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1989-1990 NEW BRANCH MEMBERS



Cornell Branchmembers pictured from left are: Sarah Averill CB89, Jessica Bury SP88 CB89, and Cathy Carlson SP88 CB89.



It could be a hit movie. "Telluride: Fresh Blood." A story of Cornell commandos who take a small intellectual community by storm. A number of new Housemembers fill the cast of this tale of adventure. This epic drama of combining individual interests with community views.

A freshman from Berkeley, California unpacked a wide range of interests and an enthusiasm for Telluridians as individuals when she moved into the House last fall. Jessica Bury, whose academic pursuits include philosophy, government, genetics, and marine biology, abides by her belief in a "strong mind in a strong body" through her involvement in crew, rock climbing, rugby, and other delicate arts such as knitting and creative writing. Her active life does not, however, prevent her from giving time to her fellow Housemembers. She says, "I have always seen my role in Telluride House as that of a supportive, compassionate friend who could

contribute my various interests and thoughts to the intellectual life of the House. After my first semester, I find myself confirmed in my desire to be supportive and stimulated in my intellectual pursuits."

Cathy Carlson, a freshman from Vinton, Iowa, has narrowed her academic interests to "words and gods" and is considering a major in comparative literature or religious studies. She also enjoys the challenge of forensics, where she has already proved herself by bringing home a number of trophies. Other interests include creative writing and photography, and the wearing of black clothing necessary to those pursuits. Her attraction to Telluride has been based on both personal and community concerns. She says, "I was first drawn to Telluride because it made me painfully aware of my unrealized potential. Now I am drawn to Telluride because I am aware of its unrealized potential."

The class of '92 is represented in the ranks of new Housemembers by Sarah Averill, whose social concerns affect her view of Telluride. An Industrial and Labor Relations student who is particularly concerned about "the political economy of worker democracies," she is involved with a variety of organizations, including the Cornell Greens. She is also exploring an interest in art through the media of watercolors and collage. Her dedication to social issues is reflected in her attitude toward the House, and she says, "I look at Telluride as a microrepresentation of society. We should be self-critical and examine Telluride House and our roles within it. We learn a great deal and contribute more to communities if we better understand how the small community structures and events mirror the world outside."

The most recent addition to the House is Sam Laney, a junior or sophomore in the agricultural school,

depending upon the administration he is speaking to. He is from Deep Springs and "likes it that way." He is studying agricultural engineering and has a special interest in developing small, alternative power plants for agricultural communities. His outside interests include Dirty Harry movies. As far as his place in the Telluride community, Sam cheerfully states, "It's a good thing I'm a pacifist."

Scott G. McNamee, who completed an undergraduate engineering degree at Johns Hopkins University, is currently a third-year graduate student in material science and engineering, specializing in biotechnology. Scott is also very interested in the outdoors, although he has multiple extracurricular pursuits. For example, he likes sign language, recuperation from back problems, and not drinking coffee. He feels he can both learn and teach in the Telluride community, and aptly sums up his feelings by saying, "I came to Telluride to make my education well-rounded. Wish me luck."

Telluride also has another new and exciting presence in the House community. Jillian Morgan, a new baby in the kitchen, is nearly four months old. She is from Ithaca, New York, and is the daughter of our cook, Wendy Morgan. Her interests are toys, rattles, and clean diapers. She also enjoys sleeping, eating, and the attentions of Housemembers, particularly those of Joel Cadbury and Carlos Rojas. She hopes to learn to walk and speak during her stay at Telluride. Jillian is consistently one of the happiest members of our community.

Three of this fall's new Housemembers have chosen to learn from living in the Ithaca community. Adam "Sunny" Schwartz, a junior majoring in economics, relaxes with "Kerouac, guitar, and camping." A junior in anthropology, Mike Armstrong pursues interests in African music and biking. Linguistics, with a focus on Japanese, is the field of junior Brian Yeager, who likes to spend his spare time with gardens and cows. The presence of the three Deep Springs fall transfer students will be missed in the House this semester.



Those new members remaining will continue to contribute their unique views of Telluride and their diverse interests to the community and establish their roles within the House. Combining a self-critical approach with an enthusiasm for the community could, in the opinion of several new members, spark the realization of Telluride House's "unrealized potential."

*Jessica Bury, SP88 CB89
Cathy Carlson, SP88 CB89*

Sam Laney (left) DS87 CB89 with Tom Hawks SP85 CB86 TA87; Scott McNamee CB89 (right) with Anna Farris. Four month old Jillian with her mother Wendy Morgan (below).



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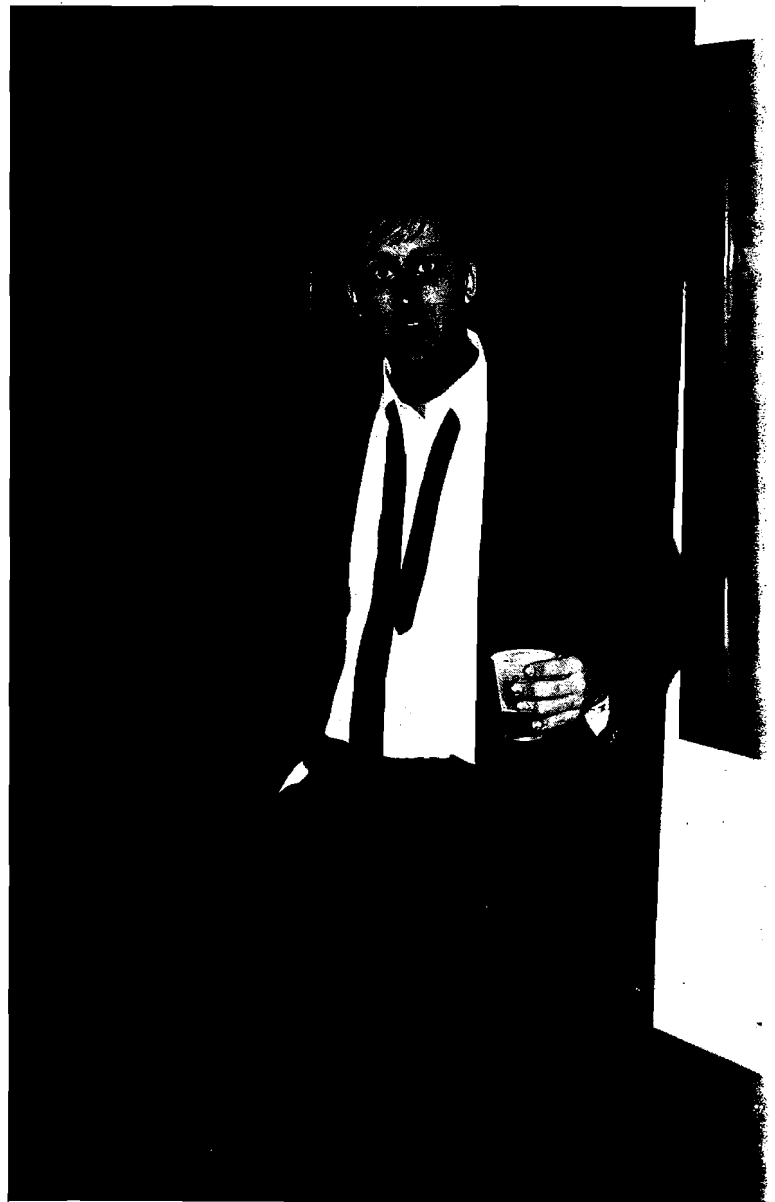
Lincoln Scholar, 1990-1992

Charles Pazdernik, SP85 CB86 TA87, has been selected to be the Telluride Lincoln Scholar at Oxford University for 1990-1992. Mr. Pazdernik is currently a College Scholar in the College of Arts and Sciences at Cornell University and expects to receive his undergraduate degree in Classics this June.

No stranger to academic honors, over the past few years Mr. Pazdernik received a Polychronis Foundation grant for the study of ancient Greek, was awarded a Harry Caplan Summer Travel Fellowship, and was selected to interview for a Rhodes Scholarship.

Mr. Pazdernik is also an active Telluride Association member and has participated in many Association committees including Renovations, AD Selection, Personnel, and APC (Chair). This summer he will be the factotum for the Cornell I TASP.

While at Lincoln College, Mr. Pazdernik plans to work for an M.Phil. in Greek and Latin Languages and Literature.



Charles Pazdernik, SP85 CB85 TA87...Telluride Association's newest Lincoln Scholar.

1990 Directory

By now all of you should have received Telluride's 1990 *Directory of Associates*. Please check your listing, and the listings of your friends, for accuracy. If you spot an error, please let the office know so that we can make the necessary changes in our files.

This year's *Directory*, in addition to sporting a spiffy new color for the cover, includes some important additions: we have listed all known middle initials; added an "In Memoriam" page; included the phone numbers of all current TA members (when known); and improved the typeface. Also, the entire *Directory* is printed on recycled paper.

1990 Convention

Telluride Association's 1990 Convention will be held at Telluride House in Ithaca, New York beginning June 7, 1990.

Cornell Branch Activity

In Washington

Part of an education at Telluride House is learning when to leave. Norwood Andrews, SP86 CB87 TA88, took that lesson to heart and took some time off from residence in Cornell Branch to work and study in Washington, DC during the fall semester. Although he is glad to be back at Telluride, the junior claims, "Many Housemembers may enjoy four straight years at Telluride and in Ithaca, but I feel even more strongly now that a semester off should do anyone at least a little good."

The academic and career plans of the Cornell College Scholar are related to the same interests which drew him to the capital. Andrews will fulfill major requirements in government and history and envisions a thesis on "the intellectual foundations of U.S. foreign policy and specifically its approach to relations with the Soviet Union." He believes he will continue to study the policy process and will seek a graduate degree in international relations or history.

That interest in public policy sparked the Telluridean's involvement with the Cornell-in-Washington program. During the fall semester, Andrews had the opportunity to involve himself in a variety of activities related to his educational goals. He explains, "I studied the scientific analysis of public policies and the policymaking process. I worked three days a week as a research assistant to Stanley R. Sloan, a senior specialist in international security policy at the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress. I provided research support for his Report to Congress on verification of a proposed treaty reducing conventional armed forces in Europe. I also took a full schedule of classes--including one on the history of the U.S. Senate, taught by the Historian of the Senate."

Although this schedule left little time for leisurely meditation, Andrews now reflects on his experiences by saying, "I loved working in Washington.

Proximity and access to the forums of debate and decision making, combined with the exhilaration of dealing with European security issues while the foundations of the existing system were crumbling week by week, made my semester most heady indeed. I informed and sharpened by perspectives on arms control issues, alliance cooperation, and the prospects for future stability in Europe. I gleaned a sense of the current questions and problems facing policymakers, as well as a sense of how--in a dynamic web of competing and conflicting political motives, whether ideological, institutional, or personal--they think about these problems and about how to deal with them. My research project concerned the effect of bureaucratic structural influences on U.S. policy in pursuit of strategic arms-limitation agreements during the 1970s. My project gained me a background on strategic arms control, although I came to distrust the methodology of policy analysis. I expect to build as well on these experiences."

His stimulating semester did require that he temporarily give up his role as an active member of Telluride House. Andrews believes, however, that he returns to his niche within the community with a perspective benefitting both himself and other Housemembers. He claims, "Limiting one's social circle and undergraduate academic experiences to the House and the Cornell campus, in the face of so many opportunities for outside study, strikes me as self-deprivation. Moreover, I believe Housemembers enrich Telluride through the diversity of their outside experiences and the separate perspectives they bring back to the House. I hope my semester away will make Telluride more interesting to me, and I expect my contributions to Telluride will reflect my time outside."

Cathy Carlson, SP88 CB89



In Nicaragua

During the fall semester Telluride House was not quite complete. Along with Norwood Andrews, we were forced to accept the absence of junior Tara Shannon. However, Tara was not tucked away in America's bastion of young political thought--the Cornell in Washington program. Instead, she traveled to Managua, Nicaragua.

Tara had the opportunity to visit Nicaragua because of a grant awarded annually by the Women's Studies Department at Cornell. The grant, called the Judith Ellen Kram award, is awarded to one undergraduate off-campus research project on a topic of interest to women. Tara constructed a research project that delved into the participation of women in Nicaragua's revolutionary process.

After determining her project's goal, Tara left for Nicaragua in early September to begin her research which she carried out through a variety of means. Much of her time was spent interviewing rural women who had integrated themselves into either fieldworkers' or farming unions. These rural women were the most accessible to Tara for her topic, although she was aware that they may not be the most objective about the revolutionary process. She did attempt to talk to women within the National Opposition Union (UNO) but found they were not interested.

To complement the interviewing process, Tara attended training and educational workshops aimed at women within agrarian unions. Tara found that the workshops "gave an interesting perspective on the difficulties rural

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women face in trying to take their rightful place in post-revolutionary society." For example, she observed teachers struggling to discuss the intricacies of a union with young women who had only recently learned to read, and who were attempting to listen to the instructor, read the literature, and tend to children simultaneously.

Tara also spent time in Managua. While in the city, she studied at the Nicaraguan Women's Institute (INIM). At INIM, she reviewed books, studies, and government position papers that discussed the position of women in the revolution.

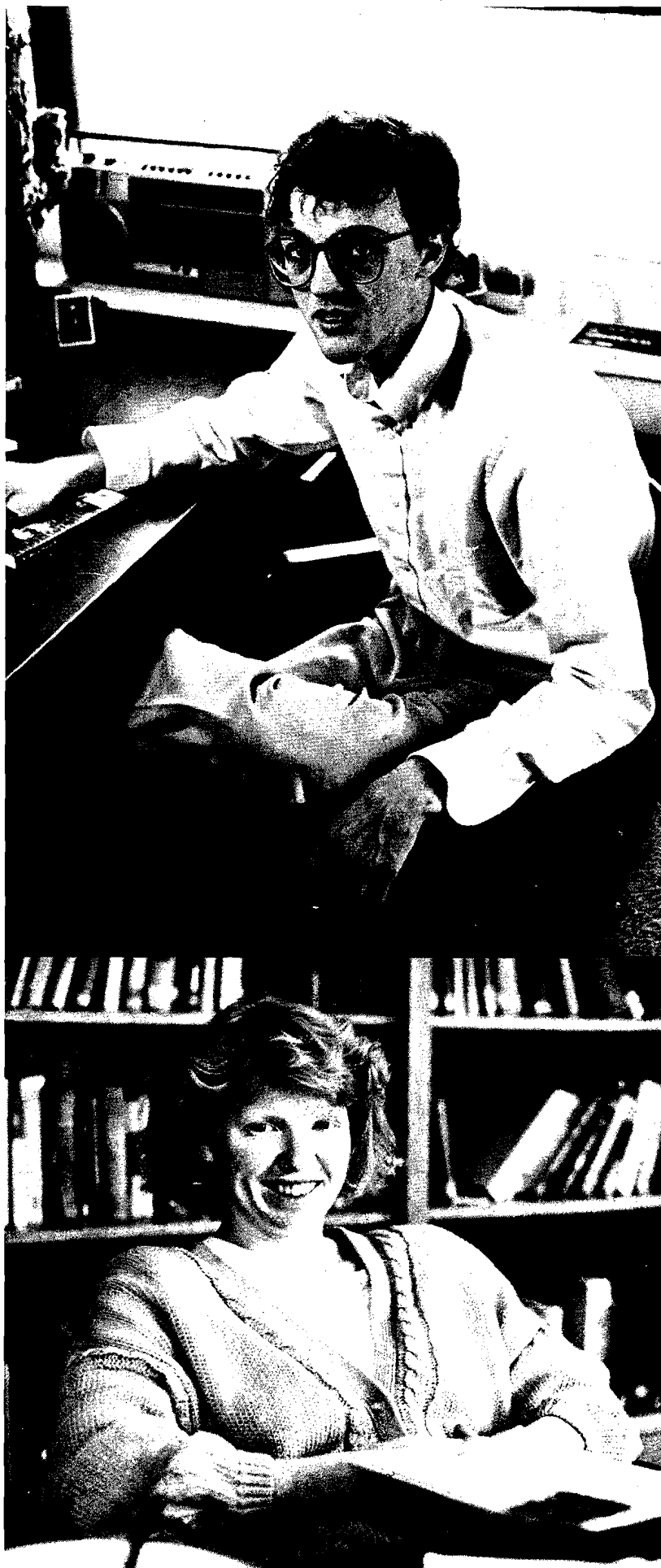
Beyond her formal research pursuits Tara also learned about Nicaraguan culture through the more casual means of living with a family in the Managuan barrio of San Judas. Tara found her stay in the barrio and her family to be an enjoyable experience. "They treated me like one of their own and put up with my whining and hopelessly bourgeois ways quite admirably."

Now that she has returned to the United States and Ithaca, Tara will complete a paper discussing her research findings. The House is glad to have her back.

Jessica Bury, SP88 CB89

Telluride House, facing page.

Norwood Andrews and Tara Shannon back from their sojourns, photos by Gyula Greschik.



News from Alumni and Friends

Karen Amano, CB83, recently moved to San Francisco with Thick Description, the experimental theater collective she helped start in New York. She is currently helping to organize a conference on non-traditional casting in Bay Area theaters.

David C. Cole, DS45 CB48 TA49, sends news from Jakarta: "**Fred Balderston**, DS40 CB42 TA42, is here in Jakarta for one month, under the auspices of the Harvard Institute for International Development, serving as a consultant to the Ministry of Finance of Indonesia, on issues relating to the development of Indonesia's capital markets...Fred, who provided early warnings of the Thrift Crisis in the U.S., is trying to reduce the risks of similar, although much smaller in scale, occurrences here in Indonesia. I am heavily involved in the same activity, on a long term basis. **Greg Votaw**, DS45 TA47, is here as a consultant for US AID looking at issues of industrial development in Indonesia."

Robert Gay, DS60 BB63 TA64, is delighted to announce his marriage this summer, on Orcas Island, to Monique Mynlieff, a painter of inner landscapes. They continue work on their house, a colorful presence nicknamed "the jewel of Ballard," in the Ballard District of Seattle.

Raymond Jeanloz, DS70, a geophysicist at the University of California at Berkeley, dubbed "The Wizard of Middle Earth," was featured in the *San Francisco Chronicle's* Jan. 1, 1990 article entitled "90 People to Watch in the 90's."

As the new general director of the New York City Opera **Christopher Keene**, BB64, encountered a musician's strike which forced him to cancel the remaining 40 performances of its fall season. The strike concluded in November and Keene announced that 1990 and beyond would include fewer, better-prepared productions with more cohesive casts and an emphasis on innovative repertory and direction.

In 1988 **Robert King**, SP59 CB60 TA62, joined the faculty of the Yale Child Study Center, where he does "a little psychoanalysis in the morning, neuropsychiatry in the afternoon, and research in adolescent psychopathology in the evening." He and his wife, Ruth, announce the birth of their son, Adam Warren King, on September 8, 1989.

Sylvie Le Gall, CB85, is living in France and working for United Parcel Service as a South Europe employment manager covering France, Benelux, and Switzerland.

Keith Murray, CBG28, is now 86 years old and does not travel much but enjoys hearing from friends.

Jim Naismith, CB54 TA55, sent another bit of Telluride lore in remembering **Michael Moravcsik**, CB51 TA53, who died last April. "In the 50's it was the tradition to form the Suspension Committee based on the names of the members. One of the shorter members of the Branch presented the nomination for 1954, which received immediate approval by acclamation: Michael Moravcsik, Paul Szasz and Richard Loomis--or as stated in the nomination 'Moravcsik Szasz Loomis.'"

Levin Nock, SP80 CB81, writes that after taking a year off from school to travel, work, and read, he is back at Duke pursuing a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, designing ultrasonic imaging machines. He would also appreciate help interviewing any potential TASPers in central North Carolina.

Stephen Sestanovich, SP67 CB68 TA69, director of Soviet studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote an editorial for *The New York Times* in September, entitled "Gorbachev: Beyond Our Help."

Tyrone D. Taborn, SP76 CB77, president of Career Communications of Baltimore, MD which publishes *U.S. Black Engineer* and *U.S. Hispanic Engineer* magazines, is spearheading a



Joel Cadbury DS85 CB87 TA88, photo by Gyula Greschik.

fundraising campaign to raise \$1 million for engineering schools at eight traditionally black universities around the country.

David Tanis, DS71, is chef-manager of the Cafe at Chez Panisse in Berkeley.

This past autumn, Roosevelt Freedom medals were awarded to five individuals: Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Walter Cronkite, Dr. Dorothy Height, former Senator J. William Fulbright, and Dr. Raphael Lemkin. **William J. vanden Heuvel**, DS46, CB48 TA48, is president of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute which awards the medals annually to those whose lives illustrate the four freedoms as described by President Roosevelt in a speech on Jan. 6, 1941.

Paul Szasz, CB48 TA49, is currently in Namibia as a consultant to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group, helping to negotiate the laws under which a Constitutional Assembly was elected in November.

TASP Alumni News

Chaya G. Bhuvaneshwar, SP88, writes from Yale that prior to entering that institution she won a National Merit Scholarship, an Arts Recognition Talent Search Writing Award, and a Time-Life Magazine student writing award.

Debra Chou, SP88, writes that she is "greatly enjoying" university life at the University of Toronto.

Ross Garon, SP88, arrived at Harvard College as a Harvard National Scholar after a summer as an intern learning about corporate finance at the Citibank Investment Bank's Asset Sales/Syndication Desk.

Carol Lee, SP71, is practicing law at the Washington, DC firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, where she recently became a partner. Her practice focuses on international aviation and European Community law. She has also been teaching a course on U.S. - European Community institutional comparisons as a visiting lecturer at the Harvard Law School.

Richard Moczygemba, SP70, writes "I'm currently a psychiatrist in the Army, Assistant Chief of Psychiatry at Fort Hood, Texas. Our department is also affiliated with Texas A&M University medical school, so I'm an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry as well. Since 1970 there isn't much I haven't done. My wife, Denise, and I have three children, Walter (9), Ann (7), and Amos (3) all cute and intelligent."

As of October of 1989, **Stephen B. Pershing**, SP74, has been the Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Virginia.

Glen Pitre, SP72, has become director of the Office of Film and Video in the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for the state of Louisiana. Pitre's best known work to date is the 1986 film "Belizaire the Cajun," which he wrote and directed.

Howard Rodman, SP66, has been living in Los Angeles for the past four years working as a novelist and screenwriter. His novel, *Destiny Express*, is forthcoming from Atheneum in February. He most recently wrote a screenplay from the Jim Thompson novel *South of Heaven* for producers Barry Levinson, Mark Johnson, Stuart Cornfeld, and Mark Lipson at Columbia Pictures. He'd love to hear from any TASPers "within shouting distance."

Andy Shaw, SP84, who writes that he's "postponed real life to study computer science at MIT's graduate school," sent tidbits of information about a few of his fellow TASPers. **Noah Berger**, SP84, has delayed his entrance to law school for a year to be president of the Cambridge Civic Association (CCA), a liberal city political organization which has just won its first city council majority in over ten years. **Christine Choo**, SP84, has postponed medical school for a few years to work in the Peace Corps in Ecuador. Shaw writes that **Julia Cohen**, SP84, has also postponed graduate school to live in "beautiful Somerville, MA."

Gary Taylor, SP70, sent the following information: "After three years at Catholic University I have moved, ecumenically, to Brandeis. Before returning to the United States I spent eleven years in England (Cambridge, then Oxford), where I was joint General Editor of the new Oxford University Press edition of Shakespeare's *Complete Works*. My latest book--which has been reviewed favorably everywhere except the "New York Times Book Review"--is *Reinventing Shakespeare: A Cultural History from the Restoration to the Present*. I have been married to the woman for whom I turned down an offer to come to Cornell."

Nick Ziegler, SP70, is currently a visiting Assistant Professor at the Sloan School of Management at MIT after finishing a Ph.D. in the Government Department at Harvard.

In Memoriam

Eric Blackall, CBG57, died on December 16, 1989 after a long illness. Professor Blackall was the Jacob Gould Schurman Emeritus Professor of German Literature at Cornell. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and a son.

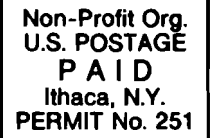
A. Bradford Judd, DS46 CB48 TA48, died on September 9, 1989. After graduating from Cornell, Dr. Judd attended Harvard Medical School where he received his medical degree in 1954. Dr. Judd taught at both Cornell and Harvard Medical School, Rutgers, and Kean College, and had a full-time practice as a child psychiatrist. He is survived by his wife, Eleanore, and several children.

Robert M. Rust, CB35, passed away on December 14, 1988. After graduating from Cornell, Mr. Rust worked as Ranch Foreman at Deep Springs College. From 1941 to 1971 he was with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, working as an agronomist with ranchers in Ventura County, California. He also worked with students of agriculture, and served in community work in the town of Camarillo, California where he lived. Mr. Rust is survived by his wife, Jane Swatek Rust, and two sons, Fleet and Robert.

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