

*Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.* The Mountaineering Section had one of its most active seasons in 1969. We had scheduled climbing trips every weekend throughout the year, and the Memorial Day weekend trip to the Shawangunks saw nearly 50 members making the long drive to New York. Members climbed in Yosemite, the Tetons, the Cascades, the Brooks Range in Alaska, Canada, Colorado, New England, the European Alps, and the Colombian Andes. Our club newsletter, *Up Rope*, continued in its new photo-offset format. Club relations with the National Park Service reached a new level in 1969, and as a result the Park Service made improvements to Carderock Recreation Area, our local practice climbing area. The improvements were made at the suggestion of the Mountaineering Section and benefited all those who climb at Carderock. We are still working on our guidebook to Seneca Rock, which should be published soon. It will be followed in 1970 by other guides to local rock climbing areas.

TOM MCCRUMM, *Chairman, Mountaineering Section*

*Simian Climbing Club.* In the fall the Simians conducted their usual instruction trips to the local cliffs at Portland Arch, Indiana. About 40 to 50 beginners learned the basics of rock climbing, and there were several weekend trips to Devils Lake, Wisconsin. More ambitious trips were planned for vacation periods. There were two trips to the Shawangunks in New York and two winter trips to Banff and Lake Louise in Alberta. Various groups went climbing during the summer. Ascents were made in the Colorado Rockies, the Tetons, the Cascades, the Canadian Rockies, the Purcells in British Columbia, as well as in Switzerland and Peru.

PETER ZVENGROWSKI

*Stanford Alpine Club.* The club continues to emphasize technical rock climbing through weekly local practice climbs. On these climbs beginners are taught the fundamental rules of climbing and safety. More experienced members are able to practice specific climbing techniques. These climbs are supplemented with scheduled and informal trips to Yosemite Valley, where members have more than ample opportunity to apply what they have learned on larger scale climbs. The annual trip to Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite Park was made in early October. This trip served to introduce new members to the basics of mountaineering and technical rock climbing. Many members also participated in the Thanksgiving holiday trip to Yosemite Valley. A significant climb was the third ascent of the North

America Wall of El Capitan by Chuck Kroger and Scott Davis. They spent four days, October 2-6, climbing this awesome face. Chuck has since climbed the Nose route, giving him four different ascent routes on El Capitan.

RUSS VAN DYKE, *President*

*University of Wyoming Outing Club.* The excellent guidance of Tom Christensen and Gary Poush during 1969 provided the club with an increased membership and a vast array of activities. Highlights of the climbing season were: two successful winter climbs of Longs Peak, two defeated attempts on winter East Face attempts on Longs Peak, 15 members making a winter ascent of Medicine Bow Peak, two successful ascents of Shiprock, 27 members climbing Devils Tower on various routes during a two-day trip, and the rendezvous held in the fall in the Tetons. Spurred on by Steve Mann cross-country skiing has enjoyed a boom in our area. Rich and Margaret Baldwin guided us to a dazzling caving season. To Chris we owe our thanks for discovering several new caves here in Wyoming. The University of Wyoming Outing Club was saddened by the death of Gary Cole on McKinley during the summer. Gary was one of the early members responsible for the organization and continuity of the club.

JAMES HALFPENNY, *Past President*