

bers. Our club has lost the innocence of its early years, and this is not without regret on our part.

Plans for the coming year include first winter attempts on significant peaks in the Trodrillos, the Chugach and the Talkeetnas.

With the incidence of climbing by "outside" groups on the increase, we would like to hear of all climbing in the mountain ranges local to Anchorage, so that the history of these ranges may remain complete. A short note to the club (Box 2037, Anchorage, Alaska 99510) detailing party members, peak climbed along with its location (elevation & township and range as specified on the 1:64,000 quads), date climbed and suggested names, would be greatly appreciated.

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*Simian Outing Society.* The Simians began the year by instructing beginners on the local cliffs of Portland Arch, Indiana. These cliffs have since been closed by the state, and the area has been incorporated into the Indiana system of natural areas. Efforts are being undertaken to have climbing permitted here again. There is no leading at Portland Arch owing to the crumbly nature of the sandstone; so the climbers have little impact here. Several weekend trips to Devils Lake were taken, only to be rained out. Several areas in southern Illinois and Missouri were explored as possible new climbing sites.

Over the Christmas holiday period we headed for Colorado to ski tour around the Longs Peak region, then down to the Sawatch Range for a climb of Mount Princeton. During semester break there was a trip to Jackson Hole with an ascent of Jackson Peak, a ski ascent of Sheep Mountain, and ski touring in Yellowstone. During the spring vacation several Simians tried an ascent of Gannett Peak in Wyoming's Wind Rivers, but with six solid days of snow, the peak was never seen. Other Simians had better luck with the weather backpacking to Escalante Canyon in southern Utah. During the same period there was a ski-touring trip to Wisconsin along the south shore of Lake Superior.

Over the summer Simians were scattered to the four winds with trips to Colorado culminating in an ascent of the Diamond on Longs Peak. Several groups, at different times, returned to the Wind Rivers and with favorable weather succeeded in climbing the long-sought Gannett Peak. Some Simians even tried the watery world with a canoe trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

MARK WILSON

*Spokane Mountaineers.* Club membership peaked at 400 during the year. We voted a new ski tow for our Mount Spokane property and now sponsor a ski team under mentor Mark Pinch. We have an effective expedition fund, and our Himalayan library is extensive. The club will offer a basic mountaineering course in 1974. The following will provide some continuity back to our last *AAJ* report in 1969 with com-

ments on peaks and climbers, expeditions and leaders.

Repeat climbs by our members in the Cascades have included Rainier, Glacier Peak, Baker, Shuksan, Stuart, Bonanza, and Liberty Bell. Pete Van Gelder and a "Senior Group" have bagged state high points Hood, Borah, King, Granite, and Gannett. In the Selkirks we visit Kokanee, Spyglass, Trout, and Sir Donald. Other Canadian favorites include Edith Cavell, Bugaboo Spire, and the east face of Stanley. The past year began and ended with ascents of Athabaska, a site for our testing of winter and ice techniques. In 1971 Athabaska was a climbing school graduation summit for 48 of our members. Our "rock laboratory" is Chimney Rock, Idaho (see *Off Belay*, December 1972). President Chris Kopczynski led veteran Joe Collins to a third club climb of Mount Robson in 80 hours, and in 1971 he was teamed with John Roskelley on the east face of Cephren.

Dhaulagiri has drawn three members. Vin Hoeman went from Spokane to Alaska to the tragedy on the southeast ridge in 1969. Terry Bech has spent most of nine years in Nepal. With his wife, Cherie, and soon-to-be-born daughter, Annapurna, Terry reached 25,000 feet on Dhaulagiri in 1971. John Roskelley progressed from Mount Moran in 1965 to El Capitan by two routes to the north face of Dag in the Valhallas. On May 12, 1973, he reached the summit of Dhaulagiri, the third 8000-meter peak to be climbed by Americans. Jack Miller has ranged from Spokane to Greenland and Tierra del Fuego, while Joe Gnagey hopped from the Selkirks to the Antarctic. Our youngest leader, Dave Coombs, past president of the Harvard Mountaineering Club, led a group of eight to Charybdis in the Battle Range in 1972.

The Spokane Mountaineers attracts and builds leaders. We now resist full disclosure of our pet playgrounds. We keep looking for what is "lost behind the ranges."

WILLIAM C. FIX

*Stanford Alpine Club.* The rainy weather of the 1972-1973 winter limited our climbing in Yosemite, but in the fall of 1973 we were able to resume our traditional trip to Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley. Most of our beginners' training is done at Castle Rock, a practice area near Stanford.

Some major Yosemite Valley routes were climbed during the summer, including the Steck-Salathé route on Sentinel Rock in 10 hours, and the northwest face of Half Dome. In the High Sierra, the direct west face of Mount Conness and the east face of Keeler Needle were climbed, as was Mount Mendel by the ice couloir.

We have weekly meetings which are always combined with a slide show. These have proved to be a good time for climbers to get together and talk and for new people to find out about our club and its activities.

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