suffering from exhaustion and shock and he knew hypothermia was a strong possibility. "You just have to force yourself to deal with the real possibility that you might die," he said.

It was about 1700 Scott said that he crawled under a log and tried to pull the bark around him to keep warm. He estimated that the temperature overnight was just above freezing. To stay awake, he set his watch to buzz every five minutes, and each time the buzzer went off he would exercise to keep the blood flowing and shout for help, although he realized that no one would hear him. He stayed there until 0800 Wednesday morning, when he dragged himself about five meters to a spot where he could lie in the sun and at least let his clothes dry.

It was there about noon that Casey Bardue, a 29-year-old Seattle hiker, appeared. Bardue, who was the "only one who came up the trail that day," hiked out and notified authorities. Scott eventually was lifted out by the Snohomish County Sheriff's helicopter.

Scott, who says, "It's very questionable I could have gone through another night," probably won't be climbing again soon. If he does get the urge again, "It'll be hikes, not climbs," he said.

The ordeal on the mountain left Scott with several hairline fractures of his pelvis, three cracked ribs and internal bleeding that caused two quarts of his blood to drain into his abdomen. Several internal organs were bruised, and he suffered multiple cuts and bruises. (Source: Dave Birkland, *Seattle Times,* September 22, 1984)

Analysis

Sgt. John Taylor, with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, had additional phone conversations with Scott after he had returned to Los Angeles. Taylor described Scott as being very experienced, and fully aware that a prudent climber would have had companions, rope, an ice ax, and probably crampons for the peak. He told Taylor that he had allowed his desire to sway his judgment. (Source: George Sainsbury, Seattle MRC)

RAPPEL FAILURE, INADEQUATE PROTECTION
Wisconsin, Devil's Lake State Park

On October 20, 1984, a climber (F - 22) fell seven to eight meters to the ground when her rappel anchor—consisting of nylon webbing secured to a tree and a rock—failed. (Source: Visitor Accident Report Form, Devil's Lake State Park)

Analysis

Though there are not enough details for us to know what part of the anchor system failed, the accident is presented as one of the few rappelling mishaps this year, and an illustrative one in terms of common cause. (Source: J. Williamson)

(Editor's Note: The above is one of seven accidents reported from Devil's Lake last year. Five involved falls, only one of which seems to have been protected. There were not enough details on these to present helpful descriptions. The other accident was unusual: A woman (21) dislocated her shoulder while reaching for a hold on a climb called Weisner's Wall, on the West Bluff.)