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## TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

### Preamble

*The purpose of the Telluride Association is to promote the highest well being by broadening the field of knowledge and increasing the adoption as the rule of conduct of those truths from which flows individual freedom as the result of self-government in harmony with the Creator.*

*We, its members, trustees of its property, to perpetuate its existence and make its work effective, do hereby make, execute, and acknowledge this our irrevocable declaration of trust which shall be and remain the Constitution of the Telluride Association and be binding upon each and all of us and upon our successors in trust hereto forever.*

7 July 1911

## TRUSTEES AT TELLURIDE HOUSE FOR THE 1990 CONVENTION



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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE 1990 CONVENTION

BY KATHARINE EISAMAN MAUS  
SP72 CB73 TA75

Looking through past Convention minutes, I have noticed an evolution in the nature of the TA President's report. Until the late 60s the President briefly and rather mechanically enumerated each Telluride activity, previewing matters the committee reports would treat in more depth. In the 70s and 80s presidents generally chose instead to discuss some issue of Telluride philosophy or practice: Deep Springs relations, say, or human capital shortages, or the ideologies of small communities. This "geisty" approach seems to me to constitute a real improvement. Accordingly I followed recent tradition last year when I discussed the tension I see

between a Telluride Association that is essentially a series of loosely related committees pursuing a variety of projects and agendas, and an Association for whom the annual Convention is the defining communal rite. In the last few days, however, as I began to realize that I was going to have to deliver another President's report, I had trouble knowing what to say. 1989-90 was a reasonably smooth and stable year for Telluride Association, so no crisis automatically forces itself upon our attention. And while I am looking forward to a reasonably exciting Convention, with major proposals for reorganizing our investment policy, fielding new grant

programs, defining the Telluride community in more inclusive ways, and so forth, I hesitate to steal the thunder of the committees who have actually formulated the issues you will be hearing about and deliberating upon over the next few days.

Thus I have begun to understand another feature that I have noticed in my researches among old Convention minutes: that is, that recent Presidents delivering their second report to Convention tend to wax more personal than in their first. Doubtless they do so partly because they are, as I am, more at a loss for what to say the second time around, so they revert to

*President's Report continued*

that perennial topic of interest, themselves. But there's more to it than that. Telluride's great idiosyncrasy--great in the sense of striking as well as great in the sense of wonderful--is the extraordinary youth of the people we make responsible trustees, and the relative youth, therefore, of even its hoariest veterans. As I stand before you at age 34, I feel the odd sensation of an accelerated senescence. Just as I am beginning to establish myself securely in the real world, or what passes for the real world in the English Department at the University of Virginia, I am simultaneously, in the world of Telluride Association, experiencing what must happen to elderly people who, when the newspaper comes, read the obituaries first. Most of those who belonged to Telluride when I joined are here no longer; many of my peers have already resigned or are, I know, considering it. Two of my closest Telluridean friends were, as you all know, tragically killed last August, in what marked for me the most significant, and devastating, event of my year as President of Telluride Association. So at the 1990 Convention I find myself, not among strangers of course, but among people other than those who originally constituted the organization for me. And I am powerfully affected by the difference between human lives and institutions operating in perpetuity.

This leads me to reflect not upon what moves people to join Telluride Association in the first place--a subject we are constantly discussing but which has always seemed pretty straightforward to me--but rather upon what

makes people stay in Telluride Association: upon what keeps them coming back three or five or ten years after they have ceased benefitting in any obvious way from Telluride's programs. Another way of putting this question is: how does the experience of trusteeship change, and how does it change the trustee, as she or he progresses from brand-new freshman or sophomore Housemember through years of



committee work and Convention floor debates. Since older Association members are no longer required to write self-evaluations it is hard to know how representative my experience is, but significant change there has certainly been. When I joined the Association I was happy to regale my interviewing committee with the obligatory talk about the values of "citizenship," and I believed--still believe--that Telluride encourages such sterling virtues as hard work and community responsibility. But so do a lot of other activities. The real reason I came to Telluride House and later joined Telluride Association is that I wanted desperately to be intelligent, and I saw as I looked around my TASP that I was going to have some catching up to do. I supposed that Telluride provided both an imprimatur of intellectual promise and a site at which that promise could be cultivated. I loved, and still love, the intellectual energy of House and the inseparability of that energy from the jostling up against one another of complex, strongly marked personalities. Not because, at least in my time, this jostling was always painless, but because it was

consistently interesting. I was not wrong in my assessment of the institution.

But the social configurations that are crucial to House life do not persist much past graduation, although for a couple of years afterwards a faint and temporary simulacrum of them may be recreated if enough recent alumni return for Convention. There comes an inevitable moment at which one realizes that House life is no longer transparent to one's gaze, when the Cornell Branch Evaluation open meeting seems more confusing than enlightening, when one has no idea what one's political alliances would be if one were still at the House and, moreover, begins not to care. This is a moment at which many previously active TA members find themselves unable to continue serving the organization with much enthusiasm: when close personal ties to Telluride are beginning to loosen, when the memories are becoming a little less vivid, when undergraduate or graduate-school friendships have not exactly been supplanted but supplemented by a new array of relationships.

For those who remain, there is still a great deal to learn, but the kind of thing one learns changes. My view of the institution has become less intense, less personal, more administrative. At the same time, it has become more generous, in direct proportion as the Telluride ideal of community service has no longer automatically coincided with self-interest, so that for the first time I have really been doing something for other people. Moreover, once Telluride no longer loomed so large in my field of vision I finally began making the connections to the real world exhorted by Telluridean rhetoric. The nature of these connections, I am sure, vary depending upon the real world one inhabits, but again and again when I find that my perspective differs from that of my academic colleagues it does so in some way traceable to my experience in Telluride Association. Almost by reflex I think of my intellectual life not as a lonely, heroic struggle but in terms of my participation in a community. I have learned to appreciate administrative talent--the ability to run something really well--a talent many of my col-

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leagues either fail to acknowledge or for which they display active contempt. Long practice with the TASP's and in preferment and membership debates has rendered me unembarrassed but scrupulous about procedures for selection and evaluation, not because I think it is possible to create perfect procedures but because my experience at Telluride has taught me how large the gap is between the attempt at responsible, compassionate judgment and the refusal to make that attempt. Most significantly, I think, I have learned to function in a small community. The Telluride constitution, as you all know, makes much of the values of democracy and self-government. It has never seemed to me, however, that the baroque intimacies and self-conscious intensity of Telluridean social arrangements taught me much about participation in a modern nation-state, except by the remotest of analogies. It has taught me much more directly and usefully about the creation of and participation in smaller social organizations: the committee, the academic department, the research group, the circle of friends. Most of us in Telluride are professionals of some kind, or are headed for that kind of career, and small, focused groups are important for us in two ways: first because our work tends to be organized in terms of team efforts and second because in a mobile, fragmented, secular society, relationships with the members of these small groups tend to replace the networks of neighbors and kinfolk that sustained earlier generations.

So I keep coming back to the issue of friendship even when I thought I had left it behind, friendship not merely in the sense of personal compatibility but friendship as Aristotle and other classical philosophers conceive it, as a fundamental political relationship. And this brings me around again to the example set for me and for us by Eric Wefald and Mary Mansfield, who so vividly exemplified many of the values Telluride seeks to foster. I hope we will keep the memory of that example before us as we execute our trust.

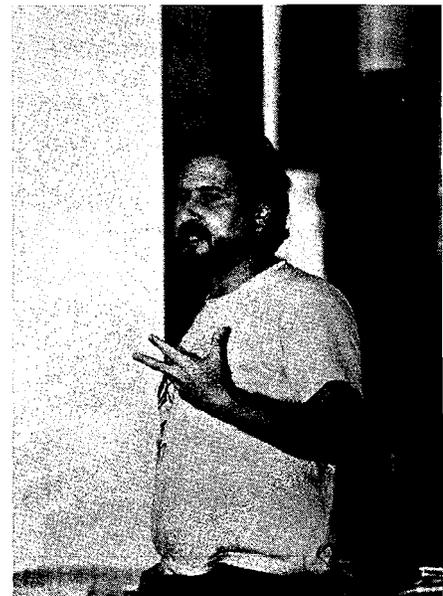


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*Photos:  
(opposite page) Katharine E.  
Maus, SP72 CB73 TA75;*

*(above) 1990 Convention  
photo;*

*(right) Joseph Schwartz,  
SP70 CB71 TA72.*



# ASSOCIATION NEWS

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Telluride Association changed its spendable income formula and its portfolio structure according to the plan designed by the Treasurer of the Association, Brian Kennedy. The result will be a stable and predictable spendable income figure, but from now on most growth in spendable income will have to come from donations. Since Telluride's programs depend on the income generated from the endowment and donations, the *Newsletter* will feature a more detailed explanation of Kennedy's plan in the next issue and will, in general, attempt to keep Associates abreast of the financial developments that bear on Telluride's programs.

The controversial "Up or Out" policy, which required Branchmembers to apply to the Association or risk losing preferment, was dismantled.

Telluride Association gained eight new members (you'll meet them in the next issue): Phil Budden, Cathy Carlson, Brad Edmondson, Eulonda Goosby, Carlos Rojas, Virginia Schattman, Jeff Seidman and Terri van der Vlugt. Telluride Association accepted the resignations of Marc Applebaum, SP83 UC85 TA86 DS87, Mark Dolliver, SP68 CB69 TA71, Michael Marder, SP77 CB78 TA80, Lilian Stern, SP75 CB76 TA78, and Pepper Trail, CB72 TA73.

TA also established a child care benefit plan for its employees.



## MANSFIELD - WEFALD GRANT

At the 1990 Convention, Telluride Association established a grant in memory of Mary Mansfield (1960-1989), SP76 CB77 TA78, and Eric Wefald (1957-1989), SP74 CB75 TA76. Mary and Eric were distinguished by their superb accomplishments and promise as scholars; they had also devoted years of committed service to Telluride Association.

We expect to award a grant of \$5,000 each year to assist an individual scholar in work on a single, clearly-defined academic or research project. Applicants in all areas of science and humanities will be considered. Proposals can be at any level from advanced undergraduate research to professional work. The two criteria for selection will be the merit of the proposal and the candidate's record of service to Telluride Association.

A committee has been appointed to define the precise policies of the program and to award the first grant. Application materials will be available in January. They will be mailed to all members of Telluride Association; others who would like to receive these materials should request them by writing to Rachel Dickinson at 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850.

*Fred Maus, SP72 CB73 TA75*

## MINORITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

After years of sporadic and none-too-successful efforts to achieve greater ethnic and racial diversity in Telluride's programs and the Association itself, the 1989 Convention created a Minority Recruitment Committee. One year later, we still have only a loose understanding of why TA has had trouble recruiting and retaining members of minority groups, but we are a bit closer. We also have one concrete initiative: a Minority Graduate Fellowship (MGF).

The fellowship will cover preferment, tuition, and a stipend for a Cornell graduate or professional student who is an African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian, or Pacific Islander, and a citizen or permanent resident of the

U.S. It will be renewable for up to 3 years, with the possibility of regular preferment thereafter. Financial and other details are still being worked out with Cornell, but our contacts thus far suggest that we should have few difficulties.

The MGF should help address several of Telluride's problems in the area of Minority Recruitment. Given the small number of people at the House at any particular time, even diligent attention to diversity in recruiting through our normal channels cannot guarantee that the House always has a minority presence; yet such a presence is an important part of making the House a more attractive place for other prospective minority candidates. Leading educational institutions compete for a small pool of well-prepared, obviously well-qualified minority students, often without making many efforts to broaden that pool. When Cornell loses such a competition to Harvard, Yale or wherever, we also lose a potential recruit. On the other hand, people have long felt that TA should not offer some undergraduate recruits more money than others. By targeting graduate students—who, unlike undergraduates, often receive financial aid that is not based on need—we can compete effectively for these candidates. And since graduate recruiting is a much more individualized process than undergraduate admissions, this fellowship offers us a chance to use our faculty contacts to identify candidates, and perhaps to help some Cornell department recruit one additional minority candidate.

We hope to be ready to recruit for the first MGF this spring, and have the person we choose enter CBTA in the fall of 1991. Obviously, the MGF alone will not meet our goals. In recognition of this, the task of completing arrangements for the fellowship has been delegated to a separate committee, while Minority Recruitment will continue to gather information, think through broader issues, and look for other ways to increase diversity throughout Telluride. *Newsletter* readers are encouraged to send suggestions.

*Ken Pomeranz, SP75 CB76 TA78*

*Photo (left): Former Cornell Branchmembers Louisa Coan, Hai-Ping Yan, Lynne Sacks and Ellen McGill (l-r)*

# ASSOCIATION NEWS



## NEW TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Andrea Kavalier, SP73 CB74 TA76, has been elected the new president of Telluride Association. After attending the 1973 TASP on society and the novel, she came to Telluride House at Cornell and studied English and Biology. For several years she worked in adult education administration; mostly programs geared for women returning to school. On the Telluride front, her major activity was fundraising. Then her job took her to London where she joined an economic consulting firm. Two years ago she switched to its U.S. subsidiary and returned to New York. She renewed her ties with TA, chairing the Administrative Director Search Committee in 1989 and the Personnel Committee, which was created in 1989/90.

Vice President Nancy Glazener, SP78 CB79 TA81, is a veteran of the Telluride Development Council and TASP Board (Chair, 1988 and 1989). An English major at Cornell University, she went on to study at Stanford University. She is now an assistant professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh. As the new Vice President of TA, she looks forward to working with her former factotum, Andrea Kavalier.

Eulonda Goosby, SP87 CB88 TA90, was elected secretary of Telluride Association. A College Scholar at Cornell, she works on history and Africana studies. She also sings in the Gospel Choir and is the fall president of Telluride House. She was a factotum at the 1990 Williams TASP and is a member of the Minority Recruitment Committee.

Alison Mack, SP77 CB78 TA80, is the new chair of the Board of Custodians, the committee that invests Telluride's endowment. At Cornell she studied biology, and she now works for Dupont at the Experimental Station in Wilmington, Delaware. A member of the Board for four years, she says "Being a Custodian of Telluride Association represents a particularly tangible form of the education that Nunn had in mind."

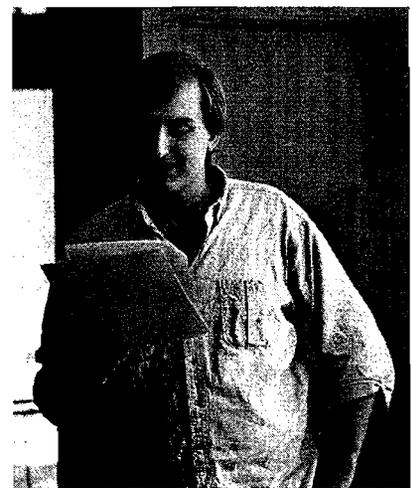
Michael Shae, SP77 CB78 TA79, is the new chair of TASP Board. He factoted twice, in 1980 at Cornell and in 1983 at Williams. In 1988 he chaired the Winter Preferment Committee. He is a graduate student in Comparative Literature at Yale.

## COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

The Telluride Development/New Projects Committee has the dual role of overseeing fundraising and examining potential new programs. One program recommended to, and accepted by, Convention was the Mansfield-Wefald Memorial Grant. Another proposal considered was the Telluride Grant Program. This program was designed to award up to 10 yearly fellowships supporting public service activities. Some thought these grants would complement Telluride's existing programs by emphasizing service oriented work, but many at Convention felt that the proposal was too ambitious. The potential organizational problems involved in administering even a few of these Grants led the majority of TA members to recommend that no action be taken until the proposal is more fully developed.

Fundraising proposals for the coming year focus on providing current information about our programs and maintaining communication with our Associates, rather than simply on making appeals for donations. Funding for an expanded *Newsletter* was approved, and a TA member was appointed editor. A new TA brochure, describing our purposes and programs, is being designed this year.

*Henry Muller, SP74 CB75 TA79*



*Photo (top): New TA Officers are Alison Mack, Michael Shae, Andrea Kavalier, Nancy Glazener. (L-r) (right): Chuck Pazdernik reading report to Convention.*

# AN INTRODUCTION TO DEEP SPRINGS - PART 1

BY BRAD EDMONDSON,  
DS76 CB80 TA90

Deep Springs Valley is an oval bowl of sagebrush and tumbleweed sunk between two parched mountain ranges along the California-Nevada border. It is a land of vast skies and total silences -- at forty-eight square miles, big enough to contain the Cornell campus more than twenty-four times. As you turn east from the main highway and onto the two-lane that leads to the valley, a sign from California's state transportation department courteously warns you not to expect any services for ninety miles. Then the scent of sage becomes stronger as the highway rises out of the desert floor.

From the highway, Deep Springs Ranch looks like a typical Great Basin alfalfa and cattle operation. Most people who see it never realize that it is anything else as their cars flash past. This is the last place on earth where you would expect to find a highly selective college. Furthermore, the alumni of this college and its time-worn ranch almost always say the experience was pivotal in their lives. They are the products of Deep Springs College, one of the great unrecognized success stories of American education.

As you turn onto the ranch road, you're thirty miles from any other human settlement. Your car slows down to cross the cattle guard, an eight-foot-wide bed of steel rails that keeps livestock away from the buildings. On the barbed-wire fence to the right of the cattle guard are hung signs: "No Hunting," "15 MPH," and "Indian Curios." The last one's a joke.

As you drive the final 500 yards, on a dirt road that runs through winter-dormant fields, the college's heifers look up and stare; they're trying to figure out if you're the feed truck. You cross another cattle guard to reach a circular drive surrounded by six houses, two larger concrete buildings, and an abandoned volleyball court. The buildings are rundown but still distinctive in the massive, low-slung style of prairie architecture.

Inside the largest building, Andy Jennings has taken over the President's desk to think about his Composition paper. The desk is a plain six-drawer wood veneer model with an overflowing in-box,

ashtray, and trash can. The President of the college is away. His capable assistant is sick. So when the phone rings, Andy, alone in the administration headquarters, is the only one around to answer it.

He doesn't hesitate. Andy is a big, friendly-looking guy from Montana. He has shoulder-length blonde hair and an 18-year-old's beard. He capably handles the request for information about the college by pulling a waste sheet from the overflowing trash can and scrawling an address on it with a chewed-over pencil. Later he will give the sheet to another student who will address a brochure and drop it in the mail. The college's admissions director will never know. The college has no admissions director. The students handle the whole process, from mailings to evaluations, interviews, and final selection. They determine who gets in.

Back at the cattle guard, at the boundary between the college and the desert, there is a small wooden box filled with copies of a letter to visitors. "Deep Springs is a private nonsectarian college established in 1917 by L.L. Nunn, a pioneer in the development of the hydroelectric power industry as well as an educational reformer" says the letter. "The student body consists of twenty-two to twenty-six young men from all parts of the nation, most of whom spend two years at Deep Springs before transferring to a regular four-year institution such as Yale, Berkeley, or Cornell. The college offers a strong liberal arts education covering essentials of the first two years of college study. It owns and operates a cattle ranch and alfalfa farm which cover virtually this entire valley. Students assist in the operation of the ranch and also bear heavy responsibility for administration of the college."

Deep Springs offers no degrees, and students must leave after two or three years. Cornell is a primary destination for "Deep Springers" (as we call ourselves -- your correspondent is DS76) because L.L. Nunn also built and endowed Telluride House at Cornell, a room-and-board scholarship residence just below Willard Straight Hall.

When L.L. Nunn was erecting hydro-power plants in the Rockies in the 1890s,

one of the biggest problems was finding skilled labor. So he began training local boys. His wages were low, but he hired teachers to tutor his 15 and 16-year-old employees in the classics and electrical engineering while they were not manning the primitive switching equipment. And he promised a Cornell education, all expenses paid, if they excelled.

By the time Nunn left the power industry, he had become a self-styled educational visionary. He believed that a school linking manual and academic labor could best prepare promising young men for a life of service and leadership. He was also convinced that such a school would work best in a location far removed from the distractions of society. He wanted to give full scholarships to every student, to erase all distinctions except those based on merit. He designed Deep Springs as the "primary branch" where recruits would first come in contact with "Nunnian" education. Cornell, the "secondary branch," would add polish to his young diamonds.

Nunn's formula had never been tried before, and it has never been duplicated. But by almost any measure, Deep Springs realized his hopes. Today anyone can apply, but the majority of the ten to fifteen students who enter each year are culled from the top percentiles of male high school seniors as measured by SAT scores. Each of them receives a full scholarship to



Photo: Jon Crispin



the college. Of the college's approximately 500 alumni, more than half have doctoral degrees in letters, medicine, or law. Nearly all report that they are involved in volunteer or professional public service activities.

Among the 200 who are products of both Deep Springs and Telluride House at Cornell are Charles Collingwood, DS34, CB37, the late European correspondent for CBS News; Robert Sproull, DS35, CB38, a former Cornell professor of physics and former president of the University of Rochester; and James Olin, DS38, CB41, a member of Congress from Virginia.

Cornell produces a large share of Deep Springs' faculty. Last fall, among the college's six teachers were Katherine Edmondson, PhD'88, who taught psychology; academic dean Tim Hunt '70, PhD'75, literature; your correspondent, composition and history; and Peggy Lawler, dance, who was on Cornell's faculty until 1987. We arrived in roundabout ways. Lawler, for example, learned about the college when her brother gave her a copy of the plain-looking admissions brochure her nephew had discarded. She was smitten. She wrote a letter to Hunt and, after retirement from Cornell, was invited to teach.

Telluride House was once almost exclusively for Deep Springers, but now most residents come from other channels,

## DEEP SPRINGS' CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OFF TO GREAT START

### *Telluriders Contribute More Than \$20,000 During First Year of Association Matching Grant*

Deep Springs' 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign, which began a year ago, already has gifts and pledges exceeding \$380,000 -- more than half of the \$750,000 goal. This campaign is the single most ambitious fund-raising activity ever undertaken by Deep Springs. The ambition matches the College's urgent need to accomplish renovation of an aging physical plant without diminishing endowment.

In 1989 Telluride Association committed \$75,000 over a 3 year period to match donations of Telluride Associates who are not Deep Springs Alumni. The Association's matching grant is a crucial part of this Deep Springs campaign, both as an encouragement to those Telluride associates considering gifts and as an example of tangible cooperation between Telluride and Deep Springs -- a matter of interest to friends of both institutions.

More than twenty Telluride associates who are not Deep Springs alumni responded to a year-end appeal from former Telluride Association Presidents by contributing \$22,000 during the first year of the campaign. Al Arent CB29 TA30 led off the Telluride side with a \$10,000 pledge, identical to that of most current members of the Deep Springs Trustees,

who have pledged as a group to match Telluride Association's \$75,000 contribution. Current Trustees Charles Christenson, PB48 CB50 TA51, and Clare Wolfowitz, CB64 TA66, joined Arent, former Trustee Paul Todd, CB39 TA40, and Association Treasurer Brian Kennedy, SP60 CB61 TA63, as the leading donors to the first year of the Telluride side of the Drive.

The Capital Campaign commemorates the 75th anniversary of the founding of Deep Springs. By 1992, Deep Springs aims to raise enough money to do major renovation work on the Boarding House, Main Building, Museum, and staff and faculty housing. This follows upon \$250,000 of renovation and remodeling work already done on the Main Building. The remodeling of the Science Laboratory was completed in 1989, and enough donations have been received to begin the largest project -- involving the kitchen, dining room, and food storage areas of the Boarding House -- this fall under the direction of architect/builder, Robert Gay, DS60 BB63 TA64, who will be in residence for five months. He will oversee improvements to the alumni cottage and the farmer's house and will prepare plans for the remaining projects. The Boarding House improvements are expected to be completed well in advance of the 1991 Telluride Convention at Deep Springs.

*Don Read, DS59 CB62 BB63 TA62  
Member, Trustees of Deep Springs*

such as the Telluride Association Summer Programs. In recent years, Telluride House usually contains two to five former ranch dwellers. These have included William Vollmann, DS77, CB79, an award-winning novelist; Brian Lanter, DS73, CB76, a prominent attorney in New Mexico; and David Brown, DS80, CB83, a staffer for U.S. Senator Max Baucus (D-Montana).

As students, Deep Springers appear to be a motley crew. But then almost all go on to graduate from prestigious schools (only 6 percent of pre-alumni did not finish college). Ultimately, they tend to become prominent doctors, professors, lawyers, scientists, diplomats, politicians, writers, engineers, architects, musicians, and businessmen.

Given their talent, most of the alumni would probably have excelled without Deep Springs. But the place makes a profound impression on its alumni, who commonly say that it offered them a powerful vision of their life's purpose. "Deep Springs gave me the confidence in accepting responsibility for a well-ordered community and world, and a deep sense of commitment to democratic values," says William vanden Heuval, DS46, CB48, former deputy U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. "I left determined to seek as many opportunities for public service as possible."

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## IN MEMORIAM

Leonard J. Loomis,  
DS73 CB76 TA78

Dr. Leonard J. Loomis, DS73 CB76 TA78, died suddenly in Oak Park, Illinois on May 13, 1990. Lenny had received a medical degree from the University of Rochester after graduating from Cornell, and he was weeks away from completing a four-year residency in Pathology at the University of Chicago. In July he was to begin a fellowship in blood-banking at the University of Cincinnati.

His death--the death of a young doctor at the beginning of his career--is a great loss not only to those who knew him, but to the thousands of others he would have helped. Anyone who knew Lenny must also find his passing hard to believe. He gave the people and the institutions he cared for whatever they needed; he was an extremely capable and resourceful person, and he was always ready with a joke, an optimistic word or, when you asked for it, good advice. How could such a talented, compassionate, and fun-loving person suddenly be gone? He was inseparable from his brother and parents, married to a wonderful woman, and actively happy. Now he lives in the hearts of the many people who have loved him.

Lenny had wide-ranging interests, all of which related to his desire to enhance the lives of others. He began his publications career last fall by co-authoring a paper, "Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome Following Bone Marrow Transplantation," in the *American Journal of Kidney Disease*. As Chief Resident, he recommended changes in the administration of the residency program which were adopted by the department. He was an enthusiastic and experienced actor and musician. At Deep Springs, he played the part of Prince Hal in *Henry IV Part One*, and later he had a singing role in a production of *Working* staged near his home in Rochester. In 1986, he was a violinist in the University of Chicago Chamber Orchestra's autumn concert.

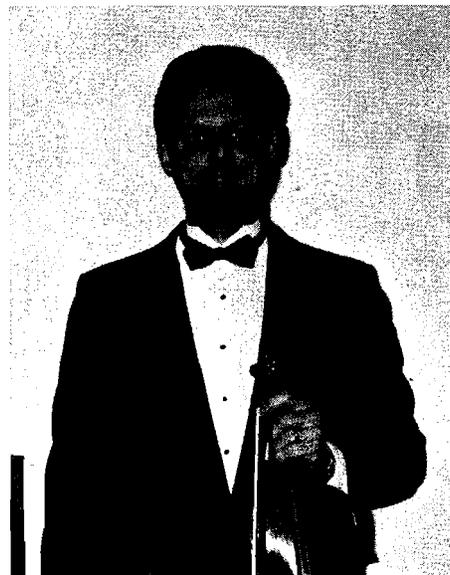
One of Lenny's greatest gifts was the ability to induce fits of laughter in almost anyone. He had a keen sense of the absurd, and he loved to tame and humanize absurd situations by laughing about them with others. Indeed, this trait is shared by the entire Loomis family. I can still see Lenny sitting in the living room of his parent's home in Rochester on a Sunday afternoon. The smells of roast pork and boiling artichokes are coming from the kitchen, and a football game is being ignored as it plays on television. He is making his family laugh. All of the Loomises are skilled at puns, impersonations, and exaggerated true stories, but Lenny is the ringleader and today he is in top form.

I don't remember the things we laughed about, but I do remember how Lenny, his brother, and his father would spar with words. They would trade center stage, as if they were passing a ball around, and as their exchanges grew faster the laughter in the room would become uncontrollable, almost as if it were alive. We are now in the middle of one of these family giggling fits, and Lenny says something that convulses the room. As his father's laughter booms and his brother doubles over, holding his sides, Leonard Loomis, the mirth-master, leans back on the couch, looks over at my streaming face, and smiles broadly.

Lenny will be dearly missed. To me, he was an embodiment of the quality -- "abundance of heart" -- that Deep Springs and Telluride Association alumni often say is their goal.

He is survived by his parents, Mary and Richard Loomis, DS43 CB53 TA54; his brother Mario, DS76 CB79, now a third-year resident in reconstructive surgery at Northwestern University; and his wife Peggy, a psychiatrist. His uncle, Edward Loomis, DS42, is a former Director of Deep Springs College. Donations to the College are being accepted in his memory.

*Brad Edmondson, DS76 CB79 TA90*



*Leonard Loomis*

### *One Memory*

*The individuality of autumn  
somehow seems a solace to  
those who think that beauty is a  
recompense for loss.  
The leaves are unique sounds  
emerging out of the  
green slur of summer.  
Beautiful colors each on each  
so many separate souls  
that show themselves in their own hearts  
in their own ways of paraphrasing the sunlight.*

*Expanse of autumn leaves a thinning metal  
being beaten with a million small  
separate blows, its beauty being  
the light left lingering,  
reflecting on a surface  
that is vanishing away.*

*enough remember  
and give me back my love.*

*Leonard Loomis  
Telluride House, 1978*

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## IN MEMORIAM

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### Frederick "Fritz" J. Rarig, CB35 TA37

Frederick J. Rarig, 74, had a varied career as a attorney, corporate executive, livestock farmer, and activist. He died April 20, 1990 at Gettysburg Hospital near his farm in Orrtanna, PA. Death was caused by a form of hypersensitivity pneumonia known among livestock farmers as farmers' lung disease. For many years, Mr. Rarig raised English Devon cattle on his farms in Bucks and Adams Counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Rarig entered political life as a student activist at the University of Minnesota. He was closely associated with Senator Wayne L. Morse of Oregon. Mr. Rarig broke with many fellow liberals by encouraging and supporting Senator Morse's early stand against America's involvement in Vietnam.

Mr. Rarig was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He received his B.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1936 in Economics, Political Science, and History. In 1939 he was granted an LL.B degree by Cornell University, where he became a member of Telluride Association.

From 1940 to 1944, he was Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney General, primarily in the Criminal Division. From 1944 to 1946 he was Chief of the Los Angeles office of the Anti-Trust Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

In 1946, he joined Rohm and Haas Company in Philadelphia, PA as counsel and continued there as Secretary, Vice-President, and Associate General Counsel until his retirement in 1980, when he became a consultant. His career at Rohm and Haas Co., a world-wide specialty chemical company, was devoted to the reconciliation of the interests of the free enterprise system with the necessity for regulation. He was a mediator at all levels of government in the United States and appeared before numerous regulatory bodies and commissions in Europe. He represented the United States on International Standards Organization (I.S.O.) working groups in attempting to

develop effective regulatory programs to assure the orderly marketing of chemical products on a basis that would protect the safety of the consumer and the environment.

In a brief statement of his personal philosophy for "Who's Who" he wrote some years ago: "I view life as an opportunity to contribute to the enrichment and preservation of the human tradition through the fullest possible development of my creative power and the creative power of others whom I may influence. Civilization hangs by the thread of recorded history; I would strive by deed and word to make that thread a little stronger. If we are to have a history, we must learn to live with the other forms of life on this beautiful planet Earth."

Mr. Rarig was a member of Solebury Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Solebury, PA, where a memorial service to celebrate his life was held on May 12.

Surviving are his wife Reva Mae; one son F. John, Jr., Orrtanna, PA; three daughters, Elizabeth A. Tyson, Gardners, PA, Alice J. Rarig, Leverett, MA, and Susan J. Makler, Rydal, PA; nine grandchildren; a sister, Barbara J. Grinder, Lilburn, GA; and a brother, Frank M. Rarig, Jr., St. Paul, MN.

Plans are being made for a memorial.

#### *DUNN MEMORIAL continued*

ship and direction, a memorial to Mr. Nunn was placed at Deep Springs, fashioned from a stone chosen from those behind the dairy barn.

Following a serious illness in 1984, he and his wife Merle moved to Portland to be near their daughter, Merle Clark. In addition to his wife and daughter, Dunn leaves sons, Richard, in Florida, and Del, in California, 11 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

*Bill Pezick, DS65 BB69 TA70*

### Chester Starr W. Dunn, BB15 TA16 DS17

Chester Dunn passed away May 8, 1990 in Portland, Oregon after a massive heart attack.

Chet proudly identified himself as the first Deep Springer, since he was the first student to arrive in the valley. Along with others involved in the Nunn enterprises at Beaver Branch and Claremont, Virginia, Chet was invited to Deep Springs by Mr. Nunn. During construction of the original College buildings, Chet distinguished himself by hauling structural materials from Zurich over the pass to Deep Springs.

Following Deep Springs, he attended Stanford University, and graduated with a degree in mathematics.

He subsequently became a real estate broker in San Francisco. For fifty years, he owned Davis & Dunn, Realtors, once one of the three largest realty firms in the city.

His contact with the Hoover family at Stanford, guided him into Republican party politics. He loved to recall that it was his suggestion, during the 1952 presidential campaign, that Eisenhower promise "to go to Korea to end, not to extend, the war," despite speechwriter Emmet Hughes taking full credit for this. At this time he also urged Eisenhower's people to consult with Hoover on a variety of topics.

Dunn's family recalls, "He often said that L. L. Nunn and the Deep Springs experience had the greatest impact on his life." A conversation with Chet often revolved around educational philosophy and the dynamics of closely organized educational institutions such as Deep Springs and Telluride Association. He was fond of saying, "Growing up isn't easy, and the gifted need help, too."

Chet strongly encouraged alumni involvement, and sponsored Deep Springs/Telluride dinners in the Bay Area for a number of years. He also represented Telluride Association in real estate transactions involving Berkeley Branch. Under his sponsor-

# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1930's

RICHARD RYAN, CB39, sends along an article on GLEN PITRE, SP72, whom Ryan interviewed for TASP. Pitre, a native of Louisiana, directed "Belizaire the Cajun" in 1985 and recently became the head of Louisiana's Film and Video Commission.

## 1940's

On July 1, GREGORY VOTAW, DS45 TA47, joined JOHN MELLOR, CB46 TA48, at the International Food Policy Research Institute as Director of Development and Administration.

BARBER CONABLE, CB46 TA47, was elected trustee of the National Museum of the American Indian. The new museum will be completed in 1998; its main exhibit will be a collection of more than a million American Indian artifacts. The project is a collaborative effort of the Heye Foundation and the Smithsonian Institution.

JERALD STEISAL M.D., CB48, reports that he has closed his Brooklyn office and relocated to East Hills, NY, where he practices Psychoanalysis, Psychiatry, and Psychosomatic Medicine. After the death of his first wife, he married Marilyn Schultz, a psychotherapist. He is currently on the psychiatric faculty of Cornell Medical College, Downstate College of Medicine of S.U.N.Y., and North Shore University Hospital.

## 1950's

DAVID WEBB, DS53 CB56 TA56, professor at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, spent June in the western Amazon, reviewing the progress of Alceu Rancy, his Brazilian student. They are researching fossil mammals and their environments of 15,000 years ago. Their investigation may reveal that the Amazon Basin was once quite dry with extensive savannas.

HERBERT MELTZER, CB57 TA58, was awarded The Noyes Prize for Schizophrenia Research.

## 1960's

BRIAN KENNEDY, SP60 CB61 TA63, vice president and treasurer of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Illinois, wrote a letter to *The New York Times* on April 22 responding to Professor Eli Schwarz's praise of defined-contribution pension plans. Kennedy criticized the plans because they transfer financial risk from institutions to workers: "If, at retirement, there happens to be a bear market or a major inflation, then tough beans. It is the individual worker's pension that takes a brutal kick in the teeth."

After twenty years in Humboldt County, California, DAN IHARA, DS64 BB66 TA68, and family are trying out life in Wisconsin, where Dan is teaching economics at Ripon College. Before the move, Dan was at the University of Oregon, where he finished his dissertation, a game theoretic analysis of global warming policy.

Last year CHRISTOPHER KEENE, BB64, succeeded Beverly Sills as the general director of the New York City Opera. On March 8, *The New York Times* reported on Keene and the Opera in an article entitled "The Joys and Woes of Running the City Opera."

Lieutenant Colonel DONALD CRANZ, SP65 CB66 TA68, is the new commander of the Second Battalion, Thirty-Second Armor Regiment.

STEPHEN SESTANOVITCH, SP67 CB68 TA69, is the director of Soviet and East European studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. On May 31, 1990 his article, "Gorbachev's Last Summit?," appeared in *The New York Times*.

FRANCIS FUKUYAMA, SP69 CB70 TA71, has resigned from the State Department in order to write a book which will expand his thesis that the ideological struggle between East and West is over. Mr. Fukuyama wrote the now famous article entitled "The End of History," which appeared in *The National Interest*. His new book will be called *The End of History and the Last Man*.

The March 11 *Washington Post* gave high marks to *Growl and Other Poems* by DAVID SHEVIN, DS69, citing his "genius for yoking the serious and the hilarious." Shevin's previous book, *The Discovery of Fire*, won the Ohioana Book Award for Poetry in 1989. He is teaching at Teffin University.

JAN VLECK, DS69 CB72 TA74, is a family physician with the Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound in Olympia, Washington. His son, William, is now eighteen months old.

## 1970's

DAVID MARSHALL, SP70 CB71 TA73, Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Yale University, spent the 1989-90 academic year on a Guggenheim Fellowship, working on a book about eighteenth-century aesthetics. He is the author of *The Figure of Theatre: Shaftesbury, Defoe, Adam Smith, and George Eliot* and *The Surprising Effects of Sympathy: Morinaux, Diderot, Rousseau, and Mary Shelley*.

JANET PIERREHUMBERT, SP70, writes: "I moved last September to Northwestern University where I am an associate professor of linguistics. My second daughter, Nadia, was born on March 1, and my first daughter, Anna, is now four."

After three years on the faculty of the Music Department at Wellesley College, FRED MAUS, SP72 CB73 TA75, is moving to the Music Department at the University of Virginia where KATHARINE MAUS, SP72 CB73 TA75, has been teaching English for the past two years. He is currently revising his Princeton dissertation, "Humanism and Musical Experience," into a book manuscript and is also editing a collection of essays on the methodological writings of Milton Babbitt and Benjamin Boretz.

MARK TAYLOR, DS72, has moved back to his hometown of Greenville, SC and has joined RUT, an engineering and environmental management consulting firm. Eric, is now ten, enjoying school and living for baseball, and Ashley is five, ready for kindergarten. Starla is looking for a new career after four fantastic years of teaching high school in Missouri.

PETER HALAMEK, CB74 has been a technical staff member at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at CalTech since 1988. He participated in the Voyager navigation during the Neptune fly-by (summer 1989) and is currently working on optical navigation studies for the 1996 Cassini mission to Saturn.

HENRY MULLER, SP74 CB75 TA79, is a researcher at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in the material sciences division. He is currently working on high temperature ceramic superconductors. He is also working with the medical department on packaging novel radioisotopes for cancer therapy.

LILLIAN STERN, SP75 CB76 TA78, and David Sicular announce the birth of Jonathan Paul Sicular on January 26, 1990.

BRAD EDMONDSON, DS76 CB80 TA90, is the executive editor of *American Demographics* magazine. As a freelance writer, he has published in *Atlantic Monthly* (Dec. '88, Feb. '89), *The Washington Post*, and the *Utne Reader*. Last year he taught historical writing at Deep Springs College using archival material stored at the college. He and his wife Kathy have two children, Will, 4, and Emma, 2. In November he will travel to China with a delegation of American authorities on AIDS to share information with AIDS specialists in the People's Republic.

LIZ RYAN, SP76, writes: "After living in the feature film world of New York City for the past six years, I am thrilled to be working on director Peter Weir's next film, *Green Card*, as the Second Assistant Director. I am an elected member of the Eastern Council of the Directors Guild of America, and I try to encourage as many women as possible to fight their way into the business. I'd love to hear from any filmmaking, filmwriting, or film-loving Telluriders out there!"

NICHOLAS CLIFFORD, SP77, graduated from Princeton in 1983 and from the Wharton Business School in 1986. He now works in Paris for his own company.

DAVID GLAZER, SP77, has moved to the Bay Area, where he is now working in the San Francisco field office of the Justice Department's Environmental Enforcement Section. Having lived most of his life on the east coast, he thought the change would do him good. Any TASP '77 alumni are more than welcome to drop by.

MARINA HSIEH, SP77, starts work this November at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in New York after two months of travel in Asia. She hopes to "see old and meet new folks in the City."

On May 14, 1990, PAUL LEVESQUE, SP77 CB78 TA80, successfully defended his dissertation, "Thomas Mann As Critic of Wilhelmian Literary Life 1894-1914," at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and was awarded Magna Cum Laude.

NANCY GLAZENER, SP78 CB79 TA81, completed her dissertation, "The Realist Imperative: Public Discourses about Genre in Late Nineteenth Century American Literature" and received her Ph.D. in English and American Literature from Stanford University. This fall she joins the faculty of the English Department at the University of Pittsburgh.

# ALUMNI NOTES

JAY PULLIAM, DS78 CB81 TA82, reports that he is a graduate student in geophysics at the University of California at Berkeley: "I recently produced models of seismic P-wave velocity using several methods, and what is exciting about them is they seem to show some aspects of the convection patterns in the mantle. In addition, these new models should help us locate earthquakes more accurately."

KATHY ANNE POWELL, SP79, works at the J.F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and wants to establish a career in literary translation. She has helped to start a writer's workshop and is involved with an experimental community theater group. Her fiancé, Jamie Kowalski, is a composer, and they seize every chance to collaborate on creative projects. She misses the porch of Telluride House, the gorge, and Buttermilk Falls.

## 1980's

TERESA MICHALS, SP80 CB81 TA83, has passed her Ph.D. orals at Johns Hopkins University and is working on her dissertation on Romanticism and the abolition of British slavery. Her two parakeets, Mr. Rochester and Heathcliff, are thriving.

ERIKA DEINERT, CB81, received a three year NSF pre-doctoral fellowship to pursue graduate work in zoology at the University of Texas at Austin. She spent the summer in Costa Rica chasing manakins and dart-poison frogs.

DAVID PORTER, SP82 CB83 TA87, finished his Cambridge degree in June and spent the summer bicycle touring in Ireland and Scotland. In the fall he enters the Stanford Ph.D. program in Comparative Literature on a Mellon Fellowship.

CLAUDE BART, SP84, has graduated from Swarthmore College. For the next two years he will be a graduate student at the University of Sussex, working toward a master's degree in Development Studies. He extends a "hearty invitation" to Telluriders visiting the area of Brighton, England.

ARTHUR KOSOWSKY, SP84, received his B.A. from Washington University and is now working toward a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Chicago.

DIANE THOMPSON, SP84 CB85 TA88, and KEVIN McCARTHY, SP81 CB82 TA84, were married on June 23 at the home of Diane's grandparents in southern Illinois. Scott McDermott, SP84 CB85 TA88, was the maitre d'honor. After a backpacking trip, Kevin and Diane returned to their Brooklyn apartment, which is three blocks from Spike Lee's. Diane will be back at Cornell this fall to finish her senior honors thesis on the history of the nineteenth-century Mosquito Coast.

EDWARD "CHIP" BARTLETT, SP85, has just graduated from Stanford with a degree in American Studies. This summer he began the Stanford Teacher Education Program on a Mellon Fellowship. He is enthusiastic about a career in secondary education.

JERRY KANG, SP85, just graduated from Harvard Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude in physics. Last summer he studied in Seoul, Korea, and this fall he begins Harvard Law School.

ANGIE MUHS, SP85, has graduated from Northwestern with a Bachelors in Journalism. She is now working for *The Miami Herald* as a reporter covering suburban crime and city government. She loves her job, and both she and her cat are adjusting to south Florida. Williams TASP '85 alumni should stop by when in the area.

JANICE PANG, SP85, was awarded a Mellon Fellowship and is continuing her studies in Chinese philosophy this fall at Stanford University.

TYRONE WILSON, CBG85, writes: "Dear Friends. It's been a great year so far. I did the Denver scene over Christmas, playing Lyons in *Fences* at the Denver Center. Now I have the pleasure of being on the same stage with Dame Maggie Smith in Peter Shaffer's new comedy *Letice & Lovage* at the Barrymore Theater. Please, anyone, feel free to call me or drop by the Theater; I can always manage to get House Seats for a fellow Tellurider. Peace, Tyrone."

NORWOOD ANDREWS, SP86 CB87 TA88, had a summer internship at the Arms Control Association in Washington, D. C. This Fall he returns to Cornell for his senior year to complete his major in government and history. In 1989 he and MIRIAM AUKERMAN, SP86 CB87 TA88, were factota at the Williams TASP.

TERRI VAN DER VLUGT, SP86 CB87 TA90, spent the spring semester studying critical theory in Paris with Derrida and other luminaries. She discovered that, in contrast to America, where being a student is like having a job, in France being a student is simply a "state you are in for a time." After factoting this summer at St. John's TASP, she will begin her senior honors thesis in physics at Cornell.

EERO CARROLL, SP87, has edited articles for publication in *The New Republic*, the *European Sociological Review*, and in an anthology on state organized terror. He also presented a research paper entitled "The U.S. Melting Pot and the

Canadian Mosaic" on March 22 at a sociological conference in Louisville, KY.

CHRIS LANIER, SP87, writes: "I'm just back from a five-month tree planting project in Mozambique. I'm presently writing a book about my experiences, looking for a menial job, and otherwise avoiding becoming an academic."

TERESA SHAW, SP87, is studying astrophysics at Princeton.

ELIZABETH BUCKLEY, SP89, worked this summer in an astrophysics lab at Princeton in conjunction with a NSF grant. She will go to the South Pole this winter for three weeks with the Princeton group and study microwave background radiation remaining from the Big Bang.



Photo: Richard Baum, SP86 CB87 TA88, received the 1990 Burr Award.

## Graduating Class of 1990 - Cornell Branch Residents

JOEL CADBURY, DS85 CB87 TA88, graduated with honors and distinction in Rural Sociology and is now satisfying his hunger for the open road with a flurry of travel on American highways.

JEANNIE CHIU, CB88 TA89, graduated from Cornell with distinction in all subjects and a double major in English and Biology. In the fall she enters the graduate program in English at the University of California at Berkeley. As a recipient of a Withrow Grant, she spent the summer in England doing archival research on the works of Charlotte Bronte.

TOM HAWKS, SP85 CB86 TA87, poet laureate of Telluride, graduated summa cum laude and is currently enrolled in the Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

After graduating from Cornell's Asian studies department with distinction in all subjects, ELLEN MCGILL, SP84 CB85 TA88, abandoned the glorious Ithaca climate for the pleasures of California, where she is working and contemplating the future.

After graduating summa cum laude and with distinction in all subjects, CHUCK PAZDERNIK, SP85 CB86 TA87, is currently the Telluride Scholar at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he is continuing his study of classics and Byzantine studies. Rumor has it that Mr. Pazdernik is the first person to enroll in Byzantine studies at Lincoln College in the past four hundred years.

JONATHAN PEASE, DS85 CB88 TA89, graduated with distinction from Cornell with a degree in Civil Engineering. After factoting at Deep Springs this summer, he returns to Telluride House at Cornell, where he will pursue a Masters in Geotechnical Engineering.

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