

MINI-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Rock Climbing

Last fall, Mini-School took two field trips to Taylors Falls. These were for rock climbing, and were led by Mini-School's John Eiden and Jerry Cox, a SWAS instructor.

There were knot tying seminar's before each trip. These were to get the students accustomed to using the ropes. They also showed us how to use "diapers" and "beaners". There were about 10 to 12 students on each trip. The instructors provided the transportation, ropes, and inspiration. The drive to the falls is a little over an hour. The falls are on the St. croix river, right on the border of minnesota and wisconsin. The first thing we did when we arrived was to set up the ropes for repelling. This is when you put a rope around your waist, in case you fall, and another that is fixed to the rocks. This goes over your back, and into your right hand. Your right hand is used for breaking, or slowing down your decent. There are many different styles for going over. There are also many ways of talking yourself down. There is the silent way, when you think so hard you almost fall, and there is the way you scream so loud people almost go deaf. Climbing is a very tiring thing because you aren't using a rope. You have to find your holds in the rocks and pull yourself up. When you finally get to the top you feel relieved that you made it. When you climb, your legs and arms get very tired, and they start to shake. I hope to go on more of these trips in the spring. They are fun, and have some challenges. Also, the cost is very minimal compared to other trips. I will inform you of upcoming trips.

Dave Force
Mini-School Newsletter

Upcoming Movies

- Feb. 13 Lord Jim Starring- Peter O'Toole
- Feb. 20 55 days atPeking Starring- Charlton Heston
- Feb. 27 Ten Who Dared Starring- Brian Keith

BOUNDARY WATER CANOE TRIP

Among the Mini-School activities in the past years there have been backpacking trips, ski trips, rock climbing trips, bicycle trips, ISD trips, and more or less charity trips, such as the Rosebud trip to South Dakota to lend the reds a hand. But the most exciting of all is when Doug Berg and a comrad lead an exersion into the wilderness in the Boundry Waters Canoe Area.

Berg, and comrads, (about 8 students and another experienced woodsman), set out from a point near Ely, Minnesota, taking just enough food to last their aproximate 10 day journey, and boldly go where other men have gone before.

Last spring I myself went wandering aimlessly in the north woods with Berg and eight others and had a great time, with the exception of Bergs (soul-searching) raps and his terrible singing. But if you should go you'd have to push hard, and you would all have to pitch in with the work, and you would have to cooperate on the trip just wouldn't go. It's a lot of fun and if you have a chance to go take it, it is a very good experience.

There will be 1 possibly 2 canoe trips leaving in May so I'll keep you posted on dates, etc.

Bill Jewell
Mini-School Newsletter

Rum River

The Rum River trip was the second largest to go out. 15 daring students volunteered to go. The staff members that went were Doug Berg, Randy Nelson, and Patti Fisher, a student teacher. The trip started on Nov. 12 and ended on Nov. 15.

The staff and students put through quite an experience. They had to chop through ice, go under trees, and of course dodge rocks. The nights were cold and so were most of the days. Around the campfire the staff and students had time to unthaw, and all had time to go into a town and dry their clothes. Tom Felfer and buddies kept the camp going. Arnie Koffoid showed us what a true outdoorsman was like. Of course we can't forget Dave Force and his great flashlight.

The trip ended 1 day early do to uncontrollable circumstances, but they are planning to finish the trip in the spring.

Kathy Seamans
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Student Teachers

We have two student teachers this quarter. Jayne McDougall a sophomore from Normandale Community College and Francine Sterle a senior from Bemidji State College.

Jayne lives in Minnetonka. She is a 1972 graduate from Minnetonka High. She is working for her Associate of Arts degree. Jayne has the pleasure of working with Dr. John Eiden and Mr. Randall Nelson. She will be us until March.

Students Opinions:

- ..I like her, but she doesn't say too much. (Debbie Gersich)
- ..She's O.K. (Jean Macklin)
- ..I don't really know her. (Andy Brisley)
- ..She's kind, she doesn't say much. (Dirk Dehnel)
- ..She wears to short of dresses it messes me up in class. (William Jewell)

Francine's home town is Eveleta. She is a 1970 graduate from Eveleta Senior High. She now lives with a family in Minnetonka. She will be graduating with a B.S. in English. She is presently teaching Mr. Doug Bergs class.

Students Opinions:

- ..She's a good teacher, but she puts up with alot. (Melissa Caster)
- ..I think she's a real swell fellow. (James Jensen)
- ..She isn't bad for a teacher. (Vince Quast)
- ..I think she's a real good teacher. She knows how to handle the students, most of the time. (Bev Weber)

Kathy Seamans and Karen Dickey

Buffalo

Mini-School students took a trip to Buffalo Jr. High and Sr. High on Monday, January 14.

All the Mini-School staff went and these students; Bev Weber, Kathy Seamans, Karen Dickey, Lori Stodola, Ed Hamor, Roger Day, Bruce Hedtke, and Mike Molzahn.

We had a question type answer discussions with Mini-School and there faculty. The teachers asked questions like; How long is 1 Mini-School day? Why are you calling your teachers by thier first names? How do you go about attendance procedares? What are the students backgrounds, and what type of trips do you have? Buffalo presently has only 1 program, the main stream. They feel they need more than 1 program.

Karen Dickey
Mini*School Newsletter

Sports Page

Buddy and Floyds Intramural Hockey squad remains undefeated after chewing up and spitting out Live Bait 10-1. Fierce Forechecking by Chris Dodson and Chris Thompson led their team to victory. The game was fairly dull until the last few seconds when Jewell of Live Bait checked Craig Anderberg into the boards. As Jewell was skating after the puck, Craig landed a fierce right hook to Jewell's present day sore throat. When Jewell looked up he saw Nelly (no eyes) Nelson staring right at him. Jewell pleaded with the ref with no eyes for a penalty, but he just smiled and said "I did'nt see it Bill".

Here are the standing as of 2/3/74

	W	L	T	
St. Bonnie Blues	6	0	1	13 pts.
Buddy and Floyds	6	0	0	12 pts.
Ophidean	3	2	1	7 pts.
Live Bait	3	3	0	6 pts.
Swahili Netbenders	2	3	2	6 pts.
Hacks	1	5	0	2 pts.
Leftovers	1	5	0	2 pts.
Slapshots	1	5	0	2 pts.

William Jewell
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Mini-School (Staff)

I've seen peoles looks of scorn,
The mock that shines in their eyes.
They laugh because we are real,
We wear no fake disquise.
Our minds they dont try to computerize,
With lessons we need not know.
Instead, we are molded into people,
Our minds they help to grow,
Our talents, or skills, we are coaxed to find,
To realize just what we want.
And they help us build our future and goals.
The jokes on you, if this program, you flaunt!

Lori Stodola

THE DELINQUENT

THE SONG OF AN ANGEL ECHOES IN HIS EYES
AND A SEAR OF COURAGE IS ETCHED ON HIS FOREHEAD
VISIBLE ONLY TO THOSE WHO TAKE THE TIME TO SEE
HIS EYES HOLD HIS TEARS OF CONFUSION
THE FRUSTRATIONS OF LIFE BUILT UP INTO A
BARRIER OF ICE, READY TO MELT AT THE LEAST SPARK OF HOPE
HE HAS A HEART OF GOLD, BUT IT'S HIDDEN
BEHIND THE CLOUD OF A BUDDING IN CRUEL FEAR.
A FEAR THAT HAS FORBIDDEN LOVE, FORCED INTO
A HEART THAT HAS NEVER KNOWN, OR HAD A CHANCE
TO FEEL IT.
THE WORDS HE MAY SWAY IN ANGER ARE ONLY
HIS WAY OF TRYING TO COVER UP HIS FEARS AND EMOTIONS.
WHAT THEY MEAN IN HIS HEART IS ONLY THE REFLECTIONS
OF HIS DESPAIR. HE IS CRYING OUT FOR TRUST AND A
CHANCE TO TRY AGAIN.
NO ONE SEEMS TO CARE ENOUGH, OR HAS TIME ENOUGH
TO HELP HIM. IF GIVEN THE LOVE AND TRUST HE NEEDS
MAYBE HE CAN BREAK THOSE WALLS OF HURT ENOUGH
TO REALLY LIVE AGAIN. IF ONLY YOU'D GIVE HIM A CHANCE

LORI STODOLA

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