

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.

CHRIS CARSON, *Co-President*

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-

dence Monument, Sentinel Spire, Six Shooter peaks and Castleton Tower via the 5.9 Kor-Ingalls route.

Over 62 members from 10 states took one-week basic-rock-climbing courses at Devils Lake State Park. Four courses were offered in May, June and August. Thirty-two members took a four-day intermediate rock-climbing course at Devils Tower, Wyoming, over Memorial Day weekend and the following weekend.

The annual summer mountaineering camp was held in the Sawtooths of Idaho from July 26 to August 5. Twenty-two members attended, doing climbs of the classic peaks of the area: Finger of Fate, the Mountaineers Route on Elephant Perch, Mount Heyburn and Goat Perch.

The club taught 32 three-day weekend courses with 822 members participating in the basic rock-climbing course, and 2809 members in the instructional hiking course. The weekend courses were taught at Devils Lake State Park with Jim Ebert in charge of instruction.

The Iowa Mountaineers held their 32nd annual banquet in May, with 75 members in attendance. Dr. Geoffrey Tabin presented a slide show on his climbing the highest peaks on seven continents.

The club's travel adventure film series presented seven programs at MacBride Auditorium in Iowa City with 2500 members attending.

For further information about membership in the Iowa Mountaineers and its 1993 trips and courses, write to the club at P.O. Box 163, Iowa City, IA 52244.

JIM EBERT, *President*

The Mazamas. Club climbing activity in 1992 under the chairmanship of Jan Schmidt included 253 scheduled summer and 14 winter climbs. However, the usual unfavorable Northwest weather allowed only one winter climb to succeed. The Basic Climbing School enrolled 216 students, Intermediate School 50, Advanced Rock School 22 and Advanced Snow/Ice School 12. Trail Trips, the second most important Mazama activity, involved 326 scheduled hikes, which included some camps, snowshoe trips and backpacks as well as trail maintenance. These varied events resulted in 4488 hiker-days.

Mazama outings included a Yellowstone cross-country trip; skiing at Innsbruck, Austria; a hiking-climbing outing in Czechoslovakia's Tatra Mountains; a trip to Indonesia; and in the West summer trips to the Wind Rivers in Wyoming, Stehekin Ranch, the Wallowa Mountains and Oregon Beach.

The Expedition Committee, chaired by Carol Sturdivant, staged its annual fund-raising biathlon. Participation by 462 runners and cyclists raised \$5,934. The Program Committee continued the century-old tradition of hosting outstanding films and lectures at the Mazama clubrooms Wednesday evenings.

Looking forward to the completion of 100 years of climbing and hiking, the club began planning its centennial. Paula Beers heads the committee which will stage special events during 1993-1994 with a centennial party on the summit of Mount Hood to recall the initiation of the club on July 19, 1894.