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## OUT OF AFRICA

*Report of Yarrow Scholar Eunice Yu*

This summer, while living in South Africa, I read a very American novel: *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen. It was certainly strange to have found it in Johannesburg. But the used bookstore was on a street that might have been transplanted directly from the college towns of Ann Arbor or Ithaca, strung with lights and lined with intimate restaurants (with excellent Cape wines) and boutiques. Finding the book at the tip of Africa, after dinner at one of those restaurants, was not what I expected when I set out on my summer of adventurous education. I thought I would be roughing it physically, but instead found myself in restlessly comfortable surroundings. It was an adventure, nonetheless.

My day job was at the Development Bank of Southern Africa, an apartheid-era institution established in 1990 to manage the 'homelands,' ostensibly independent states that served as a sort of rural repository for blacks considered unfit for labor in the proper, white South Africa. Post-dispensation in 1994, the DBSA got a new mandate, promoting development as the

rest of the world understands it, investing in infrastructure projects like bridges, irrigation, and transportation. I worked in the DBSA's research arm, evaluating upgrades intended to promote privacy and increase space for voluntary counseling and testing services for HIV/AIDS in clinics across South Africa. I analyzed survey data of clients, providers, and clinic managers to document the baseline performance of these clinics before the upgrades physically took place. The hope is that more people will be encouraged to get tested when the contractors finish work next year.

DBSA is headquartered in an imposing brick building in the middle of a veld. Barbed wire tops the tall fence that encloses the grounds, and a guard post controls the gates at its entrance. Security concerns dominate the built environment. In Johannesburg and its outlying suburbs, gates and walls surround everything but the poor settlements. My own neighborhood, where I lived in a formerly-white suburb with a middle-class black family, had open entrances but enclosed homes.

There was no way to ring the doorbell but to shake the gate. The suburb next door had accessible doorbells but walled-in streets. Universities are fortresses, and regular citizens must pay to merely enter their libraries, not to mention borrow books. So while the exclusionary regional planning of apartheid no longer occurs and many blacks have returned to previously white areas, there is an emergent physical separation based on class.

Indeed, these barriers turned out to be more obstructive than I realized at the time. In my funding proposal, I had imagined I would be able to volunteer with organizations beyond the bank. I did not realize that the bank is an hour from both Johannesburg and Pretoria, in a string of intermediate suburbs and settlements connected by highways. There is no practical public transportation, and I was not old enough to rent a car. Thus, my living situation had to be with someone who could provide daily transportation to the bank, and this turned out to be a brilliant, hilarious woman who worked in corporate strategy. While we sat in traffic, we would talk about politics, social situations, and other daily observations. Still, I was subject to her long working hours, arriving long before eight in the morning and leaving after six or seven at night. On the way home, we would shiver together in the early dark of a Southern Hemisphere winter, and blow through red lights to avoid being carjacked.

For three weeks, another Michigan student doing public health work lived with me in Johannesburg. Because she was able to rent a car, we spent each weekend traveling. We road-tripped through scenic Mpumalanga Province (see photo above) and the Drakensberg Mountains, and watched "Pirates of the Caribbean" at a multiplex in Durban. We safaried at the famous Kruger National Park, and flew to the Cape over a long weekend to take in wine tours and nightlife. It was interesting to travel by hostel for the first time. South Africa is certainly a diverse country, with varied landscapes, languages, and people, and the hostel scene was no different. Along with many young Dutch men escaped from college, I met English, Irish, Spanish Basques, Germans, and Flemings of

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all ages. But for the street vendors, there was sometimes little indication that we were traveling in Africa at all.

Indeed, what struck me over and over while in South Africa was the way that things would seem normal, or in my context, American, before a sudden pulling of the curtain. Just as I began to accept the intense security level of my suburb, I would hear about a shooting or break-in, and feel ever more vigilant about the many locks on my door. I became used to my colleagues' accents, only to notice that my older Indian, Afrikaans, and English colleagues' accents were all different, a result of 40 years of group separation. Perhaps most disappointingly, my new life didn't immediately jar because my existence was exceedingly exclusive. It took me longer to realize how confining this was as well. Although I lived in a middle-class family, the 'middle-class' is in fact a tiny fraction of the population. South Africa is an extremely unequal country.

One legacy of apartheid is first-world conditions (drinkable tap water, if you have a tap; hostel sub-culture, fancy malls and cineplexes, excellent roads), side-by-side with severe third-world problems (heterosexual HIV transmission, extremely high unemployment and poverty, poor public services). But with an American accent, light skin, and different clothes, it was apparent that I belonged in one part of the country and not another. While some parts of the city were genuinely dangerous at certain times of the day, I had trouble assessing real danger. I was advised not to leave the house gates after dark, and keep my doors locked at all times, even on Sunday afternoons.

A reverse phenomenon was my acclimation to differences. When I first saw the sprawling settlements abutting the manicured suburban homes, I felt that it was impossible to ignore the mass poverty. But I quickly realized that not only was it possible, it was easy and commonplace. When the settlements became just the film in the movie-screen of a car window, the ignorance became inadvertent.

On the evenings I spent in, I would write blog entries to post the next day at work, and read books. It was amazing to text message my host sister, rent a Pierce Brosnan flick, and buy intellectual novels about a fundamentally different mindset in a country crippled by wild policy-making on HIV/AIDS, with 27 percent unemployment and 50 percent of the population living in poverty. This dualistic reality was and is still incredibly disturbing. While I lamented how confined I felt in the upper-middle-class world that defined my trip, I had to remember that the flip side was much worse. The confinement I experienced was not a joke played on unsuspecting interns, but a consequence of discriminatory social dynamics inherited from apartheid. I was certainly not the only one who was unable to enter different worlds.

When I returned to Ann Arbor, I reveled at my easy belonging. I felt most acutely the lack of boundaries that characterized so many dimensions of my short time in Johannesburg. I am simultaneously more grateful for this freedom and more committed to fostering it, especially with regard to health and economic disparities. This trip was both tremendously difficult and deeply, deeply enlightening. I would not trade it for a more pleasant experience if I could.

I thank the Yarrow family and Telluride Association for allowing me to pursue this incredible experience. I am indebted to your generosity. •

# WIRED

## *MBTA tech gets up to speed*

In winter 2005-06, the Michigan Branch Technology Committee (TechCom) began brainstorming ideas to improve the technological atmosphere of the House. After a thorough analysis, we identified three major projects: renovating the computer lab, designing and implementing a website for the House, and digitizing our application process. During winter '06 we polished our ideas and started preliminary planning; during the fall '06 semester these projects came to life.

### A computer room

The computer lab renovation was born when we realized that housemembers were not taking advantage of the resources we had in our lab. Myriad reasons made the space unpopular: worn furniture, excess unused furniture and equipment, obsolete computers, and unappealing décor.

At Convention '06, we asked for a renovation budget and this year we acquired new furniture, discarded old furniture and equipment, reformatted older computers, and purchased new flat-screen monitors. A fresh coat of paint, new carpet, a futon, and lava lamps completed the overhaul.

Soon after the renovation, we noticed a shift in the role of the computer lab, which became a popular place for communal studying, hanging out, and committee meetings.

### MBTA online

Incoming housemembers have told us they knew very little about MBTA before joining. The Association's website doesn't contain an updated and detailed description of our house, and we have struggled to create an image on campus that most Michigan students would recognize. We hoped creating a house website would help solve these problems.

We launched our website in mid-November: [www.telluride-house.org](http://www.telluride-house.org). By February, we were getting about 100 hits per week. Additionally, the candidates we interviewed this spring had a better idea about the House than in previous cycles, which translated into more enthusiasm and enhanced ability to engage with us in their applications and interviews.

### Electronic applications

In the past, we only accepted paper membership applications. This imposed a time-consuming and tedious process on the office, and it was a cumbersome way for housemembers to read applications. To alleviate the office burden and create a more efficient process, we introduced electronic submissions of the application essays and cover sheet.

The new method has been quite smooth, with a couple of minor exceptions, which are being improved for future cycles. This year, applications were available to housemembers less than 24 hours after the submission deadline. Additionally, the amount of paper wasted was minimal, as most people read applications on their computers, and brought their laptops, instead of huge stacks of paper, to the preferment meetings.

*Project contributors include: Ayush Agarwal (MB06), Adam Hogan (MB06), Fernando Delgado (MB07), Amit Ahuja (MB06), Matt Wyble (MB09), Shannon Saksewski (Michigan Program Director) and Peg Du Fresne (Michigan Office Coordinator).*

— Fernando Delgado, MB05

# ON THE ROAD

*CBTA members travel to Ann Arbor*

The Cornell Branch of the Telluride Association traveled to the University of Michigan over Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend for the second annual joint TAWP (Telluride Association Winter Program). Thirteen CBTAers braved the journey to the other land of ice and snow (Ann Arbor, not Ithaca) to participate in a three-day seminar led by Guoqi Xu, a faculty guest at MBTA. The seminar was titled "Past as Present: Sino-American Relations in Historical and International Perspectives," and provided a broad base for arguments about the current state of China-U.S. diplomacy. Mr. Xu was a lively seminar instructor, knowledgeable about everything from Chinese and American foreign policy to Chairman Mao's favorite foods. A vivid storyteller, he explained why Mao had bad teeth: Mao believed that since tigers didn't brush their teeth, there was no reason why he should. Aside from gleaning information from Mr. Xu, CBTAers particularly enjoyed engaging in debates over the future of U.S.-China policies on the third day of the seminar, and have been able to draw upon the shared TAWP experience in further debates in the spring semester.

TAWP was not solely a rigorous intellectual experience, however: many CBTAers visiting MBTA for the first time had a chance to explore both MBTA and the University of Michigan campus. An InterHouse Telluridean Dialogue occurred over dinner one evening on topics ranging from the purpose of service to recruitment and outreach and the impact of physical House spaces on community life. While no consensus was reached, CBTAers present agreed that through the discussion they learned a lot about the Michigan Branch, and by extension, their own Branch.

CBTAers discovered that MBTA struggles with many of the same issues as the Cornell Branch, particularly the requirements of attendance and participation, the difficulty of scheduling events, the role of faculty guests, and the process of formulating House expectations. CBTAers were surprised to discover, however, just how different the House cultures are surrounding mealtimes, informal community activities, and private/public boundaries in personal life. Housemembers visiting MBTA for the first time were particularly struck by the differences in the physical layouts of the two Houses, and were surprised by the degree to which the central staircase configuration at CBTA supports community life. Because Cornell's house is close to campus, CBTA has fostered a culture of dinnertime attendance and debate that MBTA, with its earlier mealtime and distance from central campus, lacks. Housemembers from both Branches also discussed the idea of service and its purpose. This led to an inter-House evaluation of the role of Nunn's vision in Telluridean culture today. Overall, this dinner discussion was a very interesting and fruitful examination of the two Houses, and CBTAers felt they learned a great deal about their sister branch.

On Sunday night, a Mao-themed dance party ensued, ending in the wee hours of the morning with a photo of Nunn next to one of Mao. (Comparisons of the two are left to the reader's imagination.) After the seminar concluded on Monday morning, CBTAers enjoyed further exploring the campus and attending Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events. A Sunday night ice storm left Ann Arbor a wintry wonderland, and CBTAers experienced a change of pace from the fluffy white



PHOTOS: (above, l-r) John Minnich, Josh Smith, Ridley Jones, Keegan Porter. (below, l-r) Stephanie Kelly, Calvin Selth, Fernando Delgado.

stuff. The storm, did, however, provide treacherous conditions for the return to Ithaca. Fortunately, the bus driver was cautious, the long ride provided adequate time for CBTA bonding (and several games of Trivial Pursuit), and CBTAers returned safely to Ithaca. The thirteen CBTAers who attended TAWP garnered new insight and enjoyed themselves immensely in the process. Although organizing the joint TAWP is always logistically challenging, CBTAers valued the experience to interact with MBTAers and to foster a better understanding of what "the other Branch" actually does.

—Amy Saltzman, SP02 CB03 TA05

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## THE WRITING ON THE WALL

The graffiti may change year to year, but Telluride's summer programs have more than their share of constants – the late-night debates, the program mascots (a blow-up figure of Evard Munch's "The Scream" at the 2006 Wash. U. TASP), and the lifelong friendships.

In 2006, a total of 129 high school students enrolled in TASP and TASP seminars traveled to Ann Arbor, Austin, Bloomington, Ithaca, and St. Louis to invest six-weeks delving into medieval history; the Islamic religion, culture, and politics; foreign policy; the American Civil Rights Movement; civic engagement among American youth; Harlem in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century; and music of the African diaspora.

"TASP was the best six weeks of my life," exclaims Mina Chang (second from left in the photo above), who attended the Washington University TASP, "The Ties That Bind: Exploring the Connections and Absorbing the Lessons of the American Civil Rights Movement and the South African Anti-Apartheid

Struggle." "I've learned so much during the six weeks, not just about the material in lectures, but also about the direction I want to lead my life," Mina e-mailed when she returned to her home in Nevada. "After coming home from TASP, I've become much more involved in activism and furthering the fight for civil rights."

For Stephanie Wright, who attended the University of Texas, Austin, program, "The Cultures of Writing," the TASP experience provided new insights into the potential energy in a room full of intellectually creative peers. "I, for one, had no idea that a seminar could be that engaging, thought provoking, or progressive," she e-mailed, "even when the topics we discussed sometimes bordered on taboo." New friendships proved equally life-changing. "I never dared hope there was anyone in the world as peculiar as me," she writes, "but the second the front door opened, I realized every last one of the TASPers (factota included!) to be just that." • ST

# COLLEGE CHOICE SURVEY OF SUMMER PROGRAM STUDENTS



Photo: Josh Smith, MB02 TA03, Cornell factotum '06

## Cornell I TASP '05

Asli Bashir  
Arthur Brannon  
Gracye Cheng  
James Dick  
Phillipa Gowdy-Jaehnig  
Samantha Hederman  
Ibrahim Jameel  
Kamo Jurn  
John Lee  
Jongsuh Lee  
John Minnich  
Becky Myers  
Hanim Otus  
Ashley Tulloch  
Stephanie Wu

Harvard University  
University of Michigan  
Harvard University  
Washington & Lee Univ.  
St. John's College  
Michigan State  
Kakwan  
MIT  
Yale University  
Cornell University  
Cornell University  
Univ. OK - Norman  
Yale University  
Northwestern University  
Columbia University

Jonathan Johnson  
Aaron Marble  
Edad Mercier  
Dejinay Reid  
Denaira Reid  
Brandi Waters

## Michigan TASS '04

James Armstrong  
Wubshet Ayele  
Bryant Bourgeois  
Elsa Carbonell  
Candice Celestin  
Kevin James, Jr.  
Jelani Johnson  
Bessie Lee  
LaToya Lewis  
Morgan McMillan  
Racquel Quarless  
Kelvin Smallwood-Jones  
Amariah Stepler  
Courtney Williams  
Zerotti Woods

## Michigan TASP '05

Christopher Alexander  
Jason Chua  
Henrik Herb  
Meredith Hitchcock  
Sophie Huber  
Emily Jenda  
Ridley Jones  
Christina Law  
Isaac Miller  
Dylan Morris  
Samyukta Mullangi  
Matthew Nestor  
Samuel Pimentel  
Lisa Ruiz  
Emily Slager  
Matthew Slayton  
Charles Wu  
Bern Youngblood

Morehouse College  
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Harvard University  
Utica College  
Utica College  
Univ of Pennsylvania

Univ of MO, St. Louis  
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Florida International U  
Syracuse University  
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Columbia University  
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Northwestern University  
Duke University  
Morehouse College  
University of Michigan  
Ohio State University  
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Howard University  
Princeton University  
Idyllwild Arts Academy  
Yale University  
Princeton University  
Yale University  
University of Michigan  
UC Berkeley  
UC Berkeley  
Yale University (fall '07)  
Emory University  
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Stanford University  
UC Riverside  
Calvin College  
Duke University  
MIT  
St. Olaf College

## UT Austin TASP '05

Eminet Abebe  
Desiree Barron  
Pascal Brixel  
Ian Crovisier  
Jacob Denz  
Emma Griffin  
Allison La Fave  
Dexter Louie  
Loide Marwanga  
Amanda Mennis  
Jarrett Moran  
Eugene Jinyoung Nho  
Waldina Pineda  
Mariam Rahmani  
Elliott Sadlon  
Amartya Sengupta  
Yeganeh (June) Torbati  
Jiacheng Yu

Yale University  
Cornell University  
University of Oxford  
Cornell University  
Princeton University  
Yale University  
Harvard College  
Harvard University  
Yale University  
University of Michigan  
Yale University  
University of Michigan  
Yale University  
Stanford University  
Brown University  
Princeton University  
Stevens Inst. of Tech.  
Harvard University  
Yale University  
UT Austin

## Washington University (St. Louis) TASP '05

Jake Dale  
James Francis  
Andres Guerra  
Adam Higuera  
Jessi Holler  
Intiya Isaza-Figueroa  
Douglas Jennings  
Jimmy Jin  
Amy Lee  
Ellen Manovich  
Grace Marengo  
David McWilliams  
Nisha Patel  
Sarah Rovang  
Andrei Stetsenko  
Michael Thornton  
Xiwen (Emily) Wang  
Lee West

Princeton University  
Columbia University  
Princeton University  
University of Michigan  
University of Michigan  
Harvard University  
Eugene Lang College  
Swarthmore College  
Yale University  
Ohio State University  
Grinnell College  
Michigan State  
Stanford University  
University of Virginia  
Princeton University  
Yale University  
University of Michigan  
Yale University

## Cornell II TASP '05

William Abram  
Yousef AbuGharbieh  
Joyce Arnold  
Jenny Cheng  
Richard Espinosa III  
Marcus Gadson  
Stephanie Kelly  
Muhammed Khan  
Zhi Chen (Frank) Lin  
Edgar Melgar  
Nan Ni  
Renagh O'Leary  
Adi Robertson  
Loren Saulsberry  
Bansi Shah

University of Chicago  
Duke University  
Yale University  
Northwestern University  
Yale University  
Dartmouth College  
Cornell University  
University of Chicago  
University of Chicago  
Yale University  
Harvard University  
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Cornell University  
Wellesley College  
Stanford University

## Indiana TASS '04

Samira Addrey  
Jenne Ayers  
Sherra Cook  
Collins Eke  
Auvriel Greenlea  
CiAuna Heard  
Angelica Ibezim  
Robert Jackson

Fisk University  
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Hampton University  
Univ. of Tennessee  
Purdue Univ. (Calumet)  
UC Berkeley  
Vanderbilt University  
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# CIVIL RIGHTS JURIST AL ARENT

Albert E. Arent, CB29 TA30, died October 30, 2006, at his home in Boca Raton, FL. He was 95. In 1939, four years after graduating from Cornell Law School and departing CBTA, Arent joined the newly formed Civil Rights Section of the Justice Department, helping to expand federal jurisdiction over civil rights cases. Together with Irwin L. Langein, Arent analyzed existing federal case law, resurrecting two Reconstruction-era statutes which effectively allowed the Justice Department to prosecute lynchings and mob violence — cases languishing in state courts throughout the South — and laid the groundwork for such cases as *Brown v. Board of Education*. When several states sued the government over the new federal prosecutorial powers, Arent defended the expansion in court in Georgia and Louisiana.

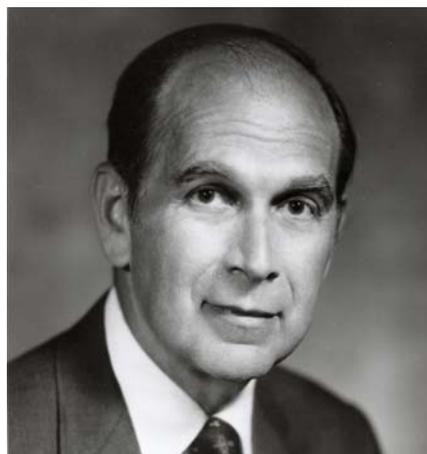
Arent went on to serve as special assistant to attorney general Robert H. Jackson and his successor, Francis Biddle. During World War II, Arent's focus shifted to prosecution of major violators of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and from 1942-44, he served as a chief trial attorney in the Alien Property Unit of the Justice Department.

Arent was a founding partner, with Henry J. Fox, of Washington, D.C.-based Arent Fox. Arent headed the firm's tax and real estate law practice and oversaw its *pro bono* work. From 1951-1973, he also taught tax law at Georgetown Law School. Arent many times applied his professional expertise on behalf of Telluride, establishing Telluride Corporation in the 1940s, and facilitating the Association's tax-exempt status in the late 1960s and early '70s. He also furnished funds to overhaul CBTA's Room 14 from decrepitude in the late 1970s, and led the Association in its Special Renovations Campaign during the 1980s. He retired from Arent Fox in 1986.

Arent played a leading role in myriad local and national Jewish organizations, civil rights organizations, and legal action commissions. In the 1960s, as a member of an interfaith committee, he recommended legislation removing ethnic bias from the nation's immigration laws. He was a founding member and lifelong trustee of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and a founding member of the governing boards of Common Cause and the National Urban Coalition for Unity and Peace.

His earliest involvement in religious civil rights at the national level came with his advocacy for the Supreme Court appointment of Jewish intellectual Felix Frankfurter by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938. The effort to overcome anti-semitism was, perhaps, evocative of his own experiences as an undergraduate applicant to live at Cornell Branch. Several contemporaries of Nunn's opposed Arent's admission on religious grounds. George Lincoln Burr, at that time a permanent faculty guest in the House, rose to speak on behalf of the young man. What happened next hardly remained behind closed doors. On a visit to CBTA several decades later, Arent told Paul Foster, SP78 CB79 TA81, the version he'd heard. "Burr gave a thundering speech about how, having spent his career as a historian documenting the rise of religious tolerance in civil society, he was ashamed to think that anyone who considered himself a Cornellian or Nunnian could possibly vote against Al's

preference based on his religious beliefs," says Foster. "Needless to say, Al was admitted and joined TA the following year. His admission proved to be an unusually good investment, as he spent the next 70 years donating his time, money, and expertise on a wide range of issues vital to Telluride."



Arent also displayed a lifelong commitment to Cornell, serving on the university's board of trustees and as chairman of the Cornell Law School Advisory Council.

Arent was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Frances F. Arent. He is survived by children Stephen W. Arent of Denver and Margery Arent Safir of Paris; a brother; and five grandchildren. • ST

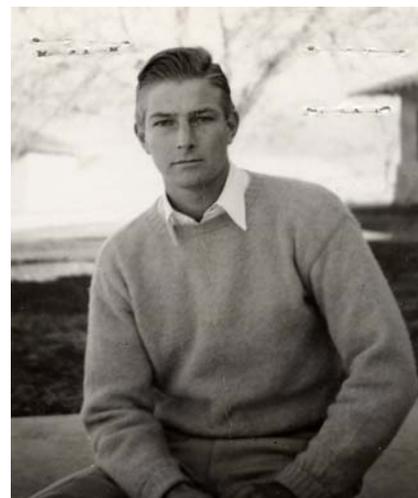
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## JIM OLIN, STATESMAN

James R. Olin, DS38 CB41 TA41, died on July 29, 2006. He was 86. A former executive for General Electric, he served as a Democratic representative of Virginia's 6<sup>th</sup> District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1983 until he retired in 1993. During that time, he served on the Agriculture and Small Business committees and worked to establish ten wilderness areas that protected 81,000 acres in Virginia.

Olin was a dedicated alumnus of both Telluride Association and Deep Springs College. He "stood out as the most impressive of the five third year men," recalled Fred Balderston, DS40 CB42 TA42, in the Deep Springs 2005-06 annual report. "He was tall and strong physically, and handled himself well in all sorts of settings. In student body meetings, his was the voice of reason."

After three years at Deep Springs, Olin enrolled at Cornell, earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, living at the Cornell Branch, and joining the Association. It was also during those years that he met Phyllis Avery. "He was the most honest person



I'd ever met," she recalls. While Olin was away with the army, Bruce Granger, DS38, stopped by Avery's sorority to see if she lived up to the high academic standards her beau had established. She passed the test, and the couple married in October 1944 – with Bruce's approval.

Olin continued his education with the Signal Corps and served eight months of military duty in Alaska. He went on to work 35 years for General Electric, joining the company as a test engineer and later serving as corporate vice president and general manager of the company's industrial electronics division. While living in Schenectady, NY, Olin began supporting local and national candidates, and was elected Supervisor of the Town of Rotterdam, NY. After retiring from GE and moving to Roanoke, VA, Olin ran for Congress.

Olin also served his *alma mater*, leading the Annual Drive for Deep Springs and in 1994, joining the college's board of trustees. His efforts continued throughout the school's ambitious building program and the Campaign for Deep Springs, for which Olin served as the chair of the Major Gifts Committee. "Jim, more than anyone else I have known in 70 years of observation, was a natural leader," says Bob Sproull, DS35 CB38 TA38. "He was a superb, persuasive, and vitally needed director of fundraising, persistent over almost a decade." In April 2000, Olin was awarded the Deep Springs Medal, the highest honor the school bestows. "In order that a man get along well at Deep Springs he must necessarily love all phases of the work there," wrote Erik Pell, DS41 TA43 CB46, in a memorial in the Deep Springs newsletter last fall. "Or, if he does not love all phases, he must be sufficiently enthusiastic about the country and the life there to overlook the disadvantages of the place."

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Phyllis Avery Olin; children Richard Olin of Charlottesville, Thomas Olin of Brooklyn, NY, Kathy Milliken of White Plains, NY, James Olin Jr. of Lutherville, MD, and Trina Santry of Arlington; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandson. • KM

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## '07 YARROW SCHOLAR

In March, Alvar Ayala, MB '06, was awarded the Mike Yarrow Adventurous Education Award, established to honor the memory of Clarence "Mike" Yarrow, founder of the Pasadena Branch. A student in the University of Michigan Law School, Ayala will serve as a legal intern with the Working Hands Legal Clinic. The Chicago non-profit provides legal and technical advice for immigrant workers. Ayala's responsibilities will include assisting low-wage workers drafting legislative proposals, providing educational programs, and supporting workers' efforts to attract publicity to their cause. Last summer, Ayala was a worker's rights advocate at the Chicago Interfaith Committee on Workers' Issues. He was also a founding member of Migrant Worker Solidarity in Lawrence, KS, where he was an undergraduate political science and environmental studies major at the University of Kansas.

## AFTER ITHACA

*Cornell grads disperse*

ERNESTINE NARCISSE, SS01 CB03, will graduate with a double major in anthropology and Africana studies, as well as a law & society concentration. She will attend Fordham Law School in the fall.

German studies and neurobiology & behavior double-major ANNE GIEDINGHAGEN, SP02 CB03, plans to spend a year working as an EMT and freelance writing before attending medical school.

CALVIN SELTH, CB05 TA06, wrote an undergraduate honors thesis in history and will graduate with a degree in history, Spanish, and Latin American studies. Next year, he will be an elementary school teacher in Los Angeles, with Teach for America.

JEREMY ZABOROWSKI, CB05 (Atkinson-Tetreault Scholar), will finish his Master's in City and Regional Planning with a concentration in economic development and land use planning.

Philosophy major BEN PHELPS-ROHRS, SP02 CB03, will work in Ithaca this summer and travel to Japan for farm work in the fall. He plans to pursue an MFA or attend journalism school in the future.

AMY SALTZMAN, SP02 CB03 TA05, submitted her undergraduate honors thesis in government and will graduate with a double major in college scholar and government and a concentration in development sociology. She hopes to pursue a career in non-profit development.

KRISTIN ROEBUCK, SP97 CB06, will complete her Asian studies program and enter Columbia as a PhD student in East Asian History this fall. She will spend her first year in Yokohama at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Studies.

MEREDITH KROHN-FRIEDSON, CB05, will graduate with her BA in college scholar, comparative literature, and Near Eastern studies. She hopes to accept a position with a law firm and apply to law school.

Government major ANDREW NG, CB05, will be a Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellow with the Democracy and Rule of Law Project.

KEITH THOMAS, CB06, will graduate with a degree in math, and plans to travel next year.

12.2006 John Burchard  
Donated by Kathy Stack, Daughter. Mailed 8-2-05

Folder: Deep Springs Correspondence 1980s—correspondence, DS brochure (1984), photos of John Burchard (while at DS, 1920s) included in a letter from John E. Beaumont (1988).

Folder: Deep Springs & T.A. Applicants—correspondence

Folder: Deep Springs & Telluride Association of Associates 1973-74 newsletters, correspondence, Telluride Association Directory

Folder: Deep Springs



newsletter, DS newsletter, the call to write your proof of article on magazine, April 19



## A TREASURE TROVE

*Archival Gifts Enrich Association History*

The past two decades have been a period of incredible growth and evolution for Telluride Association. Even the formation of the Michigan Branch and the launch of the Sophomore Seminar are relatively recent developments in TA history.

Someday, these hallmarks will be recounted with fondness around Branch dinner tables and amidst future generations of summer program participants not present at their beginnings.

Thanks to the families of John Burchard, DS28 CB31 TA31, and Orville Sweeting, CB32 TA34, the Association has received several significant archival gifts that will enrich the story of Telluride Association for generations to come. Their collected documents, photographs, and personal insights are a gift to all who benefit from TA's dedication to the core values of democracy, self-governance, and intellectual inquiry. For many of us, a description of the modern Telluride Association—of its numerous summer programs, scholarships, and projects still under development—often begins with a description of the historical Telluride Association and even of the industrial liberal arts institutes that preceded it.

Many alumni, some of them Nunnian history buffs themselves, will understand the significance these gifts hold for the donors. "I think the main motivation comes from family members who wish to preserve the collections of memorabilia following the death of a loved

one," says long-time denizen of the Ithaca office and font of institutional knowledge Cynthia Estes-Smith. "An organization's archive can be the perfect home for the things that are hardest to part with because they signified something important to that member of the family." When John Burchard's daughter, Kathryn Stack, sent a collection of materials to the Ithaca Office in 2005, Estes-Smith helped inventory them. Among the ephemera in those boxes: a photo of the 1935 Association members outside the Cornell Branch, correspondence among associates of Burchard's era, and news clippings about Telluride and Deep Springs alumni.

Long-time history committee member Brad Edmondson, DS76 CB80 TA90, helped collect the Sweeting gift. Janet Sweeting, Orville's daughter, "was extremely pleased and relieved that her father's material would make it into the Cornell University archives," says Edmondson, referring to the climate-controlled repository that makes many Telluridean archives available to a range of scholars. "She said that Telluride had meant 'everything' to her father, and that she knew he would have been upset had this stuff not gotten into our hands."

The Sweeting documents included a notebook once belonging to L. L. Nunn and the papers of his close associate, W. L. Biersach, Sr. "Indeed," says Edmondson, "it is a major find for us." Despite the work of Association historians over the years, gaps remain in Telluride's past. "Many of L. L. Nunn's papers were burned after his death," explains Edmondson. "This makes it much more difficult to produce an accurate portrait of the man and his enterprises, so the papers of his contemporaries are an invaluable way of filling in the blanks."

While artifacts belonging to Nunn are certainly invaluable, documents from later generations of alumni also contribute to our collective insights. Sweeting's gift, for example, included the manuscript of an extensive DS-TA history he had synthesized from a broad range of sources. Says Edmondson: "A historian is best served when he or she has many different perspectives from eyewitnesses to the same events." As time passes, memories fade; with them fades the knowledge and experiences of generations of Telluriders. Thus oral histories and interviews of aging alumni and associates add a personal element to our understanding of our shared legacy.

Association history has formed some part of most Telluriders' experiences, from the stern yet benevolent gaze of L.L. Nunn's sepia-toned photograph at program sites, to the still-growing lexicon of acronyms that have perplexed and amused associates for years. Decades of Branch members, TASSers, TASPers, and Deep Springers have nurtured a unique and dynamic culture. It is essential to document that culture if Telluride Association is to continue growing and contributing to society. For the legacy they have bequeathed us, we thank John Burchard, Orville Sweeting, their families and the many others who have substantiated our history with their gifts.

— Kate Morey, SP99 TA05

*To make an archival donation, please contact the Ithaca Office at 607.273.5011. Telluride maintains an archive of many official TA documents, so some culling of donated materials is often necessary. The collection and inventory process includes the Ithaca Office staff, the TA History Committee, and colleagues of the donor; planning and consultation among these groups can facilitate the process.*

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## 1910s

At the November unveiling of a plaque honoring Cornell grad and Superman star Christopher Reeve, provost Bidly Martin spoke of the actor's grandfather, HORACE LAMB, CB14, son of a poor tailor, whose attendance at Cornell was made possible by his scholarship at CBTA. "Chris was disappointed that he was not accepted at Yale," the late actor's mother told the audience. "But he was accepted at Brown and Cornell, and he wanted to go to Cornell because of my dad."

## 1940s

During a June '06 trip to Ithaca to attend the funeral of his grad school mentor and close friend Robin Williams, MEL KOHN, DS44 CB46 TA46, stayed over at CBTA, where he visited with the few students who were in residence between the end of the academic year and the beginning of the summer program. Mel teaches sociology at Johns Hopkins and does cross-national research on social structure and personality. He authored *Change and Stability: A Cross-National Analysis of Social Structure and Personality* (Paradigm Publishers, 2006), comparing Poland, the U.S., Japan, and the Ukraine at times of social and economic transformation. He is now extending the work to include a study of China.

EDWARD HOENICKE, DS46 CB48 TA49, responded to a newsletter article about work by HOLLY LADUE, SP98 CB01 TA05, and LAURA SHAGALOV, CB02 TA05, assessing the possibilities for CBTA's backyard. In his day, Hoenicke writes, it was a rather nice clay tennis court—and famous, too. "In those days, Cornellian Richard Savitt sometimes played there. At 6'3" and 185 pounds, Dick was the last true amateur to win the singles title at Wimbledon in 1951. ... I do not advocate rebuilding a tennis court in the backyard, but with the wonderful opportunities for participation in athletics at Cornell, and particularly for women under Title IX, CBTA might benefit from some support for student athletes at the House. Intellectual life, self-governance, and commu-

nity are not the only pillars of a good society."

## 1950s

On May 3, 2006, PETER GEACH, CBG59, celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday with friends.

New York University professor of philosophy and law THOMAS NAGEL, CB54 TA58, and City University of New York professor of English EVE KOSOFSKY SEDGWICK, SP66 CB67 TA69, were elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society in April 2006.

DOMINICK C. LACAPRA, CB59, was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dominick is the Bryce and Edith M. Bowmar professor of Humanistic Studies and director of Cornell's School of Criticism and Theory.

## 1960s

PAUL WOLFOWITZ, SP60 CB61 TA62, president of the World Bank, was in the news in spring '07. He was the subject of a profile in the *New Yorker* in early April, and later featured prominently in coverage of the bank by National Public Radio and other outlets.

WILLIAM GALSTON, SP62 CB63 TA64, is a senior fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution.

MICHAEL AYLING, CB63, sent an update autumn '06: "I have very fond memories of my year at Cornell Branch and am looking forward to someday organizing our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013! I have now retired after 38½ years of doing the same work (it appalls both my daughters), running my small electromagnetic controls company, and shall shortly reply to the letter MARTIN PEARLMAN, SP62 CB63 TA67, sent me in 1964. Before xmas I hope also to have replied to the late 1970s letter from BRIAN KENNEDY, SP60 CB61 TA63."

Brooklyn College, CUNY, professor ELLEN TREMPER, CB63, has authored *I'm No Angel: the Blonde in Fiction and Film,*

(U. of Virginia Press). She writes: "I have been the chair of the English department since 2000." She got in touch with CAROLYN DEWALD, SP63 SPF05, who authored 'Full Circle' in the spring '06 *Newsletter*. "She and I will be 'reuniting' at her home in Redhook, NY, on 6/23/06. Our reunion is another 'full circle.' I was one of the factota of her TASP in 1963."

The *Journal of Men's Studies* published a review by RON ALEXANDER, DS64, of *A Gay Man's Guide to Prostate Cancer* in Volume 15, Number 1, Winter 2007. Ron still resides in Bishop, CA.

After working in the computer technology field both in the U.S. and Australia, CHRISTOPHER WARREN GOSSETT, SP65 CB66, has retired permanently to Australia where he lives with partner Ana and son Sanjai.

Former CBTA president, TASP factotum, and sometime chairman of the Board of Custodians JAMES JOHNSTON, SP65 CB66 TA67, checked in from Silicon Valley. "It's all ancient history now, but my greatest claim to fame," he e-mails, "is that during the great market crash of 1974 ... I vetoed a proposal to sell stocks virtually at the bottom of the panic. ... By the next quarterly meeting, the panic had subsided, prices were a lot higher, and there was no great urge to sell. At a time when I was essentially penniless (just finishing my PhD), I figure I might have saved Telluride maybe 5 percent of its asset value." James now makes his living at the NASA Ames Research Center, has married, and has a son, 8.

AVNER ASH, SP66, has coauthored with Robert Gross *Fearless Symmetry: Exposing the Hidden Patterns of Numbers* (Princeton) to explain "an abstruse area of number theory" to a general audience.

In April, the *Cornell Chronicle* recalled the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1967 fire in the Cornell Residential Club that killed eight students and a professor. DIEGO BERNADETTE, SP66, was up late writing a paper that night, and with a few of his housemates, borrowed a ladder from a

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nearby fraternity to help others escape. Diego now works as an associate professor of mathematics at the University of Hartford, CT.

The Daily Show's Jon Stewart interviewed *America at the Crossroads* author FRANCIS FUKUYAMA, SP69 CB70 TA71, in May '06.

Cornell government professor JEREMY RABKIN, SP69 CB70 TA71 SPF00, has accepted a position on the faculty at George Mason School of Law in Washington D.C. Pending Senate confirmation, he will also join the Institute for Peace.

## 1970s

NINA GILBERT, SP72, has been appointed education and community programs manager of the Boston Lyric Opera.

ALISON HIRSCHHEL, SP76, e-mailed from Ann Arbor, where she adjuncts at the U. of Michigan Law School and works as a public interest lawyer and advocate for low-income elders through the Michigan Poverty Law Program. "I did my group presentation at TASP on advocacy for nursing home residents," she writes, "and have been doing precisely that ever since!" This spring, Alison was organizing a benefit for the National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform, on whose board she serves.

In February, the *New York Times* reviewed *Poor People* (Ecco Press), the latest book by WILLIAM VOLLMAN, DS77 CB79.

Farrar, Straus & Giroux has published *The Assassins' Gate: America in Iraq* by GEORGE PACKER, SP77. Portions of the reporting also appeared in the *New Yorker*, where George is a staff writer. He also pens a column for *Mother Jones*, and in 2001-02 he received a Guggenheim fellowship. Since then he's received Overseas Press Club awards for his reporting in Iraq and Sierra Leone. In May '06, George was a guest on "The Daily Show."

CAROL OWEN, SP78 CB85 TA86, has joined the Nashville office of the law firm Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP.

## 1980s

LEVIN NOCK, SP80 CB81, enjoys his new career as a sustainable building advisor. He lives with wife Magy Oriah Nock in Portland, OR, with a dog and a cat, near a light rail line. After getting a doctorate in biomedical engineering from Duke, he spent 11 years as a research scientist at Siemens Ultrasound. Now as a consultant he helps architects, builders, and developers create buildings that are safer and healthier for people and the environment. More online at: [GreenwayNeighborhoods.net](http://GreenwayNeighborhoods.net).

WARREN ROSENBLUM, DS83 CB85 TA87, and NICOLE BLUMNER, CB97 TA98, announce the birth of daughter Vera Catherine Rosenblum, on Sept. 9 in Evanston, IL. Photos of Vera and big sister Eve are online at [rosenblumfamily.blogspot.com](http://rosenblumfamily.blogspot.com). Now back in the U.S., Warren has returned to teaching European history at Webster U. Nicole has accepted a position as a finance manager at McCormack Baron Salazar, a developer rebuilding central-city neighborhoods in partnership with local communities.

CAMERON JONES, SP84 CB85 TA86, works as a film and television producer; credits include the Academy Award-winning film "Traffic" and the Emmy Award-winning television series "Huff."

IVAN KREILKAMP, SP85, is an associate professor of English at Indiana U. in Bloomington, where he lives with wife Sarah Pearce and twin toddler daughters Iris and Celeste.

In December, governor-elect Eliot Spitzer named RICHARD BAUM, SP86 CB87 TA88, secretary to the governor, the most powerful staff-level job in the executive chamber. Rich served as chief of staff to Spitzer during his stint as NYS attorney general, and then as senior advisor to Spitzer's gubernatorial election campaign. The month before the election, the *New York Sun* reported that Baum had "built a

## HIRE & SEEK

*Network links Nunn's legacies*

What could happen if the 4,354 living alumni of Telluride Association programs and Deep Springs College were all introduced to each other, and then to their friends? A new alumni organization intends to find out. The L.L. Nunn Network has launched an online "seeking/offering" service where students and recent graduates can advertise themselves, and where alumni can find promising candidates. The site is also a password-protected place for anyone who wants to meet others who have interesting things to say about the Moral Order of the Universe. Take a look. Go to [www.tellurideassociation.org](http://www.tellurideassociation.org), log in to the "For Telluride Associates" section, and click on the "Nunn Network" link. You will need to create a user ID on the site if you don't already have one. Once you're in, you can learn more and join the discussion. The site launched in April, and at press time about 70 people were online, making plans and chatting away. See you there!

— Brad Edmondson, DS76 CB80 TA90

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reputation as a fiercely loyal, intense, behind-the-scenes lieutenant."

**TERRI VAN DER VLUGT**, SP86 CB87 TA90, announces the birth of Seren Rose Lewis on May 3, 2006. Terri reports that big brother Rhys Victor Lewis is coping well due to plenty of attention from both his grandmother and stay-at-home dad. The family lives in Falls Church, VA, where Terri works as an ER physician at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Associate director of the Jane Goodall Institute's Center for Primate Studies **MIKE WILSON**, SP86, writes that after three years in Tanzania as the director of field research for the Institute's Gombe Stream Research Centre, he has returned to Minnesota with wife Becky and children Theo, 6, and Irena, 4. The family left their chickens, guinea pigs, and cat in Kigoma, but Mike had hopes to bring the latter back north on his next trip to Gombe. In addition to his responsibilities with the Institute, Mike serves as a research associate in the U. of Minnesota's Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior.

**VIRGINIA THORNTON** (né Schattman), SP87 CB88 TA90, announces the birth of Bret Robert Emmet Thornton on October 20, 2006. "He has (beautiful) red hair like his mother, and a calm, easygoing disposition—like his father," she reports. "He has been talking constantly since the moment he was born (mom's genes again)."

Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield has published *The Art of Power: Machiavelli, Nietzsche and the Making of Aesthetic Political Theory* by **DIEGO VON VACANO**, SP87. Diego teaches at Texas A&M, where he is assistant professor in the Department of Political Science.

**SAM LANEY**, DS87 CB89, sent greetings from Deep Springs, where he taught calculus and computer modeling for the spring '07 semester. "I'm not a math professor," e-mails the newly-minted oceanography PhD, who landed a two-year post-doc scholarship at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute after finishing his degree at Oregon State. "Luckily for

me, my partner, Krista, also got a job there (she's an oceanographer too, which makes it hard to find jobs near each other). We lucked out!" E-mail Sam at: [sam@whoi.edu](mailto:sam@whoi.edu).

Harvard U. Press has published *Plantation Enterprise in Colonial South Carolina*, the first book by **MAX EDELSON**, DS88 CB90 TA91. Max is on the history faculty at U. Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## 1990s

On September 15, **KENNETH MCGILL**, SP90 CB91 TA95, and wife Elizabeth Donius welcomed their first child, Alice Bliss. They've posted photos and video at [doniusemcgill.blogspot.com](http://doniusemcgill.blogspot.com).

**DEAN YANG**, SP90, is assistant professor at the U. of Michigan. He teaches in the School of Public Policy and the Department of Economics.

**MARIE SEGARES**, SP91, completed the crochet instructor program training offered by the Craft Yarn Council of America at FIT. She hopes to finish her volunteer teaching hours and receive her certification by Feb. '08. Interested in beginner, advanced beginner or intermediate crochet classes? E-mail Marie at [ms1729@stern.nyu.edu](mailto:ms1729@stern.nyu.edu). She plans to finish her MBA at NYU Stern by Jan. '08.

In August '06, the *Los Angeles Times* published an op-ed by UCLA law professor **NOAH ZATZ**, SP89 CB90 TA92. "Welfare Reform—What Really Works" marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the overhaul implemented in the '90s and reflected on the realities of those policy changes.

Edwin Mellen Press has published *The Trinitarian Axiom of Karl Rahner* by **DENNIS JOWERS**, SP92. Dennis is on the faculty at Faith Seminary in Tacoma, WA.

**DAWN STAR BORCHETT** (né Shuman), SP93, gave birth to Robin Wylde Borchett on May 2, 2006. Dawn, husband Matthew, and older son Wolfgang live in Maryland.

**TAMEKA JACKSON-SMITH**, SS93, jumped the broom in December 2005 with Rodney Smith. The pair lives in Detroit, with their daughter.

**RAVEN HALL**, SS94 CB96, has completed her JD and works with a labor union in Washington, DC. She was married in June 2006. Her husband is from Bolivia and works for the National Academies.

In March, the *NY Times Book Review* featured the *Lost City Radio*, the debut novel by **DANIEL ALARCON**, SP94. Daniel's short-story collection, "War by Candlelight" was published in 2005; in April, *Granta* named Daniel one of the best young American novelists under 35. More online at [danielalarcon.com](http://danielalarcon.com).

**RACHEL DICKINSON**, who ended a six-year stint as TA's Administrative Director in 1995, won the American Society of Journalists and Authors award in the category of Children/Young Adult Non-fiction for *Tools of Navigation* (Nomad Press). She has authored three books for middle-school-aged kids and is at work on a non-fiction book about falconry for adults, to be published in 2008.

**JULIAN HARRIS**, SP95, will begin his final year in the MD/MBA program at Penn Med and the Wharton School. He spent summer '06 consulting for The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) in Uganda and will spend this summer working for McKinsey & Co. based out of the Boston office. In November '07, he will wed Dr. Michelle Lee. Michelle is a fellow in pediatric hemato-oncology at Boston Children's Hospital & The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

**SHARIFA RHODES-PITTS**, SP95, is one of six recipients of the 2006 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Awards, given annually to women writers who demonstrate excellence and promise in the early stages of their careers. **ALLEGRA GOODMAN**, SP84, spoke at the awards presentation. Sharifa is a freelance writer and editor, as well as a contributing editor for *Transition Magazine*. Her first book of creative non-fiction, *Harlem is Nowhere*, will be

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published by Little, Brown in 2008. She has finished a Lannan Foundation Residency and will begin her Fulbright Scholarship in Creative Writing this fall. Sharifa plans to use her grant for language study (Kreyol) and travel to Haiti to conduct preliminary research for her second book project.

**SANA KRASIKOV**, SP96 CB97, e-mailed from Moscow, where she was finishing a Fulbright grant and researching a novel. The *Atlantic Monthly* will publish her short story "Tamara in Yonkers" in August, in its annual fiction issue. "Companion," which appeared in the *New Yorker* in 2005, won an O.Henry Award and will be anthologized in the 2007 O.Henry Collection. In March, Sana sold her first book—a collection of stories—to a division of Random House, tentatively scheduled to be published in the Summer of 2008. She writes: "I'm convinced word-of-mouth is still the best way to get books into the hands of readers and reviewers." For a free copy of the book for review, e-mail her at [skrasikov@gmail.com](mailto:skrasikov@gmail.com).

**NNEKA MOSELEY** (néé Jackson) SS96 CB98, would like to catch up with other Telluriders of late-90s vintage. Nneka has married and attended graduate school at Harvard. Daughter Nalah has turned 4. E-mail Nneka at [nneka22jackson@yahoo.com](mailto:nneka22jackson@yahoo.com)

**JOEL BLECHER**, SP99, moved to Damascus, Syria, in October, to study modern standard Arabic at the U. of Damascus while teaching ESL for a Washington, DC-based non-profit that helps Syrian scholars obtain Fulbright awards. He occasionally posts to: [theperfectionists.com/arabic.htm](http://theperfectionists.com/arabic.htm).

## 2000s

**ROSE RUTHER**, SP01, received a Fulbright student grant to study in Germany. She has a laboratory internship at the Max Planck Institute for Microstructure Physics in Halle, where she is learning to conduct research on metal nanoparticles using transmission electron microscopy.

**ELISABETH "KIKI" BECKER**, CB03, has won a Marshall Scholarship. She will study forced migration at Oxford.

**HECTOR BLAUDELL-ROSADO**, MB03, married Lisette Osorio in Cuernavaca, Mexico, her hometown. Hector has passed the bar in Florida and New Jersey. He finished his clerkship in the Supreme Court of New Jersey in August 2006 and began working at Venable LLP in September 2006. He is in the SEC and white collar defense group, and also does civil litigation.

The Spring '07 issue of the *Yale Literary Magazine* includes "E is the first Letter," a short story by **TAE-YEOUN KEUM**, SP03.

**MICHAEL BARANY**, SP04 CB05, has been selected as one of three Goldwater scholars from Cornell. Michael studies the history and philosophy of mathematics.

The May '07 issue of *The New Journal* (the "magazine about Yale and New Haven," published by Yale undergraduates) includes "Paradise Lost?" on former TASPers at Yale by **TESS DEARING**, SP04, the magazine's associate editor. The story features **JOSHUA GARCIA**, SP04, **EMMA GRIFFIN** SP05, **STACEY FITZGERALD**, SP04, **SYLVIA BINGHAM**, SP04, **JACOB EIGEN** SP03 DS04, **TAE-YEOUN KEUM**, SP03, and **MATT MORELLO**, SP99. The magazine's production manager is **JORDAN JACKS**, SP04.

A memoir by **BENNY WIDYONO**, CBG04, has been accepted for publication by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

**TSITSI JAJI**, CB05, will be one of two resident coordinators for Cornell's Freshman Summer Start Program under the direction of **MARILYN MIGIEL**, SP71 CB72 TA74 SPF04. Last summer, Tsitsi and fellow resident coordinator Sean Connolly lived in Balch Hall with 19 Cornell freshmen taking the First-Year Writing Seminar "Life in an Age of Moral Complexity" taught by Marilyn. Marilyn writes: "I'm very pleased to say that Tsitsi and I are again bringing our Telluride Association experiences to the creation of a residen-

tial community of first-year students at Cornell."

**CALVIN SELTH**, CB05 TA06, and **AMY SALTZMAN**, SP02 CB03 TA05, were named Merrill Presidential Scholars for Cornell's Class of '07. The University flew their most influential high school teacher to campus for special events and will establish a \$4,000 scholarship in the teacher's name, to be given to a future Cornellian from the local community near the high school.

**LISA RUIZ**, SP05, received scholarships to attend the U. of California, Riverside, but had to leave school after her diagnosis with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome. "Many people believe this illness is just about being tired all the time," Lisa writes. "It's not. ... There is nothing I would like more than to be immersed in an academically rigorous environment. I loved college more than anything I've done, while I was there. ... My work was my joy. Now, I am inside most of the time. My illness continues to get worse. I can't take a shower without having to rest for a long time afterwards. I cannot work, go to school, dance, walk across campus, or even stand up for long periods of time." Lisa hopes to take online courses in the fall, providing she has recovered enough to do so. She welcomes messages at: [lisa\\_5678@msn.com](mailto:lisa_5678@msn.com).

**JEREMY ZABOROWSKI**, CB05, and Miranda Duncan were married in May '06 in Slippery Rock, PA.

Last summer, **HASSAAN BEY**, SS06, and **ANGELA ABIODUN**, SS05, were interviewed for "A Preview of College," a *Detroit Free Press* article in which they discussed how TASS helped prepare them for college.

In Spring '07, *Imagine*—a magazine for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders published by the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth—planned to feature an article about TASP by **TRACY HAN**, SP06.

# DAN BARTLETT, REMEMBERED

*Daniel Wezelman Bartlett (SP98) died Aug. 8, 2006. He was 25. A native of Tucson, AZ, Daniel was a graduate student in mathematics at the University of Arizona. He is survived by his parents, David Bartlett and Janet Wezelman, and a sister, Elizabeth. A memorial is online: [www.legacy.com/Tucson/GB/GuestbookView.aspx?PersonId=18814521](http://www.legacy.com/Tucson/GB/GuestbookView.aspx?PersonId=18814521)*



tion drifted - from High Criticism to Dungeons & Dragons or pop mythology, from string theory to fringe conspiracy theory - nothing escaped his intellect: he always "got it" (and made terrifically fun conversation out of it, too). Dan was simply exceptional.

– Steve Kim, SP98

Nearly ten years later, I still remember how homesick I was when I showed up to TASP at Cornell in the summer of 1998. No one helped me more with those feelings of sadness than Daniel Bartlett.

Dan had far more serious problems than mine; he could not even walk without crutches, and, when those occasionally broke, he had to use a wheelchair. Yet he remained cheerful and friendly throughout the TASP. We would spend hours talking and cracking jokes, discussing everything – politics, science and philosophy, fiction, music, and definitely humor. When I became very sad, he comforted me.

After TASP, we wrote to each other at least once a week. Dan even came to visit me during our senior years of high school. Showing his usual thoughtfulness, he brought my father a book of Southwestern recipes that my father still uses! The last time I saw Dan we were in college. Later, we e-mailed. Dan was a masterful storyteller. Even when he sounded depressed or overly stressed, he always retained that core sense of humor. He was also incredibly conscientious and kind. He once sent me a signed copy of the book version of a webcomic we both liked, just because he knew I would appreciate it.

After we graduated from college, Dan returned to Arizona for graduate study in math. Throughout, we e-mailed. When I was particularly upset about something – my fights with my best friend from college, or career anxieties – I always knew that Dan would e-mail some wise words of comfort. I was looking forward to hearing more about Dan's amusing experiences as a teaching assistant; even when he found teaching discouraging, he still had the ability to laugh at his own foibles. I was also looking forward to the day when he would become a professor, maybe returning to the Northeast where it would be easier for me to visit him.

I was devastated to learn the news of Dan's death. Dan always seemed so full of life, cheer, kindness, and humor. I still feel like I should expect a new e-mail from him any day now. Still his influence lives on. Whenever I need an example of compassion and thoughtfulness, of humor and perseverance, Dan will always remain that example.

– Kyra Jucovy, SP98

When we were both at Harvard, Dan and I had a few occasions to chat, one-on-one, over the course of dinner and a lazy post-prandial walk. With Dan I felt no hesitations about jumping to any topic that came to mind. He had a grasp of such a broad range of conceptual referents that it was impossible for me to accidentally leave him behind. No matter how the conversa-

tion drifted - from High Criticism to Dungeons & Dragons or pop mythology, from string theory to fringe conspiracy theory - nothing escaped his intellect: he always "got it" (and made terrifically fun conversation out of it, too). Dan was simply exceptional.

One sunny morning at TASP, a group of us decided to explore the Cornell campus. Dan Bartlett was one of the group, and I hung back to walk with him up the steep hill leading to the Cornell library. Dan smiled, motioned for me to keep walking, and said, "Don't slow down! I can keep up!" And Dan always did keep up. More than that, he led. Dan was physically and spiritually indomitable. He was talented at everything he tried. At TASP, Dan recited a Shakespearean monologue, embodying the character, completely transformed, and lifted all of us out of time and space, for that special moment, to connect with the Bard's spirit.

Dan and I renewed our friendship when we were both in graduate school. The winter break during my first year of medical school and Dan's first year at Arizona, my family and I were taking a vacation in Tucson. At short notice with a last-minute phone call, Dan dropped everything and joined my family for dinner. The conversation flew at a pace almost too rapid to keep up with – from math to philosophy, religion, science, and evolution. My family heartily enjoyed Dan's company, and my mother kept saying meeting him was undoubtedly the highlight of her trip. Dan's generosity, openness, and warmth touched many.



Dan's brilliance, dry sense of humor, and wittiness made him the center of many good times at TASP, and afterwards. Dan not only had many talents, he also was modest and unassuming, always looking out for his friends. He and his family generously offered their hospitality each time I traveled to Tucson for my work. Dan taught me many valuable lessons that I will carry with me for the rest of my life – foremost among them, how to live a life of dignity, optimism, and hope. I will miss him dearly, and feel humbled and privileged to be among those he called his friends.

– Puneet Sahota (nee Singh), SP98 TA01

PHOTOS: (above) 1998 Cornell TASP; (top left) being named a Presidential Scholar; later the same day. (top right) Harvard graduation.

# IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS FAIRCHILD, DS29 TA31 CB33, died Feb. 12, 2007.

Fairchild served 40 years as a federal appeals court judge and in 1952 tried unsuccessfully to unseat Senator Joseph McCarthy. As a member of the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago, appointed by President Lyndon Johnson, he wrote the 1972 opinion reversing the convictions of the Chicago Seven, a group of protesters convicted of inciting riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Survivors include son ANDY FAIRCHILD, DS69.

HASSO VON PUTTKAMER, CB32 died March 5, 2006. He was 93.

A native of Germany, von Puttkamer spent two semesters at Cornell as an exchange student. He later wrote that his year at Cornell was "one of the most interesting and beautiful of [his] life." He noted in the same writing that he "became a POW by the Russians" in May 1945. In 1949 he was condemned as a criminal of war and sentenced to 25 years' hard labor. He spent more than a decade as a prisoner of war before being liberated in 1955.

WALTER CERF, CBG38, died in 2001.

A refugee of Nazi Germany, he stayed six months at CBTA. His service in the U.S. Army garnered 5 battle stars and a Bronze Medal. He earned a PhD in philosophy from Bonn and Princeton, and taught at Brooklyn College from 1947-1971. He then moved to Vermont and embarked on a 30-year philanthropic career, founding the Catatol Foundation through which he supported myriad arts and community organizations.

CHARLES LEM, PB48 CB50, died Feb. 19, 2007, in Glendale, CA. He was 76.

Lem was born in Racine, WI. He earned a bachelor's degree at the California Institute of Technology in 1952 and a master's degree from Cornell the next year. He married Helen Steege in 1957, and the couple had two children. Helen died in 1983, and in 1996, Lem married Janet Kottke.

Lem was co-founder of Hoff & Lem in Madison, selling life insurance and annuities and managing a limited number

of rental properties. He was active in civic and community affairs throughout more than a half-century in Madison. He ran for the school board, served as treasurer of the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corp. and volunteered at First Congregational Church.

Survivors include wife Janet Kottke, sons Steven and Brian and their wives, and three grandsons.

ALFRED HARDING, CB42 TA47, died Sept. 24, 2006.

At Cornell Branch, Al was elected both Most Valuable House Member and Catputter. He dignified the latter position by installing a plaque on the wall of the Dutch, starting a list of Catputters. Even presidents of the Branch were not so honored.

During World War II, Al was a member of the U.S. liaison team in Yenan, where the Chinese Communists were holed up during the Japanese War. In the Sixties, in London and Warsaw, he was the U.S. interpreter for the ambassadorial level talks that were then our sole direct contact with the Chinese Communists. He met Lillian Lyck, who was with the Danish embassy in Warsaw, and they were married in 1967.

Al was one of a little group of Chinese language and area students at Cornell. He went briefly to the U.S. Embassy in China and, when the Communists evicted the staff, served as a political reporting officer in Hong Kong, where we were together from 1950-1952. He played bass in local Chinese jazz groups, and was more familiar with a certain stratum of local society than anybody else in the Consulate General. His Foreign Service career was as a China specialist, although he served one tour in Djakarta as cultural affairs officer. He retired in 1979 and subsequently, as a consultant, screened documents under the Freedom of Information Act. He later led several Smithsonian tours to China.

Al had had several strokes since 1994 and was severely limited in his movement and ability to speak. Lillian was a dedicated source of love and support during those years. We who knew him are indebted to her.

—Lindsey Grant, DS43 CB46 TA47

RAGNAR ARNESEN, DS43 TA43 CB47, died Feb. 3, 2007. He was 82.

A career diplomat, Arnesen served in Turkey, Nicaragua and Spain, and as the chief representative of the Organization for American States (OAS) in Haiti, where he played a significant diplomatic role in the fall of the Duvalier dictatorship. He began his service in the Navy, and witnessed the famous flag-raising on Mount Suribachi, on Iwo Jima.

Arnesen joined the Navy upon graduation from Deep Springs, and the experience cemented his dedication to the pursuit of democracy as a universal philosophy. After the war, Arnesen returned to Cornell, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in English literature. He completed graduate studies at the University of Paris, where he met Françoise Roux; they married in 1950. That same year, he took a job at the U.S. Embassy in Paris; he was soon transferred to the Netherlands, where he supported implementation of the Marshall Plan. Arnesen later served in the U.S. embassy in Madrid and at the Africa desk at the State Department in Washington, D.C. After two terms in Turkey, he was appointed director of the Agency for International Development (USAID) in Nicaragua, where he diverged from official State Department opinion by suggesting that continued support for the Somoza dictatorship would only speed revolution. Between postings in D.C., Arnesen was named Special Assistant to the U.N.'s Fund for Drug Abuse Control, working on control of poppy production for heroin. He insisted on traveling on ships between assignments whenever possible, to optimize time with his family.

Arnesen retired from the U.S. Foreign Service in 1977, and was appointed OAS Director for Haiti, where he skillfully applied his diplomatic skills during the downfall of Jean Claude Duvalier in 1986. Arnesen's position that Haitian democracy was desirable and inevitable conflicted with the U.S. administration's support of Duvalier as an anti-communist bulwark. Arnesen himself was a victim of Duvalier's repression, and was badly beaten by private militiamen in November 1979, on the day known there as "Black Friday." Arnesen's profound love

for Haiti led him and Françoise to remain in the country, where they ran an art gallery.

Arnesen is survived by Françoise, children Ingrid, Steven, Ghislaine, Olivier and Michèle; four grandchildren, and five siblings. He was predeceased by a daughter, Karen.

—Phil Davison and Andrew Ng, CB05

**NORMAN BROKAW, SP60 CB61 TA63** died June 11, 2006. He was 62.

A resident of Traverse City, MI, Brokaw's interests included playing the violin, sailing and running. In total, he ran 24 marathons. He also enjoyed hiking, biking and tennis. After retirement, he and wife Barb traveled in Italy and France. He particularly loved Provence.

He is survived by wife Barb; sons David, Kevin, and Chris; and three grandchildren.

**KENNETH HOVEY, DS62 CB65**, died May 25, 2006, in San Antonio, TX. He was 60.

Born on October 17, 1945, Hovey was Associate Professor of English Literature at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He specialized in Early Modern British (Renaissance) literature. His scholarly accomplishments include essays on Francis Bacon, Poe, Milton, George Herbert, Owen Wister, Cotton Mather, and others. He also loved music, Renaissance art, flowers and gardening, baking and preserves.

In the late 1980s, Hovey wrote about Deep Springs for the college's newsletter. Another article, partly about CBTA, was included in *Profession 88*, an annual published by the Modern Languages Association.

**DAVID PATTERSON, CBG83**, died Dec. 10, 2005.

A Hebrew scholar, Professor Patterson was born in Liverpool, England, to parents who were part of the great Jewish migration from eastern Europe. Among his achievements was a 33-year-long post as Cowley lecturer in post-biblical Hebrew at Oxford University. By way of this accomplishment, Patterson played a key role in the emergence of Jewish studies as an autonomous academic discipline in Britain. He is survived by his widow and four children.

**LYNNE ABEL, SPF99**, died on Nov. 29, 2006. She was 66.

A professor of classics at Cornell and a scholar of ancient Greece and Rome, Abel was a long-time supporter for the TASP at Cornell. As a supervisor to the College Scholar and Independent Major programs, she served as an advisor to many generations of CBTA residents. From 1977 until 2003, Abel was associate dean for undergraduate education in Arts & Sciences, and from the late 1990s, director of admissions and advising for the college. She is survived by husband John, children William and Britt, and two grandchildren.

#### ALSO REMEMBERED

**BONHAM CAMPBELL, DS31 CB34 TA35**, died Oct. 6, 2006.

**MICHAEL HARPER, SPF84 and 89**, died July 3, 2006. He is survived by his wife, **CHERYL WALKER, SPF89**.

**EARLE HENLEY, JR., DS32 CB35 TA35**, died Oct. 3, 2006.

**ROBERT NOZICK, SPF66**, died Jan. 23, 2002. He was a professor of philosophy at Harvard.

**DEBRA SLOTKIN ORIN, SP63**, died Jan. 28, 2007. She was long-time DC bureau chief for the *New York Post*. Memorial online at: [www.deborahorin.com](http://www.deborahorin.com)

**SAMUEL PIERCE, JR., CB47**, died Oct. 31, 2000. He was secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1981-89.

**DONALD B. READ, DS28 CB30 TA30**, died Oct. 10, 2006. He was 94. He is survived by his son, **DONALD H. READ, DS59 CB62 TA62 BB63**.

**DAVID RICHARDSON, DS39**, died January 2004.

**BENSON SCOTT, CB15**

**CONRAD TER KUILE, CB49 TA51**, died Sept. 27, 2006. His granddaughter, Ana, will attend a Cornell TASP in 2007.

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