

*The Mountaineering Club of Alaska.* The following activities are the more notable ones in which our members participated during 1966: In Alaska's Chugach Range first ascents were made of Mount Rumble (7350 feet) by Vin Hoeman and David Meyers, Eagle Peak (6955 feet) by Bill Hauser and Bill Babcock, and Polar Bear (6614 feet) by Clarence Serfoss and Vin Hoeman. Art Davidson joined Fred Beckey's first ascent of Mount Seattle (10,185 feet) in the St. Elias Range. Two M.C.A. members, Vin Hoeman and Dave Johnston, joined Pete Robinson to form the Alaskan Andean Expedition, whose aim was "... a reconnaissance of the whole mountain system by climbing something in each Andean country, the highest point when feasible, seeing and photographing much of the rest." The three-man party was very successful and climbed Guatemala's Volcan Tajumulco (13,816 feet), Colombia's Nevado del Ruiz (17,700 feet), Ecuador's Chimborazo (20,574 feet), Peru's Huascarán (22,205 feet), and to the 14,500-foot level of Argentina's Aconcagua in April. Art Davidson and Dave Johnston were part of a five-man group that spent 40 days climbing the Cathedral Spires, a Yosemite-like, granite cliff area southwest of Mount McKinley. They were successful in putting a route up the highest peak (8985 feet).

On June 21 a dinner was held to enable many of us to meet and hear talks by Eric Shipton, President of The Alpine Club (London), and H. Adams Carter, Editor of the *American Alpine Journal*.

A brief climbing course was again held by the club as it has been for the past several years. More indoor sessions were held so that the outdoor time could be better utilized. A club-organized climb was made in the western Chugach of at least one each month on the average.

HANS R. VAN DER LAAN, *President*

*The Mountaineers.* The Mountaineer climbing courses registered 310 basic students, the largest classes the club has yet held. In addition to a full schedule of Viewfinder, Snowshoe, and Ski climbs, there were 98 experience and intermediate climbs scheduled. A total of 74 of those climbs made the summit in spite of some unusual weather conditions which prevented the completion of many climbs. About 120 climbers graduated from the basic course, 116 are eligible to return to complete their climbs in 1967, and four climbers graduated from the intermediate course. Fifty persons participated in the summer outing in the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area of Washington. In addition, 12 climbers attended

the summer climbers' outing of the Dome Peak region. Fifty-three people registered for the Ski Mountaineering Course, consisting of four lectures and three field trips. Eleven graduated.

MORRIS MOEN, *President*

*University of Chicago Mountaineering Club.* The club has been one of the most active in the midwest since 1953, when we separated from the Chicago Mountaineering Club. Our club has been instrumental in the development of Devils Lake, Wisconsin, into perhaps the finest rock-climbing garden in the midwest. Our group presently numbers some 60 active members and publishes a climbing newsletter, *Flail and Scrabble*. Club members have recently travelled to Dixon State Park in southern Illinois to visit a new bouldering area. Members have also climbed significant routes in Alaska, Peru, Europe, and Mexico, as well as in the major climbing areas in the United States. The past summer saw club representation in Wales, the Canadian Rockies, the Cascades, the Colorado Rockies, the Tetons, the Shawangunks, and, of course, Devils Lake. Two members spent four weeks in the Uinta Primitive Area in Utah climbing and backpacking prior to testifying before a local hearing whether this area should be classified as wilderness under the National Wilderness Act. In the coming winter numerous trips are scheduled for Devils Lake as well as Starved Rock State Park, where, if favorable conditions prevail, there will be scheduled ice-climbing sessions.

RAYMOND SCHRAG, *President*

*Wisconsin Hooper Mountaineers.* The past year was one of continued growth and expansion of the club's activities. An unusually mild winter saw considerable activity at our local areas, particularly Devils Lake. One winter outing gained a possible first ascent of one of the spectacular sandstone pinnacles in the central part of the state. A large group journeyed east in the spring to climb in the Shawangunks. Although there was no major club outing in the summer, individual members were busy in the mountains. Highlights included an expedition to Denali (McKinley), successfully led by Tuck Forsythe, and the first ascents of numerous peaks in the Albert group of the Selkirks by an expedition which included Bob and Peggy West, Mike and Stephanie Petrillak, John Freitag, and Tom Fiebig. Other roving Hoopers found their way to the Tetons, the Colorado Rockies, Yosemite Valley, Norway, the Alps, and Africa's highest point, Mount Kilimanjaro. Returning climbers, in good