ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT DEEP SPRINGS

The 1991 Convention of Telluride Association convened on June 13, 1991 at Deep Springs College in Deep Springs, California. The following are the introductory words of Telluride Association President, Andrea Kavaler.

Our thanks to Deep Springs for its gracious invitation for our invasion. As the TA President at the last Deep Springs Convention noted, here in the Valley “the press of routine business seems exhilaratingly remote.”

The reasons for holding Conventions at Deep Springs on a regular basis are not so mysterious. Invariably, here at Deep Springs one is drawn to an examination of purpose and plan. Telluriders and Deep Springers tend to dwell on the differences between our two institutions. But standing here, looking out at the assembled members of Telluride Association and the Deep Springs Student Body, I cannot help but marvel at why we should be so drawn to the differences. What peculiar, unique institutions we are—distinguished by different purposes, goals, and structures, but also united by common practices: giving young people responsibilities not usually taken on until later and placing them in organizations that they must govern themselves.

L.L. Nunn wrote to the Secretary of CBTA in 1910: “The work of the Association is to demonstrate the feasibility and advantages of self-government and to receive as compensation for that work the benefits passed on by the success of its stewardship to those still to come.” Not much of an incentive, it seems to me, to lure students and young people (forgive me for the liberty of including myself and others of my ancient generation) from their other occupations, from all over the country, and even from overseas, to work so hard on glorious summer days. And how many college students take on the responsibilities and work involved in the running of the ranch here, at the same time as pursuing their studies? If DS and TA are far apart from each other, it is on a very narrow, special scale.
Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The words "freshpeople" and "freshbeings," used in your April issue, do not appear in my dictionaries. I suppose they're your attempts to eliminate that long-used suffix "-man" and to find a suffix which doesn't appear to favor one sex over the other.

To this old-timer this appears a strained and unsuccessful attempt to achieve your objective. I urge you to abandon such awkward inventions. (Or were you writing about newly-minted persons, clean, and without odors. I think not.)

Students in the first-level class at Cornell can be called "frosh" and this word can refer to either sex or to a group containing both men and women.

More to the point, here's a paragraph from William Safire's entertaining book, Fumble Rules:

Etymologists know that the word MAN, going back to the Sanskrit MANUS, means "human being" and is sexless. Although MAN and WOMAN are differentiated in English, the universal meaning of MAN to encompass both sexes remains. Why accept a flat from anti-sexism headquarters to change it now?

I certainly recognize that we're in the last part of the twentieth century and I am all in favor of giving the so-called "weaker sex" equal opportunities to lead and to excel, or to follow and to fail. The person presiding over a meeting can be called "the chairman" or even "the chair" without any implication that the presiding officer is a male. Please don't use the awkward, newly-popular "chairperson" or some other silly word which suggests that the writer is more concerned about making a point on sexual equality than with communicating to the reader.

Gordon Kiddoo, CB38

New Financial Policy Remains in By-Laws

The 1991 Convention debated and voted upon a set of constitutional amendments representing important changes to Telluride's spending and investment strategy. These changes were not voted into the Constitution. They will, however, remain in the By-Laws where they were put by the 1990 Convention. The goal of the changes is to maximize long-term financial return for the Association by recognizing it's perpetual life. Accordingly, they require the Board of Custodians to invest at least 85% of the Trust Fund in equities at all times, and, since equities are more volatile than bonds, a new spendable income formula seeks to protect this income from excessive annual fluctuations by averaging the value of the Trust Fund over thirty years in constant dollars. (The old formula averaged it over the previous five years.) Convention will henceforth have a clear idea of approximately how much money it will have to work with in the coming years.

Preferment to Cornell Branch

In accordance with changes made by Convention, the preferment of TASPers to Cornell Branch is now a three-tiered process. In early September the Autumn Preferment Committee (APC) selected eighteen candidates out of those who applied for preferment. These finalists were then asked to visit Ithaca during the fall term to learn more about House life and also to be interviewed by committees composed of housemembers and Association members. APC then awarded preferment to thirteen of the finalists: Suzanne Broderick, Rebecca Carter, Jessica Cattelino, Isaac Hall, Alla Katsnelson, Douglas Kenreck, Rosamond King, Jarrett Mason, Todd Price, George Raine, Rebecca Sherouse, Aaron Tysen, and Rachel Wilson. Five of the preferred TASPers applied to Cornell as early decision candidates.

Math Education Project

The Minority Recruitment Committee and the Telluride New Projects Committee proposed an ambitious new project which would involve the Association in studying the role of language in math acquisition and in exploring new techniques of teaching math to minority students. A working committee was created to study the appropriateness and feasibility of the project for the Association and to possibly draft a more detailed version of the proposal for consideration by the 1992 Convention.

Membership Committee

At the suggestion of the Association president, a new standing Membership Committee was formed to address the recruitment and retention of Telluride Association members. This committee will be involved in explaining the Association to potential members and in orienting them after they join. The committee will also organize cultural and social events and encourage the continued interest of all Association members.

Grants and Fellowships Committee

A Grants and Fellowships Committee was created to administer and award the Mansfield-Wefald Memorial Fellowship, the Withrow Scholarships, and the Telluride Associates Projects grants. For more information about these programs, turn to page 4.
Aftter three years as Treasurer of Telluride Association, Brian Kennedy, SP60 CB61 TA63, has resigned in order to accept an academic research position at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. He will continue to manage the portfolio of Blue Cross of Illinois.

Kennedy's many contributions to the Association, both at Custodians' meetings and Convention, jump-started the recent debate about the Association's financial policy. His comprehensive report on Telluride's financial history, his diligent support of open and informed debate on financial strategy, and his own accessibility to Association members prompted the Association to consider important changes to Telluride's spending and investment strategy. In particular, the analysis of financial history and economic principles done by Kennedy in consultation with the Board of Custodians inspired a set of amendments to the By-Laws of the Constitution. These were adopted by the 1990 Convention, which then proposed to study the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating these changes into the Constitution itself. Although the 1991 Convention voted not to put the amendments into the Constitution, they will remain in the By-Laws. (See Convention Notes.)

Yet Kennedy's legacy resides as much in the minds of Association members as on the pages of Convention Proceedings. As Henry Muller, SP74 CB75 TA79, who recently joined the Board of Custodians, has said, "Brian had an idea about improving Telluride Association's investment strategy and he put an incredible amount of work into explaining issues...He really tried to bring everybody on board in this decision." Tara Shannon, SP86 CB87 TA88, comments that "he was very kind to younger members of the Board [of Custodians]...Despite the fact that he had a serious edge on us in financial matters, he wasn't condescending.... Even if he was not in agreement with you, he managed to make the conversation an educational experience.... He seemed to have the Board of Custodians constantly on his mind and mailed us articles of interest between meetings." Everyone interviewed remarked on his expertise, his commitment to Telluride, his helpfulness, and his enthusiasm. But few things generated more comment than the Kennedy touch: a gentleness of manner that put Telluriders at their ease and an ability to make, as Paul Foster, SP78 CB79 TA81, put it, "even stupid questions look clever." Maureen Graves, SP74 CB75 TA77, said "He took everything everybody said seriously.... He had a profound effect in convincing the Custodians not to market-time and helped to correct the institutional bias against equities...." As a result, Graves continued, the members of the Board "became more courageous in following their convictions.... It was extremely educational to have him there...He has an incredible grasp of Telluride history...."

As indeed he does, a history of which he is now a part. But, despite the eulogistic tone of the foregoing paragraphs, you're not history yet, Brian! Thanks—and blow them away at Chicago.

Graph taken from Pre-Convention Report of the Treasurer to the 1990 Convention.

STOCKS
Real Total Return, Annual — 1871–1989
WITHROW SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

The James R. Withrow, Jr., Memorial Scholarships are awarded to current branchmembers (or former branchmembers who are currently Cornell students) for projects which have a significant public service component. Research projects or internships are also eligible. Former projects include an internship with the Organization of American States, a study of grass roots civil rights organizing in the South in the 1960s, a study of the environmental and socio-economic history of the "Iron Range" region in Minnesota, and an evaluation of working women's attitudes toward feminism.

THE MANSFIELD-WEFALD MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

In 1990, Telluride Association established a memorial grant in honor of Eric Wefald and Mary Mansfield, brilliant scholars and active members of Telluride Association, who were killed in a car accident in August 1989. The grant, a cash stipend of $5,000, shall be given for support of a piece of scholarly research of exceptional merit. The level of the applicants' previous and ongoing service to Telluride Association and its programs will be another factor considered by the Grants and Fellowships Committee. The first Mansfield-Wefald Memorial Fellowship was awarded to Paul Levesque, SP77 CB78 TA80, for the revision of his dissertation into a book manuscript on Thomas Mann.

Anyone with a serious project is encouraged to apply. Application materials may be requested from the Telluride Association Office.

TELLURIDE ASSOCIATES PROJECTS

If you are a former TASPer, friend, or alumnus of Telluride Association, and have a project in mind that would involve other Telluriders and benefit your community, a grant of up to $1,000 is available to you. Associates attending Cornell are not eligible to apply. The Telluride Association Office can provide mailing lists of Telluriders in your area. In the past, TAPs ranging from academic seminars to soup kitchens have been funded. Two examples from last year are:

Jerry Kang, SP85, received a grant to cover the fees and travel costs of speakers for a seminar entitled "People of Color in Conflict." The seminar, organized by a consortium of minority law student groups at Harvard, provided a public forum for discussion of tensions between the African-American and Korean-American communities.

Chaya Bhuvaneshwar, SP88, received a grant to extend educational and medical services at a soup kitchen founded in New Haven by former TASPers. The money is helping to extend literacy tutoring at the soup kitchen, to begin AIDS prevention and alcoholism treatment education, and to purchase back-up food supplies.

These programs are a valuable link between Telluride Associates, Telluride Association, and the rest of the world. Applications are available from the Telluride Association Office.
Fall Housemembers

This year six students joined Telluride House at Cornell as new housemembers. Two are freshmen who applied to the House after their TASP's, two are from Deep Springs, and two are graduate students. Laura Steele, SP90 CB91, of Salina, Kansas attended the 1990 St. John's TASP at Annapolis. She is planning a triple concentration in Near Eastern studies, classics, and archaeology. She says that, for her, learning and relaxing have both become entwined with House life. Yet she is very active in the Cornell community and does not feel confined by the House, despite the many responsibilities.

A freshman who also attended the 1990 St. John's TASP, Kenny McGill, SP90 CB91, of Hanover, Maryland is similarly pleased with the House this term. He plans to study ecology and is most interested in the programs at Cornell that deal with the interface of science issues and the humanities. Kenny was a voting member of the Board of Education in his county and was active in educational politics in Maryland. He is on the House Academic Affairs committee and wants to revive the Telluride Lectureship, a program that brought outside speakers to Cornell under the auspices of Telluride.

Steve Solga, DS89 CB91, who attended Deep Springs for two years and Penn State for one year before that, arrived as a junior with a double major in biology and philosophy. Interested in health care policy, he plans to study medicine when he graduates. He extols the easy-going atmosphere of the House and has joined the growing crowd of ping-pong enthusiasts.

James plays the hammer dulcimer. Like Dave Greene, DS87 CB90, a second-year housemember, James plays the hammer dulcimer. James is also the chair of the Recruitment Committee and in that capacity is helping to create a new House brochure. The experience of working on the stunning Deep Springs brochure will serve him, and Telluride House, very well.

Suzie Hagedorn, CB91, is a third-year graduate student in Medieval Studies. Her major field is Medieval Italian and Old and Middle English. She graduated from Princeton University in 1989 and came to Cornell on a Mellon Fellowship. This summer she will be a Williams factotum prior to taking a year to study in Italy.

Alice Sheppard, CB91, a graduate of St. Hilda's College, Oxford, is a first-year graduate student in Medieval Studies at Cornell. She plays the piano, jogs, and memorizes new verb paradigms while enjoying House life to the fullest. Next summer she will factotum at the Cornell C TASP. She eagerly awaits the onslaught of the Ithaca winter, impatient to see some real snow.

Fall Faculty Guests

This year the House is graced by the presence of three long-term faculty guests. Eldon Eisenach, a visiting professor in the government department from the University of Tulsa, specializes in political philosophy and has written a book titled Two Worlds of Liberalism: A Study of Religion and Philosophy in Mill. He is currently working on a book manuscript on the political theory of American progressivism. When Professor Eisenach taught at Cornell in the seventies, his wife, Valerie Eisenach, worked for Telluride as Alumni Secretary and Newsletter Editor. For many years, he and his wife have been interviewing prospective TASPers in the Southwest, and he maintains, tongue in cheek, that the reason he wanted to live at Telluride House this year was so that he could find out what all the acronyms meant. He says he tries to provide a “bourgeois role model” for housemembers (i.e., making his bed and vacuuming with the doors open). This exemplary neatness had not caught on by the time this went to press.

Manfred Taut is a theoretical physicist from Julich, Germany and will be in Ithaca for one year working on theoretical calculations of the electronic structure of solids. Before he was invited to Julich as a guest scientist, Professor Taut lived in East Germany and had never visited the West. When he arranged to come to Ithaca he specifically requested quarters with American students. He really enjoys talking to housemembers and is eager to improve his English so that he can discuss philosophical problems. Cycling, soccer, and ping-pong are what he calls his “survival hobbies.”

David Adams came to Cornell this fall on a Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship in comparative literature. He has a PhD in English from CUNY and is currently revising his dissertation, “The Divine Art of Forgetting,” a study of the theme of forgetfulness in Nietzsche, Freud, Benjamin, and Blumenberg. His next project will focus on German culture and society in 1923, a year in which a number of important texts were produced while the country was suffering a series of economic and political crises. His day-to-day experience of Telluride culture and society has left him impressed, both with the commitment that the students have to the House enterprise and with the vigorous informal intellectual life which distinguishes the House community from many others he has encountered.
This is part one of an edited version of an article written by Herbert J. Reich (DS17 CB20 TA19) whose source was a manuscript written by the late Oreille Sweeting (TA34). L.L. Nunn was the founder of both Telluride Association and Deep Springs College.

In the spring of 1890, the gold and silver mines at Ophir, near Telluride, Colorado, were having serious financial problems. As the trees of the San Juan Mountains disappeared into the mines for timbering or into the boilers of steam powerplants, the cost of operating the mines grew. Coal was imported, first by wagon and then, after the narrow-gauge rails came over the Ridgeway in 1890-91, by railway. But the costs grew inordinately, because every pound still had to be transported by mule train from Ophir up steep winding trails to the mills, distances ranging from two to eight miles, and involving climbs of up to 3,200 feet.

But even before the railroad was built the entire district was faced with collapse unless new and cheaper power sources were found. But where? Although a few water wheels were in use, it was evident that the year-round streams were wasting most of their potential power, and all the currently practical methods of utilizing this potential had been considered and discarded. Clearly the distances and the rigors of climate ruled out chain and belt drives. Compressed air, circulating oil, and other fluids media were also considered and deemed impractical. The principles of electrical circuits had been discussed since the early 1800s but only direct current was considered safe and practical for power transmission. High voltage alternating current was considered too dangerous, and power-line losses at low voltage limited transmission distances to less than that required at the mines above Ophir.

In May of 1890, the Gold King mine was attached by creditors and previous gains appeared to be lost. Faced with the complete shutdown of productive mines, L.L. Nunn, lawyer and general manager of the Gold King, turned his full attention to investigating the possibilities inherent in electric power from falling water. On May 21, 1890, L.L. Nunn wrote as follows to his brother P.N. Nunn, who at that time was principal of a high school in Massachusetts: "...I wish you would investigate the subject of transmission of power by electricity. I have surveyors now at work laying out a line over the mountains for a cable for the transmission of about 175 horsepower from water power....I am not sure of putting in the plant, but if I do I want you to take charge of the construction, and not let anyone know that you are not an old hand at the work. The mills have cost over $100,000, and of course the power to run them must be sure. It now costs upwards of $2,500 per month for power, and I believe it can be furnished for $500 when the plant is put in."

P.N. Nunn consulted as many experts as possible, mostly the group of engineers around Thomas A. Edison in New York City. While there is no record to indicate that P.N. Nunn visited Cornell University at that time, he did, however, consult the Edison Electric Company which was exploiting the pioneer work of Cornell’s professors William A. Anthony and George S. Moler and was moving rapidly to supply the needs of large cities such as New York and Philadelphia with direct current electricity. Since the times of Ohm, Volta, and Ampere, alternating current had been thoroughly studied and was, by 1885, a commercial success. Alternating current, on the other hand, was little understood in 1890. Although Bedell and Crehore had formulated its laws, those concepts seemed largely mathematical. Nikola Tesla had obtained a patent on the rotating magnetic field essential to induction motors, but had not yet developed the split-phase motor. And finally, the requirement of three wires to supply current to a three-phase motor was considered to be a handicap.

It is not surprising that the answers that P.N. Nunn received were discouraging, particularly with respect to the possibility of using alternating current transmission to the Gold King mine. Edison was an exponent of direct current. He believed that
alternating current was much too dan-
gerous to be considered seriously for
either lighting or power. No success-
ful alternating current generator had
been built, and transformers for large-
power service were not yet available.
Edison even wrote articles portraying
the dangers of alternating current. A
long article published in the Novem-
ber, 1889 issue of the North
American Review, contained the following as-
tonishing statements:

"I can write upon this subject only
as one convinced. I cannot discuss it
otherwise...There is no plea which
will justify the use of high-tension and
alternating current, either in a scien-
tific or a commercial sense. They are
employed solely to reduce investment
in copper wire and real estate. My
personal desire would be to prohibit
entirely the use of alternating cur-
rents. They are as unnecessary as they
are dangerous. I have always consist-
tently opposed high-tension and al-
ternating systems of electrical lighting
(not only perfectly free to use them),
not only on account of danger, but
because of their general unreliability
and unsuitability for any general sys-
tem of distribution."

The objections of Edison, and nu-
merous inflammatory articles in the
press about the "deadly alternating
current," did not deter the Nuns.
Some have said the Nuns did not
know enough about the facts to be
discouraged; but this seems unlikely,
for L.L. Nunn was a shrewd enough
businessman to realize that Edison's
opposition might have had its origin
in the fact that Edison Electric already
had opted for direct current and had
invested hundreds of thousands of
dollars in plans and equipment.

Still, the authority of Edison's
words was enormous, for without
doubt he was the best known expo-
rent of electricity in the world. Be-
sides stressing the dangers and lack of
development of suitable equipment,
Edison engineers assured P.N. Nunn
that alternating current would not
work for powering machines such as
mining equipment, crushers, rollers,
conveyors, and so forth.

P.N. reported all of this to L.L.,
who was only momentarily dis-
mayed. He suggested a visit to Pitts-
burgh to see George Westinghouse,
who was known as a pioneer willing
to take chances. But the answer there
was about the same. Westinghouse,
who was deep in the development of
compressed air as a means of power-
transmission, suggested that air sys-
tems be tried in Colorado, and is said
to have remarked at first when told
what Edison said about electrical
power, "If Edison says it won't work,
that's good enough for me." It turned
out, however, that Westinghouse en-
gineers were also involved in exper-
iments with alternating current light-
ing, but the development of power
transformers and motors was still so
rudimentary they were reluctant to
talk.

Moreover, the demand for small
generators and low-voltage trans-
fomers was so great that the
Westinghouse Electric Company
could not meet its commitments. It is
not surprising, therefore, that
Westinghouse could see no advan-
tage in dissipation of effort for a test
in the mountains of Colorado two
thousand miles away, working with
men who were ignorant of the tech-
nical details of electricity, even so far
as it had been developed at the time.
P.N. Nunn was turned back with a
polite reception but a "No, sorry."

After a momentary disappoint-
ment, L.L. Nunn decided that he
must risk all or lose all, and in fervid
desperation he chose his course. He
obtained another hearing with
Westinghouse and his engineers.
This time he came prepared for a
broad wager. After explaining the
situation and outlining the chance
for a breakthrough in power devel-
opment, he placed $100,000 in gold
coin on the conference table (which
represented the total output of the
Gold King mill for the year) and is
said to have put the proposition
somewhat as follows: "I am ready to
wager $100,000 in gold on the suc-
cess of our proposed venture into
alternating current power develop-
ment if you will wager an equal
amount in the time and experience of
your staff in manufacturing the
needed equipment." Westinghouse
still demurred, but his chief engi-
eer, William Stanley, who was then
experimenting with better genera-
tors and transformers at Great
Barrington, Massachusetts, thought
that the proposed long shot was not
hopeless.

So, late in 1890, Westinghouse
reluctantly agreed to do everything
possible to speed the design and
construction of two identical alter-
nators, to be operated at the same
tungage, frequency, and speed. One,
to be driven by a water turbine,
would generate electrical power in
the valley, and the other would serve
as a motor at the mill. He refused to
make any guarantee that the ma-
chines would perform satisfactorily,
or to predict in any way the outcome
of the experiment. It was of no small
advantage to the company that the
scene of the experiment would be in
a remote canyon in Colorado, not in
full view of the world and Edisonian
critics, in case it gloriously failed.
1991 TASP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

CORNELL I - POETRY AND EVERYDAY LIFE

Faculty: Professor Debra Fried, Cornell University, and Professor Karen Ford, Marquette University

Factotum: Shelley Wolfe, University of Chicago

Accepted TASpers

Robert Charlson — Eau Claire, WI
Dedric Choi — Seapoint, NY
Chris Flink — Aurora, CO
Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk — Buffalo, NY
Adam Haile — Annapolis, MD
Mary Hern — Virginia Beach, VA
Rebecca Howland — Williamsburg, MA
Maya Jasano — New Haven, CT
Rosamond King — Potomac, MD
Lawrence Myer — Kinnelon, NJ
Todd Price — Tulsa, OK
Rebecca Sherouse — Dallas, TX
Allison Tartaglia — White Plains, NY
Zachary Taylor — New York, NY

ST. JOHN’S - SEEING, SPEAKING, AND THINKING

Faculty: Tutor John White, St. John’s College, and Tutor Basil Miller, St. John’s College

Factotum: Cathy Carlson, Cornell University, and Laurent Dubois, Princeton University

Accepted TASpers

Shawn Ayres — Bradley, IL
Susanna Bady — Larchmont, NY
Suzanne Broderick — Houston, TX
Diana Gibson — Exeter, NH
Megumi Harada — Worthington, OH
Marc Harmon — Ponder, TX
Michael Kelly — Pin Del, NY
Daniel Kerrey — Medical Lake, WA
Joshua Laris — Seattle, WA
Jarrett Mason — Sacramento, CA
Colette Moore — New Orleans, LA
James Quinn — Portola Valley, CA
Cara Rachel — Rome, GA
Jen Zanetta-Audrac — Gainesville, FL

CORNELL II - LANGUAGE, SOCIETY, AND SELF

Faculty: Professor Barry Weller, University of Utah, and Professor Clare Wolfseitz, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

Factotum: Vinay Varughese, Cornell University

Accepted TASpers

Adam Albright — Ithaca, NY
Kesime Bernard — Atlanta, GA
Regina Bursis — Boise, ID
Rebecca Carter — West Pal, CT
Venus Fong — Alhambra, CA
Dirk Godshall — Villanueva, PA
Alla Katsnelson — Wellesley, MA
Kai Matsuda — Lake Elizabeth, CA
Timothy O’Sullivan — Harrison, NY
George Raine — Brooklyn, NY
Heather Settle — Moore, OK
Andrew Tong — Beaumont, TX
Aaron Tyson — Salina, KS
Rhendall Yee — Gardena, CA

WILLIAMS - ELITISM: ECONOMIC AND PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES

Faculty: Professor Michael McPherson, Williams College, and Professor Morton Owen Schapiro, Williams College

Factotum: Marilyn Atkins, Cornell University, and Sarah Averill, Cornell University

Accepted TASpers

Jessica Cattelino — Interlochen, MI
Sarah Darby — Bar Harbor, ME
Isaac Hall — Mount Hermon, MA
LeDouglas Johnson — Pensacola, FL
John Keeler — Pierre, SD
Amy Kurz — Bronx, NY
Jojo Liu — Diamond Bar, CA
Allison Mainsted — San Diego, CA
Gideon Manning — New York, NY
Alba Morales — Miami, FL
Gabriel Piedrahita — Miami, FL
Robert Pruitt — Millersville, MD
Maximilian Schuetz — Blacksburg, VA
Marie Segares — Brooklyn, NY
Jill Tabachnick — Gathersburg, MD
Rachel Wilson — Blue Springs, MO
Matthew Wilhahn — Nashville, TN
Zeeshaan Zaidi — Manila, PHILIPPINES

GROUP PHOTO AT 1991 WILLIAMS TASP

1990 TASPER COLLEGE CHOICES

CORNELL I

Stacey Abrams — Spelman
Joshua Adler — Yale
Kelly Dare — Southern Methodist
Miriam Fried — Swarthmore
Daniel Gurvich — Yale
John Johnson — Rice
Bernadette Meyer — Harvard
Kevin Walker — Kenyon
Natasha Yefimov — Barnard

CORNELL II

Sandra Choi — Northwestern
Selina Davis — UC Redlands
Yael Falcov — UC Berkeley
Fazal Khan — University of Chicago
Jessica Lisby — Yale
Jessie Liu — Harvard
Alison Roxby — UNC Chapel Hill
Marcus Ryu — Princeton
Welela Terefe — Brown
Ryan Walker — Stanford

DEEP SPRINGS

Rebecca Boggs — Harvard
Erica Burleigh — Barnard
William Harrington — Yale
Betsy Hong — Amberst
Aimee Kahan — Harvard
Christina Youngquist — Carleton

ST. JOHN’S

Jonathan Beere — University of Chicago
Zackary Berger — California Tech
Emily Brock — St. John’s — Annapolis
Michel Cannastra — Yale
Sarah Denning — Brown
Petal Haynes — Yale
Zena Hitz — St. John’s — Annapolis
Kenneth McGill — Cornell
Laura Steele — Cornell

WILLIAMS

Kathryn Benson — New York University
Daniel Debowy — Yale
Claire Fury — Notre Dame
David Gingold — Williams
Lilith Hayakawa — Yale
Ellen Johnson — Williams
Howard Master — Yale
Maura Tumulty — Williams
Kimberly Williams — Harvard
Dean Yang — Harvard
TELLURIDERS’ CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEEP SPRINGS CAPITAL DRIVE EARN 3 TO 1 MATCH

A combination of Telluride Association and Irvine Foundation matching grants will give Telluriders’ contributions to the Deep Springs 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign a three-to-one match.

The Deep Springs capital drive is a $750,000 major gifts campaign to renovate campus and ranch buildings. It was begun in the spring of 1989 and will culminate at the Deep Springs 75th Anniversary Reunion on Labor Day next year. So far, the capital campaign has raised more than $350,000 and has pledges of $80,000 more.

At the 1989 Convention, Telluride Association approved a $75,000 matching grant to support the Deep Springs capital campaign. Contributions totalling $75,000 from Telluriders who did not attend Deep Springs are matched by the Association. Through June 30, 1991, Telluriders had contributed $33,795, leaving $41,205 to be earned.

In September 1991, The James Irvine Foundation awarded Deep Springs a $250,000 matching grant for the capital campaign. This one-to-one match applies only to gifts to the campaign that were neither given nor pledged before that date. Contributions by Telluride Association that match post-September donations by Telluriders will be matched by the Irvine grant.

A Tellurider making a $500 donation to the Deep Springs capital campaign will earn a $500 match by the Association. Both of those amounts will be matched by Irvine, creating a combined gift of $2,000. If the Telluride and Irvine grants are earned in full, the campaign will earn more than $900,000.

75th Anniversary projects completed or underway include renovation of the science laboratory, the Farmer’s House, and the Boardinghouse. Planned projects include renovating the dormitory, the library, the basement of the Main Building, and the front room of the Museum. Improvements of staff and faculty housing are also contemplated. Beyond the projects under the 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign, Deep Springs has two major capital projects to fund: acquiring the Highway Maintenance Station and installing a modern telecommunications system.

Contributions by Telluriders to the Deep Springs 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign can be made by sending a check to either Deep Springs College, Deep Springs CA, via Dyer, NV 89010 or Telluride Association, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850.

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FOR 1992

SEND DUES ($25 REGULAR, $5 STUDENT, $500 LIFE) TO: ADSTA, 217 WEST AVENUE, ITHACA, NEW YORK 14850

In Memoriam

John D. Edgerton, CB38 TA39

John D. Edgerton, 71, a retired head of the legal department at the Army’s Harry Diamond Laboratory, died of cardiac arrest November 19, 1990.

After attending Harvard for a year, Mr. Edgerton transferred to Cornell on a Telluride Association scholarship. In college he studied physics, chemistry, math, electrical engineering, and liberal arts. He went on to receive a law degree from George Washington Law School. In 1948 he joined the staff of the Federal Communications Commission as a lawyer, and in 1950 he joined the Harry Diamond Laboratories as a technical writer. He later became a patent lawyer, and, when he retired in 1970, he was chief of the legal office. In 1965, he wrote the following for his Harvard reunion book: "...Am philosophically favorable to government service and, despite rather heavy workload and long hours, enjoy day-to-day demands, use of skills, and opportunity to help optimize operations in one component of a vast and apparently necessary enterprise. As for outlook on life and the world, I seem to believe in, inter alia, (1) the essentially spiritual nature of man, (2) the primacy and moral responsibility of the individual, (3) the desirability of cross-cultural goodwill and understanding...."

Mr. Edgerton was an active and enthusiastic volunteer for various causes, including Common Cause, recording books for the blind, Great Decisions Program, the Unitarian Church, and the Sufi Order of the West. He leaves no immediate survivors.
1920s

On August 11, Mt. Gilbert was dedicated in the name of CHARLES GILBERT, DS27 TA29 CB30, who made major contributions to the geologic understanding of the Morro Basin and Long Valley area of California. The peak was named by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

ALBERT E. ARENT, CB29 TA30, was honored by his firm of Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin and Kahn of Washington, D. C., of which he is a senior partner. The firm established an award in his name, the Albert E. Arent Pro Bono Award, for outstanding contributions to public service. Recently Arent was also honored by the American Jewish Committee at the Judge Learned Hand Award Dinner. Arent was praised for his leadership in the civil rights struggle and for outstanding service to the Jewish community.

1940s

A concert by the Percussion Ensemble and the Steel Band at Ithaca College last year featured by BARNEY CHILDLS, DS43.

Who Shot President Kennedy?, produced, directed, and written by ROBERT RICHTER, PB47, and narrated by Walter Cronkite, was broadcast on November 19, 1991 in the PBS "NOVA" series. The piece has won awards from the International Documentary Association, Houston International Film Festival, Society for Technical Communication, and the National Educational Film and Video Festival. It was a National Emmy Finalist.

HELMUT BONHEIM, PB48 CB49 TA50, has recently published Literary Systematics (Cambridge: D.S. Brewer).

In a 7/16/91 letter to The New York Times, JACK SHELKINMAN, CB48 TA49, President of Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, responded to an article about work teams and unions in United States factories. He wrote: "Our union has pioneered in the teamwork concept in the United States, most pointedly at Xerox...as trade unionists we have several critical concerns, chief among them is the competitiveness of American industry. If other corporate executive officers in this country would take the Xerox example—working with your union, rather than spending your energy and capital opposing your own work force—American industry could regain its competitive edge."

1950s

L. JACKSON NEWELL, DS56, has been named University Professor at the University of Utah.

1960s

WILLIAM WALLACE, CB62, is the Hallstein Fellow at St Anthony's, Oxford. He recently published two books: The Transformation of Western Europe and The Dynamics of European Integration.

1970s

LAURIE MYLROIE, SP70 CB71 TA73, is co-author of Saddam Hussein and the Crisis in the Gulf.

Hanssen's Fiji search for ecology, MARTIN QUIGLEY, DS71, is studying deciduous forests from 40° North to the Equator. In 1991 he will accompany his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Harris, to southern Guyana, as part of the Biological Diversity of the Guianas project of the Smithsonian Institution (where she is a post-doctoral fellow). In 1992, he will lead five expeditions in Central and South America, assisted by Earthwatch volunteers, mapping canopy and understory species in paired forest sites. With any luck, the dissertation will be complete before he turns 40. Interested volunteers may sign up for 2 week stints of data collection in Mexico, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, or the Great Lakes.

KATHLEEN M. SULLIVAN, SP71 CB72 TA74, is a professor at Harvard Law School. On June 29, 1991, she contributed an article to the Op-Ed page of The New York Times in which she discussed reading the dissenting views of Thurgood Marshall as "prophesy for another (perhaps distant) era when the political pendulum swings again."

1980s

RUTH KEEVES COHEN, SP73, and David Cohen announce the birth of Benjamin Arthur Keeses Cohen on July 22, 1991. Big sisters are Alison, 6, and Susanna, 3.

HENRY MULLER, SP74 CB75 TA79, has joined the per-communication RF (Radio Frequency) Group at Newman Lab in Ithaca, New York.

DAELY SEGAL, SP75 CB76 TA79, writes "In the fall of 1990 my first book, Jane Austen and the Fiction of Culture: An Essay on the Narration of Social Realities (co-authored with Richard Handler), was published by the University of Arizona Press. In the fall of 1991, Crossing Cultures: Essays in the Displacement of Western Civilization, which I have edited, will be published by the same press. While not its main concern, the volume does suggest that talk about "the end of history" is just so much Eurocentric silliness. On the personal front, our four year old daughter, Hannah Segal, is a constant delight. Among her young friends in southern California is Benjamin, son of KEN POMERANZ, SP75 CB76 TA78, and MAUREEN GRAVES, SP74 CB75 TA78. Our second child, Nathaniel Shrage, was born on April 11 of this year and is thriving.

MARY EBERSTADT,nee Tedeschi, SP77 CB78 TA80, and her husband, Nicholas, are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Nash Eberstadt, on June 30, 1991. She joins her brother, Frederick William, who is now two. Mary writes that she spends most of her days with the young monarchs while remaining contributing editor of The National Interest magazine and a writer for various other publications. Nick, who has appointments with the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C. and with Harvard, is the author of The Poverty of Communism and of a forthcoming book on social science called The Tyranny of Numbers. The Eberstads live in Washington and are looking forward to travelling en famille next spring through eastern Germany and its environs.

PAUL LEVESQUE, SP77 CB78 TA80, and his wife, Gerburg Garmann, announce the birth of Christopher Magnus Levesque on February 22, 1991. Paul was awarded the first Mansfield-Wefald Memorial Fellowship.

The Lost Language of Cranes, a novel by DAVID LEAVITT, SP78, is going to be a TV show for the BBC with actress Eileen Atkins.

VICKI L. R. S. WILSON, SP78, is a Junior Planner in the City of Fremont Community Development Department and is a member of Saint Gregory Nunnery Episcopal Church.

CHARLES BETLEY, SP79, is currently pursuing a PhD in Health Services Organization and Policy at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He would love to hear from Deep Springs or TASPers in the Aran Arbor area.

BARBARA PATRICK, SP79, recently completed her PhD in English at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Her dissertation is entitled, "The Invisible Tradition: American Women's Ghost Stories as Social Criticism 1864-1939." She has joined the faculty of Glassboro State College in Glassboro, New Jersey. She and ARTHUR STOCK, also SP79, who has joined the
Philadelphia law firm of Berger & Montague, where he will represent plaintiffs in securities litigation, will be living in Clarkesboro, New Jersey. They have purchased a house built in 1850 and welcome visitors from 1979 TASPers, especially those with expertise in paint stripping and pocket-door repair.

1980s

CYNTHIA CUPPLES, SP80 CB81 TA85, is in Paris to research her dissertation on “Prophets and Visionaries in France, from the Wars of Religion through the Fronde” (ca. 1560-1660). She has been awarded the Miriam Chrisman Travel Fellowship of the Society for Reformation Research. She also holds a Fulbright Grant for the academic year 1991-92.

ROBIN DEWITT, SP80, is pursuing a doctorate in Old Testament studies at the Harvard Divinity School.

MARY BETH KRANE DERR, SP80, writes that she is halfway through the master's program in social work at the University of Chicago. She is finishing one internship at a dialysis center and looking forward to another as a psychotherapist at a pastoral counseling agency. Her husband, Jonathan Derr, has finished the coursework for his doctorate in English and is teaching. Their four-year-old daughter, Sarah, recently corrected a nursery school classmate who insisted that "only ladies can teach."

NICK SCHWARTZ-HALL, DS80 TA84 CB87, has recently been named Director of Development for the Cheltenham Center for the Theatre and the Arts in Philadelphia.

JEAN ENGELMAYER, SP81, lives in New York, NY with husband, Jan, and cats, Quemoy and Matsu. She is a litigation associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, and Hamilton.

EUGENE DULANEY, SP82, was married in Mayjust before graduating from Brown Medical School. He is going on to an internship in Providence followed by residency in neurology at the University of Pennsylvania.

ALEXANDRA MIHALAS, SP82, graduated from Harvard Law School in June 1991 and is now working at Sidley and Austin in Chicago.

While on a Rhodes Scholarship at Magdalen College, Oxford, SARAH KASS, SP83, completed a second BA in English Language and Literature. While at Oxford she saw SUSAN JOLLY, SP83, MELISSA LANE, SP83, MELISSA SYDEMAN, SP83, PETER LIVINE, SP84, and VARUNGAURI, SP83. She is in law school at the University of Pennsylvania.

ALLEGRA GOODMAN, SP84, graduated from Harvard University in 1989. In that year she also married and saw her first book of short stories published: Total Immersion (Harper & Row). She and her husband spent a year in England, where she studied mathematics at Cambridge and she did more writing. Now they are at Stanford University where she is enjoying graduate school in English Literature on a Mellon fellowship. A recent story, "Onionskin," appeared in The New Yorker in April. She sends her regards.

ALUMNI NOTES

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Last year LYNN SACKS, SP84 CB85 TA88, and GRANT SIBLE, DS79, were teaching at Colegio Americano in Quito, Ecuador. They didn’t realize the Telluride connection for six months! Currently, Lynn and PAUL KIM, SP84, are living in Basle, Switzerland. Visitors are welcome.

JANET WONG, SP84, graduated from Princeton University in 1989 with an AB in English. She is currently a municipal reporter at The Bergen Record in northern New Jersey and is also enrolled in Columbia University’s Master of Arts program in anthropology. She is interested in hearing from other Williams ’84 TASPers.

NORWOOD ANDREWS, SP86 CB87 TA88, is a first-year graduate student in the Department of History at the University of Texas at Austin. He is studying the Johnson Administration and the Vietnam War. Warm, sunny Austin agrees with him.

HELEN CHO, SP86, graduated from Princeton University and received an MA from the University of Chicago. She is now writing a collection of short stories.

JOSHUA KATZ, SP86, has received a Marshall Scholarship to read for a graduate degree in comparative philology and general linguistics at Christ Church, Oxford. When he returns to the States, he will continue graduate study on grants from the National Science and Mellon Foundations.

THERESA VAN DER VLUGT, SP86 CB87 TA90, is a Mellon Fellow and first-year graduate student in comparative literature at Duke University.

EEBO CARROLL, SP97, graduated with honors from Michigan State University in June with a BA in sociology. He has deferred graduate school for two years while he researches the reasons for social insurance quality differentials between OECD nations at the Swedish Institute for Social Research at Stockholm University.

After spending six months in Taiwan, CHRIS GIVLER, SP87, begins his final year at Williams College. After graduating with a double major in Asian studies and studio art, he hopes to travel to Vietnam or France next summer.

GYULA GRESCHIK, CB87 TA88, has been the first place award for a photography contest sponsored by the Cornell Alumni News.

CENALDA N. LEE née Mullen, SP87, has returned from a six month stay in Zimbabwe as a Joseph A. Towles Scholar. She studied South African history and philosophy at the University of Zimbabwe and did field research throughout the country.

STANFORD PENG, SP87, graduated from Stanford University in June 1991 with a BA in music (honors thesis: "Structural Coherence in the Piano Preludes of George Gershwin") and a BS in biology (honors thesis: "Attachment Site of Phage Twenty-One"). He is now in the first year of Yale University’s Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD).

ALAN SCHWARTZ, SP87, a senior at UC Berkeley, has recently completed his honors thesis on the feminist pornography debate. This summer he gave a paper on English Causation Metaphor at an international linguistics conference at UC Santa Cruz. Alan and M.G. Bertulfo, a UCLA anthropology student, will marry on July 12, 1992.

DAVID WONG, SP87, graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with Department of English honors from Stanford University. Telluriders are invited to look him up this fall at Berkeley.

ELENA NATSIS, SP88, is majoring in Chemical Engineering at Princeton. She sings in the Glee Club. Elena roomed freshman year with 1988 Williams TASP, ALISON NIXON, and her TASP roommate, MONICA YOUN, is also at Princeton.

ALISON NIXON, SP88, was recently awarded two Mellon Foundation fellowships. One award funded her research in sociology at UCLA this summer. The second fellowship will provide a stipend during her junior and senior years at Princeton University for working with faculty mentors in her department and also will support independent projects during the next two summers. Alison will pursue a PhD in sociology after she graduates. She is interested in a joint JD/PhD program. She would like to hear from Williams’88 TASPers.

ELIZABETH PISARES, SP88, writes: "UC Berkeley’s Graduate Division has accepted me into their summer research program for minority undergraduates. With the guidance of English professor Mitchell Breitwieser, I’ll study that space where ethics, political identities, and literature meet (or, rather, crash). Meanwhile, my individual major - philosophy and American literature - keeps me busy, and through that social phenomenon called Internet, a few of us 1988 TASPers have kept in touch with each other: MATT RHOTEN, SP88, of Stanford is a computer science major, HIRO NAKAMURA, SP88, of Cornell works on projects for NExT-Cannon during the school year, and BRIAN VAUGHAN, SP88, of CAL is an English major who sorts through bad poetry for the undergraduate literature journal."

KOLIN OHL, SP89 CB90, a College Scholar at Cornell, is studying Asian-American literature. He is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and coeds The Watershed, a literary magazine. This summer he will be a factotum at the St. John’s TASP.

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