

*Dickey, Barrille and P 7580.* A five-man Japanese party led by Koji Naka climbed Barrille by its northwest face on May 5, 1976 and Dickey and P 7580 two miles northwest of Barrille on May 6.

*Deborah, Hayes, Hess and Other Peaks, Central Alaska Range.* In April and May an Alaska Alpine Club sponsored group did some extensive climbing in the central Alaska Range. On April 14 Carl Tobin, Cliff Moore, Peter Hollis and I were flown to the Yanert Glacier by Horace Black. We proceeded through the two icefalls on Mount Deborah's western side and established a snow-cave camp at 9000 feet, following to here essentially Beckey's 1954 first-ascent route. From there we fixed 1400 feet of rope on a blue-ice gully which reaches the northwest ridge at 10,500 feet. Another 200 feet were used on a band of rock between this point of the ridge and the 11,000-foot confluence with the more northerly ridge leading out of the Gillam Glacier. Here we joined Nolting's 1976 route. A camp was established at 11,000 feet and from there Moore, Hollis and Tobin reached Deborah's summit (12,339 feet) on May 8 with no further assistance from fixed ropes (including those left by a previous group). This was a partly new route. Meanwhile the second half of the expedition, my wife Nancy Brady, Dave Buchannon and Toby Wheeler, had come in from Isabel Pass by dog sled and skis via the Black Rapids and Susitna glaciers. Also on May 8, having climbed the south ridge, Wheeler and Buchannon stood on the summit of Mount Hayes while Nancy bivouacked at 12,500 feet on the south shoulder. After descending Deborah and pulling off our fixed lines, we traversed around to the Gillam Glacier, where at the base of Mount Hess our two groups joined. After a five-day wind storm we moved our camp up to 7700 feet in the high basin on the northern side of Mount Hess (11,940 feet). From here we split into two groups. Buchannon, Tobin and Moore climbed the more ambitious and previously unclimbed northeast ridge, descending the northwest ridge, which Hollis, Wheeler and I climbed. After Mount Hess, Buchannon and Hollis climbed by its west ridge P 9448, a beautifully symmetrical peak four miles up the Gillam from our Base Camp. Wheeler, Nancy and I proceeded up an extinct branch of the Gillam, where out of the same camp at 8600 feet we climbed Mounts Giddings (10,100 feet), Skarland (10,300 feet) and Geist (10,720 feet) on three consecutive days. We all hiked out to Healy in early July.

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*Mount Moffit, Southwest Ridge.* A pair of Japanese medical students sat on the Talkeetna airstrip for ten days before they could be ferried to the eastern fork of the Trident Glacier on July 23. They were landed at 8700 feet. After the plane left, they realized that one of the food bags

had been left behind. With scanty food, they made three camps getting to the Moffit-Shand col at 11,000 feet. They reached the summit of Moffit (13,020 feet) on July 29. They climbed Shand (12,660 feet) on the 31st. Although they were back at their pick-up point on August 2, bad weather prevented their return to Talkeetna until August 11. (Information from *Iwa To Yuki*.)

*Mount Geist, North Face.* This 3000-foot face was climbed in August by Jim Jennings, Bill Kitson and Geoff Radford.

*Peaks in the Endicott Mountains, Brooks Range.* In late July I spent a few days at the headwaters of the Iniakuk River, six to eight miles north-northeast of Ernie Lake. The approach was up and through a series of unique canyons with stair-stepped waterfalls and spillways over smoother schistose bedrock. Two high peaks (62°28'29" N, 152°52'55" W) with steep cirqued north faces dominate the region between the Alatna and John Rivers. Iniakuk Peak (6539 feet) and Shukok Peak (6253 feet) were climbed in a day from the south. I ascended Iniakuk via the easterly buttress and ridge. Descent was down the true east ridge to a col and then up the sharp west ridge to the top of the Shukok and down its south buttress. I could see the central Brooks Range from the Arrigetch in the west to Doonerak in the east. In mid-August Barb Campbell, Dick Jablonowski and I met at Takahula Lake, alongside the Alatna River, 15 miles due east of the Arrigetch Peaks. We cached food and inflatable kayaks and trekked up the alder-choked Aiyagomahala Creek valley, through Independence Pass and into the headwaters of the Kobuk River. Rain and fog prevented our reaching any summits. We paddled down the Alatna River, arriving at Allakaket on August 27.

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*Schwanda Peak and P 8130, Brooks Range.* I led a trip up the Jago River and over a 7000-foot pass near the Continental Divide to the Hulahula River. On the way Vess Irvine, Ken Jonaitis, Rick Mohun and I climbed Schwanda Peak in a 17-hour day on August 14. Our route went up the north (right) fork of the Hubley Glacier, up 800 feet of firm 45% snow to the col between Schwanda and Mount Hubley and up loose talus to the 8500-foot summit. On August 24 Irvine and I climbed P 8130, which lies some 12 miles south of Hubley and four miles southeast of the pass.

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*The Tusk Attempt, Chigmit Mountains.* In June Fred Beckey, Craig Martinson and I made an attempt on the Tusk, an impressive 1000-foot tower in the Merrill Pass area, about 100 miles southwest of Anchorage.