

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.

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*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

continues to run the cabin in Huntington Ravine on Mount Washington. The club will be publishing a guidebook to central Connecticut rock climbing in conjunction with Ken Nichols. This should be available in August.

During the last four years, the Harvard Mountaineering Club has established an impressive list of failures on large climbs. In our eagerness to apply techniques learned in New England's rock and ice to more sustained challenges, members have failed (twice) on Mount Robson's north face, Mount Silverthrone in the Alaska Range, Mont Blanc (although the climbers did accomplish the Brenva Spur, but were not able to walk to the summit), and Mount Deborah's north face (which convinced the climbers to ascend Mount Hess). Occasionally members put their desire for personal gratification over their loyalty to the club policy of failure and succeeded in an ascent. Gus Brillembourg, Nancy Kerrebrock, and others accomplished the first ascent of the southwest face of Nevado Chinchey in 1976. Also that year, David Coombs, John Imbrie, and George West climbed the Carpe ridge of Mount Fairweather in Alaska; Carl, Michael and Peter Lehner made several early ascents in McKinley Park and in the Arrigetch Valley. Andrew Embick, Alan Long, and others made several trips to the Kichatna Spires from 1976-79. A few of their climbs include Middle Triple Peak, Citadel, and Kichatna Spire. Alan Rubin and others climbed in the Cirque of the Unclimbables in the Northwest Territory. Also far north, William Graham and others accomplished ascents on Ellesmere Island during the spring of 1979. Last summer, Carl, Michael and Peter Lehner, Karen Messer, James Wuest, and Brinton Young made the first ascent of the west face of Nevado Huantsán in Peru (see elsewhere in this journal for details of this climb).

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*The Mazamas.* The Climbing Committee took a very positive stand on educating and upgrading its climbing leaders and members this year. The Basic Climbing School enrolled 270 people and graduated 163 in a course consisting of four lectures, three field practices, and a graduation climb of Mount Hood or Mount St. Helens. Group leaders carried through with groups of 15 students and three-to-five sub-leaders, starting with an indoor knots-and-belay practice, and continuing with a snow practice above Timberline Lodge at Mount Hood and a rock practice on the basaltic cliffs of Horsethief Butte up river from The Dalles.

The Intermediate School enrolled 42 students and the Advanced School 21. Instruction included six lectures, an accident management session, and a mountain first-aid weekend at Mazama Lodge at Mount Hood. Advanced students had sessions at Smith Rocks on the Crooked River, Beacon Rock, French's Dome, Leavenworth in Washington, three