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## HIGHLANDS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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### ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

#### MOUNTAIN BOARD APPOINTS ED HEATH ACTING DIRECTOR

At its scheduled meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of Members of the Mountain on November 2nd, THE MOUNTAIN Board announced the appointment of Ed Heath as Acting Director.

The following statement was read to those attending the Annual Meeting by Board Vice President Walt Pirie: "As some of you know, the Wheelers have announced that they are separating. When that unfortunate situation was made known to us, each of the Wheeler's initially said that he or she wished to be considered for the Directorship for next year.

"After 6 years of dynamic, successful leadership from the two of them, the Board clearly had a very tough situation to resolve.

"For the past two days, the Board has met, sometimes alone, sometimes with the Directors. The decision was finally made that the best immediate solution was to bring in an Acting Director and give the Board a more adequate period to fill the permanent Director's position. Ed Heath has agreed to accept the Board's request to be Acting Director for the next several months. To a large extent, the Wheeler's have been central to the foundation and success of THE MOUNTAIN and this transition will be difficult for them, for us, and for the membership. Our love and concern for them in their transition is clear and strong, and we look forward to their continued involvement in THE MOUNTAIN community.

"The Board appreciates Ed's willingness to step in and accept this temporary and difficult assignment, demonstrating once more his commitment to serving THE MOUNTAIN. We know that with your continued support for THE MOUNTAIN and its leadership, Ed's stewardship will be successful."

Also attending the Executive session board meetings were Atlanta psychologist Carole Light and UUA District Executive Bob Hill. Of these meetings, which lasted for two days and nights, Bob Hill has written the following summation:

### DIRECTORS CORNER

The decision to end a 22 year old marriage is never easy or pleasant. Ours has been complicated by our mutual commitment to THE MOUNTAIN. Nevertheless, we have begun a period of a year's separation, which is the only way to become divorced in the state of North Carolina.

We both love THE MOUNTAIN and want you to know that neither of us feels it is responsible for our divorce. We brought to THE MOUNTAIN the issues over which we have been unable to reach a compromise. They have not been resolved and have led to our separation.

We are sorry if we have let you down. We hope you will forgive us and help THE MOUNTAIN to move forward to an even brighter future under the leadership of Ed Heath.

MO & LARRY WHEELER

### AND FROM THE NEW ACTING DIRECTOR

When Anne and I first visited THE MOUNTAIN six years ago we knew that it would be a special place for us. Eventually we hoped that it would be our home. That dream was realized when we accepted positions on the permanent staff last spring.

Now THE MOUNTAIN is experiencing a substantial change. Our most heartfelt thanks go to Mo and Larry for their monumental work and accomplishments. Our best wishes go with them.

As Acting Director I will rely greatly on the "cast of thousands" that are also so important to THE MOUNTAIN. Working together, we can be sure that the dream of THE MOUNTAIN will continue to grow and be shared for generations to come.

ED HEATH

## Winter - Spring Programs

### CHRISTMAS ON THE MOUNTAIN

Have you always wanted to spend Christmas at THE MOUNTAIN, but couldn't because family traditions were even more important? Now's your chance to have Christmas at home AND have Christmas at THE MOUNTAIN too. The weekend of **DECEMBER 20-24** we'll have our traditional tree trimming and a candlelight service. **DECEMBER 24-31** we will celebrate the Christmas holiday with THE MOUNTAIN family. Bring your family to enjoy the good fellowship and fun of Christmas on THE MOUNTAIN.

### TRAINING FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP

**TWO WEEKENDS - DECEMBER 20-22 and FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2**

A workshop to learn THE MOUNTAIN's successful approach to working with youth. Learn skills to improve interpersonal relationships, become more effective leaders, and win the cooperation of children and teens. Transportation from Atlanta will be provided for \$15 per person. Total cost is \$88.50. Scholarships are available. Contact THE MOUNTAIN for details. Successful completion of this workshop qualifies for credit under THE MOUNTAIN's Staff Incentive Program.

### NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

**DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 3**

Help us welcome 1986 with a safe and sane family celebration of New Year's Eve. What better place could there be to spend this special time of year? **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY - We are always full!**

### HALLEY'S COMET/LOBSTER WEEKENDS PLANNED FOR MARCH & APRIL

Halley's Comet 1986 debut on the Southern horizon will make THE MOUNTAIN an ideal place for unobstructed viewing. Our experts tell us the comet will be visible to the naked eye in late March and early April. Of course, viewing will be even better through our telescope.

March 28-30 and April 4-6 have been selected for this once-in-a-lifetime chance to see Halley's Comet.

The March 28-30 weekend will be extra special with a live Maine Lobster Saturday night dinner (steak as an alternative). When you register, specify number of lobsters and steaks at a cost of \$7.50 each on top of regular rates.

On Easter Sunday we will celebrate with our annual Sunrise Service and Egg Hunt.

## SKI SCALY THIS WINTER

The Scaly Mountain Ski Area is located only 3 miles from THE MOUNTAIN and the owners, Gene and Susan Head, have been most helpful in working with us and our guests. For this winter, some special programs include:

### WEEKDAY PACKAGES

Guests of THE MOUNTAIN will be able to ski for special low rates Monday through Friday. The adult lift ticket will be \$10, equipment (skis, boots, poles) rental \$5.23, and a lesson \$5 for a total of only \$20.23.

THE MOUNTAIN will also have special room rates Sunday through Thursday nights during ski season - \$10 per adult per night. This represents a savings of up to \$8 per night.

### SPECIAL "Learn To Ski" Week

Ski Scaly will participate in the nationwide "Learn To Ski" Week, January 27-31 (Monday-Friday). Rates will be at an all-time low: Lift Ticket - \$5, Equipment Rental - \$5.23, and Lesson - \$5, for a total of \$15.23.

Our weekends are filling up, so start making plans to visit us this winter. Enjoy skiing at Scaly Mountain, and being with other guests at THE MOUNTAIN partaking in wonderful meals, evenings around the fireplace in the Lodge, hiking, etc.

### REGISTER NOW!

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### TO REGISTER FOR ANY VISITS

Send your name, address, phone number, first and last meals you plan to have with us, type of accommodations preferred and a \$15 per adult deposit to THE MOUNTAIN, 841 Highway 106, Highlands, NC 28741. Your deposit is refundable up to 3 weeks prior to arrival. For more details call 704-526-5838.

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### SPRING/SUMMER 86 - KEY DATES

March 28-30	Halley's Comet/Lobster Bash Easter
April 4-6	Halley's Comet Weekend
May 9-11	Spring Fling
May 23-25	Life Members Weekend
May 26-31	Work Week
June 1-6	Summerfest for Singles
June 15-21	SR HI Arts & Sciences
June 15-21	Ages 6-8 Youth Camp
June 22 - July 5	Senior High Camp
June 29 - July 5	RE Training
July 6-19	SR HI Work/Adventure
July 6-19	Ages 7-11 Youth Camp
July 20 - August 2	Ages 11-14 Youth Camp
August 3-16	Ages 12-14 Junior High Camp
August 10-16	Leadership School
August 24-30	Work Week

## STAFF COMINGS & GOINGS

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