

*Dartmouth Mountaineering Club.* 1992 was an excellent year for the education and incorporation of new members into the Dartmouth Mountaineering Club. The winter was not spent entirely by the fireside: the club sponsored two educational trips, acclimatizing freshmen to the New England ice and snow and teaching the basics of ice climbing and winter mountaineering.

As the snow began to give way to warmer weather, eyes turned to rock again. Led by Keith Rainville, ten members made the long drive West to enjoy a spring-break filled with sunny skies, unfamiliar sandstone and crack climbing that made even the most experienced granite face climber beg for positive holds. Included were climbs at Colorado National Monument, the Canyonlands area and Castleton Tower.

With the return of the Southwest pilgrims came the start of spring term and the return of Dartmouth Climbing School. Thanks to the many members who donated time every week, 20 people took part in the eight-week course for beginners. A more advanced seminar was also offered on anchors, teaching and basic rescue techniques.

Throughout spring, summer and fall, day and weekend trips were made to the climbing areas of New England, and beginners were offered one-day introductions to climbing. The D.M.C. continued its support of the freshman trips program and offered trips which took first-year students backpacking and climbing in the Franconia Notch area prior to the start of their education at Dartmouth College. Many people took advantage of the classes and seminars given throughout the year by Dartmouth's Office of Outdoor Programs on rock climbing, winter mountaineering and back-country medicine.

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*Iowa Mountaineers.* The Iowa Mountaineers, as usual, had an active year in 1992. Membership has grown to 5100 members from 38 states. Over 4200 people participated in the many instructional courses, mountaineering camps or foreign expeditions.

The club taught over 400 members cross-country skiing at Devils Lake State Park, Wisconsin, during weekends in January and February. Winter survival skills, emergency shelters, proper dress, measures against hypothermia and frostbite, and avalanche awareness and precautions were taught. Jim Ebert was in charge of instruction.

Fifty-eight members spent five days hiking in Arizona's Havasu Canyon. The flash flood that went down the canyon in September 1990 did most of its visual damage from below Mooney Falls to the Colorado River. Mooney and Havasu Falls have never looked better. Jim Ebert served as outing leader.

A small but enthusiastic group took part in our first organized trip to Colorado National Monument near Grand Junction and the Canyonlands area around Moab, Utah, in May. The area offered exceptional climbing from classic crack climbs to multi-pitch routes up desert spires. These included Indepen-