

The Section lost an outstanding climber when Rick Mosher was killed in a plane crash in the Sierra. We shall miss him.

PRITCHARD "PETE" WHITE, *Chairman*

*Colorado Mountain Club.* The Colorado Mountain Club is an organization of 12 Groups, located throughout Colorado, with a membership exceeding 6,000. Over 2,000 trips of various kinds were scheduled in 1979. The major outings included three two-week trips, one to the San Juan's Yankee Boy Basin, where members hosted 14 visitors from England and France; a backpack trip to Mount McKinley National Park in Alaska; and a work trip to Mount Elbert, sponsored by the Forest Service in building a few miles of new trail. We also ran two one-week trips, one to the Wind Rivers in Wyoming, and the other to the Canadian glaciers for an ice-climbing seminar.

The club is committed to promoting mountaineering safety. Many of the groups have conducted mountaineering first-aid classes, as well as mountaineering schools, technical-climbing schools, ski-touring classes, avalanche-awareness seminars, and both winter and summer leadership schools. We are proud of a record with no fatalities or major accidents in 1979.

Our members have worked with those studying, evaluating, and promoting wilderness for the roadless areas in the national forests of Colorado. There are 164 potential wilderness areas in the state, and a large percentage of the letters to the Forest Service have urged substantial wilderness for these. We have been active in the RARE II program concerning wilderness, along with other wilderness programs and mining operations.

In 1980 we have scheduled two five-day outings, one to Yellowstone National Park and the other to Grand Canyon National Park.

FRED RUCKHAUS, *President*

*Iowa Mountaineers.* The club membership has grown to 1200. Once again the year was an unusually active one. Many of our courses and mountain camps were again offered for credit by the University of Iowa. Under the instruction of John and Jim Ebert, seventy members completed the five concentrated one-week basic rock-climbing courses held at Devils Lake State Park, Wisconsin. One hundred members completed the three-day weekend rock-climbing classes. Three general weekend outings were held at popular Devils Lake, with an average attendance of 30 members.

In January 40 members participated in a nine-day cross-country skiing and winter survival camp held at 10,500 feet in the Collegiate Range in

Colorado. A winter backpack trip to Arizona's Grand Canyon involved two groups of 15. The professional film-lecture series had an average attendance of 450, while the annual banquet in April attracted 150 persons from nine states. John Bragg presented an outstanding program on Cerro Torre in Patagonia.

There were three groups afield during the summer. John Ebert headed a group of nine up the Alaska Highway for climbing and hiking in June and July. Two other major camps were sponsored in July and August with Jim Ebert as leader. Thirty-seven members attended a 10-day snow-and-ice course in the Purcell Range of British Columbia. Over 100 individual ascents were made by the participants. Twenty-seven climbed Commander (12 making a grand traverse), 20 the Cleaver, 14 Maye, nine the Delphine, four the Eastern Guardsman, seven Jumbo, while 19 ascended the unnamed peak at the head of the Farnham Creek valley. The climbing staff included John Filsinger, Frank Mohling, Mike Bogart, Dennis Turville, and Jim Ebert. This was followed by an 11-day, 45-member camp in the Chimney Rock area in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado. Considerable climbing and hiking was enjoyed before the weathered deteriorated.

The 1980 foreign expedition will be to the European Alps from June 28 to July 20 or 27. The in-states summer camp will be in the Sawtooth Range of Idaho from August 5-15.

JIM EBERT, *Vice President*

*Harvard Mountaineering Club.* The last four years have been active ones for the Harvard Mountaineering club, both in local climbing and in small expeditions. A new issue (Number 21) of the club's journal, *Harvard Mountaineering*, has just been published.

The club has been at the forefront of the explosion in ice climbing in New England, particularly on the cliffs overlooking Lake Willoughby in Vermont. This activity has culminated in a Lake Willoughby ice climbing guide which appeared in the club journal. We were also active in winter mountaineering on Mount Katahdin in Maine, making three week-long trips there, and in New Hampshire's Presidential Range. Club members have been active as always in rock climbing at crags in New Hampshire, Connecticut, and New York, but in addition there has been an increase in interest in climbing walls and top-roping in the Boston area. In the age of the gas shortage, we have ranged further afield to just about every major cliff in the country. Rainsford Rounder and others climbed the Salathé Wall and Wall of Early Morning Light, to name a few. Bob Palais was seen over the lip of Foops as well as on long climbs in Eldorado and Devil's Tower.

The club has sponsored about eight slide shows each year, and it