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The following excerpts are taken from reports soon to appear in the *Proceedings of the 1998 Convention*.

## Report of the President of Telluride Association (DENIS CLARK, DS69 CB72 TA73)

There are a number of voices in TA/DS relations within the Association. One of them addresses an issue that often comes my way from Telluride associates, which is the single-sex policy of Deep Springs. The coeducation debate at Deep Springs is historic, and neither this Convention nor, ultimately, Telluride at all, will resolve it. Nonetheless, it is a central issue in the debate on Deep Springs support, and a limitation on the kinds of interactions Telluride and Deep Springs can have with each other, if such interactions are to be anything beyond Telluride's simply accepting some fraction of graduating Deep Springers into its programs as they leave Deep Springs. We take gender issues seriously; we put together small, intimate coeducational intellectual communities every year, both temporary, as with summer programs, and ongoing, as with branches. There is hardly an associate present who has not had to deal with the difficulties this occasionally produces, as factotum, tutor, TA officer or committee member, employee or employer, and, not least, as a program participant, and we doubtless spend a great deal of time and energy talking about and dealing tactically with these issues, that in some ways detracts from our pursuit of higher intellectual purposes. Nonetheless, despite the trouble we can expect, and the mistakes we know we will make, we continue to follow this course, because we think it's the right thing to do. So it should come as no surprise to anyone that the single-sex policy at Deep Springs strikes some TA members as wrong, and that they thus find it hard to unconditionally support an institution that discriminates in this way.

Another voice in TA/DS relations has always been present, but has become more audible over the last year, and particularly over the past few weeks, as the finishing touches have been applied to a



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proposal for a substantial, capital-level gift to Deep Springs that would facilitate the renovation of the main building. The political and financial implications of such a proposal are large, but a question they raise is: how do Deep Springs and Telluride Association influence each other, and how can they influence each other? More specifically, as the other Nunnian institution gathered in Convention at Deep Springs, we might ask: in what ways can Deep Springs interact with us that it might not with other segments of society that it has explicitly chosen to avoid? . . . Deep Springs has functioned as a primary branch, and the Association and its branches have been influenced by taking in Deep Springers, and certainly these young men carry the profound influences of living at Deep Springs with them into Telluride programs, but I think this is really little more than the relationship Deep Springs has with the world at large, though in a much more concentrated form. I think the history of our joint programs, on the other hand—TASPs, visiting programs, the encouragement and occasional funding of TA-experienced faculty to teach at Deep Springs—has been motivated by a desire

to bring about a more direct, participative, and interactive contact with the Deep Springs community, which is perhaps the most precious thing Deep Springs has to offer, and which it is rightly very careful about conserving. Such programs take more work, and they require a special sensitivity to the autonomy needs of the Deep Springs program and community, but, like TASPs, TASSes, branches, and other TA programs, they provide the kind of principled programmatic thought and committee interactions that are part of Telluride's educational program, and that use its strengths.

## Report of the President of Deep Springs College (L. JACKSON NEWELL, DS56)

Much has been said and written recently about the rebirth of Deep Springs. Over the last three years we have stopped the financial hemorrhage, brought the budget into balance with resources, received nearly four million dollars in cash, and secured commitments for four million more. We recently passed the halfway

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point on our quest for the fifteen million dollars we need to assure a long and stable future. Regarding the physical plant, we have built a new dormitory, rebuilt our utility infrastructure, and are on the verge of remodeling and seismically reinforcing the Main Building from the ground up. We have plans to do the same for the other old buildings in this valley.

Rewarding and exciting as the fiscal and physical renewal of Deep Springs may be, taken alone it amounts to little more than the restoration of the Cornell House in Telluride, Colorado. It may be interesting to look at, but is anything worthwhile going on there? The answer must be "yes" if we are to be worthy of the extraordinary support we are receiving and true to the legacy we have inherited.

Deep Springs is an *idea*, not a campus, nor a college, nor a ranch. It is education based on democratic self-governance, personal responsibility, and an ethic of service to others. Our purpose is to prepare genuinely free individuals who commit their lives to the common good. Deep Springs practices democracy in learning, accepting risks and enduring inefficiencies no other college would tolerate, precisely to offer our students the possibility of extraordinary growth in character and intellect. We must keep this daring vision clear, and muster the will to pursue it *undiluted*.

Our efforts to increase the quality and extend the life of L.L. Nunn's "primary branch" must honor scrupulously the core principles he set forth. Our aim is not simply to govern our own affairs, nor to manage our assets or protect our resources, but to use self-governance within this Nunnian tradition as a means to an end: *The inspired application of our individual and collective talents to improve a troubled society and save an endangered planet.*

## TELLURIDE PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHES MAIN BUILDING RENOVATION AND SPURS WHITNEY ENDOWMENT DRIVE

By L. Jackson Newell, DS56  
President of Deep Springs College



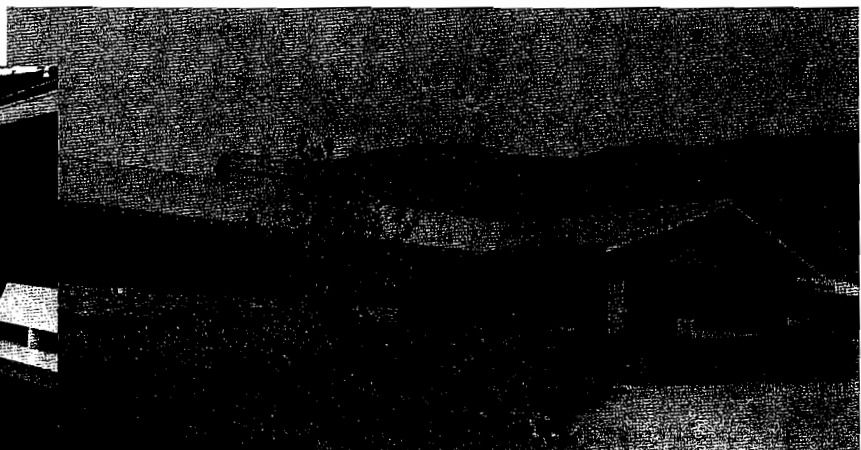
CONVENTION PHOTOS—MATTHEW TRAIL

Photos: Above—L. Jackson Newell addresses Convention, June 1998; Below (left)—TA members Jahan Sharifi, Brad Edmondson, Carol Owen, and Lars Wulff; Below (right)—Main Building, Deep Springs circa 1932.

When Telluride Association met in the valley this summer, the members made the climactic decision to form a limited partnership with Deep Springs for the purpose of renovating the Main Building. This historic decision once again links the twin strands of Nunnian education in a common endeavor.

To structure the partnership, Deep Springs and Telluride Association will form a California limited liability company, LL Nunn, LLC. Telluride will contribute \$1.8 million in cash for a 45 percent interest in the company. Deep Springs will contribute the Main Building and the land on which it stands. A \$250,000 grant from the Darling Foundation will provide a major assist to the new library. Jack Newell and Geoff Pope will serve as the managers of the LL Nunn LLC without compensation. Once the building renovation is complete, Deep Springs will lease the building from the LLC for \$ 1.00 per year.

Telluride Association will remain a minor partner in the LLC for at least 28 years, but the lease may run up to 99 years. After 2019, Telluride will have the



right to sell its interest in the LLC back to Deep Springs for \$1.8 million indexed for inflation since the date of the initial investment. Deep Springs will have seven years from the date that Telluride indicates its desire to sell to complete the purchase.

The Telluride partnership is also a challenge. To accept the \$1.8 million from Telluride, Deep Springs must increase its endowment by an equivalent amount in pledges. To date, pledges in excess of \$1.1 million have been collected for the new Whitney Endowment Fund. These dollars were committed or donated originally for the Main Building renovation but, with the permission of the many who pledged these funds, they can now be placed in the permanent endowment. This new endowment fund is named in honor of Simon and Eunice Whitney. Si Whitney served as director of Deep Springs from 1942 through 1947.

The new challenge remains to receive commitments for nearly \$700,000 more by our target date of June 1, 1999. Thus, the Telluride partnership will not only ensure an enduring physical structure for Deep Springs well into the 21st century, it will help build a solid financial foundation to assure the future of L.L. Nunn's educational vision.

Young alumni of Deep Springs are especially encouraged to make long-term commitments at whatever level they can sustain (over 5 years, 10 years or more) to the Whitney Fund. Telluride will accept pledges of any duration to match their challenge, hoping to get more recent alumni involved.

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## 1999 TASP/TASS

### TASP

CORNELL 1—*Jews, Christians, and Muslims—Scriptures, Interpretive Traditions, and the Cultural Imagination*

Faculty: Ross Brann, and Kim Haines-Eitzen, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Cornell University.

"How is it that Jews, Christians, and Muslims can worship the same universal deity, yet find themselves in such grave conflict that they have at times resorted to demonizing one another? How can Jews consider Abraham the first Jew, Christians regard him as the first Christian, and Muslims look upon him as the first Muslim? How can each of these religions put forth exclusive claims to know the truth? Or to know what should be required of women and men in this life? Or to control sacred sites such as Jerusalem?"

CORNELL 2—*Poets, Historians, and Other Liars*

Faculty: Lynne S. Abel, and Judith R. Ginsburg, Department of Classics, Cornell University.

"While poets and historians usually try to speak truth, they know that language and narrators such as themselves can lie—either intentionally or unintentionally. They are like Odysseus and Hesiod's muses:

We know how to say many false things  
that seem like true sayings,  
but we know also how to speak the truth  
when we wish to.

(from Hesiod's *Theogony*, trans. Richmond Lattimore)"

MICHIGAN—*People in Movement*

Faculty: Janet Hart, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, and David Frye, Departments of History and Anthropology, University of Michigan.

"This seminar invites its participants to think about the vast mosaic of people in motion: from place to place, from perception to practice, from plan to program, from house to tent-city, from country to city to country; seeking enjoyment, employment, refuge, homeland, redress of grievances, education, dominion. Moving persons may be engaged in tourism, transhumance (cattle-herding), escape, protest, war, routine business, or fortune-seeking."

### TASS

INDIANA—*Law, Race, and Society: Demythologizing Common Notions of Legal Order*

Faculty: Frank Motley, Law School, and Dennis M. Rome, Department of Afro-American Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington.

"In this seminar we will examine race, law, and racism in American policy-making. More specifically, we will examine the following assumptions:

What appears to be progress toward racial justice is, in fact, a cyclical process. Barriers are lowered in one era only to reveal a new set of often more sophisticated but no less effective policies that maintain blacks in a subordinate status.

Significant progress for blacks is achieved when the goals of blacks coincide with the perceived needs of whites.

Serious differences between whites are often resolved through compromises that sacrifice the rights of blacks."

# CORNELL BRANCH: A MID-TERM REPORT

By Ingrid Bauer, SP96 CB97  
CBTA President, fall 1998

This has been an overwhelmingly positive semester for the Telluride House. Our membership includes undergrads and graduate students from six colleges, as well as one potwasher from the Hotel School. The House is no longer lopsided toward the humanities and social sciences, but represents a broad range of academic interests. Equally diverse, weekly pubspeaks have addressed topics such as corporate human relations management, economic globalization, big numbers, industrial hog farms, and the Mexican painter Diego Rivera. As of yet there have been few in-House AcAffs, partly due to professors' cancellations and scheduling difficulties, but the diligent AcAff committee has arranged for our attendance at many campus events, including academic lectures, foreign films and theater performances. The intellectual environment at these formal events and around the breakfast nook has been friendly yet rigorous, rarely intimidating or inflammatory.

Such amicable interaction is characteristic of House life. While freshmen had suggestions for O-Com for improving the first-year orientation experience into the House and Cornell, they, along with other new members from "the Hill," have integrated well into House life. Social relations focus around the pool table and the breakfast nook at mealtimes (and snacktimes). Watching "The Simpsons" is a favorite form of relaxation, but the veg-ing never lasts for long—at 6:57 p.m. the TV goes off and the viewers scatter, muttering about papers and prelims.

Many housemembers have been involved in activism and community outreach outside of our small intellectual bubble. On campus, a number of us have worked with the student organic farm and helped organize a conference titled "The Politics of Globalization/s." Others have volunteered at local elementary schools and have participated in other community service projects.

In terms of self-government, AdCom has had few major issues to confront, except for the continuing saga of our rowdy neighboring fraternity house. In October we conducted mid-term interviews, from which I am drawing in this report. House meetings have been noticeably free of contention, running smoothly except for procedural delays caused by yours truly, who is finally beginning to feel comfortable with her position as chair.



PHOTOS—LISA MOYNIHAN

Thanks to K-Com's search at the beginning of the semester, we have been blessed with Ari, the marvelous weekend cook, a student at the Hotel School and full-time chef in an Ithaca restaurant. My belt loops tell the story of a happy belly on the weekends.

Ari, along with the work of EnterCom, helped make our formal dinner a huge success, lively and well attended. We are hungrily anticipating the November 13 Faculty Party, for which he is preparing the hors d'oeuvres. We expect to see a large turnout if the weather complies (last year's party coincided with the first snowstorm of the year).

RecruitCom devoted their efforts to soliciting applications for the spring semester, seeing that we have extra room in the House. After receiving five applications, we preferred Jennifer "Verne" Long at a makeshift APC meeting. A grad student in the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Verne has been working to develop nutrient-rich varieties of basic grains to improve nutrition in developing nations; in her spare time she studies the Talmud and numerous foreign languages.

EcoCom, along with RGC, has launched a project to revamp the lighting system in the House, an idea that grew out of last spring's electricity audit. Working with a professional consultant who has agreed to work at a reduced rate, they have solicited the help of housemembers to test out fluorescent light bulbs and select brighter, more energy-efficient fixtures.

Telluride Association has been a strong presence in the House this semester. Norwood Andrews, the interim Administrative Director, has taken up residence in the House, and has been a welcome presence at House events. Numerous TA committees have frequented the House, at times confusing new housemembers with their goings-on, and occasionally providing a glimpse of the inner workings of the Association. Michigan Branch Implementation Committee held an open meeting with the House to solicit our input on Michigan Branch, which also provided a forum for discussing questions and concerns about Cornell Branch. The Chair of Custodians, Jeff Behrens, gave a pubspeak on financial issues and made a point of talking with housemembers throughout the weekend. These encounters have improved the overall House feeling toward TA, a sentiment that felt strained last year and at Convention.

Photos: Cornell Branch residents during the formal dinner (fall 1998). Above — from left: Julia Watts, David "Pete" Wildes, and faculty guests Sierra Adare and Margaret Morse; Left—(center) Raven Hall and Mark Hauber and guests.

# AUTUMN PREFERMENT

The Association Committees charged with the selection of preferment recipients this fall are pleased to announce the following winners.

## CORNELL BRANCH

### SPRING 1999

Long, Jennifer "Verne"

### ACADEMIC YEAR 1999-2000

#### CORNELL I TASP

Bowens, Antonio  
Boyd, Matthieu  
Cattley, John  
Omari, Amina

#### CORNELL II TASP

Koshy, Tanya  
Singh, Puneet

#### INDIANA TASS

Webb, Jamila

#### KENYON TASP

Bhasin, Komal  
Briggs, John  
Garcia, Luis  
Kumar, Manish  
Wampler, Sara

#### MICHIGAN TASP

Alexander, Theodore  
Bauman, Jessica  
Cabrera, Emily  
Jemison, Steffani  
Tontiplaphol, Don

## MICHIGAN BRANCH

### ACADEMIC YEARS 1999-2001

#### CORNELL I TASP

Omari, Amina

#### MICHIGAN TASP

Bauman, Jessica  
Cabrera, Emily  
Jemison, Steffani  
Miller, Judy  
Sosa, Joseph

# MICHIGAN BRANCH IMPLEMENTATION MOVES FORWARD

By Jessica Cattelino, SP91 CB92 TA93  
Chair, Michigan Branch Implementation Committee (MBIC)

Plans for the fast-approaching opening of the Michigan Branch of Telluride Association (MBTA) generated intense discussion at this year's Convention, as TA both honed the mission of the project and began to plot the nuts and bolts planning required during the next two years. At the fall meeting of MBIC, we preferred the first summer program students to the "pilot branch" (see below). It was an excellent applicant pool, and in March we will round out the group by selecting current and incoming University of Michigan students.

Telluride Association's vision for the MBTA is coming into focus. MBTA will be a room-and-board scholarship house combining formal intellectual engagement and self-government with the conception, planning, and execution of an annual project that contributes to public life. It will house between twenty and thirty students of different ages, as well as several long-term faculty guests. Housemembers will serve on committees and participate in formal and informal intellectual life. In addition, MBTA will be characterized by a thematic focus on governance, both in the sense of self-government and in the broader sense of understanding how communities make decisions, distribute power, and improve public life.

## "MBTA WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY A THEMATIC FOCUS ON GOVERNANCE"

MBTA members will aim to link practical work in the Ann Arbor (and possibly Ypsilanti) community with theoretical and academic inquiry. This will involve an academic seminar at the beginning of each academic year and weekly or bi-weekly workshops throughout the year on topics related to governance. The annual branch project will attempt to have a demonstrable impact on the community. The project will be run primarily by housemembers and will provide a focus for linking Telluride's values of intellectual inquiry, self-government, and community involvement.

We anticipate participation in MBTA by students with a wide range of academic interests and political and philosophical beliefs, students drawn both from TA summer programs and from the student body at the University of Michigan. We are committed to building an economically and racially diverse community, and we expect that the House will bring students into a challenging educational community characterized by a shared belief that the experience of self-government makes students of all disciplines more valuable and effective members of society.

In order to facilitate the smooth opening of MBTA in the fall of 2000, we will establish what we call a "pilot branch" during the 1999-2000 academic year. Although the residential branch will not be open at that time, we hope ultimately to accept about ten freshmen and sophomores to our pilot branch, each of whom will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Pilot branch members will begin to form the social and intellectual community that will characterize daily life in the Michigan Branch. They will attend a several-day orientation at the beginning of the 1999 school year which will feature an academic focus on an aspect of governance. Pilot branch members will meet regularly to execute a community-oriented project and will help TA to develop plans for the opening of the residential branch in the fall of 2000.

Telluride associates can help MBIC by recommending to us incoming or current University of Michigan students, providing us with names of possible U-M faculty to teach TASPs or MBTA seminars, and responding to the Telluride Development Council's forthcoming request for donations to help fund this challenging and most exciting endeavor.



# TA TO ADMINISTER MIKE YARROW AWARD

By Norwood Andrews, SP86 CB87 TA88  
Interim Administrative Director

**"Do you have a yen for an adventurous education?"** Set in bold type on the cover of the brochure describing the Pasadena Branch of Telluride Association, this question helped to recruit a distinguished cohort of students to the Association's short-lived "experiment in college education for men." The question also conveys something of the distinctive character of C. H. "Mike" Yarrow, DS25 CB28 TA28, one of the founders of Pasadena Branch and its director throughout its existence from 1946 to 1952.

With the sponsorship and support of Pasadena Branch alumni and friends, the Association is now preparing to administer the Mike Yarrow Adventurous Education Fund, which will enable Telluride branchmembers to pursue summer educational projects that reflect Yarrow's spirit and promote the principles to which he was dedicated.

Together with his educational ideals, Yarrow was also committed to his Quaker faith and to the cause of world peace and the mediation of international conflict. After his work on behalf of Pasadena Branch, he spent the remainder of his career as a member of the staff of the American Friends Service Committee, and from 1963 to 1972 he headed the committee's International Affairs Division. Following his retirement he wrote *Quaker Experiences in International Conciliation* (Yale University Press, 1978), which explains the involvement of Quaker organizations in the development of East-West German relations, the India-Pakistan war of 1965, and the Nigerian civil war of 1967-1970.

Yarrow's early experiences informed his guiding principles. His mother and father were missionaries who traveled to the ancient Armenian city of Van, in eastern Turkey, where he was born in 1910. He lived there with his parents during the Russian-Turkish campaigns of the First World War, which included a month-long siege of the city by Turkish forces in 1915. A later evacuation of the city sent the Yarrow family eastward to Vladivostok on the Trans-Siberian Railway, and then on to Peking and Honolulu. As Harvey C. Mansfield observed

in the September 1985 *Telluride Newsletter* (following Yarrow's death in April of that year), the young Mike Yarrow "had traveled most of the way around the globe and had seen poverty, starvation, pestilence, and death at close range."

Yarrow attended Deep Springs for three years, then lived at Telluride House and joined the Association. He majored in chemistry at Cornell and graduated in 1931. He went briefly to divinity school and taught at Deep Springs before undertaking graduate studies in political theory at Yale. He and Margaret Norton, then a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, were married in 1936. He received his Ph.D. two years later and taught at universities for several years. During the Second World War he served in the Disputes Division of the War Labor Board and later as director of a Civilian Public Service camp for conscientious objectors.

Yarrow's leadership of Pasadena Branch illustrates several aspects of the idea of adventurousness in education. Aiming to prepare young men for a life of "practical idealism," the plan of the branch alternated periods of academic study with temporary work experience. When branchmembers sought alternatives to the initial academic offerings (which consisted of classes at Occidental College), Yarrow advocated the hiring of part-time faculty and presided over the creation of the branch's own academic program, with resident faculty members such as Kurt and Alice Bergel and other instructors chosen by branchmembers. Yarrow was also a vigorous outdoorsman and led a succession of memorable field trips, which included the scaling of Mt. Whitney by Pasadena branchmembers in the fall of 1950.

Perhaps most important, however, was Yarrow's commitment to the integrity of the fundamentally unpredictable process by which students worked out their individual views in principle and in practice. Yarrow's own calm style of leadership, and his mastery of what Allan Lyons, PB48, has called "quiet persuasion," made an enduring impression on his students. However, Robert Richter,



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALLAN LYONS

"Shortly after the close of the study term in early September, the entire student body in company with Director Mike Yarrow climbed to the top of Mt. Whitney. The 26-mile trek and a fierce snowstorm encountered in the last 2,000 feet tempered our conquering spirits a bit, but no one regretted the experience, and the adventure was indeed an unforgettable one."

"Pasadena Branch Notes," by Harold Fishman, *Telluride Newsletter*, October 1950.

PB47, later wrote that "Mike wanted us to develop our own thoughts and abilities, our own values, so we could stand up for what we did believe and act with the knowledge of the consequences of our actions." According to Rachel Dickinson's history of Pasadena Branch in the Spring 1992 *Telluride Newsletter*, the refusal of several branchmembers to register for the draft, together with the location of the branch on the campus of a school run by pacifist Quakers, cast a cloud of controversy over the project that never dispersed. For Yarrow, however, an appropriately adventurous education would cultivate the individual's distinct moral conscience, whether it led in one direction or another. "As long as I am retained as Director," he told Association members at the 1949 Convention, "I will endeavor, with more or less success, to see that both registrants and non-registrants to our multifold and complex but very evil society, test their position thoroughly and seriously."

The Awards Committee of Telluride Association is currently preparing the application process for the Mike Yarrow Adventurous Education Fund's first an-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALLAN LYONS

## Pasadena Reunion Marks Anniversary

On May 16 and 17, alumni and friends of the Pasadena Branch of Telluride Association returned to Pasadena to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the branch. Pictured above are (from left): Charles Christenson PB48 CB50 TA51, Mrs. Margaret Yarrow, Charles Lem PB48, Tupper Turner PB47, Harold Fishman PB49, Allan Lyons PB49 (seated), Don Adams PB49, Kurt Bergel (resident faculty), and Robert Richter PB47. The gathering also included Libby Bassett, Ann Hedger (resident), Vicki Neutra, Erik Pell DS41 TA43 CB46, Mike Yarrow, Jr., and Matthew Trail, Administrative Director of Telluride Association.

The idea of the reunion arose from a brief previous visit by Allan Lyons to the campus of Pacific Oaks College and Children's School, which leased one of its craftsman-style bungalows to the Branch for the greater part of the Branch's six-year existence. Pasadena branchmembers and friends congregated once again on the porch at 714 West California Street, discussed plans for establishing the Adventurous Education Fund in memory of PBTA Director Mike Yarrow, and also got to enjoy what Robert Richter called a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" to relive fond memories and renew longstanding ties.

nual award. Interested branchmembers should contact Denis Clark, the chair of the Awards Committee, for more details. The establishment of the Fund is supported by individual donations, and anyone who would like to offer further support is invited to participate. (Checks may be made out to Telluride Corporation and designated to "Yarrow Fund." Please feel free to contact the Association Office for further information.)

# DESPATCH FROM KENTUCKY

## or, From TASPlications to Appalachians

By Matthew Trail, SP81 CB82 TA84  
Administrative Director, Telluride Association 1995-1998

As it sometimes does, life suddenly shifted gears for me this past summer. After three years of rewarding work as Telluride's Administrative Director, personal plans blossomed and I suddenly needed to contemplate relocating to Lexington, Kentucky to join my fiancée. A whirlwind and felicitously brief job search ensued, and by early September I was saying goodbye to 217 West Avenue for the third time in my life. The Bluegrass awaited.

Several months have passed and I am settling into life here in Kentucky. While I may have finally joined the ranks of Nunnians let out to pasture, as it were, I feel that my new work in the Bluegrass and beyond very much complements the work of community-building I started in Telluride.

My new position is Associate Director of Sustainable Communities with the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED). MACED (<http://www.maced.org>) works with poor communities in rural Appalachia and supports their grassroots planning of development that is economically, environmentally, and politically sustainable, and based on citizen participation. This is very much a break from existing models for these communities. Much of this region has been exploited by extractive industries or been the object of externally-inspired and managed "great society" programs that have come and gone, doing little for increasing what MACED calls local "social capacity." Our task is to help these communities help themselves.

Concretely, my work involves liaison with and support of citizen-based "action teams" in four Appalachian counties, supervising staff, writing grant proposals and reports, and contributing to the burgeoning field of sustainable development. It's enormously challenging, but extremely interesting work—and I've found strong points of commonality with my Telluride experiences.

Indeed, for all that those of us who have spent lots of time with Telluride like to think of the experience as hopelessly idiosyncratic, it clearly—and happily—isn't. Of course, it isn't designed to be. In

fact, like MACED, Telluride is broadly about "community development." My years with the Association, both as a participant and administrator, are enormously relevant to this work. Like dealing with a branch, MACED's work with Appalachian communities is very much one that tries to respect their self-definition of values, principles, and projects. And although MACED tends to talk less about leadership than Telluride does, I see building social capacity as an act that distributes leadership throughout the community. The similarities with Telluride's mission are striking.

Another interesting commonality for me has been the creative tension of working from a central office with groups and staff at a distance, and who in fact are as much independent partners as organizational projects. My last year at Tel-

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luride working with Michigan Project Director Tom Hawks has been an enormous help in confronting some of these issues.

Of course, there are differences in MACED's and Telluride's work. MACED does not really incorporate Telluride's heavy emphasis on intellectual community, for example. And, obviously, Telluride works in general with students with more educational and economic resources (the functional illiteracy rate in several of our counties is close to 60%). But the work that both organizations do is philosophically quite complementary.

Meanwhile, the Bluegrass is a very interesting area, culturally, economically, and environmentally. Lexington is an attractive city that is booming economically but is now starting to choke on some of that success. It's a land of manicured horse farms and vast strip malls and expanding housing developments. Berea, the small town 45 minutes south where I work, is quite different—something of a

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# ALUMNI NOTES

1940s

PHILIP HANAWALT, DS49, continues to work as a biology professor at Stanford, "with a great group of graduate students and post-docs," and he adds, "with no thought of retiring." He has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Oberlin College. In February he will chair the Gordon Conference on Mammalian DNA repair.

1950s

STEPHEN BIRDLEBOUGH, DS53 CB55, is a public interest lobbyist for the Friends Committee on Legislation of California (Quakers). This follows his twenty years as legislative liaison for the California Judicial Council, and a one-year stint as Chief Counsel for the State Assembly Judiciary Committee. He writes, "My efforts are mainly focused on reducing the problems of imprisonment, which currently affect 160,000 families in this state alone. Sally and I try to stay in touch with our six children and 10 grandchildren."

1960s

ROBERT GAY, DS60 BB63 TA64, writes "In the two years since moving from the maritime Northwest, it has been (mainly) a delight to live in the desert again. Besides scorpions, black widows and tarantulas, we've been joined by Maxwell Lukas (son #2) on June 22. Beyond parenting, Monique has been an artist in the schools, and has a show of paintings in December. I'm finding clients interested in sustainability and alternative building methods, and have three straw-bale houses and a church under construction."

FRANCES PERKINS, CBG60, was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in July 1998. Perkins served under Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman as Secretary of Labor from 1933 to 1945. She was a frequent guest of the Cornell Branch of Telluride Association during the time she was affiliated with Cornell's School of Labor



CBTA Fall 1998

NORWOOD ANDREWS

and Industrial Relations. She passed away in 1965.

ELENA SCHAFFER DAVIDSON, SP64 writes, "At Cornell TASP 1964 Professor (Neil) Hertz assigned us a journal-writing project. I have kept a diary ever since, and now I collect other people's diaries and papers. I serve as archivist for the Hoover Institution at Stanford where I am *in charge* of preserving about 50 million documents. I have not read them all quite yet."

PATRICIA DILLEY, SP67 is associate professor at the University of Florida College of Law, where she teaches employee benefits and deferred compensation in the Graduate Tax Program. Since her summer program, she went on to receive a B.A. from Swarthmore, and a M.A. in history from the University of Pennsylvania. She worked for the Social Security Administration and the Dept. of Health and Human Services before earning a law degree in 1986 from Georgetown University Law Center. She served as counsel to the Social Security Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, where she worked on the 1983 Social Security Amendments and the 1986 Tax Reform Act, and as well as other legisla-

tion. She entered into private practice in 1987 in D.C. and then in Vermont. She received an LL.M. in tax from Boston University in 1993 and has been teaching in law school since then, first at Seattle University and now at the University of Florida, Gainesville. She has been missing from the Telluride files for a while but can be reached at: [pdilley@email.msn.com](mailto:pdilley@email.msn.com).

MARK CRAWFORD, SP69, is now a stay-at-home father of two toddlers: Ben, three, and Abby, 21 months. He adds that he has deferred his legal career in favor of teaching a night class in English composition at a two-year college in Columbia, South Carolina." His wife, the former Pamela Fried, works as a psychiatrist for the State of South Carolina.

1970s

MARTIN QUIGLEY, DS71, has joined Ohio State University as Assistant Professor of Urban Landscape Ecology in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science.

NINA GILBERT, SP72, writes, "I have been teaching and conducting in the choral program at the University of Califor-



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nia (Irvine) since September 1996. My side interests involve chorus-related writing and editing: I am the Associate Editor of the *Choral Journal*, I have about twenty pieces of music in print (choral arrangements and editions), and I am the choral critic and commentator for National Public Radio's *Performance Today*. Visit me at [www.arts.uci.edu/gilbert](http://www.arts.uci.edu/gilbert)."

THOMAS A. SMITH, SP74 CB75, received his law degree (1984) from Yale; clerked for Judge George MacKinnon on the D.C. circuit before teaching law at University of Colorado (Boulder) and at University of California (Davis). In 1987-88, he was senior counsel and economist at the Council of Economic Advisers where he worked on microeconomic and regulatory issues. He also spent several years with the law firm of Covington and Burling. He is now a professor of law at the University of San Diego where he teaches contracts, corporate law, and law and economics. He is married to Jeanne Gromer, an endocrinologist at Scripps Clinic and they have three boys.

DANIEL SEGAL, SP75 CB76 TA79, is a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. He is on leave from Pitzer College for the 1998-1999 academic year.

JOHN DAVIDSON, DS79, received a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin (Madison) in 1985 and a J.D. from the University of Oregon in 1992. He now lives in Eugene, Oregon, where he is conducting research on behalf of the Constitutional Law Foundation related to implied environmental rights in the U.S. Constitution, intergenerational equity, and theories of secession, nullification and interposition.

TONY SEBOK, SP79 CB80 TA82, was granted tenure at Brooklyn Law School in October 1997. In April 1998 he was awarded a Berlin Prize fellowship and will spend his sabbatical (spring of 1999) at the American Academy of Berlin comparing American and German views on punitive damages in tort law. His book, *Legal Positivism in American Jurisprudence*,

was published in October 1998 by Cambridge University Press.

## 1980s

MARY VACCARO, SP81, was the recipient of two post-doctoral fellowships this year. The first one was to conduct research in Parma, Italy this past summer and was funded by an NEH summer stipend. The second fellowship is one of fifteen sponsored by the Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies to study at their post-doctoral institute at Villa I Tatti, in Florence, Italy. Since its inception in 1961, the institute has been "dedicated to scholarship and the exchange of ideas in a variety of disciplines within Italian Renaissance studies." Vacarro's topic of study for the 1998-99 academic year is "Correggio, Parmigianino, and the rhetoric of Disegno in Italian Renaissance art."

LYNNE SACKS, SP84 CB85 TA88, and PAUL KIM, SP84 TA93, are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Anna Miran Gilbert Kim, (6 lbs, 10 oz, 19 1/2 inches) on October 3, 1998.

CARL CARLSON, SP87 has founded a non-profit organization, "Convergence 2000," wherewith to celebrate the millenium with a leftist political agenda. Interested associates can visit his Web site at <http://www.people.virginia.edu/~cmc5g/>.

CARLOS ROJAS, SP87 CB88 TA90, and Zhang Jie are pleased to announce the birth of Luodan Rojas (7 pound 6 oz) at 4:30 a.m. on October 13, 1998. "Everyone is happy, healthy, and more than a little tired."

EVE BUCKLEY, SP88, continues to pursue a doctorate in the history of science program at the University of Pennsylvania. She married a fellow University of Chicago graduate on August 15, 1998 who began teaching economics at the University of Delaware this fall. They reside in Swarthmore, PA.

## MANSFIELD-WEFALD PRIZE AWARDED

The winner of Telluride's 1998 Mansfield-Wefald Prize was ANI MUKHERJI, SP93 CB94 TA98. His senior thesis, "'Uncle Tom Meets Uncle Sam': The Role of International Ideological Tensions and the Soviet Mediation of Radical Politics in the Formation of American Civil Rights Discourse, 1930-1947," was selected by the Mansfield-Wefald Prize Committee and announced during Convention in June. The annual prize commemorates the lives of Mary Mansfield, SP76 CB77 TA78, and Eric Wefald, SP74 CB75 TA76.

PHILIP BUDDEN, CB88 TA90, writes that "he is working for the British Foreign Office, in its Embassy in Vienna, where he is responsible for European Union affairs. He and his family (Deb, and baby Sophie) are enjoying Austria but wish they were closer to their American friends: they are *virtually* reachable at [pd Budden@compuserve.com](mailto:pd Budden@compuserve.com)."

DEREK JACKSON, SP88, is taking a break from his studies at Brooklyn Law School to earn some tuition by working as a legal assistant in the litigation division of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York. He keeps in touch with fellow TASPer Robert Gordon and extends a warm hello to everyone, especially Danny and Eve.

## 1990s

ZACK BERGER, SP90, is in the M.D.-Ph.D. program at NYU where his recent completion of step 1 of the medical boards marks his "miraculous transformation into a graduate student in epidemiology." He adds "I publish poetry and articles in Yiddish and English in journals and magazines no one has heard of. I'm the only non-hip person in New York, a city I love despite its mayor." He can be reached at 212/696-4317 or [bergezo1@](mailto:bergezo1@)

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popmail.med.nyu.edu, and at 435 East 30th Street, #925, NY, NY 10016.

AARON TYSEN, SP91 CB92, and Julie Peterman (Cornell Class of '97) were married in June 1997. The couple moved to Germany where Julie began work with Procter and Gamble's European engineering branch, and Aaron continued his tour with the U.S. army. The couple has plans to return to the U.S. in a couple of years.

SHELBY DIETZ, SP93 CB94 TA98, and BOGLARKA PETRUSKA, SP94 CB95 TA96 were members of Cornell's College Bowl team that participated in the April 1998 National Championship in Richardson, TX. Cornell placed second in the event with teams competing from 16 academic institutions.

Following graduation with honors from Ketchikan High School in Ketchikan, AK, ROBIN MILLER, SP97, represented Alaska in the National Forensics League Lincoln-Douglas Debate Tournament in

June. She spent the rest of the summer "on the dark side of the political spectrum" as an intern in Washington, D.C. in the office of Senator Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska). She began her freshman year this fall at the University of Oregon where she plans to major in political science and journalism.

KRISTIN ROEBUCK, SP97, published four poems in anthologies and one essay in a college magazine. She is attending Duke University this fall.



The Cornell Branch of Telluride was fortunate to have poet COLETTE INEZ, CBG98, in residence this past spring. She is the author of eight books of poetry (most recently *Clemency*, Carnegie Mellon, 1998) and has been widely published and anthologized. She has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the National Endowment of the Arts. We learned recently that her poem *Monologue of the Falconer's Wife* was selected for the Pushcart Prize (1998). She has returned to New York City to resume teaching at Columbia University's writing program but stays connected with Telluride through friends and associates who live in the New York area.

## COLLEGE CHOICE SURVEY

### TASP 1997 AT CORNELL I

Cantor, Andrew	Yale University
Cyganowski, Claudia	Harvard University
Dai, Rong	Columbia University
Feldman, Ezra	Harvard University
Jeffries, Michael	Swarthmore College
Keck, Joyce	Harvard University
McKean, Benjamin	Harvard University
McNeal, Tracy	Harvard University
Parfitt, Alexandra	University of Chicago
Ren, Tianbo	Tulane University
Smith, Rachael	
Wallaert, Joshua	Lewis & Clark College
Wang, Sue	Rice University
Wood, Stephen	Reed College

### TASP 1997 AT CORNELL II

Bazerman, Gershom	UC Berkeley
Bozovic, Marijeta	Harvard University
Caldwell III, Craig	Furman
Carroll, George	Grinnell College
Cho, Albert	Harvard University
Conklin, Christopher	
Gleason, April	Harvard University
Petrosino, Francesca	Harvard University
Sadun, Rebecca	Brown University
Santina, Peter	Harvard University
Tasillo, Mary	Oberlin College
Torres, Andrew	Harvard University
Withrow, Jessie	Bates College
Yun, Richard	Yale University

### TASP 1996 AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Brown, Byrone	
Draine, Rolandra	
Dyson, Cicely	
Fuller, Naeemah	
Huddleston, Ebony	
Jackson, Nneka	Cornell University
McDonald, Summer	Purdue University
Payne, Maya	Harvard University
Turk, Karl	Indiana State
Verdin-Williams, Gideon	
Williams, Candace	Spelman College

### TASP 1997 AT KENYON COLLEGE

Appelbaum, Yonatan	Columbia College
Cabeza de Baca, Vicente	Princeton University
Carlson, Lynn	Michigan State
Collins, George	
Creel, Alisha	Harvard University
Csipkay-Brehm, Genevra	Cornell University *
Hindi, Hanny	
Hiza, Nicholas	
Huang, Susie	Harvard University
Lee, YoungWha	Vanderbilt University
Miller, Robin	University of Oregon
Park, Jason	Princeton University
Roebuck, Kristin	Duke University
Rukhelman, Svetlana	Harvard University
Schwam-Baird, Michael	Cornell University
Tanniru, Joseph	New York University
Ulrich, William	
Vega, Nicole	

### TASP 1997 AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE (ANNAPOLIS)

Cohen, Joseph	Yale University
Crudup, Eluehue	
DeCaro, John	Emory University
Dineva, Atanaska	
Downs, Angela	
Harris, Jr., Mark	
Kaminski, Leah	
Malhotra, Paven	Harvard University
Meek, Amy	Swarthmore College
Nevala-Lee, Alec	
Rosenblatt, David	Harvard University
Saldana, Nancy	
Saleem, Safiyyah	
Smith, Stephen	
Wills, Vanessa	Princeton University
Wischow, Katherine	
Yale, Elizabeth	
Zaremsky, Ilya	Yale University

\*(deferred admission)

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smaller version of Ithaca (it was named "most enlightened town" in Kentucky by *Utne Reader* last year!). Further east, in the Appalachian regions that MACED works with, you encounter both stunning natural beauty and shameful environmental degradation, and a people at times suspicious and demoralized, but also hardy, generous, and dedicated.

Meanwhile, life is busy apart from work as well. I'm very happily engaged to Amelia El-Hindi, an Assistant Professor of Education at Transylvania University in Lexington. A June 1999 wedding in Syracuse is planned. After a year of cross-country courtship, we're very much enjoying living in the same time zone. She is teaching me the fine art of cooking with too many lemons and I keep her well supplied with chocolate.

Of course, life wouldn't be complete without at least some Telluride contact, potential or otherwise. One of my Williams TASPers, Angie Muhs SP85, is a journalist and columnist for the Lexington Herald-Leader. I've enjoyed reading her coverage of the recent colorful Kentucky electoral campaign, and am dreadfully embarrassed that I haven't looked her up yet. Hi, Angie!

Also, proving yet again that all roads seem to lead to Telluride, one of my colleagues here at MACED is a Cornell Ph.D. in Medieval Literature and was a college friend of Stephanie Seremetis, SP67 CB68.

Finally, President Carol Owen and old housemates Scott McDermott and Emerson and Cindy Brown are a few hours down the interstate in Tennessee. Carol has already dropped by for lunch, at which I am pleased to say we dwelled on Telluride for only a few minutes at the end. I'm looking forward to regional TASP and TASS interviewing in the spring, and mulling over what kind of Telluride alumni work I'd like to help with.

Of course, Telluriders are warmly invited to stop by whenever they're in the Bluegrass. The "hot brown" and chess pie is on me. I look forward to staying in touch with all things Telluride, and continuing to serve when called. Drop me a line at [mtrail@maced.org](mailto:mtrail@maced.org)!



Cornell Branch Annual Photo, 1940-41: clockwise from top left are: Roland C. Ball, Bruce F. Johnston, Fenton B. Sands, James B. Tucker, Jr., John L. Murray, Harry N. Bedell.

## IN MEMORIAM

FENTON B. SANDS, CB41, passed away on February 22, 1998 in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Sands joined the Cornell Branch of Telluride Association in the spring of 1941. He received a B.S. from Cornell University in 1942. He joined the U.S. Army following graduation and served during World War II as a Navigator-Bombardier with the famed Tuskegee Airmen. Following military service, he returned to Cornell and earned a Ph.D. in agriculture.

He embarked on an international career that began with a missionary appointment where he "supervised agricultural work for the Episcopal Church throughout the Republic of Liberia." He went on to supervise many projects throughout the world as consultant to the World Bank. As a program specialist for the Ford Founda-

tion, he was instrumental in establishing the Ministry of Rural Development in Nigeria. He was also founding director of extension and research for the College of the Virgin Islands, and Senior Tropical Agriculturist and Deputy Directory of Agriculture for the state of California.

Following retirement he was involved in many community activities throughout the Orlando, Florida area.

He is survived by Dorothy, his wife of 53 years; son, Fenton B. Sands, Jr. of Ghana; daughters, Doy Wilds of Thomasville, Georgia; Renee Sands, of Orlando, Florida; brothers, Bradford Sands, of Denver; Donald Sands, of New York City; sisters Margurite Bacon and Edith Carroll, of New York City and seven grandchildren.

The Association was notified this summer of the death of BRADFORD YAGGY, DS22 TA27, most recently of Carlisle, PA.

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