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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

hope to see you there.

As usual, there will be drinks at the club beforehand and a dinner, followed by the slide show. Tentative times are

5:00 - 6:00 Cocktails at the club (Claverly Hall, corner of Mt Auburn St and Linden St)

6:00 - 8:00 Dinner (location to be announced)

8:30 Barry Rugo slide show (campus location to be announced)

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Journal

We are publishing the 75th anniversary journal this year and so we are soliciting both recent and older climbing accounts. The absolutely final "final deadline" for journal entries has again been shifted, this time to the 25 April, 1999. Please send in submissions (stories, photos, news about yourself since you left the club, notes on HMC history, climbing area descriptions, reviews, poems) However, please do not send us negatives or original copies as we cannot guarantee their return. The journal will be printed over the summer, and sent out during the later half of this year, so if you expect any address changes, please notify us. Please send submissions to the HMC at 4 University Hall, Cambridge MA 02138, or email them, preferably as text files, to Patrycja at paruch@fas.harvard.edu

T-Shirt

Our 75 anniversary T-shirts will be coming out later this semester, with a design by Tony that commemorates 75 years of HMC climbing history, big and small. Long (\$15) and short (\$12) sleeves in grey and crimson will be available for purchase. Please include \$3 for shipping and handling.

Club News

We are exhibiting our collection of mountain photography at Adams House, April 12-18.

These photographs of the Bernese Oberland, and of the high desert in Colorado have been in the club for years. If you have any information about them, please contact Katie at ives@fas.harvard.edu Our workout room improvements are progressing, and as always, we would appreciate donations of climbing equipment, especially shoes that you no longer use. Also, we are still trying to track down any information about the books that the club allegedly placed in Pusey library. If you know anything about them, please let us know.



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- K2 • FITZ ROY •
- 20° BELOW ZERO
- GULLY • DRACULA •
- EIGER • REPENTANCE •
- HIGH EXPOSURE • THE
- LAST GENTLEMAN • THE
- NOS • DENALI • EVEREST •
- AIGUILLE DU MIDI • VIA
- AUSTRIA • MATTERHORN •
- BREITHORN • EPINEPHRINE •
- PINNACLE GULLY • HALF DOME •
- BATIAN • THE MOTHER LOAD • EVERY
- METER OF GRAND CANYON • WAIMEA
- WALL • SALÈVE • VERDUN • TARZAN •
- MEMORIAL HALL • RIVERSIDE T STOP •
- PLANARELLA • CORNO STELLA • WEST BUTTRESS
- LINCOLN WOODS • MONT BLANC DU TACUL
- THE FLUME • THE SWIMMING POOL CAVE

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