

The 1987 Annual Dinner, a gala black-tie benefit for the Library attended by 150 members and guests, featured Bob Bates as the after-dinner speaker discussing "Fifty Years of Mountain Exploration" in the Yukon, Karakoram and China. The inaugural John Case Award for accomplishment by a New York Section Member was presented at the Dinner to Lynn Hill for her first place finish in the women's division of this year's European Rock Climbing Competitions and to Girard Bloch for his ascent, at age 68½, of the Nose Route on El Capitan, beating the previous age record by 20 years. The award, a gold carabiner appropriately mounted and inscribed, commemorates the late AAC President, Section member and pioneer Adirondack climber and skier. Proceeds from the Dinner are being used to fund the country's largest climbing video collection, which will be housed at the Clubhouse and available to the membership on a circulating basis, as well as funding rare book restoration and preservation.

A climbing outing in the Adirondacks attracted 20 members to the Ausable Club on the weekend after Memorial Day. Despite torrid weather and a Sunday afternoon thunderstorm, numerous routes up to 5.11 were completed in the area. A cocktail party and dinner at the Lake Placid Club golf house, with slide shows by Don Mellor and Olaf Sööt, topped off the festivities. In June, the Section co-sponsored a buffet dinner and award ceremony with the Explorers Club and The Society of Woman Geographers featuring the first award of the Tenzing Norgay Trophy to the Professional Mountaineer of the Year. The 1987 recipient was Sharon Wood of Banff, Alberta, for the first ascent of Everest by a North American woman; the presenter was Sir Edmund Hillary.

During the year Section members distinguished themselves in numerous climbs and expeditions in Alaska, South America and the Himalayas. Particularly noteworthy was a successful pre-monsoon ascent of Ama Dablam's southwest ridge by John Iacovino and Chip Kamin, their first major Himalayan expedition.

PHILIP ERARD, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Oregon Section.* Our annual Smith Rock trail work party took place April 4. Smith Rock has become "The" place to rock climb in Oregon and is also attracting many foreign climbers to its beautiful walls. Because of this increase in use, Smith is experiencing damage to its environment and trails. The Oregon Section is working with the Oregon State Parks Department and the climbing community to find solutions to these problems. In March at the evening get-together we were given an exciting slide show by photographer/climber Avery Tichenor, featuring several ascents of El Cap. Our annual trip to the Snow Shoe Club Cabin on the north side of Mount Hood took place in December.

TIM C. CARPENTER, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Sierra Nevada Section.* During 1987, Section members were involved in the resolution of several access disputes. In both cases, climbing