Is There Life After Telluride House?

As the academic year drew to a close, Telluride House prepared to disgorge yet another graduating class into the unsuspecting world. There are four who survived the rigors of Cornell and the House to graduate in May 1989 and a distinctive four they are.

Harvard is the destination of two of our Housemembers this year, though their paths will probably lead them in very different directions. Lynne Sacks (and Oreo, her trusted feline companion,) will be heading to Boston to enter the Harvard Graduate School of Education in September. Having majored in English, with a concentration in Women's Studies, Lynne is clearly captivated by a pedagogical future and a Master's from Harvard is a good step in this direction. Though her plans for after the Master's are still unclear, Lynne hopes to teach for a while overseas.

This summer, however, Lynne will continue her ties with Telluride as a recipient of a newly created Telluride Association Withrow Summer Scholarship. A workshop for inner-city teenagers in Washington D.C. will be the focus of her community work this summer, as Lynne attempts to pass on her knowledge of cookery, writing and environmental education.

Becky Pinnick graduated in May, having majored in South Asian studies. After seven very full semesters in the House, Becky spent her final term as one of our waiters, though her presence had not decreased. Becky is also a recipient of a Withrow Scholarship and will in fact be working on a similar project to Lynne's in Washington. Probably still unaware of their fate, the D.C. teenagers with which Becky will be working are to concentrate on "Community Beautification" in and around the District of Columbia.

After the summer, Becky intends to pursue her interest in South Asian culture by an extended visit to Katmandu. Having studied the language and culture of this society for the past several years from afar - and Ithaca is very far from South Asia - she will now have the opportunity to put her skills and knowledge to the test.

The token Nebraskan of the House, Cam Jones, is the second graduating senior to be taking Interstate 90 eastward after Cornell. Having been accepted into Harvard Law School, he now faces the prospect of three years on the east coast; is Boston ready for him? Before starting out on his legal career, Cam will retire to metropolitan Rushville for the summer, in order to soak up those good ole Nebraskan traits in readiness for the East.

Though graduating Phi Beta Kappa in his major, Comparative Literature, Cam seems to have been equally committed to his Forensics competition and has won recognition for his talents at the national level. Though far too modest to admit to his success, Cam recently broke the record number of trophies won as an undergraduate and it looks as if his record will stand for some considerable time.

Finally, Jen Ruesink completed her time at Cornell with an outstanding academic record, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in Biology. The university also benefited from her commitment to crew and Cornell's Junior Varsity eight, in which Jen rowed, was ranked number one on the east coast.

Cambridge, England, is Jen's destination for the next academic year, where she will take up a scholarship at Churchill College. Moving from Caribbean coral and snails, she will now be studying plant ecology in the British countryside for at least one year. Perhaps in her spare time, she will continue her interest in rowing. Judging from Oxford's successes this year, the Tabs could use some new blood!

Another year and another group of graduating seniors who set out to discover if there really is life after Telluride House. Those who remain for another year at Cornell wish all four the very best of luck whether they be heading for Katmandu, Boston or England.

Phil Budden, CB88
Rachel Dickinson has arrived as the new Administrative Director of Telluride Association. Coming in the latter part of May, she had the luxury of being an observer at Convention; and yes, she still wants the job. Rachel comes to Telluride by way of the Cortland County Historical Society where she was the Director for two years. During her tenure, the Historical Society doubled its funding from national, state and local sources, and received statewide recognition for its creative use of limited exhibition space. Prior to her involvement with the Historical Society, she worked for Historic Ithaca & Tompkins County, a preservation organization, and for the New York Historical Resources Center. She received an undergraduate degree in geology from Kirkland College, spent a year in Scotland on a Watson Fellowship and did graduate work in American History at the University of Delaware.

Not a total stranger to the Nunnian way, Rachel's grandfather, Charles L. Dickinson, and two great-uncles, Isham and Browning Railey, attended Deep Springs College. Isham Railey also attended Cornell and became a House and TA member in the mid-1920s. Rachel lives in Freeville with her daughter Railey.

Eric Lerner is leaving his post as Administrative Director effective July 1st. Under Eric's tenure, the TA office entered a new phase of computerization and many of the most tedious tasks, particularly those associated with the TASP application process, have been streamlined. This, and a penchant for documentation, will be Eric's legacy to Telluride. Eric is currently running for a seat on the Tompkins County Board of Representatives and will be working as a consultant specializing in the computerization of non-profit organizations with an Ithaca-based firm, Computer Alternatives.

R.D.
James R. Withrow Memorial Scholarship

The following is a summary of the projects that housemembers will be conducting that were approved to receive funding from the James R. Withrow Memorial Scholarship for the summer of 1989.

Becky Pinnick and Lynne Sacks were funded for a collaborative project and will work with the Office of Youth Services in the Department of Recreation in Washington, D.C. to carry out summer programs for disadvantaged youth in the inner-city. They wrote, "In designing this project, we wanted opportunities to utilize our own skills and interests while setting a leadership example and providing a needed service to the community... We feel the move toward emphasizing the service aspect of Nunn's ideals of intellectual pursuit, self-government, and a commitment to public service is beneficial, and we would like to encourage its continuance." Becky will work on two projects related to horticulture and gardening and Lynne will divide her time between running programs on general outdoor education and conducting writing workshops and cooking classes.

Joel Cadbury's project will be conducted on the Mohawk (Iroquois) reservation of Akwesasne, located on the St. Lawrence River. The primary focus of his work will be "an historical and sociological analysis of changing patterns of work, income, and employment on and around the St. Regis/Akwesasne reservation. Areas of particular relevance to this study will include the changing relationships between on-reservation and off-reservation work, gender differentiation, linguistic recordings, and the emergence of reservation-based educational programs designed to strengthen tribal employment."

Mitchell Baker's project will involve the captive breeding of samples of House Sparrows, Passer domesticus, from Guatemala and Ithaca. From this, Baker proposes to determine whether the latitudinal variation in clutch size (the number of eggs produced or incubated at one time) of the recently introduced species is determined primarily by genetic or environmental factors. Baker writes "the House Sparrow's recent colonization of North and Central America poses intriguing questions regarding the way in which it adapts to new environments. Determining whether clutch size differences are controlled by individual genetic differences will help explain how this character changed, and will have implications for the modeling of selective evolutionary advantages of different clutch sizes."

R.D.

Writer, Faculty Guest, Observes Branch Life

Joining faculty guests Thomas Risse-Kappen and Roy Wright this semester was Zhang Xinlin, a Visiting Fellow and writer-in-residence with the Department of Asian Studies. Ms. Zhang came to Cornell from Beijing, where she is a director at the People's Art Theatre and one of the most well-known and controversial of China's post-Cultural Revolution writers. Ms. Zhang's work includes screenplays for CCTV, China's state television station, seven novels and an oral history, Beijing Ren, recently translated into English as Chinese Lives.

Following a stint as an army nurse during the Cultural Revolution, Ms. Zhang returned to Beijing to study directing and Chinese literature. It was in college that she began writing extensively, inspired by her father, an historical writer, and her own sense of disillusionment with the portrait of Chinese society that she felt literature had provided her. The frankness of much of Ms. Zhang's own writing has brought her both praise and criticism within China and made her work of particular interest to both Chinese and Western feminists.

Although most well-known for her fiction, Ms. Zhang's current work takes an historical turn; she is writing an account and analysis of the expectations Chinese people held for the 1949 revolution and their perceptions of what has actually happened. Based on interviews with one hundred people and examining her own family's experience, this latest book will be published by Pantheon Books.

Ms. Zhang used her time at Cornell and at Telluride not only to work on her English but also to collect impressions of American education and student life for her next project, which will investigate American systems of education and compare them with those of China. As a Visiting Fellow at the University of Georgia next fall, Ms. Zhang will be directing a documentary for Chinese television on this topic. In the course of making this film, she may return to Cornell and will hopefully stop by Telluride to see all her friends and specimens.

Ellen McGill, SP84, CB85, TA88

Telluride Association will be publishing its 1990 Directory this autumn and we are considering publishing the telephone numbers of the current TA members. Please let the office know if you do not want your number published. Also, if you have moved recently, the TA office would like to have an updated address for the file.
Roy Wright just walked in the kitchen door. Roy, a faculty guest at the House for the spring and fall of 1989, hadn't seen the place since the summer of 1957, when he had been here for a House summer recruitment program. Unlike the TASP at Deep Springs that summer, the program at the House was just a one-week, non-academic gathering. With even more free time than a TASPPer, Roy amassed a varied and heavy collection of Ithaca rocks—so heavy that when he tried to pick up his suitcase, the handle came right off.

The broken-suitcase story is but one of Roy's vast collection of anecdotes, which range from things as mundane as tuna-fish to things as exciting as an arctic plane crash. Out of these stories, we can piece together most of his life.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1941, Roy developed an abiding interest in astronomy at an early age. At sixteen, he was the western hemisphere co-discovers of a comet. He went to Springfield Classical High School, one of the Bay State's many excellent public schools, and won a National Merit scholarship to Harvard (that bane of all Telluride recruitment efforts). In one anecdote, Roy explains how he fell asleep during his first math exam, wrecking his grade and driving him to linguistics instead of the physical sciences. As he put it, "It's not that I loved astronomy less, but that I loved linguistics more."

He was still interested in astronomy enough to take a year off to work at Harvard Observatory for G. de Vaucouleurs, whose astronomical photography he translated and whom he helped write two astronomy books. He took math and science over in his sophomore year, but he liked languages so much that he added a linguistics major to his astronomy major. While writing his honors theses during senior year, he jettisoned astronomy, and in 1963 was awarded an A.B. cum laude in Romance Philology and Linguistics.

For two years after graduation, he studied in Romania on a Fulbright. "This was the first time American students had gone on a Fulbright behind the Iron Curtain," he said, introducing the story of the State Department's ill-thought-out instructions: "I was asked to leave outdated copies of Time magazine, including a twenty-page color supplement on American missiles and rockets, on the magazine tables in barber shops. This would have looked quite strange, since Romanians don't have magazines in their barber shops!"

Returning home, Roy became interested in American Indian languages while figuring out his family tree and made them his specialty. After graduate school, he helped start the graduate program in linguistics at McGill University. He went on to teach in programs throughout Canada for the next twenty years.

This past fall, Roy came to Cornell to work on a computer program which he described as "a learning tool that will generate in the computer all the common forms of the Mohawk verb." In addition, he taught a class in Mohawk two nights a week, which he enjoyed because it had the "atmosphere of a club rather than a class."

Last October, on what he called "a memory trip," he decided to visit the House and found his way in through the kitchen door. "I really wanted to see the place," he said, "and it had changed so little." He immediately ran into Housemember Gyula Greschik, who invited him to dinner with the House and a talk afterwards by then-faculty guest Samia Mehrez. Roy got along with the House so well that he visited again many times and, later in the fall, the House invited him to be a faculty guest in the spring. This was welcome news to Roy, since he had been staying with old friends in order to make ends meet on his salary, which at that point was part-time. He stated "I can literally say that my work would not have been able to go on without Telluride."

Roy was important to the intellectual House this past spring. He frequently engaged in dinnertime discussions with Housemembers and took some of the gloom out of the wee hours of the morning for Telluride's night crew. His perpetual willingness to converse earned him his Indian nickname: "Tekastiaks." "It's used of parrots," he explained with a grin, "You could translate it as Chatterbox." The House looks forward to Roy's return next fall, when he will be a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics.

George Puci, SP87, CB88

Telluride House from Baker Tower - 1938

This volume of the Telluride Newsletter is the first issue to be desktop published in the TA office.
Maureen Graves, SP74, CB75, TA77, and Ken Pomeranz, SP75, CB76, TA78 report the birth of Benjamin Henry Graves-Pomeranz on April 5, 1989.

Phil Hanawalt, DS49, has just been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences. Phil is chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences at Stanford University, where he also serves as chairman of the Committee on the Professoriate.

Christopher Keene, BB64, has resigned as music director of the Long Island Philharmonic at the conclusion of the 1989-90 season in order to concentrate his energies on the general directorship of the New York City Opera.

Mario Loomis, DS76, CB79, resides in Chicago and is currently in his fourth year of surgical residency at Northwestern University. He recently married Donna Morkunas, an orthopedic nurse.

Herbert Y. Meltzer, M.D., CB57, TA58, writes that his research on schizophrenia has led to the first major new treatment of schizophrenia in 30 years, a drug called clozapine which was just approved by the FDA. He is the Douglas Bond Professor of Psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Thomas Nagel, CB54, TA58, a professor of philosophy and law at New York University, was quoted in the April 3, 1989 issue of The New Yorker as a participant in a November 1988 Aspen Institute conference on what to do with former torturers who persist within a society that is moving from a dictatorial to a democratic system of governance.

Rhoda Rabkin, SP70, CB71, TA73, sent the Newsletter editor an article from the February 20, 1989 issue of Insight that mentions Carnes Lord, SP61, CB68, Dan Quayle's national security adviser. Lord is described as a "conservative who seems at home in the worlds of high ideas and policy. He holds two doctorates...and served as an arms control expert on the Reagan National Security Council."

Robert Richter, PB47, was recognized by the United Nations Environment Programme for his "outstanding environmental achievements." Mr. Richter was named to the "Global 500 Roll of Honour" on World Environment Day, June 5, 1989.

Radha Sinha, CBG69, has taken early retirement from professorship in Glasgow and taken up a chair in International Economics at Sophia University (Ichigaya Campus) in Tokyo, Japan. With the creation of this new chair, the university intends to strengthen programs in international economics and development studies.

Kathleen Sullivan, SP71, CB72, TA74, was granted tenure at Harvard Law School according to the Harvard Gazette, May 19, 1989.

Tyrone Wilson, CBG85, writes that last year he participated in an off-Broadway play with Martin Sheen and Al Pacino, and then played Oberon in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Aaron in Titus Andronicus at the Colorado Shakespeare Festival. Currently in his third off-Broadway play this year, he plans to divide his summer between the Sundance Institute in Utah and the Dorset Summer Theatre.

In Memoriam

Ruth Ann Borker, SPF87, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Coordinator of Women's Studies at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, died of pancreatic cancer on February 9, 1989 in Lynchburg, Virginia. She earned her AB degree in anthropology from Cornell University and her MA and PhD degrees in anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley. Most of her professional career was spent on the west coast, primarily based in Berkeley, California. She had also taught at Cornell University, San Francisco State University, the University of California at Berkeley, Lewis and Clark College, the University of Santa Clara and Pitzer College, as well as holding a number of research positions in northern California. At Cornell where she held a joint appointment in anthropology and women's studies from 1974 to 1978, she played a major role in the incorporation of the study of gender into the curriculum, including the introduction of a graduate minor in women's studies.

Michael Moravcsik, CB51, TA53, passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack on April 25, 1989, in Torino, Italy. Moravcsik, a native of Budapest Hungary, received his AB from Harvard and a PhD in physics from Cornell in 1956. Moravcsik was a physics professor at the University of Oregon where he was also director of the university's Institute of Theoretical Science from 1969 to 1972. An expert on activities pertaining to science in developing countries, he was also the author of more than 90 professional publications in the field of physics. When he died, Moravcsik was working on a book on the ultimate economic, sociological and intellectual limits to scientific progress.

Professor Moravcsik was extremely active in Telluride affairs throughout his life. He participated in the New Funds Campaign from the mid-1950s through the early 1960s, particularly while serving as Telluride Association Vice-President in 1959. Professor Moravcsik was also a West Coast TASP interviewer throughout the 1960s. Most recently, Professor Moravcsik lectured on big science at Deep Springs College.

Michael Moravcsik will also be remembered for his love of music and a memorial fund in his name has been created at the Oregon Bach Festival at the University of Oregon.

July 1989
TASP Alumni News

- John Agresto, SPF75, will become President of St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 1, 1989 and will take up residence there in September. He adds "whatever we can do to strengthen Telluride - St. John's ties, I'm for." His address beginning in September is: St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

- Douglas J. Colton, SP68, is an antitrust and commercial litigation attorney in Washington, D.C. He has been married for about 17 years, has two children, 5 years and 11 months old, and lives in a "capacious house not too far from downtown D.C. if anyone wants to drop in."

  He would like to know the whereabouts of fellow TASPers Paul Borsuk and Harlan Dalton (also SP68) and encourages them to contact him at 4209 Linnean Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, (202) 371-6102.

- Jennifer Cromley, SP81, has been living in Washington, D.C. since graduating from Yale in 1986. After working for the AFL-CIO and AFSCME, she started working for the Alice Hamilton Center, a non-profit workplace health and safety group.

  Classmate, Karen Erdman, SP81, is also living in D.C., and working for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

- Jean Engelmayer, SP81, has graduated from Harvard Law School, moved to New York and accepted a clerkship with Judge Pierre N. Leval of the U.S. District Court. She had her first paper on East-West Trade and the Atlantic Alliance accepted for publication by Harper & Row. She is engaged to Jan Kalicki, adjunct professor of political science at Brown and a vice president for Soviet and Saudi trade at Shearson Lehman Hutton. Upcoming activities include: "the bar exam and some world travels."

- Allegra Goodman, SP84, a recent graduate of Radcliffe, is author of her first book, Total Immersion, a collection of short stories published by Harper & Row.

- Alison Humphrey, SP85, writes that she will be entering her senior year at Wellesley, with a TASP-inspired major in American Studies, and a minor in Studio Art. Some of her recent achievements include being admitted to Phi Beta Kappa and in her words "more importantly" the Wellesley College Shakespeare Society. She played Banquo in the traditional all-female production of Macbeth this April and will be directing Measure for Measure this coming fall. She would love to hear from fellow TASPers. Her address is: Severance Hall, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181.

- David Leavitt, SP78, has written a second novel titled Equal Affections, published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson. Mr. Leavitt is described by Michiko Kakutani of The New York Times as "one of his generation's most gifted writers."

- Alex Mihalas, SP82, finished her first year at Harvard Law, along with fellow TASPers Arti (Srivastava) Rai, SP82. Also at Harvard are Rebecca Haile, SP81, and Kirsten Jensen, SP83.

- Alison L. Nixon, SP88, will be attending Princeton this fall as a freshman. She has also been selected as a 1989 Presidential Scholar, one of 141 chosen nation-wide. During a week of festivities in Washington, D.C. in June, she met fellow Republican George Bush in a White House ceremony for the scholars. She sends greetings and congratulations to fellow "Hicksian heroes" from the 88 Williams TASP for being accepted into the colleges of their choice.

- Scot Patterson, SP70, is working as the owner and Editor-in-Chief of Castalia Publishing Company in Eugene, Oregon. The company specializes in scholarly books and video-based programs for psychologists and educators, and books for parents on behavior management and childrearing issues. As a publisher, Scot works closely with nationally-recognized researchers to produce programs that are practical and effective. The address for Castalia is P.O. Box 1587, Eugene, OR 97440.

  Scot is also pleased to announce the birth of a son, Koby Alexander Patterson, in the summer of 1987.

- Elizabeth Pisares, SP88, sends this message: "I elatedly declaim that I shall enter the University of California at Berkeley in August of 1989 as an Alumni and Chancellor's Scholar...Go CAL!

- Elizabeth (Lisa) Pulliam, SP79, writes that she is "happily ensconced at the Anchorage Daily News in Alaska, where I've been working since 1986, after a brief stint as a business writer for the Seattle Times. As a feature writer, I cover a variety of topics, including Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and one of my pieces on that subject was included in 'People in Peril,' the ten day series on alcoholism in rural Alaska that recently won us a Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Public Service."

- Prem S. Subramanian, SP84, graduated from Princeton with a degree in chemistry. She was also elected to Sigma Xi, the scientific research honor society. She was commissioned as 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army but will defer service commitment to pursue an MD/PhD degree at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.
1989 TASP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Cornell I
The Novel and Society
Krista M. Alexander, Olney, MD
Eve E. Buckley, Westerville, OH
Joshua D. Chapman, Roanoke, VA
David B. Goldstein, Ellicott City, MD
Joshua B. Kaine, Portland, OR
Joshua B. Lieb, Columbia, SC
Ula McClelland, San Francisco, CA
Mary P. Murray, Brookeville, MD
Kolin J. Ohl, Denver, CO
Rebecca A. Rugg, Pacific Grove, CA
Robert S. Scott, Hamilton, MT
Vineeta Vijayaraghavan, Edison, NJ
Patricia A. Ybarra, Whittier, CA
Noah D. Zatz, Bethesda, MD

Alternates
Matthew B. Boyle, Shaker Hgts, OH
Anusuya Chatterjee, North Wales, PA

Cornell II
The Representation of Difference: A Crisis in Contemporary America
Philip A. Dawes, Greenlawn, NY
Jennifer A. Foster, Middlebury, VT
Dynishal P. Gross, Chesapeake Beach, MD
Christiana P. Hogendorn, N. Vassalboro, ME
Sameer S. Jejurikar, Shoreview, MN
Kirsten J. Kaschock, Camp Hill, PA
Douglas J. Lanzo, Easton, CT
Kate D. MacDowell, Columbus, OH
Nandini Mani, Schenectady, NY
Shael R. Polakow-Suransky, Ann Arbor, MI
Norwood B. Pope, Bloomington, IN
Livia-Maria F. Santiago-Rosado, Providence, RI
Shawn Sullivan, Brooklyn, NY
Jean C. Tsai, Pittsford, NY

Deep Springs
Tradition and Autonomy
Elizabeth M. Andrews, Lubbock, TX
Suzanne Chan, Murrysville, PA
Jin S. Choi, Northridge, CA
Andrew J. Colville, Prospect, KY
Audrey J. Johnston, Newburgh, NY
Peter N. Kessler, Newton, MA
Annette B. Muller-Schwarzt, Manlius, NY
Joshua M. O’Brien, Eugene, OR
Sarah B. Parsons, Nashville, TN
Stephanie A. Paulk, Atlanta, GA
Laura M. Pompel, Eugene, OR
Carla D. Sauter, Edmonds, WA
Alternate
Camela H. Raymond, Lake Oswego, OR

Williams
The Psychology of Social Influence: The Individual in Modern Society
Jennifer S. Bachman, Chalmers, IN
Thuy-Linh T. Cao, Garden Grove, CA
Jessica A. Cross, San Francisco, CA
Mariano-Florentino Cuellar, Calexico, CA
Jason C. Ehrlich, Little Neck, NY
Loren M. Frank, Albuquerque, NM
Antinette L. Jackson, Hammond, LA
Gregory R. Johnson, Austin, TX
Anita K. King, Oak Ridge, TN
Diep T. Le, Mesa, AZ
Christopher T. McGarry, San Francisco, CA
Catheryn A. O’Rourke, Titusville, NJ
Darcy W. Paquet, Hardwick, MA
Felicia J. Rector, Edgewater, NJ
Neeraj Soni, Katy, TX
George-Aaron C. Spain-Hour, Shreveport, LA
Anna M. Thompson, Melbourne, FL
Andrew S. Trbres, San Antonio, TX
Alternate
Molly S. Daniels, Penfield, NY
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