

Fickeisen wobbled into the snow-covered camp at 1730 and told Kathleen Uterbach, chaperon of a visiting church youth group, that his injured climbing partner was still up at the falls. Fickeisen was taken by ambulance to Overlake Hospital in Bellevue.

Fifteen rescuers from Enumclaw's Rescue 1 and the Greenwater Fire Department, called in to find Fickeisen's climbing partner, headed into the accident area in the darkness of early evening. They were able to bring Gentry down to the road by 0015 in spite of worsening conditions. He died 15 minutes after he was placed in the ambulance. (Source: *The Seattle Times*, December 29, 1983, and *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, December 30, 1983)

Analysis

The falls, according to Max Eckenberg, a ranger stationed at the Boy Scout camp, "has layers which break off (and sound like) sonic booms when we get a rising temperature like we had today." (Source: *The Seattle Times*, December 29, 1983)

FALL ON ROCK, FAILURE TO FOLLOW ROUTE, FAILURE OF NUT West Virginia, Seneca Rocks

On June 5, 1983, Brian Garrity was leading out on the first pitch of Conn's East (5.4) when he got off route and found himself on much harder rock, somewhere in the vicinity of Soler. He lost his grip and fell. The topmost piece of protection held only long enough to turn Garrity upside down before it failed, resulting in a fall of about 12 meters. He hit a ledge headfirst on the way down. After dangling at the end of his rope for a few seconds, head down, Garrity got himself turned upright, but then found himself in serious trouble. He was bleeding considerably from cuts on his head and face, and needed to get off the wall as quickly as possible; however, his climbing rope had gotten jammed and his belayer, John Gorde, was unable to lower him down.

Lin Murphy and Parker Hill rushed to the fallen climber's aid and began the rescue operations. Hill rappelled down to the injured man while Murphy lowered another rope and set up an anchor for lowering the climber to Broadway Ledge. After tying a new rope to the accident victim, Murphy gently lowered him, while Parker assisted, preventing further injury.

On Broadway Ledge, Sallie Greenwood began administering first aid while others went to notify the authorities and obtain a Stokes litter from The Gendarme. Others set up the necessary anchors and pulleys for lowering the Stokes litter.

The victim was then transported down to Roy Gap Road where he was placed in a vehicle and taken to a hospital in Petersburg. Later it was learned that Garrity's skull had been fractured. (Source: Peter Grant in *Up Rope*, Volume 38, No. 6-7, June-July 1983)

FALL ON ROCK Wisconsin, Devil's Lake State Park

On May 15, 1983, about 1415, the South Shore Office was notified that there had been a fall on the East Bluff. About 1420 I went to the fall site. About 1425, Officers