

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

there over the weekend. Also in the fall some 60 members met at Brock and Mary Wagstaff's home. Many brought three or four slides of their summer climbing activities which included Alaska, Canada, Peru, China, and many parts of the U.S.

The Section has been concerned with policy changes in the National Parks, especially those regarding the use of snowmobiles. Vern Muhr and others attended hearings on this problem. Betsy White and R. D. Caughron attended board meetings of the Club in Seattle and New York, keeping the Section in touch with national concerns.

The Section newsletter appeared twice. Interest and enthusiasm in the Section remain strong. Many members are active climbers, and those who have "retired" follow the exploits of others closely. The Section was proud to have one of its members, Leigh Ortenburger, selected to receive the first Sowles Award and another, Dick Leonard, elected to honorary membership.

GENE WHITE, *Chairman*

*Harvard Mountaineering Club.* Membership during 1981 continued to grow with many new novice as well as experienced climbers participating in club activities. In addition to the customary crags of New Hampshire, Connecticut, and New York, weekly beginners' trips to local practice areas, such as the "quarries," have been amazingly popular.

In the summer the club had a highly successful trip to the Bugaboos in British Columbia. Crescent Spire, Snowpatch, Bugaboo Spire, and South Howser Tower were all climbed, often by several routes. Other members were to be seen in Yosemite, Boulder and Estes Park in Colorado, and the Canadian Rockies. Several alumni active in Europe reported ascents in the Watzmann Range in Germany and the Eiger in Switzerland.

Although ice climbing is not currently as popular as in the Willoughby heyday, the club plans to visit Mount Katahdin and other ice-climbing areas in New England during the coming winter, and will, of course, continue to run the cabin at Huntington's Ravine in the White Mountains.

The club will issue the 22nd volume of the *H.M.C. Journal* in 1982.

PETER SORGER

*Iowa Mountaineers.* In 1982 our membership exceeded 1000, scattered over some 35 states. Many of the courses and mountain camps again were offered for two hours of credit by the University of Iowa. Under Jim and John Ebert's instruction, 85 members completed the six concentrated one-week basic rock-climbing courses held at Devils Lake State Park, Wisconsin. Sixty members completed the three-day weekend rock-climbing classes. Two general weekend outings were held at popular Devils Lake, with an average attendance of 50 members.