

open-book. After jogging left, they moved back into the continuation of the open-book, ending with another move left and up over a difficult 10-foot F8 bulge to an out-sloping belay ledge. The second pitch zig-zags up the ridge past a section of slightly loose rock to a belay position below a dark overhang. Starting from a point 10 feet left of the belay point they climbed the crux pitch up a series of difficult slabs to a bulge which was passed using two pitons for aid. A 20-foot tight chimney then led to a ramp which was followed back to the nose of the ridge, where a delicate free climb up the nose itself took them to the next belay stance. One hundred feet of F3 climbing ended at the base of a 30-foot smooth face which was climbed with difficulty. A final easy lead took the party to the false summit, from which it was but a scramble to the main summit.

*Mount Moran, First Winter Ascent.* In recent years several parties have fruitlessly attempted the winter ascent of Mount Moran. During the past winter success finally came to a group from Salt Lake City: Tom Q. Stevenson, George Lowe, Tom Spencer, Bill Conrad, Mike Lowe, Court Richards, Dennis Caldwell, Greg Lowe, George Gerhart, and Dean Johnson. After checking out with the park rangers on December 16, 1966, the group secured the services of a snow-cat to reach String Lake. That evening they skied to a camp on the plain below Skillet Glacier. Their second camp, established the following day, was located about 200 yards above the gendarme on the northeast ridge; some difficulty was experienced in climbing over the gendarme. On the 19th the first party, consisting of Stevenson, Spencer, Richards, Conrad, Caldwell, and George and Mike Lowe, made a pleasant snow climb to a point about 150 feet below the top of the ridge where one pitch of sugar snow on rock was encountered. The north summit was reached after this pitch and the main or south summit was then easily attained after a short traverse. On December 20 the second summit party, consisting of all three Lowes and Gerhart, repeated the climb; after descending they moved their camp down the mountain. The next day the group skied out to String Lake and fortunately caught the snow-cat back to the Beaver Creek area.

The weather throughout the climb was excellent. There was a thin cloud cover and the minimum temperature was  $-10^{\circ}\text{F}$ . On the summit, however, winds in the vicinity of 50 mph were experienced. Conditions on the northeast ridge were very good. Since this route does contain many downsloping slabs, it would probably be subject to avalanche hazard later in the season.