

Ang Dawa Tamang, Lhakpa Tamang and I climbed a steep ice spur for 400 meters to join the sharp, corniced northwest ridge and reached the summit (6981 meters, 22,904 feet). This was the German first-ascent route.

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*Bhrikuti, First (?) and Second (?) Ascents.* There had been some question as to whether Bhrikuti (6364 meters, 20,879 feet) in northern Mustang had been successfully climbed before a joint British-Nepalese expedition, led by Elaine Brook and Lhakpa Sherpa, set out for it this autumn. Japanese claimed the first success in 1982 by three separate summit parties, but the leader of an unsuccessful French team four years later said that he had seen their photos and was certain that they had not reached the highest summit. In any case, it was not the British members who went to the top via the southeast ridge on October 22 but three Sherpas, Lhakpa, Ang Zangbu and Ang Kitar. The Britons, who were feeling the effects of altitude remained in Base Camp except for the doctor, who went to Advance Base. On November 3, a French expedition led by Bertrand Doligez also followed the southeast ridge to the summit. Those who got to the top were Doligez, Jean-Pierre Bourgeois, Patrick Blanfune, Jean-Marc Pillot, Frédéric Simond and Sherpas Ang Tendi and Mingma Tenzing.

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*Bhrikuti Winter Attempt.* Romolo Nottaris and three other Swiss attempted to make a winter ascent of Bhrikuti by the southwest ridge, but they were able to reach only 5500 meters on November 30.

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*Manang Mountaineering School.* The 11th course began on August 13. This year there were three Nepalese instructors: Lhakpa Norbu Sherpa, Ang Tsering Sherpa and Musul Kazi Tamang. We Slovene instructors were Alenka Jamnik (f), Darja Jenko (f), Tomaz Azman, Bojan Pograjc and I. The course was attended by 26 Nepalis, two Chinese and one Syrian. The first part, given in six days in Kathmandu, included theory and rock-climbing practice. The practical course in Manang took 20 days. One day was spent practicing on the Gangapurna Glacier, three days were for the ascent of Naur Peak and four days for ascent of Chulu Far East.

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*Annapurna IV Attempt.* Our members were John McMenamin, Heather McComb, Ruth Gemperlein, Jim Tweedie, Base Camp Manager Pat Ballard and I as leader. Bad weather and deep snow severely hampered our efforts. Upon arriving on March 30 at Yak Kharak in the Sabje Khola valley on the northwest