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## TA IN Y2K

by Charles F. Pazdernik, SP85 CB86 TA87  
President

I think most who were present would agree that the 2000 Convention was one of the most pleasant, congenial, and productive in recent memory. This achievement is a credit to the leadership of outgoing President Carol Owen, the enthusiasm and dedication of some 48 members attending all or part of Convention, the support and companionship of many friends and associates, and the professionalism and commitment demonstrated by every member of our superb staff.

### HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

~ Michigan Branch of Telluride Association was formally chartered in anticipation of its first residential year. The framed charter now hangs in the renovated library of Telluride House in Ann Arbor. Cornell Branch likewise was formally rechartered in anticipation of the eighty-fifth anniversary (this November) of the grant of its original charter.

~ Sweeping changes have been introduced into the constitution and government of both Branches, including the granting of presumptive multiyear preferment, the end of individual evaluation (otherwise known as blurbing) as earlier generations of Branchmembers have known it, and the elimination of the special powers formerly reserved for Association members resident in the Branch.

~ A Cornell Branch Committee and a Michigan Branch Committee were created, each of which will merge the functions of the Autumn and Winter Preferment Committees, perform orientation and TA recruitment functions, and collaborate with the Branch in producing mid-year and year-end community evaluations.

~ Telluride Association resolved, unanimously, to take steps to clarify its institutional status, to address longstanding concerns about exposure to legal liability, and to enhance its ability both to hold and convey property and to enter into relationships with partner organizations.

~ Nine members applied for and were elected to the membership, including the first Michigan Branchmember to apply.



### A REPORT FROM CONVENTION

~ Nancy Glazener was presented with a certificate of graduation, in recognition that she has completed her course of study in the Association. The Association also accepted the resignations of Richard Baum, Cynthia Cupples, Ursula McClelland, and Becky Pinnick.

~ Chris Breiseth, a former president of both Telluride Association and Deep Springs College, was invited to share his perspective on the Association's history and its prospects in a special address as a distinguished guest.

~ With a fitting lack of fanfare or fuss (particularly in light of the recent national election), the body elected me as President and Shep Smith as Vice-President.

In the months since the 2000 Convention, real progress has been made. Successful summer programs were held at Cornell University, the University of Michigan, Pennsylvania State University, and Indiana University.

Thanks to the unstinting efforts of Michigan Project Director Tom Hawks and ex-President and Michigan Branch Property and Renovations Committee Chair Denis Clark, Telluride House in Ann Arbor has been refurbished and entrusted to the nineteen members of Michigan Branch, who

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Samuel Houshower, SP98 DS99 TA00, Julia Watts, SP95 CB96 TA98, and Boglarka Petruska, SP94 CB95 TA96.

have taken up residence and embarked on the initial steps toward creating and perpetuating a self-governing community.

We also welcome the recent appointment of Ellen Baer as Administrative Director. Ellen brings to the position an impressive record as an experienced administrator and as an advocate for educational reform in the Ithaca area.

The opening of Michigan Branch after nearly ten years of concerted effort should be a source of great satisfaction to all of us and a spur to comparable feats of daring in the future, but real challenges remain. These include ongoing debate regarding the Association's present investment and spending policies, concerns about our human capital resources and the appropriate allocation of responsibilities between a volunteer membership and paid professional staff, and serious questions about the equitable deployment of the Association's resources in an age of widespread ferment about the quality of schools and equal access to academic institutions.

As someone who has profited enormously from nearly fifteen years of involvement with Telluride Association and its projects, and for whom membership in the Association continues to be an exercise in practical education and intellectual growth, I thank you all for your continuing investment in the organization, and I look forward to the coming year.



(From Left) Jessica Lissy, SP90 TA95, Joy Goodwin, SP90 TA00, Richard Cooluris, DS91 CB93 TA00, Todd Price, SP91 TA96, and Marilyn Migiel, SP71 CB72 TA74.

## TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

Telluride Association is pleased to welcome Ellen Baer as our new Administrative Director. Ellen took the reins on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and although she appreciates many Telluriders' support and concern during these months she assures everyone that she really, truly is OK. In fact, she's having a good time, and she especially enjoys working with and learning from longtime office staff Cindy Estes-Smith and Barbara Guttridge.

Ellen is a 1978 graduate of Cornell University's School of Human Ecology and holds an M.B.A. from Syracuse University.

A longstanding resident of Ithaca, New York, she has operated her own business and held positions in a variety of human service organizations, including the Economic Opportunity Corporation, the Learning Web, and the Cornell University Public Service Center. Most recently, she has served as Coordinator of the Pre-Orientation Service Trips (P.O.S.T.) program at the Public Service Center and has spearheaded a Community Charter School initiative.

As Administrative Director, Ellen's responsibilities include managing the work of the Ithaca office, overseeing the administration of TASS and TASP, and guiding TA members through the always educational process of running the Association's programs and committees.

If you call or visit the Ithaca office please introduce yourself to Ellen, who looks forward to meeting more Telluriders in person at this year's Convention.



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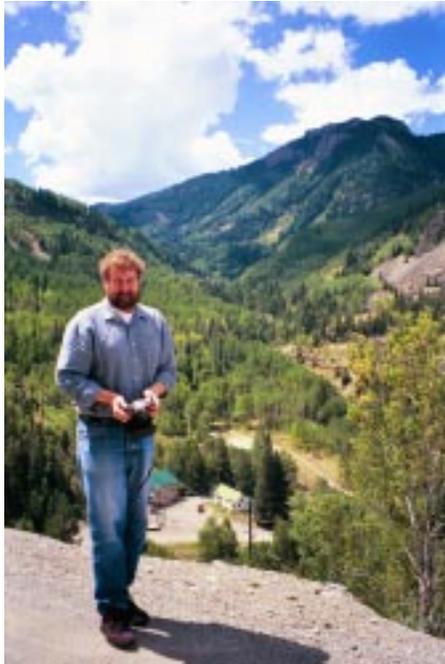
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# LL, LOCAL LEGEND

## NUNN HONORED AT TELLURIDE TECH FESTIVAL

Last August, three Telluride Association members took the stage of a run-down theater in Telluride, Colorado and tried to explain why we have been using their name. The occasion was the town's first annual Tech Festival, a small gathering of god-like geeks and curious locals. The intention was to celebrate heroes of technology—three from the past and three from the present—and to draw attention to



Denis Clark, DS69 CB72 TA73, at the first Telluride Tech Festival in Telluride, CO, August 2000.

the fact that many power brokers of the New Economy have owned homes in town. Telluride these days is a ski-Valhalla kind of place, where a two-bedroom cottage might cost a half-million dollars and you might run into Robert Pittman, the top guy at AOL/Time Warner, at the local grocery store. But the first of the town's techno-gods was our own LL

Nunn, a fact not lost on festival organizer Scott Brown. He

invited Denis Clark, Jack Newell and me to the festival to talk about Nunn's days in Telluride, what he did after leaving town, and why the world should take note of him.

The present-day heroes honored by the festival were John Perry Barlow, an outspoken advocate of free speech on the internet; Richard Stallman, co-founder of the GNU/Linux operating system; and Ray Kurzweil, a denizen of the MIT Media Lab and inventor of several miracles, including the flatbed scanner. Each day one of these men took the stage and talked for a few hours, which was delightful. The festival's historic heroes were Nikolai Tesla, the inventor of the alternating current (AC) system of electricity; George Westinghouse, who made AC the world's standard; and LL Nunn, the canny mining executive from Telluride who risked his fortune on AC and proved its commercial potential. Nunn is the only one of these six who has any connection to Telluride, so we felt especially honored.

We came to Telluride with hopes of learning more about Nunn's early years and making new friends for the Association. We succeeded on both counts. We ran into the manager of the small power plant near Telluride where Nunn made history in 1892, and we got a tour of the

grounds. We were also invited to look through the small wood-frame house built in the 1890s as a dormitory for the student-laborers, or "pinheads," who operated the plant. Cornell alumni Bob and Janet Barnhill have just finished restoring the house, which is notable for wood floors with elaborate and eccentric maple inlays. It is impossible to verify but easy to imagine that Nunn designed these floors—his first job in Telluride was woodworking, after all, and the winters there are long and cold.

LL Nunn is a minor local celebrity in Telluride. His picture and biography are on a plaque in the local park, and his exploits are taught in the local public school. Much is made of the fact that Butch Cassidy and his gang once robbed a Telluride bank managed by Nunn. The tiny but fearless bank manager jumped on a fast horse and chased the gang down, his six-gun at the ready—but Cassidy won the showdown and stole Nunn's horse for good measure. A plaque on a local building marks the site of the robbery. It is on the wrong building, according to Scott Brown, but we're grateful for the attention anyway.

Telluride, Colorado has a new public library building and a renovated historical museum, both of which are professionally staffed. It was clear during our brief visit that the roots of Telluride Association and Deep Springs are still here, and that anyone who cares to do the digging can discover them. If you're in town, be sure to stop by the Telluride Historical Museum at 317 North Fir Street (or go to [telluridemuseum.com](http://telluridemuseum.com)). And if you have something to contribute to Telluride Association's growing archives, please contact the Telluride-Deep Springs History Committee through the Association's office.

Brad Edmondson DS76 CB80 TA90

### LETTER TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR,

Thank you for the excellent tribute to Dr. Barney Childs in the recent TA newsletter. I was a student at Deep Springs during the time that Barney was the Dean there and I appreciate how well the article captures his life and work and dedication to the college. I plan to purchase a copy of the recording of his compositions that will be available next year, and I hope that both TA branches will include copies in their house CD collections. Childs had always referred to music as "sound organized in time," and his introduction to me of the life and work of John Cage has been an enduring legacy of his teaching and ideas about what is music that I received from Childs as one of his students at Deep Springs.

Ron Alexander, DS64

## 2001 AWARDS COMMITTEE OFFERINGS

The deadline for the Mansfield-Wefald Prize is **May 2**, and Mike Yarrow Adventurous Education Award applications were due **March 5, 2001**. For more information please contact the Awards Committee chair, Jeannie Chiu, at [chiu@uwosh.edu](mailto:chiu@uwosh.edu), or the Telluride Association Ithaca office at [telluride@cornell.edu](mailto:telluride@cornell.edu).

The Mansfield-Wefald Prize was established in 1994 to honor the memory of Mary Mansfield and Eric Wefald, two Association members who died tragically in 1989. The prize of \$500 will be awarded for the best Senior Thesis or project written by a Telluride associate who will have completed his or her final year of undergraduate education in the 2000-2001 academic year. The application consists of a form and four unbound copies of the thesis.

The Mike Yarrow Award honors Clarence "Mike" Yarrow, who led the establishment of the Pasadena Branch. Yarrow was a dedicated Quaker who worked for peace at home and abroad. The award of up to \$3,000 is designed to allow the recipient to undertake a summer non-paying public service activity that is outside of an academic institution and that clearly reflects Mike Yarrow's interest in peace and service to humanity. The recipient must be a returning member of a Branch of Telluride Association or a Deep Springs student who will be entering a Branch the following year. He or she must have a clear need for summer earnings. The application consists of a form and an essay.

## YARROW AWARD FUNDS EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT IN RURAL NEPAL

WINNER SETH YALCIN RECOUNTS SUMMER IN NANGI

The Yarrow award sent me to Nangi, a small, rural village in the hills of the Annapurna and Dualagiri Himalaya ranges in Nepal, to work on increasing the educational options for students at Himanchal, the only school in the area within a day's travel. I chose to carry out an educational project in Nepal primarily because it has one of the lowest literacy rates in Asia and probably the most inefficient, ineffective educational system on the subcontinent.

Children and teenagers from all over Nangi's district (about 300 total) attend Himanchal, hiking anywhere between an hour and a half to six hours roundtrip daily on arduous, steep footpaths. These long treks adversely affect students' academic progress in two obvious ways: it tires them out, and it subtracts time in the day for study. This is especially problematic for the older students (9th and 10th grades), who require a large amount of study time to adequately prepare for a national exam that decides whether or not they will be certified to continue their education.

As a means to accommodate the study time necessary for Himanchal's older students to succeed on Nepal's national exams, and in cooperation with the local villagers and teachers, I invested the Yarrow funding into the construction of fourteen two-person residential student huts that were put up just a few dozen feet from the main school buildings. The huts provide the basic accommodations for living and studying: a roof, a cot, lighting, desk space, and a fire pit for heat and cooking. The older students now have the option of living in the huts during the academic year and especially during exam time. In fact, most do—upon my departure every hut was occupied.

In addition to assisting with the construction of the residential student huts, I taught English at Himanchal three hours a day, six days a week to a variety of grade levels, and I engaged in private tutoring of several students. Currently I'm working on establishing a mechanism or program at the University of Michigan international office aimed at creating a steady pool of volunteer teachers into Nangi and the surrounding areas.

*Seth Yalcin, MB99*

### 2000 AWARDS WINNERS

#### Mansfield-Wefald Prize

**Selena Kyle, SP95**

for her senior thesis titled: "*There Goes The Neighborhood: The Failure and Promise of Second Units as a Housing Source for the Midpeninsula*"

#### Mike Yarrow Adventurous Education Award

**Seth Yalcin, MB99**



# SURVEY OF COLLEGE CHOICES

## TASP 1999 AND TASS 1998

### Cornell I (1999)

Church, Candace  
 Lee, Eugene  
 Lehrman, Maggie  
 Martinez, Albert  
 Mays, John  
 Morello, Matthew  
 Morgan, Maggie  
 Muzyka, Dan  
 Pace, Marijke  
 Rosenberg, Jessica  
 Shere, Nicholas  
 Sobolski, Gregory  
 Stringer, Deborah  
 Wachsmuth, David  
 Warren, Previn  
 Wheeler, Jessica

Harvey Mudd  
 Amherst College  
 Harvard University  
 Princeton University  
 Columbia University  
 Yale University  
 Harvard University  
 Grinnell College  
 Harvard University  
 Harvard University  
 Brown University  
 Stanford University  
 University of Chicago  
 McGill University  
 Harvard University  
 Yale University

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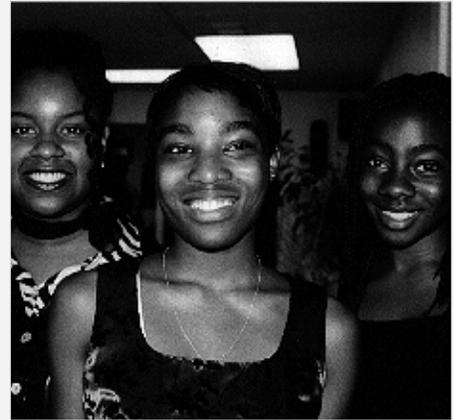
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 Gurvich, Rachel  
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 May, James  
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 Parries, Nydia  
 Phillips, Christopher  
 Ponoroff, Christopher  
 Price, Alana  
 Sternad, Jennifer  
 Suguri, Henrique  
 Truszkowska, Natalia  
 Wallaert, Matthew  
 Weinberg, Dara

Swarthmore College  
 Middlebury College  
 Cornell University  
 UNC Chapel Hill  
 MIT  
 Cornell University  
 University of Dallas  
 Harvard University  
 Tulane University  
 Swarthmore College  
 Harvard University  
 Cornell University  
 Harvard University  
 Stanford University

### University of Michigan (1999)

Aleman, Diana  
 Blasdel, Alexander  
 Blecher, Jacob  
 Bruce, Afua  
 Del Castillo, Melissa  
 Dewar, Charlotte  
 Evans, Danielle  
 Fraley, Carl  
 Gutierrez Hermoso, Jordi  
 Letic, Vedran  
 Mater, Alexa  
 Mroczkowski, Ian  
 Oster, Lily  
 Saranchak, Robert  
 Sarkar, Manideepa  
 Thompson, Ian  
 Webb, Nicholas  
 Willinger, Jana

Yale University  
 Yale University  
 Purdue University  
 Yale University  
 Columbia University  
 Harvard University  
 Reed College  
 University of Maryland  
 Wesleyan University  
 Harvard University  
 Harvard University  
 Yale University  
 Brown University



1998 TASS

### Indiana University (1998)

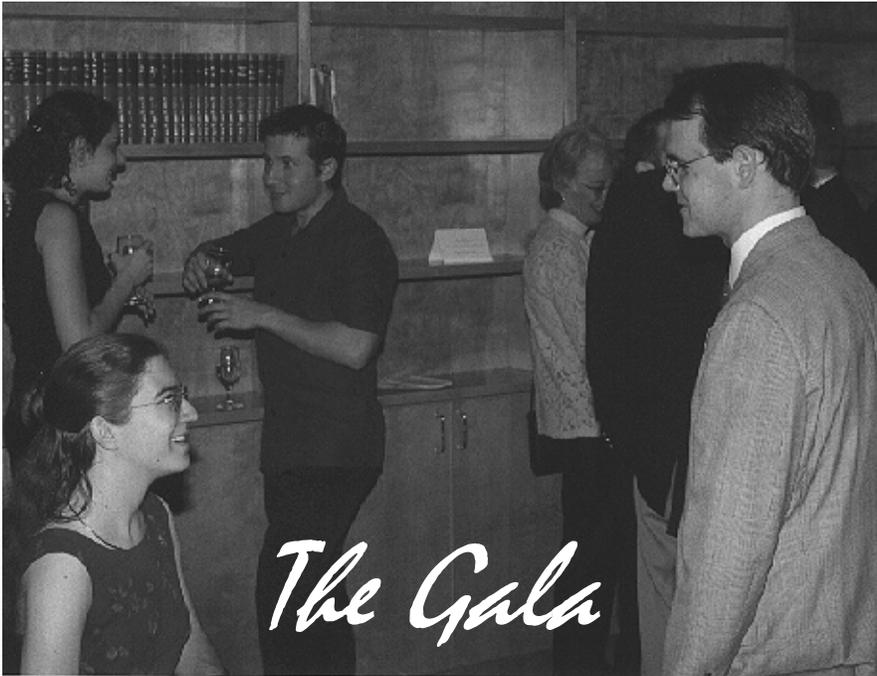
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 Diggs, Seth  
 Grondzik, Clayton  
 Harris, Jamie  
 Parker, Jeffrey      Univ. of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana)  
 Parker, Yvonnanita  
 Perry, Brandon  
 Tims, Enoch  
 Vidal, Taimeka      Syracuse University  
 Wooten, Courtney      Stanford University  
 Zannou, Yetunde



1999 TASP at Michigan  
 Bill Wood, U-M Photo Services

# MICHIGAN BRANCH

## TELLURIDE HOUSE OPENS IN ANN ARBOR



On an unseasonably warm November 3<sup>rd</sup> evening approximately sixty people gathered at 1735 Washtenaw Avenue to celebrate the opening of Telluride House in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The newly-renovated living room and library, exemplars of mid 20th-century high Modernism, provided a classy and comfortable environment in which attendees marked a historic moment for Telluride Association and the University of Michigan.

Joining Telluride House residents for the evening were university administrators, parents and friends,

and Telluride Association trustees, alumni, and staff. Housemembers, taking a break to attend the reception from reading applications for next year's House, enjoyed the opportunity to make history and meet alumni and neighbors. As Sarah Nelson, MB99 TA00, said: "It was a wonderful opportunity to finally see the expansive public space in the house, after a long construction project. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with a variety of people from different backgrounds to discuss the future and possibilities for Michigan Branch."

After a welcome by Michigan Program Director Thomas Hawks, SP85 CB86 TA87, and remarks by Jessica Cattelino, SP91 CB92 TA93, former chair of the Michigan Branch Committee, guests were treated to reminiscences and suggestions by

Telluride alumni. Paul Todd, Jr. CB39 TA40, Roy Pierce, DS40 CB46 TA46, and Shaw Livermore, SPF62, commented on the beauty of the house interior and the challenges and rewards of a Telluride education. Carl Carlson, SP87 MB00, spoke on behalf of Branch residents, thanking Telluride trustees and alumni for their support and welcoming our participation in the life of the Branch.

Perhaps the most memorable moments of the evening occurred during informal conversations. Branchmembers spoke with alumni about their experiences at Cornell's Telluride House and their professional pursuits; alumni enjoyed the opportunity to reacquaint themselves and meet a new generation of Telluriders; parents and friends learned more about Telluride's mission; and all keenly felt the future potential and past accomplishments represented by the evening's festivities.

Telluride Association thanks Thomas Hawks and Office Assistant Peg Du Fresne for arranging the reception, and we encourage alumni and friends to take up the Branch's invitation to support them during these first years of the Michigan Branch.



# FUKUYAMA, LEVY DELIVER Telluride Lectures

One great benefit of opening a new branch at the University of Michigan has been the opportunity to connect with Telluride alumni. This is nowhere clearer than in the Telluride Lectures, a program that brings distinguished former Telluriders to the University of Michigan to speak on campus. After last fall's inaugural lecture by Dean Kathleen Sullivan, SP71 CB72 TA74, of the Stanford Law School, the Michigan Branch was honored to host two more distinguished alumni lecturers, Francis Fukuyama, SP69 CB70 TA71, and Harold Levy, CB74 TA75.

## FRANCIS FUKUYAMA DELIVERS SECOND TELLURIDE LECTURE

On April 5, 2000, the second Telluride Lecture was held at Rackham Auditorium. Francis Fukuyama spoke to a crowd of about 150 on "The Great Disruption: Social Consequences of an Information Society." Fukuyama presented in brief the argument he advances in his book of the same name. He proposed that the demographic, economic and cultural changes accompanying the shift from an industrial to a knowledge-based economy have caused an erosion of social capital, seen most clearly in higher crime and divorce rates, greater illegitimacy and a generalized lack of trust. Fukuyama went on to examine the characteristics of human nature as revealed by contemporary biology and economics, and to explore the possibilities for social reconstitution offered by innate human sociability. Vigorous debate ensued.

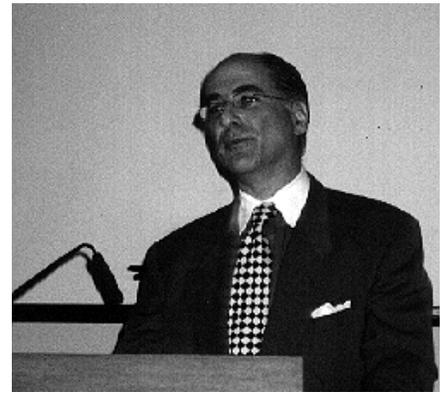
After the lecture, Professor Fukuyama joined the members of the MBTA Pilot Branch for dinner at a local restaurant. There the discussion ranged from economic policy to population control efforts in Latin America, mixed with a few stories of Cornell Branch life circa 1970. In addition to meeting the Pilot Branch, Fukuyama was able to tour the still-unrenovated Telluride House at 1735 Washtenaw. A collection of his books, inscribed by the author, now forms the core of the growing Branch library.

—Thomas Hawks, SP85 CB86 TA87  
Michigan Program Director

## HAROLD LEVY, NEW YORK SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR, DELIVERS THIRD TELLURIDE LECTURE

The week of October 19 was a big one for talk on education here in Ann Arbor, and Harold Levy was right in the thick of it. A former Cornell Branchmember and law student, Levy spoke to an intimate crowd of 100 at Shorling Auditorium at the School of Education.

After explaining briefly his duties as Chancellor of New York Public Schools, Mr. Levy went on to use his administrative building at 110 Livingston Street as a metaphor to describe the "cleaning up" he deems necessary in the New York Public School System. It is important, he stated, to first establish for the system a



level of minimum standards, and to improve from that point. That, it appeared, is what he plans to do during his term.

Mr. Levy's speech, while brief, raised ample matter for discussion over dinner at Telluride House. In our newly painted dining room, housemembers engaged Mr. Levy in a lively debate over corporate sponsorship of schools. As it happened, George Packer, SP77, accompanied Levy to Ann Arbor as part of a story he was writing for the *New York Times Magazine*. Packer, the author most recently of *Blood of the Liberals*, also joined the House for dinner after Levy's lecture. True to Telluride form, the dinner discussion was a rather lengthy affair. All in all, Harold Levy's lecture was a satisfying start to formal intellectual life at the Michigan Branch.

—Emily Ahonen, MB99

Telluride's recognition on the University of Michigan campus has grown tremendously over the last two years, and much of the credit goes to alumni like Dean Sullivan, Professor Fukuyama and Mr. Levy, whose presence have helped establish Telluride House as a fixture of campus political and intellectual life. We are grateful for their time, and we hope they will visit the new Branch on future trips to the Midwest.

Photos:

Opposite Page: (top) November 3rd Gala; (lower left) David Paterson, MBG00, Jonathan "Yoni" Brenner's parents, Jonathan "Yoni" Brenner, MB00; (lower right) former Congressman, Paul Todd, Jr., CB39 TA40.

This Page: (left) Francis Fukuyama, SP69 CB70 TA71; (right) Harold Levy, CB74 TA75.

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# ALUMNI NOTES

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## 1940s

EDWARD LOOMIS, DS42, writes "as a writer I've thrown in with the electronic book (in the Glassbooks format), and currently have several titles available at [Orders@Xlibris.com](mailto:Orders@Xlibris.com). There are three novels (*Romeo and Juliet in LA* being perhaps the most accessible to a general audience), two collections of poetry, an augmented travel book (*Heroic Spain*), and a gathering of translations from Ruben Dario and Antonio Machado. In my early career, my best-known works (now mostly out of print) would probably be *The Charcoal Horse*, *End of a War*, and *Men of Principle*." Descriptions of the work can be found at [www.EdwardLoomis.com](http://www.EdwardLoomis.com).

ROBERT RICHTER, PB47, tells us that his documentary "Crossing the Line," will be screened at the UCLA Film and TV Archives as "one of the outstanding documentaries of 1999," according to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which is sponsoring the event on March 6, 2001. Another documentary, "Father Roy: Inside the School of Assassins," was honored at the Embassy of Poland in Washington, D.C. in May 2000 with a Jan Karski Award for a film on moral courage. Karski, who died last July, is noted as the first person to alert the world to the Holocaust's horrors in Poland.

After stepping down as president of Americans for Democratic Action last year, JACOB SHEINKMAN, CB48 TA49, was elected to a new constitutional office, President Emeritus, an officer member of the executive committee and board of directors. When he retired as President of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union after they merged with the International Ladies Garment Workers to form the Union of Needle Trades Industrial and Textile Employees, he became and still serves as Vice

Chairman of the Amalgamated Bank, which was founded by ACTWU in 1923.

## 1950s

HERBERT MELTZER, CB57 TA58, received "The Research Award of the American Foundation for the Prevention of Suicide," the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, and he is President-elect of the Collegium Internationale Neuropsychologicum. Meltzer is Bixler Professor of Psychiatry and Pharmacology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. His current research focuses on cognitive dysfunction in schizophrenia and the mechanism of action of antipsychotic drugs. He had a pleasant reunion with HASSO VON FALKENHAUSEN, CB57 TA58, in Chicago about a year ago.

## 1960s

RON ALEXANDER, DS64, recently published his first scholarly book review, in *The Journal of Men's Studies: A Scholarly Journal About Men and Masculinities* (Volume 8, Number 2). He also mentions that last year he walked into the Getty Research Institute for the History of the Arts and the Humanities not as a visitor, but to sell a historical document: "it was a thrill."

REV. DR. STEPHEN NOLL, DS64 CB66 TA67, was appointed Vice Chancellor of Uganda Christian University, a new Anglican university in Mukono, Uganda. From 1979-2000 he served as Professor of Biblical Studies and Academic Dean at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA, a seminary in the Evangelical tradition. He has been ordained in the Episcopal Church since 1971 and has written several books, including *Two Sexes, One Flesh* (1997) and *Angels of Light, Powers of Darkness* (1998). Stephen and his wife Peggy (Cornell 1968) have five

children, the youngest of whom entered college in the fall.

JOHANNES LINN, CB68, remembers the year he spend at CBTA (1968-69) as an interesting one. He was a visiting foreign graduate student at the time when the Democrats held their memorable National Convention in Chicago, Richard Nixon was elected President, CBTA member ED WHITFIELD, SP66 CB67, appeared on the cover of a national magazine as he left Willard Straight after having occupied it for a few days, and Delta Epsilon Fraternity neighbors took potshots at CBTA in response to the takeover and Vietnam war protests. He says it was "not a bad way to settle into the U.S., coming from the sheltered walls of Oxford University. . . I liked it so much, I decided to marry a Cornell graduate, settle in the Washington area, and now have a son who's a Captain in the U.S. army."

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.

## 1970s

IRENE KACANDES, SP75, was promoted to Associate Professor of German Studies and Comparative Literature at Dartmouth College last year. Her publications include *A User's Guide to German Cultural Studies* (University of Michigan Press, 1997), and *Talk Fiction: Literature and the Talk Explosion* (University of Nebraska Press, 2001). She would love to locate former Cremona TASPers. Write to [irene.kacandes@dartmouth.edu](mailto:irene.kacandes@dartmouth.edu).

# ALUMNI NOTES

MARINA "RINA" HSIEH, SP77, married Henry Shaw on July 22, 2000. A ceremony highlight was Gounod's "Ave Maria," played on the violin by STEPHEN PERSHING, SP74. Rina teaches law at the University of Maryland, and Henry is a geologist with Lawrence Livermore Labs on assignment to the DOE. They live in Bethesda, MD, and welcome visitors. ([marinahsieh@hotmail.com](mailto:marinahsieh@hotmail.com))

Telluride Association member CAROL OWEN, SP78 CB85 TA86, was elected to the Trustees of Deep Springs College at their October 2000 meeting.

ARTHUR R. KROEBER, SP79, has been living in Kathmandu, Nepal, for over a year, where his wife Deborah Seligsohn is regional environmental officer at the U.S. Embassy. He works as chief correspondent for the internet business magazine of Strategic Intelligence, a Singapore-based economic information service. Any trekkers or pilgrims are invited to look them up. ([kroeber@ulink.com.np](mailto:kroeber@ulink.com.np))

1980s

MATTHEW TRAIL, SP81 CB82 TA84, and Amy El-Hindi announce the birth of their son, Stephen Paris Ahmad El-Hindi Trail, on September 20, 2000 at 11:40 p.m. He weighed 6 lb. 3 oz., and was 20 inches long.

MICHAEL GREVE, CB82 TA83, and LOUISA COAN GREVE, SP82 CB83 TA86, are pleased to announce their marriage on June 10, 2000. They are happily settled in Alexandria, Virginia with Mike's children Alexander, 12, and Sophia, 9.

DAVID PATTERSON, CBG83, and Ezra Spicehandler (Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati) have published a translation of stories by Hayyim Nahman Bialik, *Random Harvest, The Novellas of Bialik*, available through Westview Press. Patterson is president emeritus

of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

CHUCK PAZDERNIK, SP85 CB86 TA87, and MIRIAM AUKERMAN, SP86 CB87 TA88, noting that long-distance commuting features many of the stresses of divorce without the closure, are pleased to report that they once again share a primary place of residence in Brooklyn, New York, following Chuck's completion of a Mellon post-doctoral fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta. He has joined the Classics Department of the Trinity School in Manhattan. Having graduated from New York University School of Law last spring, Miriam is presently clerking in the chambers of the Hon. Pierre N. Leval for the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, in Manhattan.

TARA SMITH (*nee Shannon*), SP86 CB87 TA88, and SHEPARD SMITH, DS88 CB90 TA91, announce the birth of their second child, Benjamin Shepard Smith, on Thursday, September 21 at 11:53 p.m. He was 8 lb. 9 oz. and 20 inches long.

MICHAEL WILSON, SP86, and Becky Sun announce the birth of their son, Theodore Lawrence Tai-De Wilson. Theo was born Monday, May 29, 2000, 11:25 a.m. at the Cambridge Birth Center. He weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. at birth and was 20 inches long.

ALBERT WONG, SP86, writes "After four remarkable, life-changing years living at and working for the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, California—a non-profit center for alternative education—I have begun a job as chief research director and managing editor for a think tank start up project on independent thinkers down in Los Angeles. I am working with Jeremy Tarcher, president of the Penguin imprint that bears his name."

CARL CARLSON, SP87 MB00, writes that he "has finally gone to law school. By an odd twist of fate, he enrolled at

the University of Michigan around the same time Telluride was settling into Ann Arbor, so Carl is now happily ensconced on the second floor of 1735 Washtenaw. He will be in the San Francisco Bay Area this summer."

EERO CARROLL, SP87, successfully defended his doctoral thesis in sociology, *Emergence and Structuring of Social Insurance Institutions*, at Stockholm University in June of 1999. The work took issue with the laborist view of the reasons for welfare state expansion. He writes: "In ongoing research since, I've extended the historical arguments for why also liberals, anarchists, conservatives and communists share the credit (or blame, if one so will) for the development of the welfare state in the industrialized nations."

JENNY DAVIDSON, SP87, would love to hear from fellow TASPers passing through the NY area. She is an assistant professor at Columbia University, teaching eighteenth-century English literature in the Dept. of English and Comparative Literature. She was in the process of finishing up two book manuscripts; a novel called *Heredity*, and a monograph called *Hypocrisy, Politics and Politeness, 1688-1814*. Following completion of her Ph.D. at Yale in December 1999, she worked as Managing Editor of the *Yale Journal of Criticism*. She can be reached by e-mail [jmd204@columbia.edu](mailto:jmd204@columbia.edu).

LISA KIRAZIAN, SP87, writes "I'm a writer, living in La Jolla. I graduated from Stanford in '92 in English and have had three plays produced and one published (*The Visitor*). Most importantly, I got married in April, 2000, to a wonderful man named Steve Kradjian, who is in biotech management. A big hello to the fellow Williams TASPers! I can be reached at [kirazian@aol.com](mailto:kirazian@aol.com)."

ALAN SCHWARTZ, SP87, and M.G. Bertulfo are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Ariel Sol Bertulfo Schwartz.

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MAX EDELSON, DS88 CB90 TA91, and his wife, Jen, announce the birth of their son, William Cornell, November 2, 2000. He was 7 lb. 9 oz. and 21 inches long.

Last fall DEREK JACKSON, SP88, was appointed records officer in the Freedom of Information Law Unit in the Brooklyn D.A.'s office.

KAREN NAKAMURA, SP88, has accepted a position as a Visiting Instructor in Anthropology and Asian Studies at Bowdoin College (in Brunswick, Maine, just a bit north of Portland). Her Ph.D. dissertation for the Anthropology Department of Yale University is on Deaf Identity and Sign Language in Japan. She would love to hear from other TASPers and Cornell alumni at [karen.nakamura@yale.edu](mailto:karen.nakamura@yale.edu).

JOSHUA CHAPMAN, SP89, is teaching Anthropology, Literature, and American History at the Community Middle School in Roanoke, Virginia. He also is happily married to the former Giuliana Fagnoli, who is an Italian teacher.

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MARIE SEGARES, SP91, writes, "I am so happy to be done with school (graduated in May from Columbia with my MPH) and to have more time for biking and being outdoors during this wonderful summer. I am still holding on to the fond memories of my post-graduation trip to the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas. My recommendation: skip Vegas, and stay at the Canyon. It is an amazing place, physically and spiritually." Marie planned to participate in the Multiple Sclerosis Bike Tour on September 24, 2000, a 30 mile ride benefiting the MS Society. For info on how that went, contact her at [msegares@earthlink.net](mailto:msegares@earthlink.net).

HELEN GEIB, SP92, graduated from The John Marshall Law School in

Chicago as valedictorian in June 2000. She works at a law firm in Indianapolis in the intellectual property department (patents and litigation). She writes "I've also bought a house and my first car. Job, house, car—I've left the student life behind and am on my way to becoming a fully integrated member of society. The lure of a regular paycheck is too great to resist."

Recent ventures for MATTHEW PFLANTZBAUM, DS92, include training for the Marine Corps Marathon to raise money for people living with HIV/AIDS. He also worked for the organization So Others Might Eat, a non-profit that offers food, housing, medical services, and job training to Washington, DC's homeless. Early in 2001 he will travel to Colombia as part of a delegation sponsored by the international human rights organization Witness for Peace. The group hopes to meet with a range of organizations and individuals to learn about current U.S. policy toward that South American country. ([pflantzbaum@yahoo.com](mailto:pflantzbaum@yahoo.com))

ERIN CHAPMAN, SS93, spent last year supervising the Academic Bridge Program at the University of Texas at Dallas. She began the Ph.D. program in African American Studies and History at Yale University in the fall.

JENNIFER LEE, SP93, spent last summer traversing the Eurasian landmass by taking the Trans-Siberian railroad from Beijing to Moscow and then making her way by train to London. Then she spent a month and a half in Cuernavaca, Mexico studying Spanish. She started at the *New York Times* as a tech reporter in January 2001.

After graduating from Williams College in the spring of 1999 and working as an Assistant Director of Admissions at Hampshire College, TAMAAAN K. OSBOURNE-ROBERTS,

SP94, has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Admissions and Minority Recruitment at MIT. He invites Cornell TASPers from 1994 to contact him at [tosbourn@wso.williams.edu](mailto:tosbourn@wso.williams.edu) to "discuss his switch from pre-med to education, their own life paths, and where they might be able to meet for a cup of coffee."

CHRISTEL LEE, SP95, is working as a dorm counselor and substitute teacher at the Orthogenic School, a residential school for severely emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children. She also recently became certified as a rape crisis counselor through Rape Victims Advocates, where she volunteers as a medical advocate in the ER of fifteen Chicago hospitals. She would love to hear from other 1995 St. John's TASPers. Her new address is: 1365 E. 60<sup>th</sup> Street Apt. 303-H, Chicago, IL 60637, or [Christel\\_Lee@yahoo.com](mailto:Christel_Lee@yahoo.com).

GREGORY MARSH, SP95, has begun graduate study at Georgetown University. He welcomes correspondence from Cornell '95 TASPers (or any other interested parties) and can be reached at: 1410 Hamlin Street NE, Washington, DC 20017-2943, or [gjm3@georgetown.edu](mailto:gjm3@georgetown.edu).

LINDSAY NORDELL, SP98, won first place in the Meeker prize for freshman fiction at Yale. She says her piece was inspired by an off-hand comment from another Yale TASPer, CASEY PITTS, SP98. She had a wonderful first year at Yale and would like very much to hear from other '98 Kenyon TASPers.

COURTNEY WOOTEN, SS98, enrolled at Stanford University in fall 2000. Last April, she choreographed and directed a production that was performed by a company of 20 dancers. She received the National Achievement Scholarship, was named a Ron Brown Scholar, and was included in Who's Who of American High School Students.

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## IN MEMORIAM

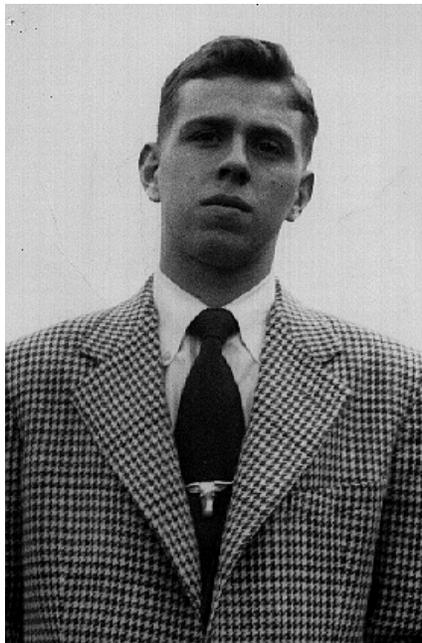
*Donald Reis, CB49 TA54*

On November 1, 2000, Dr. Donald Reis died at the age of 69 during a liver transplant at Mt. Sinai Hospital. As founder and director of Cornell Medical Center Laboratory of Neurobiology, Dr. Reis built a multidisciplinary research enterprise that was one of the first to integrate the techniques and traditions of physiology, biochemistry, and anatomy.

Dr. Reis' work focused on how the brain is organized to express emotional behaviors, and how it controls blood pressure, protects itself against strokes, and generates neurotransmitters, particularly those affecting mood and behavior. His contributions to the understanding of such brain diseases as stroke, dementia, parkinsonism and schizophrenia have had a broad impact not only on neurobiology but on aspects of internal medicine, psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine.

A native New Yorker, Reis had a life-long association with Cornell University, completing undergraduate work as a Phi Beta Kappa in 1953 and receiving his medical degree from Cornell in 1956. After an internship at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and residency training in neurology at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Reis spent four years as a Fullbright Fellow at the Institute of Neurology in London and the Royal Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, and as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Reis returned to Cornell University Medical College in 1963 as an Assistant Professor in the newly formed Department of Neurology. Rising through the academic ranks at Cornell, he was chosen as the first George C. Cotzias Distinguished Professor of Neurology in 1982, a chair he held at his death.

Reis became a TA member in 1954. In 1961-62 he was vice-president of TA. He was also the chairperson of



*Donald Reis, circa 1949.*

the New Funds Committee during his vice-presidency.

Reis is survived by his wife Cornelia, three step children and one grandchild. Contributions can be made to the Weill-Cornell Department of Neurology and Neuroscience, 1300 York Ave. Room F-613, New York, NY 10021, or to the Citizens Committee for New York City, 305 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001.

*James Ward Smith, SPF60*

Professor James Ward Smith died on September 26, 1999 at the age of 82, in the Medical Center at Princeton. Professor Smith graduated in 1938 from Princeton University and was awarded his Ph.D. in Philosophy at Princeton Graduate School in 1942 after teaching in 1940-41 at Harvard University.

Smith served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1942-46. In 1946 he returned to teach philosophy at Princeton. A dramatic and uninhibited lecturer, his course "Philosophy and

the Modern Mind," which he taught for 30 years, was the most popular course in the department. The Princeton Alumni Weekly in 1981 described Professor Smith as using emphatic gestures and vocal effects, perfecting the art of vividly wrestling with philosophical problems before class.

During his career he also taught at Christ Church College, Oxford University, and he was chairman of Princeton's Special Interdepartmental Program of American Civilization. In the fall of 1961 he was a resident at the American Academy in Rome. He also served as Secretary of the American Philosophical Society. His book *Theme for Reason* was published in 1957 by the Princeton University Press, and he co-edited, with A. Leland Jamison, the four volume study *Religion in American Life*, published in 1961. In 1960 Smith taught at the Telluride summer program at Cornell University.

Smith is survived by two nieces, Professor Susan Smith Reilly and Melissa Smith.

A memorial service was held May 26, 2000 at the Princeton University Chapel.

*Hugh Davy, DS28 CB32*

Hugh Davy, DS28 CB32, died December 31, 2000 at Carmel Valley Manor, Carmel Valley, CA at the age of 90. He was manager of a home life insurance agency in San Francisco, and after retirement he was interested in several high tech companies involving stabilized optics. He was one of the founders of Carmel Valley Manor and was chairman of its Board for twenty-five years.

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