

*University of Wyoming Outing Club.* The Club began 1963 with a trip to Mexico, where ascents of Orizaba and Popocatepetl were made. During January and February cross-country skiing in the Snowy Range and the Tetons was the Club's major activity. The Outing Club sponsored the University's Winter Carnival. Two members, Pete Sinclair and M. S. Horn, were commended by the Secretary of the Interior for their role in the 1962 A.M.C. rescue on the Grand Teton. During Easter vacation there were club trips to Devils Tower, the Needles in South Dakota, and to Monument Valley in New Mexico. With the arrival of warmer months, there was much activity at our practice rock-climbing areas and in the Snowy Range. Summer trips were made to the Tetons, the Wind Rivers, and to the Canadian Rockies, where an unsuccessful attempt was made on Mount Robson. The Club sponsored a climbing school in September for the instruction of many new climbers. Thanksgiving found members at Shiprock, New Mexico, and touring various Indian ruins in the Southwest. The year ended with another trip south of the border, where one group climbed Popo and another penetrated the jungles of Guatemala. The principal officers for the year included: Merle Ihne, president; Lynne Leary, vice-president; Heather Hamilton, secretary; Pete Sinclair, rescue chairman.

JOE HALLEIN, *Ski Chairman*

*Wisconsin Hooper Mountaineers.* Climbing interest was again high during the year, both among old members and a large number of new people. As spring brought warmer weather, the core of experienced climbers once again found themselves well outnumbered by enthusiastic beginners on the weekly rock climbing trips to Devils Lake. Even after toughening up with the spring practice, many, as usual, still found muscles in unexpected places when in June a sizable group of us climbed in the Tetons. Although our climbing schedule had to be changed because of late snows, several first ascents of the year were made, and in all 17 people made 73 individual ascents. On the way to the Tetons several of the group warmed up on Devils Tower in eastern Wyoming. The summer passed with continuing activity at Devils Lake, Wisconsin, until late August when another party went west to the Selkirks. The fall semester brought a large influx of beginners, who gradually diminished in number as winter approached. Finally, to conclude 1963 and begin the new year, a group left for Mexico and the higher elevations of Popocatepetl and Ixtaccíhuatl.

MICHAEL PARKER, *President*

*Yale Mountaineering Club.* There were two significant aspects of the Club's activity in 1963: the development of the west face of Ragged

Mountain in Meriden, Conn., as a climbing area and the widespread accomplishments of the members during the summer months. The early history of Ragged Mountain included a handful of beginner, top-rope climbs on the small cliff on the south face and a few pioneering routes on the taller, wider west face. However, the approach was poor and mostly bushwhacking, but to the hardy few who ventured from the convenience of the practice rocks on the south, the west face provided a 100-foot face with a variety of vertical cracks demanding delicate bridging and often strenuous, awkward jamming. One of the hardy few has been John Reppy, who has almost singlehandedly made Ragged Mountain a major rock climbing area in the East. Reppy, YMC's faculty advisor, has been responsible for a new, more direct path to and along the foot of the west face, the rehabilitation of the older classic routes, and the ascents of many new ones to bring the total established number to 21. A guidebook to Ragged Mountain is now being written and will appear in 1964.

In the summer several members worked for Vagabond Ranch in Granby, Colorado, teaching mountaineering to the boys enrolled there in summer camp. They took boys from the camp on climbs of Longs Peak, Chief's Head, and Pagoda in Rocky Mountain National Park, and during a one-week trip to the Tetons climbed the north ridge of the Middle Teton, the Exum route on the Grand Teton, and the west face of Disappointment Peak. Besides climbs by other members in the Cascades and the Tetons, John Reppy and Hal May climbed the north face of the Grand Teton with a descent of the east ridge on the same day. They also ascended the south buttress of Mount Moran before returning home with a stop at Devils Tower to climb the Durrance and Wiessner routes. Sam Streibert joined the annual Cambridge University Mountaineering Club Alpine Meet at Arolla, Switzerland, after doing some wet climbs in Wales. Despite stormy weather in Chamonix, he ascended two routes on the Aiguille du Peigne, Mont Blanc, and the Rebuffat Crack on the south face of the Aiguille du Midi. Several climbs in the Dolomites included the north face of the Cima Ovest.

The Club held four dynamic belay practice sessions, discussed rescue procedures, and new members attended first-aid classes. The officers regard the year as a successful one and hope that with Ragged Mountain now fully developed, mountaineering and the YMC will be a significant part of Yale in the future.

SAM STREIBERT, *Safety Chairman*