Convention 87: Some Changes

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There was other news as well. Nan Stalnaker, Administrative Director, announced that she and her husband will be moving to the Boston area next summer, and thus will be resigning her post at that time. Fred Maus, Chairman of the Telluride Summer Program Board, announced plans to try to develop a co-educational summer program at Deep Springs college, possibly starting as early as 1988. Brandt Kehoe, at his last Convention as Deep Springs President, was saying good-bye. In general, it was a Convention in which winds of change could be felt, as the following excerpts from Convention reports will show.

REPORT FROM CHICAGO BRANCH

“There will not be a Chicago Branch next year. No Chicago Branch members are asking for repreferment and those candidates who were to be recommended by the Chicago Reviewing Committee have all made other plans.

The closing of the Chicago Branch should not simply be regretted. The Chicago Branch, like TA, was not important in itself, but important because of the education or educations it fostered or should have fostered. The termination of the Chicago Branch should not obscure this, and we should not forget that people left the Branch in order to further their educations. Ira Abrams (DS82 UCB85) would tell us that to regret the closing of the Branch would be a painful and unnecessary abuse of the good lever of conscience. And he would be right.”

“...and the unification of factions concerned the degree of accommodation one ought to expect from another Branchmember. Some Branchmembers argued that the basis of a healthy community was respect for the rights and opinions of others. Other Branchmembers responded that over-emphasizing respect for individuals could sanction pettiness. Rather, it was the capacity to set aside one’s immediate, personal desires for the common good that characterized a healthy community. The positions of these factions, if factions they were, were argued forcefully though not bitterly.”

“The Chicago Branch was an experiment for the Association. It was also an educational project, and we must consider the education its members received by participating in it. We cannot say for sure that all the effort, time and energy were worthwhile. It might have been better to devote that effort to other things. Still, almost everyone who passed through the Chicago Branch has spoken of how much they learned there. This is not said in defense of the way things were done, but we must remember that all educational projects are educational first and projects second and that what those who have endured such projects have learned is always the bottom line.”

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF DEEP SPRINGS

“This is my fifth Convention in a row, and very likely my last for some time to come. It has been a very real pleasure to be with you, to recall my own experiences as a member of this organization, and to be reminded again of the quality of debate and consideration which takes place here. Deep Springs values highly its relationship with Telluride, a relationship which has often been strained but which has certainly provided very important support; opportunities for our students to further their Nunnian experience; and at times, constructive conflict. No fewer than ten former Presidents of Telluride have served as faculty, administrators, or trustees of Deep Springs in recent years and numerous other alumni of Telluride have contributed their talents and their energy. We would like to feel, on the other hand, that Deep Springs, through its graduates’ contributions to the Branches and the Association, bring to your organization an experience and perspective which is close to its founding roots. I hope that the tie between us will remain strong and constructive; that we will grow together and prosper; and that we, through our members and alumni will continue to contribute meaningfully to society in diverse ways.”

HUMAN CAPITAL REPORT

“This committee has been charged with considering the long-term problems raised by President Ycas’ address regarding the demographic crisis/spiritual malaise of Telluride Association. In a radical departure from the Telluride tradition of embracing apocalyptic rhetoric and then recommending that the crisis be solved by another committee at a later date, we are proposing that this Convention enact several far-reaching measures with respect to preferment, membership, and the attractiveness of the Cornell Branch Scholarships. These changes, along with their moral, political, fiscal, and demographic justifications, will be discussed in other parts of the report. This part of the report will confine itself to a discussion of what Telluride must do in the coming years in order to remain a viable project.

Your committee is confident that most of you will assent to the proposition that for many years now, relations between Telluride Association and Cornell Branch have been distressingly out of kilter. Profound suspicions and mistrust on all sides have prevented the sort of open cooperation between and mutual education of younger Housemembers and older Association members which we see as one of the greatest
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potential benefits of participation in the Branch and TA. Endless discussion and re-arrangement of the re-preferment and blurring process, often motivated by extremely distorted, almost paranoid impressions of TA members’ intention, have come to dominate House politics to a shocking and depressing extent. At the same time, our current method of examining re-preferment questions at Convention has come to seem to many to be an increasingly empty and chaotic ritual in practice, however much importance we continue to attach to its function in theory. Yet though we have little difficulty agreeing on the nature of the problem, year after year our divisions prevent us from achieving anything but frustration in our efforts to overcome it. Something must be done about this—there is little point in continuing to cling to a system which in its net effect is demoralizing to all, and which rarely succeeds in achieving the ends which even its crumiest conservative defenders would envision for it. Moreover, there is reason to doubt that the current system will even continue to be self-sustaining, as it has become an increasingly accepted and widespread practice for juniors and seniors in the House to opt out of TA membership.

"... Your committee therefore surprised itself by quickly arriving at the unanimous conclusion that it is time for the Association to adopt a serious membership requirement. That is, we are proposing, as part of a package of reforms including as a small part essentially the changes proposed by the preferment policy committee, that the following rule be adopted:

In the normal course of events, the Association expects all residents of Cornell Branch to apply for membership in Telluride Association by the end of their sophomore year, or their first year in the House, whichever come last.

We wish to emphasize that this proposal is not meant to be harsh or threatening; in fact, we hope that its effect will be to include more Housemembers in the Association, not to exclude more of them from Branch life.

"Finally, we wish to stress that although we do not think the policy proposed here is a harsh one, we do mean it to be a firm one. We seriously intend to re-structure House life so that all older Housemembers, with almost no exceptions, will be members of Telluride Association."

"We propose a new system for repreferment as well. Our proposal, in essence, enhances the authority of the Convention Preferment Policy Committee and reschedules its meeting to some time prior to Convention (e.g. mid-May). The House will conduct its own prefferent evaluations, as at present, through a House Evaluation Committee composed in whatever manner the House may determine.”

CORNELL BRANCH PRESIDENT

“I will avoid yet another discussion of the inherent limitation of House evaluations and simply emphasize that, in spite of my efforts to solicit other opinions, the following report can only represent the views of one Housemember. In listening to my fellow Housemates narrate the events which I thought I had seen, I often feel thrust toward the embrace of radical deconstruction. It seems that as far as a year at Telluride House is concerned, there simply are no facts: there are only interpretations. I can only hope that CBE will seek out as wide a diversity of opinions as possible and try to be certain that their report is not unjustifiably swayed by the most forceful or even the most eloquent interpretations."

"...on the whole, one would have to say that the House has been relatively placid this year, particularly after the winter break. In the end, very few issues could work us into any kind of sustained frenzy. House meetings were probably shorter and less heated, nor did they draw the great late night crowds which some say are a necessary mark of the healthy Telluride environment.”

“Those of us who participated in the sessions with the Association’s special Preferment Policy committee, during their visit in March, found it an extremely rewarding experience. Speaking for myself I would call it one of the most worthwhile interactions I have had with TA while a Housemember. It is too bad that more Association committees do not take the time to formally solicit House input.”

CORNELL BRANCH EVALUATION REPORT

“Our impression from Branchmembers’ accounts and from the high number of applicants for TA membership this year is that most people found life in the Branch personally pleasant, intellectually stimulating, and politically viable. Given the House’s size, its participation in major projects such as recruitment drives, TASPlications reading, the completion of a CBTA brochure, and the deliberations of the Ithaca Preferment Policy Committee was somewhat burden some, but the Branchmembers seem to have buoyantly borne these institutional burdens without shrinking their less tangible Telluride obligations.

“The Branch seemed plagued throughout the year by a somewhat blurred perception of TA and of its own relationship with the Association. Many possible causes for this misperception have been suggested. A large number of Branchmembers felt that the few and infrequent visits of Association members did not provide the House sufficient exposure to TA. Despite the urging of the 1986 Convention, TA visits to both Branches were few and the absence of a varied TA presence was often felt in the House. One exception noted by many Housemembers was the Preferment Policy Committee at Cornell in the spring. The Association members were perceived as interested in the suggestions of the Branch and to be tempering these proposals to make them both more acceptable to the Branch and more palatable to the Central Advisory Committee and ultimately Convention. Moreover, Association members seemed willing to engage Branchmembers beyond the scope of the Preferment Policy debate, informally discussing other issues of the Association and of general interest.”

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS

“Telluride had another moderately successful year in financial terms. Our conservative portfolio weightings prevented us from keeping pace with the stock double-digit rise during the year.

Total Return: The total return on our portfolio this year is estimated to have been roughly 14%. Over the same interval, the Dow Jones Industrials provided a total return of more than 25%, and the Standard and Poor’s 500 returned more than 20%. Our underperformance of the stock market averages was more dramatic in fiscal year 1987 than in the past few years, as our equity gains were seriously diluted by our large cash and bond holdings. Throughout the year, these accounted for the majority of the portfolio, with the equity weights dipping below 30% during the year. By year-end, however, a combination of price movements and net stock purchases had rebuilt the equity weighting to 42%.”

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

“As the already sorely missed Jim Withrow often reminded us, amateur financial managers can over the long run rarely beat the Dow or outperform the American economy. But what sophisticated amateurs can do (and few professionals do any better) is insure that we invest in fundamentally sound equity and financial instruments and that we diversify properly between equity, bonds and cash to hedge against major swings in economic and market performance. Your Committee did not have time to do an empirical study of whether more or less experienced Custodians have performed these tasks more adequately. (Certainly each of us remembers one or more supposed “financial experts” whose actual performance as a Custodian of the trust was greatly outstripped by the sophisticated rationales for their mediocre practice.) But we firmly believe that whatever method there may be to the madness of investment skill, it is a gift that can only be developed over time. “

“Association members should be reminded that in 1976 our trust fund was worth only $2.5 million dollars and cutbacks in programs were deep and rampant. Our current value of $13 million dollars may be double the real value of the portfolio in 1951 (as noted in last year’s Custodians’ report). But in real terms $13 million only returns us to the real value of the portfolio in 1968 (those last halcyon days of the branch in Lotus Land that spawned our current TA President). Could 1993 look like 1973 and do we have a fall back strategy? An examination of stock-bond-cash ratios in light of a possible downturn should be a topic of discussion at the first meeting.”

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

“All these remarks and proposals may seem to have strayed far from our experience with Chicago Branch. The real and profound lesson to be drawn, I believe, is not one that leads to specific proposals at all. It is, rather, that it is our duty to recognize that it may not be possible to continue Telluride in the form that we know it indefinitely, while it remains part of our trust to see that we continue Telluride in whatever useful form that we can. This means that we should experiment whenever the opportunity presents itself. Our human-resource constraints implies that we cannot wait for projects that are perfectly planned, or that we can carefully supervise from their conception to lasting success. We must be willing to take risks.”

Analyzing TASP

“It’s human understanding, I think, that’s at the center of TASP.” “I thought with 18 people, I’d end up hating about half of you, and I don’t.” “We’ve learned to intellectualize our emotions, and feel what we think.” “The essence of community is right here for us.” “I asked my Mom, ‘What if I don’t learn anything?’ and she said, ‘Well, you’ll just stay in Chicago until you do.’”

On Thursday night before the end of the Chicago TASP, 18 individuals gathered in the dark living room of the Alpha Delta Phi frat house and talked about the community we had created. Though this was our first opportunity to look back on our TASP as a whole, it was one of innumerable occasions that we analyzed and criticized our life together. On the walk back from seminar we asked each other how the class went. How was the pace? Did Sinaiko cover the topics in Freud in which we were interested? Who contributed particularly well to the Antigone discussion? Were we directed enough? Too directed? And especially what changes can we suggest to Sullivan and Sinaiko or to ourselves? In low tones at the Regenstein Library, we fiercely questioned each other’s paper topics; in the house library, we asked Cam or Kateri to help us think them through one more time. Later with Sheila Sullivan in a cramped office we criticized the papers themselves; snacking around the kitchen at midnight, we then analyzed her comments and our own responses.

We directed our critical eyes not only to strictly academic endeavors, but also to our social lives. For hours in that dark living room, we argued about our curfew, whether attendance at guest lectures should be mandatory, what kinds of parties we should have. We observed and discussed how much “nostrocity” (togetherness) we all could and should take. Eating dessert at Medici’s, we talked about how our day trip to the Indiana Dunes had gone, and how it affected the community. More than anything, we argued about arguing, criticized our criticism. Must we talk about our tee shirts for an hour? Do we have to use strict parliamentary procedure?

At TASP’s end, no one felt that we settled the question of the mutual obligations between the individual and his or her community, but we had at least concluded (and we could cite everything from Plato’s “Apology” to Crime and Punishment to Thoreau’s “Civil Disobedience,”) that an individual who hopes to gain from his community must criticize it. Most of us TASPers had hoped to gain immeasurably from our summer together in Chicago. Because we criticized and analyzed our community, both within the classroom and without, every day of the six weeks, on the night before the last, all of us agreed we did.

—Kate Cohen, SP87

LINCOLN COLLEGE EXCHANGE
FELLOWSHIP FOR 1988-90

All current or former Cornell Branchmembers and T.A. members who possess or will possess a bachelor's degree from Cornell University by June, 1988 are eligible for this two-year, fees and stipend scholarship to Lincoln College, Oxford, beginning October 1988. Those interested should request an application from Administrative Director Nan Stalnaker; applications will be due early in January 1988. For further information on study in Oxford, write the current Lincoln scholar, Melanie McDermott, Lincoln College, Oxford, OX1 3DR, England or the chairman of the Winter Preferment Committee, Mary Mansfield.
choice as Joke Editor of his high school paper. In any case, his humor showed insight and understanding. Usually Emerson is the one who summarized things the best, but with respect to humor it is the words of Carlyle that I remember — "True humor springs not more from the head than from the heart: it is not contempt, its essence is love,..." Perhaps there is no better way to judge a man than by his sense of humor. His wit reflects his mental agility and wisdom—its humorous twist reflects his depth of feeling and perception.

In many ways, Jim personified the ideals for which Deep Springs and Telluride Association were established. He was very conscious of the purpose of the Nunn institutions, wrote about it, and strove to do his part "in the phenomena of public life and human society," as he once expressed it. Someone has deplored the number of lawyers that Deep Springs has produced. It isn't the profession or calling that counts, but the imagination and dedication that the individual brings to his work and what in the final analysis he achieves. The Nunn institutions are not likely to produce Schweitzers or Einsteins but they can help one to find one's self, to give a sense of values, and to give direction to whatever the individual is capable of in later life. Perhaps still more important are the principles underlying Mr. Nunn's experiment in social education. As L.L. stated it, "Deep Springs is...a pioneer in the method of education which, if successful, should become general." Because of my discussions with Jim, I am sure that this was one of his strong convictions.

Of all Jim's fine qualities, his loyalty was perhaps the most outstanding. Loyalty implies one's insight and deep appreciation, but even more, it involves one's convictions. Jim had these attributes in abundance and I believe no one has surpassed Jim in his loyalty to the Nunn institutions.

"Robert B. Aird, M.D., DS21 CB23 TA24"

Jim is survived by his daughter, Alice W. Macdonald, and by two grandchildren.

The Trustees of Deep Springs held a memorial service for Jim at Deep Springs on May 17 at which time his ashes, at his request, were interred beneath the Withrow sundial and a white lilac bush was planted immediately behind the sundial. Several of the Trustees gave fitting speeches acknowledging Jim's many and magnificent contributions, both spiritual and material, to Deep Springs throughout sixty years. His last visit with the Deep Springs Student Body had been in the fall of 1986.

It is a good feeling to know that Jim's ashes have been brought to Deep Springs. It is the place he cherished above all other pieces of our earth. Not alone because of the nostalgia of a former student, but more especially for the ongoing, challenging experience of being a student. His greatest goal for Deep Springs was to help create a richer experience for all Deep Springs students, as one generation succeeded another.

Jim was a man who defined his priorities carefully. He had little interest in lesser matters. But, to those important tasks that commanded his loyalty, he gave an enormous amount of himself and his substance. Deep Springers of the '60s and '70s, particularly, found him an interested communicator on a trustee-to-student basis, probing for ways to make every student's time at the college a period of extraordinary influence. I wish all students, particularly those now in attendance, could have known him well. Despite the "generation gap" it would have been a stimulus of great magnitude.

Along with Bob Aird, Jim was one of two alumni most responsible for overcoming the administrative chaos of the late '50s, and for coping with the financial crunch that threatened the existence of Deep Springs for several decades. Their work and devotion inspired others who provided vital assistance in subsequent years. What better tribute than the willingness of contemporaries and younger alumni to help bring enduring reality to Jim and Bob's vision for future generations of Deep Springs' students?

We all will miss this man who felt that being made an honorary member of the Deep Springs Student Body was the most significant recognition ever bestowed upon him. But the greatest loss of all is that students themselves, today and in the future, will never know the man who always thought of himself as a student first, and only secondarily as a trustee.

This was Jim Withrow, a Deep Springer throughout his notable lifetime.

"Fred Laise, DS31 TA35"
James R. Withrow, Jr. (1911–1987)

It is well to reflect on the background and career of an outstanding person, such as Jim Withrow (DS27 CB30 TA30). Not only does it tell us much about the man, but highlights some aspects of superior human development to which we all might aspire.

Jim was born in Columbus, Ohio, on February 28, 1911. He attended the public schools of Columbus and for one year the Lycee d’Amiens in France, where he obtained an excellent grounding in the French language. His father, James R. Withrow, Sr., was Professor of Electrical Engineering and head of that department at Ohio State University. Like so many in the early days, Jim’s recruitment to Deep Springs involved, either directly or indirectly, contacts with Mr. Nunn and his hydroelectric endeavors. Jim, however, always bemoaned the fact that he had never personally known Mr. Nunn.

Jim arrived at Deep Springs in September 1927 and in retrospect it is interesting to read his application. It exuded the usual pride and brashness of a brilliant youth of 16. He was particularly proud of his excellent physique and health, which he described as “perfect.” He was nearly five foot, eleven inches tall and weighed 165 pounds. He had participated in track and football in high school and excelled in swimming. In addition, he was an honor student and either head of, or an officer in, numerous high school activities. I mention this early aspect, since Jim himself made a point of it. On one occasion, he told me that when he first came to Deep Springs, he thought of it as a physical training ground before returning to Ohio State to play football. Instead, he stayed three years at Deep Springs and became a dedicated student in the original Deep Springs and Telluride tradition.

With his Deep Springs credit, Jim went on to Telluride House at Cornell and finished his undergraduate training in two years. During the summers of 1930 and 1931, he attended the Sorbonne in Paris, and the University of Vienna. He then entered Cornell Law School and graduated in 1935. In his five years at Telluride House, Jim won such honors as the Burr Scholarship, Pemberton Cup, and Phi Beta Kappa.

In 1929 General William J. (“Wild Bill”) Donovan organized a new law firm in New York, which included among its other luminaries our own “Shorty” Irvine. Shorty had already succeeded in getting Tom McFadden, his old friend and the first guest of Telluride House, into the firm, and through his Telluride acquaintance picked up Jim in 1935. It was a good connection and Jim’s entire legal career was in the firm of Donovan Leisure Newton & Irvine. Following his period as an associate, he became a partner in 1943.

It was my impression that his early promotion to partnership (considering the interruption of the war) was in part due to his work directly under Donovan. Prior to our entry into World War II, President Roosevelt was trying to find a legal basis for a lend-lease program to Great Britain. Donovan was consulted and the assignment was given to Jim. Jim dug up some old law that seemed to permit this and with Roosevelt’s almost unopposed backing at that time, it became the basis for the Lend-Lease Act, which enabled the United States to supply much needed war supplies to Great Britain. From 1943 to 1946, Jim was a Naval Lieutenant and finally Commanding Officer in “Special Operations in South East Asia,” an assignment that was under the Office of Strategic Service, commanded by Donovan.

Jim’s legal career blossomed following the War along the lines of antitrust and other complex forms of litigation. His major cases included prolonged lawsuits that involved such companies as Madison Oil, the Cement Institute, and Corrugated Container. He was legal counsel to such prominent firms as Mobil Oil, Eastman Kodak, Genesco, Kidde, and American Cyanamid Company. In addition to being a member of the New York Bar, Jim was also admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia, the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia and to the U.S. Supreme Court. He spent considerable time in the Washington and Paris offices of his firm, and following “Shorty” Irvine’s retirement, Jim served as Executive Officer of the firm.

Jim authored a number of legal papers, dealing with antitrust matters and he delivered some of these addresses before legal societies. He was a member of numerous legal associations. His legal career extended over 50 years.

Jim had an even longer career in the Nunn institutions. In addition to his student career from 1927 to 1935, he was President of Telluride Association in 1941–1943 and was a Trustee of Telluride Power Company for nearly ten years after the Second World War. He served as Treasurer of Telluride Association for ten years following the retirement of Mr. Biersach. Jim was a Trustee of Deep Springs for 16 years, from 1953 to 1979, and was Chairman of the Board from 1975 to 1978. He was elected Honorary Trustee of Deep Springs in 1979.

Jim’s contributions went far beyond these enumerated services. Before the Second World War, he organized the alumni effort that added the Duplex Faculty Cottage to the Deep Springs Campus. His service to the Telluride Association as Custodian and Treasurer were instrumental in enlarging its endowment several fold. He stimulated the Deep Springs endowment drive in the 1970’s by matching grants as “anonymous” donor, and later endowed two faculty chairs. In addition he generously bought the sprinkler irrigation system for the Deep Springs farm and made Deep Springs the beneficiary of a $100,000 life insurance policy.

In accordance with the Nunnian mandate for public service, Jim enthusiastically undertook several community service projects. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, he was very proud of the fine work of this organization. He was on the Board from 1970 to 1983 and successively served as vice president, president, and finally as chairman for the last five years. In addition, Jim was an associate and member of the Council of Rockefeller University and Chairman of the Senior Voluntary Lawyers Committee of the Bar Association of the City of New York. The latter represented persons who were not helped by Legal Aid or the private bar.

It is one thing to give a factual account of a man and quite another to portray his drive, spirit, and enthusiasms. Jim’s drive was phenomenal and no doubt explains his singular achievements. His enthusiasms were obvious to all who knew him. Jim was not the quiet, retiring type and everyone agreed that on the verbal side his score was very high. Jim loved to cross swords on matters he felt involved basic principles. This was the lawyer peeping through and the area in which he shone, of course. Nevertheless if and when, following some of his impassioned oratory, he finally discovered that his facts were incorrect, he would humbly beg his adversary’s pardon. This was unusual, of course, since his facts were rarely wrong. However, when it did occur, it revealed his basic honesty and humility. Under his imposing crust as a lawyer was a fine man—a man of humility and understanding.

These more obvious aspects of Jim were relieved on occasion by his sparkling and sometimes boisterous sense of humor. Perhaps this went back to his adolescence and his continued on page four
TASP Alumni News

Richard Beyler, SP81, writes as follows: “After taking five years to get my B.A., I will be starting in Harvard’s graduate program in the history of science in September, thanks to help from an NSF fellowship.”

Nina Gilbert, SP72, taught a one-week workshop on madrigals at Westminster Choir College this summer and is now spending a year as a sabbatical replacement on the music faculty of Hamilton College.

Taehee L. Kim, SP84, has been named an NEH “Younger Scholar” for 1987. The Younger Scholars award, which carries a stipend of $2,200, supports a student’s independent, non-credit research and conducted during the summer. Taehee’s project is titled, “The Younger Pastoral Element in Shakespearean Drama.” Taehee is an undergraduate at Yale University.

Steven Coulter, SP78, and Ellen Dye, SP78, announce their marriage, on May 4, in Bridgetown, Barbados. Ellen was a Cornell TASPer and Steve a Hopkins TASPer. They met for the first time in the fall of 1985 through a personal ad in a local North Carolina paper. Steve writes, “We didn’t realize our common history until a week or so after we had already fallen in love.” Ellen has just successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation in clinical psychology from Duke University and will shortly begin an internship at Yale. Steve will be graduating from the University of North Carolina Medical School this year and will be entering a residency in family practice.

Gary Taylor, SP70, who now teaches in the English Department at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., is co-editor of the new Oxford Shakespeare edition.

In Memoriam


Vincent Cochrane, CB37 TA38, whose death last spring was announced in a previous Newsletter, wrote the following note to The-chang Koo CB38 TA40 shortly before he died. The-chang Koo asks that we share it with Newsletter readers:

Dear T-C,

It was good to hear from you by way of Matt Healey at Deep Springs. Jean and I left June 15 and have been back here since mid-July.

As you could guess, I retired after 35 years at Wesleyan University in Connecticut; we have moved back to Central New York, just a bit north of Ithaca.

To your two questions: I am surprised that the myth of my surliness at breakfast has managed to cross the wide Pacific. (Fred Bird has a good comedy routine on the story). As to the man-eating creosote bush, this was some kind of “in” joke at Deep Springs. No carnivorous plants in the desert.

We have no plans to go as far as Taiwan, but I admit it would be nice.

Sincerely,
Vince

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Alison Humphrey, SP85, sends this news of her summer: “I’ll be working in New York City, as an editorial intern at Marvel Comics. In conjunction with this adventure, I’ve won a Dana Foundation Fellowship, a hefty (to this impoverished college student) grant I’ll be using to write an independent project on “Comics as Popular Culture.”

Michael Schober, SP81, is starting his second year of a doctoral program in Psychology/Cognitive Science, studying psycholinguistics with Herbert Clark on a N.S.F. fellowship. “I’m really enjoying it and the Bay Area is a great place to live.”

Arthur Stock, SP79, and Barbara Patrick, SP79, announce, with pleasure, their marriage on May 23 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Barbara and Arthur live in Chapel Hill, where “Barbara is doggedly pursuing a Ph.D. in English Literature, and Arthur is reluctantly starting Law School, both at the University of North Carolina. Free basketball tickets to all SP 79ers who drop by.”

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Telluride Newsletter
News From Alumni and Friends

* Carlyle M. Ashley, DS17 CB20 TA20, writes, “My news is good. I have completely recovered from a brain operation two years ago. I still do some consulting and am working toward my 68th patent. Mrs. Ashley and I celebrated our Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary last year. We have eight grandchildren most of whom have finished college and the youngest of whom is four years old.”

* Martin Bernal, CBG72 73 75 76, has written a new book, *Black Athena, The Afroasiatic Roots of Classical Civilization*. This work, the first of three volumes, is subtitled “The Fabrication of Ancient Greece 1785–1985.”

* John Blackton, CB66, was nominated last February by President Reagan for appointment as Minister Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service of the United States. In March, the Senate confirmed the nomination. John continues to manage security assistance in the Philippines, and reports that the first free elections in fourteen years appear to offer Mrs. Aquino’s government a fair shot at both economic and political recovery. John’s son is a student at the *Ecole Francaise de Manille* and his daughter studies at the British School. His wife, Maggy, manages an active schedule of official entertaining.

* Joanna Brown, SP64 CB65 TA67, has just completed four years working for the City of Chicago as Assistant Press Secretary to Mayor Harold Washington and as Research and Issues Director for the Mayor’s successful re-election campaign.

* Tom Christina, SP72 CB73 TA75, has been appointed Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Policy, the Department of Justice.

* Laurie Fleischman, SP70 CB71, received a Doctorate in Biology at Harvard University in June. The subject of her thesis was “Phosphoinositide Turnover in Cell Growth and Transformation.” Her proud father, who sends us this news, reports that Laurie will continue to do research at Tufts Medical School in Boston.

* David J. Fried, SP66 CB67, is an associate professor at Notre Dame Law School. He and Joanne Wyckoff, a senior editor at Beacon Press, were married on March 14 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Allan Arkush, SP67 TA69, was the best man.

* Sabine von Falkenhausen Leube, CB80, sends an announcement of her marriage to Hartmann Friedrich Leube on July 12, 1987, in Freiburg.

* Paul Levesque, SP77 CB78 TA80, offers news for this column of his marriage on March 28th, 1987, to Gerburg Gar mann. “For the curious you could include the information that I met Ms. Gar mann during my year abroad at the University of Giessen, West Germany. Those with an interest in Old English or Old High German poetry will appreciate the Stabreim in her name.”

* Jay Mann, SP74 CB75 TA77, has been appointed Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Tax Division of the Department of Justice.

* Mary Mansfield, SP76 CB77 TA78, is the recipient of a Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for 1987. Her proposed dissertation title, in the field of history, is “Public Penance in Northern France in the Thirteenth Century.” Mary is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California at Berkeley.

* Marilyn Migiel, SP71 CB72 TA74, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Italian in the Cornell University Department of Romance Studies.

* Michael Millette, SP82 CB83 TA84, writes as follows: “I graduated with honors in history after completing a thesis on “Marxian Socialism and Nationalism on the Continent of Europe, 1848–1918.” I will be starting as a Management Associate in Citibank’s National Corporate Division on July 6. My address will be: 201 West 105th Street, New York, NY 10025, 212–864–3597. I will be living with Karen Amano, CB83, and two of her friends, and look forward to seeing Telluride friends in the City.”

* Martin Pearlman, SP62 CB63 TA67, and Jean Rife are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Elizabeth Pearlman on June 17th 1987.

* Terry Pell, CB79 TA80, has been named Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, in the Department of Education.

* Robert Richter, PB47, has been re-elected President of the Association of Independent Video and Filmmakers, a nationwide, 4,500 member trade association. AIVF published the monthly “Independent” magazine, runs an international festival bureau, and lobbies for independent producers in Washington.

* Art Shostak, TA56, of the Sociology Department at Drexel University in Philadelphia, has had his 13th book published. Titled *The Air Controllers’ Controversy: Lessons from the 1981 PATCO Strike*, it is available from the Human Sciences Press, New York City. He continues as an Adjunct Sociologist at the AFL-CIO’s George Meany Center for Labor Studies in Silver Spring, Maryland.

* Gayatri Spivak, CB63 CBG 86, married Vasudeva Chatterjee, in India, this spring.

* William Wallace, CB62, sends this “snippet for the Newsletter”: “I have again followed the precepts of Telluride’s founders by standing for public office—without success. I was one of the parliamentary candidates for the Liberal/Social Democrat Alliance in the British election of June 1987, fighting a district in West Yorkshire which I had already fought in the 1983 elections. The Alliance did disappointingly badly during the campaign, and in the circumstances I did well to retain a second place position (behind the Conservatives, ahead of Labour), well short of capturing the seat. There were great hopes for the Alliance breaking the two party pattern of British politics, but poor national leadership and the deep conservatism of British politics let those hopes down. So now I am back to my desk as Deputy director of the British equivalent of the Council for Foreign Relations, which is a satisfying job for a frustrated politician.”

* Thomas Windmuller, CB74 TA76, and Cathy Overly were married May 16th 1987, in Washington, D.C. Cathy is employed by the National Treasury Employees union in Washington, D.C. Tom, a 1979 graduate of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, is employed by the State Department as a foreign service officer stationed in the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, West Germany. The couple will live in Bonn.
1987 CONVENTION — From front, Row 1: Kaplan, Garten, Jones, Gutrecht, A. Rabkin, N. Rabkin, R. Rabkin; Row 2: Kehoe, Gauri, Greve, Mansfield, Latt; Row 3: Glazener, Wilson, Thompson, Baker, Tedeschi; Row 4: Christina, Foster, Mann, Black, Hawks, Pazdernik; Row 5: Aukerman, Stalnaker, Cupples, Haines, Gilson, Migiel, Pell; Row 6: McDermott, Wulff, Graves, Pasternack; Row 7: Coan, Rosenblum, Pinnick; Row 8: Applebaum, Andrews, Sharifi, O'Neil, Cawley, J. Rabkin, Maus, Cohen, Pomeranz, Wefald, Pease, Ycas.