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The agenda at this year's Convention will look a bit different from last year. Rather than focusing on program cuts, we have the happier task of discussing potential program expansion. There are at least two TASP proposals, and the New Branch committee has a number of intriguing options to consider. A key issue in these discussions will be maintaining the long term fiscal viability of any projects that we begin. The preliminary financial projections concerning the new branch have illustrated the need to couple new spending programs with new revenue sources, and I hope that we will discuss both in some detail.

Last year, nearly all our debate was conducted with financial information in the background. While this was appropriate for the issues under consideration then, the longer term strategic decisions we are faced with now may require some discussion in the abstract. More than financial resources, our personnel resources dictate the level of new programs that we can support. Without a consensus about where to direct our attention and energy, we run the risk of ineffectively dissipating both our money and our effort. I would like to begin discussing some New Branch committee issues on Thursday, so that some thought can be given to these proposals during the entire Convention.

I look forward to seeing you on June 16.

*Henry Muller, SP74 CB75 TA79*

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1994 CONVENTION MEETS IN ITHACA—JUNE 16TH-19TH

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## NEW YORK AREA ADSTA

The New York Chapter of ADSTA held its annual pre-Christmas meeting on 1 December in the conference room of Stroock, Stroock and Lavan, thanks to the generosity of partner Bill vanden Heuvel, DS46 CB48 TA48. The subject for discussion had been well-advertised in advance and more than thirty members turned up to discuss the recent study of size and gender of the Deep Springs Student Body with President Sherwin Howard. It was one of the largest such gatherings in New York in recent memory, and it was particularly interesting to see that many TA alumni with no specific DS experience joined the DSSB alumni who had an institutional interest in the discussion.

After reminding all that ADSTA meetings were not fundraisers, and that the Alumni of Deep Springs and Telluride Association, when founded many years ago, had hoped to avoid use of its awkward acronym, Chairman Gatje turned the meeting over to Sherwin Howard and Trustee Ed Wesely, DS45.

The group was told of the obvious seriousness and care with which the Trustees of Deep Springs had launched upon its efforts to develop a consensus concerning the issues of student body size and the possibility of admitting female students. Those assembled seemed generally in agreement with the reported feelings from elsewhere that the school should not, in any case, grow in size to any marked degree...twenty-four students to thirty—maybe—but double-size...no.

About an hour was devoted to the expression of points of view concerning the co-ed issue. It was a very open and thorough discussion with none of the acrimony that had marked commentary at previous meetings. There was no choosing of sides and if Sherwin Howard's appointed secretary detected a clear consensus, it eluded the Chair. Everyone seemed more interested in learning from the thoughts of others than making debater's points. Most people seemed to agree with the conclusion of the report that the trustees should decide the issue by weighing the benefits of a unique single-sex school versus those of co-education, rather than simply inertia versus change.

Several lawyers in the group were troubled by the difficulties in amending the wording in the Deed of Trust, even when reminded that L.L. himself had encouraged Virginia Thornhill to apply. Another speaker aroused obvious support for his observation that, whatever the outcome of the co-ed debate, the trustees should spend some long-overdue time in studying why the student body was usually so lily-white.

The meeting closed with appreciation of the complexity of the issue to be faced by the trustees and the difficulty in making a decision which, in one of its forms, would be irreversible.

*Robert Gatje, DS44 TA46 CB47*

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*Above: Robert Gatje, DS44 TA46 CB47, at the New York Area ADSTA meeting in December 1993.*

*Below: Round-up at Deep Springs, May 12, 1975.*



## 1994 DEEP SPRINGS REUNION

Labor Day weekend, September 2nd to September 5th

I hope you all will be able to attend the 1994 Deep Springs Reunion for alumni and friends of Deep Springs, Labor Day weekend. Activities will start with dinner at 6:00 PM on Friday and end with breakfast on Monday. Featured will be a barbecue picnic, valley and ranch tours, reports from students and faculty and alumni reminiscences.

Deep Springs extends a special invitation to the fifty year anniversary classes of 1943 and 1944.

As usual, you are welcome to camp at the college in tents and RVs, but if you prefer to stay at a motel in Big Pine or Bishop, I suggest you make reservations as soon as possible since our reunion coincides with the Bishop Rodeo.

We would appreciate knowing by August 15th of your intention to attend the Reunion. We look forward to seeing you on Labor Day weekend.

*Sherwin Howard, President of Deep Springs College*



## ALUMNI BOOKS SOUGHT FOR CORNELL BRANCH LIBRARY

Those of you who were residents at Telluride House probably remember the library collection as rather eclectic and outdated. In this respect, nothing has changed. Library committees charged with overseeing acquisitions continue to scratch their heads as they make purchases in the face of the impossible task of building a thorough and high quality collection. This semester's Branch library committee hopes to launch a project which will focus library acquisitions and add character and quality to our library holdings.

Many Telluride House alumni have written books or articles, some of which received high acclaim. Among the best known are the works of Eve Sedgwick, Francis Fukuyama, William Vollmann, Gayatri Spivak, Tom Nagel, and Bill Galston. Long-term resident guests Allan Bloom, Martin Bernal and Linus Pauling serve as only a sample of writers who found inspiration to write successful volumes while residing at the Branch. Our library committee proposes a long-term plan to give our library character and highlight the contributions our alumni have made in academic, social and political discussions. We have launched a project to specialize the House library by acquiring a large collection of works written by alumni, both former faculty guests and branchmembers. While our current collection is certainly charming in its lack of coherence, a focus on books written by alumni would lend our library a uniquely Telluridean historical character. Currently, I am in the process of sorting out alumni books from our collection, and have isolated more than thirty books, theses, and articles written on a wide range of topics.

It is true that only part of my intention here is to inform *Newsletter* readers of current Branch initiatives. My main purpose involves inviting all Branch alumni to be part of this library project. If you have written a book or article which you would like to see included in our library, we would be very grateful if you would donate a copy to us. If you think that we already have your book(s), please feel free to write or call to be sure. If you can remember fellow branchmembers or long-term faculty guests who are published, please drop us a line with their names—we will be contacting authors to solicit donations for our collection. In general, we would appreciate any donations or tips regarding potential sources. Please write to Jessica Cattelino, Library Committee, Telluride House, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca NY 14850 or call me through May at 607-272-9390. While we have some limited funds to purchase alumni books, our collection cannot build rapidly without donations.

A sense of history adds to the learning process at the Branch, and this connection between alumni and current students would help enhance our historical perspective on Telluride. If you have written something which you feel deserves a place on our shelves, please write to us, even if you cannot offer to donate a copy of your work. We would love to hear from you. And if you're coming to Convention or planning to visit soon for some other reason, please take a peek at our growing collection.

*Jessica Cattelino, SP91 CB92 TA93*

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## CORNELL BRANCH NEWS

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### 1993-94

Telluride House had a much larger student body this year, with twenty-nine housemembers in the fall semester and twenty-eight in the spring. Such a large house accorded us more flexibility in creating committees for special projects, but also forced us to recognize the difficulties of accommodating nearly thirty different viewpoints. One thing that the House did seem to agree on, however, was a move towards a more social presence on campus. To that end, the Entertainment Committees, held three major parties in the House—two in the fall and one in the spring. Well attended by other members of the Cornell community, these events drew attention to the House and created more campus awareness of the House's existence.

Three 1992 TASPers joined the House this fall, all from the Southwest area. Ryan Eyster, from Guthrie, Oklahoma, is pursuing interests in classics, comparative literature and philosophy. He hopes to continue in the Telluridean tradition of potwashing and studying intensive Greek this summer. Malinda Allen of Little Rock, Arkansas, is studying linguistics and computer science with a specific interest in natural language processing. She may be at Deep Springs this summer, studying with Deep Springers during term one as a result of the newly proposed invitation to housemembers to participate in a portion of the Deep Springs experience. Irene (Renee) Silva, from McAllen/Edinburg, Texas, has a number of academic interests that spill over into her extracurriculars. Focusing on the history of the U.S. and of Latin America, political minority groups, and indigenous rights in the Americas in her academic life, she plans to live in the newly created Latino Living Center next year.

Three former Deep Springers joined the House this fall as well. Richard Cooluris, from New Haven, Connecticut, is studying architectural history and constantly rearranging House furniture in an attempt at aesthetic perfection. Ravi Sankar Jonnal, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, is interested in Communist Guerilla warfare tactics and neurophysiology, as well as the digestive tracts of aphids and flatworms. Jim Downing, from Lodi, California, is majoring in bioengineering but hopes not to end up as an engineer. This summer he will be in Crested Butte, Colorado doing ecology research on a National Science Foundation grant.

Matthew Bradby joined the House as the new Lincoln scholar. Originally from Birmingham, he took his BA in Modern History from Lincoln College, Oxford. He has spent this year at Cornell doing graduate work in English literature and history. He returns to the U.K. next year to work in London at "something literary." From Boca Raton, Florida, Elizabeth Petrela joined the House after her first year at Cornell. She is studying communications with a minor in languages, and is also taking summer credits towards the equivalent of a Bachelor's degree in biophysics. Elizabeth plans to spend next fall at Cornell-in-Washington, doing research on the nature of U.S. intellectual property policy in the context of international trade agreements. This spring, we welcomed Sharon Tregaskis as a new housemember. From Manlius, New York, she is a junior in the College of Human Ecology, as a Human Development and Family Studies major, with a concentration in communications. In her spare time, she sings with the Cornell Chorus, and is a teaching assistant for several courses.

*Photos opposite page: (left) Jarrett Mason, SP91 CB92, at the piano; (right) Becca Carter, SP91 CB92, Ithaca-area TA member Alice Sheppard, CB91 TA92, Rosamond King, SP91, CB92; (lower right) Jim Downing, DS91 CB93, Becca Carter, SP91 CB92, and Sharon Tregaskis, CB94.*

This spring also saw the return of two rustics to the House. Dynishal Gross, from Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, is a second semester senior in Africana Studies. She plans to spend next year travelling, and then to attend graduate school in the fall of 1995. Antinette Jackson also returned to the House this spring. Originally from Louisiana, she is currently a first semester senior studying sociology.

In the fall, several other housemembers also came back to the House after either a semester or a year away. Spring House President Braxton Pope, of Bloomington, Indiana, is a senior film major. He plans to spend next year in an MFA program in film, or to work as a screenwriter. James Gibbs also returned to the House in the fall but is currently rusticing from the House and taking off a semester from the College of Art and Architecture to work in an architectural firm in Ithaca. Ursula McClelland returned to the House after a semester in Ireland, and she too is currently rusticing as she finishes her College Scholar thesis and acts in Cornell theater productions. Suzie Hagedorn returned from her year abroad in Italy to continue her graduate work in Medieval Studies. She plans to spend next year rusticing while she finishes her dissertation on classical figures of abandoned women in medieval works by Dante, Boccaccio and Chaucer.

Two other housemembers chose to spend time outside the House this spring as well. Koll Jensen is spending his final semester at Cornell. He will graduate in May with a double major in philosophy and English. Alla Katsnelson is currently working in rural Kentucky with a women's health clinic, but will return to Cornell in the fall to continue her work in



linguistics and pre-med studies as a College Scholar.

Fourteen returning housemembers made up the rest of the House. In addition to Dynishal Gross and Braxton Pope, we will be losing three graduating seniors. Their contributions will be missed. Yoonkyoung Cho, a native of Seoul, Korea, is studying ancient Greek and Mesopotamian history and literature as she writes her senior thesis on Euripides' *Hecuba*. She plans to spend the next two years at Lincoln College reading for a MPhil in Ancient History as the next Lincoln Scholar from this side of the Atlantic. Tim Hoekstra of Wheaton, Illinois, is studying English and philosophy while writing a senior thesis on Nabokov's *Pale Fire*. Adam Condrion is also a graduating senior, studying government. He expects/hopes to work in Los Angeles next year, with Albert and Roberta Wohlstetter and a group from the Rand Corporation.

The sophomore class remained a strong presence in the House this year. Becca Carter, from Danbury, Connecticut, is a College Scholar with interests in wildlife studies and education. She continues to volunteer at the Cornell Raptor Center/Hawk Barn Rehabilitation Center. Jarrett Mason of Sacramento, California, is continuing his studies in music and anthropology. He will be returning to Ithaca in the fall, but will be taking a year off from his studies at Cornell. Suzanne Broderick, from Houston, Texas, is an English major, and she is also fulfilling pre-med requirements. She will be staying in Ithaca this summer to study physics, physics and more physics. Aaron Tysen, from Salina, Kansas, is studying biology and society, with specific interests in prairie ecology and related poli-



tics. Clay Samford, of Gallup, New Mexico, is a sophomore in the College of Industrial and Labor Relations. He is particularly interested in the effects of stress in work environments. Rosamond King is studying linguistics and literature as a College Scholar, with a particular interest in how dialects of Standard English are used in novels. Rosa will be one of the tutors for the 1994 TASS at Indiana University this summer. Doug Kenreck, of Spokane, Washington, has declared a major in Science and Technology Studies and plans to work in an espresso bar this summer. Jessica Cattelino, originally from Saxon, Wisconsin, is a College Scholar studying in the Anthropology and Womens Studies departments. She will be a factotum for the St. John's TASP this summer—but for her REALLY big news see Noah Zatz under the alumni notes.

Other returning housemembers include Laurence Allain, a graduate student from Lille, France. Her studies are in the department of Labor Economics in the College of Industrial and Labor Relations; her dissertation centers on the impact of worktime reduction on employment in France and in the United States. Brendan Visser, a first semester senior from San Francisco, is studying animal science and completing pre-med requirements. Rebecca Sherouse, a junior from Dallas, Texas, is studying English and American literature. She will be one of the factotums for the Cornell TASP this summer. Laura Steele is a junior from Salina, Kansas, and is studying classical and Near Eastern archaeology as a College Scholar. She plans to travel to Turkey and Greece this summer with the Cornell Aegean Dendrochronology Lab.

Rebecca Sherouse, SP91 CB92

## ALUMNI PROFILE

# JACOB SHEINKMAN

by Richard Cooluris, DS91 CB93

JACOB (JACK) SHEINKMAN, CB48 TA49, is president of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union. He earned a bachelor of science degree at the School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell. He received a bachelor of law degree at Cornell Law School in 1952. He was elected to the Cornell Board of Trustees in 1970.

Interested in Mr. Sheinkman's commitment to community service activities, I wanted to pursue his views on some current topics related to union politics, and also the role Telluride has played in his education and career. Here is the result of a phone interview conducted April 14, 1994.

**Q:** How have worker's unions changed over the last ten years?

**A:** In the United States, we've seen a very dramatic decline in manufacturing jobs. Textile and apparel jobs—the focus of my union—have been particularly hard-hit. We've lost, on average, over the last ten years, almost 45% of our membership.

**Q:** There is an argument that some companies' recent successes may be due in part to the lack of organized unions.

**A:** Well, a company will have greater flexibility without a union, obviously, but there are advantages in being union. First of all, in order to offset some of the costs entailed in wages and benefits unionized employees enjoy over nonunion employees—in average manufacturing, there's at least a 25-30% spread in average hourly wage in union and nonunion workers—you have to implement better management. At the same time, contrary to popular belief, many unions are at the forefront of providing leading programs for worker empowerment, and this empowerment improves the quality and efficiency of the company. When workers know they have an independent voice, programs are much more successful.

**Q:** Where do you stand on arguments that minimum wage regulations should be abolished?

**A:** On a national level, the absence of minimum wage encourages companies to move from one state to another, as a means to maintain competitive advantage. The institution of a minimum wage prevents exploitation at least below a certain amount, because companies must compete on a much more level playing field. This affects purchasing power and, generally, economic well-being. When workers don't have enough money to buy necessities of life or even the products they make, this tends to affect the general economy.



*Jack Sheinkman as an applicant to the Association in 1948.*

**Q:** How does NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) affect your organization's goals?

**A:** We are opposed to this NAFTA because it fails to contain meaningful labor rights. It will only serve to further encourage companies to move in order to save money and make a bigger profit. For example, one company we know of informs us that because of NAFTA and the GAFT (General Agreement on Free Trade), it will be closing up several plants in the U.S. and going to Mexico and Asia.

**Q:** Does your work with the union have a relation to the goals of Telluride Association?

**A:** In terms of community service, my union was a pioneer in the building of cooperative housing in New York City. In 1925 we built our first houses which enabled workers to live in decent housing at affordable cost, at a time when most workers who lacked the wherewithal—and this was most workers—lived in slums. This cooperative housing represented an opportunity to share in the operation of a co-op, which provides a sense of community which is often lost in a large city.



*Post Card: Sheinkman sent this view of Lambeth Bridge & Houses of Parliament in London while leading a tour of Europe during the summer of 1950. Sheinkman also spent the summer prior to entering Cornell Law School at Oxford on a scholarship.*

**Q:** *When did you live in Telluride House?*

**A:** From fall of '48 to the spring of '52—4 years.

**Q:** *What did you gain from this experience?*

**A:** Telluride afforded me an opportunity to live with a diverse group of students, with a great deal of intellectual ferment and interchange. The House provided an intellectual center, where I ate with and engaged individuals I wouldn't otherwise have met. This was very important in my own development. That it provided me with both room and board was also important. Before I moved into the House, I used to wash dishes in a fraternity house to earn my meals. In terms of L.L. Nunn's original goals, the House did achieve its goal of intellectual leadership during my time, and I believe it still achieves that goal.

**Q:** *How has the House changed since then?*

**A:** Well, one way it has changed dramatically, is that when I lived in the House, it was not coeducational. It followed the housing patterns that existed on the Cornell campus—dorms were for males or females, fraternities and living units likewise. Women were not associated in a formal way. There was a much more strict social structure at the time. When I was a student, when we'd have a lecture in the House by a visiting professor, we'd have coeds come over, and on social occasions from time to time. Coeds would only come over socially, or to participate in activities. When I graduated and after I got married, I would come over occasionally and would act as chaperon on weekends.

But the basic character has endured. Diversity and intellectual pursuits were important in my time. Even though Cornell was diverse in my time, diversity within a living unit was rare. We had a number of interesting foreign visitors, for example, international students and faculty members, the exchange program with Lincoln College in Oxford, which enabled the students to be exposed to ideas most students wouldn't have the opportunity to encounter. Public speaking was excellent, because it is the kind of thing I do quite a bit of today—the experience I got in the House has served me in good stead. This present generation has the opportunity to enjoy the same kind of stimulation that we enjoyed.

I feel that the House was a great asset in my life. It gave me the kind of stimulation and opportunity to develop outside of the classroom which I don't think I would have gotten in another living situation. Living in the House can further your formal education in a very important manner—learning doesn't involve just what's inside the classroom, but also who you talk to, and who you live with. I made some lifelong friends at the House whom I'm still in touch with. I'll always owe a great deal of commitment to Telluride.

## 1994 SUMMER PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### Telluride Association Summer Programs (TASP)

#### CORNELL - POETRY AND THE BODY POLITIC

##### Accepted TASPers:

Alexis L. Acken, Butler, PA  
Keith M. Adams, Portsmouth, RI  
Rebecca E. Bowman, Colorado Springs, CO  
Pierre S. Cruz, Miami, FL  
Eric J. Feigin, La Jolla, CA  
Ilya R. Fischhoff, Pittsburgh, PA  
Mulaika Hijias, Selangor, MALAYSIA  
Mark E. McIntosh, Miami, FL  
Kathryn A. Merkel-Hess, Iowa City, IA  
Anna Nagayeva, Brooklyn, NY  
Mark D. Neuman, Brookville, NY  
Jessica A. Nordell, Green Bay, WI  
Tamaan K. Osbourne-Roberts, Denver, CO  
Benjamin B. Paloff, Margate City, NJ  
Michael E. Ritchie, Up Montclair, NJ  
Darby E. Saxbe, Oberlin, OH  
Antise K. Strong, La Jolla, CA  
Megan J. Thomas, Menominee, MI  
Damien W. Weaver, Northfield, MA  
Marella L. White, San Francisco, CA

#### ST. JOHN'S - FOUNDATIONS OF MODERNITY

##### Accepted TASPers:

Daniel G. Alarcon, Birmingham, AL  
Armon M. Allred, Provo, UT  
Ruth E. Bray, Tulsa, OK  
Emma E. Buchtel, Ann Arbor, MI  
Michael E. Dawson, Port Byron, NY  
Samuel J. Garcia, Broken Arrow, OK  
Abigail E. Gosselin, Concord, NH  
Valerie F. Jaffee, Enosburg, VT  
Jason D. Jones, Detroit, MI  
Kishori Kedlaya, Wheaton, MD  
Loretta E. Kim, Portland, OR  
Sara R. Marcus, Gaithersburg, MD  
Colin C. McNary, Oak Park, IL  
Boglarika Petruska, Santa Barbara, CA  
Jose S. Talavera, Santa Clara, CA  
Anakarina Vorbeck, Quito, ECUADOR  
Gregory L. Will, Williamsburg, VA  
Jason D. Williams, Silver Spring, MD

##### Alternates:

Nana A. Ashong, Voorhees, NJ  
Jason Blackmun, Montgomery, AL  
Eric I. Hsu, Winter Park, FL  
Julia C. Lipman, LaGrange, IL  
Molly K. Moore, Northfield, MN  
Christopher D. Wang, Palo Alto, CA

### Telluride Association Sophomore Seminar (TASS)

#### INDIANA UNIVERSITY - SELF AND SOCIETY: AFRICAN-AMERICAN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL WRITINGS

##### Accepted TASSers:

Angela K. Crenshaw, University City, MO  
Jaime R. Daniels, Indianapolis, IN  
Delesha R. English, Fort Wayne, IN  
Bobby Green, Boling Brook, IL  
Raven L. Hall, North Beach, MD  
China N. Hill, Chicago, IL  
Chaz T. Jaquess, St. Louis, MO  
Javay J. Johnson, Detroit, MI  
Ijeoma Muo, University City, MO  
Brandi L. Ralston, Cambridge, OH  
April Whittington, Chicago, IL  
Bristol Williams, University City, MO

##### Alternates:

Latorya Phenis, Anderson, IN  
LaShandra Tucker, Chicago, IL

## ALUMNI NOTES

### 1940s

ROBERT RICHTER, PB47, a producer of documentary films, and Elizabeth (Libby) Ewing Bassett, a writer, editor, and editorial designer, were married on February 20, 1994 in Larchmont, New York.

PAUL SZASZ, CB48 TA49, writes "I have since September 1992 been the Legal Advisor to the International Conference on the former Yugoslavia (formerly known as the Vance/Owen negotiations), spending most of my time at the seat of the Conference in Geneva but also travelling on its business to Croatia, Bosnia, throughout Europe and somewhat in the States. With the slowdown in the Bosnian negotiations, I have just returned to New York City, where I am co-teaching a seminar in international law at the NYU Law School."

### 1950s

DAVID BURLESON, DS51, writes, "In addition to being Santa for five years now for UNICEF, I am embarking upon a series of activities to observe the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. I am calling the modest effort *Celebrating the United Nations*. Any associates who would like to share their views about the United Nations are invited to write to me at 179 Valley Road, Cos Cob, CT 06807."

JONATHAN BLACK, CB57, writes, "This month marks my formal retirement from the Hunter Chair of Bioengineering at Clemson University after 22 years in academia (five at Clemson, 17 at the University of Pennsylvania). It is more a matter of going into 'private practice' as I am conducting a consulting business (as well as 'finishing' several students) while figuring out what comes next."

JEREMY WADDELL, CB57, has moved to an old (16th century) farmhouse in the depths of Sussex. He is still senior partner of a law firm in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and offers a warm welcome to any passing Telluriders.

### 1960s

EDWARD L. WHITFIELD, SP66 CB67, visited Cornell University and Telluride House in April of this year. Whitfield returned to Cornell as part of the official 25th anniversary commemoration of the Willard Straight Takeover. A resident of Greensboro, North Carolina, he is director of the Greensboro

Citywide Poor People Commission, an organization that purchases property and converts it to low-income housing.

CHRIS WORMUTH, SP66, was married to Yuan Ling Yan on January 6 (a lucky number) in Shang Hai, People's Republic of China.

### 1970s

BRUCE A. HAMILTON, DS71 CB74, asks that if you haven't already sent him your e-mail address, please send it to him at BHamilton.LAX1B@Xerox.com. He will add you to his list of about two dozen other TA and DS alumni who are reachable from the Internet. He promises not to mail to you more than a couple of times per year, and not to redistribute your address outside of the list itself.

ANN HULBERT, SP72, has written a biography of Jean Stafford titled *The Interior Castle: the Art and Life of Jean Stafford*, published by the University of Massachusetts Press.

PETER HALAMEK, CB74, writes that after the birth of his first child, Stephanie, in 1992, he moved to Munich and began work at the German Satellite Geodesy Research Center in 1993. He makes frequent trips to Moscow to support German participation in the Russian MIR/PRIRODA project.

WILLIAM VOLLMANN, DS77 CB79, has written a book titled *Butterfly Stories*, published by Grove Press. On May 1, while on assignment in Bosnia for *Spin* magazine, Vollmann was wounded in an accident involving a land mine. The two other American journalists he was travelling with were killed.

### 1980s

CYNTHIA CUPPLES, SP80 CB81 TA85, writes that she has joined the editorial staff of *Critical Matrix: The Princeton Journal of Women, Gender, and Culture*. She urges Telluriders and their friends and colleagues to submit new research, criticism, theory, and creative work in feminism and gender studies. For more information, contact her or *Critical Matrix*, Program in Women's Studies, 113 Dickinson Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544. (609) 258-1835.

NEIL ARDITI, SP82, was recently awarded the "University of Virginia All-University Graduate Teaching Award" on the basis of

his work as a TA for several courses including a Shakespearean lecture course taught by KATHARINE EISAMAN MAUS, SP72 CB73 TA75. He is a graduate student in the Department of English at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Zoe Douglas Pasternack announces her birth on January 15, 1994 to JENNIFER PASTERNAK, CB83 TA84, and Scotland Gallo and the marriage of her parents January 21, 1994.

DAVID A. GOLDFARB, DS84 CB86, writes, "Since my last confession for the Alumni Notes a few interesting things have happened. This year I won a Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship for Graduate Study which will allow me to set aside some teaching duties in the Comparative Literature Department at Queens College (CUNY) and make some headway into my dissertation on the discourse of primitivism. Last February I gave a paper at the Twentieth-Century Literature Conference at the University of Louisville entitled "Critical Distance: The Psychology of Criticism and the Poetry of A.R. Ammons," and this month I am chairing a panel on Central European Film at the annual conference of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages. In January, my article on Bruno Schultz entitled, "A Living Schultz: *The Night of the Great Season*" will appear in *Prooftexts: A Journal of Jewish Literary History*. A shorter version of the same piece came out earlier this year in Polish translation in the journal *Kresy*, published in Lublin. Also due out shortly will be translations of verse by the Polish expressionist poet Tadeusz Miciniski, in the inaugural issue of *RANT: international independent journal for the arts*."

DIANE THOMPSON, SP84 CB85 TA88, was recently awarded a two-year Skadden Fellowship to work on housing reform in East St. Louis. Diane will be working closely with community groups to implement the terms of a new ordinance. Best of all, she will get to sue slumlords. If you will be coming through St. Louis after August 1994 or know someone who is, please give her a call.

By graduating in July of 1993 with an M.Phil in International Relations, MIRIAM AUKERMAN, SP86 CB87 TA88, completed her Keasbey Fellowship at Balliol College, Oxford. She also was named *proxime accessit* for the Babsyanoo Marchioness of Win-

## ALUMNI NOTES

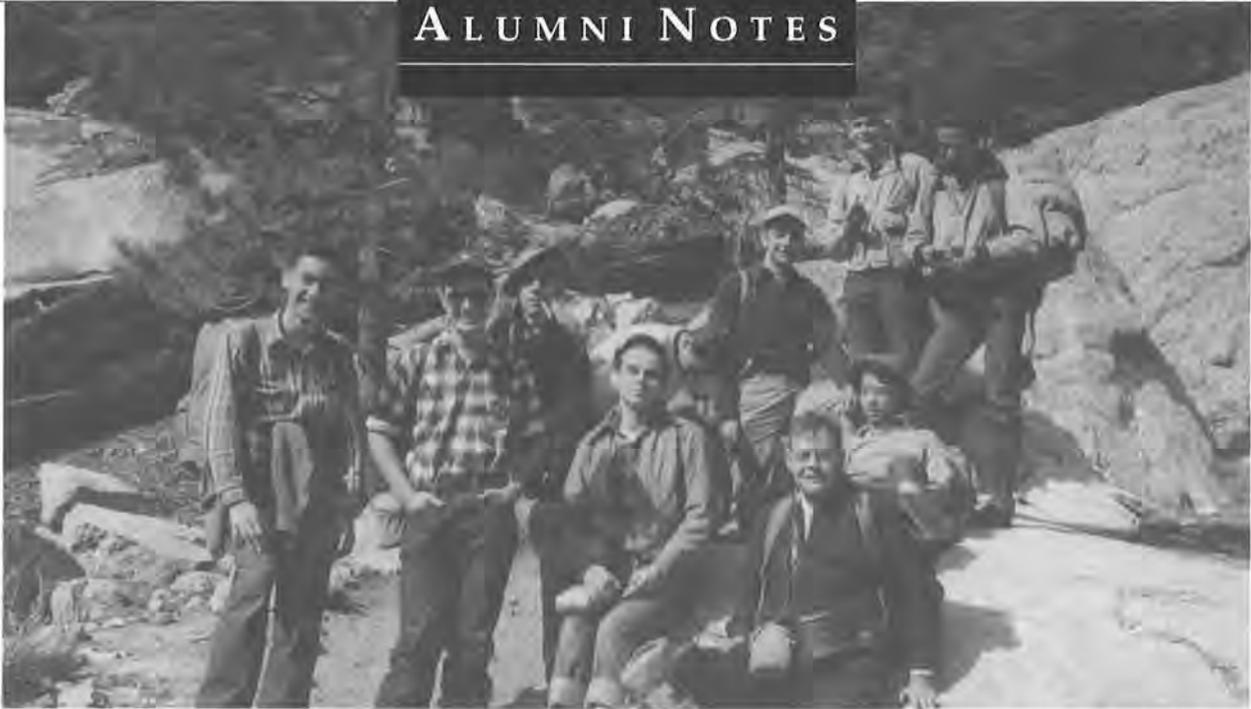


Photo: "On the Trail," Mt. Whitney Field Trip, 1950-51, (front l-r), Philip Green, PB50, Alan Lyons, PB49, Martin Washburn, PB50 TA53, Donald Adams, PB50, Clarence "Mike" H. Yarrow, DS25 TA28, and Director of Pasadena Branch, Koya Azumi, PB51, (back l-r) Harold Fishman, PB49 CB52, Donald Utvik, PB50, and William Williams, PB48.

chester Prize for her thesis on minority rights in Central and Eastern Europe under the League of Nations—but she is afraid of what having "Babsybanoo" on her resume will do to her chances of ever obtaining gainful employment. She has avoided that fate once again by taking a Robert Borch Fellowship, which funds two internships in Germany (it's not a job, it's a junket: Telluriders apply!). Her first internship was in the Central-Eastern European Department of the German Foreign Office. She is now involved in anti-discrimination and refugee-aid work for the High Commissioner on Foreigners' Affairs in the state of Brandenburg.

MIRIAM AUKERMAN, SP86 CB87 TA88, and CHARLES PAZDERNIK, SP85 CB86 TA87, have announced their engagement. A summer 1995 wedding is planned.

LESLIE COLLINS *nee* GAZAWAY, SP86, writes that she immigrated to England upon graduation from Cornell University, worked as a financial analyst for Proctor and Gamble in England and Germany, set up a legal library for White and Case in Frankfurt, and married an Englishman named Mark about two years ago. She is currently living in Cincinnati, Ohio, seeking a position in distribution or manufacturing and would appreciate a kind word from anyone in TASP '86, especially Sue-Ann. She can be reached at 2351 Madison Road, #213, Cincinnati, Ohio 45208, (513) 533-1350.

DIEGO VON VACANO, SP87, graduated from Wesleyan in May and received a McNair grant for the summer. He is now unemployed and applying to graduate schools in international relations and development; he'll be receiving Mellon Fellowship support. He'd like to get in touch with anyone familiar with international affairs schools, jobs, etc.

C.A. CARLSON, SP88 CB89 TA90, received an AWP Intro Journals Award for poetry. She has work forthcoming in the *Chicago Review* and *Puerto del Sol*.

JIRO KAREN NAKAMURA, SP88, graduated last May with a BA *magna cum laude* from Cornell University, double majoring in the College Scholar Program and Psychology with a minor in Women's Studies. Her undergraduate program focused on "Studies in Gender, Language, and Culture." After spending a too, too busy year off bumming around Ithaca, she'll be entering Yale University's Department of Anthropology PhD program with a topical interest in marginalized genders and sexualities in the United States. She will be moving to New Haven in August.

ANDREW COLVILLE, SP89 DS90, was recently awarded the Lionel De Jersey Harvard Scholarship, which provides for a year of study at Cambridge University. Colville plans to pursue graduate study of politics at

PHOTO: Our deepest thanks go out to ALLAN W. LYONS, PB49, who responded to our desperate call for Pasadena Branch photos by sending us a beautifully prepared book of pictures, articles, and other documents of that Branch's history. The photo on this page is part of Mr. Lyon's gift, and we appreciate the important contribution he has made to the Telluride Archives.

Cambridge. He served as a researcher for the Gore Debate Prep Team. A 1992 Truman Scholarship finalist, Colville is a fiction board member of the *Harvard Advocate* and is writing his senior thesis on Nabokov's notion of time.

NOAH ZATZ, SP89 CB90 TA91, and JESSICA CATTELINO, SP91 CB92 TA93, jumped on the Telluride matrimonial bandwagon this spring and are busily planning a wedding for June 1995. In a not entirely unrelated development, Noah's adventurous spirit will lead him far away from his undergraduate experience after graduation this May, bringing him all the way to...Cornell's graduate school. There he will take advantage of an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship to complete an MA in Science and Technology Studies, focusing on science-law interactions unless something prettier glints convincingly in the Ithaca sunlight. He assures concerned readers, however, that he is at least leaving Ithaca for the summer. He will leave behind a senior honors committee suffering from severe eye-strain from Noah's

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200+ page (in a small font, no less) thesis on surrogate motherhood. Noah would love to hear from old friends from the '89, '92, '93 Cornell TASP's and the House by electronic (ndzl@cornell.edu) or other means, and he promises that his correspondence will be mercifully succinct.

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DAVID GALBRAITH, DS90, is one of four Harvard seniors to receive a Michael C. Rockefeller Fellowship this year. Galbraith plans travel to Kenya to study patterns of land use in three different contexts: national parks, large-scale agriculture, and subsistence agriculture as practiced by one of the traditional groups such as the Maasai.

ELDON EISENACH, CBG91, an associate professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of Tulsa, has written a book, *The Lost Promise of Progressivism*, which traces the evolution of the Progressive movement between 1885 and World War I, and shows why the philosophy still speaks to us today. Eisenach credits Telluride House in his acknowledgments, "while serving as a visiting professor in the Government Department in 1991-92, I was one of three faculty guests at this unique student residence. Thanks to the living amenities at Telluride, I devoted the academic year to doing most of the detailed research and all of the writing of the first draft for this study."

IFFAT ISLAM, SP92, writes, "I was named a Presidential Scholar in 1993. Some of the highlights of my whirlwind week in D.C. included reuniting with former fellow TASP RYAN EYSTER, SP92, and tickling Clinton's palm while accepting his handshake during the medal-giving ceremony. I now attend Yale University and spend many a Thursday night at Naples, where TASP interviewers had mercilessly torn me to shreds barely two years ago. I have blithely failed my first semester at school, but intend to become an exemplary student under the insidious influence of my exemplary, studious roommate, ABIGAIL MARCELUK, who in an odd coincidence, is also a '92 TASP. I encourage all of my fellow TASPers to call or write."

RACHEL J. DICKINSON, Telluride's Administrative Director, and Tim Gallagher, announce the birth of a son on April 15, 1994. Jack O'Bannon Gallagher joins sisters Railey Jane (age 8) and Clara Derrick (age 1).

## IN MEMORIAM

### JUDITH B. BALDERSTON

Judith Braude Balderston died peacefully on December 22, 1993, in Berkeley, California, after a long battle with breast cancer. She was the wife of Frederick Balderston, DS40 CB42 TA42, professor emeritus of business administration at UC Berkeley.

A research economist, she retired in 1991 from the Project in Nutrition and Function at the University of California, Berkeley.

In her forty years living in Berkeley, she was active in civic and social organizations, including the League of Women Voters and the boards of Stiles Hall, an organization at UC Berkeley for student volunteer work in the community, and the National Peace Garden in Washington, D.C.

She was co-author of *Methodology for Planning Technical Education*, a study of technical education in Bangladesh. She was the senior author of *Malnourished Children of the Rural Poor*. She wrote many articles in professional journals and served as a consultant to UNICEF and to the Ministry of Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia.

In 1993 she and Frederick Balderston, edited *Higher Education in Indonesia: Evolution and Reform*, the proceedings of a 1991 international conference held in Berkeley.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four children: Daniel of New Orleans, LA; Sara of Arlington, MA; Thomas of Ardmore, PA; and Jonathan of Berkeley, CA.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Judith Balderston Fund at Stiles Hall, 2400 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Hills Publications, December 30, 1993

### SAMUEL LEVERING

Samuel Levering, CB27 TA29, died Wednesday, December 1, 1993, in Greensboro, Virginia at the age of 85.

Levering came to Cornell University in 1926. During his first year he took an English course under Johnny Johnson, who recommended that Levering be invited to reside at Telluride House. Upon receiving the scholarship, he lived at the House for six and a half years while studying pomology as an undergraduate and graduate student. It was at Cornell that Levering met his wife, Miriam Lindsay Levering, whom he married in 1934.

After leaving Cornell, Levering worked for the newly established Farm Credit Admin-

istration, set up to make loans to farmers during the Depression years. In 1939, the Leverings left Washington to assume primary responsibility of Levering Orchard near Ararat, Virginia.

The Leverings spent decades operating fruit orchards on the family farm. The farm turned out to be a part-time occupation, however, because the Leverings, who had deep ties to the Quaker community, spent as much time traveling the globe promoting or pursuing peace as they did growing fruit. Paul C. Szasz, CB48 TA49, writes "Though originally untutored in international affairs, through his Quaker connections he and his wife Miriam (who predeceased him in 1991) became deeply and productively involved as NGO representatives in the long-drawn-out Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III). Not only was this remarkable couple active in mobilizing United States support for this project (which support ultimately faltered and then collapsed with the advent of the Reagan administration), but they established wide-ranging connections with many of the principal actors in this mammoth negotiation and assisted in creating opportunities for reaching useful compromises and solutions."

In the last year of his life, Levering wrote his autobiography entitled, *Quaker Peacemakers--Sam and Miriam Levering: A Saga of Fruit Growing & Christian Service*. The autobiography is published by Orchard Gap Press and is available by mail for \$8.50. Send checks payable to Orchard Gap Press to Levering Orchard; Route 2, Box 310; Ararat, Virginia 24053.

*Telluride Association gratefully acknowledges the generous bequest made by the estate of Samuel Levering.*

### LORD MURRAY OF NEWHAVEN

Keith Murray, Lord Murray of Newhaven, CBG28, died October 10, 1993, at the age of 90.

The third son of Lord Murray, a learned and able Scottish judge, and his wife Nancy Nicholson, Keith Murray was educated at Edinburgh Academy, and then, with the intention of becoming a farmer, went to Edinburgh University to take a BSc in Agriculture. He entered the Ministry (then Board) of Agriculture in 1925 but in 1926 was elected to a Commonwealth Fund Fellowship at Cornell University. While at Cornell, he became well-known his field of agricultural economics. After completing a PhD at Cornell, he returned to Oxford. He presented a successful thesis for a BLitt at Oriet and entered the Agricultural Economics Research Institute.

In 1937, in what is described as the turning point of his career as a "brilliant and energetic

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Photos: (Above) Samuel Levering and Miriam Lindsay Levering on their honeymoon at Lake Placid, New York, in June 1934. (Right) Keith Murray, Lord Murray of Newhaven, as a young man.



administrator," he was offered the bursarship of Lincoln College. The college was having financial difficulties, but with Murray's reforms in place, the situation began to improve within months.

He served valiantly in the Second World War, both in the RAF and as Director of Food and Agriculture for the Middle East Force. In 1944, he became Rector of Lincoln College. In this position, he helped guide the college through the economic challenges of the first years of peace. Lord Murray served as chairman of the University Grants Committee from 1953-1963, during which period he maintained good relations with the Treasury, safeguarded the University's independence from government interference and prepared for the rapid expansion of enrollment following the Robbins report.

He was knighted in 1955 and created a life peer in 1964.

Lord Murray is survived by his youngest brother and several nephews and nieces.

*The London Times, October 12, 1993  
and Oxford Today, (1994)*

### JOHN M. SEYFARTH

John M. Seyfarth, DS36, of Littleton, Colorado, died unexpectedly at Heritage Park Manor on Saturday, November 13, 1993. He is survived by his wife; four children; and five grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be given to the charity of your choice or the Book Acquisition Fund of Koebel Public Library, Littleton, Colorado.

*Rocky Mountain News*

### RICHARD M. ROBERTS

Richard M. Roberts, DS28 CB31 TA31, research chemist, scholar, linguist, flautist, mathematician, composer, and lover of the arts and music, passed away in his sleep at his home in Berkeley, California on October 29, 1993. He was 81.

Born in Manhattan, Kansas, May 17, 1912, he attended Deep Springs Preparatory School in California (class of 1928), and Cornell University, where he received his BS Degree in 1933, and his PhD in 1938 in the field of Physical Chemistry. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he

was also a knowledgeable lover of fine wines, good food and good conversation. He was a teaching assistant at both Harvard and Northwestern Universities, and during the early 1940's he was a lecturer in Physical Chemistry at Cornell University. In 1945-46 he joined the Shell Development Co. laboratories in Emeryville, CA, as a researcher in catalytic chemistry. His work and career there was cut short by a stroke in 1959. He was the author of numerous technical articles in his field, and was the initiator of a number of chemical process patents while at Shell Development Co.

An unconquerable spirit, he would not allow the stroke and its accompanying disability to limit his horizons. Since the mid-1960's he has been the composer for over 30 pieces of music for piano, wind instruments, strings and voice, and he continued his explorations in both chemistry and mathematics throughout his life.

His wife, the late Helen Ingalls Roberts, to whom he was married for over 40 years, died of cancer in 1989. He is survived by his brother Edward S. Roberts, who resides in Bayside, Queens, New York, and many nieces and nephews throughout the country. He was an inspiration, a truly brave spirit and vital presence. He will be missed. A private service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Planned Parenthood.

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