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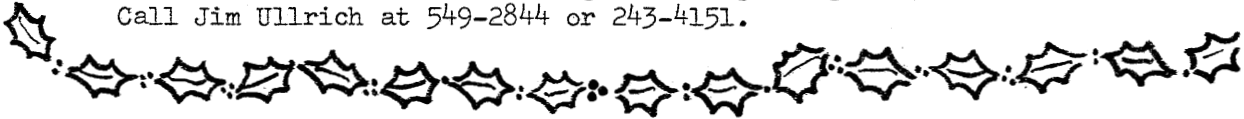
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10: Meeting at the University Golf Course Club House, 515 South Ave. E., at 7:30 p.m. Program change: George Howe and David Stephenson will present "To Heli and Back", a slide show about helicopter skiing. Refreshments. Business will include a vote on increasing dues to cover mailing costs and meeting space rental. See you there!

The Mountain Ear offers free space to members for swap and sell.

FOR SALE: Galibier winter climbing boots and two pairs mountaineering skis with Silvretta bindings (great for getting to the cabin)!
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EARLY BIRD SKIERS' AND EAGLE WATCHERS' TRIP TO GLACIER PARK

By Rob Holden

This could be retitled "Spring Rains, Eagle Watchers, Salmon Snagging Trip to Glacier Park." The Friday rain in Western Montana held over until Sunday morning. This failed to dampen the spirits of this stalwart group, consisting of Ralph Flockerzi, Joe Kipphut, Art Anderson, Myra Bair, Laura Fujii, Clarissa Landry, and yours truly.

Friday night after supping at the Pine Cone Inn, the group settled into camp for a night of 100 percent humidity. Saturday morning the eagles were feeding, but not in the numbers observed on last year's trip. After viewing the eagles and a movie about big horn sheep, it was decided that the men of the group would participate in the big horn ritual of head butting. No winner was announced because of unconsciousness!

After a wet hike to Avalanche Lake, the group motored up to the loop to check out the (lack of) snow conditions. At this point, the ski tour was postponed until the MBC Glacier Getaway of 1981. Numerous mountain goats and a large bull elk were viewed often through the fogged windows of the car.

On the return trip, the nimrods of the group tossed lead weighted hooks into the river. This is a fall ritual started by the little known Leadhead Indian tribe to celebrate the salmon run. When last seen by the group, as they departed for Camas Hot Springs, the leader was trying to snag a winter supply of salmon in the Swan River.

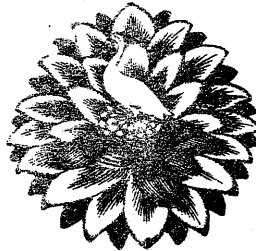
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TRIP SCHEDULE

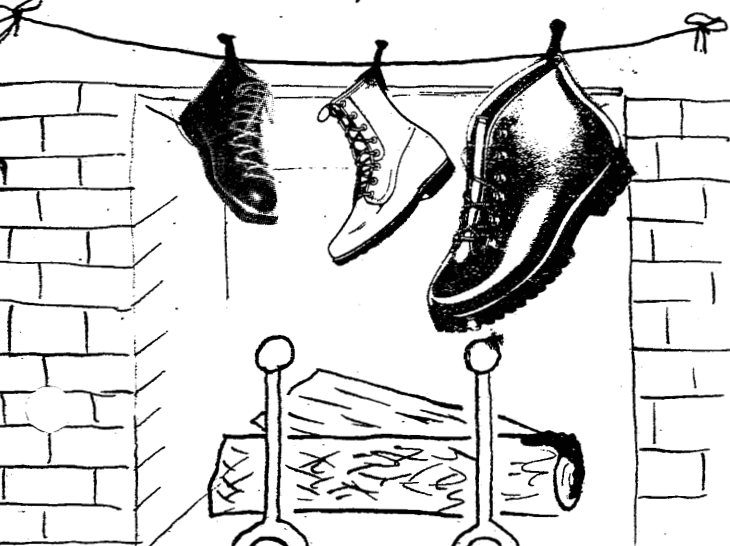
February 11, Wed. Mountaineers' February meeting, Marshall Ski Area, Nordic instruction.

- December 14, Sun. Wisherd Ridge cross-country ski trip. Moderate skill and strength at least. Call Bob Benson, 549-1426, or Randy Washburne, 721-3256, by December 12.
- December 20-21, Sat.-Sun. Winter solstice weekend at Lochsa Lodge. We hope there will be snow for ski touring or snowshoeing. Call Ilona Hruska at 721-3832 before December 13.
- January 1-4, Thurs.-Sun. New Year's feast and skiing at the Rocky Mountaineers' cabin on Little St. Joe. Call Bob Benson at 549-1426 for more information by December 30.
- January 14, Wed. January meeting, 7:30 p.m., University Golf Course Club House. Ian Lange, UM Professor of Geology, will speak on Mt. St. Helens.
- January 24, Sat. Pack Creek ski tour. Easy-moderate, 8 miles in all, beginning at the top of Lolo Pass. Call Allison Easterling at 728-5145 by Thursday, January 22.
- January 24-25, Sat.-Sun. Elk Meadows winter camping. Call Joe Knotek at 549-2040 for details and equipment needed.
- Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Sat.-Sun. Big Mountain for downhill and Nordic skiing. Stay at Viewmont Cabins. Call the Howes at 543-4200 by Christmas. Sauna and swimming available.

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