

# thin air

## SPRING BREAK TRIP

THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS IN NORTHERN WYOMING ARE ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS IN THE WEST. UNCROWDED, CHALLENGING, AND RUGGED. THAT'S WHY WE'VE CHOSEN THEM AS THE DESTINATION FOR THIS YEAR'S SPRING TRIP.

HERE'S OUR ITINERARY: WE'LL LEAVE THE UNION ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, AND STAY OVERNIGHT IN SHERIDAN, WYOMING. TUESDAY AFTERNOON WE'LL BE ON THE TRAIL IN THE BIG HORNS HEADING SOUTHWEST. WE'LL CAMP FOR FOUR NIGHTS, THEN RETURN ON SATURDAY FROM BUFFALO. THE APPROXIMATE COST FOR MEMBERS WILL BE 175. SIGN UP SOON SO WE CAN LINE UP TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLIES.



## DRESSING FOR THE CLIMB

CLIMBING A "FOURTEENER" IN COLORADO CAN BE AN EXHILARATING EXPERIENCE. IF YOU'RE PREPARED. MOST NOVICES HOWEVER, MAKE THE MISTAKE OF UNDERESTIMATING THE BRUTE FORCE OF NATURE ABOVE THE TIMBER LINE. THAT CAN BE A BIG MISTAKE - EVEN A FATAL MISTAKE.

AT THIS FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MEETING, FRED CARLSON WILL CONDUCT A SEMINAR ON DRESSING FOR THE CLIMB. FRED, WHO WORKED FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE THE PAST THREE SUMMERS, HAS LOTS OF EXPERIENCE OUTFITTING BACKPACKERS AND CLIMBERS. JOIN US AND LET FRED HELP YOU PLAN YOUR NEXT MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE.

## MOUNT WASHINGTON

DURING THE THANKSGIVING BREAK SEVERAL CLUB MEMBERS DROVE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL RANGE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE TO CLIMB MOUNT WASHINGTON AND SURROUNDING PEAKS. THE CONDITIONS WERE EXCELLENT. CLEAR SKIES, ABOVE - FREEZING TEMPERATURES, AND WIND VELOCITIES UNDER 50 MPH. THAT WAS QUITE A PLEASANT SURPRISE: MT. WASHINGTON HOLDS THE WIND VELOCITY RECORD, AND SNOW STARTS TO FLY IN EARLY FALL.

CLUB MEMBERS CAMPED IN TENTS IN A NEARBY NATIONAL FOREST. THEY HIKE TO THE SUMMITS OF MADISON, ADAMS, AND JEFFERSON, FOLLOWING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL FOR NEARLY FORTY MILES. ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SPOTTED MOOSE ALONG THE TRAIL. THE CLUB WILL DEFINITELY CONSIDER THE PRESIDENTIAL RANGE FOR FUTURE TRIPS.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE SMC NEWSLETTER! WE HOPE IT WILL CREATE A RELIABLE MEDIUM FOR KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. IN THIS NEWSLETTER YOU'LL FIND ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS OTHER INFORMATION WE HOPE YOU'LL FIND INTERESTING AND USEFUL.

OUR OFFICERS HAVE SOME EXCITING PROGRAMS AND TRIPS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR. I HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY ALL OF THEM! - CHRIS

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEARING TRAILS ARE NEEDED IN SEVERAL STATE AND NATIONAL FORESTS AND PARKS. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO LEARN ABOUT A MOUNTAIN ECO-SYSTEM WHILE PREPARING THE TRAILS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON FOR YOUR FELLOW HIKERS. SPEND YOUR SPRING BREAK IN THE ROCKIES OR THE APPALACHIANS WHERE THE STREAMS RUN CLEAR, THE TREES OPEN THEIR CANOPIES, AND THE RHODODENDRONS BLOOM. HOUSING IS PROVIDED FREE, AND CARPOOLING IS AVAILABLE. CONTACT STEVE AT 782-5555 FOR DETAILS.

## CONGRATULATIONS

IN JUNE, JERRY SMITH, BRENDA TALBOT, AND FRED CARLSON CLIMBED MOUNT RAINIER IN WASHINGTON STATE. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE CAUGHT IN A SNOW-STORM ON THEIR DESCENT, THEY MADE IT BACK SAFELY. "WE HAD A CLEAR VIEW AT THE TOP," SAID JERRY. "IT WAS WORTH EVERY STEP - AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE! I CAN'T WAIT TO GO BACK."

## SUMMER BREAK TOUR

OUR ANNUAL SUMMER TOUR THE WEEK BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES. SCOTLAND, NORWAY, SWITZERLAND, CHILE, AND HAWAII ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY DESTINATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION. GIVE US YOUR IDEAS AND INPUT. WE NEED TO FINALIZE OUR PLANS BY THE END OF MARCH SO WE CAN GET YOU THE AIRFARE DISCOUNTS YOU NEED. CALL JOE 2-4593 WITH YOUR IDEAS AND PREFERENCES - SOON!

# MOUNTAIN LECTURES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, JIM SPITZER, "WHICH MOUNTAIN WILL BE THE NEXT ST. HELEN'S?" FIND OUT ABOUT THE GEOLOGY OF THE CASCADES AND HOW IT'S LIKELY TO CHANGE WITHIN THE COMING DECADES.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, MARY ANN WOODLING, "HIGH TERRAIN MAMMALS." LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING ADAPTIVE QUALITIES OF BEARS, MARMOTS, AND OTHER MOUNTAIN CREATURES.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, LIU CHANG, "THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE OF TIBET." DISCOVER THIS UNIQUE CULTURE FROM AN ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT WHO HAS LIVED AND WORKED IN TIBET.

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

WE'LL BE SELLING MOUNTAIN T-SHIRTS, MUGS, AND CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. THESE ITEMS MAKE GREAT GIFTS ANYTIME OF THE YEAR. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR BOOTH DISPLAYS. CONTACT SUE AT 782-2222.

## SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

WE'LL MEET EVERY OTHER TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:00 IN THE STUDENT UNION LOUNGE. BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

LAST FALL WE'VE HAD NEARLY 20 NEW MEMBERS, BOTH FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE GLOBE. WELCOME!

THIS YEAR'S OFFICERS INCLUDE: PRESIDENT, CHRIS JONES  
VICE-PRESIDENT, SALLY SMITH  
SECRETARY, KARL NEUBERG  
FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR, BRENDA SIKES