

The D.M.C. is currently involved in efforts to obtain an indoor climbing wall on college grounds. This facility will be available to recreational climbers and may be used for climbing competitions as well.

KAREN L. CRAMER, *President*

Iowa Mountaineers. Club membership has grown to 1,400 after another very active year. Over 2,500 people participated in one of the many instructional courses, mountaineering camps, or foreign expeditions.

Under Jim Ebert's instruction over 492 members learned cross-country skiing at Devils Lake State Park, Wisconsin, during January and February. Winter survival skills, proper dress, hypothermia, frostbite and avalanche precautions were discussed. Devils Lake was also the site of eight weeklong basic rock-climbing courses in May, June and August. Over 100 members from nine states participated. Throughout the year the club taught over 1,720 University of Iowa students the basic skills of rock climbing for credit in weekend courses at Devils Lake. Over the Memorial Day weekend 30 members took an intermediate rock-climbing course, with over 60 manned ascents made on six different routes.

In March 75 members spent five days hiking in the Grand Canyon in Arizona. In August Jeff Statler led an outing to the Tetons. Eight members climbed the Exum Ridge of the Grand Teton, while four ascended the Middle Teton.

The club sponsored a mountaineering camp in Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains August 1-11. With over 59 members participating, climbs were made of Warbonnet Peak, Finger of Fate and Mount Heyburn.

The Iowa Mountaineers celebrate their 50th anniversary in 1990.

The 50th Annual Banquet will be held May 19-20 in Iowa City at the University of Iowa Memorial Union Ballroom. Members are registering to attend from 14 states. Trips for 1990 include: a four-week hiking and climbing trip to New Zealand in January-February; a Devils Tower, Wyoming, trip in June; a trip to five European countries in June-July to climb eight major peaks in the Alps; and finally, a 10-day Canadian Mountaineering Camp in August in Banff National Park.

JOHN EBERT, *President*

The Mazamas. Climbing activities, the prime activity of The Mazamas, are planned and supervised under the Climbing Committee, this year chaired by Bruce Coopender. The summer schedule, May through September, included 191 weekend activities and 25 on week days. Training programs continued as a major function of the Climbing Committee. Basic School began at the end of March, with 14 groups of 15 students each attending five Monday evening lectures, a session on knots and belay, a rock trip, a snow trip, and several difficult conditioning hikes on minor peaks of the Columbia River Gorge.

The Intermediate Climbing School admitted 40 students. It featured a day of high-angle snow, a snow bivouac, and trips to Horsethief Butte and Smith Rocks. Routes rated from 5.6 to 5.9 were used for training. The Advanced Rock Program took 22 of the 34 applicants, with 27 volunteer instructors supporting the course. The club embarked on a new Ice Climbing Program focusing on leads on high-angle ice and snow. Of 15 students, eight dropped out after the first session.

The Climbing Committee selected 16 candidates for new leaders, and seven became fully qualified. The Mazamas now have 108 active, qualified leaders. The early spring Leadership Update Weekend continued its effective maintenance program for all climb leaders. Stacy Allison, the first American woman to climb Mount Everest, was our guest speaker.

The Expeditions Committee, under chairman David Schermer, involves only a few active Mazama participants, but the results are impressive. Jim Lathrop led a party to Peru, placing four members on the summit of Huascarán. The club will sponsor a 1990 Manaslu Expedition, which has enlisted a strong climbing team from the Pacific Northwest, including Stacy Allison. The Mazamas will also sponsor a 1990 Arrigetch Expedition with attempts on several unclimbed faces of Alaska's Brooks Range. The Committee has generated funds with an annual biathlon each April, and in January 1989 they featured Dick Bass as speaker for an evening program.

The Trail Trips Committee, chaired by Phyllis Towne, planned and appointed leaders for 325 hikes ranging in difficulty from "A" to "C," and totalling 3,760 hiker-trips. Trail Trips create a friendly "melting pot" that helps to bond the club's 2,700 members and their many friends of all skill and age levels into a more cohesive group. Activities range from evening hikes in the city, walks on nearby trails, snowshoe bivouacs, backpacks, and severe "man-killers" in the Northwest mountain areas.

The Outing Committee was created in the 1980s to manage The Annual Outing, a huge event involving most of the membership. It has evolved into managing many small outings, many traveling to other continents. Chairman Homer Brock's committee planned and supervised 11 outings in 1989 with 193 participants, who ranged from Yellowstone, Mount Rainier, the Sierra Nevada, and Hawaii in the United States, the Yucatán in Mexico, and the mountains of France, Austria, and Italy.

No hiking and climbing club spends all of its time in the outdoors. The club's Conservation Committee, chaired by Clarence Mershon, has shared the battle-front with the other outdoor clubs for generations, keeping firm pressure on government decision makers to preserve our environment. Recent focus has been on preservation of old-growth timber, but a real threat has emerged at Mount Hood, deserving the attention of all Americans who prize their wilderness. Mount Hood Meadows, having gained a toe-hold on the east slopes of Mount Hood two decades ago, now is planning disastrous expansion. The impetus now is for a "destination ski resort," a euphemism for a new city sprawling across mountain meadows. This sort of development brings in

megabucks for the resort operator, but it squeezes out ordinary, moderate-budget skiers.

The Research Committee, under Paul Staub, pursued its purpose of making grants to students of mountain-related studies. The process includes mailings to universities, organizations, and individuals, then evaluating the applicants for the final awards. In 1990 seven awardees shared \$5,850 in assistance.

The Library Committee, chaired by Linda McNeil, entered its second year of active restructuring of the Mazama Library, one of the outstanding mountaineering collections of America. Some nature guide, geology, and weather books have been retired from the library because of advancing knowledge in these fields. Duplicate books have been sold or traded for volumes needed for a more complete mountaineering collection. Video tapes are to be added. The Mazama museum, under the direction of Vera Dafoe, is a library activity which has added greatly to the preservation of historically significant mountain equipment.

The Publications Committee, chaired by Vera Dafoe, publishes the monthly Bulletin to notify members of club events and activities, as well as an annual membership list. However, the noteworthy effort of this committee is the annual journal, *Mazama*, published sporadically since 1894 and continuously since 1913. Sentiment is strong to preserve this valued record of the club's accomplishments, although some other large clubs have discontinued their annual publication. From an extended viewpoint, The Mazamas have found, just as has the American Alpine Club, that an annual journal is sometimes the only thread of continuity for the organization over long periods of time.

JACK GRAUER

Memphis Mountaineers, Inc. 1989 proved to be a very productive year for the Memphis Mountaineers. The total membership of 66 included 42 regular members in the Memphis, Tennessee, area, eight honorary members, and 16 associate members scattered throughout the United States.

The club's 11th year began with an expedition to Ecuador, where successful ascents of Chimborazo and Cotopaxi, both 5000-meter peaks, were made. In addition, the club sponsored numerous shorter outings to Mid-South bluffs, as well as longer trips to Devils Tower, Yosemite, and the Shawangunks, among others.

Two members participated in sport-climbing competitions in Washington, D.C., and Carbondale, Illinois, where they placed first and second, respectively, in their divisions.

Individual members were active afield, and successes included a variety of activities ranging from mountaineering in England to ice climbing in Canada. Recreational Equipment, Inc. recognized the Memphis Mountaineers by awarding the club a grant which made it possible to continue to teach climbing courses. Finally, the year ended with yet another expedition to South America, this time to attempt Aconcagua (6960 meters) in northern Argentina.