

Evans Notch, at the E. end of the chain, practically on the Maine border. Use of a former guard station was obtained from the U.S. Forest Service. Augmented by several tents for sleeping quarters, this hut proved very successful and appears to be a popular addition to the system.

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Harvard. If one is to judge by performance, past, present and (probable) future, the Harvard Mountaineering Club still occupies a stellar position in the collegiate mountaineering scene. The club has successfully adjusted itself to post-war conditions; and it is currently engaged in training young non-veteran members and trying to work them into the group of more experienced mountaineers who were trained during and immediately after the war. Particular emphasis has been laid on safety.

The H.M.C. has run or participated in four major expeditions on the North American continent, and any number of members climbed actively in the better known districts. To the writer's knowledge, in the past two years, the H.M.C. has made 36 first ascents, largely in the Coast Range of British Columbia; a reconnaissance under arduous conditions of Mt. Vancouver, highest unclimbed peak on the continent; and a number of new routes. Much of this has been done only with the cooperation of other groups, particularly the Arctic Institute of North America and the Seattle Mountaineers.

This year the H.M.C. celebrates its silver anniversary. With begoggled eyes it views the next 25 years in the same spirit that has brought it where it is today.

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Yale. The second year of the Yale Mountaineering Club brought a considerable increase in interest and activity. Members regularly practised rock climbing on Mt. Carmel, ten miles from the university; and a group of ten, in the spring of 1948, visited Mt. Washington. Despite bad weather, this party climbed six steep, ice-choked gullies of Huntington Ravine, including the very difficult Pinnacle Gully (sixth ascent).

During the summer four members climbed Rainier and another peak in the Cascades, and individuals joined parties both in Wash-

ington and in Colorado. Two members were so fortunate as to participate in summer expeditions. William Fix, president for 1947-48, accompanied the H.M.C. party to the Coast Range of British Columbia. Melvin Marcus went with Maynard Miller to do research on the Juneau Ice Field.

The ensuing winter saw a considerable development of interest in winter ski mountaineering. Four trips were made to the Adirondacks, and seven peaks were ascended, one of them for the first time in winter. During the winter the club also acquired a club room and the loan of a mountaineering library. It has now undertaken to revise its constitution, in the hope of achieving a closer knit, more active and more responsible undergraduate membership, and of stimulating active alumni support. Another intention is to increase the emphasis on safety.

R. G. MERRITT

Princeton. In the fall of 1948 a small group of climbers in the Princeton Outing Club felt the need of a separate mountaineering club, recognized by the other clubs as a distinct organization. Throughout the fall, on week ends, they exploited the rock of the Delaware Water Gap; and between terms a party of nine, led by Jock Lewis, drove to Mt. Washington, to gain some experience in winter mountaineering.* The Outing Club, which has been extraordinarily cooperative, encouraged and financed the trip; and the H.M.C., which has shown cordial interest, generously shared its cabin.

Having found that there was sufficient interest in Princeton, the club then drew up a constitution and was granted a charter by the university. To ensure continuity of policy, it established an advisory council with Walter Wood as head. The club is starting slowly and cautiously, because only a few men have climbed before, and plans to defer the election of officers until the 1949 climbing season is over.

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* The *Princeton Alumni Weekly* of 29 April 1949 includes in '48 Class Notes a report of the ascent of the Grand Teton in March by Jock Lewis, his brother Ted and Paul Petzoldt: "perfect balmy spring days . . . no difficulties whatsoever . . . a wonderful ski down the last day."—*Ed.*