

*P 10,206, P 8715 and P 8110.* Jim Bouchard and I were flown to an alpine tarn north of the Eldridge Glacier terminus and hiked up to make the first ascents of two prominent peaks between the Eldridge and Buckskin Glaciers. (Both peaks appear on McKinley Quad A-1.) Pleasant 60° ice on the west face of the northwest peak of P 8715 (5½ miles east of P 10,206) led to ramps that skirted the south side. We continued on a stroll along a ridge-line moat to the top on the evening of August 14. On P 10,206, we wriggled through and under a glacier to gain the 2½-mile-long southeast ridge. Three knife-edged rope-lengths of atrocious argillite, followed by a graceful sinuous snow and ice ridge brought us to the top at 3:30 P.M. on August 16. On the descent we scampered up P 8110 (2 miles to the northeast), which rose above our high camp.

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*Throne, Dragon's Spine and Other Peaks, Little Switzerland.* Pete Pollard, John Rich and I spent 17 days on the Pika Glacier in June. Our first goal was the southwest buttress of the Throne, still unclimbed after previous attempts. Our first try ended in a snowstorm, but we were able to leave most of our gear at the top of fixed lines. We returned the next morning in brilliant sunshine. Six pitches of mixed aid-and-free climbing, followed by a 500-foot corner system put us on easier ground and, three pitches later, on the summit ridge. It took seven more pitches to reach a point two pitches from the top and the rappel point on the heavily corniced ridge. Continuing along the double-corniced ridge might have prematurely shortened our lives. We got to camp tired and happy after 23 hours of continuous climbing. (NCCS V, F9, A2.) As we wanted our next to be a "day climb," we picked a line on the southwest face of the Dragon's Spine. We started up a chimney system that we hoped would put us on the face but were forced into a loose gully for three pitches until we could traverse right onto the 65° rock face. Devious climbing up to F9 led us to dirty cracks where the leader had to stand on a runner to clean the crack enough to free climb for a few feet and repeat the process. Pollard finally led the last section on the face: a beautiful F10 crack. From there several pitches in a gully led to the summit. Our "day climb" took us 30 hours of continuous climbing! (NCCS IV, F10, A1.) Two days later Pollard and I made what we think is the first ascent of a small peak just east of the Royal Tower: the "Munchkin," c. 6200 feet, via the northwest ridge. (NCCS III, F10, A1) Pollard and Rich also climbed a new route variation on the clean rock of the south face of the Middle Troll. (NCCS III, F9.) All in all this was a great trip, blessed with fine weather and good friends!

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*Gurney Peak, Shadows-Sunshine Couloir; Citadel, East Buttress and Avalanche Peak, South Buttress, Kichatna Spires.* In May Jack Lewis and I spent 25 days on the Shadows Glacier. During this time we had 18 days of good weather. We took five days climbing and descending the east buttress of Citadel (P 8520, Grade VI) which we believe was the second ascent of the 1976