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TA CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF TASS

Believe it or not, the 10th summer of TASS is only months away! With a decade of experience under our belt, Telluride Association is moving in new directions with the sophomore program. In summer 2002 for the first time there will be two TASSes, one in its traditional home at Indiana University, Bloomington and another in the inaugural year of a new program at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. What's more, plans are afoot for further expansion to a third site: the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. The TASS continues to provide a challenging, inter-disciplinary seminar in African-American Studies and to seek out talented students with limited educational opportunities.

At the same time that we are forging ahead with new programs, we are also taking TASS' tenth anniversary as an occasion for reflection on, and celebration of, what TASS has accomplished so far. Although the details remain in embryonic form, the Association is planning a weekend reunion following this summer's TASS that will bring together as many TASSers, tutors, and faculty as possible from the programs of 1993 to 2002. By reinvigorating the bonds formed at TASS itself and supplementing them with new connections across the different TASS "generations," we hope the event can help make the TASS the beginning of long-term participation in a learning community, not just a fleeting, if very influential, six weeks of summer.

To help build the foundations for that community, and to reflect the priorities and talents of TASSers themselves, the anniversary celebration is being planned by a steering committee that consists primarily of former TASSers and TASS tutors. By bringing together so many participants in the TASS over the years, this event will also present an opportunity for the real TASS "experts" to analyze, from many different perspectives, the strengths and weaknesses of the program as it has developed so far. With the benefit of this discussion, and the ongoing involvement of the whole TASS community, we hope that the next ten years of TASS will see a program that is not only bigger, but also better than ever.

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If you want to participate in planning the TASS 10th anniversary reunion & celebration, or have any ideas about how to make it a success, please contact Telluride Association at telluride@cornell.edu or (607) 273-5011, or Angela Crenshaw at angelacrenshaw@hotmail.com or (415) 845-6843.

Noah Zatz, SP89 CB90 TA92

TASS 10th Anniversary Reunion & Celebration Steering Committee Members

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Erin Chapman (TASS '93, tutor '99)

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Everett E. Stuckey, Jr. (TASS '99)

Julie Suk (tutor '96)

Jamila Webb (TASS '97, tutor '01)

Noah Zatz (current TASS Committee member)



E-COMMUNITY AT MBTA

In an effort to explore the possibilities of leveraging the Internet to enhance House life, MBTA launched a highly interactive, dynamic web community in October. The custom-designed site, built using tools available from CommunityZero (www.communityzero.com) has a variety of features, including article and discussion hosting, an events calendar, poll tool and shared databases.

The main challenge has been to find effective ways to get housemembers to use the site and keep the website dynamic enough in terms of changing content. The site is currently being successfully used for both formal, house-related communication among members and between members, MBTA Program Director and MBC, as well as informal communication. The site has been surprisingly useful in improving communication, given that most users live in the same house. Among the utilitarian benefits are an online library catalog, efficient calendar maintenance and efficient tracking of House maintenance activities. As a medium for creative expression, the site has added a new dimension to House intellectual activity by allowing members to share their prose, poetry and photography with each other and future housemembers.

MBTA hopes to evolve the website into an effective instrument for keeping in touch with alumni and to further improve House governance. Readers wishing to view the website may send an email to raov@umich.edu.

Venkatesh G. Rao, MB01

Message from the TA President

In the aftermath of a catastrophe such as the one that transpired on September 11 of last year, one's mind inevitably makes an inventory of friends and acquaintances who might have come into harm's way. Having at that time only recently moved from New York City to the upper Midwest, I experienced the events of that day through the same media filter with which most of us were presented, but in subsequent days I learned that more than a handful of Telluride associates had witnessed the unfolding tragedy directly, some of them under circumstances that had jeopardized personal safety. Nonetheless I can thankfully report that we have received no information at the Association's offices suggesting that any Telluride friends and associates sustained injuries stemming from the attacks.

The national response to the challenges of September 11 has placed a renewed emphasis upon community ties. Let me take this opportunity to urge all of you to renew contacts with Telluride Association, to share news and ideas within our network of friends and associates, and to reacquaint yourselves with the ongoing work of Telluride Association. Nunnian institutions have a vital contribution to make to recently revitalized debates about the rights and duties of citizenship, service to the community, and the reconciliation of individual freedom with collective safety and security. The Association itself continues to expand the reach of its programs and to pursue new challenges. We appreciate your interest and welcome your involvement.

On behalf of the membership, please accept my best wishes for the new year.

Charles F. Pazdernik, SP85 CB86 TA87
President

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TA TIMBER

Why is Telluride Association buying \$2 million worth of forestland? There are not many foresters among our alumni, and L.L. Nunn's main use for trees was to make power poles. But timber is an investment that promises a strong return without being tied to the vicissitudes of the stock or bond markets. Timber is part of Telluride's new investing strategy, which involves putting money into several different kinds of funds to maintain return while decreasing risk. The timber investment also places Telluride among the growing ranks of institutional investors that encourage "sustainable" forest management, which means forestry that makes forests healthier and more valuable as time goes by.

For the last decade, Telluride Association's constitution has required it to invest 90 percent of its endowment in stocks and 10 percent in bonds. Decisions about buying, selling, and managing the endowment are made by the Custodians, a group of eight Association members. Until 1999, the bulk of the endowment was held in the stock of about twenty large U.S. companies. This strategy paid off handsomely during the great stock market run-up of the 1990s—but as the endowment grew, the risk of placing it in the hands of just twenty companies grew as well. Three years ago, with the leadership of Custodian chair Jeff Behrens, we began to diversify our holdings. Now Telluride's endowment is held by a variety of professionally managed funds that specialize in small, mid-sized, and large U.S. companies, plus domestic bonds and several funds that hold international stocks. While the Custodians still manage a small portfolio of individual stocks, they also monitor the performance of these fund managers.

The 2001 Convention authorized the Custodians to make an investment in a timber fund, which is a limited partnership that hires professional foresters to buy and manage timberland. The Custodians chose The Forestland Group, which invests exclusively in naturally regenerating hardwood and pine forests in the Eastern U.S. (see their web site, <http://www.forestlandgroup.com>). While most foresters try to get the maximum volume of timber from their land,



Joe Aragona of Austin Ventures, Inc. meets with the Custodians in Austin, TX.



Telluride Association's Custodians in Austin, TX, February 2002.

Forestland manages for maximum value. Instead of clear-cutting land, they cut trees slowly and selectively. By letting trees mature until they can be sold for sawtimber and veneer, Forestland gets a higher price for its product.

Forestland's strategy retains the ecological integrity of its working forests, so it has been able to participate in several innovative land deals with conservation organizations. In 1998, for example, The Conservation Fund (<http://www.conservationfund.org>) bought 300,000 acres of ecologically significant forests in New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire from Champion International Corporation. The Fund immediately re-sold river corridors and other choice acreage to state governments, such as 29,000 acres that were added to New York's Adirondack Forest Preserve. The Fund also sold about 110,000 acres to The Forestland Group after placing an easement on the land that regulates timber harvesting.

The Forestland Group continues to actively pursue deals in partnership with conservation organizations, according to managing director Charles Collins. Its clients include Yale and several other universities that have substantial portions of their endowments in timber. The fund that includes Telluride's timber investment is now closed, and the Forestland Group is acquiring land with it. So if you're hiking in the Great Smokies or the White Mountains this summer, keep in mind that the vistas you're enjoying could belong to Telluride.

Brad Edmondson, DS76 CB80 TA90

YARROW AWARD RECIPIENTS REPORT ON ADVENTUROUS EDUCATION PROJECTS

2001 PROJECT IN ZIMBABWE

By Jennifer 'Vern' Long, CB99

This summer, I went to Zimbabwe with the assistance of the Mike Yarrow Award to pursue an educational project with young women in Zimbabwe. I worked with casual laborers from the Parastatal farm of the University of Zimbabwe. The objectives of this project were to organize instructors to prepare a group of girls for their high school exams, participate in teaching, and acquire texts for the exam preparations.

I was successful in acquiring texts and tutors for the girls. With the assistance of a Zimbabwean friend who is a high school teacher and university student, I acquired the appropriate texts for the high school exams. I brought together a team of Jesuit teachers to cover each subject in the exams. I also participated in the initial teaching and organization of the project. I went through the selection process to determine which girls would continue. Given the serious economic recession in Zimbabwe and the contraction of the economy, it was difficult to identify girls who could take the time to study—as their families often preferred that they work. Further complications included transportation problems and identifying a study area for the girls in the evenings. Zimbabwe's government rationed fuel for many months so public transportation was often non-existent and kerosene was difficult to get. These girls couldn't afford adequate amounts of kerosene for their lamps at night—so after a full day of working, and since it was dark by 7:00 p.m., they didn't have light by which to study.

Despite these difficulties, in the end, one girl completed the course and is currently taking her exams. Nyarai Kache has studied two hours a day six days a week with the Jesuit tutors for each of her subjects. She will continue to take the exams until the end of November, and we will get her results in January. Now that we know how to negotiate with the girls' families, and can efficiently trouble shoot logistical problems, we will be able to help more girls in the next round of exam preparation. Nyarai will undoubtedly continue with the tutors for her A-level exams (she is taking O-level exams now), and she will help with the identification of other girls for continuing education. The Yarrow Award was an important factor in enabling me to pursue this project—and I am glad that now that we have the system streamlined, more people will be able to advance their education.

2001 PROJECT IN HAITI

By Sarah Uhler, MB00 TA01

My summer adventure involved a month of public health work in Jeremie, Haiti and the trials and tribulations of reaching my destination and then returning home. At the heart of my project was the desire to determine whether or



Sarah Uhler, MB00 TA01, (left) with University of CT medical students Julie Medlin and Matt Goslee outside one of the village health posts in Haiti.

not a correlation exists between maternal mortality and child morbidity and mortality. A study completed at the Haitian Health Foundation (HHF) during the summer of 2000 identified all maternal mortalities that occurred during the three-year period of 1997-1999. Using the census-based database at HHF, I was able to identify cases that could be used as controls (mothers of similar parity and age) to compare child morbidity and mortality. The data were collected via face-to-face interviews, and it is currently being analyzed in preparation for publication.

Beyond the knowledge that I gained regarding public health methodologies and statistical techniques, I feel that my true education this summer came from traveling and living in a country so very different from my own. My experience with French allowed me to communicate with most of the people I encountered, and the bit of Creole that I learned helped when traveling in the rural villages. Thinking back, I can close my eyes and be standing on the bumpy dirt road that led into town, and I feel the terrain around me. The situations that I encountered cannot be equated with anything that I ever expect to experience again. On my first day in Jeremie, we traveled to a village that was a two hour hike through the forest. When we reached the last stream that we needed to cross, there were two-score of women from the village waiting on the other bank, singing songs to greet us. The Mother's Group of the villages had written the songs, and the lyrics enumerated the benefits of breast milk and eggs. Once in the village I helped the HHF staff in conducting prenatal visits, tuberculosis and pneumonia screening, and polio

2002 Awards Announcements

2002 Yarrow Adventurous Education Winners
Aoife Naughton, CB00
Theron Tingstad, MB01

Mansfield-Wefald Senior Thesis Prize Deadline
May 1st

Go to www.tellurideassociation.org for more information about eligibility or to download an application.

vaccinations. During the screenings for tuberculosis, two small children succumbed to their respiratory ailments. Then, out of the blue, a woman in labor arrived at the village, and the visiting doctor delivered her baby with no medical supplies other than a pair of scissors that we had held over a flame to disinfect. I have to say that my first day was quite

2002 SUMMER PROGRAMS

INDIANA UNIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR SOPHOMORES

Does My Vote Count? African Americans and the Struggle for Political Representation

Professor Valerie Grim, and Professor Dennis M. Rome, Department of Afro-American Studies, Indiana University
Tutor Kimberly Levy, Harvard University, and Tutor Keon Gilbert, Indiana University

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROGRAM FOR SOPHOMORES

Reading the Body through Ethnicity, Racism, Gender, and Power

Professor Frieda Ekotto, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and Professor Robin Wilson, Department of Dance, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Tutor Eluehue Crudup, Western Michigan University, and Tutor Lauren Savage, University of Michigan

CORNELL I PROGRAM FOR JUNIORS

The Literature of Chivalry

Professor Carol Kaske, Department of English, Cornell University, and Professor Michael Twomey, Department of English, Ithaca College
Factotum Amina Omari, Cornell University

CORNELL II PROGRAM FOR JUNIORS

Racism, Power, and Privilege

Professor Don Barr, Department of Policy Studies, and Professor James Turner, Director of the Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University
Factotum Joel Blecher, Swarthmore College

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROGRAM FOR JUNIORS

The American Century, Black Transnationalism, and Civil Rights

Professor Penny von Eschen and Professor Kevin Gaines, Department of History and the Center for African American Studies, University of Michigan
Factotum John Cattley and Holly LaDue, Cornell University

YARROW AWARD REPORTS *continued*

an introduction to field medical care and was a good measure of the intensity of the rest of my experiences. I would sit in bed at night (the sun set at around 6:00 p.m., and since electricity was not reliable, night time really meant 5:00 p.m.), writing in my journal, sometimes unable to really reflect upon the day's happenings because I was still trying to believe that everything had actually happened.

This experience was priceless. I feel extraordinarily lucky to have had the opportunity to leave my comfort zone and begin to develop a concept of what life is like beyond the first world. Looking back now, sometimes I cannot believe that I actually traveled through Port-Au-Prince alone, or that I watched a woman give birth, or woke up at 4:00 a.m. every day for a month. I am forever indebted to Telluride Association and the Mike Yarrow fund for helping make my trip possible. I only hope that all future recipients of the award will benefit from it as much as I have.

Telluride Associates who would like to support future Yarrow Projects should earmark contributions to the "Mike Yarrow Fund."

COLLEGE CHOICE SURVEY

2000 CORNELL I TASP

Liza Anderson
Christopher Ashley
Samuel Bryant
Irena Foygel
Marcos Gouvea
David Greenburg
Heather Jones
Carol Kim
Averill Leslie
Katerina Seligmann
Rebecca Stoll
Dara Strickland
Owen Tanzer

Swarthmore College
Yale University
University of Chicago
Brown University
Williams College
Brown University
MIT
Barnard College
Columbia University
Columbia University
Wellesley College
University of Alabama
Princeton University

2000 CORNELL II TASP

Simon Chin
Jennifer Chiu
Sam Critchlow
Joel Dahl
ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball
China Millman
Rebecca Monarrez
Berke Nayman
Viet Ngo
Max Nicholas
Marisa Nicolopoulos
Jessica Pope
Jose Portuondo
Samuel Smith
Katherine Wiczorek

Harvard University
Yale University
Amherst College
Dartmouth College
Cornell University
Harvard University
Swarthmore College
Princeton University
CalTech
Harvard University
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
University of Chicago
University of Chicago
Vassar College

2000 PENN STATE TASP

Jennifer Chang
Lisa Colaco
Max Eisenburger
Holly Harrison
Karl Hinojosa
Bojun Hu
Danielle Hubbard
Neil Mehta
Hannah Nolan-Spohn
Anna Solomonik
Pamela Stolzer
Warren Tusk
Claire Wimbush
Yuanli Zhou

Yale University
Brown University
Cornell University
University of Texas
Harvard University
Swarthmore College
University of Chicago
Swarthmore College
Boston College
Reed College
Princeton University
Harvard University
College of William and Mary
Stanford University

2002 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN TASP

Aviva Aron-Dine
Martina Brendel
Martin Devecka
Brendon Dusel
Adey Fettene
Bevin Gaines
Jameson Goodman
Andrew Hwang
Danielle Li
Laura Nowell
Elizabeth Ridgeway
Christine Ro
Katia Sobolski
John Tamburri

Swarthmore College
Columbia University
Oberlin College
Northwestern University
Cornell University
Agnes Scott College
Dartmouth College
Stanford University
Harvard University
Stanford University
Stanford University
UC Berkeley
Columbia University
University of Chicago

1999 INDIANA UNIVERSITY TASS

Omame Adu-Brado
Yaa Bruce
Keisha Saintil
DeWayne Shambley
Erica Sowell
Everett Stuckey II
Darin Williams

University of Illinois
Harvard University
DePaul University
Morehouse College
Spelman College
Indiana University
Morehouse College

UNKNOWN

Stephen Becton, Ian Campbell, Thomas Craven, Charles Duncan, Melvin Epps, VoNique Ford, Ryan Greene, Sara Greenewalt, Khadigah Johnson, Andrey Kneller, Justin Leader, Derek Melvin, Jerry Redfield III, Richard Savage II, Khristel Simmons, Alicia Urquidi, Courtney Whiting, and Sarah Wise.



2001-2002

As close-knit and lively as Telluride social circles tend to be, the 2001-2002 academic year has been a year of a larger-than-average focus on community-building at CBTA. Reviving what we suspect may be a long-dead tradition, a committed group of about eight housemembers have inspired the rest of us with their athletic powers, sacrificing a few hours of extra sleep for a flag football game most every Saturday morning. This athletic theme perhaps started with a House-wide bowling event at the start of the fall, and it looks likely to continue. There are plans for an official Cornell intramural softball team to start up in the spring, and interest in membership is thus far high.

The less athletically, or, at least, less football-and-soccer-inclined have established their own corresponding weekly tradition with Friday afternoon teas, sometimes accompanied by play readings and card games, often by the fireplace. The House's extensive vinyl collection is also slowly coming back into regular use after having been finally partially re-organized. Its increased usage has also been helped along by a few educational moments led by housemembers who know the strange art of how to operate a record player. And speaking of strange arts, another memorable event of this year

was the "induction ceremony," led by Catputter Karola Kirsanow, CB00, which concluded with housemembers receiving matching "hoodies"—sweatshirts with hoods—with a Telluridean "T" logo.

A parallel trend to the increasing sense of personal community has been a bunker year of sorts for building and life improvements. Initially motivated by the very concrete reality of a 1,000-gallon a day leak, the beginning of the overhaul of the House's 90-year-old, original plumbing and heating systems has led to many conversations, running between the abstract and the concrete, of the House's attitudes toward the aesthetics of the physical building and what should be expected of us in terms of planning such major work, a discussion which has some roots in the complete overhaul of the grease-trap system occurring last spring, as well. As other major projects, such as the installation of the elevator and a possible refurbishing draw closer and closer to imminent necessity, it is surely a reassuring sign that housemembers are increasingly concerned and engaged with their involvement with such projects.

On a smaller scale, of course, the House's concern for physical upkeep has already been demonstrated at a very productive rate this year. The

personals fridge, kitchen door, TV area, computer lab, attic, library, music room and storage room have all been the targets of quite significant replacements or overhauls this year, after nearly two years of the need of such actions being hinted at. There is definitely the feeling here that over the next few years the productivity for similar long-talked-about projects will grow exponentially.

To conclude on a continued note of exponential growth, it is worth noting that we are expecting a House next year that will quite likely be larger than the last few years' relatively smaller status quo. With twenty-odd TASPers preferred at Autumn Preference, many of whom seem quite enthusiastic, and eight Cornell candidates preferred at Winter Preference, the potential for a significant change in what life has been like the last three years at CBTA seems high. Of course, every year it seems fewer people live at CBTA than expected, but if that is not the case this year, it will likely be entirely for the better. With a tighter sense of community and a great dedication to projects that require significant people-power, there could be no better time than now for a shift in the recurring cycle of House size.

Speaking of cycles of housemembers, the following students expect to complete their studies at Cornell this spring.

Stanka Fitneva, CB98 TA00, will complete her doctorate in psychology, with a specialization in language comprehension by children and adults, this semester. Stanka has had interviews at the University of Connecticut

FACULTY GUESTS:

Farshad Araghi, our returning guest for part of the fall and all of the spring, is a professor of sociology in Florida.

Phillipe Minard, a professor of sociology in Paris, stayed with us for the month of September again this year.

Neil Orloff, a photography professor from Salt Lake City, was our fall guest.

Mary Lou Zeeman, a professor of mathematics at the University of Austin, is with us for the spring semester.

and the University of California at Berkeley. Wherever she goes, garden-path sentences and Tele-tubbies paraphernalia are sure to start occurring with greater frequency.

Karola Kirsanow, CB00, will finish her honors thesis on the Moche, an ancient Latin American civilization on whom she has done much intensive research, this term. Next year Karola hopes to spend a year at Oxford with the Lincoln exchange, furthering her anthropological studies. Other possibilities include teaching English in Japan, and she has also taken her foreign service exam. Wherever she goes, however, it is quite likely she will dig up fewer 10,000-year-old llamas there than in Peru, and she is not sure if that will help or hinder her studies.

After two years of supplying the House energy and pep, either through caffeine served at Stella's or his own contagious vigor, **George Kroup**, CB00, will finish his College Scholar project work on anthropology and Italian literature this term. George isn't sure where the next few years will take him, but he doubts it will have much to do with folklore and mythology, though that is always an option. Law is one

NEW HOUSEMEMBERS:

Adey Fettene, SP00 CB01, is an undergraduate focusing on business management.

Holly LaDue, SP99 CB01, is a sophomore in Cornell's School of City and Regional Planning.

ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball, SP00 CB01, is an undergraduate interested in economics, physics, and most everything else.

Ranga Rajagopalan, CB01, has devoted his first year of study at Cornell to the Engineering school, where he will continue to focus.

Matt Salganick, CB01, is a first year grad student with a background in mathematics, now working on sociology.

Becky Scott, CB01, is working on her first year of grad studies in City and Regional Planning, possibly with a focus on sustainable environmental planning.

John Wynne, CB01, is our current Oxford scholar studying with the Classics department.



The inability to locate a serious water leak in the pipes buried in Telluride House's massive concrete foundation necessitated the relocation of hot water pipes throughout the ground floor level. This is just one of the capital projects, unanticipated and planned, slated for completion in 2001-02.

possibility, particularly given his quite strong background in Mock Trial. Perhaps he will practice law for a coffee company, combining his expertises.

When she hasn't been studying Bangla and riding horses, **Jennifer "Vern" Long**, CB98, has been working on finishing her much-anticipated dissertation on human nutrition, maize and farming in Southern Africa this term. She is considering work in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., or, quite frankly, anywhere she can ride horses and continue to tell rather alarming bits of nutritional information at the dinner table and still be found charming.

Finishing a degree in computational biology and genetics, **Ramya Rajagopalan**, CB00, is looking to apply those skills to graduate study and possibly a career entwining her interests in plant genetics, molecular evolution and plant breeding. Ramya's grant-funded research at Cornell has focused on genomic sites of rapid evolution in sorghum. She is however "not married to sorghum" and wants to continue exploring the genomes of other food grains. Among Ramya's long-term goals are staying involved in environmental and social justice work, and promoting sorghum (possibly with a catchier, more memorable name) so that it is as recognized in the food

pyramid as its relatives corn and rice.

Having been our non-stop stream of Nietzsche-based quotes and gorgeous piano music for three years, **Jason Stockmann**, CB99, will finish his degree in electrical engineering this term. Jason is looking both at graduate school and work, focusing on engineering, primarily in Boston and Detroit. He will either pursue one of those, or perhaps dive straight into organic cranberry farming in Vermont.

Ryan "RyRy" Williams, CB00, will complete his Master's degree in computer science this year, having been funded since last summer by a prestigious National Science Foundation grant. Ryan has been accepted to Carnegie Mellon and the University of Wisconsin for graduate work, and will be hearing from more programs soon. In what spare time he'll have, Ryan hopes to work on his synchronized knitting routine and eat as many Swedish Fish as possible.

Jessica Bauman, SP98 CB99

ALUMNI NOTES

1930s

WARD GOODENOUGH, TA39, writes that his wife, Ruth, passed away on March 6, 2001, four weeks after their 60th wedding anniversary. His new book entitled *Under Heaven's Brow: Pre-Christian Religious Tradition in Chuuk* will be published by the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia this winter.

1940s

ROBERT RICHTER, PB47, announces a new website at www.RichterVideos.com.

1950s

ROBERT FORTUINE, CB52 TA54, writes "After 25 years in Anchorage, my wife and I now live in Wasilla, about 50 miles north. Since 1999 I have been retired from practice, and now spend the bulk of my time (when not enjoying my dogs, the lake and mountains) on my various writings. My chief area of interest is the history of medicine in the Arctic regions. My most recent book came out in April 2001 and is entitled *The Words of Medicine, Sources, Meanings, and Delights* published by Charles C. Thomas of Springfield, Illinois. My current project is a history of tuberculosis in Alaska. In June of 2000, in Harstad, Norway, the International Union for Circumpolar Health awarded me the 'Jack Hildes Medal,' in

Deep Springs College was featured in the article "Twenty-six Renaissance Men" by Stacy A. Teicher that appeared in the February 19, 2002 issue of the *Christian Science Monitor*.

recognition of a lifetime of work advancing the health of circumpolar peoples (but I suspect that sheer longevity played a role)."

ARNOLD HENDERSON, SP55 CB56 TA58 BB64, has been named Volunteer of the Year in his town of Highland Park, New Jersey. He heads a mayor's working group of environmental volunteers planning a greenway and series of environmental education sites along the Raritan River across from New Brunswick. It will link parks from one borough border to the other, rehabilitating natural habitat where the lack is greatest, in our urban centers. The first segment won a U.S. EPA award last year.

VERNON PENNER, DS57, writes "After serving almost four years as the Deputy Commandant of the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy, I retired for the second time from the federal government and settled in a waterside community in Annapolis. I have reactivated my work with a risk and security consultancy in which I am a founding partner and am currently occupying the position of Vice President for International Services. But sailing beckons. . . ."

CHRISTOPHER BREISETH, CB58 TA59 SPF69, is President and CEO of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park, New York. He retired as President of Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in 2000.

1960s

J. BARKLEY ROSSER, JR., SP65, has recently taken over the editorship of the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. He is Professor of Economics and Kirby L. Kramer, Jr.



Happy Birthday Bea! The occasion captured in the photo above is a 92nd birthday celebration for Bea MacLeod (Executive Secretary 1960-83), who was joined by Marilyn Migiel, SP71 CB72 TA74, and Administrative Director, Ellen Baer, for lunch on January 15, 2002 at her Kendall Community home in Ithaca, New York.

Professor of Business Administration at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He is the author of *From Catastrophe to Chaos: A General Theory of Economic Discontinuities* and *Comparative Economics in a Transforming World Economy*, both coming out in second editions. The latter book is coauthored with his (second) wife, Marina Vcherashnaya Rosser, originally from Moscow, Russia. He can be reached at rosserjb@jmu.edu and his website with numerous papers available is <http://cob.jmu.edu/rosserjb>.

WAYNE COCHRAN, SP69, writes "In the summer issue, I noticed there were no alumni notes from the 1960s. Here's my news. I am a specialist regarding the housing of people with serious mental illnesses, and I am also an

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advocate of mental health causes from the perspective of a former service recipient. I recently won the Advocate of the Year award from the Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations for my professional work of developing a mental health system responsive to client housing needs and for my volunteer work of strengthening the voice of recipients in Rhode Island's public mental health system."

1970s

MARTIN BERNAL, CBG72, has written *Black Athena Writes Back* (Duke University Press, 2001) in response to the lively controversy following the publication of *Black Athena: The Afroasiatic Roots of Classical Civilization* (1987). Martin Bernal is Professor of Government and Near Eastern Studies at Cornell University.

JOSHUA FRIED, SP76, writes "excerpts of my *Headset Sextet* were performed at the annual "Bang on a Can Marathon" concert at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) and received a favorable mention in a *New York Times* review (dated 11/3/01)."

1980s

CYNTHIA CUPPLES, SP80 CB81 TA85, has moved to Shorewood, Wisconsin and is teaching history in the University Honors Program at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. As part of her new post, she is working with students who are applying for national scholarships. She would be very interested in talking with associates willing to share information about their experiences with the selection criteria for such fellowships as the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater, and Mellons. She can be contacted at ccupples@uwm.edu.

MICHAEL WILSON, SP86, graduated from Harvard's Anthropology Department last June and is working as a post-doctoral fellow for the Jane Goodall Institute's Center for Primate Studies in Ecology, Evolution and Behavior Department of the University of Minnesota (JGICPSEEBUM, for short). He is studying intergroup relations in chimpanzees at Gombe National Park, Tanzania.

KATERI CARMOLA (1987 Chicago TASP factotum and three-time Deep Springs Summer Faculty) is an assistant professor at Middlebury College in her home state of Vermont. She teaches courses in political philosophy and ethics and war. She completed her Ph.D. in political science at UC Berkeley after nine years of graduate study. She has two children, Joseph (8) and Sonja (4 ½) and would love to hear from UC TASPers and DSers!

1990s

ZACKARY BERGER, SP90, married Celeste Sollod (Berkeley '91) in November 2000. Wedding guests included fellow St. John's TASPers JONATHAN BEERE and ZENA HITZ. For their first anniversary they traveled to Ithaca and dined at the Moosewood Restaurant. Zack is a grad student in the MD/Ph.D. program at NYU.

SELINA DAVIS, SP90, worked for several months this winter as a research analyst for the Washington Senate Democratic Caucus in Olympia, Washington. She's interested in hearing from associates who may know about public policy or campaign opportunities in the greater Seattle region. She can be reached at selinadavis@hotmail.com.

THOMAS DOWNEY, SP90, writes "I am a documentary filmmaker, and for the last year I have been directing and producing a documentary television show about two elite rescue companies of the FDNY. In July I did a piece for

the *New York Times Magazine* about a firefighter I knew, Paddy Brown. On September 11th, 18 of the men I had been filming died, as did my uncle and their boss, Deputy Chief Raymond Downey. A couple of months after the attack I returned to my film and shot interviews with the surviving members of Rescues One and Two. We are just finishing editing the piece, which will air on TLC this spring. I also recently agreed to write a book about my uncle and his men, which will be published by Henry Holt sometime this year."

ALISON ROXBY, SP90, is at medical school at UNC in Chapel Hill and is "loving life in North Carolina after ten years here." She is at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on a Fulbright getting a master's in public health. Current research interests focus on HIV in sub-Saharan, Africa and her work has taken her to Uganda, Tanzania, and Mali.

ROSAMOND KING, SP91 CB92, completed a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature at New York University. She continues her work as a teacher, poet, and career consultant to artists and writers. Contact her at Rk@EatingArtist.com.

DENNIS W. JOWERS, SP92, received his A.B. in philosophy from the University of Chicago, his M.Th. in systematic theology from the University of Edinburgh, and is currently working on his Ph.D. (also in systematic theology) at the University of Edinburgh. In his doctoral thesis, he hopes to analyze and critique the Trinitarian theology of Karl Rahner, a twentieth-century Roman Catholic theologian. Dennis has published articles on Descartes, Anselm, and Aquinas in on-line journals. Links to his on-line publications can be found at <http://hometown.aol.com/charjowers/resume.html>. Dennis has also published articles in two scholarly journals, the *Reformed Theological*

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Review (Vol. 60) and the *Tyndale Bulletin* (Vol. 52). He is married to a University of Chicago alumna, Judy. ANNIE FRAZER, SP95, is teaching middle school at the Arbor Montessori School in Atlanta. She is planning on returning to school for a master's and certificate so she can teach in the public schools. She writes she's "having a wonderful time! Love to my fellow TASPers from Cornell 1995 and my TASPlings from Cornell 1998; I'd love to hear from you!"

MACKENZIE 'MAC' DUNCAN, SP96, is living in Italy where she teaches at the American School of Genoa. She graduated from Yale in 2001.

PUNEET SINGH, SP98 TA01, was selected to the Second Team of *USA Today's* "All-USA College Academic Teams" for her development of a model for clergy to minister to those suffering from pregnancy loss. She was one of 60 students to be selected from nearly 600 nominees. The designation seeks to honor undergraduate students who have "taken their college education above and beyond" and who "use their skills to improve society in original and wide-ranging ways." She is a student at Northwestern University, majoring in American studies.

Gift to the MBTA Library

Nancy Starr and Daniel Kreps, parents of ANNE KREPS, MB00, donated Marion Zimmer Bradley's *The Mists of Avalon* to the MBTA library in celebration of their daughter's 20th birthday last summer. They hope families, friends, or associates will consider making similar donations to branch libraries by adding a volume of their own choosing to celebrate birthdays or other occasions.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM CALDWELL LAYTON

WILLIAM CALDWELL LAYTON, M.D., DS26 CB29 TA29, passed away peacefully September 23, 2000 in the place he loved the most—The Owens Valley. Born 1910 in Concordia, Kansas, Bill attended Deep Springs College in the Eastern Sierras, Cornell University, Cornell Medical School and he did a pediatric residency at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, completing his residency at UCSF. Dr. Layton served in the Army during WWII before coming to San Mateo to settle with his family. He practiced at the San Mateo Medical Clinic for 35 years before retiring to The Sea Ranch, CA in 1976. Bill had a love for fly-fishing, which again led him to the Eastern Sierras where he was a member of the Inaja Land Co., a fly-fishing club located on the Upper Owens River. He spent his summers there enjoying the vast mountain views, wild life, fishing and reading. He loved life and lived it to the fullest with grace and gusto. He loved traveling and in recent years traveled to Ireland, Africa, China, Spain, South America and the Galapagos. Bill was predeceased by his beloved wife of 53 years, Edna. He is survived by his loving son Bill, Jr. and daughter-in-law Julie, and loving son George and daughter-in-law Sarah and five loving grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to Deep Springs, HC 72, Box 45001, Dyer, NV 89010

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WARD J. FELLOWS

WARD J. FELLOWS, DS31 CB34 TA34, died on January 20, 2001. He attended Cornell University, receiving an A.B. in Liberal Arts in 1936. While at the university, he was associated with Cornell United Religious Work, and was involved with student anti-war concerns. Following Cornell, he received a theological degree from

Union Theological Seminary and became a Congregational minister. During WWII, he served as chaplain of the 401st Bombardment Group (H) of the Eighth Air Force. Following the war, he resumed his studies (taking a second degree) at Union, before serving in several Congregational churches. In the 1960s he received degree in philosophy from UC Berkeley. In 1966 he joined the Department of Philosophy at the College of San Mateo where he taught for many years. His book *Religions East and West* was published in 1979 (second edition, 1998). Following his retirement from the College of San Mateo, he returned to his studies at Union Theological Seminary and earned a Ph.D. in Theology of Religions in 1988.

BRUCE C. NETSCHERT

BRUCE C. NETSCHERT, CB36 TA38, died of cancer on February 15, 2002. He attended Cornell University where he received a B.A. in geology (1941) and a Ph.D. in economics (1949). A specialist in oil and gas pricing, most of his work involved giving expert witness testimony in cases before courts and administrative bodies around the country. The subject matter for the cases included nearly every aspect of production, processing, and use of various energy sources and forms, both conventional and unconventional. During his career he worked for the President's Materials Policy Commission (1951-55), was senior research associate at Resources for the Future (1955-61), and joined the National Economic Research Associates, an economic consulting firm, in 1961. He is survived by Katherine, his wife of 58 years, children Julia and Bruce James, two sisters, and a granddaughter.

SHADRACK O. KWASA

SHADRACK O. KWASA, CB61, passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 8, 2000 following two strokes in Nairobi, Kenya. Professor Kwasa attended Howard University and was

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the Telluride Graduate Fellow at Cornell Branch while working toward a Masters in economics at Cornell University in 1961-62. He returned to Kenya in 1963 and assumed a post with the External Affairs Branch of the Kenyan government. Shortly thereafter, he was responsible for opening the Washington office of the Kenyan Ambassador. In addition to various positions he held with the government over the years, he was also a member of the faculty of the Department of Economics at the University of Zambia. From the 1980s until his retirement, he was a professor of economics at the University of Nairobi in Kenya.

SIR ERNST GOMBRICH

SIR ERNST GOMBRICH, CBG76, passed way on November 3, 2001. He was a guest of the Cornell Branch in September 1976 when visiting Cornell University as an AD White Professor-at-Large. He was a well-known art historian whose particular interest was examining how art relates to the psychology of visual perception. According to the *Telluride Newsletter* (November 1976), the House enjoyed an informal seminar following the well-attended lecture given at Cornell entitled "Styles of Life and Styles of Art" as well as the music recital given by his wife, Lady Gombrich, during their brief stay. Some of his publications include: *The Story of Art* (1950), *Art and Illusion* (1960), and *The Sense of Order* (1979).

EMERSON BROWN JR.

EMERSON BROWN JR., CBG82, died of prostate cancer on March 19, 2002 in Nashville, Tennessee. Emerson animatedly taught *The Canterbury Tales* for 23 years as an English professor at Vanderbilt University. He also played in jazz bands in Tennessee and upstate New York, and he cycled hundreds of miles in his free time. Emerson was educated at Cornell and Hamilton Colleges and returned to Ithaca each summer to live at a cabin on Cayuga

Lake that he built himself. He once rode his bicycle 950 miles from Nashville to a 25-year class reunion at Hamilton. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Cynthia Mitchell Brown of Nashville; and a son, Emerson Lee Brown III. Memorial contributions may be made for Friends of Radnor Lake, PO Box 40324, Nashville, TN 37204, to endow a bench on his favorite hiking trail.

SHERWIN HOWARD

SHERWIN HOWARD, DS President 1992-95, died at his home in Ogden, Utah on August 18, 2001. He had retired from Weber State University in Ogden that February after a 35-year career in high education. During his career, Sherwin was a professor and administrator at Ohio University and at Lawrence University. While on sabbatical leave from Weber State, he served as President of Deep Springs College for three years. Telluride owes him its gratitude for beginning the highly successful Campaign for Deep Springs, which raised \$18 million for the college in the 1990s. Sherwin began writing poetry as a child and continued doing it all his life, winning many awards for his verse, plays, and musicals. He was also an actor, storyteller, and public speaker who played piano, saxophone and guitar. Memorial contributions may be made to the Utah State Poetry Society, 7685 Dell Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121.

TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION WAS NOTIFIED OF THE DEATHS OF THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATES:

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HERBERT REICH, DS17 TA19 CB20
RANDOLPH RILEY, DS63 CB65 TA66
JOHN ROBBINS (NEZ-ROSENBERG), DS89

SHERWIN HOWARD

"Anna Elizabeth Morris First Wife"

I watch you from my hill.
See your ploughing, planting, hatching
Hear your scruffy children whining
Feel the heat of August dryness
Watch your curtains light at supper
Drink the edge of night's despising.

Know that I am wind to your eagles
Mother of your bastard dreamings.
My house is highest on this hill!

I was match for Ebenezer
Working side by weary side
Scratching cold New England clearings
Eking daughters from our planting
Watching modest harvest dwindle
Holding crying, dying children
Through the hungry red-stove winters
Burying in thawing April
Joyless ploughing fields again.

Then George Davis, farm adjoining,
Brought "The Book" to Ebenezer
Breathing magic while we listened
Calming fears with soothing scripture
Raising dreams of future harvest
Sharing martyred prophet's vision:
Second fields could take the plow

If first agree to hold the trace.
Hawks circle high above my hill, riding empty dreams
Bright flashings down that sieze a rabbit sleeping
Then rise on desert summer's heat to haunt again.

Soaring Ebenezer, high flown
Feathered with dreams of godliness
Too quickly found a second plot
And words to ask for my consent.

Poor Ebenezer, hating sin
Yet pleasuring before the world
I despised his holy lusting then
As I abhorred my quiet tears.

Where were the screams of falcons then?
The cries of righteous innocence?
The mighty Jahweh's thunderbolts
That cursed a nation when
Naive children gilded a calf
And danced their simple dance?

My duty plain as it was painful
I gave consent to Ebenezer
Wise, polyg'mous Ebenezer
But wrung his promise that my home
Would be the highest on the hill.

Here I watch his would-be godlings
Breathe the years of summer dryness
Count the quiet tears of winter
Sometimes hold his youngest children
Wingless in their flight to glory
Recall the long ago of silence
Try to play the plays of childhood.

Know that I am wind to your eagles
Mother of your bastard dreamings.
My house was and will be first.

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