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HIGHLANDS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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AT SUUSI???

If you're reading this at Radford, don't forget the presentation about *THE MOUNTAIN* Wednesday evening at 9:45. Slides, info and latest update on activities on *THE MOUNTAIN*.

Also the Board of Trustees meets at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, and you're welcome to attend.

SPEAKING OF SUUSI....

Why not stop by on the way home! It's Open House on *THE MOUNTAIN* for all our friends and friends-to-be! August 2nd and 3rd are the dates. Break up the long trip back to Florida with an evening of rest and rejuvenation on *THE MOUNTAIN*. Bring your SUUSI spirit and leave your weariness behind.

Cost of Room: \$12/person/night-ages 18+
\$6/person/night-ages 13-17
Ages 12 & under Free
Family Maximum-\$30/night

Cost of Food: \$11/person/day-ages 13+
\$8/person/day-ages 8-12
\$5/person/day-ages 4-7
Ages 3 & under Free

(Life Members receive 50% discount on room fees for this weekend.)

Directions: *THE MOUNTAIN* is 4 miles west of Highlands, N.C., on Rt. 106 (Ga.246). Take 81 to 40 to 23/441. At Franklin, take 64/28 (scenic route) to Highlands or 441 to 246 out of Dillard, Ga. (flatter route).

FAMILY WEEK STILL HAS ROOM

Our last family week--August 3-9-- will be a time for all ages to enjoy and explore our new Mountain. Mike and Terry McGee will have available an exciting week of programming, including gem hunting, back country ethics, white water rafting, hikes to water-

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DIRECTORS' CORNER

Mo LARRY

It's hard to believe the summer will soon be ending. We feel very good about what's happened at the *THE MOUNTAIN* so far. No one seems to want to leave--an understandable feeling, especially given the beautiful weather we've had and the sense of belonging that develops after a few days with *THE MOUNTAIN'S* family/staff.

The weather has been next to perfect during June and July. We're very thankful for the cool mountain breezes. The news arrives slowly on *THE MOUNTAIN*, but we hear rumors of the rest of civilization roasting and toasting....Our temperatures have been warmer than our average summer temperature of 65°, but still very pleasant. August guests are still advised to bring warm clothing and blankets.

Many of our visitors comment on how much has been accomplished. Most of the credit goes to Steve Carter, our Maintenance Director, and his hard-working staff. They have performed miracles, it seems, as building after building has been transformed from "camp" to "conference center."

We've been especially pleased to host two weddings. Congratulations to Myra Kibler and Paul West of Athens, Ga., who were married on *THE MOUNTAIN* on June 28th. And a special welcome to the wedding guests of Mary Anne Horton and Terry Watson of Columbia, S.C., who will celebrate their marriage on August 9th and 10th. Can't think of a better place!

We welcome visitors for a day or a week. Call first to make sure there's room, but do plan to stop by and see *THE MOUNTAIN* this summer.

falls, rock sliding, swimming, horseback riding, and much much more.

There will be times when adults may attend separate programs or just relax by themselves, and there will be times for all ages to enjoy *THE MOUNTAIN* together.

Registration fee is \$15/adult, \$10/under 18, with a Family Maximum of \$50. Get another family to share a cabin with you and make it a low cost holiday for all!

FOREST, CLIFFS, WHITEWATER

Don't forget *THE MOUNTAIN'S* Week of Adventures, August 10-16. Experience *THE MOUNTAIN'S* excitement through outdoor activities:

- **Backpacking in the Nantahala National Forest** that surrounds *THE MOUNTAIN*.
- **Whitewater canoeing on a nearby river.**
- **Rockclimbing on our own 150' cliffs.**
- **Rafting down the most exciting river in this part of the country--Section 4 of the Chatooga.**

Beginners as well as those with some experience are welcome to attend. All equipment as well as instruction will be provided. The registration fee is \$123. Food for the week is \$66, and room varies from \$50 to \$70, depending on space chosen. (Age limit — 18)

LABOR DAY WEEKEND FEATURES.....

- **Crafts Fair**
- **Horseback Overnight**
- **Rock Climbing**

Labor Day Weekend is sure to be the highlight of the summer! We are so proud of our new crafts building--We'll be celebrating its completion with a Crafts Fair featuring UU artists from all over the Southeast. Evelyn Carter, our resident Crafts Director, would love to hear from you if you'd like to display and sell your creations. Let's start a tradition!

The weekend will also feature a horseback riding/wagon train overnight for only \$15 per person extra and a rock climbing class under the instruction of Bill McClure (cost \$15/day).

Won't you join us for this last big weekend of the summer! New games, swimming, boating, folk singing and dancing, and a grande finale picnic promise to make it a fun weekend for all.

A WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPT. 13-14

This will be a time to experience the wonders of *THE MOUNTAIN*, to share your feelings and thoughts with other women and to renew yourself for the days ahead. Activities will include:

- **Hiking and Canoeing, led by Nancy Suda.**
- **Crafts with Evelyn Carter**
- **Getting in Touch with the Threads of Your Life, led by Mo Wheeler.**
- **Nutrition for Health, led by Jane Rice**
- **Swimming, Tennis, Sports, as desired.**
- **Horseback Riding, extra fee.**

You, too, may have knowledge and skills you'd like to share with other women. If so, call Nancy, Mo or Evelyn at the camp, or Gerri Hall in Atlanta (404) 378-9537 or 634-5134.

The total fee for the weekend will be \$50. Cooking and clean up will be shared. Send your registration to *THE MOUNTAIN*.

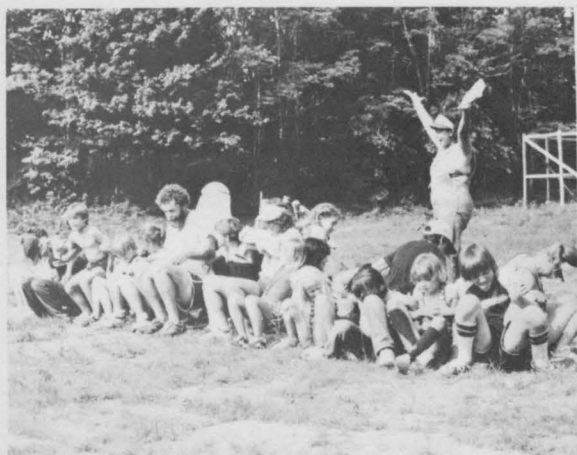
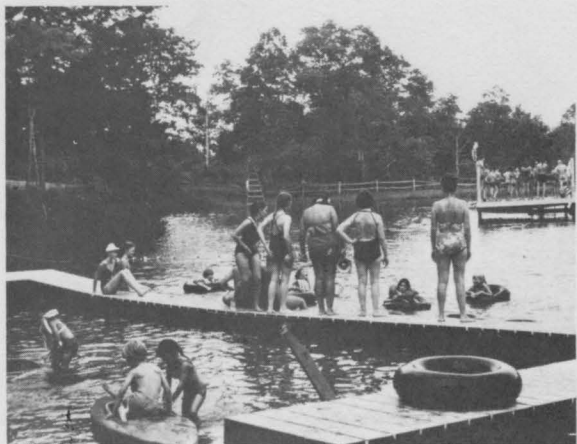
RESERVATIONS FOR FALL

Reservations at *THE MOUNTAIN* for fall colors in the Nantahala National Forest are coming in fast. Contact Mo or Larry immediately about your choice of dates. Openings during the weekdays are plentiful.

INSPIRED ON THE MOUNTAIN

Have you written a song, poem, or meditation about *THE MOUNTAIN*? How about a painting or photo? Your personal impressions of *THE MOUNTAIN* will go a long way in building traditions about our special place. Please send to Wendie Highsmith, 1022 Biltmore Dr., NE, Atlanta, GA 30329, so they can be shared.

NEW GAMES, WATER SPORTS & CAMPFIRES HELP MAKE YOUTH CAMP A BIG SUCCESS



"THEOLOGY THROUGH BIOGRAPHY" ON THE MOUNTAIN

Beginning August 10, the Rev. David O. Rankin will lead a week-long exploration of theology. Biographical works by Thoreau, Merton, Schweitzer, Eliot and Camus will be studied and discussed, with ministers from throughout the country. In addition there will be opportunities for retreat and exploration—personal and shared.

NEEDS, WISHES, DREAMS . . .

We are continuing to spruce up all the cabins at *THE MOUNTAIN* and need your help. Perhaps you have an item(s) to contribute. It will be used and appreciated, you can bet on that. We need:

Dressers, lamps, book cases, area rugs curtains, patio or lawn furniture.

VISITORS COMMENTS:

I Could Not Believe My Eyes!

I first visited *THE MOUNTAIN* in April, 1979, before its purchase in October. I did not see it again until July 19th. The transformation that has occurred in that time is awe inspiring, if not pure pleasure.

In April, trees and limbs were down, wires were down, many cabins and buildings were nearly down . . . the kitchen was bare and generally unpleasant, sporting many aged unopened cans of food. The Lodge smelled of the mildew which had found itself a happy home. Generally the place looked as if a strong wind coming up the valley could level it and no one would care.

What a difference has occurred in these 8 months! Never would I have believed the little "ghost town" we UUs purchased could be up and running in time for kids camp, adult programming and special events. The hard work of Mo & Larry, Steve Carter, the Board of Trustees, the staff and hundred of SE UUs is a testimony of commitment and determination.

There's much to be done yet, don't underestimate me. Many buildings and cabins have been rescued—others need our time and caring. The kitchen is a gleaming

stainless steel palace, but there is still work to be done there, too. Plumbing, carpentry, erosion, winterizing—all must be attended to. *The Highlands Camp and Conference Center* is a place, an effort, of which I as a UU am truly proud. Please make some time and go see for yourself.

— Wendie Highsmith

YOUR BOARD UP CLOSE

A bundle of energy and enthusiasm, Margrit Nash has been sharing her talents with us since discovering UU'ism in 1967. Heavily involved at UUCA. Atlanta, she has served as Program Vice-President and is the current Board President.

Margrit has not limited herself to the local scene, as many of you know. She has served as President of the Mid-South District for 2 years and is currently its representative to the Interdistrict Council. SUUSI is ably represented by Margrit on the *Highlands Camp and Conference Center* Board.

Margrit was educated in Europe and holds degrees in Hotel Administration/Management and Languages. A truly international lady, Margrit has lived in four countries, but Atlanta has been home for 13 years. She works as an administrator for an international company.

Margrit's children, Martin and Helen, share her enthusiasm for *THE MOUNTAIN*. Both attended our Youth Camp and like nothing better than going up to Highlands for the weekend.

BOARD NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

All the members of the *Highlands Camp and Conference Center* will have an opportunity to vote by mail in September to elect one Board Member at Large and three Nominating Committee Members. The Nominating Committee (Dick Weston-Jones, Sue Pierce and Rosemary Burns) submit the following nominees:

Member-at Large (vote for one)

Judith Bonner

Harriete Glasner

Nominating Committee (vote for 3)

Margaret Ann Link

Stephen Papa

Richard Speck

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About the nominees:

JUDITH BONNER—Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 5th grade teacher, current RE Director, Ft. Lauderdale Church. She has served on the church's RE Committee and is now serving on the church Board of Directors. Judith is single, has an 11 year old daughter and loves camping.

HARRIETE GLASNER—West Palm Beach, FL is one of the founders of the First UU Church of Palm Beach County and has served as its Board President. She is a founder and active in the following: Palm Beach Funeral Society, Planned Parenthood, Urban League and Emergency Medical Assistance, Inc., a private foundation for financial assistance for pregnancy termination for women who cannot afford it. Harriet's hobbies are tennis, cooking and reading.

MARGARET ANN LINK—Raleigh, NC, has served as President of the Raleigh Fellowship, President of the TJ District and as a Trustee of the SUUSI Board. She is presently serving as Registrar for the Discovery Week on *THE MOUNTAIN* and is

a member of the commission on Appraisal, a continental committee of the UUA.

STEPHEN PAPA—Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Minister of the First UU Church of Ft. Lauderdale. A graduate of Meadville Theological Seminary, he served as the Associate Minister under Paul Carnes in Buffalo, NY. Stephen is currently Vice President of the Florida District, and co-chairperson of the Florida District Extension Committee.

RICHARD SPECK—Birmingham, AL, has served in many capacities as a lay leader of the Birmingham church. He represented his congregation for 4 years at the Mid-South District Annual Meeting. He attended 1979 SUUSI and has joined other UUs to work on our *MOUNTAIN*.

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