



## Up Rope Update September 1997

### **MS loses Don McIntyre on Mt. Rainier; fall into crevasse also injures partner**

Don McIntyre was a friend to many members of the Mountaineering Section, and a mentor and teacher for some of us. He died on July 29<sup>th</sup> from injuries sustained in a 50-80 foot fall into a crevasse on Mt. Rainier. He was 51. Don and climbing partner Joel Koury had summited Mt. Rainier by climbing the Liberty Ridge route and were descending by way of the Emmons Glacier. Both men, roped together, had stopped to clear snow from their crampons. A loss of balance led to a short fall and an unarrestable drop into a crevasse. Another climbing party witnessed the accident and went for help, which, due to weather conditions took nearly seven hours to arrive. Joel apparently landed on his backpack and escaped severe injury. Don suffered a ruptured aorta and was able to survive in the crevasse for about three hours, with Joel trying to keep Don as comfortable as possible. Joel was rescued four hours later. He was able to walk part of the way down the mountain but eventually had to be air-lifted. Don's ashes were interred at The Presidio in San Francisco. Don's wife, Linda Gabel, and his two children plan to attend a local memorial service scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at the River Road Unitarian Church. (See story below.)

We'll miss you very much, Don. Thanks for taking this editor under your wing and teaching him how to climb.

### **McIntyre Memorial service set for Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Don McIntyre served as chairman of the Mountaineering Section on two separate occasions, most recently during 1996, before he and his wife (and MS member) Linda Gabel moved to Reno. Friends of Don and Linda, along with the Mountaineering Section, have scheduled a memorial service and reception for Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at the River Road Unitarian Church, 6301 River Road, Bethesda, MD. The service will start at 4 p.m. with a reception to follow at the church. MS members who would like to attend or help with preparations should call Tony Sanders for more information at: 202-362-3819.

### **Car accident in Tibet leaves Anne Baron in coma**

Right now the details are somewhat sketchy, but apparently MS member Anne Baron was severely injured in a car accident on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, an accident that has left her in a coma and with friends trying to make arrangements for her return to the U.S. We only found out about the accident on Thursday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. As of this writing, Anne was still hospitalized in Tibet, with hospital and transportation fees running from \$10,000-\$20,000. Friends here are en route to Hong Kong to help bring Anne back to the U.S. Anne is a long-time member of the MS, who annually takes extended trekking trips into Tibet and Nepal. She works as a translator from her home in Virginia.