

there over the weekend. Also in the fall some 60 members met at Brock and Mary Wagstaff's home. Many brought three or four slides of their summer climbing activities which included Alaska, Canada, Peru, China, and many parts of the U.S.

The Section has been concerned with policy changes in the National Parks, especially those regarding the use of snowmobiles. Vern Muhr and others attended hearings on this problem. Betsy White and R. D. Caughron attended board meetings of the Club in Seattle and New York, keeping the Section in touch with national concerns.

The Section newsletter appeared twice. Interest and enthusiasm in the Section remain strong. Many members are active climbers, and those who have "retired" follow the exploits of others closely. The Section was proud to have one of its members, Leigh Ortenburger, selected to receive the first Sowles Award and another, Dick Leonard, elected to honorary membership.

GENE WHITE, *Chairman*

*Harvard Mountaineering Club.* Membership during 1981 continued to grow with many new novice as well as experienced climbers participating in club activities. In addition to the customary crags of New Hampshire, Connecticut, and New York, weekly beginners' trips to local practice areas, such as the "quarries," have been amazingly popular.

In the summer the club had a highly successful trip to the Bugaboos in British Columbia. Crescent Spire, Snowpatch, Bugaboo Spire, and South Howser Tower were all climbed, often by several routes. Other members were to be seen in Yosemite, Boulder and Estes Park in Colorado, and the Canadian Rockies. Several alumni active in Europe reported ascents in the Watzmann Range in Germany and the Eiger in Switzerland.

Although ice climbing is not currently as popular as in the Willoughby heyday, the club plans to visit Mount Katahdin and other ice-climbing areas in New England during the coming winter, and will, of course, continue to run the cabin at Huntington's Ravine in the White Mountains.

The club will issue the 22nd volume of the *H.M.C. Journal* in 1982.

PETER SORGER

*Iowa Mountaineers.* In 1982 our membership exceeded 1000, scattered over some 35 states. Many of the courses and mountain camps again were offered for two hours of credit by the University of Iowa. Under Jim and John Ebert's instruction, 85 members completed the six concentrated one-week basic rock-climbing courses held at Devils Lake State Park, Wisconsin. Sixty members completed the three-day weekend rock-climbing classes. Two general weekend outings were held at popular Devils Lake, with an average attendance of 50 members.

In late December and early January, 18 members enjoyed a week of excellent cross-country skiing in Yellowstone National Park with Jim Ebert and Florian Studer as leaders. In January and March more than 60 members backpacked in Grand Canyon National Park. The travelogue series had an average attendance of 450 people for six programs, while the annual banquet in April attracted 140 members.

The club sponsored one major foreign expedition to Peru and an intensive snow-and-ice course in the Purcells of British Columbia.

In July 61 members headed into the Quebrada Rurec in Peru's Cordillera Blanca. This was the club's eighth Peruvian trip led by John Ebert as well as the largest mountaineering group to climb in Peru. Thanks in great part to the presence of an excellent staff of climbing leaders, many of the major peaks in the Rurec region were climbed. Following the Rurec Base Camp, 24 members stayed on to ascend Huascarán, Peru's highest mountain.

In August a group of over 70 participated in a concentrated snow-and-ice course in the Purcells. With 11 days of perfect weather, over 214 summit registrations were logged on such peaks as Mount Peter, Mount Cleaver, Commander, Mount Jumbo, Glacier Dome, McCoubrey Peak, Granite Peak, and Mount May.

In 1982 foreign trips are planned for New Zealand in January and Tanzania in July. The summer mountain camp will be in the Canadian Rockies in August along the Banff-Jasper Highway.

JIM EBERT, *Vice President*

*Mountaineering Club of Alaska.* Our membership was approximately 260 in 1981. Activities included a monthly slide show of climbs and mountain travels in Alaska and around the world. The club also conducted classes in mountaineering and ice climbing. A two-day glacier and ice-climbing class was given at the Matanuska Glacier in September for 34 students. Numerous hikes and climbs were sponsored, primarily in the nearby Chugach Mountains.

Members participated in a number of notable trips and climbs. On April 25 Peter Sennhauser and Janet Smalley climbed Peak 9650 in the Lime Hills, D-3 Quad in the Southwestern Alaska Range for a probable first ascent.

Rick O'Kelly, Frank Hollingshead, and Greg Higgins made the second recorded ascent of Mount Rumble (7530 feet) in the Chugach Range in October.

Six of our members made a north-south traverse of Mount McKinley, reaching, however, only Denali Pass (18,200 feet) because of weather and time constraints. Three members climbed Mount Sanford (16,237 feet). In March a group of six traversed the Bagley Ice Field, over 200 miles, through the eastern Chugach and Mount St. Elias Ranges.

JOHN DILLMAN, *President*