

nity. Three individuals have made a large contribution to the image of the climber as a concerned, un-selfish citizen; at a substantial financial loss to themselves they have published a pictorial guidebook to Seneca. Of the \$2.50 received for each copy sold, \$1.05 goes to a fund for the benefit of Seneca Rocks. To date over \$500 has been donated. Copies of the guidebook may be obtained from John Stannard, 13003 Daley St., Silver Spring, MD, 20906.

We will continue to work toward the ideal of free access to climbing areas, unhampered by restrictive "safety" regulations, and we would appreciate any advice or assistance from others facing the same problems.

STAN HALPIN, *Chairman*

Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, Rock Climbing Section (RCS). The RCS enjoyed an active, successful year under the leadership of Fred Wing, Chairman; Andy Fried, Vice-Chairman; and John Ripley, Secretary-Treasurer. Fifty-five days of active climbing were scheduled during an eleven-month season; all trips "went." Besides rock climbing and mountaineering, ice climbing was enjoyed under the supervision of Andy Fried and Jim Endo. On scheduled or private trips, various members climbed the northwest face of Half Dome, The Buttress route on Middle Cathedral Rock, the south face of Washington Column, and Mount McKinley. The Section's excellent safety record was maintained, with no accidents.

Sixty-nine beginning climbers enrolled in the 1976-77 RCS training program. An average of 17 instructors and 41 students attended each of the six training sessions. A training manual was developed, with guidelines which should make for more consistency among instructors. Ample new equipment, possible through the modest fees charged students, proved to be a big asset. Al Carlson and Jim Endo were chairmen of the training program.

RCS Safety Tests were given in May and September to students who wished to join the Section. Eighteen new members were admitted.

Glen Dawson, a charter member of the RCS, was elected to Honorary Membership. Glen introduced roped climbing to Southern California in the early 1930's, after learning the techniques in Switzerland and on first ascents in the Sierra Nevada with Robert L. M. Underhill, Jules Eichorn, and others.

A complete set of back numbers of *The Mugelnoos* was finally assembled by Ruth Mendenhall for the A.A.C. library in New York. *The Mugelnoos*, newsheet of the RCS and Ski Mountaineers Section, was the first Chapter or Section publication in the entire Sierra Club, and has been in continuous regular publication since early 1938.

The annual picnic of the RCS was held October 2 at Big Rock. Seventy-five persons ate and climbed under a hot sun. The annual meet-

ing took place on October 13. New officers elected were Andy Fried, Chairman; Al Carlson, Vice-Chairman; and Dave Perkins, Secretary-Treasurer. Phil Bruce and Ron Masters will head the 1977-78 Training Committee, and Dick DeRusha will continue as chairman of the Safety Committee. John Ripley will be in charge of the History and Mugelnoos committees. Ruth Mendenhall announced her resignation as *Mugelnoos* chairman, a position she has held (except for the war years) since 1938. Five longtime RCS members (all members also of the American Alpine Club) were nominated for RCS honorary membership, and will be voted on by mail next year.

RUTH DYAR MENDENHALL

University of Wisconsin Hooper Mountaineers. The new year arrived with the sound of scraping skis during the annual Hooper trip to the Wind Rivers in Wyoming. Lack of snow hampered the first week's activities, while storms during the second week prevented any serious attempts at climbing.

Early in the year Hoopers were treated to a visit by Prof. Vladimir Voltchenko, a prominent Soviet alpinist. He climbed and skied with us and, along with Craig Martinson, showed slides of the recent AAC trip to the Soviet Union.

Springtime saw the return of weekly trips to Devils Lake and Gibraltar Rock for rock climbing, with both experts and beginners in attendance. During this season climbing trips went to the 'Gunks, the Tetons, Rocky Mountain National Park, and Boulder, Colorado. Al Czecholinski and Ken Wade made an all-free ascent of Longs Peak via the Diamond.

The year ended with a pig roast, ice climbing on the icicles of Lone Rock in Wisconsin, and preparation for the 1978 ski trips.

JOHN W. KELLER