

Club Activities

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A.A.C., Cascade Section. Activities for the year started with a sociable spring party that included slides and refreshments at a private home. Next came a Section climbing/picnic weekend. Fall saw a meeting featuring Dave Jay's fine slides and narration covering a difficult new route on Mount Huntington and several climbs of the Rooster Comb in Alaska.

Our annual banquet enjoyed a program of expeditions by our own members: Steve Swenson on attempts to put up a new route on Gasherbrum IV, and Don Goodman on first ascents in the Arctic—Victoria and Albert Mountains on Ellesmere Island. The 1981 Chairman, Steve Swenson, and Treasurer, Sean Rice, were introduced.

In China, Andy Harvard co-led an expedition attempting a new route on Gongga Shan (Minya Konka). Clark Gerhardt presented the officials of the Chinese Mountaineering Association in Peking with a large framed photograph bearing an inscription of greetings and best wishes from the A.A.C. and the Cascade Section. It is a beautiful picture Clark had taken of Shuksan and Baker.

Through September 1980, 48% of our 206 members had contributed a total of more than \$15,000 to the Club's Endowment Fund, with more given subsequently.

JOHN D. MENDENHALL, *Chairman*

A.A.C., New England Section. The year 1980 began with the disastrous lack of snow, which brought about the cancellation of our annual winter White Mountain meeting at Jed Williamson's cozy farm house in Jackson, New Hampshire. "Bad call," said some. "You don't always let the weather call off climbs, do you?" Good point. Cancellations set bad precedents.

As the year wound around to June, the Section was given another chance, and a summer get together was well attended, again thanks to Jed's generosity.

Toward fall our activities lapsed except for the many members who made their way to Washington, D.C., and the Club's annual meeting there. Jed Williamson and Terris Moore gave very different and tremendously interesting views of their expeditions in China.

The Section newsletter, *The Crux*, which was entirely the creature of Lois Malone and very praiseworthy, met with shut down. I expect to