

McCubbery's home. Lou Reichardt filled us in on the annual meeting, national issues, and progress on the new Golden, Colorado headquarters. R.D. Caughron gave a great slide show on his recent ascent of Dhaulagiri. Eliza Moran brought us news of work being done in collaboration with the UIAA in Europe and Colin Lynch told us about his upcoming (now successful) attempt on Everest from Tibet with George Mallory's grandson.

Our section has always enjoyed the various outdoor gatherings that we have each year. In March we assembled a tent city in the rain and drank our way through the "Ski Weekend" at Grover Hot Springs (the section chairman was the last to emerge from his tent Sunday morning). Later that spring a group climbed at Lover's Leap and the fall saw a large group climbing in Yosemite. Section members climbed everything from Astroman to the Royal Arches. 1996 promises to be another good year for outings. We have been making non-members welcome at outings in hopes that they will enjoy the company and eventually join the AAC.

The section newsletter has been a great communications tool for us, thanks to Tom and Linda McMillan, the editors. We have now also made the newsletter available to non-members, encouraging them to join us at outings and other events. Anyone can subscribe for five dollars.

Our annual section dinner in Berkeley was a success with a hundred members and guests assembling to socialize and watch an outstanding slide show by Greg Child. Our thanks to Bev and Les Wilson for doing most of the organization for this event.

The chairman would also like to thank Brock Wagstaff, Allen Steck (vice chairman), Gene White and others that helped run the section while he was off fooling around in the mountains.

Ongoing concerns and projects of the section are: getting some local bouldering areas legal to climb on again in cooperation with the Access Fund; opening up talks with Yosemite NPS to create a system where motorized drilling can be used to replace existing unsafe bolts in the Yosemite; aid in reestablishing a reasonable wilderness permit system on the east side of the Sierra Nevada; and monitor the new Lover's Leap climbers campground.

ERIC BRAND, *Chairman, and LINDA McMILLAN*

*A.A.C., New York Section.* Though the AAC's headquarters are no longer in Manhattan, the New York Section is still the second largest of the Club's eleven sections with over 370 members. Membership growth has been rapid, resulting in "sold out" events as the norm rather than the exception. During the year, Section Members received invitations to both Spring and Winter outings in the Adirondacks; a gala mountain film festival, "Alpinfilm,"

which the Section co-sponsors; a Black Tie Annual Dinner; a Christmas Party; and other impromptu events. The featured speaker at the 16th Annual Dinner was Royal Robbins, who enthralled a capacity audience of 140 members and guests with the inspirational story of his personal journey from high school drop-out to world class climber and kayaker to prominent businessman and community leader. Also on the program were local members Sherman and Brad Bull describing their "Father and Son" team attempt on Everest in the pre-monsoon season. Sherman, 58, reached the South Peak while Brad, 28, summited. As in years past, Dinner proceeds were contributed to the *American Alpine Journal*.

The year concluded on a festive note with a "South of the Border" Christmas party. Six members in brief 10 minute presentations described their favorite climbing haunts from St. Lucia, to Colombia, to Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, and Patagonia. After the show 100 members and guests gathered for Chilean Wine, Andean Cheese and Argentine hors d'oeuvres in the lounge of the Explorers Club.

"Alpinfilm," the New York International Mountain Film Festival, now in its sixth year, presents a wide variety of films on the mountain experience in a juried competition, giving filmmakers an opportunity to win cash awards as well as providing valuable exposure to the New York media and entertainment communities. The "Best of Festival" award went to "Stone Dance," a gritty and penetrating view of contemporary solo free climbing. The film, directed by Peter Brown of the University of Southern California, went on to win other major awards at Telluride, Banff and other venues.

The Section looks forward to hosting the Club's 1996 Annual Meeting which returns to New York after an 11-year interval.

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*The Mountaineers.* The Seattle climbing program, under the leadership of Steven M. Cox, continues to address the related issues of access, conservation and growth management. Most significantly, in 1995 an optional conservation service requirement was introduced as a prototype for the basic climbing course. Participating students selected conservation objectives that were meaningful to them, and each volunteered an average of nearly 19 hours of service. The idea was so well received that it has now been approved as a graduation requirement. Climbing course materials were expanded and upgraded to emphasize wilderness ethics and minimum