

was picked up by helicopter the following morning. The victim was a student in an N.O.L.S. School at the time of the accident.

*Source:* Robert W. Irvine, GTNP.

*Analysis:* The belay should have been properly anchored.

*Wyoming, Grand Tetons, Symmetry Spire.* On 26 July Michael Feldman (33) and Lydia Sims (15) decided to leave the north snow couloir on Symmetry Spire due to their limited experience on snow. Sims led the first pitch on the rock until it became too difficult. Feldman then took the lead, climbing about 15 feet above his belayer. He did not place protection and fell off landing about 15 feet below his belayer, for a total fall of 30 feet. He apparently hit his elbow while falling and also fractured his ankle as he hit. Sims then went for help, alerting the Jenny Lake Rangers at 1700. The Grand Teton National Park Rescue Team reached the scene at 2100 on 26 July and the evacuation was completed at 0600 on 27 July.

*Source:* Pete Hart, GTNP.

*Analysis:* The accident could have been prevented if the climbers had stayed on the snow which was considerably easier than the rock they were attempting. On the rock face the accident could have been prevented if Feldman had put in protection above his belayer.

*Wyoming, Grand Tetons, Mt. Moran.* On 13 August Doug Mains (18) and Jim Yeates (20) were down climbing the Chicago Mountaineering Club Route on Mount Moran following a hailstorm at 1430. They were unroped and Mains was leading. They were hurrying as a result of the inclement weather. At the 12,000-foot level Mains looked up and saw Yeates tumble by in the air and disappear out of sight over the convex face. Mains then climbed down quickly and at the notch between Drizzle-puss and the West Horn, he observed Yeates' body 150 yards out on the Falling Ice Glacier at the 10,700-foot level. Yeates had apparently slipped on the wet rock and lost his balance, falling about 1,300 feet to the glacier below. Mains then continued climbing down and reported the accident at the Jenny Lake Ranger Station at 1900.

*Source:* Pete Hart, GTNP.

*Analysis:* Haste induced by the deteriorating weather conditions caused the party not to rope up. If the party had been roped and the down climbing had been belayed, the accident could have been prevented.

*Wyoming, Grand Tetons, Symmetry Spire.* At 2100 on 13 August Joe Hogsed (19) and Betty Lu (21) were climbing the Durrance Ridge. They had completed the ridge and were scrambling the last 250 feet to the summit. The weather was bad; rain and thunderstorms were occurring. Mr. Hogsed felt that the best course was to rappel off to the west down a sheer face, rather than going to the summit and down the regular descent. He fixed a rappel, but forgot to knot the end of the rope. He tied a prussik knot to the rope, rappelled to the end, but did not find a ledge. The prussik caught on one end, and his weight pulled the rope through his anchor. Miss Lu saw this happen and tried to grab the rope, but it burned through her hands in a second. Then she heard a crash a few seconds later. She waited on a ledge, calling for help till midnight. A party heard her cries and notified a ranger.

*Source:* Ralph Tingey, GTNP.