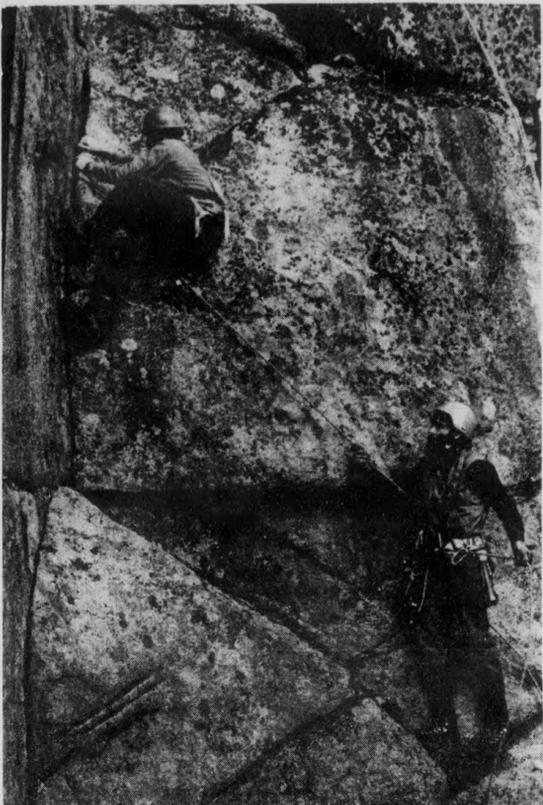


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# Rock and Ice climbing



Steve Hobbs leads as Mike Schmidt belays on Bald Peak, near Welsford, N.B. (Photo: C. Leslie)

Rock and ice climbing in New Brunswick is looking up as the UNB Rock and Ice Climbing Club has entered its second season. Both UNB students and local people have swelled this year's membership to over 40.

Attracted by two successful climbing schools this fall, new members have learned the rudiments of climbing techniques and have been introduced to many of the local crags on which club members have been granted permission to climb.

The Club is proud to be promoting "New Brunswick Rock and Ice", by Colin Bell, a recently published guidebook to rock and ice routes in the Fredericton area. The guidebook describes in detail the access to and the technical aspects of each route, with accompanying photographs and

diagrams. The guidebook is a comparison to safe climbing for the novice climber, and a handy reference for the seasoned climber. Copies are available from club members, the Bookstore and local sporting shops.

The progress and achievements of the club and its members have been noted in the regional reports of this year's Canadian Alpine Journal. Publicity such as this is welcomed by rock and ice climbers, as it informs enthusiasts of the most recently undertaken endeavours.

Club member, Gilles LaCroix, has been invited to address the annual meeting of the Fredericton Quebecoise de la Montagne this month at Montreal's Expos site. The presentation will concern advances in Maritime rock and ice climbing. It is hoped that the

dissemination of Club activities through articles as well as association with other clubs will encourage interest in New Brunswick's climbing potential.

A new club committee has been elected with the retiring of noted New Brunswick cragsman Colin Bell and Gilles LaCroix from official duties. The committee consists of Yvan Desy (Equipment Officer), Steve Hobbs (secretary), Gene Peters (Treasurer), Gene Smith (Vice President) and Craig Leslie (President). The committee is working together with club members to maintain the club as a catalyst in the promotion of safe climbing in New Brunswick, offering common ground on which climbers can meet, as well as introducing beginners to a pastime of skill, endurance and adventure.

The committee directs the Club in two other mainstays, equipment and access to climbing areas. It maintains a store of basic gear for use by certified climbing members, that is, those who have shown knowledge in the safe application of climbing gear. Hardware may also be purchased by members at reduced rates. The Club can also perform as a unit to approach land owners in order to gain access to crags.

Very little has been done this season to organize any large club excursions to climbing areas besides our own haunts. When one considers the length of time involved to get to such areas as the White Mountains, Quebec and Cape Breton, and the prospects of playing cat and mouse with the weather, our own venue with its cleared trails, documented routes and overnight shelter seems all the more appealing.

However, trips for the March break include ice climbing, snow gullying and ski mountaineering on Mount Albert in the Gaspé. Next fall, Bar Harbour, Maine is a good prospect with its sea cliffs and South Wall of Mount Champlain.

Despondents of the notion of a climbing club are encouraged to reflect on the partnership incorporated in any team climbing the crags. While climbing at its best is one man or woman against the elements, there are always those on the belay urging you on. Our Club has grown this way and it along with New Brunswick's rock and ice hold a bright future.



By JEANETTE MERRIAM

With only over a week of classes left, now is the time to make arrangements to get to the airport or train station.

Those of you who want bus transportation from the back of the Student Union Building to connect with your flight or rail reservations home, should sign up at the travel office now. Be sure to designate the flight number and date desired. The regular charge of \$3.00 will apply to the airport. Bus service will be provided for a minimum of three persons. But everyone who desires this service please register. If a bus arrives that will accommodate only a handful, you be out of luck! For those holding rail transportation tickets from downtown Fredericton, there will be no additional charge for bus service from the University. If you require bus connections back from the airport or train station on your return these should also be requested now. At the airport the bus will leave an hour prior to each flight. The bus for C.P.R. at 7:15 p.m.

The travel office will be closed for the break from the 19th of December, so be sure to pick up your tickets before this date.

Consider a Shazam Holiday!

Skylark holidays has a special program designed for people under thirty years of age called Shazam. One of the unique features of this program is that there is no mandatory price supplement for persons travelling alone. Shazam will guarantee you shared accommodation with another passenger of the same sex. If for some reason you are unhappy with your roommate, the skylark representative will try to relocate you. Or perhaps you will find someone with whom you'd rather share! If you specifically request to room alone then a supplement would be applied.

Shazam holidays include many sports activities and lots of night life and entertainment. These holidays are available from Montreal, Toronto and Halifax.

Skylark Montreal is offering a Shazam holiday for one week February 24th to Barbados \$499.00 per person. This includes flights from Montreal, inflight meals, baggage handling and transfers, seven nights accommodation at Sunset Crest Villas, welcome cocktail party, welcome and farewell dinners, nightclub excursions, barbecue dinner, services of a tour director, transportation to all included features and much more. Truly a vacation to be considered, whether you bring a friend or find one there! Make reservations now February is closer than you think.

## Anyone for French immersion?

By PATRICIA HAWKINS

"Le Cours Intensif de Français"

French immersion is back at St. Thomas this year and Professeur Ted Daigle is doing his usual outstanding job. This programme is met to develop the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills of the students.

The programme requires the students attendance five days a week for eight hours a day. For one semester the academic value is three credits, (8 cr. hrs).

The class this semester consists of twenty students all of various

ages and interests. We have all grown to know each other and have become good friends. The atmosphere for conversation is perfect. One hour a day is set aside for monitor sections with four french monitors Earl Dimitroff, Yolaine Tetreault, Claude LaPointe, and Sylvie Pageau. Once a week we visit the library at the French Cultural Centre and we enjoy one afternoon a week at the UNB pool or watching a French movie. The class eats lunch together every day. As you can see French is our first language eight hours a day.

Other than the regular activities

we have had various outdoor outings such as picnics or walks in the woods. Many very interesting guest speakers have addressed the class in French. November 16th we enjoyed a very pleasant visit to the University of Moncton where we had a chance to practice our French with the students. For a nice final outing we are going to Quebec City for a week in early December.

I think that everyone in the class would agree that this course has been a very rewarding experience. We have developed a deeper appreciation for the French language.

## Female Crashers

Eight women crashed the all-male Harvard Delta Upsilon Club in Cambridge, Massachusetts recently.

The women has been nominated under male pseudonyms by two members. They showed up at the party function dressed in suit coats and ties to illustrate the "sexism" of the club.

After two hours of "cordial" discussion with club members, the women were told they were there strictly as temporary guests.

One waiter was so shook up by the female party crashers that he locked himself and the party food in an upstairs room during the brief visit. (Newswire)