

The club runs training sessions for novice climbers, and experienced leaders lead rock climbs in the Organs two or three times a month. We have led numerous rescue operations in this area in past years. During the summer of 1961 the club sponsored a training session for the El Paso County sheriff's rescue team, providing instruction in knot tying, belaying, and general mountaineering practice.

A notable climb was made in the Organs in the spring by P. Wohlt and R. Ingraham, who made the first ascent of the west face of Gerch's Folly, an 800-foot rock wall with breathtaking exposure and a number of pitches requiring classical climbing techniques. Other prominent peaks in the Organs first climbed by our members include the east faces of the Needle and of Little Square Top Massif, and the north face of San Augustine Peak. In 1960 P. Rogowski and T. McCalla climbed the usual route on Shiprock without the use of any direct aid.

ROBERT L. INGRAHAM, *President*

*Spokane Mountaineers.* Membership has continued to increase during the year as have the number of club activities. President Gene Gibbs with a team of six held an effective climbing school for 60 students in the spring. December saw the completion of a long-cherished project, a 1200-foot overhead tow at the club's Mount Spokane skiing facility. The comfortable chalet there has views across acres of uncrowded ski slopes to the beckoning Cabinets and Bitterroots. For the second year running the summer outing was held in the Tetons. Elsewhere, rock techniques were practiced on Chimney Rock in Idaho, Buck Mountain in the Cascades, and on Mount Sir Donald's northwest ridge. Various members also climbed Ibex in the Cabinets, Matterhorn in the Wallowas, several of the highest Cascade peaks, as well as Mount Whitney in the Sierra and Mauna Kea on Hawaii. Also a worthwhile trip was made to Kokanee Glacier Park, B. C., where an exploratory approach was made to the eastern side of unclimbed Mount Cooper (10,100 feet).

WILLIAM C. FIX

*Stanford Alpine Club.* The Stanford Alpine Club was very active during 1961, but as most of the members are new and inexperienced, the quality of the climbs has not matched that of climbs in previous years. There is a practice climb every week end and at least two week-end climbs during the school quarter. Beginners are encouraged to participate in the practice climbs, where climbing technique and safety are taught.

In the spring, before most of the club's experienced members graduated, a number of good climbs were made. During spring vacation Fred Smith,

Tom Cathcart, Steve Jervis, Denis Wilson, Rich Baldinger, and Dave Boore climbed Shiprock in New Mexico. In Yosemite Valley climbs included Lost Arrow from the notch, El Capitán Tree, Higher Cathedral Spire, and Rixon's Pinnacle.

During the summer climbing was done on an individual basis with no organized club activity. Steve Jervis, past president of the Harvard Mountaineering Club and a graduate student in English at Stanford, led the HMC expedition to the Mount Waddington region in British Columbia.

DAVID BOORE, *President*

*Wisconsin Hoofers Mountaineers.* The influx of a large number of new people made for numerous and varied climbing activities in 1961. L. Fowler was a member of the group that made the first ascent of the Northeast (Pioneer) Ridge of Mount McKinley. M. Petrillak and S. Arighi with R. West as leader visited the Redfern area in northeast British Columbia to make several first ascents. A group led by S. Ong ascended Popocatepetl in Mexico in February. Successful climbs were made in the Tetons, in the Sir Donald region in the Selkirks in August, and on Devils Tower (Durrance route), Mount Hood, and Mount Rainier. Practice climbs continue to be made during the school year at Devils Lake, Wisconsin, and Seneca Rock.

SCOTT ARIGHI

*Yale Mountaineering Club.* The winter of 1961 saw several trips to the White Mountains for climbing in Tuckerman and Huntington Ravines, mostly of a training nature to provide experience to new members. During the spring there was the usual concentration on weekends at the Shawangunks, but all our members practiced at two local areas, Ragged Mountain and Sleeping Giant State Park. In the early summer a trip to the White Mountains was unavoidably cut short after the ascent of the Whitney-Gilman route. During the summer members managed to spread themselves out over the West, the Alps and Alaska. Rob Symonds and Rod Bronson spent two weeks of concentrated climbing in Switzerland. Robert Held and I passed a week north of Gannett Peak in the Wind River Mountains and made several new routes, before joining Adams Carter to help with his group just south of Gannett. After summer jobs a significant number of us convened in the Tetons for two weeks. On the way home we delayed a day to do the Durrance route on the Devils Tower. In the fall again the Club found itself with a small nucleus of experienced climbers faced with the load of enthusiastic and time-demanding beginners.

THEODORE STREIBERT, *President*