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SKI TECHNIQUE

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For many years, ski teachers in America have felt the need for a unified approach to ski technique and ski teaching. The skiing public has for too many years suffered from too many different approaches to skiing.

As long as the pupil stayed with one single school, he had no trouble learning how to ski. Pity the poor skier, however, who took lessons in more than one ski area. Many times, he had to completely unlearn or discard what he was taught last week, in order to satisfy the demands of the instructor in another ski area.

Three years ago, PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America, Inc.) was formed. Starting with a handful of Certified Ski Teachers from the seven different Divisions of the U.S. Ski Association, PSIA has grown to a membership of around 400. Certification by one of the Divisions of the USSA is required for membership. Some of the finest teachers and ski technicians in the world are directors and members of PSIA.

The main purpose of PSIA is unification of procedure in Certification of ski teachers and unification of ski technique taught by American Ski Schools. As a result of this effort, the American Ski Technique (AST) has finally come into its own and is presently being taught by practically all ski schools, operated by Certified ski school directors.

The American Ski Technique is the result of much study by teachers from every part of the U. S. — Naturally, it was not easy to unify thinking in a country as large as ours. It has required much research and much effort. To be sure, we still have some loners, who think they can go it alone. I do not think this is possible.

The direction taken by PSIA was to split teaching into Technique, Method and Theory. This division was made to get a systematic approach to the problems. Without this separation theory behind ski teaching can not even be intelligently discussed. And if you mix Technique, Method,



and Theory together, you will get to no conclusions.

There is no such thing as starting ANY SPORT at the top bracket! Exceptions can of course be made. Each case must, however, be judged by the instructor. Our main concern is the mass, and in our methodology or technique we can not consider particular groups of people. We have to consider the ski school pupils as they come to us.

I think that within a few years all U.S. ski schools will be teaching the American Technique. There are many more instructors now than there used to be. The younger generation feels that it is in the interest of our profession that we grow together, we interchange ideas, and we give our ski school pupils the best possible lesson there is.

So this winter — ski American! Make sure your ski school is a PSIA American Ski School. Some extroverts may guarantee you to learn if you stick to their teaching for so many lessons. The PSIA School does not guarantee anything — except to give you the best lesson available. . . . anywhere! !

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The Hazleton Campus recently competed in an inter-collegiate intramural program between all Penn State Campuses. It was held at the Ogontz Campus in Philadelphia. The Hazleton representatives placed second in all of the activities which consisted of chess, ping-pong and bowling.

"It is only when the human spirit complicates itself by growing self-conscious and seeking to be original by contriving novelties of expression, instead of having faith in the authentic spontaneity of its inherent individuality, that we begin to get devitalized, ostentatious displays instead of direct artistic expression."

—Richard Guggenheimer—
"Sight and Insight"
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"A good deal of the unease in modern life is due to the sense of frustration among thousands of people who feel themselves doomed to narrowly operative tasks with no outlet even for a small creative impulse."

—J. E. Barton—
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tions, including a reasonable proficiency in basic sciences, mathematics, communication skills, and the basic principles of chemical technology.



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INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL GAME

The Intramural football championship was held three weeks ago under the supervision of Alfred Leister, Physical Education instructor. The Intramural football squad is composed of six teams. After a hard fought season, the Giants and the Best teams were tied for first place; then, the playoff game was held.

The performance of the Giants was nothing short of spectacular, and the Bests just couldn't seem to stop them. The Giants completed fourteen passes, and, out of that number, five were received on paydirt.

The Bests completed two passes and lost two by interception. Ken Launikonis sparked the plays as offensive quarterback.

At the final score, the Bests weren't. The Giants carried the Championship honors away with a sweeping 64-0 victory.

"Art, that for ages has hewn its own history in marble, and written its own comments on canvas, shall it suddenly stand still, and stammer and wait for wisdom from the passer-by? For guidance from the hand that holds neither brush nor chisel? . . ."

—Whistler (in a pamphlet attacking Ruskin)

PARKING (continued)
have two or more cars in the family which they bring to school, special arrangements will be made.

Due to late approval of the project, the completion of the area, including a black top, lighting, and the student walk, will be postponed until next spring. However, it is certain all the students will enjoy using the new site and help maintain its appearance.