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News from the Deep Springs TASP

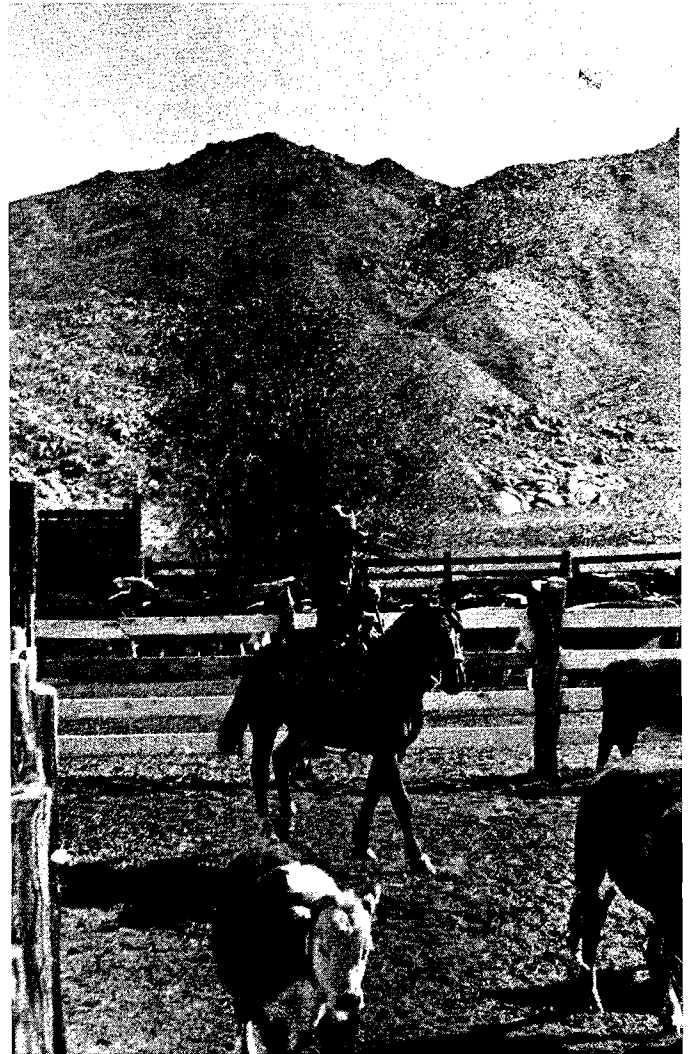
Strange and wonderful things are afoot in the Deep Springs valley. The 1988 summer seminar at Deep Springs is titled: "Law, Literature, and Society: American and American Indian." Professors Robert N. Clinton, College of Law, University of Iowa, Michael Delacorte, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Davis, and Robert F. Sayre, Department of English, University of Iowa, will lead the seminar. Although the topic itself promises to excite, there is an even more compelling reason to pay special attention to this year's Deep Springs program. On June 26, 15 high school women will join 5 high school men and the Deep Springs first year entering class for the first co-educational Deep Springs TASP. This marks the beginning of a new TASP era for Deep Springs and hopefully, a renewed spirit of cooperation between Telluride Association and her sister institution.

The 1987 convention directed TASPboard to work with Deep Springs on a proposal for a co-ed summer program acceptable to both institutions. Terry Pell and Warren Rosenblum visited Deep Springs in October to begin discussions, and from those negotiations they and the Deep Springs students formulated a TASP proposal which is very similar to the other summer programs of the Association. The major differences are the existence of the labor program, necessary to the survival of the ranch, and the inclusion of the first year students in the program, necessary because of the structure of the academic year at Deep Springs. For the purposes of the summer program, the first year students have the same status as TASPers.

A committee of Deep Springs students wrote up the proposal and submitted it first to the Deep Springs Trustees for approval, then to TASPboard. TASPboard provisionally approved the proposal at its fall meeting in November. In February, Fred Maus, Chris Black, Varun Gauri and Joe Schwartz visited Deep Springs to work out the details and finalize arrangements.

Only the TASPers, first year students, and factota will participate in the seminar, unlike previous years when second years students also participated. David Porter and Becky Pinnick from CBTA, and Mike Armstrong and Mishka Terplan from Deep Springs, will serve as factota for the program. Four second year students will serve as "labor factota," providing the expertise and leadership necessary to the success of the labor program, and directing the students in this aspect of the TASP.

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1988 Telluride Association Convention

Thursday June 16 - Sunday June 19
(beware of wrong date in 1987 Convention minutes)

Ithaca, New York
Telluride House, Spring 1988

The Arrival

Eric Lerner has arrived as the new Administrative Director of Telluride Association. Working with Nan for the past weeks, he has been observing and gradually taking over the operation of the Association office. In addition he has been meeting members of the House and learning about its behavior and operations. Indeed, after observing house-meeting, he was impressed with "the commitment to self-government and the willingness to take responsibility." From a man who has magnets on his desk of Kierkegaard and Wittgenstein, these are pretty strong compliments. Eric comes to us by way of the Offender Aid and Restoration program that counsels prisoners in Tompkins County Jail. (No, we have not had any lock-downs yet at the house.) Before managing and improving that program for six and a half years, he studied philosophy at the University of Michigan and then earned a Ph.D. in philosophy from Cornell in 1975.

Gleefully pointing to a mocking citation in the 1929 convention minutes that deplores the agreement of two "Telluride men" on an issue, he seems to be acclimating himself to the ways of Telluride. Still, though, he imagines it will "be pretty hard for convention to live up to its PR." Reflecting on his readings of various Telluride-oriented books, he considers the influence of traditions dating back to the formation of the Association a fascinating and critically important part of the institution. He therefore wonders about some housemembers' subtle embarrassment concerning the House's and the Association's traditions and orthodoxies.

Of course, as Eric takes on the responsibilities of the new job, Nan has begun her gradual departure after four years as Administrative Director. She is moving to Boston where she will work for the newly formed New England Foundation for the Humanities, an organization that will support various humanities programs for individuals not in schools or universities. Discussing differences between the two jobs, Nan notes that she will no longer work for a board of ninety-five directors. She adds, though, that she could not imagine any board of directors as fun as the Telluride Association's. She points out that she will remember the House this year as one of the best in her tenure, striking a balance between "strife and apathy." The House's Spring Faculty Party this semester doubled as a farewell party for Nan and Bob.

—Richie Baum

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Outgoing Administrative Director Nan Stalaker is on her way to Boston.



Eric Lerner, Telluride's new Administrative Director.

Up or Out: Branchmembers React

In June of 1987 at Convention, Telluride Association passed Resolution 42, in which it was stated that all housemembers are expected to apply to the Association "by the end of their sophomore year, or their first year in the house whichever comes later." Housemembers who fail to do so, or who apply and are not accepted, must get a vote of three quarters of the Association in order to be repreferred to the house for the following year. This rule, enacted in order to increase the recruitment of housemembers into the Association, represents a fundamental change in the status quo of relations between the Cornell Branch and the Association. As Convention '88 approaches, Branchmembers have begun to assess the impact of the new policy on the house, on the Association, and on the relations between the two.

One of the most striking aspects of the question of housemembers' sentiments is that, among new housemembers, there is a strong feeling in favor of joining the Association. The freshmen in particular have overwhelmingly expressed interest in joining TA this year. There is some consciousness that the new policy played a role in the decision—as Richard Baum expressed it, "I know I'm going to have to join eventually, so I might as well do it this year"—but the reasons given for wanting to join run in all cases along traditional lines: a desire to play a greater role in decisions affecting the house, a desire to participate in the larger business of the Association, a commitment to Nunnian ideals. Tara Shannon said that although she felt that the new policy was hostile and coercive, she felt a strong enough commitment to the goals of the Association to apply for membership. There has also been a great deal of excitement over the prospect of having a substantial number of housemembers be TA members—and therefore of giving the house a greater role in the affairs of the Association.

There is a certain amount of concern about the impact of the new policy on the makeup of the house. The effect that the policy will have on the house's recruitment efforts, if any, has yet to be shown; however it is the opinion of one of the Spring Recruitment officers, Jawahar Lal Chirimar, that the impact will be minimal, because applicants seem not to take into account the increase in commitments to come a year after applying. The more worrisome effect will likely be on Hill recruits, both undergraduate and graduate, once they are in the house. Older housemembers will be forced to make the decision after only a year, and will not have a chance to see Convention; for them, it may come down to the difficult choice of increasing their commitment or leaving the house. Not only will this lead to the loss of valuable housemembers, but it may establish a trend of one-year housemembers, a result that would at least partially thwart the Association's goals in establishing the policy.

Older housemembers, both TA and non-TA members, have expressed serious reservations about the new policy. Ellen McGill, who returned to the house after a year abroad, said, "When I got back and found out about it [the rule], I was really upset." One of her main concerns is that it will force housemembers who have real doubts about joining the Association, or even principled objections, to join in order to maintain their place in the house.

The coercive aspect of the new policy, although downplayed in the report of the Human Capital Committee, is of widespread concern to housemembers and TA members. Nick Hall, longtime housemember and TA member, expressed the most far-reaching criticism of the Association's approach. The new policy "doesn't address the fundamental problem of the failure of the Association to convince Branchmembers that joining and participating in the Association are worthwhile." He suggested that Convention should have sought non-coercive ways of persuading people to join, and emphasized the longer term goal of developing more worthwhile projects within the Association, a goal he feels the house has a significant potential to advance. Certainly, the feeling among people who have read the report of the Human Capital Committee is that it did not give any consideration to the problem of having unwilling recruits, or recruits who were not prepared for TA membership, brought into the Association.

Housemembers have also expressed concern over the intentions of the Association in carrying out the policy. As the resolution now stands, housemembers who apply to be members and are rejected must be repreferred to the house by a three-quarters vote. If the Association follows past practice—and it is not clear how strong sentiment is for departing from past practice—Convention will routinely reject a significant number of applicants. These applicants would then stand a much higher chance of being depreferred. If the Association wants to stand firm on the principle of having the house be composed almost entirely of TA members, it must in effect submit housemembers that it deems unworthy of TA membership to a high risk of depreference, even if under other circumstances they would be considered adequately qualified to live in the house. The risk in this of the loss of good housemembers—and consequently of the alienation of the House from the Association—is great.

There is a general sympathy with the objectives of the policy both to increase active Association membership, and to constitute the House largely with TA members. For many people, this goal translates into a sense that the house has a significant role to play in determining the agenda of the Association, and in developing and carrying out the programs of the organization. Becky Pinnick, an older housemember, wants to see the house peopled by TA members, "people who by virtue of their residence in the house will have the time and opportunity to think Association issues through carefully." These people, by virtue at the very least of their numbers, will tend to dominate the Association, a situation she sees to be more in line with the original intention of the founders of the Association. Indeed, there has been some talk in the house this semester of developing and supporting projects that will expand the scope of Association activities.

There is as of yet little consensus among housemembers, on the impact, or indeed the value, of the new Association policy; the remaining housemeetings of the semester may see a resolution on the question pass. However, it is certain that housemembers, particularly those who are directly affected by the new rule, see both its potential limitations and its potential benefits, perhaps more clearly than the Association which voted it into being.

—Philip Kaplan, President, CBTA

News From Alumni and Friends

■ *Brad Edmondson*, DS76 CB80, reports the birth of his and Kathy's second child, a daughter named Emma Katherine on January 28, 1988.

■ *Michael Greve*, CB82 TA83, has taken a new job at the Washington Legal Foundation as a Resident Scholar, and will hold the newly established Alexander Hamilton Chair of Law and Public Policy. Michael also writes that on April 23 his wife Diana gave birth to their first child, "a healthy young boy by the name of Alexander Wyatt. Mother and child are doing well. Father is kept up at night, and feels zonked out in the morning."

■ *Park Honan*, DS46 has published a biography, *Jane Austen: Her Life*, (St. Martin's Press, February 1988), based on new information released by Austen family descendants. British reviews have called it "the finest" and "undoubtedly the best" life of the author of *Pride and Prejudice*. It was also reviewed in *The New York Times Book Review* on February 27, 1988.

■ *Cam Jones*, SP84 CB85 TA86, took first place in Impromptu Speaking in the American Forensics Association national tournament April 11. A week later he topped that by taking first place in Impromptu in the National Forensics Association national tournament, as well as third in Extemporaneous speaking. I'm told this is the first time ever that a single student has taken first in the same event in both national championships.

DEEP SPRINGS

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The Deep Springs student body will suspend operations for the summer, with second year students handling the necessary correspondence. This leaves the TASP free to govern itself. However, its decisions will be binding only upon the summer community. Other programs, like public speaking and guest seminars, will be arranged in the usual TASP fashion.

The newness of this program is certainly exciting. For the first time, women can take a genuinely active role in the Deep Springs summer program. Their presence as well as the restructuring of the program are bound to affect the social dynamic of the summer community. But the manner in which this TASP came to life is equally exciting. Deep Springs and Telluride Association have been grappling with the issue of co-ed TASP's for several years with little success. There were reasons for both institutions to enter negotiations warily, but the spirit of cooperation on both sides and the huge investments of time, energy, and careful thought, especially on the part of the Deep Springs students, overwhelmed any initial problems. TASPboard worked hard to ensure that the Deep Springs TASP, while not exactly mirroring the proposal of the

■ *John Mellor*, CB46 TA48, was a recipient of a 1987 Presidential End Hunger Award. The annual awards are sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development, (USAID) and administered by The End Hunger Network. John has been director of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) since September 1977. During his directorship of IFPRI, John has continued to research an agriculture- and employment-led strategy of growth for the Third World.

■ *Dr. Richard Ruopp*, PB49 is resigning after nine years as president of Bank Street College of Education. *The New York Times* reports that he is returning to educational research.

■ *William F. Waina, Jr.*, DS53 writes that after 25 years with Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Certified Public Accountants, he retired as a partner in 1984. While in retirement he ran his own accounting practice, principally involved in litigation support. In March 1987 he accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer of Performance Learning Systems, Inc. of Nevada City, California. Performance Learning Systems conducts training and coaching courses throughout the United States and Canada for elementary school teachers aimed at increasing their classroom efficiency.

■ *Wendell Williams*, DS46 CB51 TA49 reports that he is now Chairman of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

1987 Convention, nevertheless adequately addresses all the major concerns of the Association. Fred Maus, chair of TASPboard, stressed the helpfulness of the Deep Springs student body, as well as their determination to make the programs as successful as possible. The spirit of compromise, mutual respect and cooperation which has characterized these negotiations should serve as a model for future interactions between Telluride and Deep Springs. Both institutions demonstrated the type of commitment to Nunnian projects that best highlights their idealism and practicality.

Obviously, the next year or so will be a proving ground. Unforeseen snags in the program will undoubtedly crop up, and there probably will not be standard mechanisms with which to deal with these problems. On the other hand, the history of Telluride and Deep Springs suggests that each is, generally, cautious; I've no doubt that any problems we find are resolvable. In the meantime, many of us are pondering the meaning of "labor hero" and wondering if that voice inside us really is The Voice of the Desert.

—Becky Pinnick

From the President

Despite some bad moments with the trust fund in October, the Association is still in the novel position of having more income than it urgently needs to spend. Just as the House requires a fairly massive renovation every few decades, this "affluence" gives us the opportunity to carry out a long-overdue renovation of the intangible Telluride. Last year's Convention made a start with a variety of human-capital innovations, including up-or-out membership and repreferment outside Convention. Their full impact will not be felt for years, but by June we should have a first look at the effect they will have on recruitment and membership. It's already clear that we did not think all these procedural changes through very carefully, but there is more to be done than simple nuts-and-bolts adjustments to TARP. We did not have time to explore many other important and neglected topics in any detail — for example, how to make the House a more attractive place to live, and how to deal with our employees.

Indications are that we may have an unusual influx of new members this year, but for the moment one problem that has not gone away is our perennial difficulty in finding a quorum. I hope that many of you will find the prospect of rethinking our operations to prepare for the 1990's more appealing than the penny-pinching and preferment that has traditionally taken up so much of our time. More than ever, we need the collective wisdom dispersed among you. I urge you all to mark your calendars now and plan on coming to Ithaca this June.

—Martynas Ycas, President, TA



Perkins Scholar Sylvie LeGall has completed her M.S. in Personnel and Human Resource Studies, and is returning to France to become a Human Resources consultant.



Still life with Branchmember - Spring 1988

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.

Don't Forget to Join ADSTA for 1988

Send dues (\$15 regular, \$5 student, \$300 life) to:
ADSTA, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850

TASP Alumni News

■ *Mark DeRocco*, SP76 has bought a home in Seattle and is learning to enjoy rain. He is working as an Audit Manager for Arthur Young, and writes that he has had his sweater cleaned.

■ *Lori Fisler Damrosch*, SP69 is associate professor of law at Columbia University, where she teaches international law and constitutional law. She recently edited *The International Court of Justice at a Crossroads* (Transnational Publishers, 1987). *David Damrosch*, SP70 is Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University. His book, *The Narrative Covenant*, was published by Harper & Row in 1987. David and Lori have a daughter, Diana Helen, born August 7, 1986, and are expecting a second in April 1988.

■ *Alix Handelsman*, SP70 and Drew Christie report the arrival of David Handelsman Christie, born March 25, 1988. "Mom and Dad are in the infamous newborn fog. Day is night; night, day. We've learned first hand: How extraordinary and painful a completely normal delivery is. How much fun a little one ('who cannot do anything') can be. How much work a newborn requires. How rapidly our functioning deteriorates with sleep deprivation."

■ *Anne Jellema*, SP82, is studying at King's College, Cambridge on a Marshall Scholarship. Her address is: Anne Jellema, 454 King's College, Cambridge, England, CB2 1ST.

■ *Carl Kay*, SP73 writes that his Boston-based company, Japanese Language Series, recently opened a small Tokyo office. Carl was recently quoted on the subject of the value of



Graduating senior Phil Kaplan will be the Telluride Lincoln Scholar at Oxford in September.

knowing Japanese by Gentlemen's Quarterly Magazine. The writer of the article called Carl at the suggestion of *April Bernard* SP73, to whom Carl sends his thanks.

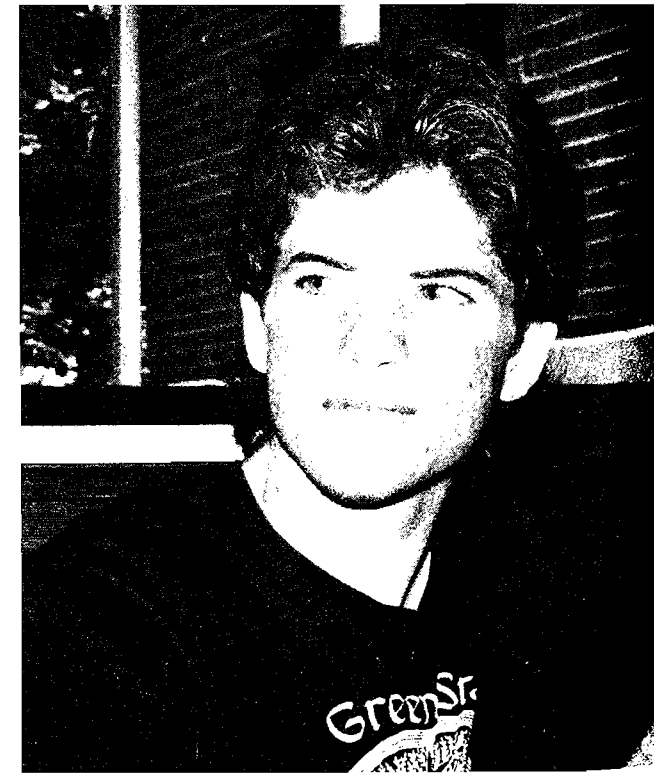
■ *Dr. Molly Kyle*, SP75, writes that she and her husband have joined the Cornell faculty as assistant professors of Plant Genetics and International Economics respectively. Molly is currently holding a visiting appointment with UC Berkeley, Department of Plant Pathology.

■ *Peter Levine*, SP84, was elected Student Body President of Yale College this past December, receiving 62% of the vote in an election in which over half the undergraduate student body participated. His campaign was managed by *Byron Auguste*, SP84, and included the active support of many 1984 TASPers.

■ *Sanjay Reddy*, SP86 writes that he is due to have a paper (his first) "An Independent Press Working Against Famine: The Nigerian Experience" published in *The Journal of Modern African Studies*. Sanjay sends greetings to all 1986 TASPers.

■ *Richard W. Shepro*, SP70, is a partner in the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt. His articles on legal and economic issues have been appearing regularly in the London *Financial Times*. He and his wife, Lindsay Roberts, live in Chicago and are expecting their first baby in May.

■ *June Vayo*, SP72 has announced her marriage to Douglas Martin in Cambridge, MA on June 30, 1988.



Graduating senior Dave Porter will be pursuing a B.A. in Literature and rowing at St. John's College, Cambridge, in the Fall.

1988 TASP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Deep Springs - Law, Literature and Society: American and American Indian

Anna Agbe-Davies, Pasadena, CA
 Marjorie Allard, Kenilworth, IL
 Ivan Ascher, Paris, France
 Chaya Bhuvanewar, Flushing, NY
 Andrea Burrows, Swarthmore, PA
 Jessica Bury, Berkeley, CA
 Suruchi Chandra, N. Bellmore, NY
 Debra Chou, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada
 Amanda Claybaugh, Millersville, MD
 Risa Goluboff, Brooklyn, NY
 Stacey Halpern, Eugene, OR
 David Kessler, Granville, OH
 Renata Kobetts, Jamaica, NY
 Jennifer Langan, Kodiak, AK
 Trisha Marsh, Indian Head, MD
 Gwen Parker, Rutland, VT
 Jeremy Rutman, San Antonio, TX
 Eric Santiestevan, La Canada, CA
 David G. Shapiro, Princeton Junction, NJ
 Tamar Shapiro, Urbana, IL

Cornell I - Crossing Cultures and Multiplying Times

Michael R. Booth, Laramie, WY
 Christopher Dacko, Winston-Salem, NC
 Libero Della Piana, Salt Lake City, UT
 Tameka Duncan, Flint, MI
 Mark Gimein, Jackson Heights, NY
 Susan Goslee, Knoxville, TN
 Katherine Hinnant, Columbia, MO
 David Jenemann, Kennett Square, PA
 Amber Meshack, Poway, CA
 Sandhya Subramanian, Schenectady, NY
 Sean Williford, Knoxville, TN
 Monica Youn, Houston, TX
 Rachel Young, Post Falls, ID
 Ethan Zuckerman, Pound Ridge, NY

Alternates

Elleanor Chin, Ann Arbor, MI
 Andrew Sullivan, Ann Arbor, MI
 Quinn Eastman, Pacific Palisades, CA
 Kyla Dunn, Oakland, CA
 Jiro Nakamura, Tokyo, Japan
 Steven Bogart, Cedar Rapids, IA
 Jaquetta Bustion, Wolcott, CT

Cornell II - Paradise, the Garden and City Dreams

David Arnold, Mt. Kisco, NY
 Shaila K. Dewan, Houston, TX
 Patrick Feaster, Valparaiso, IN
 Ross Garon, New York, NY
 Myriam Gilles, Miami, FL
 Susan Helfter, Osage, IA
 Susan Huang, Northridge, CA
 Mitchell Kane, Norfolk, VA
 Martha Natsis, Western Springs, IL
 Elizabeth Pisares, Salinas, CA
 Matthew P. Rhoten, Stillwater, OK
 Armando Rodriguez, Portland, TX
 Erica Rowe, San Diego, CA
 Jeremy Stark, Madison, WI

Williams - The Great Transformation: The Making of Modern Industrial Society—England and America

Kristen Ankiewicz, Lynn, MA
 Shana J. Brown, Glastonbury, CT
 Eve Brunts, Charles, MO
 Cathy Carlson, Vinton, IA
 Rodney Crump, Van Nuys, CA
 Andrew D. Foland, Champaign, IL
 Robert Gordon, New York, NY
 Derek K. Jackson, New Rochelle, NY
 Mona Karim, Catskill, NY
 Olga Mitelman, Memphis, TN
 Alison Nixon, St. Croix, Virgin Islands
 Angela Poley, Englewood, CO
 Sarah Pring, Little Falls, NY
 Daniel R. Puckett, Flaxville, MT
 Dhananjai Shivakumar, Vienna, VA
 Brian Vaughan, Byron, CA
 David J. Williams, Bethesda, MD
 Ivan C. Yen, Los Angeles, CA

In Memoriam

■ *Dr. Charles Merwin Gilbert*, DS27 CB30 TA29, died in Berkeley, California on February 26, 1988. Dr. Gilbert, a native of Washington, D.C., earned his doctorate in geology at UC Berkeley in 1936 and immediately joined the faculty. A Guggenheim fellow, he was chairman of the Geology Department in the 1960s and retired in 1975.

In the 1950s, he wrote with two other professors a standard textbook, *Petrography*, dealing with the science of the origin of rocks. The book, translated into several languages, is still in use, and Dr. Gilbert recently revised it.

■ *Professor Harvey Mansfield*, DS21, CB25, TA23 died in Manhattan on May 4, 1988. Until his retirement in 1973, he taught American Government and Public Administration at Columbia. A full obituary will appear in the September Telluride Newsletter.