

Peak. This served as a credit course for students of Kenyon College. Social barriers between faculty and students came crumbling down as the weeks passed while learning in a wilderness situation.

There is no doubt in the minds of those who search for the mountain experience, the benefits to soul and body. The reality of man's awareness is found in his close relationship with the pulsebeat of the natural world.

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*Colorado College Mountain Club.* The CCMC experienced a highly successful year thanks to the efforts of enthusiastic members and our president, Laurie Rehnebohm. Notable climbs included the east face of Crestone Needle by Ken and Lester Michaels; Kurt Haire's solo effort on the northeast buttress of Holy Cross; and Greg Twombly's ascent of Devils Tower. The Blanca Peak jinx struck Al Erickson and me, as incredible rockfall and other problems aborted our attempt on the standard north face route. Club rock climbers also did many classic ascents at local crags. Pete Koscumb is in Africa, where he visited the Mountains of the Moon and Kilimanjaro. During the year the club sponsored a rousing Mountaineer's Weekend, a Wilderness Film Festival, and slide shows by Royal Robbins and Jim Dunne. In the planning stages for the coming year are a climbing guide to the Garden of the Gods, a TV production on rock climbing, and an expedition to climb Orizaba in Mexico.

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*Colorado Mountain Club.* 1974 was an extremely active year for the Colorado Mountain Club, despite the fact that our rapid growth rate of the last few years finally slowed down. In fact, the membership total for our 12 groups was only 4892 as of December 2, 1974, compared with just over 5000 at the same time in 1973.

Undoubtedly, the most significant event of our year was the club's purchase of permanent quarters in Denver. Located on West Alameda, the building has approximately 5400 square feet of space, including an auditorium which is large enough for nearly all club activities. We expect to move in officially during January 1975.

Another major step taken during the year was adoption by the club of safety criteria for planning, describing, and conducting club-sponsored mountaineering activities. This was done in part to improve our legal position with respect to liability in case of accidents. However, adoption of these safety criteria is only the latest step in an ongoing series which is expected to improve our already good safety record. During the next few years emphasis will be on developing and implementing programs to insure better training for trip leaders, as well as upgrading the mountaineering skills of the general membership. These