

projects to secure areas for climbing and other outdoor uses. The areas in question are in the Superstition Mountains (bolting) and the McDowell Mountains in Scottsdale. We have a committee that deals with these access problems.

KIM A. HUENECKE, *Secretary*

*Dartmouth Mountaineering Club.* In September the club ran an eight-day rock-climbing orientation class for 36 freshmen as part of the Freshman Trips Program at the College. This was our second year running, with two days added to the program as a result of its popularity last year. This continuing success hopefully will establish rock climbing and the Mountaineering Club as permanent parts of the Freshman Trips Program.

A rock-climbing class was offered in the fall trimester to continue instruction to students and community members. Offered with the Office of Outdoor Programs, this class ran for five weeks and included two trips to nearby Rose Ledges in northern Massachusetts. The class is held in fall and spring each year. Its organization changes from the Mountaineering Club to the Office of Outdoor Programs, depending on the availability of qualified student instructors.

One-day beginner and advanced rock-climbing seminars rounded out the fall training programs. Both were organized with the help and instruction of EMS Guides in North Conway, NH. The advanced class serves to train and qualify students with leading experience as instructors in the rock-climbing programs.

The club sponsored fall weekend trips to Cannon Mountain, Cathedral and Whitehorse Ledges, and Rumney and Owl's Head Cliffs, all in New Hampshire. In December, 10 members spent 11 days climbing in Baxter State Park, Maine. The second in three years, this trip serves as an introduction to winter mountaineering, skiing and ice climbing for the less experienced members.

In June 1991, a group of 12 students will travel to the Garhwal District of India for a 22-day trek. Organized by a freshman from India, the trip will focus on a climb of 20,000-foot Black Peak as well as on international student fellowship. The Dartmouth students will team up with a group of Indian students. Through activities, meetings and lectures sponsored by the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering and the Indian Mountaineering Federation, the trek will reinforce an understanding and sharing of Indian and American cultures. Funding for the trip will be through private organizations, outdoor-gear manufacturers and individual grants.

Throughout the year members have worked with the Dartmouth administration to plan, approve and construct an indoor climbing wall. It is hoped that the wall will be completed by the spring of 1991.

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*Iowa Mountaineers.* The Iowa Mountaineers celebrated their 50th anniversary with a very active schedule in 1990. Membership remained steady at about 1,200 members. Over 2,660 people participated in the club's various courses, summer mountaineering camps and foreign mountaineering trips.

At Devils Lake State Park, Wisconsin, the club taught 700+ members cross-country skiing in January and February; over 1,400 people basic rock climbing skills on 20 weekends in the spring, summer and fall; while 85 completed one of the eight one-week rock climbing courses. Finally, it instructed 240 members in its fall hiking course. The club bought 40 acres of land near Devils Lake State Park and is raising funds to build a state-of-the-art climbing and training facility.

In March 57 members joined the club's Grand Canyon Hiking Adventure. In June 35 members participated in the annual Devils Tower, Wyoming, climbing trip, with 82 ascents made on seven different routes. In August Jim Ebert led a group of 36 to Banff National Park in Alberta for a two-week mountaineering camp. Twelve peaks were climbed including Mounts Assiniboine, Andromeda and Athabaska. Perfect weather was enjoyed throughout the entire encampment.

John and Jim Ebert led a group of 52 in July to the European Alps, where perfect weather prevailed. Seventeen peaks were ascended in five countries. These included the Matterhorn and Zinal Rothorn in Switzerland; Mont Blanc in France; the Gross Glockner in Austria; and in Italy the Kleine Zinne, Grosse Zinne, Marmolada, Campanile Basso and Dritte Turm of the Sellatürme in the Dolomites. Climbing leaders included Jock Glidden, Hans Steyskai and Robert Wilson from the U.S. plus six Austrians.

In May 140 members from 20 states helped celebrate the club's 50th anniversary at the Annual Banquet in Iowa City, Iowa. John and Ede Ebert were presented with a 22" x 34" carved wooden plaque for the club's appreciation to them for founding the Iowa Mountaineers and being its guiding light all these years.

JIM EBERT, *Vice-President*

*Idaho Alpine Club.* 1990 marked the 30th anniversary of the I.A.C. and Idaho's Centennial. Members organized a "Spuds on Denali" expedition to commemorate both events. Mike Obleness, Chris Averill, Dave Fields and Paul Henslee attempted the South Buttress, but were repelled by the unusually severe crevasse conditions on the ramp leading to the ridge crest. Chuck Odette, Jed Flannigan and Mark Fogarty made an epic ascent of the Cassin Ridge in very severe blizzard conditions which took the lives of others on the mountain. As a training climb the teams made the first ascent of the decade of Mount Borah in the Idaho Sawtooths in a January blizzard. The team leaders, Obleness and Odette, followed up with a winter ascent of the Grand Teton.

Other notable climbs in the Tetons: Tom Ballard did a winter solo ascent of the east ridge of the Grand Teton and in July a solo of the Direct Exum with two other soloists. Chuck Denure and Steven Reiser climbed the Grand Teton's north ridge via the Valhalla traverse, finding it to be an enjoyable climb, with the wet, icy chockstone chimney being most memorable. Leon Wolfram took a long leader fall on Mount Moran, putting him in the hospital with broken ribs and a collapsed lung and reminding the rest of us how fragile and vulnerable we are.

The Access Fund assisted financially in creating Friends of City of Rocks, which is staffed primarily by I.A.C. members. The group's main concern is