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Convention 86: Two Branches Better than One

Forty-nine Telluride Association members, including nine that were newly elected, met at Telluride House from June 19 to 22 to tackle the refreshing problems associated with growth, both in programs and in the trust fund. With nine new members the roster of Association membership has risen to 95, a record number, up 26 members since the 1976 Convention.

Though membership has grown, Convention attendance has not. In 1966, for instance, 62 percent of the membership were present at the annual event; this year there was a 52 percent showing. Nonetheless, much was accomplished, as President Higuera doggedly kept things moving over four exhausting days before turning over his duties to newly elected TA President, Martynas Ycas. Ycas, who joined TA in 1968, is a product of the last days of Berkeley Branch. TA's new vice-president is Aviva Orenstein, who joined the Association in 1979 after coming to Cornell Branch in 1977.

Much of Convention was spent in simply trying to deal with the business and the issues of two branches, including proposals from both branches that preferment procedures be changed, or at least, that changes be studied. Another issue of note resulted in the decision to increase support for the Deep Springs Telluride Association Summer Program, despite some concern that was expressed about its single sex status. The Convention also voted to grant the request by Deep Springs for a \$6,000 grant to make needed repairs to one of the faculty cottages at the college.

The following excerpts from Convention reports, reflect the determined optimism of the gathering and the range of concerns that dominated debate.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"After our sporadic attempts to imagine other new programs during the past few years, it seems once again that perhaps the most quintessentially Telluridian projects are communities, somewhat isolated from the rest of the world, that attempt to educate in personal growth and leadership through intense living situations. Now, Friedrich Nietzsche says somewhere that it is not the intensity but the duration of high feelings that determines the rank of souls; but Nunn held firmly to the insight that the duration is very difficult to obtain without first obtaining intensity. I have not seen that much of the world since leaving Cornell Branch, but it does seem to me that Nunnian institutions call forth a degree and duration of loyalty and effort that few non-religious or non-ideological institutions can match."

"The unusual task of evaluating two Branches immediately involves both a serious discussion of principles and a delicate juggling of practical exigencies, given the unforgiving constraints upon Convention of schedules and personnel. In some ways, of course, this is unusual only in degree. Nevertheless, I have become increasingly aware that constraints of personnel, willpower, and time may become more important than financial constraints in the years to come in limiting the scale and the types of programs which we can successfully run. If



Basia McQuaid, Rhoda Rabkin, Tom Christina and Eric Wefald at the 1986 Convention

someone dropped \$10 million on our heads tomorrow, I cannot help but wonder whether we could spend the added income wisely— whether we could elaborate, administer and evaluate, both during the year and at Convention, such further programs as those added resources would encourage us to initiate."

CORNELL BRANCH EVALUATION

"Your committee is pleased to report that, on the whole, Cornell Branch had quite a successful year. This is especially heartening in light of the difficulties that could have been expected to follow last year's Convention. Further, half of the house was composed of new Branchmembers. In fact, we believe that the success of this year's Branch is attributable in part to the talents and enthusiasm of these new members."

CHICAGO BRANCH EVALUATION COMMITTEE

"This year's convention is our first experience of a two-branch association in quite some time, and the past year has shown that the new state of affairs will take some getting used to. There were the inevitable tensions, adjustments, and turf battles that must occur when an organization is shaken out of its old habits of doing things. For all their shared goals, the Chicago Branch is an enterprise quite distinct from Cornell Branch, and is evolving its own way of doing things. This is in keeping with the Association's stated desire for innovation and a new approach. Yet the political cohabitation of two different Branch experiences within one Association gives us the added problem of explaining our differing orientations to each other - and there is the potential for much to get lost in translation.

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The misunderstandings that crop up can only be overcome by an atmosphere of openness, trust, patience, and forbearance when mistakes are nonetheless made."

"It would be wrong to end these reflections on the differences between Chicago and Cornell on anything but an optimistic note. The best portent for future relations is the good opinion Chicago Branch enjoys among all TA members who visited last year. Association visitors were impressed first of all by the genuine warmth of the Branch's hospitality and even more by the vital intellectual and political life going on in the Branch. TA members report that UCBTA was an extraordinarily stimulating place to live last year. We are impressed by the substantial achievements of Chicago Branch."

PREFERMENT COMMITTEE

"This year's Preferment Committee was impressed by the quality of the applicants for repreferment. We look forward to two strong, interesting and diverse branches this year. We would like to praise Cornell Branch for the high quality of its blurbs and emphasize to Chicago Branch the importance of such distillations of branchmembers' performance to the intelligent function of this committee."

TELLURIDE LIAISON WITH CHICAGO COMMITTEE

"Assuming that TA could consider establishing a permanent Branch as soon as 1988, it is important for us to undertake the financial planning that will enable us to fund such permanent operations should we choose to do so.

The first task is to formulate a capital budget for Chicago operations. Russell Hawkins has suggested to TLC that the Association can invest about \$1 million of its endowment to acquire suitable property in Chicago while still maintaining all its programs including a full-fledged Chicago Branch. We would like a preliminary report from this Convention's Finance Committee on the Association's ability to fund permanent Chicago operations, based on available data regarding the cost of suitable real property, the cost of Branch operations, and prospects for outside support. In particular, Finance Committee should set a target amount for necessary outside capital."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TA SUMMER PROGRAMS

"Four TASP's were held in 1985, two at Cornell, one at Deep Springs, and one at Williams College. Predictably, though the refrain has by now become monotonous, all four were highly successful programs and made for rich and rewarding educational experiences for all involved."

"I end on a cautionary note. In 1978, we held two TASP's, one at Cornell and at Johns Hopkins University. In 1986, we will hold five TASP's, two at Cornell, one at Chicago, one at Williams, and one at Deep Springs. Thus, since 1978 the number of programs has been doubling approximately every 6.06 years. If we continue to expand at this rate, there will be a TASP at every major college and university in the country by the year 2053. However, this rosy picture of the future must be clouded somewhat by the fact that by 2091, we will have to accept every high school junior in the country into a TASP in order to fill the available slots. We hope that 21st century TASP Boards will read this report and be forewarned."

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF DEEP SPRINGS COLLEGE

"The Trustees, at their spring meeting, decided that we should be working, at a significant level, to restore many of the buildings, buildings with problems ranging from major structural damage to serious deterioration in appearance. We will, this year, carry out a detailed survey of problems needing attention and develop cost estimates and priorities for their correction. Funding will come primarily from a capital drive conducted in parallel with our annual drive. We hope that the work can proceed at a reasonable pace without necessitating substantial use of endowment funds. Whether our books reflect it or not, delay of this work also results in a deterioration of our assets.

I am seeking at this meeting, some support for this effort from Telluride Association."

"A final word about the state of the College. The 85-6 year has gone well. By what mix of luck, effort and talent, no one will know, but both the recruiting and fund raising results are encouraging. New strategies are being employed for next year in both of these areas and we hope for even stronger returns. The hydro project, now fully authorized by relevant agencies, has slowed as we seek outside support, primarily in the form of in-kind contributions of pipe and/or power plant. Beginning with the end of this term, two changes have occurred with important implications for the labor program: we now own a harrow-bed and bucking may well go the way of the forked loose hay of years ago and the students are completely taking over the cooking responsibility - menus, ordering, and preparation. There is now even the possibility of developing a telephone system which will allow us to hear you as well as the reverse. It should be an interesting year."



Current and former Cornell Branchers, Jing Zhang, Bob Jerrard, and Josh Leonard, expressing solidarity

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Chicago Branchers Marc Applebaum, Jahan Sharifi (back to camera) and Ira Abrams, conferring

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CUSTODIANS

"Since the last Convention, the stock and bond markets have staged one of the most impressive rallies since the sixties. Fueled by a 3% drop in long-term interest rates, the Dow Jones Industrial Average went up 37%. The broader-based S&P 500 went up about 25%, and the Value Line Index went up about 20%. The Shearson Lehman Treasury Bond Index was up about 23%.

The Board met four times this year to contemplate this rally and to assess its significance for Telluride's wealth. As of May 30th, the portfolio was worth approximately \$11.7 million. Correcting for the Association's budgeted expenditures for the year, the Trust Fund grew at an annualized rate of 21%.

This year's overall performance is considerably less impressive than any of the major equity indices and less impressive even than the Treasury Bond index. Telluride's underperformance of the stock and bond markets reflects the "zero-risk" portfolio which this Board inherited last spring. At that time, the portfolio consisted of 40% stocks, 46% short to medium term bonds, and 14% cash. In the aggregate, almost half of the portfolio consisted of short-term bonds and cash. The other half consisted of fairly conservative equities and some long-term bonds. The portfolio was designed to produce about \$1 million in income, with a total downside risk of about \$1 million. The result was a portfolio nearly guaranteed not to decline in value, since any capital loss would be offset by income from our high-yielding bonds.

In view of this strategy, the portfolio performed about as expected. The half of the portfolio invested in equities kept up with the Dow, more or less. The half of the portfolio invested in bonds underperformed the bond index, because of the heavy emphasis on short to medium term bonds. The portion of the portfolio invested in cash barely performed at all."

"At the fall, and again at the spring meetings, the Board reduced its cash position, increased its holdings in equities, and increased its exposure to long term bonds. Although none of these moves changed the essentially conservative character of the portfolio, they significantly improved its performance in the market. Had the Board not performed a single trade this year, the portfolio would now be worth \$10,210,000. Thus, the trades executed by the Board added 14.6% to the value of the portfolio, about two-thirds of the 21% rate of growth in the Trust Fund this year."

"One is struck that in the last 25 years, Telluride actually has managed to outpace inflation. In fact, in 1951 dollars, the

portfolio is now worth almost twice what it was then. Unfortunately, merely doubling the portfolio in real terms in 25 years means that the real rate of return excluding all expenditures has only been 2.5% per year. Achieving such growth has meant that the portfolio has had to increase almost nine times in nominal value since 1951. Most of that increase has occurred in the last six years."

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

"The sum total of SI-6 and the amount of unearmarked new funds represents Spendable Revenue, or an amount which we believe can be expended without reducing the value of the Trust Fund as of the close of the preceding fiscal year. SI-6 for FY 1987 is \$313,770. Unearmarked new funds total \$16,669.28. Thus Spendable Revenue for FY 1987 is \$330,439.28, or \$37,296.28 more than the level of Spendable Revenue for FY 1986.

The SI-6 formula was embodied in TARP in 1979. Since then, SR has increased steadily at the rate of 9.27% per year. Association expenditures have likewise increased at the rate of 9.2% per year, to a 1986 budgeted level of \$308,243.55. Thus, the Association budget can increase this year by \$25,395.25 over the level of FY 1986 without surpassing this year's SR figure. (One technical adjustment that we will propose to the accounting procedures of the Association may permit a further modest increase in Spendable Revenue for this year.) In view of the generous increase in SI-6 for this year, as determined in TARP, and thus the increase in Spendable Revenue, your committee believes that Convention should be able to limit its budgetary appropriations to the Spendable Revenue amount."

REPORT OF THE PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

"The goals the Association had in mind when it initially approved the Telluride Lecture project were certainly worthy ones. We would all be glad to see Telluride House, in its newly-renovated splendor, return to the glory days when it routinely housed the most eminent of visiting intellectuals and political figures. Telluride House and Chicago Branch would benefit greatly from the closer links to their respective college communities and the general aura of intellectual prestige gained by sponsoring important scholars. We wonder, however, whether a different, less expensive sort of sponsorship might be in order. With this in mind, this committee has decided to ask that the funding for the Telluride Lectureship be withdrawn for the 1986-87 academic year."



Clockwise from left; Tom Christina, Marc Applebaum, Aviva Orenstein, Brence Culp, Kathy Maus, Paul Foster, and, (back to camera) Mary Mansfield

A TASP from the State of Maine

When my friends learned that I would be spending the summer in New York at the Cornell II program, they were concerned. It was the furthest west I had ever gone (and for Mainers without boats, EVERYTHING is west), and they were afraid that my innocence would make me a target. So they rounded up some REAL travelers, one of whom had gone as far as Disney World, and I learned what New York had to offer me.

Sex and violence.

They showed me movies set in New York: *West Side Story*, *Annie*, *King Kong*. They gave me books: *The Cross and the Switchblade*, *The Concrete Jungle*, *The Manhattan Project*. (I think they chose the last one for its title, but I can't be sure.) They taught me how to strut, how to walk in front of cars and yell, "Hey! I'm WALKIN here!"

Per their advice, I concentrated on preparing for violence. There were two reasons for this. One, if you didn't survive a fight, you couldn't really enjoy anything else. Two, no one in my group, and I think this is true of Mainers in general, knew HOW to prepare for romance. It was something that happened, like being struck by lightning. (For some of my friends, the two events happened with about the same frequency.) So, I lifted weights, practiced come-backs to putdowns until I had more one-liners than Bob Hope, looked for a leather jacket, and studied local policemen (both of them), learning to imitate their "I'm armed, and even if I wasn't I could still break your spine" walk.

The ride from my house to Cornell took six hours. If we hadn't gotten lost, it would have taken five and a half. I counted the minutes, re-reading the letters I'd gotten from others in my seminar, trying to see ahead of time whether lightning would strike. I was also studying what I could see from the turnpike of New York. It was puzzling. No street gangs, no smog, actual dairy farms? The thunder that rumbled as we arrived at Telluride House was a reassuring omen, but looking at the people made me wonder if I was in the right state. The girls wore modest dresses, the guys mostly button-down shirts. My factotum/tour guide, Mike Millette, looked like one of the flash cards we use in school to distinguish inherited wealth from yuppies. But then, it was the first day, and shyness ruled. After supper, the musicians went into their rooms and played their instruments with the doors and windows shut. I'd seen that back in Maine; they were marking their territory. I flexed my ears and joined the groups probing for things in common.



Clockwise from left: Cornell TASPers Brodie Dickinson, Brit Albritton (possibly), Jeremy Mumford, and Mary Cutrufello



The author, Brian Rust (left) talking with fellow TASP Richard Baum

Yes, this was definitely TASP; I fell in with a group comparing SAT scores. Having not bothered to learn what my total score was, I did not, as we say in Maine, socially scintillate.

It was with nervous excitement that I greeted the first seminar next morning. Here the adventure began, I felt. Here the battles of the mind would be waged, here allies would be won, enemies made, lightning strike . . . here we sometimes sat in painful silence. Our disagreements, when we had them, were handled with the delicacy of a large family getting together for Thanksgiving and not wanting to spoil the one day of the year they see each other. Things gradually heated up. One can argue over the League of Nations for hours without disturbing anyone, but once it gets more personal . . . the war uncle Billy fought in, the war mom and dad protested against, the freeze you campaigned for . . . as debates hit more personal levels, the temperature heated up. But still, compared to the UN, we behaved like Amish in chapel.

From time to time, friends would write, asking "Much violence yet? Any lightning?" or words to that effect. After one or two feeble attempts to bluff, I finally put together a paragraph and mimeographed it. It read:

Maybe they're right, the psychiatrists who say TV is too exciting for you. There's no TV here, and I've seen more hormones released on the school bus in a half hour than in the weeks I've been here. Volleyball games are our top level of violence. And as for lightning . . . remember dances, the events we rely on as the sure-fire times for meeting girls? People dance ALONE here. Try to maintain eye contact and it's treated as an invasion of privacy. If it weren't for my roommate and his girlfriend "expressing their mutual joy" in a variety of ways, and rumors I've heard about other couples, I'd think they drugged the food.

There were a lot of things that brought us together as a group. Besides the introvert dances, there was the adventure of finding food on Sundays, the cook's day off. That usually entailed mass field trips to one or two restaurants or semi-successful attempts to make your own meals. There were the evening movies, where we were thrown out once for bringing our own food. We said that since they didn't sell any, we had to do something. Besides, everyone loves a barbecue. (I'd like to thank Stephen Wright for that joke. I'd also like to get back on the subject.)

What really brought us together was the visit from the Williams College TASP. Personally, I welcomed them — I

mean, the more sky you're exposed to, the better the odds for lightning to strike. But for a lot of people, it meant a choice of a) hurriedly probing to find things in common and make friends in the two days before they left for Williams and probably never saw each other again, or b) relaxing and waiting for it to be over. The musicians went up to their rooms and played with the doors and windows shut. A lot of people slept on the porch. Some didn't sleep. To every one's credit, in my eyes, no one brought up SAT scores. But we did become a lot more possessive of each other, more aware that it was "our" house.

Alas, all good things must come to an end. Maybe that was another reason for mixed feelings about the Williams visit; watching them pack up and leave reminded us that in a short time we'd be doing the same. After-TASP parties are already being planned. Reunions years from now are taken for granted. And of course, the temptation of making this one big happy family atmosphere by enrolling en masse in Cornell is a real one. I think we'd all agree that though lightning didn't strike, the weather was good in other ways. (The Cornell I's have studied symbolism and metaphors for a month. They'll understand.)

—Brian Rust, SP86

Politics of Pink House

The tawny brick of the Telluride Manor is perhaps of a more stately hue, its stairway somewhat grander, its manners more refined. But a Pink House in Collegetown has that aspect of earthy dinginess, of good down-home squalor that a democratic organ like AdCom (that is to say, Cornell Branch Advisory Committee) needs on occasion to brush away the fetters of aristocratic fashion. Three members of Cornell Branch's spring term AdCom leaped at the chance to "ad" together for another three months, so they signed a lease, came up with a catchy acronym (Phadcom - Pink House Administrative Committee) for its reconstituted form, and moved into their summer home on College Avenue in time to catch Convention on the evening news.

Phadcom's fourteen weeks of experience together were evident as it convened the first day to work out committee assignments for the summer, each member efficiently delegating chores to the other three. There was some doubt that this was necessary, as several members suggested that life might, in fact, go on without bureaucracy impregnating every pore. After all, they pointed out, once everyone was reduced to eating muesli out of recycled tuna tins, someone would get around to washing the dishes. And when they'd all wandered about the kitchen reciting the writings on the milk carton for three days on end, one of them would give in and buy a *New York Times*.

But Phadcom would never feel at home if it completely abandoned its Telluride heritage, so ours has posted a list of committee assignments on the refrigerator just for the sake of form:

CatCom: Cindy Cupples. The Coffee and Thesis Committee shall be responsible for preparing fourteen cups of espresso daily for all the members of CatCom, cleaning up the brown sediment left behind on cups and counters by this operation, and completing one senior thesis within 23 weeks of the original due date.

FodsCom: Bob Jerrard. The Far Out Deep Springers Committee shall prepare its members to follow in the way of pioneers Susie Jolly and Ellen McGill in wandering off to China to teach English for an indeterminate period, said period being to the exclusion of such distractions as Food and Ultimate Frisbee.

WC & CF: Matt Trail. The members of the Warm Couches and Clean Floors Committee shall be called upon to apply

their summer job skills in Sanitary Engineering to maintaining the kitchen floor at a surface viscosity equal to or greater than that of thoroughly dried orange juice, and the living room couches at a core temperature of at least 98.8 degrees fahrenheit.

FifeCom: Dave Porter. The Food is for Eating Committee shall organize weekly excursions of its members to the Green Star Food Co-op, where they will resolutely avoid over-indulgence in such extravagances as almond butter, black olives, fettucini, and organic toothbrushes, unless an exception can be made under the One-is-a-Quorum Rule, Article I, Section ii of the Pink House By-Laws.

Concerned that the distinction between Phadcom and the rest of the committee structure not become too blurred, the Committee has welcomed the involvement of the other Pink House members: Telluride comrade Zhang Jingyuan and ex-TASPers Karen Erdman and Bill Andriette. Jing, from her basement apartment, monitors her co-dwellers' progress in their weekly waltzing lessons above her head. Bill shares the latest entries in his new volume, *101 Uses for Ramen Noodles*, when the cupboards are bare, and Karen serves admirably in her capacity as Matt-Putter.

Last spring's Telluride House AdCom always was as irreverent of tradition as it was contemptuous of authority other than its own, and this summer Phadcom has followed up last term's Chairless Committee Initiative with an even bolder step: making the word "woof" (formerly v.t.: to supervise, direct, etc.) a non-transitive verb. Finding the prospect of delegating woofing authority to each other insupportable, all of the members concurred on a proposal to use the verb with an indirect object following some suitable preposition, such as "at." Thus, instead of having Mr. Trail woof Ms. Cupples about her committee work (an unhealthy prospect anyway, given the ambient Princeton-Berkeley rivalry), we have the prospect of his woofing adamantly at her for spilling her coffee grounds on his freshly polished linoleum.

In this last-ditch effort to keep its head above water after the semester has floated on by, the dedication of this summer's PhadCom is worthy of our condolences, if not of our most sincere admiration. In the words of one of the Founding Four, "Better Pink than Sink."

—Dave Porter, SP82 CB83



Dave Porter, during a pre-Pink House summer



1986 CONVENTION — *From front, Row 1:* Cupples, Higuera, Stalnaker, Millette; *Row 2:* Kaplan, Glazener, Brand, Boerger, Christina; *Row 3:* Foster, K. Maus, Mansfield, Muller, Gilson, Troyer; *Row 4:* McDermott, Jones, McCarthy, Roos, Schalestock, Stahl; *Row 5:* O'Connor, Migiel, Goldfarb, Coan; *Row 6:* Black, Orenstein, Vleck, Windmuller, D. McQuaid, LeGall, Lopez, Cawley, Cohen; *Row 7:* Leonard, A. Rabkin, J. Rabkin, Trail, R. Rabkin, Kehoe, Blair, Wulff, Burghilea, Wefald, F. Maus; *Row 8:* Etnier, Sharifi, Applebaum, Lockwood, B. McQuaid, Dolliver, Inck, O'Neill, Abrams, Hall, Gauri, Jerrard, Culp, Thompson, Owen, Haines, Ycas, Donnelly.

TASP News

■ *Thomas Wight Beale*, SP66TA47, writes that in December '85 he exchanged Veritas for Vanitas and became a Trustee of the *Harvard Lampoon*.

■ *Dan Bodansky*, SP73, spent last fall traveling in India, Nepal and Burma. In December he started working at the Department of State, in the Office of the Legal Adviser.

■ *Sanjiv Gupta*, SP83, has been awarded the Wien International Scholarship by Brandeis University. The award fully covers tuition, room and board at Brandeis.

■ *Alix Handelsman*, SP70, is leaving private medical practice in New Hampshire for a fellowship in Ambulatory Pediatrics at Boston's Children's Hospital.

■ *Carl Kay*, SP73, reports that he is still operating Japanese Language Services, which he recently moved into an office in downtown Boston. He is also still President of Firefly Press, which "continues to build its collection of metal type as technology marches on." He concludes with the news that he has "just completed first year of piano lessons."

■ *Christopher Keene*, BB83, will resign his post as music director of the new York City Opera at the end of this year.

■ *Patricia Madsen*, SP66, is a County Judge in Denver, Colorado. She writes that she would enjoy hearing from '66 TASPers. Her home phone is 303-321-3993; work is 303-575-3601.

■ *Richard Mooney*, SP84, won a summer fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a project about the Constitution.

■ *Jeff Perk*, SP79, writes with a new address, and the news that his old address was destroyed by fire. "I encourage all those TASP friends who valued my correspondence to send me mail and not simply reciprocate my silence, for I fear that my address books are all ashes, and my memory slightly addled (from the heat). And, I encourage everyone to invest in smoke detectors. They do save lives." His current address is 35 Gardner Street, 8, Allston MA 02134.

■ *Glen Pitre*, SP72, has made a new film, *Belizaire the Cajun*, produced by Robert Duvall, whose wife, Gail Youngs, plays the heroine. *Richard Ryan*, CB39, who lives in Baton Rouge, sent some clippings about the film from the *Times-Picayune* adding that the film is very well done, and charming. "The script is good, the direction excellent, and the acting fine."

■ *Kevin Eric Saunders*, SP73, writes that "the art of Falling works everywhere, even in Ithaca. Falling out of Graduate Economics at Cornell through Domino's pizza delivery and thesis typing, I've dropped into a position at Cornell as a Network Systems Programmer,... My own Macintosh communications program, "dumb virtue," is being released this summer... Oh yeah, I still have all that hair, the guitar, and a pretty-bad attitude."

■ *Michael J. Twomey*, SP80, is in his first year of study in Stanford's Doctoral Program in Biology. He's beginning research in theoretical population and genetics and is supported by an NSF graduate fellowship. "I'd welcome letters from fellow TASPers, but can't promise a swift reply." Write to him at the Department of Biological Sciences, Stanford, CA 94305.

■ *Susan S. Woodhouse*, SP72, spent the fall semester this year studying in Madrid after traveling around Europe for a month. Her travels included a week's stay in Berlin with Debi Ray-Chaudhuri, SP82 CB83, who is working there as an artist. Susan, who is concentrating on comparative literature and experimental psychology at New College in Sarasota, received a National Endowment for the Humanities Young Scholars Program grant to work this summer on a study of deconstruction as literary criticism. She will undertake a deconstructive analysis of a 20th Century Russian novel by Andrei Bely called *Petersburg*. Susan plans to study filmmaking after she graduates from New College. "I'd love to get a note from any Cornell TASP '82 people. Write me at New College, 5700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 33580."

■ College Plans of 1985 TASPers:

Mitchell Baker (DS)	Cornell
Marc Bodnick (Wm)	Harvard
Jonathan Bolton (CII)	Harvard
Lauren Breslow (CI)	Brown
Andrew Clubok (Wms)	Harvard
William Cole (CI)	Yale
Maira Cullen (CI)	Cornell
Garrett Duarte (Wms)	Princeton
Byron Estep (DS)	Deep Springs
Gina Foster (CII)	Pomona College
Bradley H. Gendell (Wms)	Williams
Arnetta Girardeau (CII)	Harvard
Douglas Glick (CI)	Cornell
James Greene (DS)	U.S. Naval Academy
Thomas Hawks (CI)	Cornell
Alison Humphrey	Wellesley
Rachel Keilin (Wms)	Yale
Ivan Kreilkamp (CI)	Yale
Charles Li (Wms)	M.I.T.
Mitzi Meriwether (Wms)	Radcliffe
Stacy Motes (CI)	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Peter Mountford (CII)	Yale
Angie Huhs (Wms)	Northwestern
Rahul Pandharipande (DS)	Princeton
Janice Pang (CI)	Columbia
Charles Pazdernik (CII)	Cornell
Amanda Pecor (Wms)	Williams
Peter Pesa (Wms)	Williams
David Schisgall (DS)	Deep Springs
Robert Self (CII)	Deep Springs
Heather Stephenson (CI)	Princeton
Nikki Wilson (CII)	Cornell

We Welcome Your News

Your friends and TA Associates are interested in what has become of you. Write us about your recent travels and adventures, honors and awards, books or papers published, promotions or job changes, marriages, births and address changes for Newsletter publication.

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News from Alumni and Friends

■ *Brad Edmondson*, DS76 CB80, sends the following item: "Brad and Kathy Edmondson joyfully announce the birth of their son George William (Will) Edmondson April 5, 1986, 9 pounds 8 ounces, 22 1/2 inches."

■ *John Burleigh*, SP64 CB65 TA67, and Beth Cohen were married on June 1, 1986. Ms. Cohen is an assistant professor of art history at Columbia University. Mr. Burleigh is an attorney with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in New York City.

■ *Sarah Conly*, CB76 TA77, was married to David Cumiskey on July 5th. The couple is moving to Maine this summer where they will both be teaching in the Philosophy Department at Bates College.

■ *William Galston*, SP62 CB63 TA64, is one of eight contributors to a book of essays, *Justice and Equality Here and Now*, edited by Franck S. Lucash. The essays deal with the philosophical foundations and political implications of egalitarian justice. *Allan Bloom*, CBG62, also contributed to the volume.

■ *Andrew C. Herkovic*, SP68 CB69, writes that he "is living and working in an electronic treehouse in the heart of the Mother Lode."

■ *Marilyn Migiel*, SP71 CB72 TA74, will be a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Italian Renaissance, at Cornell University, 1986-88.

■ *Louisa Vinton*, SP76 CB77 TA81, is in Munich this year working for Radio Free Europe until August. She plans to spend the 1986-87 year in Poland completing research for her PhD dissertation.

■ *Kirk K. Weaver*, BB63 TA65, has been elected Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Lane Telecommunications, Inc. Mr. Weaver has been a Director of Lane Telecommunications since 1980 and a Vice President of Finial Investment Corporation since 1979. Lane Telecommunications designs, develops, manufactures, markets and services micro-processor-based communicating terminals.

■ *Tyrone Wilson*, CBG85, writes that "It was all David Feldshoh's (of Theatre Cornell) fault. In his search for an actor to play the lead in *The Jero Plays* he happened across me at the O'Neill Theatre Center. That was exactly one year ago. Since the fall I have been in St Louis doing a new play in which I played a woman....I finished up the spring doing *Lesson from Aloes* by famed South African writer Athol Foggard."