

we found the rope had been hanging for one year. Two days later, on May 28 Molly was reascending the first pitch. The route has three fairly long pitches, two being hard nailing and the last mostly bolts. The climb got character from our nailing up a small knifeblade and horizontal seam, which wandered up a 100-foot overhanging wall. NCCS IV, A4.

LARRY V. BRUCE, *Elk Mountain Climbing Club*

Three Penguins, Arches National Park. In November Larry Bruce, Molly Higgins and I did two short new routes on the Three Penguins formation. A moderate pitch starting right at the road ends on a large ledge at the base of the Penguins themselves. From here Larry led a spectacular chimney to the top. This had been tried several times before via the off-width on the outside of the crack, but after failing on this, Larry tunneled straight back into the chimney and did one of the most horrifying squeezers that I have ever done. A single runner around the chest was too much; for about four feet you could not move your head from side to side (F9). On the second day Molly and I did the spectacular crack to the right in two pitches. Harder technically, it ranged from finger- to off-width, but it was a relief after the constriction of the previous day (F10).

MICHAEL KENNEDY, *Elk Mountain Climbing Club*

Nevada

Rainbow Mountain, Correction. On page 452 of *A.A.J.*, 1976 it tells of a route climbed on March 3, 1975. This route was not done first at that time but had been done previously. Joe Herbst climbed it in early January, 1975, accompanied by Tom Kaufman and me. We did the route in a long day, entirely on nuts, and rated it NCCS III or IV, F7.

LAWRENCE HAMILTON, *Unaffiliated*

New Routes on Juniper Mountain, Red Rock Canyon, Charleston Range. Two interesting climbs were done on Juniper Mountain. Black-jack Butress, a sharp prow facing the desert to the east, was climbed to its mid-pinnacle section on February 1 and 2 (with bivouac) by Alan Bartlett, Alan Roberts and me. The climb has excellent sandstone, but some of the pitches were very hard to protect; three pitches led by Bartlett were very steep (each F9). The final completion of the climb of the butress was not logical, because of large ledges and a blank wall. A new rappel route was made, placing some bolts and pitons while hanging on the end of the rope. NCCS IV, F9. Juniper Butress was climbed by Hooman Aprin, Mark Menge and me in February. This route, done in two days, follows the front of an obvious reddish butress, quite visible

from the desert frontage. The route was free except for one aid portion (several bolts placed here). NCCS III, F8, A1.

FRED BECKEY

Arizona

Mace, Sedona. Molly Higgins and I completed the second route, Wind, Sand and Stars, on May 3 on this beautiful formation: some of the best desert sandstone I have climbed. Our route is on the north face with two aid pitches followed by an overhanging, off-width fissure, which Molly led in good style. NCCS III, F10, A3.

LARRY V. BRUCE, *Elk Mountain Climbing Club*

Idaho

The Prow, Steamboat Rocks. Steamboat Rocks are a large group of quartzite buttresses, ten miles from Kingston on the Coeur d'Alene River. At least six of them are over 500 feet high. The south-facing apron of the first buttress provided possibly the first technical route done in the area. Darcy Droste and I climbed the first two pitches in late June. The first (F6) ended on a mossy ledge. The second pitch was a difficult jam-crack and chimney. Poor protection and difficulties forced our retreat. I returned alone in October and finished the route. The final pitch ascended an overhanging wall and turned a roof on the left. NCCS II, F9, A1.

R. DANE BURNS, *Equipe de Danse de Coeur d'Alene*

Mount Heyburn, North Buttress of the East (Third) Summit, Sawtooth Mountains. On October 15 my wife Shari and I climbed an obvious buttress on the north face of Hayburn's east summit. Difficult climbing involved crack climbing. On the fifth pitch I let loose a large rotten flake, which fortunately missed Shari. Some of the rock was extremely weathered and rotten while other parts were quite sound. There was a short overhanging finer crack on the summit spire. NCCS III, F9, A1.

ALAN KEARNEY

Cirque Lake Peak, Southwest Spur, Warbonnet Peak Area, Sawtooth Mountains. On August 9 Paul Helmcke, Al Schmidt and I completed the first ascent of the southwest spur of Cirque Lake Peak. From the Warbonnet Lakes we ascended to within 300 feet of the col west of the west buttress of Cirque Lake Peak. We scrambled diagonally right to a steep headwall 100 feet to the right of a rotten cleft between the west