

graphic photos of the Eiger's North Face, and thereby managed to scare his audience half to death and send people home for a night of bad dreams. But thanks anyway, John, it was a great show!

In addition the Section issued three newsletters and launched a series of experimental activities. On May 7, as co-host with George Washington University's Women's Athletic Association, the Section sponsored a talk by Arlene Blum about her experiences on Brigupanth and Annapurna. On September 27, again under Section sponsorship, member John Markwell provided instruction at Seneca Rock, West Virginia, in mountain rescue, and thereby initiated a program we hope will be perpetuated as a public service. Finally, there was a general get-together with more isolated Southern members over the Columbus Day weekend at Looking Glass Rock, North Carolina.

The Section has also entered into negotiations with the Washington division of the Explorers Club to stage a jointly sponsored lecture by Galen Rowell on his Karakoram winter ski adventures, scheduled for some time early in 1982.

ANDREW JOHN KAUFFMAN, 2ND, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Cascade Section.* In May the Section hosted the Board of Directors meeting in Seattle. This was followed by a potluck dinner and Diana Dailey's slides of the American Women's Expedition to Dhaulagiri I. In August we helped sponsor a reception and slide presentation by Sir Edmund Hillary on Mount Everest to raise funds for the Everest East Face Expedition.

At the annual banquet in December the program included Andy Harvard on the Everest East Face Expedition and Steve Swenson on the second ascent of the north face of Mount Alberta in the Canadian Rockies.

STEVE SWENSON, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., New England Section.* The year began with a determined group of Bostonians, meeting at Chairman Streibert's home in Newton, to delegate some of the responsibilities of the newsletter, mailing list, treasury, planning of meetings, and issues to others. Paul Duval and Lois Malone accepted co-editorship of the newsletter, which was renamed *The Pitch*. Steve Hendrick agreed to maintain the membership list. John Imbrie became treasurer, and Section dues were set. Al Rubin was in his element when he accepted the "issues" role, which would include a regular item for the newsletter. Meeting dates were set, and hosts were found. A more organized Section was underway.

The winter meeting was held again at Jed Williamson's in Jackson, New Hampshire. The Section owes much to Jed's hospitality and warm winter cheer, which have brought out a good crowd during the last several years at his home. This year, however, unseasonable rain and

warm weather reduced the crowd to a small hard core, who, nevertheless, enjoyed the winter "spirit."

The spring meeting at John Bouchard's in North Conway, New Hampshire, was scheduled with a trip taken to the area by a group from the New York Section. The fall meeting at Ken Nichol's in West Granby, Connecticut, topped off a perfect autumn day of climbing on the many traprock cliffs that abound in the woods of central Connecticut.

THEODORE P. STREIBERT, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., New York Section.* During the year the Section continued its active public lecture program, now at the Explorers Club Auditorium, with all net proceeds being dedicated to the Club or climbing-related causes. Among these were the Ranch, the *Journal*, and the Everest East Face Expedition. Two spring outings were held; one in Keene Valley and the other in North Conway, New Hampshire, hosted by John Case and John Bouchard, respectively. The Section newsletter, edited by Fran Allen, adopted a new format and has become a lively forum of information exchange among Section members. Undoubtedly, the highlight of the season was the Annual Section Dinner in October, a black-tie benefit for the Library, in New York's Union Club. Among the record 140 members and guests in attendance were Price Zimmermann and no less than 7 past presidents plus several Club directors, officers and out-of-town visitors. Special guests, Dorene and Tom Frost, presented a very moving multi-media retrospective of Tom's life and philosophy as a climber encompassing his memorable ascents in Yosemite, Canada and the Himalaya. The evening concluded with the first showing of his film on the 1979 Ama Dablam expedition. This ABC-TV special will be shown in 1982 and is almost certain to be a prize winner at the leading film festivals. Hosts for the evening, in addition to the Section Chairman, were Tony Horan, Dinner Chairman, and Jim McCarthy aided by Committee Members Jim and Diane Billipp, Priscilla Briggs and Gael Gahagan-Johnson.

PHILIP ERARD, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Sierra Nevada Section.* The year's activities began with a winter meeting at the home of Gus and Emily Benner in Berkeley. More than 100 members and guests enjoyed light refreshments and a slide presentation by Galen Rowell and Kim Schmitz of their Karakoram ski traverse. In March 40 members and guests met for ski touring and a chili dinner, provided by the Benners, at Grover Hot Springs in the Sierra. The spring meeting, held at the home of Richard and Lisa Hechtel, featured a program of Richard's outstanding climbs in the Alps in the 1940's and early 1950's. In the fall 30 of our members gathered at a group campground in Yosemite Valley for a dinner organized by Gene and Betsy White. Various climbs and hikes were done