

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.

The Memphis Mountaineers met monthly on second Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Highland Branch of the Memphis Public Library. Programs presented at 1989 meetings covered various topics such as ice climbing in the Cascades, Wyoming's 1988 Everest Expedition, and outdoor photography. Other club functions involved four basic rock climbing courses, informative mountaineering tips, and occasional social events. Members were notified of club activities through the monthly newsletter, the *Memphis Mountain News*.

Club officers included Scott Hall, president; Suzy Ferrenbach, vice president; Robin Daniels, treasurer; Bill Henson, secretary; and Jim Detterline, Argentina Expedition Leader. Anyone with an interest in promoting climbing in the Mid-South is encouraged to join Memphis Mountaineers. For more information, write Memphis Mountaineers, Inc., P.O. Box 11124, Memphis, TN 38111.

SCOTT HALL, President

Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc. The Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc. was formed in 1958 and currently has approximately 250 members. Membership is open to the general public. There are no prerequisites for membership.

The M.C.A. holds annual classes in rock climbing, mountaineering, ice climbing and glacier travel. The M.C.A. also conducts classes from time to time on subjects such as backcountry skiing, telemarking, winter camping, avalanche beacon searches, snow-shelter construction, stream crossings and orienteering. The club has also organized an avalanche safety course for club members in conjunction with the Alaska Mountain Safety Center and has organized public service projects such as trail clearings.

The club publishes a monthly newsletter, the *Scree*, which serves as an information source for climbers and hikers in Alaska. The *Scree* lists upcoming club trips, reports on completed trips, describes new routes and climbs, and reports on environmental and conservation issues of interest to club members. The club also maintains an extensive library of climbing related publications which is open to the public.

The club conducts monthly meetings, which are open to the public, at the Pioneer School House in Anchorage. In addition to the business portion of the meeting, the club hosts a slide presentation each month on a notable climb, trip or other topic of interest to the club. M.C.A. climbs and trips are often the subject of the monthly presentation. The topics can cover a broad range of subjects, however, and have included members' climbs in South America and the Himalayas, a recent geographic survey expedition in the Alaska Range and the prevention and treatment of frostbite. The club has also sponsored public talks, an example of which is the November 30, 1989, presentation by club member David Staeheli on his first solo winter ascent of Denali's West Rib.

The club organizes a broad range of club trips for all different skill levels. The trips are open to the general public. One need not be a M.C.A. member to