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(above) 1976's "Oxford Branch of Telluride Association" included (from left) David Goldey, Mark Campisano, Joseph Schwartz, Harold Levy (Lincoln Scholar in '76), Carol Lee, John Kristenson, Kathleen Sullivan, and David Scobey.

(right) Lord (Keith) Murray of New Haven, outside Cornell Branch in 1976.



By Matthew Bradby, CB93 TA94  
Lincoln Scholar, 1993-95

Telluride's long-standing exchange with Lincoln College at Oxford appears to have drawn to a close. Former participants, your writer included, have devoted much time (and too little money) to their efforts to keep the exchange alive, but without success. Sadness, frustration and disappointment have all been felt keenly by those involved.

But one may become more philosophical if one can put the exchange into its historical context. Over the past fifty years, the landscape of higher education has changed beyond recognition on both sides of the Atlantic. The political landscape has also changed, and factors which made an exchange desirable and relatively easy to facilitate in 1950 no longer obtain today, and may even seem anachronistic.

This is not to say that exchanges are no longer valuable or needed; surely the opposite is true, just as the other scholarships that the Association now offers are as valuable and sought after today as in 1911. However, over the past 50 years "education" has itself become more nakedly a commodity, with its own market and, as more wealthy foreign students have chosen to take advantage of this market, universities these days have tended to see foreign students as a source of extra revenue, rather than as a class of persons deserving of educational munificence. Oxford University and leading American colleges now play host to educational (and social) elites from all over the world in large numbers, whereas a generation or so ago such people were a relatively small and exotic minority. But this belies the obvious problem that there remain vast, and growing, inequalities in educational opportunity both internationally and at home.

The Lincoln College exchange was born of personal contacts. Keith Murray of Lincoln, a Cornell Branch guest in 1928-29, was largely responsible for the scholarship. When he became Rector of Lincoln he sought out students who, in his view, would benefit from the very broad and practical education available at Cornell, and encouraged them to apply. Thus a number of Lincolniters had been to Telluride as early as the 1930s, and a number of Telluriders had also been to Lincoln. A second personal contact was made in the person of Dr. Nevil Sidgwick, CBG31, the celebrated chemist who came to Cornell from Lincoln in 1931 as the



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# BRIEFLY NOTED



From June 13 to June 16, the members of Telluride Association held their annual Convention at the Cornell Branch. Among other business, the body:

- Elected new members to the Association: Jessica Bauman, SP98 CB99; Karola Kirsanow, CB00; Jason Morton, SP93 MB02; Emily Schusterbauer, MB01; Joshua Smith, MB02; Sarah Weiger, MB02.
- Created a “spending cap” mechanism to begin saving for a future capital-intensive project.
- Held a Purpose and Plan discussion surrounding the future of both summer programs.
- Welcomed Neil Foley and Jeff Tulis, our institutional partners from the University of Texas at Austin.
- Approved the creation of an *ad hoc* committee on the 50th anniversary of TASP in 2004. [If you are interested in participating, please contact the TA Office.]
- Appointed Lou Crandall, SP75 CB76 TA79, as Treasurer of the Association and commemorated the end of the term of Martynas Ycas, SP65 BB66 TA68, as Treasurer of the Association (1998-2003).
- Graduated Denis Clark, DS69 CB72 TA73, and Henry Muller, SP74 CB75 TA79.

The next Convention will be held in Ithaca, June 11-14, 2004.

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On Thursday, March 13, approximately sixty-five New York City area Telluride associates gathered for a reception at Art in General, a nonprofit Chinatown art gallery featuring “Time Capsule,” a group exhibition exploring archeology as a political and social force. We ranged in age from a 1948 Cornell branchmember to a group of 2002 TASSers and TASPers. Old friendships were rekindled over drinks and Chinese and Vietnamese food, and it was a pleasure to see so many new faces, especially recent summer program alumni.

For next year we are planning more New York events, perhaps to include another reception, happy hour gatherings at a downtown bar, lectures by Telluride associates, and a picnic in Central Park. Please join us! If you live in or near New York but did not receive an invitation to the “Art in General” event, please update your contact information with the Ithaca Office or at the Current Associates section of our website, at [www.tellurideassociation.org](http://www.tellurideassociation.org). If you can help plan future events, please email Jessica Cattelino at [jc251@nyu.edu](mailto:jc251@nyu.edu).



This spring, associates living outside the Branches were recruited to help read summer program applications. *Pictured:* Associates living in New York City and the Bay area (inset) gather to read applications.

## ... AND FINALLY, YOUR STUFF

By mandate of Convention, and also on the general agreement of Cornell Branch, the long-suffering attic will soon receive a thorough cleaning. Please remove your belongings, or contact the House, by October 15.

# OUR SPENDING POLICY: 13 YEARS LATER

By Brad Edmondson, DS76 CB80 TA90

In 1991, Telluride Association changed its Constitution to require that 90 percent of its assets be held in equities. This decision placed us among the most risk-loving institutional investors, as most foundations of our size keep at least 30 percent of their assets in bonds. But historic data show that long-term increases in value have been greater for stock markets than for any other sector, and our choice is based on the belief that this trend will continue. To live with the short-term risk inherent in our decision, we also adopted a policy in 1991 that limits our annual spending to a percentage of endowment based on the rolling average of the endowment's return over the last 31 years. This is also an unusual choice, as most foundations of our size use a rolling average of returns over the last three to five years. Our 31-year rule is based on the belief that an unusually long averaging period will smooth out the large swings in value that will inevitably result from our stock-heavy portfolio.

After the 1991 rule was passed, the Association's endowment management committee, the Custodians, invested our endowment in the stocks of about twenty large U.S. companies. They took this step just as the value of large U.S. companies began growing as never before. We looked like geniuses for the next nine years, as the value of our endowment tripled. Yet our endowment's performance in the 1990s actually lagged behind the average gain for large U.S. companies. Between 1991 and 2000, the Standard & Poor's average stock price of the 500 largest U.S. companies more than quadrupled. In other words, the Custodians of 1991 were inspired in their long-term sector choice, but their shorter-term individual stock picks yielded significantly poorer performance than the average for that sector. Still, the numbers were rising so quickly that few of us noticed.

Now our faith in the path we took a decade ago is finally being tested. A severe downturn in the market starting in 2000,

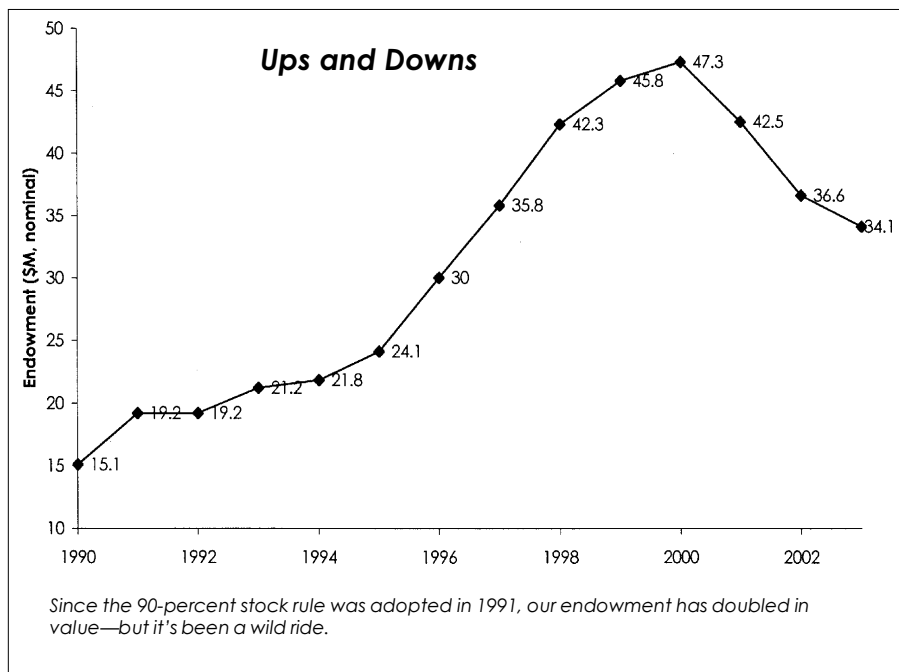


Investment policy in the making, 2003  
Custodians meeting in Las Vegas.

combined with wild fluctuations in stock prices, has given our portfolio a very bumpy ride. The value of Telluride Association's endowment increased from \$47.3 million on May 31, 2000 to a peak of \$50.5 million in September 2000, but then it dropped to \$42.5 million on May 31, 2001 and \$36.6 million on May 31, 2002. It declined again to \$31.3 million in January 2003, then rebounded to a preliminary estimate of \$34.1 million on May 31, 2003. That is an overall decline of 28 percent over the last three years, and the distance from our peak value to our lowest value during that time is more like 38 percent. Our portfolio is now slightly smaller than it was on May 31, 1997.

One significant piece of good news hides within these dreary numbers. Despite the declines and volatility, the Custodians of 2003 use strategies that yield far better results than did the strategies used by their counterparts a decade ago. The reason is that in 1998, we began moving money away from individual stocks picked directly by Custodians and into professionally managed funds that cover different asset classes. In addition, we began re-balancing our allocations into different funds so that the percentages held in different sectors remained fairly constant. Five years ago, Telluride Association owned about twenty stocks and was exclusively invested in large American companies. Today, we still pick a basket of stocks—but we also own about 1,100 U.S. companies managed within six funds, as well as two funds that manage international stocks, one stock-based hedge fund, a limited partnership in timber, and a bond fund. This diversification is the most likely reason why the 28 percent decline in our portfolio's value over the last three years is slightly better than the 30 percent decline in a broad measure of stock market performance (the Russell 3000 Index) during the same period. In other words, we're finally beating the stock market's benchmark.

Telluride Association remains committed to this unique investing strategy for two reasons. First, thanks to the



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Baker Lecturer and who would revisit the U.S. several times between then and his death in 1952.

Telluride's Chancellor Johnson originally wrote to Murray in 1948 with a suggested framework for a formal exchange, and it was agreed by letter between the two men. Johnson also discussed it "at length" with Cornell's Dean, Chancellor and Acting President of the time. When the agreement was concluded there was already a Tellurider at Lincoln and a Lincolnite at Telluride. In 1950, graduate tuition fees at Cornell were \$450 a year, with other charges of \$100.

The deeper thinking behind the exchange went beyond the educational advantages it could bring to a few individuals. After World War II and at the beginning of the Cold War, there were numerous efforts to consolidate ties between countries based on their political alliances and common culture. Johnson mentions the role that the exchange could play in promoting "international understanding" as well as the educational benefits it could bring. He also noted that, as with the Rhodes, the Lincoln scholars might come from anywhere within the British Empire. After the Cold War, such ideals are no longer routinely encountered as the political agenda and imperative no longer obtain. But beyond that, education seems less of a shared project of mankind and more of a means of obtaining individual advancement, a trend for which students themselves must take at least some responsibility.

### Professor Nevil Sidgwick (1873 – 1952)

When Nevil Sidgwick died aged 78 in 1952 his obituary was carried by the *Times* of New York and London, and he was possibly the most well known English scientist in America at that time. He was elected a fellow of Lincoln College in 1901 and lived there most of the rest of his life, but it was not until the 1930s that he wrote his most important works concerning atomic chemistry. He first came to Cornell for a semester in 1931, and it was during that semester that students invited him to live at Telluride House.

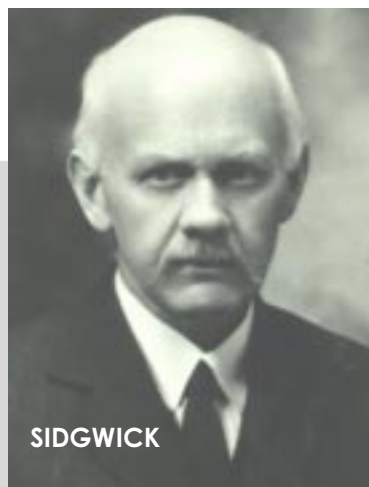
The 1958 *Proceedings of the Chemical Society* published a memoir of Sidgwick describing his relationship with the United States. From that memoir: "He formed a deep and steady affection for the country and its people. The liking was mutual. At Cornell University he was invited to live in the House of the Telluride Association; and although he was then 58, he greatly enjoyed the experience and always spoke of it most enthusiastically. He charmed his young hosts with 'his modesty, his wit and his friendliness toward young people,' as one of them wrote later. He was even paid the compliment of being invited to take up permanent residence in the House whenever he could. . . . 'I did not think at my age I had the capacity for making so many new friends both young and old,' he wrote."

Sidgwick took Telluride home, writing from Lincoln to Chancellor Johnson in 1933, "We have started an unofficial local branch here, consisting of three members—C. Hinman, Keith Murray, and myself. Its activities have so far been limited to one lunch. We hope that the number will increase in future." Johnson tried repeatedly to arrange an extended visit for Sidgwick to the House starting in the late 30s, but his

Telluride House was chosen by Cornell as the home not only for its incoming Lincoln Scholar but also for its second foreign student scholarship. That Telluride was selected as the home of both of the university's foreign student scholarships tells us much about the prestige of the Association at the time. The second foreign scholarship had functioned since the 1920s and was still functioning in 1981, when it is referred to as the War Memorial Scholarship. It seems however that by this time only those foreign students already studying at Cornell were eligible to apply for the scholarship, which was room and board only.<sup>1</sup>

Until 1979 when Lincoln College became co-educational, all of the participants in the exchange were male. There is a letter to the Association dated 1 November 1977 from Tellurider and current Lincoln don Dr. David Goldey, CB54 TA55 SPF66, in which the last paragraph starts, "One more piece of exciting news. The College is going co-ed in 1979!" The sense of revolution and renewal is almost palpable. Lincoln was in fact the penultimate Oxford College to admit women, Oriel holding out for a couple more years. It is a curious experience nowadays reading the old correspondence which refers repeatedly to "men" and "chaps" and "fellows" and "lads." In that way

the history of the exchange reflects one aspect of the widening of educational opportunity in the twentieth century.



efforts were hampered by the War, and subsequently Sidgwick's publishing schedule and finally his ill health. Nevertheless, this "Seraphim in the world's hierarchy of

chemists," as Johnson described him, did finally make it back to Ithaca in 1950 and 1951, in the twilight of his life, "very anxious to see the Fall colours." He wrote home in 1951, "Meantime I am staying very comfortably in the Telluride House, with 25 nice young men all ready to help me up and down the stairs, and cars to take me about the country, where the autumn colours are really beginning and the weather is most beautiful with brilliant warm days mixed with frosty nights."

During his several trips to the U.S. he saw 46 of the 48 contiguous States, did a 10,000 mile lecture trip of the West, became "desiccated and decorsicated" camping in the Grand Canyon, marvelled at the beauty of Old Faithful in Yellowstone and the prodigious log-built hotel, visited Telluride's outpost at Pasadena, was warmly welcomed at Deep Springs, and was also at Chicago and Ann Arbor, long before our modern involvement there.

There is a web page about Sidgwick on Lincoln College's website, and he is also more concretely remembered in Sidgwick Close, a road in Oxford's science area. With the demise of the Lincoln Exchange, the Association should consider its own lasting memorial for Nevil Sidgwick.

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The Association carried out a survey in 1983 of former participants, who at that time numbered 28 men from Lincoln and 20 from Telluride. In the potted autobiographies that came back, former participants repeatedly attributed their later personal and intellectual development to the formative experience of the exchange. All the English scholars were obviously intrigued and fascinated by the "American way of life," and that has certainly been no less the case with the most recent generation. The late Peter Parker, CB50, (later, as head of British Rail, Sir Peter), the first English participant, said that the exchange made him realise, "in the nicest possible way, that he was a European."

Trawling the archives, a number of letters survive written from Lincoln College by Gregory Votaw, DS45 TA47, the first American participant in the exchange, addressed to Chancellor Johnson. His letters from Oxford conjure up, through minutiae, the spirit of the day. Those perennially amused by the whole subject of tea will find it interesting that he was advised by the Rector of Lincoln himself that he would require, "a small tea service, including milk jug, and, while rationing lasts, small dishes for butter, sugar, tea etc." In listing expenses, Votaw lists "tea cups, bicycle, gown, hot water bottle etc." He mentions "innumerable two-bit plays" and the fact that he was limiting himself to half a dozen cigarettes and a pint of beer a day now that he had "been taking service with the boatmen."

In a May 27, 1951, letter to Fred Balderston, DS40 CB42 TA42, the TA President of the day, Votaw writes, "If I am not the most important American in Oxford it is mostly because I couldn't be, partly because I don't care for the b.m.o.c. [Big Man on Campus] virtues as I once may have. If I have not lived up intellectually to the expectations of my tutors, it is at least partly because I have found more important things to learn about than what is found in books."

Votaw also recommended that the exchange be named for Nevil Sidgwick whom he knew at Lincoln. Sidgwick died soon after Votaw left Lincoln, and in his will the chemist left one-tenth of his estate to Telluride Association, some £4000, which in today's money would make him one of the most generous of our benefactors. The Lincoln Scholar has always been designated the Sidgwick Scholar since then.

The exchange's demise leaves us to ponder the Association's role in promoting education internationally, our relations with Cornell and with other institutions. We have to ask ourselves, Where is the value in foreign exchanges? What resources do they deserve? The exchange with Oxford was Telluridean in the traditional sense, in that it was an elite project. Its impact can be measured at the very least in the number of former participants who have taken up influential positions in academia and service. Telluride's exchange with Lincoln College ought, I believe, to provide a model for any future exchange, with any institution or country. We should seek out merit, academic potential and commitment to service but also seek to identify and redress the inequality of opportunity that exists. This surely is a Nunnian project. Recent Conventions of the Association have asserted their commitment to the principle and value of international education and will, in this spirit, embrace new partners and new opportunities wherever they may be found.

<sup>1</sup> Any further information about the fate of this scholarship would be received with interest.



Francis Fukuyama, SP69 CB70 TA71, visited Cornell Branch in spring 2003 and was entertained by housemembers. He was at Cornell to give a series of lectures on "The State After September 11." He posed for a photograph with Lauren Boehm CB02, Aoife Naughton CB00, Nathan Nagy SP01 CB02, ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball SP00 CB01, Max Eisenburger SP00 CB02, Reza Mahmoodshahi CB02, Dan Galindo SP99 CB00 TA01 and John Wynne CB01. While visiting campus, Fukuyama told the *Cornell Daily Sun* (2/24/03) that Telluride House was "extremely important to my intellectual development."

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stock market run-up of the 1990s, the Association's current need for income is small, relative to the size of its endowment. Second, the 31-year rule does indeed mitigate market volatility, just as its creators intended it would. Yet within this overall agreement, the Custodians have continued to educate themselves. In the last two years, Telluride has been moving its money into alternative investment vehicles that have become available to us since the 1991 rules were adopted.

Several alternatives to traditional stock-and-bond investing have long track records of providing good returns with significantly less volatility than one must accept in traditional equities funds. Last year, we committed 5 percent of the endowment to a limited partnership that holds timber; that money is now fully invested in naturally-regenerating forest lots in eight states, and Convention 2003 allowed the Custodians to put an additional 5 percent of the endowment into this sector. We have also invested 10 percent of the endowment in hedge funds—5 percent with a manager who holds several "absolute return" funds, and an additional 5 percent to be determined in 2003-04.

Telluride has not been moving its money into these alternatives because of boredom, or because hedge funds and trees are fashionable. We have done it because data over the last twenty years show that adding hedge funds and real estate to our investment mix will allow us to maintain equity-like returns that don't vary as much from year to year as stocks do. We are now chasing a goal investment managers call "the efficient frontier"—this means searching for the mix of investments that yields the highest possible return with the lowest possible risk. It is a quest that should keep the Custodians busy for many years to come.

# LIFE AFTER TELLURIDE?

THE FOLLOWING HOUSEMEMBERS HAVE GRADUATED FROM MICHIGAN AND CORNELL:

**MBTA** Jason Morton, SP93 MB02 TA03, and Sarah Uhler, MB00 TA01, have moved to San Francisco where Jason is working on a Ph.D. in math at Berkeley and Sarah is in the M.D./Ph.D. program at UCSF. They live in a nifty apartment nestled in a eucalyptus grove above UCSF's campus and are planning a July 2004 wedding.

**Olga Lemberg**, MB02, has been accepted to the Dartmouth-Brown M.D. program, so she's off to begin her new life in Hanover, New Hampshire. She's a little nervous about completely starting over (making new friends, getting acquainted with a new school, etc.), so she's quite happy that Seth Yalcin, MB99, is now only two driving hours away and Sruthi Pinnamaneni, MB01 TA02, only six. It comes as no surprise to her fellow Michigan branchmembers that she's considering pursuing obstetrics/gynecology in the future, but she has some other ideas as well. Whichever medicine she pursues, it will deal largely with women's health and/or international health.

**Sarah Weiger**, MB02 TA03, is in Japan right now, where she's working for a year as an English language teacher in Tsu City. She hopes to attend graduate school to study English literature when she returns, though she's not yet certain where.

**Theron Tingstad**, MB01, is working in Croatia for a family-reconciliation program over the summer. He'd like to return to his hush-hush State Department job, but he'd be perfectly happy just bumming around.

**Emily Schusterbauer**, MB01 TA03, graduated with a degree in women's studies. She's back home in Ferndale, MI, with the intent to attend graduate school eventually.

*by Max Montesino, MB00*

**CBTA** Daniel Acsadi, CB00, graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in music and economics and is pursuing an M.A. at the New England Conservatory in Boston.

**Jessica Bauman**, SP98 CB99 TA03, graduated in German area studies in addition to completing the linguistics major and the College Scholar Program. Approaching plans include a year in Berlin on a Fulbright fellowship followed by two years teaching middle school English with "Teach for America" in southern Texas.

**Katrina Becker**, CB00, graduated from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a degree in rural sociology

and has entered a sociology graduate program at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Jennifer DeMichele**, CB02, has graduated and moved to North Carolina to attend Duke Law School. She is interested in the impact of environmental policies on health.

**Ryan Ismert**, CB98, defended a master's thesis in image-based 3D computer graphics in January. He has begun a "dream job" in Silicon Valley with SportVision, a firm which does augmented reality (i.e., computer graphics) for broadcast sports.

**Stanka Fitneva**, CB98 TA01, completed her Ph.D. in psychology. She has moved to Kingston, Ontario, to join the faculty of Queen's University.

**Somjen Frazer**, CB00, graduated in January from the College of Arts and Sciences with a College Scholar degree. She will be attending Nuffield College at Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship to take an M.Phil. in sociology.

**Aoife Naughton**, CB00, completed her Ph.D. in comparative literature with a primary focus on eighteenth century German literature. She will be joining the fac-



ulty in the Department of German and Slavic Studies at Tulane University.

**Kerim Odekon**, CB02, received a master's degree in city and regional planning and is now studying economics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Matthew Salganik**, CB01, finished his master's work in sociology and has moved on to Columbia University, where he will complete a Ph.D.

**Becky Scott**, CB01, our Atkinson-Tetreault scholar, received a master's degree in planning and is now working with a community organization in Brooklyn, New York.

*by Aoife Naughton, CB00*

*Photos: (above) MBTA Group Photo, taken by Steve Kuzma Photography, 2002; (below) James May, SP99 CB00 TA02, and Daniel Galindo, SP99 CB00 TA01, CBTA housemembers, taken by Lauren Boehm, CB02.*

# A VISIT TO OUR PAST

By Adam Arenson, SP95 TA01

Last July, I spent a few weeks in the national parks of the Mountain West. Driving back from Arches National Park to Salt Lake City, Utah, I was inspired to stop by Olmsted and Nunns Park, the Nunnian sites in Orem, at the mouth of Provo Canyon, just north of the main campus of Brigham Young University. For those who haven't reviewed their copy of *Telluride Power* recently, Olmsted is the site where, 92 years ago, the constitutional convention that established the Telluride Association was held. The three-story Quarters Building, with a long, wide porch, is now used for meetings and training by Utah Power & Light, but it and the surrounding cottages once housed Telluride Power workers and officers. Though the paint is cracked and the brick work is worn, the building is still quite reminiscent of its namesake design, Ithaca's Telluride House. Despite the neglect, the generator on the hilltop above, with its water pipes and power lines, still speaks of the history once seen there.

Up the river less than a half-mile, a plaque erected in Nunns Park, in spring 2002, informs the picnickers that the area was the site of the first 44,000 volt hydroelectric plant in America, built in 1897 by L. L. Nunn.<sup>1</sup> It marks one of only two sites on the National Register of Historic Places with connections to Nunn or the Telluride Association.<sup>2</sup>

While I was on the property, Wayne Barnes, a Utah Power & Light employee, explained that the most use the house gets is as backdrop to the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival ([www.timpfest.org](http://www.timpfest.org)), an annual event hosted by the Orem Public Library "to preserve and promote the art of storytelling throughout the west." Nationally recognized professional storytellers meet to perform, to workshop, and to hear locals.

<sup>1</sup> The plaque can be viewed at [www.utahcountyonline.org/apps/WebLink/Dept/PUBWRKS/nunnsplaque.bmp](http://www.utahcountyonline.org/apps/WebLink/Dept/PUBWRKS/nunnsplaque.bmp); general information about the park is available at [www.utahcountyonline.org/Dept/PubWrks/Parks/ParkDetails.asp?IDNO=1](http://www.utahcountyonline.org/Dept/PubWrks/Parks/ParkDetails.asp?IDNO=1). The motion that authorized the plaque (apparently arranged in fall 2001 by the county and the concrete company) is at [www.utahcountyonline.org/Dept/COMMISH/Data/Minutes/CM/2001/080701.htm](http://www.utahcountyonline.org/Dept/COMMISH/Data/Minutes/CM/2001/080701.htm).

<sup>2</sup> The other is the "Upper Beaver Hydroelectric Power Plant Historic District," on State Route 153, in Beaver County, Utah.



Olmsted quarters building, 1914

## Happy Birthday, Mr. Nunn!

*"I want the students to know the eternal moral truths of the universe. But I want them to do more than know those truths; I want them to live them." (1924)*

The 150th anniversary of the birth of Lucien L. Nunn was March 16, 2003. Nunn founded Telluride Association as well as Deep Springs College and the Telluride Power Company.

Copies of two pertinent books are available for a nominal donation: Stephen Bailey's 1933 *Memoir of Nunn* (\$8), reprinted in 1993 with an introduction by Scott McDermott, SP84 CB85 TA88, and the recent *Telluride Power: A Brief Illustrated History of the Early Days* (\$5.50) by Denis Clark, DS69 CB72 TA73 (with an afterword by L. Jackson Newell, DS56, President of Deep Springs College). Please inquire through the Telluride Office at 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850, [telluride@cornell.edu](mailto:telluride@cornell.edu).



*"To dismiss Bailey's book would be as foolish as underestimating Nunn himself."—McDermott*

*"Clark provides a springboard from which we can plunge into . . . shaping the future of Deep Springs and Telluride Association."—Newell*

# SUMMER PROGRAMS

## 2003 Interviewers

Telluride thanks all associates who helped interview candidates for summer program scholarships this spring.

Ted Alexander	Dynishal Gross	Amy Nestor
Shanice Anderson	Joshua Gruenspecht	Don Noel
Joseph Arias	Rachel Gurvich	Jessica Nordell
Martyn Atkins	Tom Hawks	Amina Omari
Miriam Aukerman	Meghan Haynes	Charles Pazdernik
Ellen Baer	Monica Henestroza	Maggie Perkins
Daniel Barnard	Mai-Linh Hong	Govind Persad
Jessica Bauman	Aaron Johnson	N. Braxton Pope
Fred Baumann	Philip Kaplan	David Porter
Joseph Beck	Stan Karas	Jose Portuondo
Jonathan Beere	Andrea Kavalier	Kenneth Pursley
Eliza Bettfingher	Brandt Kehoe	Warren Rosenblum
Nicole Blummer	Robert King	Reihan Salam
Rebecca Boggs	Deborah Kobes	Emily Schusterbauer
Megan Bott	Erna Kostuch	Michael Shae
Matthew Bradby	Keith Kostuch	Rebecca Sherouse
Martina Brendel	George Kroup	Puneet Singh
John Briggs	Holly LaDue	Harry Stahl
Brianne Brown	Paul Levesque	Henrique Suguri
Afua Bruce	Crystal Long	Julie Suk
Cathy Carlson	ShawnaKim Lowey-Ball	Andrew Sullivan
Lynn Carlson	Rebecca Luzadis	Kate Taylor
John Chen	Michael Marder	Matthew Trail
Anakarina Corcoran	Jamie May	Elizabeth Tulis
Cynthia Cupples	Pegeen McGhan	Justin Turner
Selina Davis	Colin McNary	Will Ulrich
Laura Dixon Ingram	Bernadette Meyler	Vinay Varughese
S. Max Edelson	Ani Mukherji	Gabriel Velez
Eldon Eisenach	Nathan Nagy	Joshua Wallaert
Valerie Eisenach	Ernie Narcisse	Dara Weinberg
Nathan Floyd	Aoife Naughton	Michael Wilson
Carl Fraley		
Kathleen Frankovic		
Dan Galindo		
David Gingold		
Nancy Glazener		



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**Cornell II—“Know Thyself”:**  
Pride and Prejudice in Philosophy and Literature

Oluruntosin Adayanju, Rabat, MOROCCO  
Janice Ahn, Kyonggi-Do, KOREA  
Ashley Allen, Arlington, TX  
David Barnett, South Orange, NJ  
Dustin Cho, Lake Forest Park, WA  
Jordan Greenwald, Elizabeth, PA  
Alina larve, Dayton, OH  
Rachel Klein, Sierra Vista, AZ  
Gregory Korb, Short Hills, NJ  
David Lavender, Kamuela, HI  
Alexis Maule, Chicago, IL  
Brandon Moss, Jackson, MI  
Christopher Rodriguez, Miami, FL  
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## 1940s

In an op-ed to *The New York Times* in April, **WILLIAM J. VANDEN HEUVEL**, DS46 CB48 TA48, former ambassador to the United Nations, writes that the UN/UNESCO is the best organization to restore and protect the historic sites and museums in Iraq. He urges the U. S. to request involvement and notes this "would be a major first step in repairing our relationship with old allies, in recognizing our responsibility as an occupying power under the Geneva Conventions and in showing the Iraqis that we respect their heritage as well as their contemporary aspirations for a democratic country respectful of law and order."

## 1950s

**STEVEN WEINBERG**, CB51, gave a well received, and vigorously debated, talk at the 2003 Austin TASP entitled "Craft and Creativity." Weinberg, winner of the 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics, is on the faculty of the University of Texas.

**WILLIAM SIMPSON**, CB55, continues to write history books and enjoy music in his retirement. He moved to Scotland in April to be nearer to relatives. He enjoyed marvelous visits to Ecuador and Russia in 2002 and hopes to re-visit Cornell in 2004, where he "had a great year" in 1955-56.

## 1960s

In a May 11, 2003, *Boston Globe* article about the late Leo Strauss and the effect of his thinking on current public policy, Jeet Heer includes the following Telluride alumni in a group he calls "The Washington Straussians": **CARNES LORD**, SP61 CB68, National Security Council advisor during the Reagan Administration; **WILLIAM GALSTON**, SP62 CB63 TA64, deputy domestic policy advisor during the first two years of the Clinton Administration; **PAUL WOLFOWITZ**, SP60 CB61 TA62, Deputy Secretary of Defense; **ABRAM SHULSKY**, SP58 CB59 TA61, director of the Pentagon's Office of Special Plans; and **LEON KASS**, SPF86, bioethics

advisor for the (G. W.) Bush Administration. Jeet Heer also labels as a "Straussian Democrat" **CLIFFORD ORWIN**, SP63 CB64 TA66, a professor at the University of Toronto.

## 1970s

**MARINA HSIEH**, SP77, and Henry Shaw have been reveling in parenthood with Harrison Kai Shaw, born on February 7, 2002. "He is a joy!"

**ELIZABETH PULLIAM WESTON**, SP79, writes, "My husband (Will Weston) and I are delighted to announce the birth of Elizabeth Beyette ('Bey') Weston on December 1, 2002. I left my job as a full-time personal finance writer for the *Los Angeles Times* last April and am now writing a twice-weekly column for MSN, Microsoft's Web site, as well as a weekly question-and-answer column that appears in the *Times* and other papers nationwide." ([lpweston@aol.com](mailto:lpweston@aol.com))

## 1980s

**CATHERINE FRANCIS**, SP80, married Wayne Rambo on August 16, 2003. She lives in Redmond, Washington, and works for Microsoft.

A book by **WENDY KATZ HIMMELSBACH**, SP83, *Regionalism and Reform: Art and Class Formation in Antebellum Cincinnati*, was published by Ohio State University Press in 2002. She writes, "Perhaps only TASPers have enough interest in the obscure for this sort of thing. If so, they should feel free to drop by Lincoln [NE], which is practically on the road to Ithaca anyway."

**REBEKAH NUTTER** (née *Becky Pinnick*), SP83 CB84 TA88, writes, "My husband Brian and I welcomed Sarah Elena Nutter to this world on April 1, 2003, right on time. Yes, we have our own little April Fool now! Before and after pictures can be seen at [www.photoisland.com](http://www.photoisland.com), login is noboru and password is Elena. We live in Glen Burnie, MD and welcome visits from old friends." ([nutter@starpower.net](mailto:nutter@starpower.net))

**DAVID PATTERSON**, CBG83, was mentioned in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June. He writes, "I . . . find myself a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) although the title is honorific. The Order of the British Empire was founded in 1917 and my citation reads: "For Services to Jewish Studies" which is the first time an honour has been awarded for that reason."

An *ad hoc* Telluride-Deep Springs liaison committee met in St. Louis this past October to oversee the establishment of connubial relations between **WARREN ROSENBLUM**, DS83 CB85 TA87, and **NICOLE BLUMNER**, CB97 TA98. The committee included Springers, Telluriders, and numerous individuals of mixed heritage. The union was agreed to with more or less unanimous consent and was followed by discussion, at which point the former Ithacans and the desertmongers alike engaged in the ritual shaking of booty and the snarfing of good eats. And there was great comity and much rejoicing. The couple now resides in St. Louis and grapples daily with the traumatic effects of no longer being the center of attention. Please visit!

**JEFF CLARKE**, SP84 DS85, writes, "I just completed a master's program in Central and Eastern European Studies at La Salle University. If you're interested in hydrocarbons or pipelines between the Baltic and the Pacific, drop me a line ([clarke144@hotmail.com](mailto:clarke144@hotmail.com)). I'm not sure what's next, but since my wife and our two children (Anita, 4, and Martin, 1) are Lithuanian citizens, I would guess a return to Lithuania, or somewhere in Central/Eastern Europe, is in my future."

**RICHARD BAUM**, SP86 CB87 TA88, and Terri Gerstein are happy to announce the birth of a Eli Caleb Baum (5 lbs., 9 oz.) on May 19, 2003, at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York.

**NOAH FELDMAN**, SP87, assistant professor of law at NYU, was selected by the Bush Administration's Office for Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance to advise Iraq's coalition government on

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the writing of their new constitution. Feldman holds a D.Phil. in Islamic Thought from Oxford and a J.D. from Yale. In a May 11, 2003, *New York Times* profile, **JENNIFER LEE**, SP93, writes: "Some contend that the United States' effort to build a democracy in Iraq is overwhelming, if not naïve. But those who know of Professor Feldman's background say he may be able to build a bridge between American notions of democracy and Islamic traditions."

**VIRGINIA SCHATTMAN**, SP87 CB88 TA90, writes, "I am married to a wonderful guy, named 'Guy!' Guy is English, so now I live in England." She writes that **MARTYN ATKINS**, CB90 TA91, has been helpful in navigating the "many bewildering bureaucratic hurdles the UK places before immigrants."

Leo David Edelson was born on June 3, 2003 in Champaign, Illinois to parents Jen and **MAX EDELSON**, DS88 CB90 TA91, and two-year-old brother Will. Max is an assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he is busy completing his first book, a history of colonial South Carolina's plantation economy.

**URSULA ANGELL** (*née McClelland*), SP89 CB90 TA92, married Jamie Angell on May 31, 2003 in Los Angeles, California. She writes that her "father, Don McClelland, who was the reason I got mixed up with Telluride in the first place (bless 'im), died of a brain tumor a month later. A week after that my latest piece of physical theater opened, and two weeks later I tore ligaments in my knee, ankle, and thumb while back-flipping off my cast members' shoulders. Today I'm hiding on the couch, convinced that the universe really is out to get me. Those brave and foolhardy enough are heartily encouraged to visit me in L.A. All comers welcome. Bring your tin-foil hats."

1990s

**ALISON ROXBY**, SP90, got a M.Sc. in public health while on a Fulbright at London School of Hygiene and Tropical

Medicine in 2002. She spent the spring of 2002 at Kenyatta Hospital in Nairobi. In 2003, she graduated from the UNC School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. She married Brian Rulifson on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Chapel Hill and moved to California to begin an internal medicine residency at Stanford. She continues to work on HIV issues in developing countries.

Since 1998, **CARA REICHEL**, SP91, has worked to establish the Prospect Theater Company ([www.prospecttheater.org](http://www.prospecttheater.org)) in NYC and recently directed the play "The Alchemists." Following TASP, Cara studied anthropology and theater at Princeton and studied directing in the masters program at Brooklyn College.

**ALLISON TARTALIA** (*née Tartaglia*), SP91, is a performing songwriter living in New York City. In November 2002, she released an independent album entitled *Ready*. Her music has received media attention from *The Village Voice* and *The New York Times*. She would love to hear from fellow TASPers at [allison@allisontartalia.com](mailto:allison@allisontartalia.com).

**DAWN STAR BORCHELT** (*née Shuman*), SP93, writes, "I'm featured in a new documentary titled *Grown Without Schooling*. It's a feature-length film profiling and interviewing 10 young adults who were home schooled as children and teenagers. It was fascinating to be followed around by the filmmaker for several days a few years ago—it's even cooler to see the final result. I hope anyone who's interested in home education will con-

sider checking it out—for more info see [www.grownwithout schooling.com/](http://www.grownwithout schooling.com/)—on the site is a link to send email to me if anyone wants to get in touch."

Dr. **DAISY BASSEN**, SP93, is married and doing her first year of residency at Brown University in Providence, RI.

The June 16<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> fiction issue of the *New Yorker* ran a short story "City of Clowns" by **DANIEL ALARCÓN**, SP94. Daniel is a student at the Iowa Writers' Workshop and a Fulbright scholarship recipient (2001). Following TASP, he attended Columbia University. His first collection of stories will be published in 2004 by HarperCollins.

**DEVMUKH GANDHI**, SP95, writes that he would love to hear from any '95 St. John's TASPers at [devmuk73@hotmail.com](mailto:devmuk73@hotmail.com). He is an associate with an investment banking firm in Seattle.

Following graduation from Cornell in 1996, **SMITHA VISHESHWARA**, CB95, finished a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Santa Barbara and is currently in a postdoctoral program in physics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**JOHN J. HORTON**, SP96, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a B.S. in mathematics in 2001 and married Roberta Yerkes Horton on June 9<sup>th</sup> of that summer. He had been stationed in Friedberg, Germany as a tank platoon leader in the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Divi-

## Notables

Three Telluriders are included among *The 100 Most Notable Cornellians*, as selected by Cornell professors Glenn Altschuler, Isaac Kramnick and Larry Moore. They are **JULIAN HAYNES STEWARD**, DS18 TA20 CB22, the anthropologist; **STEVEN WEINBERG**, CB51, the physicist; and **FRANCIS FUKUYAMA**, SP69 CB70 TA71, the political scientist. Steward's entry notes that "the watershed in his young life came in 1918 when he entered the newly established Deep Springs Preparatory School;" he later transferred from Berkeley to Cornell "to live in the intense intellectual environment of Telluride House." A biography of Steward, *Scenes from the High Desert: Julian Steward's Life and Theory*, by Virginia Kerns, has recently been published by the University of Illinois Press.

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sion since January 2002. He is currently deployed to the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**LYNN REDDING CARLSON**, SP97, graduated from Michigan State in May 2002 with a dual degree in philosophy and astrophysics and is in the graduate program for astrophysics at Johns Hopkins University.

**WILL CREELEY**, SP98, writes, "I graduated *magna cum laude* from New York University's Gallatin School of Individualized Study in December. This spring, I have traveled to New Zealand to visit my family and to exercise my rights as a New Zealand citizen. I also had the pleasure of traveling extensively in Peru. I returned home to the United States to deliver the student address at NYU's Commencement ceremonies in Washington Square Park, sharing the stage with Mayor Mike Bloomberg. I was the only student to speak, addressing the more than 15,000 people in attendance! My speech is archived online at [www.nyu.edu/commencement](http://www.nyu.edu/commencement). I also had the honor of being the student speaker at the Gallatin School of Individualized Study's graduation exercises. I will attend NYU's School of Law in the fall, where I will study public interest and constitutional law. I remain a professional DJ and all my fellow TASPers are encouraged to check out my music online at [www.thewillyest.com/!](http://www.thewillyest.com/)"

## 2000s

**JAWUAN MEEKS**, SS01 SP02, received a Gates Millennium Scholarship, funded by the foundation of Bill and Melinda Gates. He is entering the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

**IRENE SUN**, SP02 (Michigan), made the *USA Today*'s 2003 All-USA High School Academic First Team. As a member of the First Team, Irene received a trophy and a \$2,500 cash award. She is one of twenty high school students selected on the basis of their "outstanding scholarship, intellectual achievement and leadership."

## IN MEMORIAM

**CHRIS AMROSE**, SP96, died on February 25, 2003, in Chicago at the age of 23. A Kenyon TASP, Amrose moved from Syracuse to study at the University of Chicago in 1997. He remained in contact with Telluriders, visiting several last winter. Wrote one, "Chris will be remembered by his fellow TASPers for his cleverness, his intense geniality and his ambition in the face of incredible odds."

**FREDERICK BIRD, JR.**, CB38, died on September 5, 2002, in Walnut Creek, California, at the age of 81. Bird quit Cornell in 1940 to become a journalist in Chicago, which career was interrupted by a wartime stint in the Army Air Corps. From 1960, he held several positions in politics and government, including press secretary to the governor of Illinois and a speechwriter for President Ford. In response to a 1991 alumni survey, Bird wrote that "the house experience was a heady one, and I look back with great fondness on my TA associates. I quit Cornell to be a reporter, and on the whole, don't regret my decision."

**JAMES GODFREY**, DS39 CB42 TA43, died on February 25, 2002, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, at the age of 78. Before he retired, he was the longtime director of semiconductor development for Bell Labs in Reading. After Cornell, he served in the Navy at the tail-end of the Second World War and then took a Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the University of Cincinnati. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and three daughters.

**JEFFREY GU**, SP95, died on June 6, 2003, in Venezuela of a fall sustained while on a mountain climbing expedition. Gu, 24, was a student in the first Kenyon TASP. After TASP, he studied environmental science and public policy at Harvard. He worked for Merrill Lynch and was interested in concentrating on East Asian economies. Gu spent many vacations engaged in missionary work. His memorial website, [rememberjeff.com](http://rememberjeff.com), includes information about the Jeff Gu Memorial Fund.

**ROBERT SHERIDAN**, DS28 CB31 TA31, died on April 11, 2003, in Seaford, Delaware, at the age of 92. He was an engineering supervisor for Eastman Kodak, mainly in Rochester, for 37 years. In 1976, Sheridan retired to a house that he and his wife had built in Vermont; they later moved to Virginia and then Delaware. Marguerite Sheridan, his wife, wrote: "He was very grateful for all Telluride had done for him, and very proud of having been a member." He is survived by Mrs. Sheridan, three children, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**GEORGE HENRIK von WRIGHT**, CBG54, Finnish philosopher and logician, died on June 16 at the age of 87. His career spanned the University of Helsinki, Cambridge University and Cornell, where he was visiting professor from 1965 to 1977. In a 1954 visit to Ithaca, he stayed at Telluride, where he gave a talk on Wittgenstein. He was awarded an honorary British knighthood (GCVO) in 1976. According to his obituary in *The Daily Telegraph* of London, von Wright's "public pleas for peace, human rights and tolerance made him one of the most respected intellectuals in Scandinavia."

**JUDITH RUTH GINSBERG**, SPF99, died on December 28, 2002. A Cornell classicist, Ginsberg taught the 1999 Cornell TASP on "Poets, Historians, and Other Liars" with Dean Lynne Abel.

**THOMAS M. GREENE**, SPF64, professor of literature at Yale University, died on June 23, in New Haven. He taught three TASPers at Cornell: "Literary and Philosophical Aspects of Greek Civilization" (1964), "Drama: Ancient and Modern" (1966), and "Shakespeare and Modern Drama" (1970).

*The Newsletter also received notice of the death of these friends and associates:*

**DAHLIA A.N. HOWARTH**, SP68, on January 1, 1995

**MRS. M.L. RAILEY**, widow of ISHAM RAILEY, DS22 TA24 CB25

**PHILLIP H. WELLS**, friend of the Pasadena Branch

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