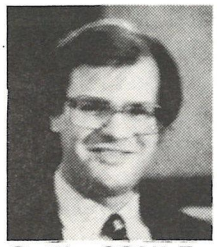
# HUT!

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# UNDER THE LAW


G. W. SOULE

This is to give you some things to think about the next time you contemplate strapping your canoe atop your car and venturing out for a relaxing escape from the complexities of day-to-day life. You may think that, by the time you set your canoe into the water, you have left behind the rules, regulations, statutes, courts, bureaucrats, lawyers, and other law enforcers that affect the way we live. Maybe things will be simpler and easier, but you will never escape the law. That is not necessarily bad, because in many ways the law serves the interests of canoers very well. This is meant to give you some ideas as to how some laws may affect you as you enjoy your canoeing activities.

**Safety Devices**

Each person on board a watercraft, including a canoe, must wear or have readily accessible a U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation device.

State regulations also require that all non-motorized watercraft when underway or anchored, between sunset and sunrise, carry aboard a lantern or flashlight capable of showing white light visible at a distance of two miles or more.

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 361 and Regulations NR 200-219 also set forth other safety related rules for watercraft operators. For example, Minn. Stat. §361.12 provides that "no person shall operate or be in actual physical control of any watercraft while under the influence of alcohol . . . or a controlled substance."

**Rights of Access**

Once you get your license and your life jacket, you need a place to go. The law gives you certain rights to use our state's waterways for canoeing. The Minnesota Supreme Court has held that a riparian owner of a lake (an owner of land abutting a lake) has a right to make use of the lake over its entire surface in common with all other abutting owners. Thus, if you are the owner of land on a lake or stream, you have a right to use the entire surface of the lake or stream for canoeing. Your use, however, must be reasonable and may not interfere with the rights of other riparian owners.

We can take the concept of access by reason of riparian rights two steps further. If a riparian owner gives you permission to enter the riparian land and have access to the water, you may use the entire water surface. More importantly, if the state or another governmental unit is the owner of riparian land, the public generally has the right to use the surface waters. There is one caveat to this rule—the public has access to the waters *if* the public is permitted by the state or other governmental unit to enter and cross the land. For example, if a lake is bounded by a state highway, and the highway department does not prohibit entering the ditch, you may have access to the water.

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# HUT!

HUT! is the signal on which paddlers change sides. It was first used by Tom Estes and Eugene Jensen in the 1940s as they won four Aquatennial canoe races. It was adopted as the title of the MCA magazine because it symbolizes the teamwork and coordination necessary for effective canoeing.

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# LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Paul DeBoer lost his life while trying to negotiate the rapids on the Kettle River in the fall of 1982. Dave Garron, in his article "An Ounce of Prevention" (HUT! January 1983) asks the questions: Who's to blame for Paul's death? Is Paul DeBoer to blame? Is the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to blame? And—Is the Minnesota Canoe Association to blame?

Canoeing, in whatever form, be it racing, tripping, whitewater, or recreational cruising, etc., is essentially an individual activity. Certainly, in many instances canoeing is done in pairs or with partners and with groups of people. But, the activity of canoeing comprises certain risks and variables that enhance the risks. The ultimate responsibility of taking the risks lies with the individual canoeist, not his partner or his comrades, an agency or an organization.

Dave Garron lists eight unofficial causes of Paul DeBoer's death. But of the eight, one stands out and is perhaps more responsible for Paul's death than any other: HE HAD A LIFE JACKET BUT WASN'T WEARING IT. Had Paul been wearing his life jacket, his chances of surviving the Kettle River rapids would have been greatly increased. "Who's to blame for Paul DeBoer's death?" Paul took a chance and it cost him his life. The responsibility of minimizing the risks was his and his alone.

Postscript: Dave Garron asks that the MCA donate money and manpower to improve signing and upgrading the portage trail around the rapids at Banning State Park. Dave is slightly naive of the inner workings of the MCA. Moneywise, the MCA barely makes enough to publish the HUT. Manpowerwise, the MCA, with a membership of around 800, has a difficult time generating 2% of its membership to be active in MCA functions. With these facts in mind, I suggest that the MCA ask each of its members to donate $1 or $2 toward a Paul DeBoer memorial with the funds raised donated to Banning State Park to help improve signing and portage trail development along the Kettle River. **Terry Lemke** ■

*(Terry Lemke is an experienced whitewater canoeist and is Dave Garron's canoeing partner.)*

*The MCA is now accepting memorial donations to be used in promoting safety and saving lives on the Kettle River. Send check to MCA P.O. box and designate: Kettle River Fund. Editor*

**HUT! looks forward to receiving your letters. We reserve the right to edit for length.**

# FROM THE BOW

When you see the name "Minnesota Canoe Association," do you think of an international organization? Probably not. But you should.

Looking at our most current membership list, I found members in 29 states, Canada and the Virgin Islands. Wisconsin came in next to Minnesota, with Illinois third; Iowa and Montana are tied for fourth for participation.

Some of these out-of-state members are people who have moved out of Minnesota, while keeping their membership. Others have joined to keep informed on racing. Still others just like to read the articles on canoe building by Bob Brown, Cliff (Jacobson's) Corner and interesting feature stories. There are many good reasons to belong to the Minnesota Canoe Association.

Right now our membership roster is not as accurate as we would like it to be. This is due in part to the passing of Roy Johnston. In October you elected a new membership director, Steve Stedman, who is putting our membership files in order. If you know of someone who is not getting their copies of HUT!, have them contact Steve.

**Venice Barsness** ▪

# MONTH'S PROGRAM

**What:** Minnesota Canoe Association presents: "A Woodstrip Canoe Building Seminar" also "Boat Builders Contest and Display"

**When:** Saturday, February 19, 1983. 12-9 p.m.

**Where:** Brooklyn Center Civic Center
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway
Brooklyn Center, MN

**Programs:** Starting at noon a canoe will be continuously under construction for public display and comment.

1:00 "Building a Canoe and Designing Too" with Bob Brown

3:00 "How Not to Choose a Paddle" with Karl Ketter

4:00 "Fiberglass: What and Why" with Chris Berne

5:00 "Why Canoes are Pointed on Both Ends" with Karl Ketter

6:00 "Can You Build a Woodstrip? You Bet!" with Mike Zapf

8:00 "Why Build a Canoe Anyway?" with Joe Conrad

This promises to be the best building program this year. Don't miss it. Members are encouraged to come vote for their favorite canoe and builder. See you on the 19th! ▪







# CLIFF'S CORNER

A dozen years ago, the MCA was a tight knit association of "canoeists". There was no distinction between the racer, white water enthusiast, wilderness traveler, or general day cruiser. We were "all for one and one for all!"

The Cascaders were the first to split into their own special interest group; then came the Voyageurs. The racers hung in tight but by and large went their separate ways. Some attempt was made to solidify the day cruisers into a single lobby by regionalizing club membership, but it was not very successful. And wilderness types like myself were always considered too independent to "groupify".

Seems as if everyone is doing his own thing these days . . . and club membership and interest is not profiting by the division. Don't misinterpret: quite possibly white water folk, long distance racers, Voyageurs, day cruisers, and wilderness types each have their own rusty axe to grind. Maybe each group should operate within its respective interest. And that's okay as long as mutual respect and tolerance for others in the sport is not sacrificed in the exchange.

For example, recently I met a man who moved to Minnesota from South Dakota "to get closer to the canoe country." I can identify with that 'cause that's why I came here in '71. This man spends as much time as possible in the BWCA and on local rivers. He's paddled the Cannon, St. Croix, Rum, Snake, and Root, to name a few. He's serious about canoeing and has joined the MCA. Our club needs people like him. His favorite canoe? An old but relatively dent-free 17 foot Grumman which he propels quite adequately with a venerable 58 inch paddle of oil-rubbed solid ash.

Good thing this gentleman didn't overhear the snide remarks made by some "real canoeists" along the shore. There were several innuendos about his "pig boat", long whippy paddle, etc. The man had good control of his craft and was enjoying the day . . . but "canoeists" nearby thought he was a turkey!

On another occasion I listened to some very proficient white water types ridicule a couple who upset their Sawyer Cruiser at Beaver Dam on the Flambeau River (Wisconsin). I watched the couple make the run, and they entered the "vee" straight enough. But at that high spring level a low volume open Sawyer Cruiser, when paddled from the conventional sitting position, just doesn't have a chance. The result was a complete swamping.

But the drop was safe enough; the couple wore life jackets, and portaged their canoe. They even had an inner tube tied securely under the center thwart. We rescued their boat quickly and the couple took it in good humor. But they didn't have a porky white water boat, so in the eyes of the white water jockeys, they weren't canoeists!

Wilderness paddlers get their share of criticism too. In fact, one very well known canoe designer once commented that wilderness paddlers are "non-canoeists"—they're too busy enjoying the sights and sounds of the forest to appreciate the joys of a fine hull. Balderdash!

Racers get bad-mouthed too. More than once I've listened to the ravings of competent wilderness and white water paddlers wrongly assume that racers—and those who paddle long skinny boats ala HUT style—can't cut it in the backcountry . . . that they lack the essential skills to handle the huge rapids and ocean-like waves that are frequently encountered. Again, balderdash!

A few years back a friend who is very much into racing stopped by my house on his way to a local workout. At the time I was refinishing the brightwork on my Royalex Old Town Ranger. My friend ran his hand along the fat voluminous hull, shook his head . . . and laughed! It was evident he didn't consider the Old Town a canoe, or me a "canoeist".

Each "type" of canoeist derives a different form of joy from the sport. For me, it's the pleasure of paddling a fine canoe, especially in a wilderness setting. I view everything—my canoes, paddles, camping gear, etc. with a wary eye as to how it will perform deep in the heart of a remote wilderness.

For others, it's the thrill of dashing jubilantly through complex white water in a short, highly rockered canoe; and for still others it's the lure of flat water competition. Not to be overlooked are the scores of paddlers whose major interest is drifting quietly down a local stream, their canoe filled with kids, and dogs and coolers.

Central in all these themes is the canoe—and the reason our organization exists. It has been often written that there is no one perfect canoe—or even one which will do most things well. Despite this axiom of the obvious, each interest group continues to ridicule specialized craft, equipment, and methods which are unlike their own.

A new canoeing season will soon be upon us. Then out will come the endless variety of canoes, gear and paddling styles. Must we endure another round of factional backbiting? Or can we act like grownups and learn to appreciate the perspective and methods of others? For the sake of the continued survival of canoesport . . . and the MCA, I hope so! **Cliff Jacobson** ■

# BOARD MINUTES

**December 1, 1982**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Venice Barsness, President. Minutes from the last meeting were read.

Walt Jones said that there would be some slides available for the December program. A decision was made later to cancel the program for December.

Al Gustaveson said that he had sent some letters to different organizations, and was waiting for some response.

Jim Robinson reported that he was working on the cruising schedule for the next canoeing season. He reported that the Rivers Task Force was in a holding pattern until they could possibly get some legislation passed about portaging laws.

Steve Stedman now has everything that Roy Johnston had—all the membership files. He is working on a computer system, and will report at the next meeting.

Kurt Kemppainen would like the person in charge of the program for their assigned month to give Kurt the information at least a month ahead of time.

Karl Ketter is working on details for binding of the collection of "Huts". He needs about $100 per set (two sets), and $30 for making xerox copies of important articles. He mentioned that he wanted to make the chapter reimbursements at the January meeting, or at least make a definite decision. He suggested that the secretary mail the minutes to each board member, and to chapter presidents each month.

John Kopp suggested a prize for the best canoe at the building show in February. A possibility of a silver bowl was discussed. We will have a display of handmade canoes at the Minneapolis Boat Show in January (26th to the 30th).

Chris Berne said we have a new editor—George Sorenson. We discussed some ideas that George had given Chris for advertising costs, change in format of the "Hut", etc. George wants the deadline changed from the 12th of the month to the 10th of the month.

There was a note from the "Friends of the BWCA" for us to renew our membership; a motion was made, seconded and passed to send $18 to them to renew our membership. George Sorenson wants articles, ads, etc. mailed directly to him, and be sure to get it to him before the 10th of the month. Address: 2220 28th Avenue South, Minneapolis 55406, phone 721-1269.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

**Verna Robinson, Secretary** ■

# TRIP REPORTS

October in the Boundary Waters can be wet, windy, cold and harsh. On this particular seven day trip, it was rain or snow every day, the sun an intruder kept at bay by the bitter north wind. Yet a simple thing like an eagle taking flight or stargazing one night, before being chased to bed by the cold and clouds, reveals the beauty and melts the harshness.

The crinkle swish of Gore-tex, an occasional muffled thud of wood on fiberglass, and the dull rushing of wind are the only sounds. You can see the wind. The trees sway in it, the water darkens with it, the cliffs echo it. The green of the pines, and the white trunks of birch are the only exceptions to this grey world. Nowhere is there another canoe.

The water beneath the canoe looks onyx, dark blue water shimmers ahead. The sky above is pewter, but the horizon is dark. We travel in a separate world.

The water and rock are their own. They were here before the canoe, before the portages that avoid them, before the pictographs. They will be here after I have left; after Tom, an unknown rock carver, meets his deserved end. Water and rock remain.

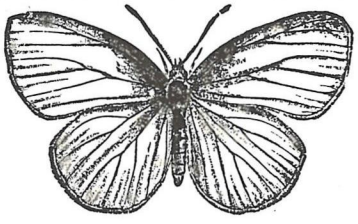
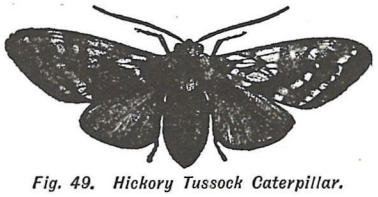
The boats are on the rack. My toes and fingers are numb. While I change, the snow falls harder. I soon will be warm and dry, but that is not the only reason I smile. I have experienced the Boundary Waters, not one brief moment of glory, but an enduring inner beauty. I'll be back, and it will be here. While I'm gone it won't miss me. **Kurt Kemppainen** ■







# CALENDAR

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| **February** Tuesday **1**<br>RACING CHAPTER MEETING<br>Jerry Kassanchuk's 541-9810<br>245 Paisley Avenue, Golden Valley<br>All paddlers invited. 7:00 p.m.<br>Planning session for '83 season. | Wednesday **2**<br>MONTHLY DIRECTORS' MEETING<br>Winnie DauSchmidt's 644-6115<br>1679 West Minnehaha, St. Paul<br>All members welcome. 7:30 p.m.<br>ADVENTURING WOMEN | Monday **14**<br>CANOEING THE FAR NORTH<br>Slide presentation series. Ross, Pelly and Yukon Rivers in Yukon Territory. Stillwater Public Library, 223 N. 4th St., Stillwater. Margaret Rivers Room, 6:30-8:30. |
| Thursday **17**<br>RACING CHAPTER MEETING<br>Planning session for '83 season.<br>All paddlers invited. 7:00 p.m.<br>Al Rudquist's | Saturday **19**<br>CANOE BUILDING WORKSHOP<br>Brooklyn Center Civic Center<br>6301 Shingle Creek Parkway<br>Brooklyn Center, 12-9:00 p.m.<br>See article in this issue for details. | Wesnesday **24**<br>COOKBOOK MEETING<br>Penny Mielke's 776-1935<br>1880 East Shore Drive, St. Paul<br>7:30 p.m. All cooks interested in helping put together "Canoe Camping Cookbook," attend first meeting. Fun to be had by all. |
| **March** Tuesday **1**<br>RACING CHAPTER MEETING<br>Karl Ketter's 636-8116<br>1957 Lake, Roseville<br>All paddlers invited. 7:00 p.m.<br>Planning session for '83 season. | Wednesday **2**<br>MONTHLY DIRECTORS' MEETING<br>Minnesota Federal Savings<br>5320 Lyndale Ave. So., Minneapolis<br>All members welcome. 7:00 p.m. | Friday, Saturday **5, 6**<br>EXPERIMENTAL CANOE/SKI CRUISE — Unusual trip planned for canoeing and skiing. See article in this issue. For information call Mike Van de Vyver, 922-7633. |
| Wednesday **16**<br>MONTHLY PROGRAM<br>Amer. Hardware Mutual Insurance<br>3033 Excelsior Blvd., Minneapolis<br>Auditorium. 7:00 p.m.<br>Trip planning for the BWCAW. | Thursday **17**<br>RACING CHAPTER MEETING<br>Penny Mielke's 776-1935<br>1880 East Shore Drive, St. Paul<br>All paddlers invited. 7:00 p.m.<br>Planning session for '83 season. | Monday **21**<br>CANOEING THE FAR NORTH<br>Slide presentation series. George River in Labrador. Stillwater Public Library, 223 N. 4th St., Stillwater. Margaret Rivers Room, 6:30-8:30. |
|  |  | <br>*Fig. 49. Hickory Tussock Caterpillar.* |

# CRUISIN' ALONG

Snow and cold notwithstanding, February is the time to start planning the cruise schedule for the upcoming season. This year the MCA hopes to provide more opportunities for cruising than ever before. The accompanying list is of major canoeable rivers in this area. It is not meant to be all inclusive or exclusive. It may not be possible to canoe every river in one season, but with this list as a starter, a very full schedule can be arranged.

The only way cruises can be arranged is if cruise leaders are willing to come forth. If you have a favorite river that you wish to share, now is your chance. Pick your river, a date for the cruise and notify the Cruising Director.

A few basic rules are necessary for cruise leaders. You must have canoed the river at least once and be aware of any hazards. Be knowledgable in the art of shuttling. Last but not least, be able to say no to anyone you deem unqualified to make the cruise.

Cruises should be kept to less than 20 miles per day. Weekend cruises with overnight camping are encouraged. At least one cruise per month is planned as an overnight.

Remember, inform me at (612) 588-5402 of river and date. This information should be received in time to be published in at least two issues of HUT! before the cruise takes place.
**Jim Robinson** ■

**PROPOSED CRUISE SCHEDULE/1983**

| River | County | Date/Leader |
|---|---|---|
| Rainy | Koochiching/ Lake of the Woods | |
| Nemadji | Carlton | |
| St. Louis | St. Louis | |
| Cloquet | St. Louis | |
| Big Fork | Itasca/Koochiching | Al Gustaveson |
| Little Fork | St. Louis/ Koochiching | |
| Snake | Kanabec/Pine | |
| Moose | Carlton/Pine | |
| Kettle | Pine | |
| Sunrise | Chisago | |
| Rum | Isanti/Anoka | |
| Shell | Hubbard/Wadena | |
| Crow Wing | Hubbard/Wadena | June/ Marcouiller |
| Sauk | Stearns | May/St. Cloud Ch. |
| Elk | Sherburne | |
| St. Francis | Sherburne | |
| Crow | Hennepin/Wright | July/Jim Robinson |
| Cannon | Goodhue | |
| Zumbro | Wabasha | |
| Root | Fillmore/Houston | ?/Austin Chapter |
| Straight | Steele/Rice | |
| Cedar | Mower | |
| Cottonwood | Redwood/Brown | |
| Des Moines | Cottonwood/ Jackson | |
| Mississippi | Anywhere along its length. | |
| Minnesota | Anywhere along its length. | |
| Upper Iowa | Iowa | May 21-22/Jim Robinson |
| Namekagon/ St. Croix | Wisconsin | July/Walt Jones |
| Kickapoo | Wisconsin | Sept. 24-25/? |

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You should be careful, however, in attempting to gain access to a waterway over private lands. If you trespass on another's land and refuse to depart on demand of the owner, you may be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Public Duties**

As these rules of public access suggest, there are more rules of law than just statutes and regulations. In fact, the law imposes many duties upon us that are never specified in writing. One of the most important public duties imposed by non-statutory law is the duty to act as a reasonable person. A failure to act reasonably, if it results in damage to another's person or property, can make the actor liable to the injured person in negligence. Negligence is simply the failure to act as a reasonably prudent person would in the same or similar circumstances. The injured person may recover damages in court from the negligent party to compensate for the injuries caused by the negligent act.

The law of negligence may be especially important to a canoe trip leader or organizer. The leader will have a duty to act reasonably in performing the tasks undertaken for the group. If, for example, the group gets lost, when the leader was responsible for trip routing and navigation, and a member of the group suffers injury as a result of exposure, the leader may be liable to the injured person in negligence.

Of course, the law of negligence also offers the canoeist protection, or at least compensation if injured as a result of another's negligence. For example, a canoe outfitter could be liable for damages if he negligently rents you an unsafe canoe and you later suffer injuries as a result of the condition of the canoe.

**Private Obligations**

In addition to the public duties created by law, individuals may create private obligations by agreement. In most cases, the law and courts can be used to enforce those private obligations created by contract. For example, you undertake an obligation to make payments when you sign a retail installment contract to purchase your canoe. Some contractual obligations are implied, rather than express. For example, the canoe outfitter would have an implied duty to provide you with a safe canoe, even if that was not actually spoken or written as part of the rental agreement. The canoe group leader may also find himself bound by agreements, express or implied, when he undertakes to perform certain duties for the group.

**Product Liability**

Simply stated, a product manufacturer has a duty to build its product so that it is reasonably safe for foreseeable uses. If the product is not reasonably safe, and it causes injury, the manufacturer may be liable in damages for negligence. A product manufacturer may also be liable for injuries caused by the product even if the manufacturer uses the utmost care in designing or manufacturing the product. If the product is defective so as to be unreasonably dangerous, the manufacturer may have to pay under the theory of strict liability. Therefore, if you are injured when your new canoe falls apart, or your camp stove emits noxious fumes, or your tent burns uncontrollably, you may have a claim against the manufacturer.

**George W. Soule, Attorney** ■
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# CHAPTER NEWS

**Mississippi Mud**

LONG DISTANCE CANOE RACERS

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## LONG SLOW DAYS 1983—SPRING TRAINING

Each spring the canoe racers attack winter on February 28 for the first canoe wetting of the season. After that, Minnesota racers begin the endurance portion of their training. Long Slow Days are just that. Groups of two to six canoes cruise the swollen rivers of Minnesota for hour after hour on weekends beginning in late March and continuing through early June when the races start.

These workouts are not for everyone. You'll die a painful death if you're not a canoe racer or tough athlete already. If you are as qualified as a second year rookie or a fallen-away retired racer, this is your chance to become a fit and ferocious paddling machine.

This year we'll be doing 6 to 10 hour days on the Mississippi, Minnesota, Cannon, Straight, Eau Clair, Zumbro, Crow, and Rum rivers. We are now signing up paddlers, taking requests for favorite rivers, and varnishing gunwales. We still need a van or two to shuttle canoes and paddlers, and we also need a small band of dedicated drivers who, for the price of a meal, will have the opportunity to tour the state and watch spring blossom forth. Call Karl at 636-8116 if you want to come along. **Jenny Graham** ■

## RACERS' MEETINGS

The past three months, the racing chapter has conducted bimonthly meetings in the hopes of improving canoe racing in 1983. In December at Penny Mielke's house, Paul Sollie and Jerry Kassanchuk presented their ideas for generating interest in C-1 and citizen's racing. They are planning a series of evening races that will culminate in a summer's end championship for both classes. In hopes of expanding the ranks of serious racers in Minnesota, the chapter is seeking to provide opportunities for female paddlers and younger paddlers by promoting important championship races for these two groups. Paddlers were glad to hear that the annual Snow Lake, Manitoba race has offered two new $1,000 events along with the usual men's race—a women's race and a mixed team race. Hurrah for Snow Lake!

The chapter is looking for a nifty racing logo to print on T-shirts and to use on the racing calendars that the chapter plans to print (advertising the 1983 Minnesota Points System races and important out-of-state races). "MCA Long Distance Racing Chapter" is the information we need to convey. The eye-catching design is us to you. The best entry is guaranteed a reward for the effort—a free T-shirt with the new logo on it. Any MCA or chapter member is invited to put pencil to paper and give it a go. Send ideas to Jenny Graham, 840 18th Avenue Southeast #5, Minneapolis, MN 55414. ■

## LOCAL HEALTH REPORT

Jeff DuBois ruptured his appendix on New Year's Day. This time they didn't make him wait in the emergency room until he fainted, but rushed him to the operating table straightaway. It was a smooth and successful operation despite the fact that the doctor had a hard time finding anyone to assist him. Jeff was disappointed to have missed the first week of winter quarter at the University, conscientious student that he is. However, the hardest blow of all came with the doctor's strict order for recuperation: "No girlfriends for a year!"

It's mutiny on the portage again next year for Sheila Johnson's uncooperative knee. She and fellow super-swimmer, Anne Rudquist, figure that if someone ran a race that replaced running portages with swimming them, they'd have that race in the bag!

Joe Zuzek attacked a ravine with his head and then forgot all about it. Early in January, Joe was downhill skiing when he plunged into a ravine, knocked himself silly, and then picked himself up and rode the chairlift back to the top of the slope. He scraped himself up pretty thoroughly and got two big black eyes. The minor concussion caused him to lose 15 minutes of memory. "How did I get back up here?" he said as he stood at the top of the hill. The next day he was out skiing again.

Will Mike Bohanon make it through skiing season this year without breaking some bone or other? ■

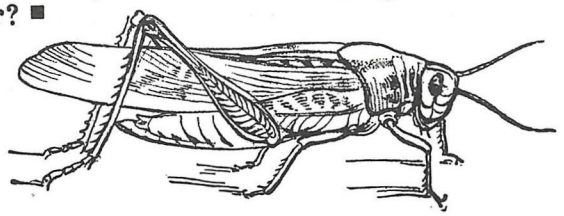


*Fig. 50. Grasshopper.*

# DULUTH TRAVELER



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December turned out to be a rather slow month as far as events go. The fact that we seemed to have more rain than snow during the month put a bit of a "damper" on many ski outings. River levels undoubtedly benefitted from the combination of rain and snowmelt, but fortunately nobody has yet planned a "white water, white banks" trip.

Rick, Jerry, Susie Wilmes, and myself set out on the month's only river outing, attempting to paddle down the Bois Brule in a heavy, very wet snowfall. At the first sign of a little ice the elderly members turned around, but the postcard-like setting was enough to keep Susie and I going.

Long before finishing the roughly 1½-2 miles of wearing my snowshoes and pulling the fully-loaded canoe over thin ice, I was seriously wondering if wisdom doesn't also come with age, and we should have followed Jerry and Rick back.

By this time a relatively late start and the unexpected ice had combined to put us quite a a bit behind schedule, so the rest of the day's enjoyment was severely hampered by concern over reaching camp in daylight. Thanks to some good, hard paddling, we managed to do so with a good five to ten minutes of light remaining. By now we were not only exhausted but thoroughly drenched, thanks to both the hard work involved in pulling and paddling the canoe, and to the still-falling wet snow.

After the Christmas snow, several members took to the cross country trails in the area, including a New Year's Day trip through Jay Cooke Park in nearly perfect conditions.

Don't forget about the BWCAW Ski Outing at Gateway Hungry Jack Lodge on March 11, 12 and 13. By this printing there may be no room left, but contact Sue Marsh for details.

**Mark Cline** ■






# WHITEWATER RAPIDS CANOEING RIDERS

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**SHOULD THE MCA HAVE A WHITEWATER CHAPTER?**

Due to the apparent lack of interest, should the Rapids Riders continue to exist? If you are interested in a whitewater chapter and are willing to put some time into making the chapter viable, either call or write (preferably write).

I would like to know what your interests are and what experience you have. **Terry Lemke** ■

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**Kayak Club**
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A pool program will be held in Brooklyn Center during March or April. Several white water trips will be in the works as soon as the rivers open up. Now is the time to get your wet suit out and check its condition—or to start shopping for a new one. Anyone who would like to teach kayaking, please contact me.
**Mike Van de Vyver** ■

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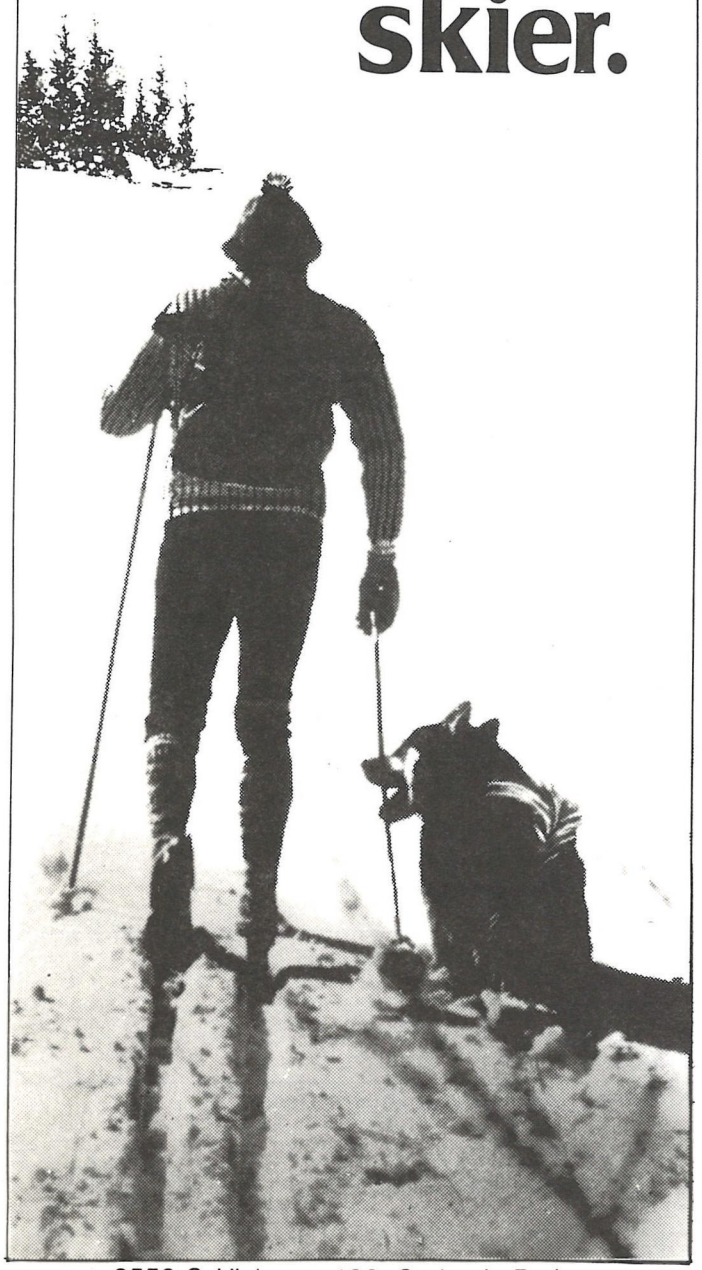
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**AN OKEFENOKEE TRIP**

Several MCAers are planning to explore some of the wilderness canoe trails in the Okefenokee Swamp of southern Georgia the latter part of March. Because of the close proximity, if time permits, a visit to Disney World and the new Epcot Center is also being considered. If you're interested, for further information call Caryl Duke (544-2668) or Penny Mielke (776-1935).

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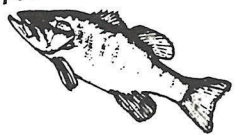
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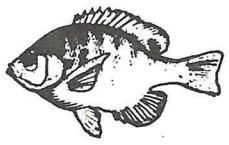


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