



# Harvard Mountaineering Club

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## Notes from Cambridge, Spring 1998

*The only thing left to do on lead is to vomit.*

-Tony Patt, whose exploits concerning bodily functions have become club legend.

Thanks to everyone who responded to our last newsletter. We appreciate your comments and questions. Also, thank you to those who donated climbing equipment, guide books and climbing journals to the club.

### Climbing

The HMC has had a good ice season, with beginner trips to Pitcher Falls, a semester break spent at Smuggler's Notch, VT, and weekend trips to NH climbing areas throughout the semester. HMC ice climbers showed their aptitude by going from top roping to leading Lake Willoughby grade 5 in a single season. Lauren Hough, Meredith Betterton, Luca Marinelli, Tony Patt and Jen Liu were all successful at gym climbing competitions in Middlebury, Williams and Dartmouth. Meredith, after breaking her wrist on Mt. Washington, celebrated her rehabilitation by leading the crux pitch of the Black Dike. (Tony contributed a bodily function to the first pitch, and Glenn Sanders led the third) The recent very warm and sunny weekends have also heralded the start of the long awaited rock season with trips to Lincoln Woods and Rumney. Meredith and Glenn marked the equinox by ice climbing at Lake Willoughby followed by a rock climb at Rumney. During Spring Break trips are planned to Red River Gorge, KY, Moab, UT and local climbing areas.

### Spring Speaker

Our spring banquet is scheduled for Thursday, April 29. The speaker will be Barry Rugo, an expedition climber whose achievements include Mt Everest in 1991 with Rick Wilcocks as well as attempts of Latok I, in Pakistan, and climbs in the Cordillera Huayash, Peru. He hopes to get people excited for mounting expeditions to unclimbed peaks in the Andes and Himmalayas. We

