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CONVENTION 2001 HIGHLIGHTS

The 2001 Convention, the first to be held at Telluride House in Ann Arbor, can be considered a great success. It was (at least by our standards) both an orderly and a productive meeting, in which the membership considered a remarkable number of important policy matters and dealt responsibly with an expanding amount of routine business and programmatic review. Midwestern heat and humidity notwithstanding, it also struck many in attendance as a remarkably cordial and enjoyable gathering.

Following are some of the highlights of the 2001 Convention.

Bumper year for membership applications. Nine candidates were elected to the membership: Adam Arenson, SP95; John Briggs, SP98 CB99; Stanka Fitneva, CB98; Daniel Galindo, SP99 CB00; Valerie Jaffee, SP94; Puneet Singh, SP98; Henrique Suguri, SP99 CB00; Elizabeth Tulis, SP96; and Sarah Uhler, MB00.

Staff appreciation. The body welcomed Ellen Baer as Administrative Director and recognized the outstanding work of Michigan Program Director Tom Hawks, Assistant Director Cindy Estes-Smith, Financial Manager Barbara Guttridge, Ann Arbor Office Assistant Peg Du Fresne, and Ithaca Office Assistant Mary Cowan.

TASS expansion. A Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar (TASS) was authorized at the University of Michigan for summer 2002, where the program will run concurrently with the Michigan TASP. This marks the expansion of the TASS into a second campus.

The Association was pleased to invite Evans Young, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Education in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts at the University of Michigan, to address the body. Dean Young expressed his appreciation for the work of the Association and great enthusiasm for the prospect of a Michigan TASS.

The body also welcomed Professor W. Marvin Dulaney, chair of the Department of History at the College of Charleston, who presented a proposal for a TASS on that campus. Convention instructed TASS Com to pursue the implementation of a program at Charleston for the summer of 2003.

In recognition of the tenth anniversary of the TASS at the Indiana University, a celebration involving past program participants is planned for autumn 2002.

Development Committee to pursue links with partner institutions and alumni, guide new project planning. The 2001 Convention took steps to address long-term planning issues and resolved to expand outreach to our alumni and other institutions.

The new Development Committee will consider how Telluride Association's resources can best be developed and applied to ensure its longer-term goals. Its members will promote alumni and associate relations and fundraising, assess the Association's human capital priorities, and assist in the planning of new projects.

We invite alumni and associates interested in participating in the work of the Association to contact the Ithaca or Ann Arbor office.

Spending policy revisions. The body revised the Association's annual spendable income formula to increase the anticipated

real rate of return on the endowment while retaining a conservative thirty-year averaging period. Recognizing that this decision will incrementally increase Telluride Association's annual budget over the next few years, we created a Centennial New Projects Reserve as a destination for contributions and new funds in anticipation of the Association's centennial in 2011.

Program diversity initiatives. Convention directed and provided resources for designated members of several 2001-02 committees to conduct an analysis of our program diversity needs and to work with staff to develop and implement mechanisms for meeting our goals.

Reconstitution of CAC. As the Association's programs and obligations expand, we face the pressing need for effective decision-making mechanisms between our annual meetings. The Central Advisory Committee (CAC), with which the President is obliged to consult about any substantive mid-year decision, has accordingly been reconstituted to consist of elected officers and several Association members elected at large.

For 2001-02, CAC will include, *ex officio*, President Charles Pazdernik, SP85 CB86 TA87; Vice President Shepard Smith, DS88 CB90 TA91; and former President Carol Owen, SP78 CB85 TA86. In addition, Nicole Blumner, CB97 TA98, Julia Watts, SP95 CB96 TA98, and Noah Zatz, SP89 CB90 TA92, were each elected to two-year terms; Paul Foster, SP78 CB79 TA81, Marilyn Migiel, SP71 CB72 TA74, and Henry Muller, SP74 CB75 TA79, were each elected to one-year terms.

Reflecting on this past Convention and on the expanding volume and scope of the business with which it dealt, President Pazdernik observed:

"In the past decade, Telluride Association has demonstrated its ability to embark upon ambitious new projects and to leverage its considerable resources in service to the broader community. The process of modernizing the Association's administrative and financial structures is proceeding apace; we have become far more adept at delegating responsibility and drawing upon expert advice; we have in place a dedicated and professional staff.

"Arguably, Telluride Association is as strong and as capable of fulfilling the purposes of the Trust that we hold as it has ever been. The promise of new and expanded programs and the interest of young people in dedicating a portion of their increasingly hectic lives to the demands of community service and democratic decision-making should be an inspiration to all of us."

*Jessica Cattelino, SP91 CB92 TA93
Charles Pazdernik, SP85 CB86 TA87*

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2001 AWARD WINNERS

MIKE YARROW ADVENTUROUS EDUCATION AWARD FOR LONG AND UHLER

The Telluride Association Awards Committee appreciated all of the applications for the 2001 Yarrow Award, each of which presented a carefully planned, worthwhile, and inspiring research project. 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 non-paying, educational, summer public service activity that is outside of an academic institution and that clearly reflects 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.

The 2001 Yarrow Award was awarded to Jennifer (Vern) Long, a graduate student at Cornell Branch, for her proposal to tutor a group of underprivileged young women in Zimbabwe for the O and A levels, the exams they need to pass in order to advance to higher education. These young women, who last year helped Long with her doctoral research on corn, come from rural families who sent them out to work on commercial farms in order to send money home for their younger siblings. Long was impressed with the women's intelligence and curiosity and saddened by their lack of opportunities to improve their lives through education, which exam preparation will help them to achieve. The Awards Committee liked the clear educational and public service components of Long's project, as well as the fact that the project, because of its independent goals, seemed less likely to receive funding through other sources than some of the proposed projects.

This year, the Awards Committee decided to present a second place award, since Long did not request the entire budgeted amount. Sarah Uhler of Michigan Branch received a smaller second place award for her proposed research on maternal and neonatal health in Haiti. Uhler's research will investigate reasons for death in women of reproductive age, child survival following maternal death, child growth following antibiotic treatment, and the possible use of local herbs to reduce maternal mortality following childbirth. Uhler's project will both benefit the individuals she encounters and will contribute to advancements in the field of medicine.

The committee hopes that these projects will offer valuable educational experiences that Long and Uhler will bring back to Cornell Branch and Michigan Branch. Next year's Yarrow Award application deadline will be at the beginning of March. If you are interested in applying and will be a member of Cornell Branch or Michigan Branch in fall 2002, start thinking about educational public service projects for summer 2002.

MANSFIELD-WEFALD PRIZE FOR BEST SENIOR THESIS

The Awards Committee selected Swarthmore College graduate, Timothy Stewart-Winter, SP96, to receive the Mansfield-Wefald Prize for his senior thesis titled "Manning the Home Front: Citizenship and Conscientious Objection During World War II."

Jeannie Chiu, CB88 TA89

FROM THE ARCHIVES

LL Nunn's fortune, and the Branches in which his educational programs began, arose from the Telluride Power Company, which grew out of Nunn's first long-distance electrical installation, in Telluride, Colorado, in 1890. Both of these photographs were taken in July 1910 at Grace, Idaho, one of the company's major plants, built around 1907. Grace is on the Bear River, the main tributary to the Great Salt Lake; the company also developed Bear Lake, many miles upstream on the Utah-Idaho border, to serve as a water source for this and other plants along the river.



The control floor, seen in the photo (above), was not far from the turbines and generators; it consisted of electrical meters and handles that operated valves located below floor level, controlling the flow through the nozzles that ran the Pelton wheels. The job of the Pinheads (the nickname for LL's student employees in the power company days) was to operate these controls so as to maintain the appropriate power going onto the system. It wasn't always smooth. Harold Cole, TA11, (in the post-baseball game group picture below, second from right, reclining) was a Pinhead who was interviewed by Brad



Edmondson, DS76 CB80 TA90, as part of the ADSTA Oral History Project in 1983. His description of operating the plant follows:

"... and also you had to change the amount of generation. At Grace they didn't have any automatic governors to control the amount of power, they didn't dare put them on, because if they closed it down too fast, it might break a pipe, see they had a five-mile-line, so they didn't dare, when I first went out there, operate with governors. Olmsted [the power company's headquarters near Provo, Utah] did all the governing of all the power that was picked up on the system, and they would call up and tell Grace to take on 500 KW or 1000 KW or drop off, so the whole thing was controlled by closing the gates on the water mills, control the amount of power."

So you had to be there in case an order came from Olmsted to do something?

"Yeah, and do any switching. Well, you see, what happened one time—some interesting things happened—one time, a short circuit developed in the linings of the generators, and that was quite an experience. The operators didn't know what to do, it started throwing hot copper at them and they jumped out of the window. And the machine ran away, because it dropped the load off the machine, so the water wheels just spun out, and went up to double normal speed. So, one of the men, Buchanan, who was a college graduate and one of the instructors there, he knew what to do, he went down and closed the field switch on the generator and quick made it stop generating power—opened up so it wouldn't feed into the short circuit in the lining. And then we had to close down, the machines were still operating at runaway speed, and we had to go in there for a few minutes at a time to close down by hand the gates. See, normally it was done by a motor, but we had to shut it down by hand. And it was full of copper dust and copper smoke, and was really a mess. So that was quite an experience."

Grace is still an operating power plant, and Nunn's original powerhouse still stands, though the line feeding those turbines failed around 1980 and was not rebuilt; the building is used mainly for storage. Three newer generators in an adjoining powerhouse built around 1920 provide 33 megawatts of power. The original quarters building, seen in the background of the group picture, burned shortly after the photo was taken but was rebuilt in a more substantial form that is distinctly reminiscent of Telluride House and the quarters building at Olmsted. It is still in use as a training center by Utah Power & Light.

Denis Clark, DS69 CB72 TA73

ALUMNA PROFILE:



Photo by Don Wisniewski

ESTHER DYSON, SP67

TASP has been many things to many people since its early days in the 1950s. To Esther Dyson, today a leader in the world of high-tech investment and commentary, the 1967 Cornell I TASP afforded an opportunity to be a real, honest-to-goodness teenager. As the daughter of European academics, Esther “hardly was a social butterfly,” and this unnerved her somewhat as she prepared to head off to Harvard a year early, immediately after her summer at TASP. But she was delighted to learn that at TASP she could pass for a teenager. She recalls, for example, the day one of her peers inquired as to whether she was a virgin: “I was flattered to be asked!” Indeed, at TASP Esther could be her “wonky,” intellectually rigorous self while also fitting in socially, and she credits that summer for boosting her self-confidence. Academically, she recalls, the seminar, entitled “Historical Studies in the Origins of War” and taught by Professors Donald Kagan (History, Cornell University) and Walter A. Ralls (History, Hobart College), provided stimulating content.

After completing her undergraduate studies in economics at Harvard, Esther explored various professions, working as a reporter for three years at *Forbes* and then as a securities analyst on Wall Street for five years. Eventually she took a pay cut to move closer to the world of PCs and software, eschewing Wall Street’s money-focused culture. (That same culture caught up with her over the last few years in the Internet world, but now, she notes happily, “that money-mad period is over.”) Esther went to work for former Lotus and Compaq chairman Ben Rosen at Rosen Research. She freed him to become a full-time venture capitalist by buying out the company in 1983, renaming it EDventure Holdings. To this day, the company produces a monthly newsletter, *Release 1.0*, and produces two annual conferences, in the U.S. and Europe.

Since then, Esther has pursued a multifaceted career—“discovering the inevitable and promoting the possible.” EDventure Holdings invests in start-up companies around the world, and since going to Russia in 1989 Esther has devoted extensive time and resources to emerging markets in Eastern Europe. The founding chairman (and current advisory committee member) of ICANN, the non-profit organization that manages the Internet domain name system, Esther explores issues of governance as ICANN works to define both its own governance and a limited set of rules for managing the public resource that is the Internet.

In the mid-1990s Esther decided that she wanted to reach a broader public than EDventure’s and *Release 1.0*’s industry insiders. So, she wrote *Release 2.0: A Design for Living in the Digital Age*, a book about the place of the Internet in the everyday lives of individuals. Now available in 20 languages, *Release 2.0* addresses social and political issues such as privacy, and it has been credited for introducing a now-widespread framework for understanding the Internet’s role in social life. The book reflects Esther’s belief that the decentralized structure of the Internet offers “new forms of power to individuals and groups, and especially helps perennially funds-short nonprofit initiatives.” (She herself is a backer of Bridges.org, an organization devoted to “bridging” the digital divide by fostering sustainable local entrepreneurial efforts rather than “giving cool toys to the needy.”) Esther also sits on the boards of many of her investee companies, and she further overloads her busy days by writing a column, *Release 3.0*, for the *New York Times* syndicates. Self-described as intellectually curious, Esther Dyson provides a model for how technology and public service can enhance each other.

Jessica Cattelino, SP91 CB92 TA93

MBTA NEWS

FRANKOVIC DELIVERS TELLURIDE LECTURE ON THE 2000 ELECTION

The Telluride Lecture Series at the University of Michigan wrapped up its second year with a lively talk by Kathleen Frankovic, SP63 SPF93, Director of Surveys for CBS News. The talk, entitled “Polls in the Election of 2000: The Ambivalent Electorate,” took place in Ann Arbor on March 7, only a few months after the presidential election finally was resolved. Interest in the election continued to run high on campus, and Frankovic’s talk proved to be as engaging as it was timely.

On the evening of the lecture, more than 300 students filled Auditorium B in Angell Hall to capacity. Frankovic began her presentation by reviewing the findings of various polls in an attempt to explain the murky results of the election. “A confused electorate,” Frankovic maintained,

“led to confusion on Election Night.” Frankovic noted, for example, that a large majority of those polled believed a President should be selected based on “the issues” rather than “personality.” Nonetheless, polls also reported that a high percentage ranked “honesty” as the most important trait for a candidate to possess. “Honesty,” Frankovic demonstrated, “clearly denoted Bush voters and made a big difference on Election Day.” Likewise, respondents overwhelmingly considered the national economy in 2000 to be robust, but split over whether to credit Bill Clinton or the Republican Congress for this achievement. Not surprisingly, how a voter answered this question strongly predicted which candidate he or she would eventually support in the general election. Finally, Frankovic discussed the networks’ premature decision to call Florida first for Gore and then for Bush. Frankovic attributed these decisions not only to the unprecedented closeness of the vote, but also to the large number of absentee ballots that greatly complicated exit polling.



Kathleen Frankovic with Michigan branchmembers following lecture.
Photo by UM Photo Services

Frankovic’s visit to the University was co-sponsored by UM’s Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP). Michael Traugott, Chair of Communication Studies and a teacher for UROP, introduced Frankovic and moderated the animated discussion period afterward. Questioners asked Frankovic about the future use of exit polls by the networks and how to account for the growing number of votes submitted by absentee ballot. Frankovic answered that she expected future surveys to rely more heavily on telephone polling in order to reflect the views of absentee voters. She also shared some of her experiences in the booth on election night. “I’d always wanted to experience a close election,” Frankovic remembered, “but this was more than I’d bargained for.”

After the lecture concluded, Frankovic returned to Telluride House for a dinner with the members of the

Michigan Branch. She also presented the House with a copy of *The Election of 2000: Reports and Interpretations*, edited by Gerald M. Pomper, in which her work appears. We at Michigan Branch greatly enjoyed Frankovic’s visit, and we’d like to thank her for taking the time to deliver the spring 2001 Telluride Lecture. We’d also like to express our apologies to the members of ADSTA, who were apparently also trying to schedule an appearance by Frankovic for the same night. Sorry, ADSTA, you missed a great talk.

Thomas Hawks, SP85 CB86 TA87
Michigan Program Director

MBTA GRADUATES

Nir Krakauer, MB00, writes “Apart from Telluride, my year has been fairly calm, and unbelievably I feel ready to leave UM. After a summer that I think I’ll devote to experimental cooking plus learning some serious Spanish, I will begin graduate school at Caltech, probably delving into biogeochemistry and industrial ecology. I’ll continue to follow Telluride developments with interest, and I’d love to see any of you who might be in Pasadena.”

David Lu, MB00, is graduating with a degree in political science. Dave will be spending the next year teaching English to junior high school students in the Kyoto public school system. He will spend the year abroad taking a breather before graduate studies, gaining a greater appreciation of other cultures, and at the same time trying to learn some Japanese. As far as graduate school goes, Dave is currently slated to attend the University of Michigan Medical School in August 2002 when he returns to the U.S.

Lee Palmer, MB00, graduated with a double degree in political science and Spanish language with a minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. For her outstanding achievement in political science Lee was awarded the *William Jennings Bryan Prize*, the highest honor the department gives to a graduating senior.

At UM, Lee was a founding organizer of SOLE, Students Organizing for Labor and Economic Equality. Under Lee’s leadership, SOLE forced the university to author the strongest university anti-sweatshop code in the country after their first sit-in won substantial “living wage” language. Lee has gained a strong sense for the U.S. political system while working in the Massachusetts State House and helping to run political campaigns.

Working with a faculty member in the sociology department, Lee will spend the summer as a researcher/translator, performing wage-rate research in the Mexico City area. Returning in the fall to her home in the Boston area, Lee seeks full-time work where she can develop her political, campus, or union organizing skills while using her Spanish language fluency to further her goal of social and economic justice for all people.

NEWS FROM CBTA

CBTA GRADUATES

Two of Cornell Branch's undergraduates and one graduate student received diplomas at commencement on May 27.

Sana Krasikov, SP96 CB97, graduated *magna cum laude* as a College Scholar. Her senior thesis, a portfolio entitled "Air Control and Other Stories," won the Furrow-Hwyl prize for undergraduate fiction. Writing fiction was relatively new to Sana, who studied history and anthropology until, as a junior, she "fell in love with the English department." In addition, two of Sana's essays recently have been published; one, "The Poetry of Lying," in the *Savannah Literary Review*, which—befittingly—mistook it as fiction and printed it as such; the other, "Secular First," in the *Florida Review*.

As a senior, Sana wrote for the *Cornell Daily Sun* as well as for *Cornell Magazine*, where she worked for Sharon Tregaskis, CB94 TA96. She was drawn to journalism because of the opportunity it afforded to engage with controversial issues.

Living at Telluride House for four years has been rewarding for Sana. "It's like a different experience every year – there are some of the same institutional structures, but the way they are interpreted is always different. It's not like I ever needed a change," she said. Her favorite memories are of a Telluride service project at Beverly J. Martin Elementary School, where she and other housemembers had "tons and tons of fun" creating murals with the children. "I think the House should, if it has the chance, do programs like that—it's really fun to do creative things with housemembers," she suggested.

Sana will remain in Ithaca for the summer, stringing for the *Ithaca Journal*, teaching at the children's program of Cornell Adult University, and continuing her work for *Cornell Magazine*. After more than four years of communal living, Sana will miss Telluride: "I don't know what I'm going to do when I have just one wardrobe to wear," she pondered.

Angus Jennings, CB99, received a Master's in City and Regional Planning after two years as Telluride's Atkinson-

Tetreault Scholar. Angus came to study planning after an internship working for the City of Baltimore's planning office, but he also brought an interest in questions of governance. For the House, this was evident in his pacesetting approach to its democratic process and his rigorous attention to his committee assignments, which last year included House President.

Angus was politically involved in Cornell's community too, serving as the student representative of the School of Art, Architecture and Planning to the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly. He also participated in the Organization of Cornell Planners and the

Cornell Democrats, and we have no doubt that the recent switch in the Senate's balance of power owes something to Angus' machinations. Angus recently completed teaching a weekly course to at-risk eleventh- and twelfth-grade students in Tompkins County, coordinated through Cornell's Public Service Center. In his spare time, he played tennis on Cornell's courts and ping-pong on Telluride's new table, generously donated by faculty guest Chuck Bazerman, SP62 CB63 CBG99.

Last year, Angus was recognized with a prestigious internship with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Angus plans to work as a town

MY YEAR AT TELLURIDE

by Ann J. Lane, CBG00

How best to describe my sentiments as I was about to end my year's residence as a faculty guest at Telluride House in May? Something akin to how Eve must have felt as she was packing up, although she had far fewer possessions to lug. This was indeed as close to my Garden of Eden as I might have imagined possible. Nor is it likely that the original version could have been more beautiful than the magnificent home I had occupied for the previous ten months.

Ordinarily I am a professor of history and director of the Women's Studies Program at the University of Virginia, a job that entails at least six long days a week in the office, endless meetings of various sorts, exams for undergraduate honors theses and doctoral candidates, and office hours with students. Add to that picture a life that has included at different times husbands, children, cats, dogs, birds, fish, guinea pigs, and rabbits.

What I realized as I sat down in my large, sunny corner room in Telluride House last July 15 was that for the first time in my adult life I was in an environment in which I had no responsibilities of any kind, except my own commitment to end the year with a draft of my book. The thoroughly unexpected fringe benefit that I immediately discovered was the extraordinary daily meals prepared by two outstanding chefs. I could not imagine such good fortune—I didn't even have to shop, cook, or clean up the dirty dishes.

Most of my colleagues thought I was demented. Live in one room and with a bunch of college students? And share a bathroom? Other colleagues, smiling bemusedly, suggested I was attempting to recapture my college days. There is a story to that. When I was about to graduate from James Madison High School in Brooklyn, the only college I wanted to attend was Cornell. When my parents fi-



Ann Lane, CBG00

planner in eastern Massachusetts, and he hopes to parlay this experience in local government into planning work at the state level.

Angus is “honored” to have partaken in the Telluride experience. “All things considered, this institution is truly unique,” he said. “I don’t think anything quite like it exists at any university.” Angus relished the diversity of opinion and informal argument, and he reluctantly admitted the value of housemeetings.

Ryan Williams, CB00, looks forward to returning soon to the “Graduates” column. Having graduated *magna cum laude*

in computer science and *cum laude* in mathematics, he will remain at Cornell and Telluride next year to take an M.Eng. in computer science.

Ryan, a College Scholar, has performed considerable research in the field of computer science known as complexity theory, research that culminated in a senior thesis entitled “Access Complexity.” He received a prestigious fellowship from the National Science Foundation to continue graduate-level research. Next year, Ryan intends to submit papers to conferences and apply to Ph.D. programs in complexity theory.

Last summer, Ryan participated in academic workshops at the Institute of

Advanced Studies in Princeton, Rutgers, and Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. While not studying, Ryan passed his time by strumming his guitar or writing short stories. Ryan appreciates his year at Telluride House and is looking forward to more: “When applying to Telluride, I had thought that it might give me a little more free time” compared to apartment living, he said. “What it has really done is give me intriguing ways to spend free time.”

John Briggs, SP98 CB99 TA01

nally revealed to me that they did not have the money to pay for an out-of-town school, I was devastated. Reluctantly I went to Brooklyn College, founded in 1930, a free school designed to educate those without resources for private college. I received a fine education, but my 1949 yearning for Cornell only was put to rest in 2000.

But...the mansion, the food, the opportunity to focus fully on a book project, access to Cornell, the interesting visitors and lecturers—none of this was sufficient to create my Eden. It was the students, undergraduate and graduate, who made the year a magical one.

I have been teaching in the academy since the middle 1960s, but until this year I have not lived among students. I am guilty occasionally of a common university practice: talking about college students as if such an enormous and diverse community can be simply categorized. Complaints by the professoriate that today’s college crop is apolitical, self-centered, unengaged with ideas, anti-intellectual, and obsessed with worldly success do not echo with the Telluride House residents.

Telluriders are diverse in character, ideology, politics; they differ in what interests them, what arouses their passions, and what makes them laugh. However, they are, almost without exception, serious about their work, their community, their environment, and their world. They are astonishingly smart, widely read, and curious about ideas from everywhere about everything. They are not perfect,

but they are wonderful. I love them all, even the ones I sometimes don’t like.

I need to digress a bit to come back to my ending at Telluride. When I had packed up my belongings in Ithaca toward the end of May, I went to New York City for a graduation ceremony at Brooklyn College and a reunion with certain of my college classmates, those who had been on the staff of the college newspaper, *Vanguard*. Fifty years ago, when I was a college sophomore, it was the height of the McCarthy era, and the Brooklyn College president permanently and arbitrarily shut down the campus paper for challenging some of his undemocratic actions. Today’s president, in a gesture that mixed regret for that half-century old act and pride in the courage of those of us students who stood up to the president, honored the editor at the time, Bill Taylor. Taylor went on to head the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and to have a long and distinguished career as a civil rights lawyer and activist. As commencement speaker, Taylor told the students: “I learned that it was important to speak out for what you believed in.”

Continuing my nostalgic trip, the following week I attended a conference at Barnard College for veteran feminist educators. We had been engaged in feminist pedagogy and university activism in the period between 1966 and 1977. During that time I taught my first women’s studies class (1970) at Douglass College and published my first book on the history of women in America, a study of the thought of Mary Ritter Beard, a

mid-20th century women’s historian. On this trip I discovered again but differently the fear and resilience of those early feminist days, when we challenged the entrenched and unbending academy to answer our central questions: when the men were building and running states and governments, developing economies, making wars, creating formal bodies of knowledge, and establishing major religious institutions, what were the women doing? Was that not of equal importance? And why had that knowledge not been recognized?

Looking back at the enormous personal time and space navigated on my journey—McCarthyism in the 1950s, feminism in the 1970s, my bittersweet ending at Telluride of an enchanted and stimulating year recreating a past I never had—has given me a confidence I did not have before this year began. My year with the kind of students I met at Telluride has renewed my natural optimism that began to wilt in the wake of, among other events, the recent presidential election. But now I can call upon those Telluride students and the year-long conversations at dinner, as well as the occasional trips to the movies, to the supermarkets, to the veterinary school, to the lectures at Cornell. Above all, I’ll remember just hanging out. Their energy, their dreams, and their commitment assure me that whatever future is to be constructed in this world, they will participate actively in shaping it, and it is that knowledge that cheers and comforts me.

2001 SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Cornell I

Dustin (Chad) Alligood
Brendon Bouzard
Ayan Chatterjee
Caitlin Donovan
Andrea (Chinyere) Ezie
David Foster
Raphael Lee
Elizabeth Lim
David Lyttle
Thiago Oliveira
James Pautz
Ljubica Popovic
Cambridge Ridley
Samantha Staley
Laurel Wamsley
Jinda Wedel

Cornell II

Francois Allain
Andrew Baca
Julian Darwall
Sara DiMaggio
Andrew Dombrowski
Aileen (Candace) Frazier
Laura Holzman
Minyang Jiang
John Mackay
Kim Nguyen
Kate Reber
Gunjan Sharma
Linda Shen
Rachel Springer
Julia Wallace
Christopher Wang

Indiana University

LaShondra Booker
Rana Brown
Austin Butler
Nomakade Diko
Nathan Floyd
Rian Hunter
Diana Louis
Jawuan Meeks
Ernestine Narcisse
B. Justin Parker
Osei Sarhene
David Scott
Sherika Trotter
Justin Turner
Janika Wilson
Tiffany Yizar

Penn State

Catherine Baylin
Paul Benecki
Anna Bershteyn
Tyler Brown
John Chen
Michal Cohen
Leah Cook
Xinyang (Annie) Jia
Mavis Martin
Evan Miller
Nathan Nagy
Govind Persad
Rose Ruther
Anna Schall
Kathryn Tiskus
Richard Turner
Sarah Willis
William Woolston

University of Michigan

Justin Blank
Sasha-Mae Eccleston
Harry Gail
Carlos Garcia
Laura Hidalgo
Arthur Hong
Kalama Kabongo
Emily LaDue
Britta Lindquist
Zhenzhen Lu
Jennifer O'Kell
Jonathan Oster
Bridget Queenan
Lazeena Rahman
Daniel Recht
David Schloss
Daoud Tyler-Ameen
Sarah Vaughn

PROGRAMS

Cornell I Program—"Performing Gender: From Rap Lyrics to Lamentations"

Professor Sally McConnell-Ginet, Department of Linguistics, and Professor Kathryn March, Department of Anthropology, both of Cornell University.

Cornell II Program—"Altered Consciousness: Writing about Poetry and Art"

Professor Gordon Teskey, Department of English, Cornell University, and Professor Charles Mahoney, Department of English, University of Connecticut.

University of Michigan Program—"Race, Gender, and Class in American and British History"

Professors Gina Morantz-Sanchez and Geoff Eley, both of University of Michigan's Department of History.

Penn State Program—"The Roots, Evolution, Development, and Trajectory of Environmental Policy and Politics,"

Professor Robert O'Connor, Department of Political Science, and Professor Richard J. Bord, Department of Sociology, both of Penn State.

Indiana University Program—"The African Diaspora: Music, Dance and History"

Professor Iris Rosa, Department of Afro-American Studies, and Professor Daniel Walker, Department of History, both of Indiana University.

INTERVIEWERS

Telluride Association would like to thank the following associates for helping to interview over 170 candidates for the 2001 Summer Programs. This summer, sixty-eight rising high school juniors are participating in the TASP at Cornell, University of Michigan, or Penn State. Indiana University is hosting sixteen promising high school sophomores in the ninth year of the TASS program.

Diana Aleman
Ted Alexander
Miriam Aukerman
Sarah Averill
Shawn Ayres
Ellen Baer
Jessica Bauman
Joseph Beck
Lincoln Bergman
Joel Blecher
Nicole Blumner
John Briggs
Erica Burleigh
Joel Cadbury
Cathy Carlson
Jessica Cattellino
John Cattlely

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Anakarina Corcoran
Sarah Deming
Charlotte Dewar
Laura Dixon
Tom Downey
Daniel Dulitz
Paul Foster
Kathleen Frankovic
Annie Frazer
M. Somjen Frazer
Dan Galindo
Nancy Glazener
Joy Goodwin
Kristi Graunke
Dave Greene
Dyinishal Gross

Tom Hawks
Lee Hernandez
Cindy Hwang
Steffani Jemison
Aaron Johnson
John Johnson
Philip Kaplan
Stan Karas
Michael Kieffer
John Kreps
George Kroup
Paul Levesque
Amanda Littauer
Jessie Liu
Crystal Long
Vern Long
ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball

Benjamin Lytal
Michael Marder
Jamie May
Kenneth McGill
Mark Merin
Marilyn Migiel
Aoife Naughton
Amy Nestor
Hannah Nolan-Spohn
Heather O'Hara
Amina Omari
Aviva Orenstein
Lee Palmer
Alexandra Parfitt
Christopher Park
Charles Pazdernik
Dolores Perera

Chris Ponoroff
Patrick Reynolds
Suzanne Roos
Warren Rosenblum
Jennifer Ruesink
Reihan Salam
David Schuman
Sharon Schuman
Mikush Schwam-Baird
Joseph Schwartz
Alan Segal
Michael Shae
Kathryn Shanley
Alice Sheppard
Rebecca Sherouse
Puneet Singh
Anna Solomonik

Joseph Sosa
Harry Stahl
Laura Steele
Thomas Stillinger
Henrique Suguri
Kate Taylor
Diane Thompson
Don Tontiplaphol
Sarah Uhler
S. David Webb
Barry Weller
Pete Wildes
Jason Williams
Albert Wong

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1940s

LINDSEY GRANT, DS43 CB46 TA47, reports from Santa Fe. He has just completed a new book, *Too Many People*, about his favorite topic: population, resources, and the environment. It started as a handbook and, unlike most of his earlier books (*Juggernaut*, *How Many Americans?*, *Elephants in the Volkswagen*), this one is a readable length: 94 pages. He has sent all of them to the three DS/TA libraries and was happily surprised a few years ago to find the earlier ones actually in place at Cornell Branch: "Other DS/TA writers, take note." Other than that, life is uneventful. Grant reports that he "gets lazier" with every passing season and, although he continues to lecture and do short papers, he has no plans for another book. Aside from touching base with some old friends and family, his travels are less and less ambitious. There is a lot of lovely country within about 300 miles, and that should be sufficient. But he will make the Deep Springs Reunion next summer.

JERALD STEISEL, M.D., CB48, is in the active practice of psychiatry and psychoanalysis in Roslyn, Long Island, New York. He has been elected President of the Long Island Psychoanalytic Society. He is a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He is faculty member of Cornell Medical College and New York University Medical School. His wife, Marilyn, a psychotherapist, shares offices with him. They have three daughters, all engaged in the healthcare professions in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Dallas. He would be delighted to hear from classmates.

HELMUT BONHEIM, PB49 TA51, was elected to the honorary presidency of the European Society for the Study of English, the umbrella organization of 32 societies of University English in Europe. He recently retired from the Chair of Anglo-American Studies, University of Cologne, and was honored with a *Festschrift* that includes a list of some 200

publications of his in the fields of Anglo-American and European Studies. He continues to serve as advisory editor to a number of scholarly publications, including the *James Joyce Quarterly* (Tulsa) and the *European English Messenger* (Cardiff).

1950s

PETER GEACH, CBG59, writes "My wife Elizabeth Anscombe died on January 5, 2001. A year earlier each of us had been awarded a Papal decoration *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*. I have just received an 'Aquinas Medal' from the American Catholic Philosophical Association. I have recently published a book, *Truth and Hope*, based on lectures delivered at the Academy of Philosophy in the principality of Liechtenstein in 1999."

1970s

CARL KAY, SP73, writes that he sold the company he founded in 1982; he currently is serving on several corporate boards and keeps a hand in various areas of U.S.-Japan business. He notes: "raising two bilingual kids (with my wife) more than fills the rest of my day." He continues to "poke around looking for a business excuse to get Jay O'Callahan to Japan."

SUSAN C. EATON, SP74, is an assistant professor of public policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard with a Ph.D. in management (industrial relations and organization studies) from MIT's Sloan School. She recently read a Harvard senior thesis in social studies by DS96 alumnus WILL ERICKSON. Telluriders are welcome to be in touch via email seaton@ksg.harvard.edu.

A reception was held at Telluride House in Ithaca on August 18 to celebrate the wedding of BRAD EDMONDSON, DS76 CB80 TA90, to Tania Werbizky. Brad and Tania will live with Brad's children, Will (15) and Emma (13), at 110 Queen Street in Ithaca. Tania is a former instructor (1978-86) at Cornell's Department of City

and Regional Planning and currently is the director of technical services for The Preservation League of New York State. Brad is a writer and the vice president for content at ePodunk Inc., a web site that offers profiles of 25,000 cities and places in the U.S., including the Dandelion Capital of the World (Vineland, NJ), the Fire Hydrant Capital of the World (Albertville, AL), and the Deer Capital of Nebraska (Crawford). The site also offers a virtual tour of the Erie Canal, with music, panoramas, and a history of the towns along its 363 miles. The address is www.epodunk.com.

1980s

CARL ETNIER, DS81 CB84, writes "On June 26 I'm finishing up my decade in Scandinavia and settling in Vermont, USA. I'm currently working on finishing up my Ph.D. dissertation on decision making for sustainable wastewater treatment and am looking for work starting in October, doing consulting related to wastewater decision making. The big news in my personal life is that Diana Chace and I will get married on her farm in September." New contact information: 225 Sparrow Farm Road, Montpelier, VT 05602; carl@etnier.net

BECKY PINNICK, SP83 CB84 TA88, married Lt. Brian Nutter (USCG) on June 23, 2001 in Oakland, California. In mid-July they settled into their new home outside of Baltimore (383 Hickory Nut Court, Pasadena, MD 21122), and they are looking forward to seeing old friends.

THOMAS HAWKS, SP85 CB86 TA87, and Irene Lopez are pleased to announce the birth of Spencer David Hawks. He was born on March 17, 2001 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 ounces and was 21 inches long.

CARLOS ROJAS, SP87 CB88 TA90, writes "After having spent the past decade in the frozen wilds of Ithaca, New York City, and Urumqi, China, I am happy to report that I will be relocating to somewhat more temperate

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Gainesville, Florida in the fall. I received my doctorate (“with distinction”) in Chinese literature from Columbia University this past October (having needed two and a half years *less* to finish my post-graduate studies than it had originally taken to get my bachelor’s). I have accepted a position in the awkwardly-named Department of African and Asian Languages and Literatures at the University of Florida beginning next year.”

GREGORY R. JOHNSON, SP89, writes “After graduating from Dartmouth in ‘94, I tutored the TASS program. A year later, I attended the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. There I had the honor of receiving a National Medical Fellowship on Violence Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. My paper from there was recently published. I also served as vice-chair of the American Medical Association’s Medical Student Section. Currently, I am starting the third year of my residency at the Alton Ochsner Medical Foundation. I am doing a combined residency in internal medicine and family practice. I will be serving as chief resident.”

In Fall 2000 NOAH ZATZ, SP89 CB90 TA92, finally gave in to the lures of the Elm City and moved to New Haven for a year while JESSICA CATTELINO, SP91 CB92 TA93, was in Florida (see below). He is a law clerk for Judge Guido Calabresi, a federal appeals judge, following last year’s stint as a clerk for Judge Kimba Wood in Manhattan’s federal district court. Once the clerkship is done, Noah will take a breather in Washington, D.C. for a couple of months and then head back to New York to begin a two year fellowship in public interest law at the National Employment Law Project. Focusing on the employment-related problems faced by New Yorkers leaving public assistance or working in the city’s workfare program, Noah will provide both legal representation to individuals and technical assistance to grassroots organizing efforts.

1990s

JESSICA CATTELINO, SP91 CB92 TA93, just completed her year-long anthropology dissertation research—funded in part by a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship—with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Studying the shape of Seminole sovereignty and nationhood since the Tribe transformed its economy through casino gaming, Jessica enjoyed the opportunity to meet fabulous people, spend time in the Florida Everglades, and eat lots of fry bread. On August 1 she moved to Washington, D.C., where she’s spending 4 months conducting archival research as a Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellow at the National Museum of Natural History. After somehow finding an affordable apartment Jessica and NOAH ZATZ, SP89 CB90 TA92, will return to New York City in November, where she will write up her dissertation.

MICHAEL S. McPHERSON and MORTON OWEN SCHAPIRO, SPF91, economists and 1991 Williams TASP faculty, recently co-authored an op-ed in the *New York Times*. Writing about the proposed elimination of the estate tax, McPherson and Schapiro suggested reframing the debate away from taxation on the distribution of an individual’s wealth to taxation on income by those who receive wealth through bequests. The authors, following John Stuart Mill, proposed a “lifetime accession tax,” whereby individuals would be taxed progressively on gifts received above a given threshold during their lifetimes. Inheritances would be included; thus, the estate tax could be eliminated. McPherson is President of Macalester College, and Schapiro is President of Williams College.

SHELBY DIETZ, SP93 CB94 TA98, and Eanna Flanagan were married on June 2, 2001 in Ithaca, New York. Following the ceremony at Barnes Hall, family and friends gathered at Telluride House to celebrate the union. Shelby is a graduate student in neuroscience at Harvard University, and Eanna is a professor of

physics and astronomy at Cornell University.

JULIAN HARRIS, SP95, appears in the June 1st issue of the *Cherwell*, one of Oxford’s student newspapers. He was invited to sing at a function that honored former President and fellow Rhodes Scholar Bill Clinton. Harris performed the “Star Spangled Banner,” “Go Down Moses,” and “Every Time I Feel the Spirit.” Harris is a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College, Oxford, UK.

ROBIN MILLER, SP97, spent the winter and spring in Spain, where she studied Spanish and Art History. After traveling in Southern Europe she returned to Alaska for a summer of thesis research and work at a public radio station. She anticipates graduating from the University of Oregon in June 2002. Fellow TASPers may reach her at rem30385@gladstone.uoregon.edu.

BRIAN DEBOSCH, MB99, was selected to present his research at an annual lobbying event in Washington, D.C. earlier this year. The Council on Undergraduate Research, a national organization promoting funding for undergraduate research, reviewed 140 abstracts this year for 60 places. One of two UM students selected this year, Brian just graduated with a dual degree in German Languages and Literature and Cellular and Molecular Biology.

OMANE ADU-BRAKU, SS99, was selected to attend the National Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. in late March. The six day seminar was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. After TASS ‘99, Omame received several honors and awards, including induction into the National Honor Society and the “High Academic Award.” Omame will be attending the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana in the fall. She will be majoring in biology and has plans to become a pediatric dentist.

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IN MEMORIAM

JEREMY JON BENDER, SP93, died on September 1, 1997 at the age of 21. At the time, he was a senior at New York University-Gallatin Division working on an independent study that included part-time work at Artists Space, an independent art gallery in Soho. He was also employed part-time at the NYU Medical Center. Jeremy spent part of his last summer in Florence, Italy studying Renaissance literature and art.

JESSIE WITHROW, SP97, died on July 3, 2000 as the result of an accident involving a drunk driver. She had completed her sophomore year at Bates College. The University of Alaska has established a "Jessie Withrow Prize for Excellence," commemorating her passion and talent for writing and poetry, which will be presented to the highest scorer in the annual Poetry Out Loud High School Championship sponsored by the University's Department of Creative Writing and Literary Arts.

KURT BERGEL, long time friend of Deep Springs College and Telluride Association, passed away on March 19, 2001 at the age of 89. He and his wife, Alice, emigrated to the U.S. from Nazi Germany in 1942 and settled at Deep Springs College. He earned a Ph.D. in German literature from UC Berkeley while teaching at the college. The Bergels were also involved with the Pasadena Branch of Telluride Association, which ran from 1947 to 1952 under the direction of Clarence "Mike" Yarrow. An expert on the life and work of Albert Schweitzer, Dr. Bergel was a professor of history at Chapman University from 1949 to 1980. He is survived by his second wife, Kitty (m. 1999), his son, Peter, and grandson, Shanti.

Telluride Association was notified of the deaths of the following associates:

H. RANDOLPH NEWMAN, DS35
ARDEN SMITH, DS50

2001 NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

Three Telluride associates were recognized with 2001 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships, prestigious government-sponsored awards. One Telluride associate received an honorable mention.

Fellowships

Scott Aaronson, CB98, computer science at UC Berkeley
Matthew Salganik, CB01, sociology at Cornell
Ryan Williams, CB00, computer science at Cornell

Honorable Mention

Shelby Dietz, SP93 CB94 TA98, neuroscience at Harvard



The Board of Custodians met in Deep Springs May 18-20, where they held a joint discussion about investment strategy with members of the Deep Springs community. Pictured on the steps of the beautifully reconstructed Main Building (from left to right): Top Row: Dick Cornelison (DS Trustee), Tim Hoekstra (Custodians), Eliot Michaelson (DS Student and Trustee), Martynas Ycas (TA Treasurer), Oliver Morrison (DS Student and Trustee), Derek Lyon (DS Student), Greg DeSisto (Prime Buchholz, Investment Consultant to TA). Bottom Row: Jay Pulliam, Brad Edmondson, Nicole Blumner, Jeff Behrens (all Custodians). The Custodians thank Deep Springs President Jackson Newell (present but not pictured) for the College's generous hospitality!

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