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## HIGHLANDS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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### FIRST ANNUAL MEETING . . . SAVETHEDATESAVETHEDATE

Save the dates of November 7—9 for the first Annual Meeting of Highlands Camp and Conference Center. Work Weekend rates will apply: \$5/person per weekend for room, plus food (\$11 for ages 13 and up, \$8 for ages 8—12, \$5 for ages 4—7, and ages 3 and under free.) A family maximum of \$42 per family per day will apply. There will be hikes and entertainment as well as the regular business meeting of the camp. All Annual and Life Members are encouraged to attend—Be informed about camp business, policies and goals—and have a good time, doing it!



### FUND DRIVE NETS ¼ MILLION DOLLARS

There was great excitement at the final Serendipity at Summer Institute, when J.P. and Judy Newell's life membership raised the pledge total over a quarter of a million dollars. Since then, the total has grown to \$275,000. \$55,000 more to go.

The total represents pledges from most of our Southeastern UU societies. In fact, of the 37 societies whose membership is 100 or greater, only 4 do not have a pledging member: Gainesville, FL; Orlando, FL; Chattanooga, TN; and New Orleans, LA.

If you've been meaning to pledge but just haven't done so—don't wait! Do it now! We want to have our fund drive completed by November. If you don't have a pledge card, just call or drop a note to Roger Comstock at 979 Springdale Rd., Atlanta, GA 30306, (404)373-8320.

### DIRECTORS' CORNER

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A "full house" of about 150 people celebrating together the completion of *THE MOUNTAIN'S* first summer season felt symbolic. Labor Day Weekend brought the sadness of staff goodbyes along with the joys of success and togetherness. Commitment to our *MOUNTAIN* and to future visits was felt by all.

We remember the chaos of the Spring movie filming, the power failure during the wedding reception for 90 guests, the final cleaning of rebuilt cabins only seconds before guests arrived to stay there . . .

We look back to the "launching" of our 6 ducks during Youth Camp, to the shared campfires and sing-alongs, to discovering the amythyst mine in Blue Valley, to crushed ice fights on the 4th of July, to the feeling of togetherness at the Youth Camp's closing worship, to visitors' expressions as they saw *THE MOUNTAIN* for the first time, to a sense of history with the Universalists' Convention, to moving services on Meditation Rock . . .

We look ahead to many more summers of building our mountain community for UUs, knowing there will be similar frustrations as well as similar excitement and renewed commitment . . .

We look ahead to many of you coming up to visit or work this Fall, Winter or next Spring. We look ahead to dreams of a UU Fellowship on *THE MOUNTAIN*, to dreams of a school, and a retirement center . . . and we begin to disbelieve the reality of what has already occurred in these few short months. We reassure each other, and we feel a great sense of satisfaction — AND appreciation for our wonderful staff who helped make it all possible.

## BOARD SETS GOALS — RAISES COST OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The Highlands Camp & Conference Center Board met at Summer Institute and completed its work on goals and objectives for the corporation. These will be presented to the membership for ratification at the Annual Meeting.

The Board also extended the time limit on charter life memberships to January 15, 1981. A new class of membership was created—the life membership, as opposed to the *charter* life membership—which will be available January 15th. The cost will be \$1600 within a year or \$2000 over five years.

## MEET YOUR NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee has submitted two names for Member-at-Large of the Board of Trustees: Judith Bonner and Harriette Glasner. Members will have an opportunity to vote by mail in September to elect one of these fine people.

**FROM JUDITH BONNER:** After spending family week on *THE MOUNTAIN* this summer with my daughter and also attending an all day Board Meeting at Radford, I am more enthusiastic than ever to be part of this remarkable enterprise.

*THE MOUNTAIN* cannot be adequately described—only experienced. There is so much that is an integral part of our UU experience that I feel very strongly committed to its continued growth. It will be a rare privilege to work with the dedicated, competent staff and board if I am elected.

I have had much organizational experience, including most recently Director of Religious Education and Board member at the Unitarian Church of Ft. Lauderdale, as well as chairing several teacher related committees.

My daughter and I are avid campers and lovers of nature, so our interest in *THE MOUNTAIN* is natural and fulfilling. I am a Charter Life Member and intend to spend some time each year on our mountain. I would very much appreciate your vote for me as Member-at-Large of *THE MOUNTAIN* Board. Thank you.

**FROM HARRIETTE GLASNER:** My dedication to Unitarian-Universalism, the ideals for which it stands and my many years of organizational experience are the main reason I believe I could be of valuable assistance to the Board.

I am one of the founders of the First Unitarian Church of Palm Beach County and actively participate in all aspects of the Church, presently serving as President of the Board. I am also founder of the Palm Beach Funeral Society, serving as President of the past 12 years. I also just completed a four year term on the National Board.

Under my leadership of Planned Parenthood the group started with zero dollars and now has a budget of over half a million dollars.

I am thrilled with the idea of *THE MOUNTAIN*, which I feel is most important at this time in bringing together the Southeastern area. I went to Blue Ridge many years ago and was inspired. Whether or not I am elected, I will do whatever I can to promote this most important project for all UUs in our region.



## CAN WE JUST COME FOR A DAY OR SO?

Yes! Stay for one night or several. The costs are \$12 per person per night, for room (Life Members \$6) and \$11 per day for food (Children less). Call *THE MOUNTAIN* and stop by and see us. We'll be open all winter, too.

## LIFE MEMBERS' WEEKEND SCHEDULED FOR THANKSGIVING

This special celebration will be held November 26—30 and is reserved for Charter Life Members ONLY. A separate mailing will be made in early October and no reservations will be taken other than on the official registration form that accompanies the mailing. It promises to be a full weekend, so get your reservation in early! Special Life member rates will apply.

## THE MOUNTAIN — “A Special Space”

A contest was run at SUUSI '80 to identify the last two letters in *THE MOUNTAIN*'S fund raising acronym: UU-CCC-SS. Several hundred entries were received. Ted Machler submitted the winner — “a Special Space.” He will receive a free weekend at *THE MOUNTAIN*.



## ONE MOVIE WORTH WATCHING ←

Perhaps not for the script, or for the acting, but at least for a glimpse of *THE MOUNTAIN* and the many UUs who were extras for the filming of *THE MATING SEASON*, starring Lucie Arnaz and Larry Luckinbill. The movie is now scheduled for release early in 1981 on CBS-TV. Check your TV schedule as the time approaches and look for an article in UU World.



UU Co-Star Anne Haney from Atlanta poses with UU movie extras from the Franklin, NC Fellowship. L to R: Gerhard Krebs, Myrtle Lockwood, Ellen Krebs, Anne Haney and Art Lockwood.

## FALL WORK WEEKENDS BEGIN!

Zen and the art of winterizing! Our spring work weekends were so successful, we're doing them again this fall. *THE MOUNTAIN* is just too beautiful to leave vacant in the winter, so we are winterizing cabins 1-5 and the water system to go with the already available lodge.

Adding these major improvements to the usual end-of-season maintenance will provide plenty of work for a variety of skills: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, masonry, as well as work for those with few construction skills, but a willingness to pitch in and help.

Of course, the weekends aren't all work . . . each is a chance to meet and work closely with other UUs as well as enjoy the mountain setting. Church groups found the spring work weekends a way to build their own community spirit while working together for the camp. Individuals and families are also welcome, during the week and weekends. Please let us know as much as possible in advance if you would like to stay and work during a particular time.

Special rates apply: \$5/person for room for the weekend, plus food. Call the Wheelers for dates and more details.

## EVALUATIONS PRAISE MOUNTAIN

A total of 199 responded to questionnaires about *THE MOUNTAIN* at Summer Institute. Of these, only 30% had actually been to *THE MOUNTAIN*, but their comments are worth repeating:

"An absolutely emotional, spiritual experience."

"It's UUs with roots!!"

"Going there is like the supreme religious experience."

"A community & identity building facility—a place to call OURS which demonstrates our values—a place to rest and to play."

"My comments aren't likely to be constructive—I'm too much in love with the place to be objective!"

Of those who hadn't been to *THE MOUNTAIN*, 47% gave lack of time as the reason; 22% gave distance; and 19% gave no reason. Only 13% listed cost as a deciding factor.

In general, people seem to view *THE MOUNTAIN* as a place for UUs to retreat to and be rejuvenated in the fellowship of other UUs. We agree!

## OUR NEEDS ARE REAL!!

We sure could use the following: refrigerators, bookcases, lamps, dressers, card tables, tables, beds, rugs & carpeting . . . A piano, railroad ties, darkroom equipment, vacuum cleaners, pottery wheel, loom, rags and old shirts, rolling pins and a hot plate.

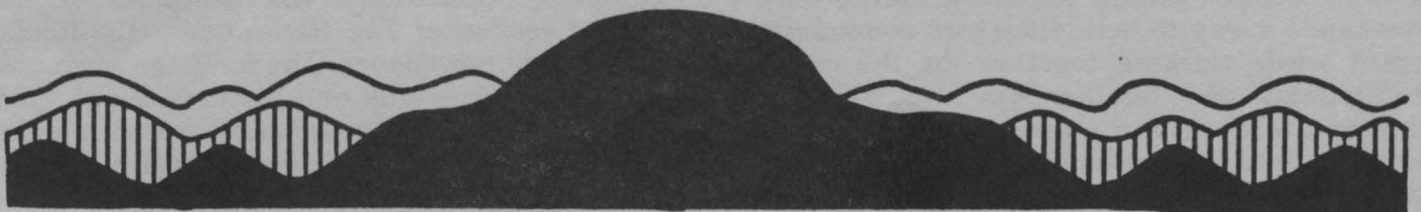
## MOUNTAIN RECEIVES BIG COVERAGE

"*THE MOUNTAIN* is haven for pilgrims-campers," proclaimed the headlines of the second section of *The Highlander*, Highlands, NC weekly newspaper. The full page coverage, August 28, in words and pictures about *THE MOUNTAIN*, U-Uism, goals, activities and the people involved is visible evidence of the growing good will of the Highlands area community and *THE MOUNTAIN*.

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