

Julliard II, both over 17,000 feet. In April 1970, this valley became the site of the first mountain refuge in Bolivia, constructed by Saville and a local climbing club. Unfortunately, the "Julliard Mountain Hut" was dismantled and carried off by the local indians during the off season. Meanwhile, on the other side of the globe, club secretary Eric Stern trekked in Nepal, paying homage to the Himalayas.

In 1970 Hartshorne and Saville carried the club flag bearing the motto *Allegro ma non Troppo* to Aconcagua, summit of the western hemisphere. Later, in Bolivia, Hartshorne participated in the first ascent of the 4000-foot west face of Huayna Potosí; Saville led the first ascent of the north ridge; and Hartshorne, Stern, and Robbie Merfeld (club musical director) teamed up to make the second ascent of the southwest ridge. One can truly say that this mountain has been climbed by the Julliard Mountain Club.

The winter ascent of Mount Katahdin by the entire club (less Jon Deak, who had prior obligations with the New York Philharmonic) and accompanied by guest artists marked the beginning of the new year. Future plans include expeditions to Alaska, Colombia, and Japan.

This small but active club has never hesitated to think big, and although plans for an Everest expedition have bogged down for the moment, it's *Avanti, Sempre Avanti*.

DOBBS HARTSHORNE, *President*

*Mazamas.* The Mazamas of Portland, Oregon, look back on 1972 as another year of high level activity in its climbing, hiking, and skiing activities. Each year the membership grows: from 1088 in 1960 to 2453 in 1972. Thanks in part to the increased amounts of spendable income available to young people, the club's growth continues despite the requirement that a person must first climb a peak with a living glacier before applying for membership and despite an annual resignation rate of about 10%. Over the years the club has increased the number of its outings beyond the original Annual Outing. During the year well subscribed outings were fielded in the Tetons, the Northern Cascades, the Olympic Peninsula, and on various rivers of the West. Climbing school was limited to 360 basic students, with several hundred being turned away. A limitation on enrollment must be made to insure the quality of instruction. The ski school was mobbed by hordes of beginners wanting to learn something about skiing. The great ground swell of interest in cross-country skiing was reflected within the club's activity.

Meanwhile, the club has come under surveillance by the Internal Revenue Service, which is questioning our eleemosynary status. It is hard to believe that the government truly condones the squelching of outdoor clubs, when the same government is wasting vast sums on social programs that accomplish little or nothing. When one considers all of the constructive leadership that the outdoor clubs give to people of all ages, urging and helping them to enjoy the trees, birds, and animals of the

forest, to exalt in the beauty of the outdoor world, to promote a better way of life, then it is unconscionable, in the Mazamas' view, that government should actively work to destroy these outdoor clubs through their policy of taxation.

JACK GRAUER

*McGill Outing Club.* The McGill Outing Club in 1972 enjoyed another very active year of rock climbing and mountaineering both within and outside of La Belle Province. The annual Fall Climbing School was well attended with over 50 new participants this year. Although our members travel to New Hampshire's Whitehorse and Cathedral Ledges for challenging routes outside the province, most of our climbing activity centers at Val David, Mount King, Mount St. Hilaire, and Shawbridge Cliffs. Over half a dozen new routes of high standard have been opened up on Shawbridge Cliffs, and a new trail has been built along the base of this escarpment to improve the access. A guide book for climbs in this area will be published shortly. Two trips were made to Park Laurentide, where two new Grade III routes were started, if not yet completed on L'Ours.

A successful climbing instructors' school was organized in the spring with the help of the Federation of Mountain Clubs and the Quebec School of Mountain Sports. In the field of conservation, briefs were submitted on the Village Lake Louise development in Banff National Park and on the protection of the wolf species in Quebec. The past year witnessed a rather phenomenal growth in the popularity of cross-country skiing. The club was successful in obtaining two large Federal Opportunities For Youth grants for the development of X-C ski trails in the Laurentians. A comprehensive bilingual map has been published jointly with the Laurentian Ski Zone.

The trend for members to obtain summer jobs in the National Parks to fulfill climbing ambitions continues as in the past. During the summer many members traveled to various parks in western Canada where ascents were made of Victoria, Lefroy, Shaeffer, Wiwaxy via Grassy Ridge, Huber, Hungabee, Louis, Baker, Olive, Assiniboine, Andromeda via the Skyladder, St. Nicholas, and Eisenhower via the Brewer and South Tower routes. Farther afield, the club organized a very successful climbing trip to Mexico in December. Climbs were made of Orizaba and Nevado de Toluca, and two technical climbs were made at La Huesteca Canyon, including a traverse of Pico El Diablo.

KEVIN O'CONNELL, *President*

*Mountaineering Club of Alaska.* The MCA in 1972 continued its active program of sponsoring and practicing the use of mountaineering skills, both in our "backyard" Chugach Range and in the Talkeetnas, Wrangells, and other challenging Alaskan massifs. The year began with several assaults by members on nearby summits in the northwest Chugach,