

*Iowa Mountaineers.* The club purchased a new bus in June for hauling members and equipment on its week-end and summer outings. It was custom engineered to club specifications. The club was also fortunate in obtaining attractive office space in the new Activities Center in the Iowa Memorial Union on the University of Iowa campus. Twenty-two professional film-lectures were sponsored with an average of 530 attending. The annual banquet attracted 142 members from four states and was held in the well-appointed new ballroom of the Memorial Union.

Local and week-end outings attracted larger turnouts than in recent years. Fourteen climbing outings were held at the Mississippi Palisades Park in Illinois and at Devils Lake in Wisconsin, each outing attracting an average of 46 persons. Six Sunday hikes were sponsored with dinners at the famous Ox Yoke Inn at Amana and were followed with entertaining illustrated talks by members. One fall hike had 105 participants and a massive barbecue supper. Two summer outings were sponsored. A group of 10 veteran climbers led by John Ebert traveled to many major mountain areas in the Canadian Rockies and in our northwestern states. The principal peaks climbed included Edith Cavell, Athabasca, Mount Temple, Mount Eisenhower, Mount Rainier, Mount Heyburn, Grand Teton, and Devils Tower. Veteran Austrian mountaineers from Graz, Kurt Hofer and Hubert Schlapschi, joined both outings. The second summer outing was in the Beartooth Range of Montana. Base camp was located beside Bob Lake with approach from Cooke City. Eighty members attended what was probably the first major club outing held in this range. The major peaks ascended in the area included Ice Berg Peak, Mount Fox, Mount Zimmer, Granite Peak, Harvey's Spire, Scotch Bonnet, Mount Wilse, Wolf Mountain, Sheep Mountain, a first ascent of Scotch Peak, a second of Beartooth Peak, and a fifth of Index Peak. The 1967 summer outing will be held at Maligne Lake, Alberta, and an East African Expedition will be sponsored with the major objectives being the Ruwenzori in Uganda and Mounts Kilimanjaro (Tanganyika) and Kenya in Kenya.

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*Simian Climbing Club.* Organized in 1963, the first years of club activities consisted mostly of small outings by individuals for practice rock climbing and mountaineering in the West. Only recently have larger club trips been scheduled during the entire year. The club has been fortunate to benefit from the experience and advice of Frank Knight, A.A.C., of the University of Illinois faculty. During the past year the club

offered numerous weekend trips to nearby practice cliffs in Indiana and at Devils Lake, Wisconsin. Nearly 100 people received basic rock-climbing instruction. There were two winter outings in Colorado with rock climbing in the Boulder region, skiing, and winter mountaineering in the Sawatch and San Juan Ranges. There was also a winter trip to the Smokies for backpacking along the Appalachian Trail. During spring vacation the club went to Big Bend National Park in Texas, where a new route was placed on the desert face of Mount Vernon Bailey in the Chisos Mountains. In the summer members climbed in the Shawangunks, Colorado Rockies, Tetons, Sawtooths of Idaho, and in the interior ranges of British Columbia. Also in Canada ascents were made of Bugaboo Spire in the Purcells and of Mount Sir Donald (northwest arête) and Mount Macoun (north ridge) in the Selkirks.

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*Spokane Mountaineers.* A pilot cross-country ski race and several ski tours were 1966 winter highlights. Thirty people finished the formal climbing course with a graduation climb of Mount Hood in May. On 14 Wednesday evenings members practiced rock-climbing techniques at Rocks of Sharon. Aiming toward the formation of a mountain rescue group, the club sponsored a first-aid course in the fall. Here are the climbing landmarks of the year—all first for Spokane Mountaineers: Maroon Bells and Mount of the Holy Cross in Colorado; Mount Borah (12,665 feet), Idaho's highest peak; and in the Canadian Rockies, Mount Stanley over Vermillion Pass via a new route on the northeast face and north ridge, and Emerald Peak (9150 feet) by two approaches over Kokanee Glacier. Access to this area is now much easier because of its use for training by the Canadian Olympic Ski Team. Another club attempt to climb Mount Sir Donald fell short this year, keeping the club score at two successful climbs out of six different attempts. Donanza Peak (9511 feet), in the Lake Chelan region of Washington and the highest non-volcanic peak in the Cascades, finally yielded to a Spokane party of club members. The first ascent of Mount Thor (9673 feet) in the Gold Range, B.C., was made by a joint climb with the West Kootenay Branch of the Alpine Club of Canada. We regret to report three accidents on club outings which fortunately had no serious outcome thanks to experience and the rope: At Chimney Rock a belayed novice was rappelling when the sling rope broke 70 feet above base. In another instance an experienced climber lost control during a glissade and sustained minor