

formation with the route Hiatus listed in Roper's *High Sierra Guide*. Below and right of Hiatus is a slab containing a number of fine one- and two-pitch routes done in 1987. These were reported in the December 1987 issue of *Climbing* and will not be listed here. In addition, the following routes have been done. *Primate Crossing* is a right-diagonalizing flake/crack to the right of Hiatus. This three-pitch route was done by Rick Hooven and David Chen. (II, 5.11c.) *Bad News Bears* was done by Don Reid and me in 1985. It is the farthest right chimney system on Pluto Dome, easily visible from the High Sierra Camp. (II, 5.10c.) *Cooking with Teflon* lies on a northwest-facing slab across the river (west) from the camp. It is a finger crack in low-angle, very polished rock. This three-pitch climb was done by Mike Forkash and me in 1987. It requires a large assortment of thin protective devices. (II, 5.10b.) *California Corner* was climbed by Walt Shipley and me in 1987. This route is a mile downstream from the previous route and ascends a large, left-facing corner. (Four pitches. II, 5.9+.)

ALAN ROBERTS

*Mount Whitney*. This long route, *The Hairline*, ascends between the Great Book and the Direct East Face. It starts with 5.10 face climbing (bolt protected) to attain cracks which don't quite reach the ground. It crosses the East Face route just below the Fresh Air Traverse and stays left of the upper pitches of the Great Book. The route is about 30% aid. 20 to 25 pitons should be carried, as well as several kinds of hooks, nuts and Friends up to five inches. Bernie Bindner and I climbed it in August. (V, 5.10, A3.)

ALEX SCHMAUSS

*Mount Whitney Area*. The cirque south of where Pinnacle Ridge hits the main crest contains many fine possibilities and has generally been overlooked by climbers. The following four routes were climbed by Scott Ayers and me over the last few years. *Aiguille du Paquoir* is a squat tower immediately south of Aiguille Extra. Our route ascends corners for 11 pitches to the summit. (IV, 5.9.) *Aiguille Jr.* is the next tower south, taller than Aiguille du Paquoir. We started up the right buttress and climbed eight pitches to the top of the buttress before traversing to the left edge of the tower. (10 pitches. IV, 5.10.) *S'brutal Tower* is the next tower south. Our route climbs the prow for eight pitches, staying left of the prow for the first three. (III, 5.9.) *So Many Aiguilles, So Little Time* is on the south face of Pinnacle Ridge and climbs cracks in the center of the whitish face for six pitches. (III, 5.10+.)

MIKE STRASSMAN

*North Dome, Kings Canyon*. During the weekend of July 4, 1986, Gary Hinton, Blaine Neely and I climbed a new route to the right of Dolphin Dreams. *Freak Show* is mostly free climbing with aid consisting of hooking,