



# Post 58!

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## CHAPTER ONE, DECEMBER 2018

**Next Meeting:** December 3rd, 7 PM, Lincoln Highschool, Rm. 169!

**What's Inside:** Things in the past, things in the future, and the grand general abstract conceptuality of spacetime consciousness!

## An Informational Letter From the Editor

Dear Chapter One Postees,

To quote Peter Green, “The birthing of the twins is complete. One is slightly larger than the other, and one is slightly more female.” What does this mean, you ask? It means that the creation of two separate Post 58 chapters is complete! While I might argue that binary fission is a more accurate analogy than the birth of twins, both comparisons are adequate. This event marks a very exciting time of growth, opportunities, and germinating friendships! Part of the change means that there will now be two different newsletters for each chapter, and all the events and opportunities in the following pages apply to YOU as a member of Chapter One!

Yours Truly,  
Lila

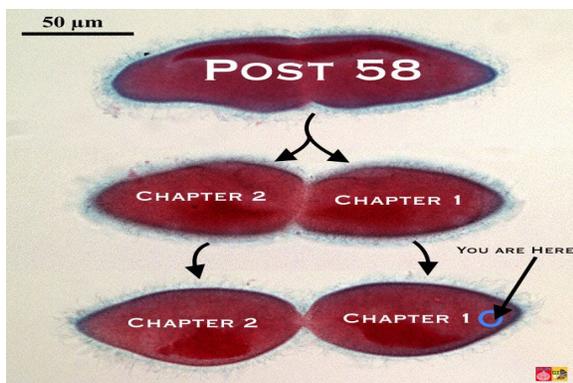


Figure 1: A visualization of the analogy comparing the growth of the Post 58 to the binary fission of a paramecium cell. Binary fission is the process of asexual reproduction in which a cell splits into two genetically

identical, but completely independent, daughter cells.

## And a Big Bake Sale!

Just for some perspective, a cheap car is one dollar. An expensive car is a zillion dollars. Thank you.

Now, the news is that a bake sale on Saturday, November 25 earned an enormously, unbelievably, gigantically, large revenue of \$631.41! Now, can you see the power of fundraisers? That one bake sale took place over a few hours, but it could pay for snacks for over a year’s worth of meetings. It could also buy a \$600 dollar car with a 5.31% sales tax! Anyway, fundraisers are crucial to the Post! The reason the Post is able to function without Postees sacrificing an arm, a leg, and a earlobe is because of everybody putting in the work and raising money! Thank you!



Figure 2: Snacks, specifically chips.

## Upcoming Events!

### Summer International Trips! When and How to Sign Up!

If you are looking to go on an awesome trip such as trekking in Peru (*The Peru Trip*) or climbing in the Alps, you must send an email to Peter Green by Monday, December 3rd, and more information will come! Thank you!

### 25th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion:

Sunday, December 23rd: Don't forget to sign up for for this awesome event, where you can represent current postees and meet graduated ones! With a silent auction of outdoor gear, amusing speakers, slideshows, door prizes, and dinner, this is *not* something you would want to miss. You have all received invitations in the mail and emails where you can sign up.

### Fundraiser:

Saturday, Dec 22, 11am-6pm: On a Saturday very soon to come, Postees will gather at Prana on NW 23rd and sell cookies, brownies, and art to passersby! Work will be divided in 2-hour shifts, so don't fear a 7-hour event! Everyone signed up is to bring \$40 worth of baked goods. You shall possibly be there, and you need to sign up at the meeting! This event is *also* open to Chapter Two members. Fundraiser? More like...fun-raiser.



### Service:

Sunday, December 9th, 2-4:30: Potluck in the Park at the Portland Park blocks. Bring food to help feed Portland's homeless population! This event is already completely full, so be sure to attend if you received confirmation that you are signed up. Keep your ears peeled for future service projects, 'cause these zesty events are clearly the next big thing!

## **Hike:**

Sunday, December 9th: Trail of Ten Falls Loop. You would only not go on this hike if you hated fun or waterfalls. More information and sign ups at the meeting on December 3rd!

## **Climb Night:**

Sunday, December 30th 5-7 pm: Go to the NE Circuit on 18th and Sandy to make new friends, hang out with pre-existing ones, and have some good ol' bouldering fun. If you've never climbed before, this is the perfect place to try it! Day passes will be 20% off for post members.

## **Snowshoe Trip (MANDATORY JOY):**

January 5-6: Buckle up for the best event of 2019, the Chapter One snowshoe trip! Make sure the date is on your calendar, since this is the *only* trip each year that *everyone* goes on. Anticipate snow cave-building competitions (see below), a cozy lodge, snowy escapades, and summiting a small, beautiful mountain. This trip is a truly special opportunity to bond with all the beautiful people that you call your fellow Postees!



## Past Events!

**A True Adventure** took place this November 17th and 18th, when the Post went caving near Trout Lake, Washington. It's hard to know what really happened, because all the pictures and videos taken were "very dark." Rumor has it, Kayla Donnelly's adventurous spirit is still roaming the tunnels, trying to find her way out and back to the car. To find out what really happened, strike up a conversation with someone at the meeting who was on the trip!



### What's at the Upcoming Meeting?



"Pinnacles" of fashion: Bring \$15 to buy your very own Post t-shirt! A new shipment has just arrived and they are available in all sizes and colors!

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**Y E L L O W !**  
**B L U E !**  
**G R A Y !**

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The speaker of the month this meeting will be all about Leave No Trace! We will learn to enjoy the wilderness while minimizing our impact.

## **In the News: 15-Year-Old Connor Herson Frees the Nose!**

This kid is off the charts! By far the youngest to free the route (out of only six total), and he also climbs 5.14c sport.

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Connor on an earlier mission on the Nose, El Capitan, Yosemite Valley. Photo: Jim Herson.

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While most kids his age were studying for a chemistry test, Spark-noting *The Great Gatsby*, or sneaking out to a kegger in the woods, 15-year-old Connor Herson, from Emerald Hills, California, was casually completing the sixth-ever free ascent of the most famous rock climb in the world. This past weekend, Connor, supported by his father, Jim Herson, topped out the *Nose* (VI 5.14a), on El Capitan, Yosemite, California. He is the youngest person to free the route by a landslide: the next-youngest was Beth Rodden, who was 25 when she freed the route with Tommy Caldwell in 2005.

“It was a Saturday, Sunday, Monday ascent,” reports Jim while “bobbling down the East Ledges” Monday evening with one working headlamp between the two. “It might have been a two-day-ascent but there were fixed ropes blocking the Changing Corners.

“He was no-falls to the Changing Corners,” Jim Herson continues from the trail. “Then he had to wait for me to move the fixed lines. By the time I was done, he only had time for one burn, and he slipped off the crux exit move. It was heartbreaking but an awesome effort.” Connor sent the next morning.

His father, in a post enroute, had written on Facebook: “Dear Connor, Your climbing is only surpassed by the joy and tenacity with which you attack the audacious. Congratulations on redpointing the Nose of El Capitan in perfect weekender style!”

When Lynn Hill became the first person to free the *Nose* in September 1993, she was 32 years old and one of the best-known climbers of her generation. Tommy Caldwell and Rodden were also big-name climbers when they freed the route, in 2005. Connor, on the other hand, has only just landed on the scene, turning heads with hard climbs inside and out after a youth spent learning the ropes.

Connor was weaned on Valley granite from an early age, scurrying up routes on Half Dome, and climbing the *Nose* in a day for the first time at just 13 years old. Most of his Valley apprenticeship has been with his parents, Jim Herson and Anne Smith, accomplished climbers themselves. In 2003, with Hans Florine, Jim made the eighth free ascent (after years of work) of the *Salathé Wall* (VI 5.13b)—90 hours after which Connor was born!

Working toward a free ascent of the *Nose* has been one of Connor’s main projects over the past year. Supported by his father, Connor made his first proper redpoint attempt on the route for the first time last week. He very nearly finished it off on that first try, redpointing the Great Roof (5.13d) on just his second burn and falling with just a foot left of hard climbing on the Changing Corners (5.14a) pitch. It was his first time ever leading either of those crux pitches. See below for two videos of Connor on those pitches during that first attempt.

While you might assume all Connor’s time spent on techy granite comes at the expense of hard sport climbing, you would be ever so wrong. He sent 14 5.14s when he was 14 years old, including a wildly impressive second-go ascent of *Southern Smoke* (5.14c), the Red River Gorge, Kentucky. Some of his other 5.14 ticks include *Lucifer* (5.14c), also in the Red; *Galactic Emperor* (5.14a), Ten Sleep, Wyoming; and a 5.14b (*T-Rex*, Maple Canyon, Utah).

Competition climbing is very much in the kid’s wheelhouse, too. In 2018, Connor was the male Youth B gold medalist at USA Climbing’s Youth National Championships, improving on his none-too-shabby silver from 2017. He has competed on the international stage as well, finishing 11th in sport climbing and 33rd in bouldering at the 2018 IFSC Youth World Championships in Moscow.

The past few days enter *Nose* lore as some of the most exciting in the route’s history. Just yesterday, November 18, the Japanese climber Keita Kurakami completed the first ever all-free rope-solo ascent of the *Nose* (his was the fifth free ascent of the route). And, as far as we know, Nina Caprez is still toiling away trying to sneak in a free ascent of her own. Could this be the first season ever to see free ascents by three different individuals? Source: Rock and Ice. “15-Year-Old Connor Herson Frees the Nose!” *Rockandice.com*, Rock and Ice, 19 Nov. 2018.

