

for other safety programs as needed. The club offers monthly mountaineering programs in downtown Chicago and issues a newsletter six times a year to its members.

The club held a two-week outing in the Needle Mountains near Durango, Colorado. A group of 61 people camped from July 27 to August 7 at the head of Noname Creek in the San Juan Wilderness Area. Despite poor weather there was an abundance of fine climbs which included Heisspitz, 4, 5, 10, Jagged, Knifepoint, Sunlight, Windom, Needle Ridge traverse, Thumbs, Glacier Point, Eolus, Monitor, and Scepter. The next Western outing will be held in the summer of 1961.

GROVER HARTSUCH, *Outing Chairman*

*Colorado Mountain Club.* A one-week outing in the Lake City area of Colorado and a two-week outing in the Tetons each attracted a large attendance of 70 persons. The October 1959 issue of *Trail and Timberline* reports trips to Wildhorse Peak and American Flat; the Lake City "Fourteens"—Uncompahgre, Wetterhorn, Handies, Redcloud, and Sunshine; and the circle trip by jeep which followed the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River to its source.

After six weeks of drought the Teton National Park greeted the C.M.C. with a week of rain and a second week of broken weather during the period of August 15-August 30. Nevertheless, with high camps at Garnet Canyon and Amphitheatre Lake, ascents were made of the major peaks, and hikers covered most of the principal trails on the east side of the range from Indian Paintbrush Canyon to Death Canyon.

In late April the climbing school of the Denver Group under Allen W. Greene's leadership enrolled 124 people. Adding this to those people in the newly formed schools of the Boulder and Pikes Peak Groups, one finds that the club offered instruction to nearly 200 climbers during the spring. In the Denver Group there were 70 people enrolled in the beginners' section and 25 in a second-year, advanced technical climbing school for those interested in specialized climbing techniques.

The club's *Guide to the Colorado Mountains* edited by Robert Ormes issued its third edition in September. A chapter by John A. Streich has been added on speleology, "The Mountains from the Inside."

ANNE B. KENNON, *Executive Secretary*

*Dartmouth Mountaineering Club.* The Dartmouth Mountaineering Club, we feel, is one of the most active and effective undergraduate climbing groups in the country despite the fact that we remain more a closely knit

fellowship of active climbers with common interests and desires than an ordered, regulated organization. Our activities are of two general types: first, the climbing done individually and together outside the school year in the great mountains and climbing areas of the world, and, secondly, the more restrained and restricted activities to which we are limited during the school year.

The past year saw considerable activity in both kinds of climbing. In June DMC Alumni Barry Corbet, Pete Sinclair, and Jake Breitenbach, with Bill Buckingham, made the first ascent of the South Face of Mount McKinley. Also during the summer Sam Silverstein led two expeditions into the Battle Range, completing several first ascents around the Nemo group; Bill Briggs led a ski traverse into the Purcells; Dave Dingman accompanied Leigh Ortenburger to the Peruvian Andes; Pete Farquhar joined a research group on the top of Mount Rainier. In the Tetons in August Bill Buckingham, Sterling Neale, Frank Magary, and Rick Medrich climbed a route out of Valhalla Canyon roughly approximating the west ridge which they named Serendipity Arête. Barry Corbet, Sterling Neale, and Rick Medrick made the first ascent of Buck Mountain's north-central ridge. In the fall a group that included Pete Sinclair, Sterling Neale, and Carlos Plummer climbed Orizaba and Ixtaccihuatl in Mexico.

During the school year in the fall and in the spring there are rock climbing trips nearly every week-end to one of the many cliffs scattered throughout northern New England. Training areas such as the Shawangunks, the Laurentians, Whitehorse and Cathedral Ledges, Owls Head, Rattlesnake Mountain, and Smuggler's Notch provide excellent opportunity for instruction and conditioning. Certain climbs in the 'Gunks, Mount King in the Laurentians, and Po-ko-moonshine near Lake George provide climbing to test the best ability. In the winter Mount Washington provides true high mountain conditions with low temperatures, high winds, and blizzard conditions.

A 10-week rock climbing course is offered twice yearly by the club as a part of the college physical education program. With about 20 students per course, the program gives supervised, efficient training in all phases of rock climbing. A number of those who complete this course go on to qualify for DMC membership. From time to time the program has been extended to include local residents, with the result that several women have qualified as rock climbing leaders and DMC members.

Other club activities include meeting with noted mountaineering figures, sponsoring public lectures on mountaineering, and participating in emergency rescue programs with regular training and practice under instructors.

of the Army's Mountain and Winter Warfare Unit. Finally, one of the principal club concerns during the school year is the publication of the annual journal, which is well known to climbers throughout the country. The 1960 issue will run well over 100 pages with more than a dozen principal articles.

FREDERICK MEDRICK, *President*

*Harvard Mountaineering Club.* The club was very active during 1959, both locally and on the "big mountains." There were several club expeditions, the principal one of which was the Nepalese expedition with John Humphreys, John Noxon, Frederick Dunn, and Caspar Cronk.

In August the H.M.C. sponsored its biennial climbing camp in the form of a three-week, 50-mile traverse in the Purcell Range of British Columbia. Before the camp Craig Merrihue, Michael Wortis, Leo Slaggie, Boyd Everett, and Keith Kerney attempted to climb the northwest arête of Mount Robson. The attempt failed several hundred vertical feet below the summit owing to poor snow conditions. Robert Page, Richard Wylie, and Albert Nickerson climbed Mount Victoria on another precamp trip, as did Craig Merrihue after the Mount Robson attempt. After the camp there was additional climbing in the Tetons and also in the Boulder, Colorado, area.

Other summer trips were made by Doug Anger to the Battle Range of British Columbia; Henry Hall to Europe; Adams Carter to Peru; Leif-Norman Patterson to Scandinavia and with William Gardiner to Switzerland; Boyd Everett to Alaska with Larry Nielson; Nile Albright to Alaska and Mount Rainier; and Gordon Benner as assistant leader on the Sierra Club Wind River trip.

The local climbing schedule was crowded with the usual enthusiasm for rock and ice climbing. During the course of an unusually cold winter all five ice gullies on Mount Washington were climbed.

The largest issue to date of *Harvard Mountaineering*, Number 14, was published in May. In cooperation with the Appalachian Mountain Club and the U. S. Forest Service the club has been organizing a technical rescue team to cover New England climbing areas. In addition the club continues to sponsor its usual leadership program and first-aid instruction.

ROBERT A. PAGE, JR., *President*

*Iowa Mountaineers.* The Club enjoyed an unusually active and successful year in 1959. Twenty-one week-end outings were sponsored including 10 instructional climbing outings to the Mississippi Palisades State Park in Illinois and to Devils Lake State Park in Wisconsin. The Sunday Amana,