

one-week basic rock climbing courses at Devils Lake which teaches members how to set up safe anchors for top-rope climbing and rappelling and how to climb safely with others.

Other club instructional outings held in 1993 were to Leadville, Colorado, for a week of cross-country skiing among the Tenth Mountain Ski Huts; an ice-climbing course taught in Ouray, Colorado, during January by Andy Petefish and Dave Penney; a week of intermediate cross-country skiing led by Jim Ebert round-trip from Jacob Lake on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon to the South Rim involving over 160 miles of cross-country skiing, winter camping and hiking. The return journey back to Jacob Lake received five feet of fresh snow which made the scenery incredible.

Additional club-sponsored climbing trips involved the ascents of Devils Tower, Wyoming; Castleton Tower in the desert of Utah; the Petit Grépon—South Face Route and the Northcut-Carter Route on Hallet Peak in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado; the Canadian Rockies ascents of the Sky Ladder Route on Mount Andromeda, the Silverhorn Route on Mount Athabaska, the Chouinard Route on Mount Fay and the standard route on Mount President; the ascent of the Grand in the Tetons, Wyoming, and hiking the full length of Isle Royale National Park in Michigan.

Eighty members attended the Iowa Mountaineers' 53rd Annual Banquet. A listing of over 72 different mountaineering, rock climbing, hiking and backpacking trip and course offerings is scheduled for 1994.

JIM EBERT, *President*

*The Mazamas.* The Climbing Committee scheduled 290 climbs in 1993, but bad weather caused cancellation of many during May and July. The winter schedule of 20 climbs was especially hard hit by weather, with only one successful climb. Eleven new leaders completed probationary climbs, but the club continued to suffer a shortage of leaders. Marty Scott was succeeded by Doug Wilson as the committee chairman. The Basic Climbing School, in which the ascent of a mountain is a requisite, accepted 240 out of 318 applications and graduated 202 climbers.

The Expedition Committee, chaired by Charlie Degener, was a sponsor of the 1993 American-Canadian K2 Expedition, organized by Stacy Allison. The objective was to place the first American woman and the first Canadian man on the summit of K2. Canadian Dan Culver fell to his death on the descent by the first team from the summit, which the second team did not attempt. The committee also provided a grant to the Mount Logan Taleski Expedition, organized by Mazama Dick Iverson.

The Outing Committee, chaired by Judy Ratnieks, sponsored a Yellowstone winter cross-country ski outing; ski trip around Crater Lake; April hiking on Maui; hiking the Rogue River Trail in southern Oregon; a July visit to Thailand and China; July hiking in Lassen National Park; August backpacking around Mount Hood; August climbing and hiking in the Tatoosh Range in Mount

Rainier Park; climbing and hiking in the Stubai Alps and Brenta Dolomites; and summer hiking in Wyoming's Teton Range and Oregon's Wallowa Range.

The Trail Trips Committee staged 328 hikes, accounting for 4,353 hiker days.

Dennis Olmstead ended his year as president October 1 and handed the gavel to Terry Becker.

JACK GRAUER, *Historian*

*The Mountaineers.* The club, with over 14,000 members, is based in Seattle with branches in Bellingham, Everett, Olympia and Tacoma, Washington. It offers more than 1,000 trips each year in over 20 different outdoor activities, while pursuing a strong conservation agenda. Mountaineers Books publishes guide books, outdoor adventure and environmental titles. In addition, the club maintains lodges and property, and publishes a monthly magazine. Further information about the club may be obtained at (206) 284-6310.

The Mountaineers' climbing program encompasses basic, intermediate and refresher courses. The basic course places emphasis on beginning skills on rock, snow and ice. Two hundred forty students began the course in 1993 and 110 graduated. Participants in the intermediate course have two to five years to complete graduation requirements. The course covers more advanced rock, snow and ice climbing as well as glacier ice climbing, field trip teaching and climb leadership. Eighty students began the intermediate course this year, and 16 students graduated. The refresher course draws people who have not climbed for a while, or who want to update their techniques. The course consists of several lectures and field trips, with specific content shaped to the needs of the group. This year 15 people participated in our refresher course. The Mountaineers schedules a large number of single and multiple-day climbs for students and graduates each year, as well as a series of climbing seminars. For 1993, 311 climbs and 29 seminars were scheduled.

Related issues of growth management, minimum impact and climbing access are becoming more important to the club and its members. To manage our growth, and control impact of our courses, we are limiting the size of the two large courses in 1994, accepting a maximum of 200 people into our basic course and 75 into our intermediate course. Further, we are working to integrate minimum impact techniques and ethics into all of our activities. Finally, we are working with other climbers in the area to become more active on access issues, to be sure that we are aware of emerging concerns and are a part of the process of developing solutions.

Fred Beckey, John Roskelley, Greg Child and Royal Robbins were just some of the renowned climbers and authors who visited The Mountaineers for slide presentations and book-signing events in 1993. Members also enjoyed meeting and getting autographs from Malcolm Bates and several of the