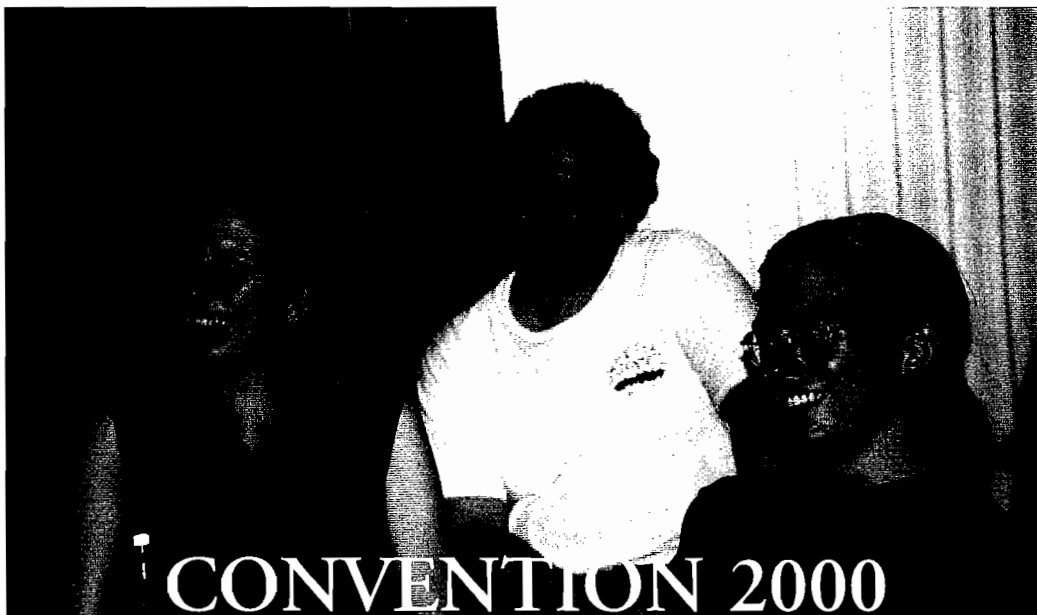


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*Now the burden of leadership is in part the consciousness of the call—the vision of the need—  
but the acceptance of the calling to be one of the few is half the labor accomplished.*

—L.L. Nunn

In a few short weeks, Telluride House will resound once again with the voices of those who have answered the Call to Convention. As our founder might have observed, their very presence represents a significant—even monumental—commitment of time and resources on the part of Telluride associates over the past twelve months. Yet the remaining half of the work to be done is substantial: the progress of the nascent Michigan Branch must be assessed and the next steps planned; the Incorporation Study Committee's proposal must be vetted; and an Association-wide Purpose and Plan meeting must be held.

In order to allow time for these items of business and others, the format of Convention has been slightly modified this year. The traditional Thursday morning reports of Standing Committee chairs, the Deep Springs president, and other officers will be presented only in brief, with full written reports to be referred to Convention Committees. The Convention Committees will perform thorough reviews of the Standing Committees' work and prepare full-length reports to be read on the floor. It is hoped that this format will allow more time for both formal and informal Convention debates regarding the Association's work during the 1999-2000 term, as well as its mission and goals for the future.

Adding their perspectives to these discussions will be several presidential invitees. At present, these invitees include Mrs. Joseph Nunn, wife of the late nephew of L.L. Nunn, and Chris Breiseth, the current president of Wilkes College and a past president of both Telluride Association and Deep Springs College. We look forward to their contributions to our debates.

If you are presently a Telluride Association trustee, you may take comfort in Nunn's notion that half of our work will be accomplished by 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, merely by dint of a quorum's having convened in the Striped Room. With regard to the other half, I remind you that it must be accomplished in the succeeding seventy-five hours. Accordingly, I urge you to make plans now to join your fellow trustees for the second half of our 1999-2000 labors. In so doing, you will once again have the opportunity to justify our founder's expectation with regard to our generous spirits, substantial abilities, and willingness to lead a life of service. I believe that is a call worth heeding.

Carol Owen, SP78 CB85 TA86  
TA President 1998-2000

*Photo: Jessica Cattelino, SP91 CB92 TA93, Jeffrey Behrens, SP84 TA95 and Keith Sweet, DS97 TA98, at the 1999 Convention.*

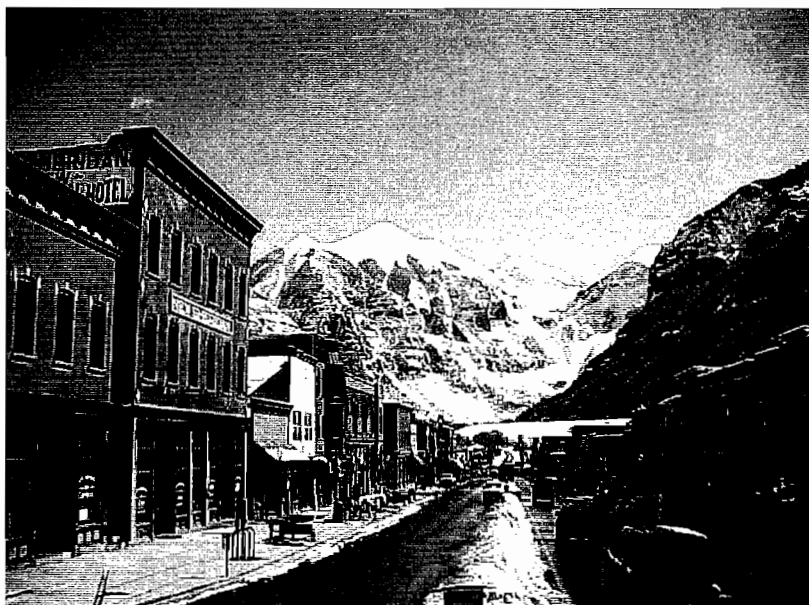
## NUNN TO BE HONORED AT TELLURIDE TECH FESTIVAL AUGUST 11-14

The place where it all began, Telluride, Colorado, will host the first annual Telluride Tech Festival on August 11, 12, 13, and 14. Telluride is already known around the world for its festivals, including the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Telluride Chamber Music Festival, Telluride Film Festival, and Telluride Jazz Festival. Now, the Telluride Tech Festival will offer the world an introduction to the technological innovation that shaped the last century and continues to empower the new one.

The event will feature a historical tribute to hometown hero L.L. Nunn along with tributes to his partners, Nikola Tesla and George Westinghouse, who built the world's first alternating current power plant in Telluride in 1891. The event, organized by longtime resident Scott Brown, will celebrate the past, present and future of technology.

All Nunnians are invited to attend and participate in the festival. The big tribute to Nunn will be presented by past and present members of Telluride Association and will be representative of both the Association and Deep Springs College. The presentation will shine light on the life and times of Nunn, with tours conducted of the original Ames Power Plant, Town of Alta and the Gold King Mine Area, Nunn's home and the Cornell (Pinhead) House, along with the First National Bank Building. Denis Clark, DS69 CB72 TA73, the Chair of the Telluride Association/Deep Springs History Project, is heading up the effort to design and present the tribute to Nunn (he is looking for lots of help!).

According to Brown, representatives from the Tesla Museum, Tesla Society, and Tesla family will be present to make the presentation on Nikola Tesla. Ed Reis, the Executive Director of the Westinghouse Museum, along with Trustees, family, and friends, will be present for the George Westinghouse tribute. Exhibits, pictures, and documents from each of the tributees' archives will be displayed (many of which we under-



stand have never been seen before).

The festival program will also include tributes to three current individuals who have changed the world through their work in the field of technology. The three individuals will be announced thirty days prior to the festival, but expect honorees the equal of Nunn, Tesla, and Westinghouse.

The third part of the program includes corporate-sponsored contests and demonstrations of robots, software, hardware, and other tech inventions, plus techno music in the night clubs, digital art in the galleries, and all kinds of technology books and book signings in the bookstores.

The opening day, August 11, will be devoted to workshops, forums, demonstrations, and other participatory educational events in all technological fields, and will focus on children and students, with free admission in honor of L.L. Nunn and his educational efforts over the last 100+ years.

"The festival will be fun, educational and interesting. We hope to discover a few surprises and solve a few mysteries," says Brown. "It's time that

Nunn received the recognition that he deserves. From a historical perspective, Nunn, Tesla, and Westinghouse's work in electrifying the world have been relatively unrecognized. We're going to change that." According to Brown, "It's a family affair. There will be lots to do for everyone, including hikes led by luminaries from the Dot Com world, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, and just soaking up some mountain air and sunshine in the most beautiful mountain town in North America. If you haven't been to the home of L.L. Nunn, but have always said you wanted to see it for yourself, now's the time."

For tickets and additional information please visit the festival website at [www.telluridetechnofestival.com](http://www.telluridetechnofestival.com), or call the techfest office at 970-728-9045. Tickets for the event will be limited to 500. Anyone interested in helping with the event, sponsoring a contest, volunteering time for a complimentary ticket, or offering a great idea, please contact Scott Brown at the techfest office.

## LL UPDATE

This is the second in an ongoing series of items on the colorful history and legacy of L.L. Nunn. Submissions are always welcome from interested Nunnians. The following passage from Orville Sweeting's history of Nunn's life and work was brought to the editors' attention by Denis Clark, DS69 CB72 TA73.



The development of the mines lagged, for the site [Lluvia de Oro mine, in southwestern Chihuahua, Mexico] was far up a river of undependable water supply, and supplies were difficult to transport. This circumstance led to the invention of a remarkable craft, apparently designed by L. L. and O. B. Suhr, which appears to have been a prehistoric ancestor of the amphibian "ducks" of World War II.

It was a huge steel boat, fitted with a powerful automobile engine. Outboard it was fitted with paddle wheels like a Mississippi side-wheeler, which propelled it in the water and with which it crawled (aided by other wheels) on land. It was capable of climbing the river from pools and stretches of water over the practically dry rocky river bed in between.

That the craft was not an unqualified success is attested to in the letter which follows, but it served amazingly well to transport tons of lumber, cement, cable, and milling equipment from the coast to Lluvia de Oro.

[From a letter to Will Alexander, one of the Pinheads of the engineer force, dated August 8, 1908]:  
"...It will probably be the last of this month before Anderson arrives at San Blas with the new boat. Then, it will be only a qualified success. You can rely on twelve miles an hour, possibly a little better; but this was the best I could get out of the trial trip. The boat is better adapted for low water than for high. Its action on the traction wheels was very good. It moved by its own power out of the factory. However, it is not very easily controlled, and I fear the traction wheels will not be of much use in such water as we are likely to have during the next few months. My greatest disappointment, however, was due to the fact that it weighs six tons. It is not all that it might be, but I hope will prove a great assistance. It should leave about the 15th and I think may possibly make the trip in ten days. You will, however, be notified of each step in its progress."

## RETHINKING TELLURIDE THIS YEAR AT CBTA

by John Briggs, SP98 CB99

In one word, the twenty current residents of the Cornell Branch could fairly describe the year as one of "rethinking." This vague term has been most evident in terms of self-government. An *ad hoc* group of housemembers have devoted themselves to learning the Sanskrit needed to decipher our hoary governing documents; they have since translated them into modern English and digitized them into the Information Age. Our ongoing process has been to revise the documents to reflect current practice at the House, which has differed somewhat since Telluride's Golden Age,

*"which unconstrained,  
With heart and soul, obedient to no law,  
Gave honor to good faith and righteousness,"*

Of course, documents always were updated.

One of the first procedural changes being considered is a revamping of the position of the kitchen assistants, once called potwashers. In an egalitarian-minded House, having three student community members subject to the oversight of housemembers who are also their friends has proven consistently uncomfortable. Differing views on our responsibilities as employers have created vigorous debate, but failed to generate much consensus—except that the position seems archaic and awkward. Reacting to this sentiment and the year's travails, the Kitchen Committee has prepared certain revisions to next year's contract, and they and others are drafting a sense of the body for TA to replace the position in the following year, 2001 – 2002.

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## RETHINKING TELLURIDE

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Other committees within the House have devoted thought to their purpose and plan, as the House began the spring in a contemplative mood inspired by its shifting composition. Next semester, Cornell Branch will only see 12 returning housemembers, of whom seven were new this year. Thus, ours will soon be a House with only five long-time residents, with all the upheaval that accompanies that demographic. Although it was disappointing that certain underclassmen have left or will leave, this minimal continuity may well prove beneficial in a particularly Telluridean way. Along with youth comes vigor, and the newer housemembers, aware that they will soon inherit the Branch, have been instrumental in the ongoing rethinking of House procedures. They, and others in the House, have been particularly inspired by the creation of the Michigan Branch. The development of this pilot program has caused a broader self-examination of the Cornell Branch itself, especially among the first incoming class of TASPers who had to choose between the Branches. With these thought-provoking pressures upon us, TA members visiting Ithaca next year should not be surprised to find a House of many young housemembers—both returning and new from the Hill—and, we hope, new ideas.

Some of those ideas may include ways to spruce up the physical plant of the Cornell Branch. Many housemembers are interested in revamping the sadly disused "tennis court" (strong emphasis on the quotation marks) next to the parking lot. Various possibilities are in discussion, from the raising of a humble volleyball net to either resurfacing the court or replacing it with landscaping. It may not be much longer before the House has a coherent and pleasing suggestion to eliminate this eyesore. Thanks to the good efforts of Telluride's fundraisers, various alumni have earmarked contributions for this renovation project.

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## SMASHING CAPITALISM

*THE FIGHT AGAINST GLOBALIZATION  
BEGINS AT HOME FOR CBTA MEMBERS*

In the fall of 1999, CBTA passed the following resolution: "Whereas capitalism isn't as smashing as it needs to be; be it resolved that Telluride House host a caravan of international activists, en route to the World Trade Organization conference in Seattle, who will visit Ithaca in early November for a series of teach-ins on the WTO." Thus began CBTA's involvement in the campaign against the WTO, and more recently, against the World Bank and IMF.

Every revolution has its setbacks, and the struggle against international capitalism had its fair share. A permanent counter-revolutionary force turned out to be the bus in which the WTO activists traveled across the US. It turned out to be a lemon, and died on the way to Ithaca. The speaker for the first teach-in made it to the house courtesy of a large Cadillac, and accompanying ballistic missile (above), driven by the documentary crew accompanying the activists. To a packed front room Freiderike Haberman, of the German Autonomien, discussed "Economic Man" and the gendered assumptions of neoliberal institutions. Over the next few days, while the bus was being disciplined, workshops were held around campus on issues of race, class and globalization. The activists (20 in all, from Latin America, Europe and Asia) stayed at the House, and communed with housemembers over dinner and ping-pong.

Three weeks later, Carrie Gleason, CB98, and Raj Patel, CB98, joined them on the streets of Seattle singing songs, shouting slogans, and getting gassed. A glutton for punishment, Raj also attended the recent protests against the World Bank and IMF in Washington DC, from which his lungs are now largely recovered.

*Raj Patel, CB98*



An equally fascinating improvement has come to our browsing library, recently supplemented by the generous gift of a complete set of Library of America volumes, donated by William vanden Heuvel, DS46 CB48 TA48. These works, with authors ranging from Abraham Lincoln to Zora Neale Hurston to Edgar Allan Poe, will no doubt serve as one of the cornerstones of our library for years to come. Housemembers have already been spotted whiling away the rare free hour by perusing one of these books.

We look back upon the year as a generally productive one, although there were some potholes on the road to Telluride; in a literal yet ironic twist, substantial potholes do abound along the driveway through the DU parking lot. But those of us who will return next year look forward to taking advantage of the many opportunities hinted by the incoming rush of new faces and energy. We imagine the House growing ever stronger and more interesting as a rejuvenated House comes into its own.

*As for the graduating housemembers, many of whom have lived within these walls, dedicating themselves to Telluride, for four years, see the sidebar.*

## Out with the old . . .

This year, five seniors and a graduate student will be leaving the house for fresh fields. **Scott Aaronson**, CB98, will begin a PhD in computer science at UC Berkeley, starting in the fall, where he'll be working on computational complexity, quantum computing, and AI. Over the summer he'll be working at Bell Labs in Murray Hill, NJ, and also attending a summer school in computational complexity at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ.

**Nicole Blummer**, CB97 TA98, is completing a joint Master of Regional Planning (MRP) and MBA this spring. She plans to work in commercial real estate development on the East Coast, with a focus on projects that revitalize urban areas. She will remain involved with TA through her work on the Board of Custodians.

**Raven Hall**, SS94 CB96, will be deploying her humanities training in the union movement, working with the Hotel Employees Restaurant Employees International Labor Union (HERE) in Washington DC, before going to law school.

Having invented the "computer" and "graphics," **Ryan Ismert**, CB98, feels his work at Cornell is done. He will be moving to Boston later this summer where he will face down evildoers armed only with a black van, a string of regularly recycled one-liners and his own theme music.

Graduating as a double major in biology and chemistry, **Tim Mitin**, SP95 CB96, will move to Boston, beginning the MD/PhD program at Tufts University. He looks forward to funding the high cost of medical school from the "savings" garnished while serving as house treasurer his senior year.

**David "Pete" Wildes**, SP95 CB96, will take his intimate knowledge of House procedure and cell biology to the department of cell biology and biochemistry at UC Berkeley, where he will undoubtedly exert a gentle civilizing influence as a doctoral student.

## ... and in with the new

At the beginning of the year, the House decided that RecruitCom ought to be a year-long committee, to foster a sense of continuity in the recruitment process. This decision was clearly wise; the House has a gallimaufry of exciting new housemembers next fall, thanks to the sterling efforts of Mark Hauber, CB97, Lisa Moyrihan, CB97, and Luis Garcia, SP98 CB99. A particular point of pride are the nine folk from the Hill who will be joining the House next year.

Carrie Gleason, CB98, and Stanka Fitneva, CB98, under the aegis of RGC, have supplemented Recruitcom's efforts by recruiting a galaxy of stellar faculty guests for all or part of next year. In addition to returning faculty guest *Esperanza Alfonso*, a post-doctoral fellow in Near Eastern Studies, the house is very pleased to welcome:

*Farshad Araghi*: Assistant Professor of Sociology at Florida Atlantic University, world systems theorist, and recipient of more teaching awards than you can shake a very large stick at.

*Philippe Minard*: Fellow of European and Social History at Cornell, and distinguished young scholar of the French Revolution.

*Ann J. Lane*: formerly the founder of the Women's Studies program at Hamilton College, current Professor of History and Director of Women's Studies at the University of Virginia and author of *To Herland and Beyond: The Life and Work of Charlotte Perkins Gilman* (Virginia UP).

*Christophe Prochasson*: Director of Studies at the *École des hautes études en sciences sociales* at the University of Paris, and prolific commentator on contemporary French culture and politics.

*Raj Patel, CB98*

# IN MEMORIAM

TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO COMMEMORATE THE LIVES  
OF THE FOLLOWING TELLURIDE/DEEP SPRINGS ASSOCIATES

## **BOB AIRD, M.D. (DS21 CB23 TA24)**

Dr. Robert B. Aird died at his home in Mill Valley, California on January 28; he was 96. Bob was born in Provo, Utah in 1903, where his father had a surgery and was L.L. Nunn's personal physician. Aird could remember going as a boy with his father on doctor's visits to the pinheads at Olmstead.

It was Nunn who convinced Aird to attend Deep Springs, where Bob was a student from 1921 to 1923. He worked in the garage his first year, and was the first student laundryman in his second, when he was also President of the Student Body. He transferred to Cornell University and lived in Telluride House until he graduated in 1926. In 1924 he joined Telluride Association, and was a member for twenty-four years. Aird received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1930. Dr. Aird then interned at the University of Rochester, did postgraduate training in neurology at the University of Pennsylvania and at Harvard, and became a research assistant at the University of California in San Francisco in 1932.

Dr. Aird became a faculty member at UCSF in 1935, and was appointed the director of the Electroencephalographic (EEG) Laboratory in 1941, a position he held for thirty years. In 1947, he established a Department of Neurology independent of the Department of Neurological Surgery, where he maintained a joint appointment. He was the chair of the new department for nineteen years, and became a full professor in 1949. Dr. Aird was a recognized pioneer in the field of neurology, belonged to many professional organizations, and was a consultant to many area hospitals. His particular research interests included the chemical and electrical nature of epilepsy, the blood-brain barrier, EEG, and multiple sclerosis. Dr. Aird authored or co-authored more than 200 articles in professional journals and medical textbooks, and also wrote *The Management of Epilepsy* (1974), *The Epilepsies — A Critical Review* (1983), and *The Foundations of Modern Neurology* (1993). In 1995, UCSF published an oral history, *Conversations*



Taken April 1923 when Bob Aird, DS21 (left) was DSSB president, and Henry Hayes, DS20 was DSSB secretary.

with Dr. Robert B. Aird. Both UCSF and Deep Springs have established endowed professorships in his honor.

In 1959, Dr. Aird was appointed to Deep Springs' Board of Trustees, at a time when the college was on the point of collapse. While Dr. Aird continued to fulfill his responsibilities in San Francisco, he led the college through a critical period in the college's history that began with the reform of the Trustees' by-laws, which instituted a two-term limit. That bit of foresight didn't limit his involvement with the college, however, as he was soon afterwards appointed Director. In the 1960s, Aird helped to gain accreditation for the college, upgrade the academic program, and create a new strategy for recruiting students. Over the objections of the trustees to even solicit contributions for Deep Springs, Dr. Aird took steps to save the college's endowment, and continued to head the college's fundraising until 1978. When he died, Dr. Aird was Honorary Chair of the current Campaign for Deep Springs. Shortly before his death, Dr. Aird published a history of Deep Springs.

Dr. Aird is survived by his children Mary Emily "Polly" Aird of Seattle, John Conrad Aird of Santa Cruz, and Robert Bruce Aird, Jr. of Ridgewood, N.J., as well as eight grandchildren. Dr. Aird was married for 53 years to Ellinor Hill Collins, who died in 1988; their daughter Katherine McLean Aird died in 1992. Memorial contributions may be made to the Robert B. Aird Professorship Endowment Fund at Deep Springs.

## **JOHN BURCHARD (DS28 CB31 TA31)**

John (Jack) Burchard, died on December 21, 1998 in Gaithersburg, MD, at the age of 86 from Parkinson's disease. He worked for 27 years for the Atomic Energy Commission as chief of the management and reports branch of the Plans and Reports Division. Earlier in his life, he worked for the Civil Service Commission and the Office of Price Administration before serving in the Navy as an instructor of Air Navigation during World War II.

He was described by a former colleague from the Atomic Energy Commission as one who "had very firm principles. While he never yielded on them, he never insisted that others accept them." He was "a quiet man, but one who cared deeply."

He is survived by his wife Ruth Burchard Hoadley; children, Dale Kenney, Janet Sensebaugh, Alan Burchard, and Kathryn Stack; step-children, Ann Gottfried, Paul Richmond, Tom Richmond; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## **BARNEY CHILDS (DS43)**

On January 11, Barney Childs died at the age of 73. He had Parkinson's disease and died at his home in Redlands, California. Childs attended Deep Springs from 1943 to 1945, interrupted by a stint in the army. Childs resumed his studies in 1947 at the University of Nevada, where he received his B.A. in English. In 1949, Childs won a Rhodes Scholarship, which he used to attend Oriel College, Oxford, and earned a B.Phil and an M.Phil



in English language and literature. He then moved to Stanford University to study for a Ph.D. in English, which he was awarded in 1959.

From 1956 to 1965, Childs worked in the University of Arizona's English Department as instructor, and then as assistant professor. He then was hired on to teach poetry and music at Deep Springs, where he also became Dean. Childs left Deep Springs in 1969 to devote himself to composition, and moved to Milwaukee's Wisconsin College Conservatory as a composer-in-residence. In 1971, he took a position at the University of Redlands, where he taught literature and music and became a full professor and composer-in-residence two years later.

Childs combined the study of literature and music as much as he was allowed by the institutions where he taught. His dissertation was on how poetry was used in the English Madrigal, and his own poetry appeared in a vari-

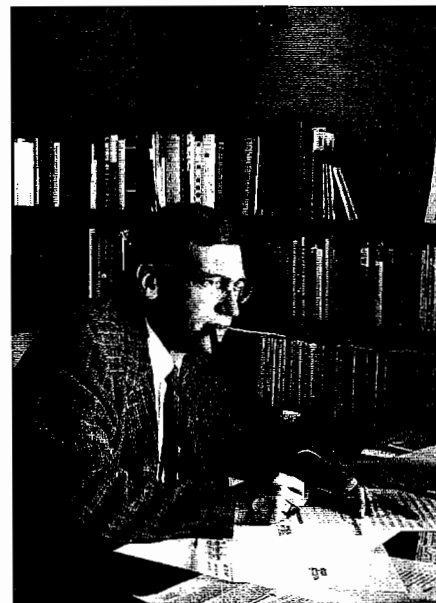
ety of publications, including in the *Paris Review*. Poetry was a secondary concern, though, and he was academically interested in literature partly just for the tobacco it put in his pipe — for many years he had to describe himself as a "composer who earns a living teaching English."

writing in 1949. Childs was largely self-taught as a composer until the period 1952 to 1955, when he studied with Leonard Ratner at Stanford, at Tanglewood with Carlos Chavez and Aaron Copland, and with Elliott Carter in New York. His work is eclectic, often incorporating the more traditional concert music of the Copland-Ives-Hindemith variety into the open forms for which John Cage is known. Childs said that, in the works he wrote since 1961, he drew upon the idea of indeterminacy in various ways. He was much influenced by jazz, and his scores often invite the performers' collaboration and improvisation. Childs left his compositions to the University of the Redlands' Armacost Library; at the end of January, the School of Music celebrated the creation of the Barney Childs Music Archive with a weekend of lectures about and performances of his music.

Childs left some 160 compositions at his death, about 70 of which have been published. His works include two symphonies (the second of which, with an epigraph from Mary Austin, carries the unofficial title the White Mountain Symphony), concertos for clarinet and timpani, five wind quintets, five brass quintets, eight string quartets, many chamber pieces for unusual combinations of instruments, and a number of solo works he wrote to show off the talent or temperament of new virtuosi. His best-known compositions include *Jack's New Bag*, *Any Five*, *Interbalances I-VI*, *37 Songs*, *Sonata for Trombone*, and *A Box of Views*. A recording of Childs' music is scheduled for release in February 2001 on New World Records.

Childs was co-editor of the sourcebook *Contemporary Composers on Contemporary Music* (1967, 2nd ed. 1998), an editor of the journal *Perspectives of New Music*, and the author of a number of musicological articles. From 1964 to 1982, Childs ran Advance Recordings, a label that championed such composers as Richard Maxfield, Harold Budd and Robert Ashley.

Childs is survived by two daughters, Dirje Smith of Flint, Texas and Margaret Childs of Las Vegas. Gifts made to Deep Springs in Barney Childs' name will be dedicated to music education there.



Barney Childs, DS43

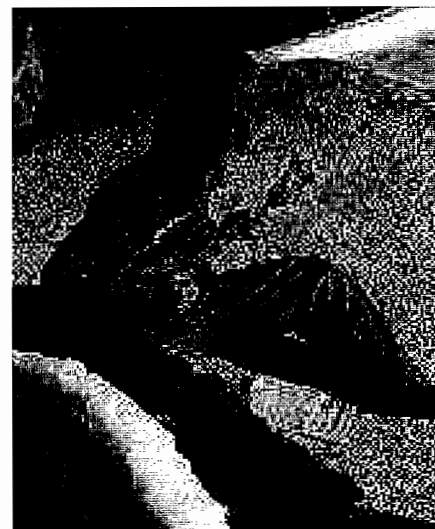
Now Childs is chiefly known for his experimental music, which he began

## CLARE FURAY (SP90)

Clare Furay, was killed in a pedestrian accident on October 8, 1999. Clare attended Cor Jesu Academy, an all-girls Catholic high school in St. Louis, Missouri. She was a National Merit Finalist and was awarded a four-year ROTC scholarship to attend Notre Dame. After Notre Dame, she spent four years in the Navy, mostly in San Diego. Last year, she moved to Baltimore, MD, to work as a social worker for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. She planned to enter law school in the future to work toward joint degrees in Law and Public Health.

Following her junior year in high school, Clare attended the Williams TASP during the summer of 1990, and was offered (and declined) a scholarship to the Cornell Branch of Telluride for the following year. Her mother Jean notes that Clare "retained fond memories of her Telluride experience and maintained contact for many years with her fellow TASPers."

Friends of Clare's have set up a web site (<http://home.earthlink.net/~jnbthill/index.html>) in her memory.



Michael Pihos

## MICHAEL PIHOS (DS98)

We note with sadness the tragic death of Michael Pihos, a second-year student at Deep Springs; he was 19. He died instantly on September 17 in a tractor accident near Gilbert Pass while trying to extract a stuck vehicle.

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*In Memoriam continued*

Michael was born in Glen Ellyn, Illinois in 1980, and attended Glenbard South High School there before going to Deep Springs. He was extraordinarily involved in extracurricular and service activities in high school; for example, he helped to build a library in a village in Belize, and founded a musical group that performed for the elderly and disabled. Michael was a very active person in the Deep Springs community as well; he threw himself into the sustainable agricultural project that sought to make the college as self-sufficient as possible, and to this end had taken it upon himself to rebuild the grape arbor displaced by the new dormitory, while also helping to plan a new greenhouse. After two terms as cook, Michael was part of the Farm Team, a General Laborer, and groundsman. He was considering transferring to Cornell to study agriculture.

Michael is remembered by all who knew him for his vivacity, perpetual smile, and concern for others. He is survived by his parents, Bill and Sandra Pihos, and his older brother and sisters Peter, Andria, and Deanna. Additional information and tributes can be found at [www.michaelpihos.com](http://www.michaelpihos.com).

Michael's family has set up a memorial fund in Michael's name at Deep Springs; gifts will go toward the construction of the new greenhouse.

**MAIKA PREWITT (SS97)**

Maika Simone Prewitt, SS97, died on April 2, 2000 as the result of a motor vehicle accident while traveling with three other students in the province of Quebec, Canada.

Originally from Florissant, Missouri, she was a first-year student at Middlebury College in Vermont. Maika was an accomplished athlete, violinist, and figure skater. As a high school senior, she had hosted the television show "Kids World" on her hometown public access cable TV station. She was involved in diversity training for campus students, faculty, and staff, and spoke out on concerns involving religious freedom as related to gay and lesbian issues. She had been scheduled to receive, in May 2000, the Girl Scouts of America's highest honor, the Gold Award, for her work inspiring elementary school students. She was also active in the grassroots development of the Peace Symposium that originated at Middlebury College and has now spread to ten other college campuses. As of April 6, 2000, this project came to be known as the "Maika Simone Peace Symposium".

Maika is survived by her mother, Amy Prewitt of Florissant, Missouri.

# SUMMER PROGRAMS

## TASP 2000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### Cornell I

Anderson, Liza  
Ashley, Christopher  
Bryant, Samuel  
Foygel, Irena  
Gouvea, Marcos  
Greenberg, David  
Greene, Ryan  
Greenewalt, Sara  
Jones, Heather  
Kim, Carol  
Leader, Justin  
Leslie, Averill  
Seligmann, Katerina  
Stoll, Rebecca  
Strickland, Dara  
Tanzer, Owen

St. Joseph, MI  
Evanston, IL  
Atlanta, GA  
Buffalo Grove, IL  
Waterville, ME  
Bloomington, IN  
Dublin, OH  
Shoreham, VT  
Richardson, TX  
Norristown, PA  
Orangeburg, NY  
Hardwick, VT  
San Antonio, TX  
Albuquerque, NM  
Franklin, TN  
Longwood, FL

### Cornell II

Chin, Simon  
Chiu, Jennifer  
Critchlow, Sam  
Dahl, Joel  
Lowey-Ball, Shawna  
Kim  
Millman, China  
Monarrez, Rebecca  
Nayman, Berke  
Ngo, Viet  
Nicholas, Max  
Nicolopoulos, Marisa  
Pope, Jessica  
Portuondo, Jose  
Smith, Samuel  
Sowell, Erica  
Wieczorek, Katherine

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Corona, NY  
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Titusville, NJ  
Neptune Beach, FL  
San Rafael, CA  
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Haverford, PA  
Oakland, CA  
Alexandria, VA  
Waban, MA  
Sandy, UT  
Louisville, KY  
New York, NY

### Penn State

Archer, Carl  
Chang, Jennifer  
Colaco, Lisa  
Craven, Thomas  
Eisenburger, Maximilian  
Harrison, Holly  
Hinojosa, Karl  
Hu, Bojun  
Hubbard, Danielle  
Kneller, Andrey  
Mehta, Neil  
Nolan-Spohn, Hannah  
Solomonik, Anna  
Stolzer, Pamela  
Tusk, Warren  
Wimbush, Claire  
Zhou, Yuanli

Oxford, NJ  
Potomac, MD  
Bellaire, TX  
Natick, MA  
Wailuku, HI  
Houston, TX  
Atascosa, TX  
Hays, KS  
Oxnard, CA  
Bronx, NY  
Southaven, MS  
Milwaukee, WI  
Los Altos, CA  
Bridgewater, NJ  
Briarcliff Manor, NY  
Great Falls, VA  
Palo Alto, CA

### University of Michigan

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Brendel, Martina  
Campbell, Ian  
Devecka, Martin  
Duncan, Charles  
Dusel, Brendon  
Fettene, Adey  
Gaines, Bevin  
Goodman, Jameson  
Hwang, Andrew  
Li, Danielle  
Melvin, Derek  
Nowell, Laura  
Ridgeway, Elizabeth  
Ro, Christine  
Sobolski, Katia  
Tamburri, John  
Urquidi, Alicia

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Chicago, IL  
Hancock, MI  
Boalsburg, PA  
Medford, OR  
Towson, MD  
Annandale, VA  
Stone Mountain, GA  
Berkeley, CA  
San Marino, CA  
Plymouth, NH  
Portsmouth, VA  
Palo Alto, CA  
Shoreline, WA  
Granada Hills, CA  
Chicago, IL  
Maplewood, NJ  
Santiago, Chile

## TASS 2000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### Indiana University

Abdullah, Alieu  
Alexander, Rohsaan  
Davis, James  
Gaddy, Taylor  
Harrigan, Afyah  
Hillman, Amber  
Joseph, Leon  
Martin, Mavis  
McDonald, Omarr  
Mercer, Justin  
Moore, Kyle  
Moquete, Francesca  
Page, Jaiza  
Porter, Arekeyta  
Tanzer, Tia  
Vaughn, Sarah

Shaker Heights, OH  
Chicago, IL  
Durham, NC  
Alton, IL  
New York, NY  
Cincinnati, OH  
New Rochelle, NY  
Brooklyn, NY  
Brooklyn, NY  
Little Rock, AR  
Livonia, MI  
Washington, DC  
Columbus, OH  
Romulus, MI  
Milwaukee, WI  
Chicago, IL



# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1930s

WARD GOODENOUGH, CB37 TA39, writes, "After 40 years on the University of Pennsylvania anthropology faculty, I retired in 1989. In 1996 my wife and I moved to a life-care retirement community in Haverford, PA, where I continue to do writing up of post-research materials. The American Philosophical Society has just accepted (March 2000) for publication my latest book "Under Heaven's Brow: Pre-Christian Religious Tradition in Chuuk." We have four children and eight grandchildren, the eldest of whom was married in February 2000."

## 1940s

WILLIAM VANDEN HEUVEL, DS46 CB48 TA48, writes: "On March 14<sup>th</sup> I gave a lecture at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library in Austin, Texas: 'Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Lyndon Baines Johnson: Architects of a Nation'. An unexpected dividend of the evening was that Professors Steven and Louise Weinberg were in the audience—Steve was a Tellurider in my day and the winner of a Nobel Prize in 1979. I succeeded Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. as Chairman of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute on January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year."

## 1950s

ARNOLD HENDERSON, SP55 CB56 TA58 BB64, is part of a local shade tree committee receiving an "Environmental Quality Award" this April from the US EPA, Region II. Their native plant reserve on the Raritan River in Highland Park, NJ, demonstrates how a small project can shoehorn into dense urban areas. Next steps are to construct an environmental education center at the reserve and link it into a continuous greenway all around the borough's riverside. Arnold writes that restoring the native plants and writing educational signage reminds him of Cornell Branch days when botany student DOMINICK PAOLILLO (CB56 TA57) introduced him to eastern wildflowers.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, CB55, writes, "My first wife, Margaret, died in December 1997. I have been extremely fortunate to find an old friend and cousin similarly placed, and we were married in 1999. I visited California, Utah, Arizona, and Nevada in 1998—loved Yosemite, but found Las Vegas horrific! Joint author of a book on European Military, 1783-1914, due to come out later this year. I still have very fond memories of my year at the Cornell Branch, 1955-56, when I was the Lincoln College Exchange Scholar."

**GARY KOPFF, SP62**, writes,

"Tom Grasse's comments in the winter *Alumni Notes* inspired me to follow suit (a bridge term which is appropriate since I recall more hours spent between midnight and 6:00 am in the music room perfecting that game than studying with the other SP62 participants the origins of our Constitution from Tudor and Stuart England). TASP was the turning point in my life. Recently, while continuing to reside in the Nation's Capital, I have returned to my roots (Colorado) by buying a 2<sup>nd</sup> home where L.L. Nunn had his roots: in Telluride. (Actually, my grandfather was prospecting for gold and silver in Cripple Creek at about the same time L.L. Nunn was in Telluride.) Having retired at age 50, I returned to work to manage investments with a very narrow focus: 'to enrich family and friends.' Eschewing bureaucracy, I elect to be unregistered as an Investment Advisor and that means serving fewer than 15 clients. So among my clients are the newly created Telluride Investment Funds I and II, LLC, a name I selected gleefully as yet another remembrance of things past.

Over the years, I've had multiple careers—as would have been predicted by Beatrice MacLeod who, as I recall, rejected my application to enter the House, forcing me to go to Yale instead, because she thought I 'lacked focus.' Indeed! After returning to Ithaca for an MBA (with visits to the House), I focused for six years on public service, serving two Cabinet Secretaries as a Policy Aide. Then six years at McKinsey & Company serving corporate scions and taking far too many plane trips. Then six years at Fannie Mae, heading Policy Development. Six more years consulting in the arcane financial engineering arena called 'securitization' with minor accomplishments like securitizing New York City taxicab medallions as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage-backed securities in Colombia (Bogota and the people are quite nice, drug problems notwithstanding). And finally six years mountain climbing, including the highest peaks in Africa, the Antarctic, Europe, and finally Everest in 1992. Climbing with me in Russia, the Antarctic and on Everest was my late guide, Rob Hall, made famous in Jon Krakauer's book, *Into Thin Air*. As readers of that book will know, Rob sacrificed his own life to try to save a client, a slow death. He did, however, have a phone linked to the IMNARSAT satellite that tied him for a final few moments to his wife, Jan, who had also summited Everest in prior years but was then seven months pregnant in Christchurch, NZ with little Sara. And Bea said I lacked focus. My best to my comrades from SP62."

## 1960s

Dr. DOUGLAS SIETSEMA, DS68, has been named a Director of Deloitte Consulting in the Change Leadership service line. He has client responsibilities focused primarily in the telecommunications and high technology industries. He also has global responsibility for training development and deployment for all Change leadership professionals in the firm. Doug resides in Marina del Rey, California.

# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1970s

DANIEL BUCHWALD, SP70, got an appointment at Middlesex County College in New Jersey, as an ESL professor after 17 years as an adjunct at various places. He is married to Mi Hee Chang and they have a 1½-year-old daughter, Ruth.

KATHARINE EISAMAN MAUS, SP72 CB73 TA75, Professor of English at the University of Virginia, has been awarded a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship and a Senior Fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies to write a history of early seventeenth-century English literature.

JOSHUA FRIED, SP76, presented his original score for "Vailala Madness Parts One and Two" on February 25-27, in New York City. The work was commissioned by and presented with Amy Cox Dance. He also plans to do live processing of street sounds for Cox's brand new duet "Romantico," featuring video by Kiki Smith. He was recently featured in *Music and Vision*, a daily e-zine about music.

## 1980s

MARY BETH KRANE DERR, SP80, read her poetry at the 1999 Parliament of the World's Religions in Cape Town, South Africa. She has work forthcoming on a CD/audiotape anthology of healing poetry to be distributed to all hospices in Washington State. Her husband Jonathan is almost finished with his doctoral dissertation on Heidegger's question: "What are Poets For?" Their daughter Sarah is now 13 and an aspiring actress. Mary Beth would love to hear from Telluriders at [MaryKDerr@aol.com](mailto:MaryKDerr@aol.com).

GEOFFREY GENTH, SP81, and his wife Rachel announce the birth of Leah Consuelo Genth on October 23, 1999. Geoff has been a commercial litigator with Kramon and Graham, P.A., a medium-sized law firm in Baltimore, Maryland, since 1992. Last summer he was named principal of the firm.

KEVIN McCARTHY, SP81 CB82 TA84, and DIANE THOMPSON, SP84 CB85 TA88, announce the birth of Margaret Eleanor McCarthy on April 4, 2000 at 11:35 P.M. She was 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 19½".

Mom and baby are doing wonderfully. Sister Amelia is very excited to be a big sister, and is coping admirably.

DAVID WESTBROOK, SP82, writes, "My wife Amy and I have left private practice in Washington, D.C., and are both teaching in the law school at SUNY at Buffalo. We are living with our two children, Thomas (4½) and Sophia (3), in the magical and historic village of East Aurora, in the very snowy hills south of Buffalo. We are happy." He'd be interested in hearing from Deep Springs TASP '82 alums at [dwestbro@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:dwestbro@acsu.buffalo.edu).

JOEL SMITH, DS83, is currently curator of photographs, American art, and contemporary art at the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College, where his debut exhibition, "Making Light: Wit and Humor in Photography" opened in the Spring of 2000. His book *Edward Steichen: The Early Years* was co-published in 1999 by Princeton University Press and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He can be reached at [josmith@vassar.edu](mailto:josmith@vassar.edu).

NIKKI WILSON, SP85 CB86 TA87, and Christian Nseke's first child, Nelson Nseke, was born on February 26, 2000.

ALAN SCHWARTZ, SP87, recently received a teaching award from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he works in the Department of Medical Education. He recently returned from teaching in Marilia, Brazil for four weeks. He sends his love to Heather and the other Williams '87 TASPers and would love to hear from them.

SARAH PRING, SP88, is in law school in Michigan and would love to hear from Williams TASP classmates at [sepring@excite.com](mailto:sepring@excite.com).

## 1990s

GENEVIEVE HARTMAN, SP93, writes that she "is still among the living." She proofs site content at [DailyShopper.com](http://DailyShopper.com) (what do you expect from a Seattle native?). She would welcome contact from fellow [St. John's] TASPers at



Mary Beth Krane Derr, SP80, with Xhosa youth of the Isibane African-Initiated Church, Khayelitsha Township, on the Cape Flats outside Cape Town, South Africa.

## ALUMNI NOTES

**magdalen93@hotmail.com.** She enjoys talking about herself in the third person."

JENNIFER LEE, SP93 CB94, is studying International Relations at Beijing University, China this year and spent two months crisscrossing China from Beijing to Kashgar (in Xinjiang) to Mt. Everest in Tibet. When she returns to the states, she will be working as a reporter for the *New York Times*.

MAILINH HONG, SP96, is finishing her studies at Yale, with a literature major, and will be working at an immigration law firm in Washington, DC. Friends from the Kenyon program can reach her at **mhong@aya.yale.edu**.

JOHN HORTON, SP96, was awarded an "outstanding" designation for the 16<sup>th</sup> International Mathematical contest in modeling. The modeling team, which also consisted of Jon Gibbs and Kevin Arnett, wrote a paper dealing with Air Traffic Control and air space management. Of the 500 teams entered from around the world, only 12 received the outstanding classification. John's team was also designated the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) winner and will present their results at the society meeting this summer. All 12 papers will be published in the UMAP Journal this fall. John is a junior at the United States Military Academy.

AFUA, SS98 SP99, and YAA BRUCE, SS99 SP00, were featured in the Nov./Dec. 1999 issue of *C-PP Reports*, a Corning-Painted Post (NY) school district newsletter. The two sisters sat for an interview about their experiences as participants in the Telluride Summer Programs.

Telluride's outgoing Administrative Director, ANDREW WALKLING, and Dana Stewart announce the birth of George Henry Stewart-Walkling on March 22 at 9:16 A.M. "(In our opinion, at least,) he's a beautiful baby! As befits a child of the cyber age, he's already on the web; point your browser to <http://www.uhs.net/ohbaby/wilson/index.asp?mode=zoom&id=2342>".



## CBTA HOSTS WEEKEND VISIT FOR 1999 TASS ALUMNI

On April 29, 2000, eleven of sixteen 1999 TASS alumni arrived in Ithaca to join Cornell Branch members for a weekend view of life at Cornell. Sponsored by Telluride Association's TASS Committee, and implemented by Cornell Branch's Recruitment Committee, the students had a campus tour, a personalized information session on admissions and financial aid with Admissions counselor Latarsha Williams, and attended classes with housemembers. TASSers attended an open house with housemembers, who spoke on Telluride history and the intellectual, self-government and community aspects of CBTA. TASSers also visited the Ithaca Commons where they saw an international music festival.

*Lisa Moynihan, CB97*



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