

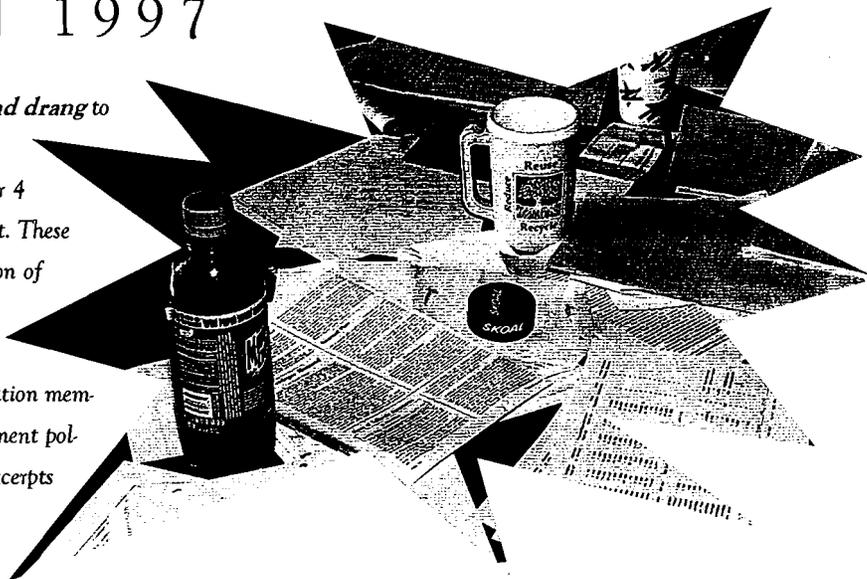
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## CONVENTION 1997

*Considered by connoisseurs of Convention *sturm und drang* to be one of the more exhausting if exciting meetings of recent years, TA considered several weighty issues over 4 days and nights of practical labor and self-government. These included an offer for property in Michigan; the division of authority between Custodians and other TA committees in approving such plans; adding and terminating specific TASP sites; the ongoing dearth of Association members residing at Cornell Branch; and a sexual harassment policy for Telluride employees. What follows are some excerpts from officer reports, and highlights of decisions.*



### PRESIDENT DENIS CLARK, DS69 CB72 TA73

Telluride's origins lie far in the past, and we should from time to time contemplate this longer view, to try to sift the signals from the noise. The world of the mining frontier days in the Rocky Mountains is almost unimaginably different from the world of today, yet the experiences of a dozen or more isolated communities of boys and very young men in 1910 or so are recognizably similar to the experiences of the much more diverse current participants in Deep Springs, Telluride House, and Telluride Association. This long-term continuity is due to the way we have handed down our traditions, our regard for the original Nunnian source documents, and the durability, as a fundamental goal, of the successful practice of democratic self-government—something that is hard to do, and worth doing. It is what we have always tried to do, and in an important sense it is who we are.

One of the reasons I mention this has mainly to do with Cornell Branch. We will ask ourselves many questions about what the Michigan Branch of Telluride Association should be; these questions should and will inevitably reflect on what we think our current Branch at Cornell is and should be. A common theme at recent Conventions, and something I have noticed in talking with many TA members informally over the past year, is a dissatisfaction with the state of Cornell Branch, the actual emotion registering somewhere along a scale from resignation to despair to

anger, and the response being a search for revitalizing ideas. In my two visits to Cornell Branch this year, many of the reasons for thinking this were clear, but I hasten to add that this is hardly the fault of the current branchmembers, who constitute a very talented and stimulating group. I think instead that the reason for it is that the Association has not effectively applied its own resources in properly orienting the Branch, maintaining a continuity of Nunnian consciousness within it, and striving to maintain an active and fruitful relationship between the Association and the Branch.

### ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR MATTHEW TRAIL, SP81 CB82 TA84

As some of you know, the timeless classics of Marxist-Leninist thought are an occasional source of inspiration to your Administrative Director. Indeed, at not a few points over the last year, many of Lenin's writings seemed eerily relevant to concerns in the life of the Office and Association. For example, from the sidelines, unexpected progress toward—and some controversy over—purchasing property for a Michigan Branch brought to mind Leninist classics like "What Is To Be Done?" and "The Great Beginning," or, in darker moments, "One Step Forward, Two Steps Back," and "The Dual Power." The continuing crisis in Association

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# NEW ROOTS

## A POSTCARD FROM THE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE MICHIGAN BRANCH

BY TOM HAWKS, SP85 CB86 TA87

*Editor's Note: After years of planning and hard work, a Michigan Branch of the Telluride Association is now more than hypothetical: the first Michigan TASP will take place in 1998, and the Branch itself is scheduled to open in the year 2000. To help Telluride begin the next century with a second Branch, Tom Hawks, a former chair of TASP Board and Association Vice President, resigned his membership in the Association to play an even more important role. In September, Hawks began work as the Michigan Branch Project Director. He writes to us from Ann Arbor:*

Undaunted even by the fiercest midwestern weather, the University of Michigan marching band begins rehearsing every day at precisely five p.m. The band's program is similarly reliable: a medley of songs from *Star Wars* and then, incongruously, the Count Basie standard "Tickle Toe." 822 Arch Street, the home of Telluride's first satellite office in its 86 year history, sits dead in the middle of South Campus, close enough to Elbel Field that the brass and percussion are hard to ignore. More insistent, though less regular, are the sounds of the neighborhood students: scraping rollerblade wheels in the dark before morning classes, jags of hysterical laughter, drunken chants. "Wow, you're really going to have your finger on the pulse of student life," a local TA member said after learning of the office's location, and I suppose, if only metaphorically, I do. It's very strong, that pulse, and, unsurprisingly, very loud.

The Ann Arbor Office of Telluride Association currently occupies one room of my apartment—a comfortable, well-lit space with two high windows, the larger one affording a view of Arch Street traffic above a modest window-seat. There's a newell post in the hall outside my door, but very little else that seems especially Nunnian about the place. When the New Branch Office was first proposed to Con-

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Photos: (right) Michigan Project Director, Thomas Hawks; and (below) the Law School at the Uni-



vention, in the 1992 "Take the Money and Run a Branch" report, it was hoped that the staff member on site might serve as an observer, buddy, mentor, dictator, or some wondrous combination of all four. But of course it's difficult to fulfill any one of these functions, much less some wondrous combination of all four, in the absence of actual Branch members to observe, befriend, mentor or dictate to. Thus, as Michigan Project Director, I've been charged with several other administrative tasks. Much of my fall has been given over simply to establishing the office itself. Maintaining an on-site presence has also allowed the Association more regular contact with our realtor, lawyers, architects, city officials and concerned neighbors. I'm writing this, in fact, only a few days before a Telluride delegation makes its second appearance at a meeting of the Oxbridge Neighborhood Association, a community group concerned about our proposed purchase and renovation of a property within their jurisdiction.

Operating a Michigan Office has also opened avenues for expanding Telluride's ties to the University community. After meeting with Michigan's new Director of Summer Programs two weeks ago, for example, I was asked to represent Telluride on a University Task Force on Summer Housing. Although the TASP Board Chair and I had already secured TASP housing for 1998, attending the first meeting of this group gave me a chance to introduce Telluride programs to University staff who are themselves responsible for other summer seminars held at the University. Their enthusiastic response to the TASP, the TASS, and the Branch may in the long run be more valuable to Telluride's reputation on campus than any formal collaborations we might eventually put in place. That, I believe, is one of the most heartening things about working here in Michigan on the New Branch. Telluriders may have faith in our programs, but it is rarely the faith of new converts. For the people I work with at the University, though, Nunnian institutions don't seem in the least shopworn or routine. They are able to see, as we may sometimes not be, the value of Telluride's programs and the

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# PASADENA BRANCH 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



*"The basic elements of the Telluride educational philosophy—practical work experience, high academic standards, full student responsibility, and an ideal of personal usefulness to society—are once again set to work in a primary branch of the Association."*

—from a Pasadena Branch brochure, 1949

1997 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Pasadena Branch of Telluride Association (PBTA). The Pasadena Branch, which produced some 40 students over its 6 year existence, marked Telluride's most recent experiment with a "primary branch," combining intensive work and study programs. Interested readers are urged to consult Rachel Dickinson's history of the branch, published in the Spring 1992 issue of the *Newsletter*.

Discussions are underway among alumni for a reunion dinner in the Spring of 1998, in the Los Angeles area. There has also been a proposal for a Clarence "Mike" Yarrow Memorial Scholarship, to commemorate the founder and Director of PBTA. Interested Associates are encouraged to contact Robert Richter, PB47, at 330 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, NY, NY 10036, or the Telluride Association Office.

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place Telluride can fill in the University's intellectual mission.

The apparent freshness of Telluridean ideas may account for the surprise expressed by the Director of Summer Programs during my presentation on Telluride's history at the recent Task Force meeting. "Did you mean to say 1911?" he interrupted me to ask. I assured him I did, which evidently pleased him. It pleased me as well, since

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CBTA Fall 1997 Officers

Boga Petruska, President; Shawn Cole, Vice-President; Ani Mukherji, Third Adcom; and Shelby Dietz, Fourth Adcom

### A Note on the *Directory of Associates*

There will be no published directory of Telluride Associates this year. Newsletter readers are invited to access the online directory at <http://www.telluride.cornell.edu>. Use the username "associate" and the password "tride".

### Deep Springs Web Site

Deep Springs College reports that their web site is now up and running, at <http://praxis.deepsprings.edu>.

### Lincoln Scholar Selected

Telluride's Winter Preferment Committee has nominated Boglarka Petruska, SP94 CB95 TA96, for the 1998-2000 Lincoln Scholarship at Oxford University. A Classics major at Cornell, Boga intends to pursue an M.Phil in Ancient History at Oxford.

The House also recently hosted former Sidgwick Scholar David Ainger, CB58, and family. David, who is a Chancery Barrister in London, dropped by on his way to visit Chris Breiseth, CB58 TA59 SPF69.

### Mansfield-Wefald Prize to Greif

The 1997 Convention awarded the Mansfield-Wefald Prize to Mark Greif, SP92, of Harvard University, for his senior thesis entitled "The American Transformation of the Holocaust, 1945-65."

### Correction

In the Spring 1997 issue, the Perkins Scholar was accidentally misidentified as Joyce Moynihan. The Scholar's name is Lisa Moynihan. Your Managing Editor regrets the error.

for all the stress we place on the newness of the New Branch, part of its allure must lie in the continuing viability of a pedagogical tradition dating back to the turn of the last century. Maybe it's just the millennialism everywhere in the air, but I like to imagine Telluride's work here in Michigan as an opportunity to create something of similar value and longevity, and that perhaps at some future meeting, a Tellurider may evoke a similar reaction of surprise by asserting that, yes, we have been at Michigan since the 1990's. Yes, that is exactly what we meant to say.

## CONVENTION DECISION HIGHLIGHTS

- Branchmembers required to attend Convention for repreferment.
- University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) TASP approved for 1998; St. John's TASP ended.
- Search for Michigan Project Director approved.
- Michigan Branch Property and Renovations Committee (MBPRC) created.
- TA adds "members and officers indemnification" clause to TARP.
- Convention set for June 11-14, 1998, Deep Springs, California.
- Resignations:
  - Stephen Fix, CB74 TA75
  - Andrea Kavaler, SP73 CB74 TA76
  - Jeffrey Seidman, SP87, TA90
  - Michael Shae, SP77 CB78 TA79
- New Members:
  - Sarah Averill, CB89 TA97
  - Shawn Cole, CB96 TA97



Photos: (above) 1997 Convention Budget Committee members: Philip Kaplan, Jennifer Ruesink (chair), and Miriam Aukerman. (left) TA member Kurt Gilson representing one viewpoint during Convention's debate on the viability of starting a New Branch. (below) 1997 Convention group shot.

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membership at the House—and its impact on the Office's workload—had me contemplating the wisdom of that great treatise on political organization, "Better Fewer but Better." Lenin even seems to speak to our auditing arrangements, and repeated Office intervention in the House books, in his dry but suggestive "How We Should Reorganize the Workers' and Peasants Inspection." I sure wish I could find something in "Left-Wing Communism—An Infantile Disorder," because it's a great title...



## WINTER PREFERMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR (1995-97) LARS WULFF, DS79 UC85 TA86

Some Telluride Association committees—and I am thinking in particular of last year's Winter Preferment Committee—attempt to make up for few, if any, accomplishments with long, self-important Convention reports—substituting for product, as it were. Not so, this year's Winter Preferment Committee, for I can report without fear of exaggeration that your committee faced the challenge of overcoming the failures and reversals of last year's WPC with a steely and hardheaded determination of James Buchanan Eads.

At the annual Convention of an organization established for the purpose of educating engineers in the soft science of politics and the elusive virtue of community, it is surely unnecessary to explain why it is James Buchanan Eads that this year's WPC took for their spiritual father. But, for the sake of the visitors in attendance or perhaps the one or two initiates not yet familiar with all of the details of the professional life of one of the greatest of American engineers, your committee's chair will be permitted to briefly sketch a story with which most Association members are intimately acquainted. [Mr. Wulff goes on at some length in re-acquainting members with the indefatigable Mr. Eads' biography.]

...And so, Eads-like, your committee faced its challenges and Eads-like we present to you the results of our labors...

# COLLEGE CHOICE SURVEY

The following is the result of a survey of college choices by 1996 TASP and 1995 TASS alumni.

|                     |                   |                      |                         |                   |                      |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Adame, Jaime        | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Stanford University  | Herrera, Victor         | <i>St. John's</i> | -                    |
| Agaskar, Rajan      | <i>St. John's</i> | -                    | Hong, Mailinh           | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Yale University      |
| Amrose, Christopher | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Univ. of Chicago     | Horton, John            | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | U.S. Naval Academy   |
| Anderson, Shanice   | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    | Hulse, Sarah            | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Harvard University   |
| Armshaw, William    | <i>St. John's</i> | New College of USF   | Jhin, Alexander         | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Yale University      |
| Barrett, Galen      | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    | Kobes, Deborah          | <i>St. John's</i> | Princeton University |
| Bauer, Ingrid       | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Cornell University   | Krasikov, Sana          | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Cornell University   |
| Belt, Rabia         | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Harvard University   | Laguarta, Jose          | <i>Kenyon</i>     | -                    |
| Blecher, Ian        | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Yale University      | Lightdale, Sarah        | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Columbia University  |
| Block, Joshua       | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Amherst College      | Lucero, Brian           | <i>St. John's</i> | Columbia University  |
| Bourne, Duane       | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    | Lytal, Benjamin         | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Harvard University   |
| Brown, Brienne      | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Bryn Mawr College    | Mack, Jennifer          | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Smith College        |
| Collins, Elise      | <i>Kenyon</i>     | -                    | Marcus, Diane           | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |
| Crockett, Timothy   | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Univ. So. California | Mitchell, Jr., Vernon   | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |
| Dacumos, Monica     | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Smith College        | Murphy, Clare           | <i>St. John's</i> | Williams College     |
| Davidson, Ezra      | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Carleton College     | O'Hara, Heather         | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Carleton College     |
| Duncan, Mackenzie   | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Yale University      | Osborne, Catherine      | <i>St. John's</i> | Swarthmore College   |
| Edgar, Alita        | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Smith College        | Padilla, Hector         | <i>St. John's</i> | -                    |
| Gao, Ge (Greta)     | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Yale University      | Pages, Melissa          | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Park, Christopher       | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Harvard University   |
|                     |                   |                      | Park, Grace             | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Peters, Sarah           | <i>St. John's</i> | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Pike, Emily             | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | UNC (Chapel Hill)    |
|                     |                   |                      | Pistell, Lauren         | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Yale University      |
|                     |                   |                      | Polakow-Suransky, Sasha | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Brown University     |
|                     |                   |                      | Priester, Melvin        | <i>St. John's</i> | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Rabkin, Andrew          | <i>St. John's</i> | Cornell University   |
|                     |                   |                      | Ransom, Kamioka         | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Redman, Chanelle        | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Richey, Matthew         | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Swarthmore College   |
|                     |                   |                      | Russell, Leslie         | <i>St. John's</i> | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Salam, Reihan           | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Cornell University   |
|                     |                   |                      | Sassaman, Esther        | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Scheiderer, Alison      | <i>St. John's</i> | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Scott, Deborah          | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Goshen College       |
|                     |                   |                      | Smith, Ebony            | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Soby, Alyssa            | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Harvard University   |
|                     |                   |                      | Stewart-Winter, Tim     | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Swarthmore College   |
|                     |                   |                      | Swilling, Justin        | <i>St. John's</i> | St. John's College   |
|                     |                   |                      | Tan, Michael            | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Harvard University   |
|                     |                   |                      | Taylor, Catherine       | <i>St. John's</i> | Harvard University   |
|                     |                   |                      | Tuffet, J. Paulson      | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Univ. of Penn.       |
|                     |                   |                      | Tulis, Elizabeth        | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Yale University      |
|                     |                   |                      | Tygert, Mark            | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Wallach, Violet         | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Brown University     |
|                     |                   |                      | Wellington, Mark        | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Williams, Danielle      | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |
|                     |                   |                      | Wolf, Jeremy            | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Simon's Rock         |
|                     |                   |                      | Wood, Graeme C.A.       | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Deep Springs College |
| Garcia, Maria       | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Pomona College       |                         |                   |                      |
| Goehring, David     | <i>Kenyon</i>     | -                    |                         |                   |                      |
| Gruenspecht, Joshua | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Yale University      |                         |                   |                      |
| Gunn, Catla         | <i>Indiana U</i>  | Hampton University   |                         |                   |                      |
| Hansen, Lulu        | <i>Cornell 1</i>  | Brown University     |                         |                   |                      |
| Harlow, Esther      | <i>Cornell 2</i>  | Reed College         |                         |                   |                      |
| Harris, Teri        | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |                         |                   |                      |
| Harris, Terri-Ann   | <i>St. John's</i> | -                    |                         |                   |                      |
| Haynes, Meghan      | <i>Indiana U</i>  | -                    |                         |                   |                      |
| Healy, Benjamin     | <i>Kenyon</i>     | Brown University     |                         |                   |                      |





## LACUNAE

BY DANIEL BARNARD, DS92 CB94 TA95,  
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*Perhaps it is what is absent that pains the most. Unlike an American ghost town in the old west, with tired wood and dilapidated signs, the ghost towns of Bosnia-Herzegovina have a sense of instantaneity; of residents dragged out in the middle of the night. Bright signs still herald the promise of spitted lamb at roadside restaurants or heavy Turkish coffee at the cafés. Yet grass now grows in the interior of these scorched buildings, roofs are open to the rains and blue sky of the Balkan summer. Everywhere, only the crumbling masonry of walls remains, for they are the skeleton left standing in mute reminder when neighbors lay torch to a home.*

It is disconcerting to have spoken so rosily of community for the four years of my stay in academia, and then to see communities severed and torn by the most ultra-violent of identity politics. As my convoys would roll through small mountain village after empty village, I began to grasp what had happened here. Many villages were prosperous and clean with children in the streets and bustling markets; however, a section or neighborhood will be glaringly absent, the inhabitants either buried or driven to the road in mass exodus. Farmers who had lived together for years, side by side, and families intermarried across all identity lines, were roused by a frenzied, manufactured nationalism to the point where they would cleanse these one-time friends out of the emerging homogeneity of a village.

*In the city of Kiseljak, a former choke-point on the trickle of supplies that went into besieged Sarajevo, are two centers of worship. Coming from the south, the first is a ornate mosque; symbolic of years of quasi-peaceful Ottoman rule where the inhabitants of the empire coexisted for centuries. This mosque is now largely destroyed and carbon-streaked from fire. Not five kilometers up the road is an ostentatiously lavish Catholic church, newly redecorated with a massive, almost gaudy crucifix mounted on the front. It was only mildly harmed during the fighting, and now has been renovated with huge sums of money. The mosque lies in disrepair, because Kiseljak no longer has a significant Moslem population. Do unto others...*

These masses of refugees are then moved from ancestral homes to new, artificial settlements. Sometimes they take up residence in the very houses recently vacated by the latest ethnic eviction. These severed communities are thus reattached in a bizarre simulacra of ethnic conformity: a Frankenstein body politic recognized as monstrous by all but their creators.

Tito, the socialist strongman who managed the pressure cooker of the South Slavs in the Balkans for over forty years, in a perfect totalitarian denial of the ethnic tension underneath his regime, created the painfully ironic anthem of his Balkan police state: "One Brotherhood, One Unity."

*The eerie rubble of Sarajevo at night is far too dark. Anywhere in America, even in the small towns, a city contains a thousand*

lights. Yet Sarajevo is sporadically lit by only a handful of almost errant street lights. Electricity and water have returned slowly to some areas, even if the people never left. Few



things are more vivid than driving past the carcass of a building in the day, riddled with the hundreds of gouges from heavy machine gun fire, entire walls missing from apartments so that the cool blue of sky winks through the other side—and then in the chill of night seeing the lights of fires and families living in these riddled husks.

Nor were these acts perpetrated by the few. As I watch the international scene play out here in Bosnia, as the apologists and mediators of the future attempt to ascertain just what happened here, they grasp at easy explanations. The notion of war crimes and war criminals is deeply satisfying to these interlopers from outside. It is far easier for us to sleep at night if we believe it is the devil's work of a handful of war criminals, aberrant madmen who goaded the population along an infernal path of ethnic cleansing. Therefore, we of the West want to believe that if we excise these cancers, these inhuman men, the rest of the population will return to normalcy. So you will hear the clattertrap of special missions to bring Radovan Karadzic into the Hague, or stings to net Ratko Mladic. These men certainly share vital complicity in tragedy, yet they are correlative, not causative of massacre.

Amongst the defiant virility of Sarajevo reconstruction mingles the alien glint of awkward prosthetics, the pained vacancy of the pinned up pant leg. Often I think of the future here—can they ever forget this smoldering hate momentarily kept at bay by 30,000 international soldiers? Daily we endure the miniature ordeal of waiting on the halting step of those who should be hale—waiting for them to leave our consciousness, to get to the other side of the street and disappear into the crowd where they belong. But the hobbling drags interminably on, forcing acknowledgment. How will they forget, when sons see fathers emasculated by mines, haunted by severed arms and amputated legs? Those absences will scream to those sons for retribution. A body is buried, and rubble plowed under, but the hobbled masses will linger on for generations to come, silent reminders of revenge not taken.

Far more painful for us to understand, far more nightmarish for me to realize, is that this was not the work of monolithic madmen, the Hitlers with whom all blame can be laid while the nation shakes off a collective psychosis. Rather, everyday people killed the everyday people who

lived next door. The vox populi lashed out with a bitter invective of hate—a possibility I never thought was possible when I learned my fervent love of democratic egalitarianism and the enlightenment shrine of human rights. And these were not simply killings, the scalpel cut of “cleansing.” The twentieth century, at its close, bore witness to acts of such barbarity as to belong more properly in medieval Europe. What may have begun as simply driving a family from town, in a brutal escalation of atrocity and revenge, turned into mass torture, gang rape, and crews of men digging their own mass graves.

*Lest the crowds pass by too easily over these ancient, tragic streets, individuals have splashed crimson paint over any spot where corpses once laid and mortar shells fell. A mortar shell digs a great divot in anything in touches, throwing out several square feet of stone and earth as deadly shrapnel. Rather than leave these gaping holes, they have filled them and marked them red—Sarajevo Roses. These abrupt, ensanguined reminders refusing an easy forgetfulness.*

And these acts were perpetrated by the shopkeepers, the rebellious adolescents, the policemen, and simple farmers of the former Yugoslavia. The war, as all wars do, certainly had centralized military units accountable for their own crimes; though no law of war allows the merciless artillery bombardment of civilians as was seen in Sarajevo. Worse yet were the acts committed by decentralized local regiments, warlord-led gangs who were involved as much in the black market and organized crime as they were in the fighting. Yet, far more internally destabilizing—at least for my faith in humanity—was that the worst atrocities were not committed by soldiers, but rather by citizens.

*At first, I would wake with a start to the sound of an explosion or the nightly crackle of small arms fire in the distance. I would cast about in the dark for helmet and weapon. But I soon learned not to worry, to sleep a strange, sound sleep. The fire was only rarely directed at SFOR troops; the people here wouldn't waste ammunition on peacekeepers. They were firing at each other. A few shots, each night. Burning through a magazine and then disappearing before the security patrol showed up to investigate. And then ready to come back the next night. No military objective. No ground taken or victory achieved. Rather, they fired simply to maintain terror, to remind those on the other side of the NATO guarded fence that they were simply biding their time.*

I served in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina from April to September 1997, as a commander of a multinational tactical command post platoon. As a mobile unit, we ran armed convoys through a good portion of the former Yugoslavia. We were fortunate to interact with large numbers of civilians from many factions of the conflict. The conflict was, and is, tremendously complicated—and I feel I have not been able to do justice to the subtleties involved. If anybody wants to continue a dialogue on the subject, please contact me. I am eager to be persuaded to other, happier, perspectives.

*Photos taken by Daniel Barnard, 1997*

# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1940s

PHILIP HANAWALT, DS49, received an honorary Doctorate of Science at Oberlin College's commencement in May for his co-discovery and pioneering research in the field of DNA repair. He has been professor of biology at Stanford University since 1970. In September, he was the first recipient of the International Mutation Research Award, at the International Conference on Environmental Mutagenesis, in Toulouse, France. He will visit Cornell University (for the first time) in February 1998 where he'll be giving the Boyce Thompson Distinguished Lecture.

## 1950s

VERNON D. PENNER, JR., DS57, retired from the State Department this past August, after 34 years, with nine overseas tours, one ambassadorship, and two positions as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. In September, he began a new career as vice president of the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy.

## 1960s

NATHAN TARCOV, SP63 CB64 TA65, received the University of Chicago's Quatrell Award for Excel-

lence in Undergraduate Teaching. Earlier this year *The Legacy of Rousseau* appeared from the University of Chicago Press, co-edited with CLIFFORD ORWIN, SP63 CB64 TA66. Next year he will serve as chair of the Committee on Social Thought at Chicago.

PAUL FLOWERMAN, SP66, continues to travel internationally as president of P.L. Thomas & Co., Inc., a botanical ingredients company serving a broad range of industries. As chairman of Princeton University's Committee on Schools, he looks to the "care and feeding" of the 4,000 alumni in the USA and all over the world. Every "spare" moment is devoted to soccer coaching and otherwise parenting four children, aged 8 to 18 years."

After completing TASP, MARK SELIGMAN, SP66, took a linguistics BA at Columbia. He taught English in Austria after graduating, and followed that with a masters in linguistics at Florida Atlantic University. He spent four years in Boston teaching ESL and methodology before moving to Berkeley in 1978 to begin a Ph.D. in linguistics. During this period, he also worked as lead software trainer for an artificial intelligence software com-

pany. He married Moon-ja Lee in 1989. Their child Lee was born in 1991, a day before he received his Ph.D. After losing their house to the Berkeley fire-storm of 1993, they moved to Japan, where Mark spent three years working on speech translation for a communications research consortium. In 1995 they returned to Berkeley (and to a rebuilt house), where he has been writing software training materials for a living and continues to conduct research in computational linguistics independently.

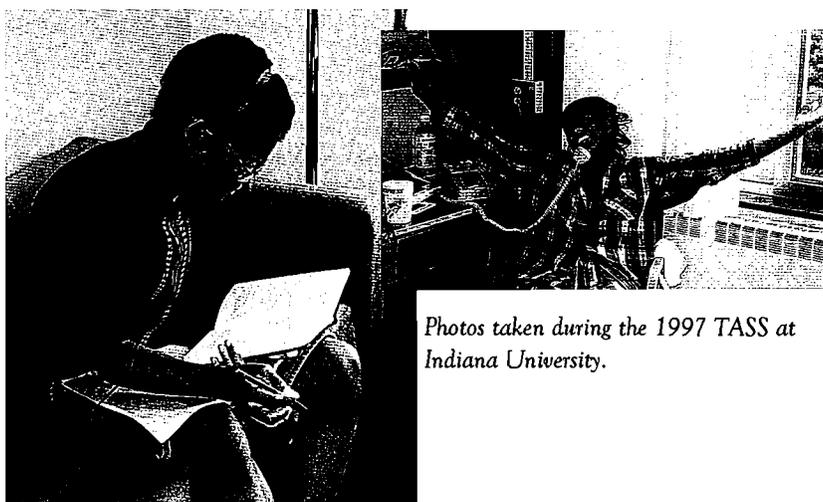
## 1970s

J. NICHOLAS ZIEGLER'S (SP70) book "*Governing Ideas: Strategies for Innovation in France and Germany*," was published in July by Cornell University Press. Ziegler is Associate Professor of International Management at MIT and will spend the spring term (1998) in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley.

HAROLD O. LEVY, CB74 TA75, was presented with the "University Settlement Distinguished Service Award," on October 20, 1997. The University Settlement, founded in 1886, is America's first social settlement. It provides a comprehensive network of services to over 10,000 families and individuals living in the Lower East Side (NYC).

PHILIP GRIERSON, CBG76, who continues to visit Telluride House for a few days every year when he is in the United States, was awarded the *Ehrenpreis of the Gesellschaft für International Geldgeschichte* and the *Gold Medal of the Society of Antiquaries* of London in April, and the *Sanford Saltus Gold Medal of the British Numismatic Society* in May.

ALISON MACK, SP77 CB78 TA80, and Tony Kinney proudly announce the birth of their son, Gabriel Isaak MacKinney. Gabriel arrived at 4:55 am on Friday, May 30, 1997. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20.25 inches long.



Photos taken during the 1997 TASS at Indiana University.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### 1980s

CYNTHIA CUPPLES, SP80 CB81 TA85, married Bob Kruse on April 12, 1997. One month later, she accepted a teaching position for the 1997-98 academic year in the History Department of Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA.

ROBIN DeWITT KNAUTH, SP80, is in a doctoral program at Harvard Uni-

versity, working on her dissertation in Hebrew Bible studies, specializing in biblical law. She married Geoffrey S. Knauth in 1996 and their son, Alexander Davidson Knauth, was born earlier this year. She writes, "we recently ran the 100<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon together, traversed the Presidential mountain range in New Hampshire (9 peaks, 24 miles), hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon (and back up), sailed the Apostles on Lake Superior, and enjoyed canoeing in the Minnesota Boundary Waters. We watched spectacular comet Hyakutake from the top of a windy

mountain in New Hampshire one midnight in February. Life is good."

Dr. GI HYUNG LEE, SP81, now lives in Glendora, California, is married to Dr. Clark Ochikudo, and has two children, a son and a daughter.

On January 1, 1998, SCOTT McDERMOTT, SP84 CB85 TA88, will begin his studies at the seminary of the Mis-

6-month deployment in support of Operation Joint Endeavor. Oh, just ask me what I think of gender-integrated training."

ROBERT STERBAL, DS85, married Frances Winterfeld on October 1, 1996. He is working as a computer programmer in Pittsburgh, PA. His address is: 456 Hoodridge Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15234; (412) 563-5967 or [viadyer@worldnet.att.net](mailto:viadyer@worldnet.att.net).

ANNE WASHBURN, SP85, has completed her first year at NYU's MFA program in Dramatic Writing (playwriting and screenwriting). She has "a short piece going up this [past] summer as part of the Ontological's Blueprint Series." She welcomes contact from '85 Cornell TASPers and can be reached at: 425 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, #3F, New York, NY 10009; or [aew201@is4.nyu.edu](mailto:aew201@is4.nyu.edu).

After spending the winter and spring term as visiting student at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, EERO CARROLL, SP87, is in the last year of preparing his dissertation on labor market policies from cross-national and historical perspectives. In May, he became engaged to Jenny-Ann Brodin (of Vaesteras, Sweden)—"a wonderful, intellectually skeptical young woman who is a colleague of mine at the sociology department here, and is interested in the sociology of religious organizations. We live in the suburbs of Stockholm and have a pet iguana named Orlando."

ALAN SCHWARTZ, SP87, received his Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from UC Berkeley and is now Assistant Professor of Clinical Decision Making in the Dept. of Medical Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He sends his "love to Heather, Anton, and the whole rooftop tea party."

DEREK JACKSON, SP88, worked this

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### CONVENTION '98 WILL BE HELD AT DEEP SPRINGS COLLEGE, JUNE 11-14



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sionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's order of priests, a small, all-male, semi-monastic institution in the California desert. Letters may be sent to: Missionaries of Charity Fathers, 2498 Roll Drive, #815, San Diego, CA 92173.

ANN MALONE, CB84, reports "The last decade or so has not been boring. At the moment, I'm a chaplain assistant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. I arrived from my first duty station, Germany, last May, so I'm still new here. My first assignment, Stuttgart, Germany, involved a

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Photo: students in seminar, TASS 1997.

past summer as an intern in the chambers of the Honorable Reynold Mason, Civil Court of the City of New York. He is currently an intern for the New York Bar Association, serving with the committee on arbitration. He will be an intern in the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, Civil Division, in the spring. He sends his greetings to fellow '88 TASPers.

ANDREW COLVILLE, SP89 DS90, writes that he has moved from London to Los Angeles, to begin film school at USC. He would love to hear from '89 TASPers or Deep Springers visiting the LA area. His new contact information is: 7223 Sycamore Trail, LA, CA 90068; (213) 876-0620 or kapildev@juno.com.

### 1990s

MARTYN ATKINS, CB90 TA91, writes "I'm now installed as Second Clerk to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee, which sounds very grand and has an office in the Palace of Westminster itself."

JOEL PULLIAM, SP90, has graduated from Harvard College, *magna cum laude* in History and Literature, with a thesis entitled "Piran's Liber Forbanitorum: Crime and Punishment in a Fourteenth Century Slovene Commune." He now works as an associate with Columbia Artists Management, Inc., in NYC, and encourages fellow TASPers to call him at (201) 876-1677.

HANNA GROL-PROKOPCZYK, SP91, writes "I am currently a well-rounded postmodern superhero residing in Manhattan. My address is: 319 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street, #8, NY, NY 10023; (212) 875-8327.

AMY KURTZ, SP91, graduated from Smith College in 1996. She is in her second year in the art history Ph.D. program at Yale. Members of the Williams TASP may contact her at: PO Box 206423 Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520; (203) 789-1591 or amy.kurtz@yale.edu.

ZAHIR ASMAL, SP92, has graduated from Harvard with a BA in economics. He spent the previous three summers (1994-96) in Bosnia, as a humanitarian worker (most recently with USAID). Following a brief interlude in the Middle East this past summer, he moved to San Francisco where he expects to spend two-three years in management consulting with the firm AT Kearney. He writes that "friends are ever welcome!" at his new address: 1349 Page Street, San Francisco, CA 94117; (415) 522-0874 or zasmal@hotmail.com.

DAVID EILENBERG, SP92, graduated from Harvard in June and has begun the Screenwriting MFA program at USC. His new address is: 1830 North Bronson Avenue, #314, Hollywood, CA 90028; (213) 962-3416.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Dr. John Lindenbaum CB51 TA53

Dr. John Lindenbaum, a gifted medical researcher and dedicated alumnus of Cornell Branch and Telluride Association, died on June 11, 1997, at the age of 63. At the time of his death, Dr. Lindenbaum was professor of medicine and associate chairman of the department of medicine at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. His research in the field of drug bioavailability led to important changes in the manufacture and regulation of the heart medication digoxin, which is prescribed to millions of patients annually. From 1968 to 1986, Dr. Lindenbaum was the chief of hematology-oncology at Harlem Hospital, and his observations of sickle cell anemia patients resulted in important changes in the treatment of the disease.

Lindenbaum was an early chair of TASP Board, and while a resident at Harvard Medical College, chaired the Cambridge Branch Exploratory Committee. Lindenbaum recommended against the formation of a branch at Harvard, writing in a Convention report, "It was felt that perhaps the most practical course to establishing a Telluride House at Cambridge would be the election of a man named Telluride to the presidency of Harvard University." Dr. Linden-

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### LINDENBAUM FUND

Associates interested in contributing to the Dr. John Lindenbaum TASP Travel Fund may send tax-deductible contributions to the Telluride Association Office, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850. Please indicate that the gift is for the Lindenbaum Fund.

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baum's wit was matched, during his Telluride years, by his serious commitment to the Association's projects; he began donating to the Association in 1958, just five years after joining the organization, and he remained interested in the development of the TASP's. In the spring of 1997, shortly before his death, Dr. Lindenbaum donated \$20,000 to Telluride Association, expressing the hope that the funds would be used to recruit students who are members of minority groups to the TASP's. Telluride Association voted at this summer's Convention to use Dr. Lindenbaum's gift to establish an endowed fund in his name to offset the travel costs of TASPers in financial need. We hope that this fund will serve as a lasting memorial to the generosity and spirit of John Lindenbaum.

## Richard Ruopp, PB49

Richard Ruopp, PB49, died as a result of Lou Gehrig's disease on November 24, 1997 at his home in Cambridge, MA. He was 65 years old.

Following his studies at Pasadena Branch of Telluride Association, Mr. Ruopp graduated in literature and history from Iowa Wesleyan College in 1954. He also received graduate degrees from Boston University (MS, theology, 1957) and Harvard University's Graduate School of Education (Ph.D., 1972).

After working with colleagues in the late 1950's to "lay the foundations (and buy land in northern California) for a co-educational college of 50 students with a work-study program with some of L.L. Nunn's ideas and not some," Ruopp moved to newly founded Franconia College in New Hampshire. (In fact, in 1967 Ruopp interviewed future DS President Jack Newell for a teaching post.) He became dean of faculty in 1964, and president of the college the following year, until 1968. In 1965, Franconia developed a summer program similar to the TASP's, and for the next several years the Association indirectly assisted in recruiting for the program.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

5 June 1997

Sir:

Forty friends and alumni gathered together on Tuesday, 6 May 1997 in the back room of Mme Romaine de Lyon's restaurant for the umpteenth annual meeting of the New York Chapter of the Alumni of Deep Springs and Telluride Association.

Remarks were offered by Matt Trail concerning TA and Jack Newell spoke of current activities at DS. The principal speaker was Kathy Frankovic, who spoke of her experiences with nationwide polling on behalf of CBS News.

Notable, in addition to the sell-out crowd, was the range in ages which covered recent TASPers as well as alumni from the thirties and the evident good spirits all around.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Gatje, DS44 TA46 CB47  
Chair ADSTA/NYC

Most recently, Ruopp served as president of Bank Street College (1979 to 1988) and oversaw the establishment of its Center for Children and Technology. The Center's mission is to develop and train teachers in the use of interactive teaching tools and to conduct research in child development and policy issues. Among Ruopp's contributions to the field of early child education was the development of interactive teaching models using microcomputers and telecommunications. The renowned "Bank Street Writer" was the first word-processing computer program geared toward children; and "The Voyage of the Mimi I & II" is an interactive video program used by teachers nationwide to present integrated science-math curriculums.

He is survived by his wife Patricia Epworth Ruopp; three daughters from a previous marriage; two step-daughters; a brother; and three grandchildren.

—taken in part from  
*The New York Times*, 11/30/97

## 1997 APC AWARDS

The Autumn Preferment Committee awarded 1998-99 Telluride House Scholarships to the following summer program participants:

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| Conklin, Christopher  | SP97 C2           |
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| Csipkay-Brehm, Geneva | SP97 KY           |
| Cyganowski, Claudia   | SP97 C1           |
| Dai, Rong             | SP97 C1           |
| Hiza, Nicholas        | SP97 KY           |
| Jackson, Nneka        | SS96 IU           |
| McNeal, Tracy         | SP97 C1           |
| Santina, Peter        | SP97 C2           |
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