

**Here is just a fraction of the hundreds of letters I am sending to friends, family, fellow college alumni, former professors, former elementary school teachers, acquaintances, obscure acquaintances, third cousins twice removed, etc. about my hike.**

**Addressing, stuffing, and stamping four hundred letters takes a great deal of time and effort, but as I always say, "You can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs!"**

**I intend to continue my fund-raising efforts and physical training up until my departure date of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

**Wish me luck!**

