

- Know first aid. "Most people who go into the backcountry know some first aid," Tetreault said. "It's a good thing so many people around us did."

"We were fortunate," Tetreault said. "There were three EMTs within ten, 15 minutes and a doctor was there half an hour later."

They stopped the bleeding and monitored Kellam's breathing and circulation. A backboard that would stabilize Kellam's spine and neck was made from the interior of a custom van, and the climber was carried to the parking lot.

Paramedics from Burley, Idaho, arrived on the scene and evacuated Kellam to the closest landing zone for the Life Flight helicopter that flew the injured climber to the Bannock Medical Center in Pocatello.

FALL ON ROCK, PITONS PULLED OUT

Illinois, Mississippi Palisades State Park

On August 29, 1993, Ted Rogers (25) fell 30 feet from a climb he was on. The pins he had placed "gave way." The extent of his injuries is not known. (Source: From an article in the *Quad City Times*, August 30, 1993)

FALL ON ROCK, CLIMBING UNROPED

Illinois, Mississippi Palisades State Park

On October 3, 1993, a man (mid-20s) fell 25 feet while freesoloing a route. The extent of his injuries is not known. (Source: From an article in the *Quad City Times*, August 30, 1993)

(Editor's Note: This area has become very popular, part of this having to do with proximity to two major cities. As AAC member Budge Gierke, who sent the reports in, points out, "It vies with Devil's Lake for the dubious geographical distinction of 'closest to Chicago.'" Any reporting help would be welcomed.)

FALLS ON ROCK, STRANDED, NO HARD HAT, ETC

New Hampshire, Cathedral Ledges and Cannon Cliffs

(The following excerpt from George Hurley's personal "Newsletter" he sends out at least twice a year captures the summer accident scene in New Hampshire. George's letters (a) are full of valuable, pithy, interesting, and useful information, and (b) certainly are way ahead of Christmas letters!)

Early this rock climbing season two climbers fell down the wet 45° slab at the north end of Cathedral. (This is the slab above the orange gate on Cathedral Ledge road; the slab becomes a popular ice climb in the winter.) They suffered abrasions and bruises. Three years ago a climber died in a similar accident at the same place. The two women this year and the man three years ago were trying to find a path to the top of the Practice Slab.

[The path starts at the lower right corner of the wet 45° slab and angles sharply left on a natural weakness, staying very low on the wet slab, to reach a faint climbers' trail which passes below a rock climb called Thresher and then leads out to the top of the Practice Slab above Kiddy Crack. Fallible people will appreciate a belay on the exposed parts of this approach trail.]