

*permits, that all the spontaneity and freedom will be taken from us by regulators?"* This is an especially agonizing problem for those of us who have spent most of our lives doing what we could to protect the mountains, rivers, forests, and deserts from the spoilers and the trashers. Now, will we be locked out, too?

Meanwhile, the Mazamas, now an organization of about 2,700, enters its second century with several important goals, hoping that its activity and spirit of adventure will be as much alive in 2094 as they are in 1994:

- To keep mountaineering as our primary purpose.
- To maintain our active secondary purpose of hiking, mostly near the city.
- To maintain our struggle to preserve mountains, rivers, forests, and deserts.
- To further academic research in mountain-related sciences.

JACK GRAUER, *Historian*

*A.A.C., Cascade Section.* The Annual Banquet for the Cascade Section was held at the Mountaineers' Club Room on February 15, 1994 with guest speaker Seattle's own Ed Viesturs, the only American to have climbed the three highest peaks of the world. He gave a presentation of his ascents of Everest, K2 and Kangchenjunga.

Members were active in a meeting on January 9 with National Park Service representatives from Washington, D.C., including Bonnie Cohen (Assistant Secretary for Policy, Budget and Management) and Dick Martin (Chief Ranger for Resource and Visitor Protection). Steve Swenson has been coordinating with Jed Williamson, local members, Seattle Mountaineers and the Access Fund to provide input on proposed climbing and rescue regulations. The Fall Rendezvous and Potluck, at which Dave Hambly talked of his ascent of Broad Peak last year, was a great success.

C. JAMES FRUSH, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., New York Section.* On July 4, 1993, an era came to a close as the American Alpine Club moved its headquarters from the Ladd Clubhouse in New York City, where it had resided since 1949, to the Junior High School Building in Golden, Colorado. This was an emotional occasion for the New York Section, even though the converted firehouse had long been too small to accommodate most Section events. Over the years numerous New Yorkers had lavished a great deal of love, care, attention—and money—on the building, the Library and the Alpine Museum, beginning with the original legacy and endowment created by William Sargent Ladd and additions to it over the years. The passing of the physical and philanthropic baton to the West was suitably marked at "The Last Firehouse Dinner" at Sarabeth's Restaurant on the Upper East Side on June 10. Hosted by former President and Club Historian Bill Putnam, the nostalgic event was attended by a number of officers and members who had dedicated much time and effort to the care and upkeep of the old Clubhouse and its contents.

Despite the move, the work of the Section continues. Over the last decade, the New York Section has grown both in absolute as well as relative terms and is now the second largest in the Club. Contributing to this expansion has been a diversified menu of social events and outings which gives members the opportunity to meet one another and to make new friends and climbing partners. Climbing is, after all, not a solitary sport and need not be conducted at the highest level for its participants to gain personal satisfaction. Highlights of the year included two very popular weekends in the Adirondacks, one in spring and the other in winter; two lectures—by Fritz Selby and Sandy Pittman—each followed by a social hour; the Fourth Annual “Alpinfilm,” New York’s International Mountain Film Festival, which the Section co-sponsors with Outside Magazine and Rolex; an indoor sport climbing evening and fun competition at the Manhattan Plaza Climbing Gym; and, finally, the Annual Section Dinner at the Union Club. Now in its 14th year, the Dinner, a black tie benefit for the Alpine Journal Publishing Fund, not only features presentations by the world’s leading alpinists but also serves as a reunion of the extended New York Section family, many journeying long distances for the occasion. This year’s special guests were John Roskelley, with a warm and witty retrospective on his life as a climber, and Steve Matous, who had recently returned from leading a celebrity trek to exotic Mustang. At the Dinner, 14 new members were introduced and presented with their membership pins.

Looking forward, the nucleus of a New York Section Library has been created thanks to the efforts of John Thackray. The collection presently consists of about 800 volumes which are duplicates of the main collection. Efforts are underway to find a permanent home for the collection, to properly catalogue it and to expand it into areas of particular interest to local members. This undertaking will absorb much of the Section’s energies in the years ahead.

PHILIP ERARD, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Oregon Section.* The Section was active in many mountain-related activities this fall. The Friends of Silcox Hut have been negotiating with the Timberline Lodge to obtain better access for individuals climbing Mount Hood. Neil Cramer, Steve Moskovitz and Bob Mosier have organized proposals for hut access during a one-month climbing window. Pooley and McArthur are still working on the mile-long pumping system and water for the hut.

The Columbia River Climbers’ Alliance (CRCA), Gary Peterson and Cara Ellman, the State Parks Department and the Portland Guide Alliance organized a major cleanup of the Rocky Butte Quarry climbing area in Portland. Debris of 20 years was removed from the wooded talus fields. Sixty hard-working Portland and Vancouver climbers turned out for a complete sweep of the quarry. Thousands of pounds of debris and hundreds of tires were removed. Corey and Steven Shubach cut up and removed an abandoned automobile.