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WELCOME MATTHEW TRAIL AS TA'S NEW ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

Telluride Association is indeed fortunate to have one of our own, Matthew Trail, as our new Administrative Director. Matthew, SP81 CB82 TA84, assumed the duties in late September, following a brief overlap with Interim Director Tom Hawks. We are fortunate that Matthew was at a point in his life when he could decide to employ his many talents in a full-time capacity for TA.

Those of you who have been at Convention in recent years probably already know Matthew (others may remember his brother Pepper, CB72 TA73). For those who haven't had the pleasure of meeting Matt yet, we would like to summarize his background. Matthew was raised in upstate New York, and after attending the 1981 TASP, co-taught by David Goldey, CB54 TA55, he enrolled at Cornell and lived in Telluride House for four years. At Cornell, Matthew majored in Soviet Studies and graduated *summa cum laude*. He then pursued doctoral work in Political Science at Berkeley, where he has completed all the Ph.D. requirements except the dissertation. While in California, Matthew made significant contributions to community organizations, perhaps most notably to the Red Cross and to the Oakland Office of Emergency Preparedness, for which he was a disaster communications specialist. In this capacity, Matthew put to good use his long-time interest and skills in amateur radio operation.

As a member of Telluride Association Matthew has made significant contributions, having chaired such standing committees as Winter Preferment Committee, Membership Affairs, and the Telluride Development Council, as well as numerous Convention committees over the years. Upon beginning his duties as Administrative Director, Matt asked President Migiel to suspend his membership effective immediately until his letter of resignation can be officially acted on at the next Convention.

If you are currently working on a TA committee or project, or if you just happen to have called the Office recently, you'll know that Matt is already contributing to the smooth functioning of our very effective office staff. It's great to have as our AD someone who not only is so familiar with Telluride's projects and processes, but also someone who has demonstrated his dedication to the Nunnian principles and ideals underlying our work. If you haven't yet talked to Matthew in his new capacity, please feel free to call the Office or to drop him a line. He's eager to renew acquaintances with as many Association members and friends as possible, and to facilitate your interest and involvement in Telluride.

Rebecca Luzadis, CB81 TA82
Chair of the AD Search Committee



Photo: Telluride Association's new Administrative Director Matthew Trail, SP81 CB82 TA84, on the porch of Telluride House.

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Telluride Approaches 85

Telluride Association will be marking the 85th Anniversary of its Constitutional Convention in 1996. What reflections, thoughts, and stories do you have about your experiences in Telluride? How has participating in its programs affected your life? What is Telluride's place in American society in the closing years of the twentieth century? We invite your comments and observations for a future issue of the *Newsletter*.



ADSTA on the Net

For the past several years I've maintained a mailing list and directory of Deep Springs and Telluride alumni, members, and friends of all sorts. What was originally a couple of dozen people has grown to over 130 in the past year, as TA started publishing e-mail addresses in its printed directory, and as list members have referred others.

I currently maintain two lists. adsta-announce@netcom.com can be used for announcements of general interest to the community. adsta-talk@netcom.com can be used for discussions (although it's been pretty quiet). Both listed are moderated by me due to problems with "spams" (unwanted broadcasts) from non-ADSTA net-abusers.

To be added to or updated in *adsta-announce*, send e-mail to me at bhami@netcom.com. The list is very low-traffic; typically there is less than a message per month. When I add you to *adsta-announce*, you will receive instructions on how to add yourself to *adsta-talk*, if you so desire. A directory of current members of *adsta-announce* in plain ASCII format can be retrieved from URL <ftp://ftp.netcom.com/pub/bh/bhami/adsta.lst>

—Bruce Hamilton, DS71 CB74, Redondo Beach, CA

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TELLURIDE on the Net

Telluride Association has a new, more user-friendly address on the net: telluride@cornell.edu. TA's small but intrepid team of cyberspace experts is considering a web page for the future.

Photos: (above) tree, Telluride House grounds. (right) McGraw Tower, Cornell University.



TASS Com Bulletin

Well, there's good news, and...there's good news! Let me begin with my visit to the 1995 TASS. When I arrived, one of the first questions I tackled was, "So, what's it like to live in the House...?" It was clear my trip was going to be challenging! In fact, this year three former TASSers did apply to the House; two were granted preferment. The Chair of Afro-American Studies has also just received good news from his Dean: 1995 TASSers will automatically receive a \$3,000 scholarship if they are successful applying to Indiana University. He is currently investigating the option of whether the scholarship is renewable. In other words, it seems as if TASS is beginning to meet some of the goals the Association outlined when it approved the program in 1992.

In some ways, however, TASSes, as we currently run them, fall short of some of the program's ideals. In part, this has to do with our recruitment strategies. As an organization, we tend to rely on other people's databases, and it is hard to reach those who are not on a list of some type or another. This year's committee seeks to standardize the recruitment procedure, and also recognize—and perhaps counteract—the biases that lists introduce. But we do have some larger problems, questions that we must answer for ourselves and put to the Association. Does what we do to put on a TASS effectively enable us to fulfill our ideological visions of the program? And how do we conceptualize TASS anyway? As we continue to ponder these questions, however, we are also moving forward with the program. Next year's seminar is entitled "African-American Arts and Social Life: Exploring Their Influence on Each Other." We are accessing a much larger recruitment pool and look forward to another successful summer, as well as continuing to recruit TASS alumni for the TASP.

TASS is perhaps the most exciting new program the Association has run since the inception of the TASP; we welcome your opinions as we seek to ensure the program's continued success.

*Alice Sheppard, CB91 TA92
1995-96 TASS Com Chair*

Johnson-Dean-Parker Bailey Dissertation Fellowship

L.L. Nunn's educational projects and his educational philosophy arguably have a significant but under-recognized place in the history of American higher education. With the slow accumulation of important Nunnian archives at Cornell University, including the pending addition of materials from Deep Springs College, Telluride is in a position to promote scholarly research on and publication of this legacy. Accordingly, the 1995 Convention authorized the awarding of the first JDPB Fellowships in the coming year to support "major scholarly research projects drawing significantly upon archival holdings relating to L.L. Nunn and his educational projects." Advertising of the fellowship will be made in the relevant scholarly journals and program newsletters.

A maximum of two awards will be made in the coming year, to include a travel allowance to Ithaca, a modest stipend, and preferment as a guest at Cornell Branch for up to eight weeks.

Inquiries may be directed to the Archival Fellowship Committee, c/o Telluride Association, 217 West Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Richard Dolen, CB52 TA54, seeks individual to inherit book collection

I am looking for an individual, not an institution, to inherit my collection of some 4,000 books in the humanities. The person must be mentally young enough to be inspired to intellectual growth by such a collection, and yet be financially secure enough to assure it a stable home. Transportation of the books to a residence in the continental U.S. is provided. The person must accept certain conditions, the spirit of the principal ones being that a) the collection is primarily for the use of the individual, and must be housed in open bookshelves in his/her living environment (i.e., not in boxes or in a warehouse); b) the collection may be enlarged, but not diminished or dispersed; c) the collection or any part of it may not be sold nor leased; d) the collection may be given away only to someone who accepts these same conditions, with transportation to the new custodian paid (if necessary) by the (then) current one.

The books were acquired for their content rather than for their value as collectibles; they are mostly used books, and include many quality paperbacks. On the other hand, each one was hand picked and there is almost no junk. Major sections include reference books, philosophy, art and art history, oriental history, black history, American history, European history, poetry, English literature, French literature (in French), Japanese literature (in English), literary criticism, music, dance, drama, classics, and theoretical physics.

Please direct expressions of interest or inquiries to Richard Dolen, 2329 Kansas Ave #3, Santa Monica, CA 90404. (310) 828-0478.

Katsnelson is Oxford Bound

Telluride's Winter Preferment Committee met in early November and awarded the 1996-98 Lincoln Scholarship to Alla Katsnelson, SP91 CB92. Katsnelson intends to pursue a M.Sc. (Research) in Physiology, with a concentration on cognitive neuroscience.

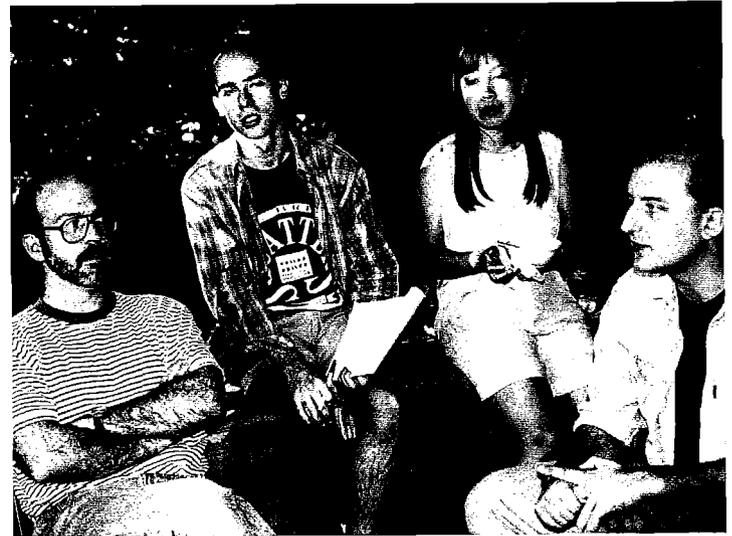
CONVENTION

1995:

What Price Novelty?

Riding high on a soaring stock market, but finding themselves increasingly confronted with human capital needs, 58 members gathered in Ithaca last June for the 84th Convention of Telluride Association. Here are some of the issues bleary-eyed attendees considered and acted on.

New Women's College. The Women's Education Development Committee (WEDCO) presented a bold and comprehensive proposal for Telluride to begin fundraising and development work for a New Women's College, possibly modeled on Deep Springs. The proposal sparked a lively debate that addressed financial concerns, human capital opportunities and requirements, Telluride's management and administrative philosophy, and broader questions of



Photos: (above) Kolin Ohi and Daniel Dulitz; (right, top) F. Lloyd Garten and Sharon Tregaskis during CBE open meeting; (right, bottom) from left to right Paul Levesque, Thomas Hawks, Jenny Li, and Charles Pazdernik during CBE open meeting; (next page) Kristi Graunke speaks to Convention.

single-sex education and Nunnian values. Although Convention ultimately rejected the Women's College proposal as too ambitious, it did authorize a committee to continue exploring different ideas for women's and girls' education.

Michigan Branch. Heeding the Association's new strategy for the incremental, as opposed to charismatic, founding of new Branches, Michigan Branch Committee reported that it had made steady progress in deepening ties with the university administration, had surveyed the housing market in Ann Arbor, and felt confident that Michigan would make a good site for a Branch, particularly one that drew strongly on midwestern recruitment. The Association continues to allocate a sizable annual contribution to its Clark New Branch war chest, and is still hoping to open a Branch around the year 2000. Plans for a Michigan TASP,

to precede the opening of the Branch by two years, are also being actively pursued this winter.

In other **Budget and Finance** news, the Custodians announced that the portfolio, if not quite outperforming the stock market, had risen a very respectable 10.7% over last year. Spendable income was also at an all time high, although our formula's disciplining sobriety, coupled with a reserves total nearing its constitutional minimum of 10% of assets, meant that members were not spared lengthy and difficult end-of-Convention budget deliberations. In other business, Convention authorized a small standing committee to investigate and prepare a report on the implications of a "socially responsible investment" policy for Telluride.

Both **TASP** and **TASS** reported positive years, and our first Kenyon TASP, taught by Fred Baumann, CB64 TA64, and Harry Clor, SPF75, was eagerly anticipated for the summer. Although funding remains a concern throughout academia, Telluride continues to enjoy at least the sympathetic ear of administrators at all our partner institutions. Next year there will be a full contingent of four TASPs and the Indiana TASS.

With five departures and five additions, membership in Telluride Association stands at 93. Given its recurring interest in new programs, as well as the increasing requirements of its current ones, the Association continues to grapple with its human capital needs. Thus, at a time when Telluride has rarely been in better financial health, ones of its core values—self-government in the broadest sense—remains as timely as ever.

—*Matthew Trail, Administrative Director*



TELLURIDE SUMMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SURVEY OF COLLEGE CHOICE

1993 Sophomore Seminar at Indiana University

Lionel Allen	
Jioha Amatokwu	
Akua Asare	Case Western
Amin Bradley	
Kamil Brady	
Lee Britton	
Erin Chapman	Stanford
Lisa Coar	Harvard
Jason Evans	U Missouri
D'Wayn Hines	
Angel Jackson	
C. Dean Koonce	
Makila Major	
Jacqlyn Williams	Southern Illinois

1994 Telluride Association Summer Programs for High School Juniors

<i>Cornell TASPers</i>	
Alexis Acken	Bowling Green State
Keith Adams	
Nana Ashong	Dartmouth
Rebecca Bowman	
Pierre Cruz	Cornell
Eric Feigin	Harvard
Mulaika Hijjas	Harvard
Kate Merkel-Hess	Yale
Anna Nagayeva	U Pennsylvania
Mark Neuman	Yale
Jessica Nordell	MIT
Tamaan Osbourne-Roberts	
Benjamin Paloff	Harvard
Michael Ritchie	
Darby Saxbe	Yale
Anise Strong	Yale
Megan Thomas	U Michigan (Ann Arbor)
Christopher Wang	Harvard
Damien Weaver	
Marcella White	Stanford
<i>St. John's TASPers</i>	
Daniel Alarcon	Columbia
Ammon Allred	
Ruth Bray	Yale
Emma Buchtel	Yale
Michael Dawson	Cornell
Samuel Garcia	
Abigail Gosselin	U New Hampshire
Eric Hsu	Harvard
Valerie Jaffee	Harvard
Kishori Kedlaya	Harvard
Loretta Kim	Harvard
Sara Marcus	Yale
Colin McNary	U Chicago
Boglarka Petruska	Dartmouth
Jose Talavera	Cornell
Anakarina Vorbeck	(year abroad)
Gregory Will	Oberlin
Jason Williams	Brown

ALUMNI NOTES

1930s

HASSO FREIHERR VON PUTTKAMER, CB32, writes, "Dear Friends from Telluride, I received with great pleasure the latest *Directory of Associates*. Now probably being one of the oldest alumnus—83 years old—I still remember with great pleasure and gratitude my time at Cornell Branch in 1932 and the wonderful Professor Burr. I still have contact with my old roommate HUGH DAVY, DS28 TA32. He is also godfather of our daughter. With all my best wishes for you and for those who still remember me."

1940s

"On July 1, 1995 I stepped down as President of ACTWU, the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, when it merged with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, to form the Union of Needletrades, Industrial, & Textile Employees (UNITE)," writes JACK SHEINKMAN, CB48 TA49. "I now serve full time as Chairman of the Board of the Amalgamated Bank of New York which is owned by ACTWU, now UNITE. On June 23rd I was elected President of the Americans for Democratic Action, succeeding Congressman John Lewis." In his address to convention delegates Sheinkman commented, "You are doing me a great honor by considering me to lead this organization, particularly at a time when ugly things are going on in this country. We have to broaden our cause and our movement to engage and contain as many types of people as possible. And, let's do it with a program for change. We must come together to challenge ourselves and our nation. ADA can and must do this. We must not retreat; we must not retrench. Our name, Americans for Democratic Action, says it all. Let's put democracy to work by putting democracy in action."

Professor HELMUT BONHEIM, PB48 CB49 TA50, of the University of Cologne has been elected President of the European Society for the Study of English (ESSE), the umbrella organization of the 23 national societies for the study of English in European universities.

1950s

MEREDITH "FLASH" GOURDINE, CB50, was inducted into the Engineering Hall of Fame in October 1994. His research has focused on electro-gas dynamics research and development.

ROBERT FORTUINE, CB52 TA54, writes from Anchorage, "I am dividing my time among

three enjoyable areas of activity. For about two days a week I teach introductory clinical medicine to ten first-year medical students; one day a week I do volunteer clinical medicine at the Alaska Native Medical Center; and much of the time left over I am researching and writing in the area of arctic medical history. In May I received an honorary Doctor of Sciences from the University of Alaska."

FRED M. LEVENTHAL, SP55, has recently edited an encyclopedia on "Twentieth-Century Britain." The encyclopedia contains over 600 entries and is a multidisciplinary overview containing essays on politics, international affairs, literature, arts, social life, religion, sexuality, education, industry and trade unionism, social life, science, sports, and more. According to the press release, "Special attention is paid to groups often not fully covered in reference works, such as women, children, workers, and ethnic minorities." Leventhal is currently a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

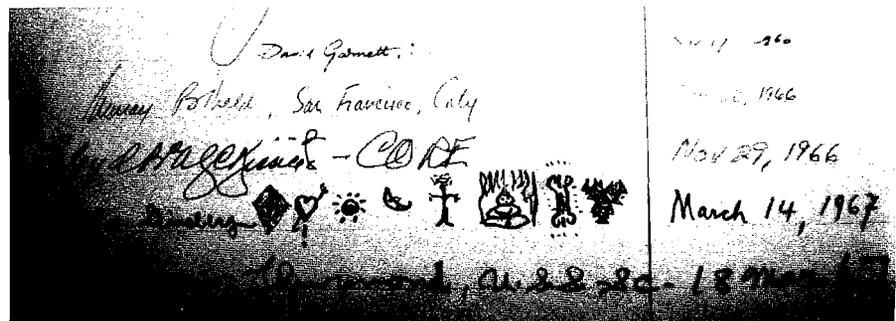


Photo: From the Telluride House guest book, 1967.

ROGER K. HOWE, SP59, informs us of a new address in Baton Rouge, LA and says, "I have a new job. I have left rural Family Practice medicine after 22 years to become the Associate Medical Director of the Community Health Network of Louisiana—an IPA-model HMO based in Baton Rouge. I believe that the challenge confronting the healthcare system is basically the same one which confronted General Motors two decades ago—how to respond to price pressure. The temptation to 'build a cheaper car' is pervasive, and as incorrect for healthcare as it was for General Motors. The challenge is to 'build a better car, more efficiently, so you can sell it for less.' I hope to participate in shaping that process for my profession."

1960s

WILLIAM WALLACE, CB62, has been named one of 11 new life Peers of the Realm. Wallace,

a close advisor to Sir David Steel when he was leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, observes that "there are all sorts of obscure ways to political influence in different countries, more even than L.L. Nunn imagined..." Lord Wallace is currently a reader in International Relations at the London School of Economics.

Over the summer, WILLIAM GALSTON, SP62 CB63 TA64, made the Work and Family column in the *Wall Street Journal* when he resigned as domestic-policy adviser to President Clinton in order to "strike a new balance" between work and life with his family. Galston formerly served as a Marine, professor and advisor to the Progressive Policy Institute, and worked on the campaigns for John Anderson, Walter Mondale, and Al Gore. Galston cited as one of his primary considerations for leaving the White House his relationship with son Ezra. "Fatherhood for me has been the most deeply transformative experience in my life. Nothing else is a close second. It is a prism through

which I see the world." He goes on, "I told the president, 'You can replace me and my son can't.'" Galston is currently teaching at the University of Maryland.

JOHN H. FINEFROCK, SP67 DS67, Manager of the Kenyon College Book Store, was awarded the 1995 Kenyon College Faculty Cup, presented by the graduating class to the faculty member who has contributed the most to the college and to the community. In addition to managing the book store, Finefrock is a full-time faculty member. In the 1994-95 school year his classes in Classical Chinese Language and Literature were the largest enrolled classes at Kenyon, with more than 30% of the student body taking one of his courses. The Kenyon Book Store has been described by "Rolling Stone" and "The Wall Street Journal" as the best individual book store in the country.

ALUMNI NOTES

FRANCIS FUKUYAMA, SP69 CB70 TA71, has garnered wide public interest in his latest book, *Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity*, which explores the communitarian values that underpin successful societies and nations.

1970s

Princeton University Press sends word that it has recently published *The Permanence of the Political: A Democratic Critique of the Radical Impulse to Transcend Politics*, by JOSEPH SCHWARTZ, CB71 TA72. A reviewer writes that "The voice of Joseph Schwartz represents a new generation of intellectuals who walk on a tightrope between naive utopianism and debilitating cynicism. His superb text deserves our full attention."

MARTIN QUIGLEY, DS71, has been awarded the 1994 Distinguished Dissertation Award by Louisiana State University. His thesis, "Latitudinal Gradients in Temperate and Tropical Seasonal Forests," sampled nine sites in six countries, ranging from the Great Lakes to the Equator. The work tested long-held assumptions about species diversity and forest density between temperate hardwood forests and the deciduous forests of the neotropics. After three years of (academic) separation while his wife, Elizabeth Harris, held a post-doctoral position at the Smithsonian—except for an expedition together to southern Guyana—they have settled in Charleston, Illinois where she is Assistant Professor of Botany at Eastern Illinois University. Their son, Edmund, is one year old. Quigley led a new graduate course this summer in Costa Rica for the Organization for Tropical Studies: "Tropical Conservation Biology," and is currently teaching Environmental Biology and consulting as a landscape architect.

CAROL LEE, SP71, writes, "After nearly two and a half stimulating, enjoyable, and productive years at the Export-Import Bank of the United States, I moved on to a new opportunity at the beginning of October. I have been appointed as Vice President and General Counsel of the International Finance Corporation, the private sector financing arm of the World Bank. IFC's mission is to promote the development of the private sector in developing countries. IFC is the largest multilateral source of financing for private enterprises in the developing world. It engages in a wide variety of activities, including loans and equity investments in private businesses, loan syndications, underwriting, financial advisory services, technical assistance to governments on capital market development,

and issuance of its own securities in the financial markets. At a time of increasing focus on the role of the private sector in international economic development, IFC is a particularly exciting place."

SUSAN C. EATON, SP74, writes, "I am entering year two of the Ph.D. program in Management (Industrial Relations/Organizational Studies) at the Sloan School at MIT. I married organizer Marshall Gauz in 1990 and he is working on a Harvard sociology Ph.D. I am also a fellow at the Radcliffe Public Policy Institute."

PATRICK O'CONNOR, SP75 CB76 TA79, has been named the first Robert Aird Chair in the Humanities by Deep Springs College. O'Connor has been a long-term faculty member at the college since 1992. AIRD, DS21 CB23 TA24, was himself being honored at the "October in the Valley" reunion in Deep Springs. Not only was he on hand for Pat's award, but was earlier treated to a rousing rendition of "By the Bonny Shores of Loch Lomond" by Pat and a Deep Springs chorus.

DANIEL A. SEGAL, SP75 CB76 TA79, has been named editor of *Cultural Anthropology*, the journal of the Society of Cultural Anthropology, which is a subunit of the American Anthropological Association.

LESLIE FEDER LEONARD, SP76, writes that a baby girl was born to her and her family on July 14, 1995. The baby's name is Calyso Rachele Leonard, and family members Bliss, Isaiah, and Garrick are happy to welcome her.

JEAN HAKES, CBG76, writes from San Francisco, "I am into my eighth year confined to bed with post-polio syndrome and CFIDS. However, please be assured that when I am feeling better and more active once again, I will certainly remember Telluride and its fine work and commitment to the liberal arts and democracy." Penned at the bottom of her note is this post-script: "Love to all—I am not expected to get physically well—but am much better in the head! So come to see me—but don't expect long conversations. Spare room usually available."

ELIZABETH "LIZ" RYAN, SP76, has just returned from Austin TX, where she was the First Assistant Director during the shooting of the film *Waiting for Guffman* for Castle Rock Productions. A "mockumentary," the film is a dryly humorous spoof on community theater in the heartland, written and directed by Christopher Guest.



Photo: Ice formation in the Cascadilla gorge, Ithaca, NY.

ALISON MACK, SP77 CB78 TA80, writes, "I thought I might let the TA Newsletter audience know about the results of my mid-life crisis. I graduated from Johns Hopkins at the end of May, having completed a one-year masters' program in Science Writing, and then had a three month internship on the Discoveries section of the *Dallas Morning News* last summer. I've now returned to my Wilmington home to begin the next phase of life as a freelance science and medical writer. I've also been writing about basic research in medicine for *Hopkins Medical News*."

JOHN (JACK) MURPHY, DS78, received his Ph.D. in Biology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University last May, married Caroline Wiecking in June, and moved to Chicago, where he is now Research Associate in the Dept. of Botany, Field Museum of Natural History. His interests these days include "environmental conservation through research and education, matrimony, and Chicago style deep-dish pizza (not necessarily in that order)."

JAY PULLIAM, DS78 CB81 TA82, informs us that he is in Austin TX with wife Mara Pfund and son Cody, age one year. He will remain in Austin for another year as a researcher at the Institute for Geophysics, University of Texas. Mara is an elementary school teacher.

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