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FUND DRIVE OVER THE TOP!!!

We've done it! UUs from all over the US have pledged over \$352,000 to *THE MOUNTAIN*. This is \$22,000 more than our goal, a fantastic record of support and commitment. Even more gratifying is the popularity of the Life Membership with 280 UU families qualifying. The fund drive is officially over now, having achieved an average pledge of \$653 from 538 supporters. Twenty of our 104 societies met their target—a remarkable achievement.

Many thanks to the hundreds of volunteers across the Southland who helped in this exceptional effort.



Long Range Planning Committee charts our future.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS YOUR INPUT & IDEAS

The Nominating Committee seeks assistance from the membership as it prepares the slate for 1982. Suggestions for nominees for the Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee must be submitted by May 1, 1981.

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1040-C Mountain Dr.
Birmingham, AL 35212
205/592-6090

DIRECTORS' CORNER

Mo LARRY

It has been a busy winter! Almost a hundred visitors came to *THE MOUNTAIN* over the Christmas holidays, and much has been accomplished over the past few months:

- The 1981 Summer Program has been planned and the brochure mailed to thousands of UUs. A special thanks to Evelyn Carter for the cover design.
- A new trail has been blazed from the stables to Abes Creek waterfall, a 50' drop at the edge of our property. Thanks to Larry Landrum of Blacksburg, VA and the Ens and Outs of UUCA (Atlanta) for their work on the trail.
- The Long Range Planning Committee has presented a very exciting preliminary report to the board of Trustees. Kudos to Walt Pirie and his committee.



Walt Pirie leads lively discussion of Long Range Planning Committee.

Winter has brought beautiful snow to *THE MOUNTAIN* on several occasions—to the delight of our skiing guests. We have had several groups referred to us by the new ski resort at Scaly Mountain, four miles away. Thanks to Steve Carter's hard work at clearing the road, on only a couple of weekends have we had to drive people to the top of our mountain because of adverse conditions.

The winter season has its own spectacular beauty—we hope more of you will plan Winter visits for skiing, sledding, star gazing, or just to get away. Reduced rates are in effect until April 30, and winterized, housekeeping cabins are available as well as the Lodge.

APPEARING SOON AT *THE MOUNTAIN*—Spring in all her glory! Call now for reservations—we're already filling up on some weekends.

NEWS FROM YOUR BOARD...

THE MOUNTAIN Board met in Atlanta February 14-15. Highlight of the meeting was a first look at the draft of the long range plan for facilities on *THE MOUNTAIN*—a ten year projection for development of the property. The Board was quite impressed with the quality of work done to date. Copies of the plan will be available on *THE MOUNTAIN* soon, and a summary will be published in a future newsletter.

In other action, the Board:

- Elected Harry and Leslie Donovan, Atlanta—NW, Co-Treasurers, to replace Jimmy and Wendie Highsmith. Jim has taken a new job that is demanding more of his time. Our thanks to Jimmy and Wendie for all their hard work, especially in setting up our accounting system.
- Authorized the officers to borrow funds for short term cash needs this Spring (already, \$25,000 in personal loans have been pledged).
- Welcomed Don Osgood, UUCA, as the new pledge record keeper to replace Arlene and Charlie Wollmer. Thanks, too, to the Wollmers for hours of devoted effort. Don can be reached at 3818 Beya Way, Doraville, GA 30340, 404/938-1315.
- Heard a report on the first meeting of the new financial Stability Council. The purpose of the council is to seek ways to provide the additional financial support needed by *THE MOUNTAIN* to ensure long term stability. Members of the council: Ted Machler, Don Male, John Phelps, Estelle Green, Russ Benton (UUA), Roger Comstock, Mo and Larry Wheeler and Harry Donovan.
- Established meeting dates for remainder of year:

May 30 — Board Meeting
September 26 & 27 Board Meeting
November 7 — Board Meeting
November 7 & 8 — ANNUAL MEETING

All meetings will be held at *THE MOUNTAIN* and are open to members. *Please join us!*

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1981 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

For just \$35 your family can become members of *THE MOUNTAIN* for 1981. Memberships are valid through December 31, 1981, and entitle the family to one vote at the annual meeting (or mail ballot) and to the use of the facilities at *THE MOUNTAIN* (for which membership is required, unless you are attending an organized program). Checks should be addressed to *THE MOUNTAIN*, P.O. Box 10021, Atlanta, GA 30319.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES SET

The following guidelines were approved by The Board at its recent meeting:

The nominating committee shall request suggestions for nominations for the membership for vacancies on the Board of Trustees via *THE MOUNTAIN* Newsletter.

Deadline for receiving these names is May 1.

Nominations by petition will be accepted until September 1. Petitions must be signed by at least 25 members of *THE MOUNTAIN* and submitted to the Secretary. Petitioners will be identified on the ballot.

The nominating committee shall present a slate of at least two candidates for any elected position on the Board and nominating Committee.

The slate shall be published in *THE MOUNTAIN* Newsletter mailed nearest June 30, allowing the summer for campaigning by the candidates.

The positions on the nominating committee to be filled each year shall consist of 1 one-year term and 1 two-year term, with the exception of 1981, in which 2 one-year terms and 1 two-year term will be filled.

No less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting the nominating committee shall send a mail ballot to the membership for election of members to the Board of Trustees and to the Nominating Committee.



A BROCHURE...TO BE SURE

By the time this newsletter reaches you, you should have received our 1981 Summer Brochure. If you didn't, or if you need extra copies, contact Mo and Larry. We're really excited about these programs and hope to see you all at *THE MOUNTAIN* this summer. Please get your registrations in early!

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SPECIAL GIFTS SOUGHT

In last Fall's newsletter we told about Special Gifts which had been donated to *THE MOUNTAIN*—our new gas furnaces for the Dining Hall and a contribution toward the winterization program. These two gifts totaled over \$2,000.

For *THE MOUNTAIN*'s Spring and Summer

projects to be completed, we will need to continue to rely on help from individuals who are willing to show their commitment in this way.

Mo and Larry have identified several projects which would ideally be completed before summer. Hopefully, some of you have these items or cash you would be willing to donate (tax deductible) this Spring:

- 2 sound systems—capable of functioning as PA systems and for records and tapes. (\$500 ea.)
- Solar Heating for Dining Hall water heaters—a well thought out plan by Ken Wheeler of Northwest Atlanta will be installed in March and April. (\$1800-\$2,000)
- 16MM Sound Projector and Screen. (\$700-\$800)
- Work Tables and Card Tables—for program use. (\$300 total)
- Rocking Chairs—for cabin porches. Give one or many (\$40 - \$50)

Contact Mo and Larry if you're interested or have questions. Your contributions could certainly enhance the experience of people attending *THE MOUNTAIN*.

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SEAMSTRESSES SEW UP A STORM!

With almost 30 buildings on *THE MOUNTAIN*, a lot of fabric and work are required to fix up the place so it looks attractive. Many of our members have been helpful in donating curtains and materials and a special thanks to those who have helped us with sewing the curtains and coordination.

Three women from Atlanta's Northwest Congregation—Marion Mulford, Peggy Beard and Blanche Kelly—for a whole week turned the living room of the Lodge into what they called "a sewing sweat shop." Out of their labors of love came new curtains and coverings for almost half of the buildings.

Thanks, also to Inez Hoptner of UUCA (Atlanta) who spent a week in November sewing for us. We appreciate the time and talents you have all given!

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SUPER RECRUITS JOIN SUMMER STAFF

Walt and Alicia Hodges, leaders of the Senior High Camp for ages 14-16 (June 14-27), deserve an A+ for recruiting! They have added two outstanding individuals to their staff:

- ‡ Mark McCandless has a M.Ed. in Secondary

Biology and is Coordinator for the high school gifted program in Newton County, Georgia. Mark is an instructor-level white water canoeist, an experienced backpacker, an ornithologist and a member of the Georgia Orienteering Association.

- ‡ Pamela Frey, Mark's wife, has an Ed. S. in School Psychology and is a School Psychometrist in the Newton County Schools. She, too, is an experienced white water canoeist and backpacker, and likes to knit, weave and cook.

Both Mark and Pamela are interested in outdoor education and have taken many high school groups on backpacking trips. We're delighted to have them on board for the summer!



Beacon Streets Paul Smith Carves holiday turkey.

STAFF APPLICATIONS READY

Staff applications have already been mailed to those who requested them. If you know someone who might like to spend 10-15 weeks this summer working as a staff member on *THE MOUNTAIN*, have them contact Mo and Larry. They're looking for cooks, kitchen assistants, maintenance assistants, and an assistant for the waterfront and horses. All these require someone 18 years old or older. Write to Mo and Larry right away and let them know your staff interests and they'll send you an application and job descriptions.

Also, Pam Phelps is looking for counselors (18 and over) and junior counselors (high school seniors) for the Youth Camp from June 28 through July 25. Send your name to Pam Phelps, 2812 Vann Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32312. (904/385-5260) **DON'T DELAY.** . . Staff decisions need to be made by mid-April.

CEP AT THE MOUNTAIN

What do nearly 50 couples in the Mid-South District have in common? Answer—A Couple Enrichment Program (CEP) weekend.

And what, you ask, is CEP?

CEP, sponsored by the UUA, and led by Faith and Roger Comstock (5 times since Fall, 1978), is an opportunity for couples to explore together the joys, needs and expectations each bring to their relationship. CEP was created for Unitarian Universalists using the Catholic Marriage Encounter as a model. A CEP weekend is being offered at *THE MOUNTAIN*, May 15-17 (Friday evening through Sunday noon).

Participants learn techniques designed to help them confront and appreciate differences, explore and express them openly in a positive atmosphere and work towards finding ways to accept and bridge them in a mutually satisfying fashion.

There is opportunity for limited group interaction, but the primary workshop activities are conducted between partners, and their privacy is protected.

WHEN: May 15-17, 1981

WHERE: *THE MOUNTAIN*, Highlands, NC

COST: \$130 per couple—includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals each and workshop fees. Reservations and deposit of \$30 should be made by April 1. Full deposit is refundable up to 30 days prior to workshop.

WHO:

Normally functioning couples seeking to build a better relationship. Marriage is not a prerequisite for participation, but couples should be in an ongoing committed relationship.

CEP is not recommended for couples seriously considering pros/cons of separation. Persons in therapy should consult their therapist on the advisability of participation.

HOW:

For further information, registration... contact Faith and Roger Comstock, 979 Springdale Rd., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306, 404/373-8320.

DON'T DELAY!!! Call now—space at *THE MOUNTAIN* goes quickly!

GIVE YOUR "GOOD WILL" TO THE "HILL"

As we undertake our Spring Cleanup, we still need furnishings to make our guests more comfortable: Dressers, small bedside tables, lamps, toasters, rugs or carpeting, irons and ironing boards, sheets and blankets, washer and dryer, piano, etc.

You don't necessarily have to worry about transporting your goods to *THE MOUNTAIN*—just let Mo and Larry know what you've got and they may be able to help get it to the camp.

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