

was permitted to continue. In crags on top of Mount Tamalpais, a traditional learning area in a spectacular setting overlooking San Francisco Bay, was the center of dispute in May. The local water district was concerned with liability and proposed banning climbing. A ban on climbing at the Stanford University campus (a haven for "buildering") was averted by negotiating some reasonable ground rules.

Section leadership met with Yosemite Park management this spring and found that the current regime is much more attuned to the climbing community than some in the past. They actually think that climbing is a legitimate activity in a National Park. Superintendent Morehead recalled climbing the Royal Arches with Al Steck some time in the misty past!

A project to preserve and document invaluable old climbing films from the pioneer climbing days in California finally got off the ground this year. The films have been transferred to studio-quality video tape and interviews with the participants are being done to record an irreplaceable bit of history. Tax-deductible donations payable to the A.A.C. can be sent to Armando Menocal at 820 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA 94707.

The Section played host in California to a 13-member climbing team from the Czechoslovak Mountaineering Association. The group, led by Vladimír Weigner, accomplished some fine climbs in Yosemite Valley during their September visit.

Section members opened their homes to host a political delegation from Lhasa, Tibet, in October. The timing was interesting, as the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and others were in this country during the "troubles" in Lhasa. It was certainly an interesting experience for the hosts, and hopefully, the source of useful contacts for A.A.C. members heading to Tibet. Our involvement was at the suggestion of Bob Craig, who helped host this "sister city" delegation in Boulder, Colorado.

Other Section activities included the annual ski tour, hot springs soak, and gourmet meal near Lake Tahoe and the Section Banquet, which featured a view of the Yosemite Valley speed-climbing scene presented by Steve Schneider.

KARL GERDES, *Chairman*

*Harvard Mountaineering Club.* The year saw an upswing in climbing activity as well as increased social gatherings. Furthermore, we expect to publish Issue 23 of the *Harvard Mountaineering Club Journal* next year.

In January, members Lou Derry, Alex Green and Peter Green were joined by Charlie Mace for a climb of Aconcagua. They all made an ascent of the standard route. Lou and Charlie then went to the south side of the mountain and climbed the south face via the French Route with the Messner finish. Alex and Peter returned to South America in June to climb Nevados Pisco and Huascarán in Peru's Cordillera Blanca.

In North America three members, Carl Gable, Bryan Kriens and Steve Perlman, were joined by Pat Gallagher, Dick McDougald and Alasdair Street

for a traverse of the northern Picket Range in the North Cascades. The area lived up to its reputation for rugged terrain.

Local activities included climbing at local crags, with instruction for beginning climbers. Trips to the Gunks in New York and to Cannon and the North Conway area in New Hampshire were common weekend excursions. The club sponsored three slide shows: Fred Beckey drawing on his vast background talked about mountaineering in North America; Pat Clark described his trip to Baffin Island; and Sam Streibert reviewed his experiences over 25 years of climbing.

The H.M.C. cabin in Huntington Ravine, New Hampshire, which is open to the public, continues to serve as a base of ice climbing on Mount Washington. There have been some improvements such as propane lights and burners to reduce the fire hazard and to increase comfort. The cabin and its caretaker also serve to increase the safety of climbing by providing initial response to accidents. Last year when two climbers fell out of the Pinnacle Gully in  $-20^{\circ}\text{F}$  weather, the presence of caretaker John Jackson in Huntington Ravine was critical to a rapid evacuation of the injured climbers. There is discussion this year of improving the first-aid and rescue cache at the cabin.

We encourage climbers visiting the Cambridge area to look us up and drop by our Thursday night meetings, if not to talk shop, then to join us for happy hour or to try our workout area.

This year's officers include President Nathan Faulkner; Secretary Alex Green; and Treasurer Carl Gable. Our address is H.M.C., 4 University Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138.

CARL GABLE, *Treasurer*

*Iowa Mountaineers.* The club completed another active year in 1987. Nearly 1260 members participated in one of the many instructional courses, the mountaineering camps, or the foreign expeditions. The courses and mountain camps were again offered for University of Iowa credit. Under the instruction of Jim Ebert 105 members finished the concentrated one-week basic rock climbing courses held at Devils Lake State Park, Wisconsin, and 630 members completed the weekend rock climbing courses offered to University of Iowa students. Three general weekend outings were held at Devils Lake with an average attendance of 50.

Jim Ebert planned, led, or instructed members on the following mountaineering camps and courses during 1987: During December, 20 members participated on a seven-day cross-country skiing trip to the Collegiate range of Colorado. Members built and lived in snow shelters at 11,300 feet near West Tennessee Lakes. During January, 70 members participated in two weekend cross-country ski courses at Devils Lake State Park. In early January, 14 members hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon for five days of hiking and backpacking. During March, over 40 members participated on a five-day Grand Canyon Havasupai backpacking trip to Arizona.