

snow shoeing is done within an easy drive of Portland, and the Tuesday evening hike in Portland parks and streets has become the most heavily attended event. Fees have been increased to 50 cents for members and \$1 for others.

Outings: Nine were domestic and five foreign: January: Hiking in Arizona; February: Yucatan, climbing Mexico's Popocatepetl, skiing at Yellowstone; May: hiking on the Rogue River; June: climbing in the Olympic Sawtooth Range, hiking in the Yukon; July: Hiking in Enhancement Lakes, backpacking in Glacier Park; August: climbing at Monte Cristo, hiking the Italian Dolomites, climbing at Cascade Pass, backpacking the Olympic Bailey Range, hiking the Dachstein Alps.

Expedition Committee provided sponsorship and funding for two ventures. The 1990 Manaslu Expedition, a Seattle team led by Donald Goodman left on February 24 to attempt the Northeast Face via Manaslu Glacier. On March 27, Nancy Jackson, Dr. Charles Schertz, and Sherpa Nima Wanchuk were buried in an avalanche and died; the operation was then abandoned. The 1990 Arrigetch Expedition succeeded on first ascents of granite spires of the Arrigetch Peaks of Alaska's Brooks Range. The committee raised \$3,000 with its annual biathlon at Vancouver Lake, drawing 325 participants.

First Aid Committee has changed its training course to a module system for mountaineers. Climb High Explorer Post 936, under the direction of Sam Nebel, ran six climbs, five of which were successful. Nordic Ski and Whitewater activities shared the same ongoing problem: good school—few trips. Both committees are working hard to correct the imbalance.

Conservation continues its large role in the Mazama organization. We participated in the annual plastic waste cleanup on the Oregon beaches, had much to say about timber cutting practices, and cast a jaundiced eye at Mount Hood Meadows, a mega-bucks ski operation that apparently has proved that money can buy everything, including government disregard of the mountain environment on government lands.

Program Committee, our front line of representation with the community, has done an excellent job under Mark Hanschka and Klindt Vielbig in presenting Wednesday evening lectures and film shows. The photographic artist and Mazama member, Ray Atkeson, showed treasured slides and advised the audience about camera settings, only about three months before his death.

Publications Committee: In spite of the current trend to eliminate annual journals, the Mazamas have continued to publish an excellent *Mazama Annual*, as well as informative monthly bulletins. Vera Dafoe continued as chair of the committee.

Mazama affairs are supervised by the nine-member Executive Council, from which Dr. Christine Mackert was elected to serve as president. She also held the position in 1981.

JACK GRAUER, *Past President*

Memphis Mountaineers. 1990 was another active year for our club. Membership grew significantly, increasing 15% over 1989 to 71. The majority lives

in Memphis, although 20 members live in 13 states ranging from California and Washington to Florida and New Jersey. Despite the lack of immediate climbing resources (the nearest rock is 150 miles away, the nearest mountain 1,000 miles), members climbed in various parts of the United States as well as abroad. The club's 12th year began with an expedition in progress on Aconcagua, with four of the eight team members making the summit. Later in the year members participated in expeditions to Nevado Condoriri (18,531 feet) and Illusión (17,487 feet) in the Cordillera Real of Bolivia and to Shishapangma in Tibet. Aside from ice climbing in Alaska and Colorado, most of the club's U.S. activities consisted of rock climbing trips to the local crags of the Mid-South, with longer trips to the Enchanted Rocks (Texas) and Yosemite Park.

The major administrative activities of the club included instruction in basic rock climbing (three spring classes) and working with the American Alpine Club's Access Committee to petition the state of Mississippi to re-open Tishamingo State Park to climbing. Additionally, the club offered its assistance to a group of Missouri climbers fighting to preserve access in their state. The club also arranged training in basic first aid for 10 members through the American Red Cross.

The Memphis Mountaineers meet the second Monday of every month at seven P.M. in the Highland Branch of the Memphis Public Library. Members are notified of club activities through the monthly newsletter, the *Memphis Mountain News*.

Club officers for 1990 were Barbara Knowles, President; David Bowles, Vice-President; Lisa Virkler, Treasurer; and Brad Mills, Secretary. Anyone interested in climbing in the Mid-South is encouraged to join our club. For more information, write: Memphis Mountaineers Inc., Box 11124, Memphis, TN 38111.

Mountaineering Club of Alaska. Membership in our organization remained at about 350 members. The club maintained its past tradition of offering hiking and low-key climbing trips to members, mostly during the summer months. Training in the areas of glacier travel, snow-shelter construction, map and compass, and, of course, the annual ice-climbing school in September were also offered. But the real story for the M.C.A. this year was hut construction. With much volunteer effort we were able to upgrade four pre-existing mountain huts and construct two new ones over the Labor Day weekend. One is located near the Bomber Glacier in the Talkeetna Mountains and the other is along the Matanuska Glacier in the Chugach Mountains. These are open to the public and offer excellent skiing and climbing opportunities in the remote areas.

Six members completed the first crossing of the Sargent Icefield in the Kenai Mountains in May. The last attempt to do this was in 1974 (*A.A.J.*, 1975, p. 119). Weather allowed the party to travel from Derickson Bay to Day Harbor in four days but did not allow any ascents of the many peaks on the icefield. Two members went to Nepal to climb Pumori this fall. George Rooney and Geoff Radford were both successful, each on separate expeditions. Two members did a new route and the third ascent of Baleful Peak in June. In July, members made ascents of Greenland Peak, Iceland Peak, Latvia Peak and Finland Peak in the Scandinavian Peaks area of the Chugach Mountains.

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