

tion to Afghanistan. In time he became one of America's most expert seismologists and a specialist in all matters relating to geological safety. He studied the Alaska earthquake of 1964 and helped draw plans for the rehabilitation of Valdez. Not surprisingly, Hank served as an advisor to the Secretary of the Interior's Commission on matters related to the Trans-Alaskan pipeline.

Hank usually represented the Geological Survey during its stormier relations with the then-Atomic Energy Commission. The Commission was seeking the most economically viable locations for the siting of nuclear energy plants. More often than not, these locations happened to be either on a fault line or close thereto. It became Hank's unpleasant duty to veto a large number of otherwise desirable locations, something that did not endear him to the five Commissioners.

An indication of Hank's reputation as a mountaineer may be found in the fact that he was elected to the American Alpine Club when he was barely 20 at a time when the age requirement demanded a full majority. Equally important is that Hank was a longstanding member of Washington's exclusive Cosmos Club, where membership is conferred only on persons who have made a major contribution to American society and to the advancement of human knowledge.

All those who knew Hank well loved him and respected him. He was quiet, unassuming, conscientious and always in search of the truth. He was a born teacher with the rare quality of being able to instill enthusiasm in all those around him. Those who associated with him more often than not quickly learned to surpass themselves. But most important of all for a mountaineer, Hank could retain his sense of humor even in the most dire circumstances; and after all, is it not a sense of humor that really makes climbing worth while?

ANDREW JOHN KAUFFMAN, II

WILBUR DAVIS
1921-1996

Wilbur Davis has been a member of the Iowa Mountaineers for over 37 years. He served as an outing and climbing leader on many of the Iowa Mountaineer North American and international outings and expeditions. His love for encouraging and teaching young climbers in the art and skills of mountain climbing and then unselfishly taking hundreds of beginning mountaineers up mountains for their first mountain summits has enriched not only his life, but everyone who has come to know him.

I had the privilege to ascend Mount Assiniboine in the Canadian Rockies and Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania during Wilbur's 69th and 70th years of climbing and adventuring the mountains of the world. His love of life, love of people and his love for the mountains will be missed by his wife Cornelia and his daughter Connie and son Clea and by everyone else who has had the wonderful privilege and opportunity to get to know and climb with him. He will be especially missed by the Iowa Mountaineers and all of its members.

JIM EBERT

KEITH E. HART
1927-1996

Keith E. Hart of Juneau, Alaska, died on April 27 at the age of 69. Hart was born in Portland, Oregon in 1927 and raised in Vancouver, Washington. He moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1952 to attend the University of Alaska. Hart became very active in expedition climbing in Alaska and Yukon Territory.

An AAC member since 1960, Hart led the first ascents of King Peak (17,130') in 1952, and University Peak (15,030') in 1955. He also made the third ascent of Mt. Bona (16,420') by a new route in 1955. In a 1954 expedition with Heinrich Harrer, Hart made the first ascent of Mt. Drum (12,003'). Hart led a successful expedition on Denali in 1953, but was unable to reach the summit himself because of both sunstroke and frostbitten feet. Another Denali attempt was made in 1956. Attempts were also made on Mt. Blackburn, Mt. Iliamna, and Mt. Sanford.

Hart was a charter member of the Alaska Alpine Club at the University of Alaska, and the Alaska Rescue Group in Anchorage. He was a member of the American Alpine Club and the Explorers Club, and held honorary memberships in the Royal Parachute Brigade Mountaineering Club of Great Britain, and the Club de Exploraciones de Mexico.

Hart worked as an avalanche specialist for five years in Girdwood, Alaska. In 1962, he traveled to Juneau to study avalanche destruction in a residential subdivision at the foot of Mt. Juneau. At the request of Juneau's mayor, Hart authored the first in-depth study of *Behrends Avenue* avalanche hazards in 1967. He maintained an active interest in geophysical hazard planning throughout his professional career.

Hart worked the majority of his professional life as a planner for the Alaska Department of Highways, the Office of the Governor, the City of Juneau Planning Department and, most recently, the Alaska Division of Marine Highways. Hart took a medical retirement in 1979. His love of the mountains stayed with him long after his major expeditions, and through his long struggle with Parkinson's Disease.

Hart enjoyed climbing, skiing, hiking, and boating. He taught by example, he suffered without complaint, he lived an exemplary life with dry wit and understated humor, and with love and compassion. Hart enriched the lives of many whom he touched. He is truly missed.

CRAIG J. LINDH

RAY DAVID DYKEMAN
1932-1996

I first met Dave Dykeman after being invited to join a group of friends who were climbing Tephite Dome in the High Sierra over the Fourth of July weekend of 1983. That was a very heavy snow year, and I was astounded by his skill with the map, compass, and altimeter as he led us through the snow-covered forest, utterly devoid of landmarks, to our planned campsite. I was very impressed and told him that he was one of the finest mountaineers that I had ever met. I soon became very grateful that I had given him such a high compliment so early in our friendship. The next day I became entangled in the "safety" ropes that we were using to facilitate our crossing of flooded Crown Creek during the late afternoon thaw. At considerable personal risk, Dave jumped into the stream and dragged me to safety on the far bank. Dave saved my life.

Dave went to Aconcagua, climbed Mexico's volcanoes, summited Mera in Nepal, climbed all 247 peaks on the Sierra Club Sierra Peaks Section's (SPS) list, and had climbed 224 of these peaks at least twice. He not only finished The List, but he led, on scheduled trips, every single peak on the SPS list. Completion of the SPS list is noteworthy, but to have led climbers of all abilities to the summit of every peak on the SPS list was a tremendous achievement. Dave will be remembered for maintaining strong group integrity on his trips. He achieved this through example rather than demand. There was once a slow climber on one of his trips who considered returning to the trailhead rather than disappoint the group. Dave told him that the group would be disappointed if he turned back. He continued the trip, and everyone succeeded. Dave had it