

film lectures were sponsored as a community service and to obtain additional operating funds for the outdoor activities. The annual banquet in April attracted 150 members from six states. Two Californians, Tom Frost from Ventura and James Moore from San Diego, were the featured speakers.

The 75-member camp was held in the Northern Selkirks of British Columbia with Base Camp in the Stoney Creek area. Eleven peaks were climbed including most of those in the Mount Rogers group, Sir Donald Range, and parts of the Asulkan Ridge. John F. Ebert served as leader. A 43-member expedition traveled to East Africa under the leadership of S. John Ebert. A group of 21 ascended Kilimanjaro, and another party came within 500 feet of the top of Mount Kenya.

The 1972 mountain camp will be held in the Sawtooths of Idaho August 7-18. A major expedition will be sponsored to the Cordillera Blanca of Peru. One group of 10 will go into the Quebrada Tayapampa, another of 15 into the Quebrada Parón, and a third of 20 into the Quebrada Uta. The expedition will leave Miami, Florida, on July 15.

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Mazamas. The Mazamas of Portland, Oregon, enjoyed the same miserable weather that other climbers experienced in 1971. The Climbing Committee laid out a schedule of 235 climbs for the year. Bad weather kept 46 of them from leaving town and spoiled the success for another 26 that started. Problems in route and road blockage stopped another 17. Even so, Mazama climbs placed 2165 successful individual summit climbs out of 2656 starts. We mention these numbers not because they are significant for their size, but rather to point out the tremendous increase over the past few years in the use of mountain terrain by climbers.

Backpacking as well as climbing has mushroomed in popularity. An extremely good illustration is the 18-mile beach trip along the roadless Olympic coastline between LaPush and Cape Alava. In 1966 we hiked this lonely beach, meeting only two small parties en route and finding one other camped at Sand Point. In 1971 we met so many groups walking or camped en route that all the wilderness aspect was gone. Sand Point camp ground had overflowed its boundaries with wall-to-wall people spread over a mile. There were perhaps over a hundred camping groups, representing every spectrum of outdoor ability.

The basic climbing school was limited again in 1971 to an enrollment of 354. This meant turning a large number away at the door. For the second year the group system of instruction was used. Each group consisted of one head instructor and his assistant plus six other instructors. Twenty-four students filled a group and stayed with their instruction team throughout the school. This prevented overloading the snow and rock practice areas. Students had the opportunity to get to know

instructors better as individuals. The intermediate school had 82 enrolled, with 16 graduated, which is about the usual percentage.

Carmie Dafoe led an interesting traveling outing to the Selkirks and the Rockies in Canada. The first stop was at Rogers Pass for several ascents. The outing next moved to Lake Louise and Lake O'Hara in a schizophrenic scramble of personnel. Mount Victoria was climbed from the O'Hara side. The group then packed in the long trip to Mount Assiniboine, with climbs made of that peak in addition to many of the surrounding summits.

Lyman Dye led an outstanding outing of climbers into the Sawtooth Range in Idaho. They did Warbonnet plus nine other summits in the more remote area. Harold Deery led another exploratory outing into the center of the Olympic Peninsula. Jack Grauer took a party into the Royal Basin in the northeast corner of the Olympics, an area the club had not previously visited.

Many of our members were greatly pleased with the opportunity to attend the 1971 annual banquet of the American Alpine Club in Portland on December 4.

JACK GRAUER

Mountaineering Club of Alaska. The year 1971 was a successful yet heartbreaking one for the club. Disaster struck three of our most active members: Dr. Grace Hoeman, Hans Van der Laan, and Buddy Jaidinger. Grace and Hans were killed on April 12 in an avalanche on Eklutna Glacier. They both had an impressive list of first ascents in Alaska and both had climbed McKinley. Their fellow climber, John Samuelson, was spared in this tragic accident. The third death occurred on August 18 when Buddy Jaidinger perished from complications from a fall at 16,000 feet on Mount McKinley's West Buttress. All three people were eager, active climbers who participated strongly in the M.C.A. Their presence and experience are greatly missed.

The winter mountaineering, rock safety, and glacier schools were held as usual. All were well attended and successful to the degree the weather would allow. The generally inclement summer weather foiled some of our first-ascent attempts, and the scheduled weekend climbs also suffered from frequent rain.

However, even with the weather persistence prevails, and our member, Betty Ivanoff Menard, became the first full Eskimo to reach Mount McKinley's summit. One other member, Ludwig Ferche, also climbed the peak. A new M.C.A. cabin was built at 4250 feet in the Talkeetna Range. The club supported the Kenai Wilderness proposal and contributed its ideas to the Chugach State Park planning group. Members once again housed several foreign climbing teams who climbed in the state with varying degrees of success.

As the short and cold winter days approach, our members are plan-