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CONVENTION 1994

In contrast to the painful penny-pinching of 1993 and the accompanying TASP cutbacks, at its 1994 Convention Telluride Association shifted its attention to programmatic expansion on several fronts. Indeed, by the end of Convention, the body found itself struggling primarily with limitations of human, not financial, capital as newly elected president Marilyn Migiel, SP71 CB72 TA74, was presented with an unprecedented number of committees to appoint.

The most immediate and concrete progress came in the summer programs. After dipping down to two programs at two sites this summer, Convention was able to set aside funds for four TASPs in 1995. A new Kenyon TASP is slated to replace the defunct Williams program, and Telluride House will once again host two seminars under its roof. All this was made possible by the news, received just the day before first roll call, that Cornell's College of Arts and Sciences would restore Cornell's support to slightly above previous levels and by the success of outgoing TASP Board chair Tom Hawks, SP85 CB86 TA87, in negotiating increases in St. John's funding contribution and an equitable level of support from Kenyon. Convention also welcomed news of success at the first Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar (TASS) in 1993 and of Indiana University's enthusiastic support for the program, committing to a third such TASS in 1995.

While even the crankiest members could not find fault with the health of the summer programs, the question of new branches generated more characteristic Telluridean disputes. Cam Jones, SP84 CB85
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Photos: (clockwise beginning with top left) TA President Henry Muller and Scott McDermott; Dynishal Gross; Philip Kaplan; and Michael Greve.



TASS Committee Bulletin

Greetings fellow TA members and associates. Preparations for next summer's Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar (TASS) are proceeding on schedule. We have selected both faculty and tutors for the 1995 program. Negotiations with the administration of Indiana University have resulted in an increase of their level of funding. However, as was established at this past Convention, our highest priority this year is recruitment. We must focus on examining our previous efforts at recruitment and establishing a recruitment strategy which is sustainable and will successfully bring in a substantial number of applications.

It is to this end that TASS Com is calling on all interested TA members and associates in urban areas with available time to assist us. It is time to begin an initiative which was recommended by the Programs and Operations Committee as a means of broadening our recruitment base. The effort will involve two stages. First, we would ask that you identify up to five schools in your area with substantial minority populations. The names and addresses of said schools, and the name of the

sophomore counselor in each, should be forwarded to the TA Office. Next, the Office will send materials discussing the TASS to these counselors, identifying the local TA member or associate as contact person. The second stage of your involvement would require a follow-up call to the school to confirm the arrival of the TASS materials and to answer any questions the counselor may have. If your time allows and if the counselor is amenable, you might also arrange to give a short presentation for students interested in the TASS in late November or early December.

The actual time commitment required for this effort should be no more than a few hours. If you are interested in assisting TASS Com in this effort, please contact the TA Office as soon as possible. Those of you who do not respond but who are located in areas of particular interest to the committee will be contacted at a later date. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

*Dynishal P. Gross, Chair
TASS Committee*

Letter to the Editor

Enclosed is the gist of a letter [4.20.94] I wrote to L. Jackson Newell, Chair, Deep Springs Trustees in response to his questionnaire regarding the DS co-ed issue. Perhaps you would publish it?

"Pragmatically and apart from the gilt frame now surrounding its 19th Century Purpose and Founder, it seems to me DS is: a faculty offering one segment of an education open towards social inquiry and action at a school offering experience in the demands of self government and manual hard labor. All this gratis, and in a paradigm for our fragile ecosystem, an inhabited, landlocked desert valley.

At sixteen I found L.L.'s vision of a macho desert world of boys-with-brains congenial. Later I was to discover I was gay, as was he*. So what? DS has served gays and straights working together without particular strain from day one. This, it seems to me, plus the long experience of a co-ed Cornell Branch disposes of the co-ed issue as an excuse for NOT opening Deep Springs to all qualified comers. I urge the Trustees to bring DS into the twentieth century before the twenty-first is upon us; open application to all, regardless of sex. Let L.L. out of the closet and get on with the dignity of his compelling purpose, our present future.

TA again considers justifying itself by another branch venture. In response to their questionnaire I urged they read

the histories of the Pasadena and Chicago branches—histories of neglect, waste and lost hope. I urge the DS Trustees and Telluride Association to bury the past, TA and DS together might just possibly make a viable whole.

My regards, and with respect for your difficult task,

*Gerrard Pook, DS43 CB47 TA48
Fellow Emeritus, American Institute of
Architects, and proud queer.*

*In my days at DS, the Trustees were still largely those hand picked by L.L., an odd assortment. Among them was Mr. Waldo, a congenial businessman from Provo. I was a history bug, always curious about beginnings. During a quiet half hour before lunch or dinner I once asked Mr. Waldo about L.L., about the "old days."

Out of the blue (I was as naive as a 1940's white suburban teen could be) he told me how L.L. would have his chauffeur drive him around town while L.L. kept his eye out for likely candidates. The young man found, and found acceptable, there came a final test. Scrubbed and clothed in a fresh long white nightgown, the novice was ushered into L.L.'s bed for the night. Mr. Waldow was not a gossip. I don't think he found L.L.'s need for men remarkable. Mr. Waldo lived in the world. That was the way the world was. Still is."

TA ARCHIVES: WE NEED YOUR HELP

In the process of sorting through and reorganizing the Association's archival materials, we found that we are missing copies of some Newsletters and Convention Proceedings. Please search your bookshelves and if you have any of the following and are willing to part with them, please send them to the Telluride Association Office, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca NY 14850.

1913 Convention Minutes
1984 Convention Proceedings
1915 - 1929 (Vols. 3 - 15) Newsletters
1958 - 1967 (Vols. 45 - 54) Newsletters



L.L. NUNN MEMOIRS

We still have copies of *L.L. Nunn: A Memoir* available for \$7.00 (includes postage and handling) from the Telluride Association Office. Written in 1933 by Stephen A. Bailey, a facsimile was reprinted in 1993 with a lengthy introduction by Scott McDermott, SP84 CB85 TA88. This interesting history of L.L. Nunn, the founder of Telluride Association and Deep Springs College, is a softbound volume with several photographs.

E - MAIL

Always trying to keep up with the times, the Telluride Association Office has obtained an e-mail address:

74512.447@compuserve.com

Any on-line Associates who have not previously sent the Association an e-mail address are requested to do so. Also of interest is an ADSTA electronic mailing list maintained by Bruce Hamilton, DS71 CB74. If you want to send a message to everyone on the list, mail it to:

ADSTA.OSBU_South@xerox.com

If you want to get your name on the list, e-mail to Bruce at:

BHAMILTON.LAX1B@xerox.com

Of course, Internet aficionados are unlikely to be impressed with an 80's lotech innovation like e-mail. Now that Telluride House has been girded with fiber optic wiring, your *Newsletter* Editor has begun ruminating on the future of Association publications and communications. If you have any thoughts, requests, or fantasies on the kinds of information and services the Association might make available electronically, please e-mail Noah Zatz (ndz1@cornell.edu).

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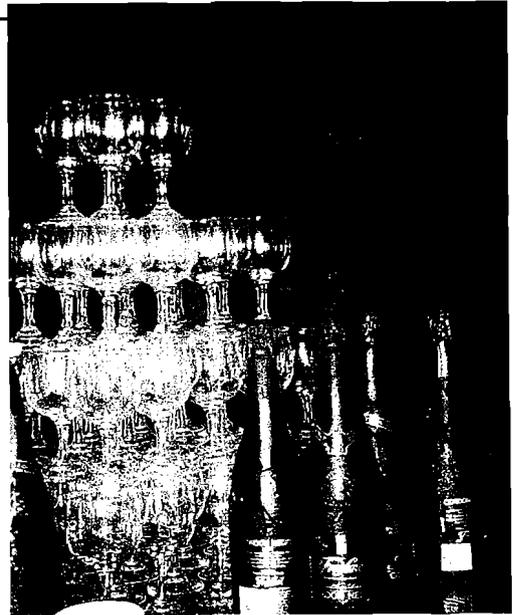
TA86, chair of the 1993-94 New Branch Committee, brought to Convention a clear expression of interest from the University of Michigan in opening a new Branch, modeled roughly on CBTA, in Ann Arbor in the near future. Amidst uncertainty about the precise form and chronology of a collaboration with Michigan, debate over the extent to which prudence and procedure might permit overexpenditures of the Spendable Income formula, and disagreement over the desirability of a new secondary branch itself, Convention voted to proceed with caution. It charged the newly created Michigan Branch Committee with bringing concrete proposals for evaluation to next year's festivities. A Financial Impact Scenario Committee (FISC) was charged with detailing and considering the financial and procedural implications of a project that could call for short-term violations of the Association's recently adopted spending and investment strategy.

As the decisions grew increasingly intangible, debate predictably grew ever more intractable, culminating in the discussion of the other proposal emanating from the New Branch Committee, that for a women-only primary branch. A deadlocked and contentious debate on the proposal ranged across questions of women's education, the similarities between the proposed primary branch and Deep Springs, the merits of primary branches, and the extent to which TA would or could aim to manage such an enterprise

rather than acting primarily to enroll the support and expertise of other institutions. The stalemate appeared to be broken when the motion was successfully amended to emphasize women's education as the organizing principle for investigation, with a primary branch as only one possible incarnation, only to come roaring back to life with a proposal to modify the name of the Primary Branch Committee to reflect its shift in mission. After one acronym phonetically indistinguishable from "weak" met a timely death, the body finally settled, though not without a divided roll-call vote, on the unwieldy but inoffensive Women's Education Development Committee (WEDCom).

Perhaps the only thing at Convention as exhaustively discussed as WEDCom was the difficulties of the 1993-94 CBTA. The usual range of responses was deployed—a choice depreference here, a new committee there, moral exhortation to taste, and a healthy dose of faith in the curative effects of changing demographics—and, by all reports, the exorcism succeeded, with the new House hurtling happily along its Nunnian path.

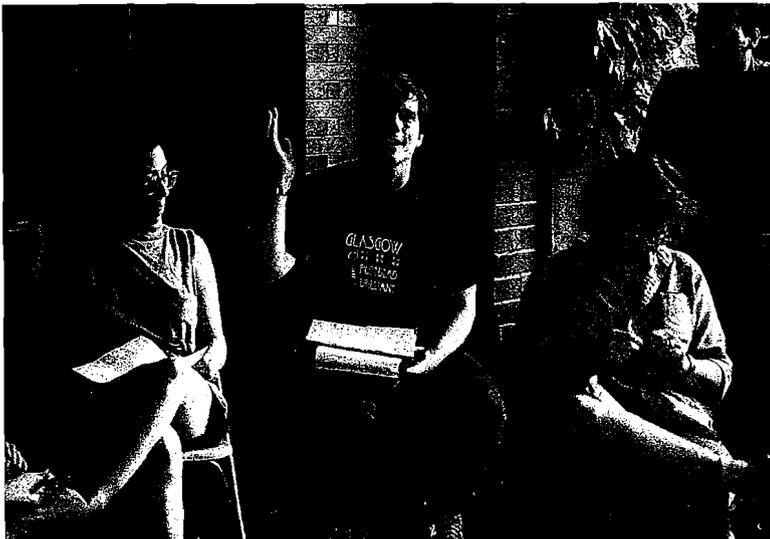
Changing demographics were, as always, no stranger to the Association itself. The 1994 Convention saw Henry Muller, SP74 CB75 TA79, pass the presidential gavel to Marilyn Migiel. Convention partying centered around a cham-



Photos: (above) Martynas Ycas delivers one last speech during the graduation celebration held in his honor; (below) TA and Branch members at the Cornell Branch Evaluation open meeting.

pagne soaked tribute to the graduating elder statesman, Martynas Ycas, SP65 BB66 TA68. The Association also bid farewell to the resigning David McQuaid, SP74 CB75 TA77, Aviva Orenstein, SP76 CB77 TA79, Jennifer Pasternack, CB83 TA84, Harry Stahl, SP74 CB75 TA81, and Steven Troyer, CB79 TA82. Newly elected members Rebecca Sherouse, SP91 CB92 TA94, and Matthew Bradby, CB93 TA94, stepped in to swell the ranks at the other end of the generational ladder.

Noah Zatz, SP89 CB90 TA92



Cornell Branch Profile, Fall '94

Ten newcomers help comprise this fall's Branch of twenty-four members, altering House interactions and politics. In addition to the undergraduates and grad students, three faculty guests reside in the House this semester. Though the academic year began only a month ago, House activities are in full swing. The usual PubSpeaks and housemeetings are supplemented by social activities: small informal parties, a poetry reading, and a few movie nights.

Seven new House faces are freshmen who participated in the '93 TASP's: Joe Arias of West Brooklyn, Illinois, serves on the House's Resident Guest Committee this fall. Joe juggles bedmaking responsibilities with a heavy pre-med course load and a job at the Finger Lakes Independence Center, a local resource for disabled persons. Despite her freshman status, Eliza Bettinger, of Adams, New York, chairs this fall's House and Grounds Committee. When she's not struggling with the House's decrepit dishwasher, Eliza studies issues in biological anthropology, evolution, and genetics. Eliza also finds time for weekly ultimate frisbee matches and her class in "Expanding Intuition" to fulfill Cornell's physical education requirement.

California TASPers are well represented in this year's House. Joe Beck, from Santa Barbara/Goleta, serves on the House's fall Recruitment Committee. Joe pursues studies in international relations and theater; recently he acted in a campus production of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Ani Mukherji, also from Santa Barbara/Goleta, works on the House's Academic Affairs Committee. On campus he is "working towards a better comprehension of language and theory," while "expanding his intuition" with Eliza. Shelby Dietz, from Lake Forest, is studying English and biochemistry towards a possible double major. Outside the House, Shelby undergoes training at the *Cornell Daily Sun*; in-House she wrestles with the ponderous task of creating House frivolity as a member of the Entertainment Committee.

Two of this fall's housemembers hail from the Maryland/Washington, D.C. area. Jenny Lee, of Ellicott City, is focusing on issues of God, the relativity of time, truth, fiction, physics, P.J. Harvey, and philosophy this semester. Jenny works on the House's Kitchen Committee and also holds an outside job at Kroch Library's collection of rare books and manuscripts. Jenny's job allows her proximity to some

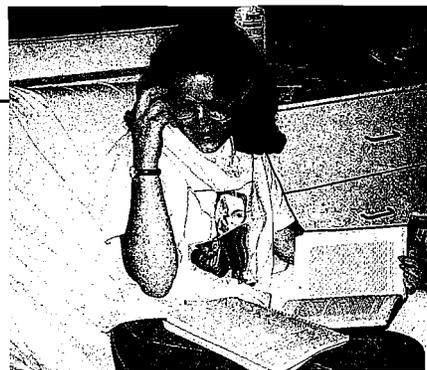


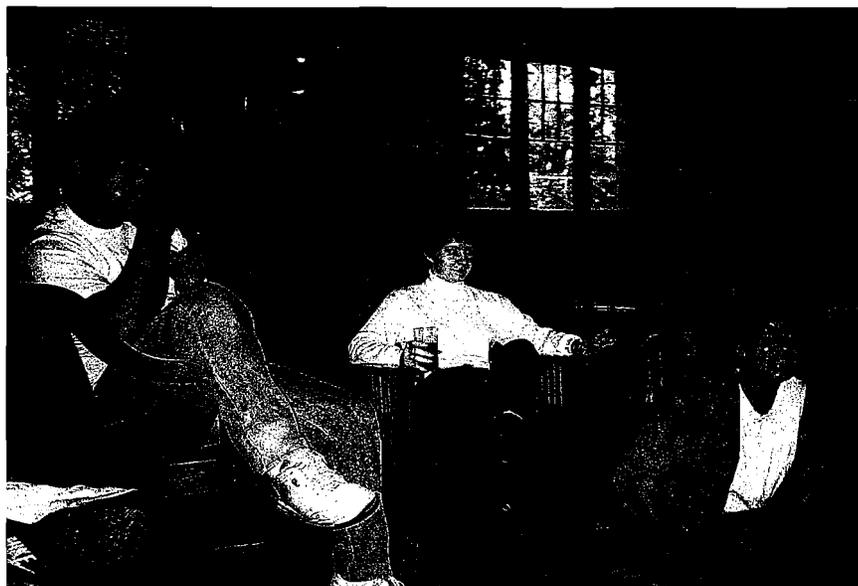
Photo: Kristi Graunke

of Cornell's most fascinating archives; thus far she has managed to touch some letters written by William James. Kristi Graunke, from Rockville, serves as House Secretary while taking classes in women's studies and English. When not energetically attempting to crush the patriarchy, Kristi finds time to play ultimate frisbee and write for Cornell's only liberal paper, *The Perspective*.

In addition to freshmen, three other newcomers have entered the House. Junior Dan Barnard, of Columbia, Missouri, hails from Deep Springs College. Dan is working towards a double major in philosophy and government. Besides working on the House's Property and Library Committee, Dan plans to establish a Deep Springs-Telluride joint service project. Junior Smitha Vishveshwara, a resident of India since age two, comes to the House from Cornell's Risley Arts dorm. Smitha's academic interests include physics, creative writing, art, and "good soul exercise." In-House she serves on the House's Academic Affairs Committee. Brit Katie Wittering, a Lincoln Scholar from Oxford University, comes to the House as a first year master's degree candidate. She is interested in studying different approaches to history, especially recent American history. In-House she works on the House and Grounds Committee, leaving her little time for the aerobics class she claims to be taking.

Returning housemembers are in full force to introduce newcomers to House life. Laurence Allain, CB92 TA93, from Lille, France, returns as a third year doctoral student in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. This fall, she chairs Kitchen Committee and works on her dissertation on the effect of reducing the workweek on unemployment rates. Senior Laura Steele, SP90 CB91 TA93, from

Photo: Joseph Beck, Shelby Dietz, and Smitha Vishveshwara (left-right)



Salina, Kansas, acts as House President while she continues her work in archeology as a College Scholar. After a summer abroad in Turkey, she returns to write a thesis on the architecture of the aceramic neolithic in the Near East. Senior Sharon Tregaskis, CB94, of Manlius, New York, is majoring in Human Development and Family Studies in the College of Human Ecology. Sharon sings with the Cornell Chorus and serves in-House as part of the frazzled Resident Guest Committee. Senior Rebecca Sherouse, SP91 CB92 TA94, from Dallas, Texas, is completing an English major, looking ahead to graduate school or a teaching internship next year. This fall she chairs the Academic Affairs Committee and works on her senior thesis on the modern novel. After a three year absence, Carlos Rojas, SP87 CB88 TA89, a second-semester senior from Atlanta, Georgia, returns to the House while pursuing a double major in Asian Studies and Comparative Literature. In addition to working on his thesis on modern Chinese intellectual history, Carlos will be taking volleyball this semester to meet Cornell's physical education requirement. In the House, Carlos holds the title of computer czar, meeting demands for ink cartridges, paper, and solutions to inevitable computer foul-ups. Richard Cooluris, DS91 CB93, a senior in the School of Architecture, Art, and Planning, works this year to complete his B.S. degree in architecture. Rich serves on the Advisory Committee and has recently been active in suggesting redecoration of the House's Dutch and Branch Office. Senior Jim Downing, DS91 CB93, a lone representative of the Agriculture and Life Sciences college, continues his academic work in sustainable agriculture and biology while working as House Treasurer. In his spare time, Jim works at a Christmas tree farm and volunteers at a program that rebuilds old bikes for distribution to people who cannot afford new ones.

Junior Suzanne Broderick, SP91 CB92, of Houston, Texas, is majoring in English while tackling a premed course load. This fall, Suzanne serves on the House Advisory Committee and

struggles with slime, bacteria, and other compelling facets of organic chemistry. Doug Kenreck, SP91 CB92, a junior from Spokane, Washington, works on the House and Grounds Committee while pursuing studies in the philosophy of science and technology. This fall he has been active in College Bowl and has been attempting narrative writing. Aaron Tysen, SP91 CB92, a junior from Salina, Kansas, continues work in biology and society, while serving on the fall Recruitment Committee. Outside the House, Aaron sings for an acapella group, Last Call. Junior Rosa King, SP91 CB92, serves on the Advisory Committee and studies linguistics and literature as a College Scholar. She is particularly interested in the use of dialects in the novel. Rosa hopes to study abroad next semester at the University of the West Indies. On campus she dances in the Uhru-Kuumba dance troupe and writes for the *Cornell Daily Sun*. Ken McGill, SP90 CB91, from Baltimore, Maryland, studies German and history as a College Scholar. In the House he orchestrates cleanups and coordinates magazine subscriptions as a member of the Property/Library Committee.

Sophomores comprise a small portion of the House this year. Malinda Allen, SP92 CB93, of Little Rock, Arkansas, studies linguistics and computer science as a Mellon scholar and a College Scholar. In-House, she works on the Kitchen Committee and as a Telluride archivist. Outside the House, she dances in the Uhru-Kuumba ensemble. Ryan Eyster, SP92 CB93, of Guthrie, Oklahoma, is lost in the College Scholar program, taking classes in Greek, German, European intellectual history, and film. In-House, Ryan has the stressful task of party planning as a member of the Entertainment Committee.



Photo: Ani Mukherji and Daniel Barnard (left-right)

Telluride House's community is supplemented by the presence of three faculty guests this semester. Zhang Jing Yuan, who lived in the House from 1983-87 as a graduate student in comparative literature, has returned after teaching at Peking University in China. Jing teaches Chinese and has been researching the influx of Chinese scholars to Cornell during the 1920's. Ruth Vanita from Delhi University in India is teaching a class for the Society for the Humanities about homoerotic themes in English literature. Michael Noone, CBG93, of Australia returns to the House and to Cornell's Music department, working on a Fulbright fellowship as a visiting research fellow.

Kristi Graunke, SP93 CB94

Photos: (left) Smitha Vishveshwara; (below) Ryan Eyster and Jenny Lee.





Photos: (top left) St. John's TASPers and factota strike a delicate balance; (top right) Cornell TASPers perform at "Cafe Telluride"; (bottom right) Indiana University TASS students and faculty in seminar. (TASS photo by Guy Zimmer, Indiana University, 1994.)



1994 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Forty years after sixteen high school juniors descended on Ithaca to participate in the first Telluride Association Summer Program, Telluride House was once again the six-week home for a group of enthusiastic TASPers. This year's TASPers were, of course, markedly different from the 1954 program, but they also strayed somewhat from what has developed over the past years as the "traditional" TASP model. This year's TASPers deviated slightly from the gender parity maintained since the programs went co-ed in the early 60's; all of the factota were women and the Cornell TASP had eleven female and nine male participants. Due to financial restrictions, there were only two programs this year, one seminar at Cornell and one at St. John's College. As a result, only thirty-eight high school juniors—instead of the sixty of recent summers—joined the Telluridean ranks. These juniors were joined by the eleven sophomores who participated in the second Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar at Indiana University. Targeted at younger students identified by personal recommendations rather than by the standardized tests primarily employed by the TASPers, the TASS focuses on issues in African-American Studies and was designed to broaden the student population served by Association programs.

"African-American Autobiography: Self and Society" was the topic of this year's TASS. The seminar featured works by Maya Angelou, Itabari Njeri, and Richard Wright, among others. Professors

Audrey McCluskey and Fred McElroy also supplemented the readings with film and video. The TASSers energetically sought entertainment near and far, from the malls and movies of the Kirkwood strip to the amusement parks of King's Island and Ski World and back again for a picnic at Professor McCluskey's home. Equally vibrant was TASS self-government, with the TASSers calling three town meetings on their own initiative, including ones addressing the roles of tutors Rosa King, SP91 CB92, and Greg Johnson, SP89. All in all, the students, faculty, and tutors found the summer a fruitful one, and with plans for the third TASS proceeding apace, the TASS is well on its way to becoming a TA mainstay.

At Cornell the TASPers came from as far as Malaysia to take part in the seminar "Poetry and the Body Politic" and to revel in a community of intellectual peers. Their seminar was actually a combination of the regular three-hour seminar and ninety-minute workshops on writing and evaluating poetry and prose led by Tom Stillinger from the University of Utah and Steven Tapscott from MIT. The main seminar focused on a variety of poets including Milosz, Whitman, Akhmatova, and Neruda. Outside of

seminar the TASPers' proclivities led to many community activities. Getting all dressed up for a barrage of theme nights such as Sleaze Night, Opulence Night, and Tropicana Nite, they had fun together and frightened their peers participating in Cornell's summer school programs. Other activities included outings to Hangar Theater to see *Six Degrees of Separation* and *Othello*, black-dot speeches, and water-gun fights (which factota Jessica Lissy, SP90, and Rebecca Sherouse, SP91 CB92 TA94, valiantly strove to keep out of the House). The regular dose of PubSpeaks and faculty talks, including a discussion on the *Decameron* by TA president Marilyn Migiel, SP71 CB72 TA74, rounded out the program.

The St. John's TASP also had its share of TA connections as former president Henry Higuera, SP69 CB70 TA71, and 1992 TASP tutor Anita Kronsberg led a

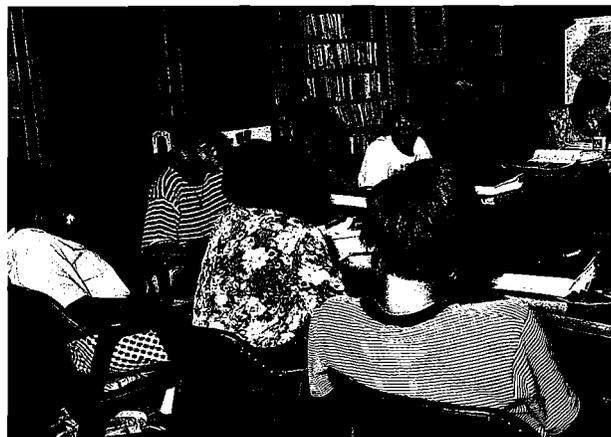




Photo: Telluride's first summer program, the 1954 Telluride Association Summer Session.

IN THE BEGINNING... THE 1954 SUMMER PROGRAM

The September 1953 issue of the Telluride Association *Newsletter* reported that "Telluride Association's thinking on the problems relating to a primary branch took a new turn at the 1953 Convention with the adoption of plans for a summer session for high school juniors...." The Association decided to ditch plans for a primary branch which would require a "relatively large financial commitment and long-term policy decisions" and opt for a proposal that they considered short-term and demanded a comparatively modest financial outlay (\$6,000 in 1954). Today, forty years later, that short-term solution designed to help meet the problems of recruitment to Telluride House and Deep Springs College is still in operation.

seminar entitled "Foundations of Modernity." Seminar readings included Descartes' *Discourse on Method*, Bacon's *New Organon*, and Dostoyevsky's *Notes from the Underground*. Local alum Michael Greve, CB82 TA83, also stopped by to provoke the liberal-minded TASPers with his thoughts on U.S. politics and individual rights. Outside of seminar the TASPers participated in the usual town meetings and enthusiastically pursued seminar topics informally, wrestling mightily with the question "What if you're just a brain in a jar?" Under the watchful eyes of factota Yvonne Belanger and Jessica Cattelino, SP91 CB92 TA93, TASPers made many excursions into downtown Annapolis and organized several longer trips including one to the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. and another to Baltimore to see *Les Miserables*. The St. John's TASPers continued the TASP traditions of playing ultimate frisbee and donning the appropriate gender-bending attire for their drag ball. They also planned a movie night and participated in a campus madrigal group. Designing a journal and a t-shirt rounded out the program.

Ryan Eyster, SP92 CB93
Noah Zatz, SP89 CB90 TA92

Johnson's contacts at ten of the top high schools in New York, Boston, San Francisco, Chicago, and Washington, DC. It was noted in the TASS Committee's second report to Convention that their "chief problem in recruiting operations so far has been to assure sufficient geographical distribution among the applicants." Telluride Association spent several years trying to solve their distribution problem and in 1960 began the arrangement with the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to receive addresses of the top scorers on the PSAT exam.

The student journal from 1954, entitled "TASS-MANIA," reads like a "kinder, gentler" version of today's TASPer journals. When reporting on a TASS trip to the Corning Glass Company, it reads "The bus driver, who handled his battleship as if it were a coupe, deposited the group; including Joe the Chef, who knows more about 'them there hills' than the eternal stream that slowly cascaded over the falls into the calm pool below." "TASS-MANIA" also reports that "as a guide to good judging of leadership qualities, [they have] been electing to honorary membership those persons who (by 3/4 vote) are deemed leaders in their field." Churchill, Taft, Albert Schweitzer, Chaim Weizmann, Bernard Baruch, and President of Cornell, Dean Malott were elected to honorary membership as was "Joe ___ the bus driver and Dave Smock of Ithaca High School's Student Council after he promised to round up 16 girls."

The first summer program was not without its problems. In a summer program survey conducted in the early 1960s, one 1954 TASS alumni wrote "[The program] ran on a lower intellectual level than its successors. But it opened my eyes a little to ideas that I might never have considered." Another participant wrote "I am particularly gratified that the university is now supporting the Telluride program... This should aid in recruitment, and mean a more comprehensive program." Some things never change.

Rachel J. Dickinson

ALUMNI PROFILE

Edward Whitfield, SP66 CB67

Edward Whitfield, SP66 CB67, has been busy building a family and working with his community during the many years since he was a housemember and a Cornell student.

Whitfield came to the House as a freshman, and remained at CBTA for two years. He described the House he lived in as "a diverse intellectual community," and added that, "Intellectually, Telluride House was one of the most interesting places to be on campus."

Mr. Whitfield did not recall there being a great deal of "strife" within the House and said that "people generally respected each other and respected [their] differences." His worst memory of the House is doing food inventory in the kitchen.

Whitfield has continued his involvement in social movements since he left Ithaca. Immediately after leaving Cornell, he spent some time at the independent Malcolm X Liberation University and did a great deal of community work. He is now an electronics technician in Greensboro, North Carolina and is very involved in politics. Whitfield has run once for his city council and twice for the local school board. He is now chairman of the Greensboro Redevelopment Commission and campaign manager for a North Carolina state House candidate.

Whitfield was also involved in social and political issues while at Cornell. He was one of the leaders of the Willard Straight Hall Takeover of April 1969, during which about 100 African-American students occupied the Straight for 35 hours to protest unequal treatment of African-Americans at Cornell. Bea MacLeod, then TA Executive Secretary, said she believed that "because he was in the forefront none of those guns [some students had during the Takeover] were going to go off, and they didn't." MacLeod interviewed Whitfield for TASP in his hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas. She said he was "a very good student" at Cornell and is now "a very solid citizen." She



Photos: (left) Edward Whitfield speaking at the 25th Anniversary Commemoration of the Willard Straight Takeover (Sun photo by Will Pugh, 1994); (below) Whitfield conferring with Cornell administrators Steven Muller and Keith Kennedy in 1969.



added that Whitfield was "very much a part of [the African-American] community without being self-conscious" about studying at Cornell or living in CBTA.

Whitfield, then a sophomore studying physics and philosophy, was chosen to be a factotum at Cornell University's 1969 TASP. After his involvement with the Takeover, however, he said "there was some debate" among housemembers as to whether or not he should still be allowed to work for TA in that position. "Bea MacLeod really stood behind me," he said, adding that he is sure other housemembers also supported him. MacLeod said "most housemembers had a lot of confidence in him." No Telluride decision was made to prevent Whitfield from becoming a factotum, although he later declined the position of his own accord.

Contrary to popular belief, most housemembers had very little to do with the Straight Takeover. Keith Ferdinand, SP67 CB68, was also a housemember at the time and a participant in the Takeover, but according to Whitfield the guns were not bought by a housemember nor were they stored in the catacombs. CBTA's next-door-neighbor, Delta Upsilon Fraternity, may have been more involved, as some of its members failed in their attempt to bodily remove the protesting students from the building.

Now married with a daughter who recently graduated from Georgia Tech and a son in his third year of study at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Whitfield said he spends most of his time "thinking and doing." His main goal for the future is "to make the world a better place ... I think that there's a responsibility on the part of people who have a deep insight into serious issues to transform that insight into positive social change [and] to allow everyone to reach their potential."

Rosamond King, SP91 CB92

ALUMNI NOTES

1940s

NORTON DODGE, DS43 CB46 TA46, was the subject of a lengthy article in the October 17, 1994 issue of *The New Yorker*. Written by John McPhee, the article is about how Dodge has come to have the world's largest collection of "unofficial art" of the Soviet Union. The artwork is primarily housed at Dodge's Cremona farm in Maryland. Cremona was also the site of a couple of TASP's held in the early 1970's.

A current Deep Springs College Trustee, EDWIN J. WESELY, DS45, was recently appointed by a Federal judge to develop and recommend a legislative redistricting plan that could be imposed on Nassau County in Long Island, New York. Mr. Wesely, a lawyer with the Manhattan firm of Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts, was the chairman of CARE, the international relief agency from 1978 - 1990. In an article for *Newsday*, WILLIAM VANDEN HEUVEL, DS46 CB48 TA48, former U.S. envoy to the United Nations, traced Wesely's devotion to public service to their days at Deep Springs. He said "There was a sense that your life would not be complete if it did not have a dimension of public service."

Pasadena alumnus, ROBERT RICHTER, PB47, produced "Outer Space: Can We Afford To Go?" for The Cronkite Report which aired on June 20, 1994 on The Discovery Channel. Mr. Richter is a film producer based in New York City.

MANFRED (FRED) KORY, PB49, was prompted to write after viewing the photo of Pasadena Branch (PB) alumni in the Spring 1994 issue of the *Newsletter*. He writes "Thanks to Allan Lyons for digging out the photo. The reason I'm not in it is because I think I was the photographer. Can it be 43 years ago? After leaving PB, I went to UCLA, where I graduated with a degree in mathematics. I have been living in the Virginia suburbs of Washington DC since 1970 and obtained a MS in Computer Science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. My son, Tony, has a catering business in

Gaithersburg, Maryland and three kids of his own. My daughter, Deborah, is a high school sophomore with plans on becoming a history teacher. My wife, Judy, teaches third grade at a local private school. As for me, I am Chief Scientist at PRC (formerly Planning Research Corporation) working in the area of document imaging systems and currently automating the Patent Search system for the US Patent and Trademark Office...Have been out of touch with TA for many years but would like to hear from other PB alumni." [address: 1879 Cold Creek Court, Vienna, VA 22182]



Photo: Current TA Treasurer John Burleigh (bottom center) with fellow Cornell branch members in 1969.

1960s

ESTHER DYSON, SP67, has created EDventure Ventures, a venture capital fund that will focus on value-added startups in Central and Eastern Europe. Dyson is also the owner of EDventure Holdings which publishes "Rel-EAST," a bulletin that covers emerging technology markets in Central and Eastern Europe and "Release 1.0," a more technically oriented publication that covers emerging technologies in the West.

1970s

NEAL HERR, SP71, writes "My wife Catherine recently gave birth to Leo Sherwood Herr, and both are doing fine. A week later the East Harlem Jr. High kids we teach performed their own original musical. In both cases, the nine months were hard, but the results were worth it. 1971 TASPers call or come by."

Finnish native PAULIJARVENPAA, CB74, just ended his three-year posting to the Embassy of Finland in Washington DC and returned home to start his job as Director of Policy Planning Staff in the Finnish Ministry of Defense.

STEVEN J. HEYMAN, SP75 TA79, reports that his paper "Foundations of the Duty to Rescue," won second prize in the Association of American Law School's Ninth Annual Call for Scholarly Papers, and was presented at the AALS Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, in January 1994. The article appears in the April 1994 issue of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. Mr. Heyman is Assistant Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

ALISON MACK, SP77 CB78 TA80, has just started a graduate program at Johns Hopkins and is changing careers from biochemistry research to science journalism. Alison is commuting between Wilmington, DE and Baltimore, MD and is seeing a lot more of Baltimore resident SUZANNE ROOS, SP77 CB78 TA80.

ERNA BONGERS KOSTUCH, SP79, and KEITH KOSTUCH, SP79, who met at the TASP held at Johns Hopkins, are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Hannah Catherine, on June 22, 1994.

1980s

MARY VACCARO, SP81, finished graduate school at Columbia and is about to begin a tenure-track teaching position in Renaissance art history at the University of Texas at Arlington. She spent the summer in Rome, taking slides and enjoying herself.

ALUMNI NOTES

JAMES CARBONE, SP82, sent us notice that "After many years of becoming the bum I really am, I am finally settling down—engaged to a wonderful woman, Michelle Cohan, an artist (no wedding date set yet - [sometime] this century?) and opening a cafe/wine bar—MUGSY'S CAFE and WINE BAR at 31 2nd Avenue in New York City (in the East Village). I welcome all Telluride folk, especially my fellow 1982 TASPers."

KINCH HOEKSTRA, DS82, has been appointed stipendary lecturer in classical philosophy at New College and Jesus College, Oxford. His new address is: New College, Oxford OX1 3BN, England. Drop a note if you need a place to stay on your European tour.

Former TASP DAVID WESTBROOK, SP82, married Amy Dean, a fellow Harvard Law School graduate. Westbrook, who is currently clerking for the US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, was a Ford Fellow in Public International Law and did his research in Belgium. His publications include "Liberal Environmental Jurisprudence" for the *UC Davis Law Review*, and "Islamic International Law and Public International Law" for the *Virginia Journal of International Law*.

JEFF CLARKE, SP84 DS85, writes "I was honorably discharged from the Army in June of 1993, after two years on tanks in Korea and Texas. I hiked the northern half of the Appalachian Trail in the fall of '93. I will be teaching in a Catholic school in Utena, Lithuania, in the upcoming academic year and would like to hear from fellow TASPers."

Another TASP romance resulted in marriage this past summer. LYNNE SACKS, SP84 CB85 TA88, and fellow TASP PAUL KIM, SP84 TA93, were married on July 3, 1994 in Scotia, New York. The newlyweds took a month-long honeymoon to Costa Rica and are now trying to readjust to working life.

ALAN SEGAL, SP84, is currently serving his medical internship at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

MOIRA CULLEN, SP85 CB86, writes that she "wishes to announce her marriage to Timothy Ringo on July 9, 1994 in Skaneateles, New York. Romance bloomed for Tim and Moira in a somewhat decrepit Ithaca summer sublet Moira was sharing with Tim's friends. She begins work on a PhD in Chemistry this fall at the University of Vermont as a separations chemist, hopefully in the bioanalytical field. Moira recently worked at a Syracuse-area environmental laboratory and reports that the term environmental chemistry is truly an oxymoron."

Last spring THOMAS HAWKS, SP85 CB86 TA87, was awarded the Steffensen-Cannon Fellowship by the University of Utah, which will provide two years of graduate school support. Hawks also won the Utah Writer's Competition, sponsored by the *Western Humanities Review* and judged this year by Edward Hirsch. His poems will appear in the fall issue.

Former branchmember and then Cornell Branch Guest, HAIPING YAN, CB85 CBG89, has accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Colorado at Boulder as an Assistant Professor of Theater and Comparative Literature. She writes "My teaching experiences at Oberlin were educational and wonderful but I look forward to working with graduate students at UC Boulder."

Current Association member, TERRIVAN DER VLUGT, SP86 CB87 TA90, having spent the summer doing research in orthopedic spine surgery, is beginning her second year of medical school at Stanford. She writes "I miss reading books (instead of memorizing them, which I do now). Even though I learned more last year than I did in college and graduate school put together, I still think it's harder to write a good twenty-pager than it is to put in even stitches. TA compatriots in the Bay Area, visit anytime. I'll take you rock-scrambling on the pacific coast, promise."

TERESA MARRIN, SP87, is starting her graduate studies at the Media Lab at MIT. She spent 92-93 studying music in India on a Rockefeller Fellowship from Harvard and worked during this past year as the personal assistant to the conductor of the Boston Philharmonic. She would also like to hear from her fellow TASPers.

REBECCA RHODES, SP87, writes that she is teaching English in West Africa with the Peace Corps until September of 1995, "by which time I hope to have grown up and figured out what to do with my life."

Photo: Telluride College Bowl Team, Miami Beach, Florida in June 1979. From left to right are two game officials, Patrick O'Connor, Daniel Segal, Hallie DeChant, Maureen Graves, Kenneth Pomeranz, and Louisa Vinton.



ALUMNI NOTES

1990s

Tarihi ahşap eserler geçmişe ışık tutacak

Amerika Cornell Üniversitesindeki bilimci dört kişilik bir grup, Güneydoğu Türkiye'sinde bulunan en eski ahşap eserleri inceleyerek, hangi dönemde ve nasıl yapıldığını, bunun da tarih sahnesinde kritik dönemlerde olduğunu ortaya çıkartacakları belirtildi.

Laura Steele, SP90 CB91 TA93, spent the summer in Turkey, collecting wood samples from every conceivable time period for dendrochronological analysis. Her group was fortunate enough to dig at Troy in addition to other major Anatolian sites. This photo and a mostly factual piece on the Cornell Aegean Dendrochronology Project graced the front page of a Konya newspaper.

Ani Mukherji, SP93 CB94, reports that fellow TASP'er Dylan Nieman SP93, has made quite a splash at Harvard this fall. In need of temporary storage for his expansive wardrobe, Dylan hung clothes on his dorm room's sprinkler system pipes, inadvertently triggering the system and bringing stagnant water streaming down throughout the dormitory.

SURVEY of 1993 TASP College Choices

CORNELL I

Tom Benson
Cecilia Chang
Jimmy Cullison
Shelby Dietz
Taylor Hines
Tameka Jackson
Jen Kile
Ani Mukherji
Dylan Nieman
Maika Pollack
Nanaho Sawano
Daniel Stephens
Kelli Tennent
Josh Yguado

CORNELL II

Tom Alexandrowicz
Joe Arias
Kris Cudmore
Rachel Cunningham
Doug Dickey
Ike Gbadegesin
Kristi Graunke
Rio Hernandez
Cindy Hwang
Jennifer Lee
Jessica Luterman
Tim Sibley
Jamie Twiss
Becca Widiss

U. of Chicago
Harvard-Radcliffe
MIT
Cornell
Williams College
Columbus College
MIT
Cornell
Harvard-Radcliffe
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Harvard-Radcliffe
Harvard-Radcliffe
Swarthmore
Harvard-Radcliffe

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Cornell
St. John's, Oxford
MIT
Cornell
Harvard-Radcliffe
Cornell
Cornell
Yale
Harvard-Radcliffe
Harvard-Radcliffe
Swarthmore
Deep Springs
Yale

ST. JOHN'S

Daisy Bassen
Peter DeGlopper
Laura Dixon
Genevieve Hartman
Andrea Lambert
Jenny Lee
Scott Mehl
Kristofer Monson
Adam Moore
Jason Morton
Dawn Shuman
David Soskin
Daniel Wilchins
Amanda Williams

Princeton
UMass Amherst
U. of Chicago
Smith College
Reed College
Cornell
U. of Wyoming
Wabash College
Pomona College
Harvard-Radcliffe
St. John's College
Harvard-Radcliffe
Yale
UNC Chapel Hill

WILLIAMS

Amber Baum
Joe Beck
Jeremy Bender
Eliza Bettinger
Seth Budick
Kate Davidson
Joe Geraci
Liz Goodman
Andy Green
Brooke Holmes
Eric Johnson
David Lenahan
Aviva Litovitz
Tao Ouyang
Havoc Pennington
Juan Rincon
Mee-Lise Robinson
Eva Thomas Diaz

Bryn Mawr
Cornell
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Swarthmore
Yale
Harvard-Radcliffe
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Harvard-Radcliffe
Columbia
Harvard-Radcliffe
Princeton
McMaster U.
Yale
U. of Chicago
Cornell
Vassar
UC Berkeley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mansfield-Wefald Prize

At this past Convention, Telluride Association established the Mansfield-Wefald Prize in honor of Mary Mansfield, SP76 CB77 TA78, and Eric Wefald, SP74 CB75 TA76, who died tragically in 1989. The Prize of \$500 will be awarded for the best senior thesis or project written by a Telluride associate completing his or her undergraduate education in the 1994-95 academic year. Interested seniors should contact the Telluride Association Office for application guidelines no later than February 15, 1995, and provide a tentative title and topic.

TASP SpecRec Request

Do you know a talented high school junior who would put the opportunity of TASP to good use? As many of you know, we rely on special recommendations (known as "SpecRecs" to the Office) to find students who might not otherwise hear about the Telluride Association Summer Programs. If you would like to recommend someone, please send their name and address to the Telluride Association Office, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca NY 14850 by December 16, 1994.

TASS Nominations

The Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar Committee is accepting nominations for the 1995 program entitled "Their Eyes Were Watching: Contemporary Media Representations of the African-American Community." If you know of a talented high school sophomore who might be interested in attending a summer program on this topic, please send their name and address with "TASS Nomination" clearly written on the paper, to the Telluride Association Office, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca NY 14850, by December 12, 1994.

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