTON COUNTY CYCLE TRIP - Alan Sher will leave the Hostel at 9:00 a.m. for his 35 mile trip through beautiful Countryside. Bring about \$2.00 plus rental and a lunch. Alan's phone is 421-4429, call him to reserve.
- \* TUESDAY MAY 25th - Helen Brincka will leave HQ at 6:30 for a trip through the city parks. Call EARLY to reserve. Cost 40¢ plus rental of 50¢. (431-6491)
- \* SATURDAY . SUNDAY . MONDAY..MAY 29th, 30, and 31st - GREAT EASTERN RALLY - Call Jack Batchelor (963-7868) to get information or to make reservations for the Great Eastern Rally to be held near Rochester, New York. There will be rides and Events for all levels of ability.

*Last Minute Addition*

- \* FRIDAY - MAY 7th - By popular demand. Repeat of sunrise bicycle ride with Gary Ludwig. Explore Pittsburgh's exciting night life. Moonshine will be served on the trip. Call 421-9580 to reserve. Leaving from hostel at midnight.

30 Holiday Weekends Drive safely!	31 Hiking the new Memorial Day....	thirty-one days has how memorable they are depends active you are with AYH.	May....	April 30 MORGANTOWN HOSTEL WEEKEND----	1 MAY Canoeing School Hikes Rafting
2 AYH WEEK Hike--Baker Trail Climbing Folk Sing?	3 Last Fri- day was Arbor Day... Plant a tree Bring a friend to AYH	4 Lobby for return- able bottles ..... Try cycling.	5 Still? ?dieting - - - Try cycling.	6 OPEN HOUSE Film: Sierra Club	7 Backpacking Hike Caving Appl. Fiesta Winchester
9 MOTHERS'DAY Take her for a hike or a canoe ride... TOSRV	10 Full Moon Tracks meet at Promon- tory, Utah 1869	11 It it's your birth- day, call me; we'll celebrate.	12 Happy Birthday if your name is Frieda.	13 OPEN HOUSE Folk Dancing- Come in costume	14 1804 Lewis and Clark hike TOSRV
16 Hike--Baker Trail Canoeing	17 Enjoy the heavens... borrow a telescope or make one!	18 Vote violet! for U.S. flower...	19 Garden Market opens at Mellon Park	20 OPEN HOUSE Preview Angel Falls -'71	21 Folk Festi- val opens at Civic Arena
23 Maintenance Hike on Baker Trail Sail Canoeing	24 -1844- Sam Morse, What God Hath Wrough- t-Amen, amen!	25 R.W. Emerson was a Semini! Be self- reliant.	26 Spend some money Live it up! THREE RIVERS ARTS FESTIVAL	27 OPEN HOUSE See sunny SPAIN... Senorita Herron	28 Weekend at Pennsy's Grand Canyon --DOWNTOWN....
					29 Backpacking Weekend Climbing

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