



DEEP SPRINGS COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER WINTER 2002



### **Kelly Carlin**

Hailing from Eagan, Minnesota, Kelly has already taken on the mantle of his homeland's most staunch defender, fighting the good fight against the encroaching tide of New York-centrism. When he's not extolling the virtues of the Boundary Waters, he's telling terrifying stories about polar bears. A fearsome farm teamer this summer, his prowess at moving hand lines was matched only by his skill at stomping crucial pipes and breaking them to general dismay and his own despair. An avid nature lover, Kelly spent last summer working at Yellowstone and organized a hike along the John Muir Trail during the first break.

### **Isaac Ericson**

Isaac Ericson, our resident existentialist humanist social-justiceist vegetarianist anti-death penaltyist, fled Wesleyan and spent a year before coming to Deep Springs in the mountains of Montana with Vote Smart, a non-profit research library working to improve voter education. He spent his first two terms lassoing files and wrangling his bucking desk as office cowboy. When all the faxes are branded and filed, he kicks it back to the tune of Albert Camus, Philip Gourevitch, and Howard Zinn, his homeboy.

### **Ryan Erickson**

Ryan is from Michigan, so he says "rut" for root and "ruf" for roof. A midwesterner among 'coasters, he's fighting a losing battle. Ryan spent three years in public high school, leading his wrestling team to the state championship twice. After his junior year, he moved to New Mexico, where he attended the United World College. He spent his summers excavating mammoths and saving sea turtles. Ryan used to work on a ranch, and has taught the rest of us all about splicing barbed wire and driving fence posts. His ability to go without sleep for months at a time is the envy of the entire student body.

### **Max Gasner**

Though he's lived his entire life within a three-block radius in Manhattan, Max was actually born in Englewood, New Jersey. "I do feel a certain ancestral relationship to

the Garden State," admits Max. He debated at Stuyvesant High School where he placed second at Catholic Nationals. In addition to his success in the debate world, Max recently won best miscellaneous pastry for his chard torte in the Tri-County Fair.

### **Jeff Griggs**

Jeff is one of the many Pennsylvanians on campus. He attended Abbington Heights High School, where he played keyboard for his school's jazz/rock band. An Eagle Scout, he spent his summers working at Boy Scout camps and attended the Pennsylvania Governor's School for International Studies. He spent a month studying in St. Petersburg, Russia, as an exchange student, and is trying to get a job working for the *St. Petersburg Times* during his term off. His working knowledge of Russian makes him an excellent translator for the communist propaganda that speckles the dorm.

### **John Kolos**

The man, the myth, the legend, John Conrad Kolos. John is often found hidden away in his room with his guitar composing sweet serenades or rocking out to early ninties pop. He's also a big fan of chess and argyle socks. "Hey, you're going to wear them at some point in your life." We love you John.

### **Nathan Leamy**

Nathan estimates that anywhere from 80 to 82 percent of his body is covered with hair. When he was younger, the kids called him Sasquatch and Death Stick. He was six two and bearded in sixth grade. Scary. At Tigard Public High School, he did, um, everything—ten shows, president of the environmental club, president of the speech team, state champion in humorous interpretation, student envoy to the board of education, homecoming king, trivia team captain, student body president, and student of the year, twice. Twice!

### **Daniel Margolis**

Dan is quite possibly the most serious member of the Deep Springs student body. Raised in Texas, this reader-extraordinaire shrugs off all the typical stereotypes, claiming that he is no more Texan than anyone

else here. Dan would sooner hide religious scriptures inside a comic book than the other way around. His short list of vices includes *Harry Potter* and late night cake baking.

### **Will McGinty**

Will “Ludwig” McGinty taught himself the bass in eighth grade. Why the bass? “Too many strings on the guitar.” At the first DSPAC, Will donned a makeshift ruffled tie and jammed with others to the delight of all; but there was a time, he says, before his bluesy self made itself known. When asked about high school in Spokane, Will says, “Sometimes I’d, like, put up flyers, and get threatened with expulsion.”

### **Alex Rothman**

Alex Rothman likes knives. “In the third grade I used to walk around with wooden sticks and pretend that they were swords,” he admits with a hint of embarrassment. Before Deep Springs, Alex attended Westtown for fourteen years. Westtown’s Quaker roots have given him an appreciation for quiet simplicity, listening, and being led. Alex enjoys acting and is an avid cartoonist.

### **Cyrus St. Amand-Poliakoff**

Cyrus enjoys listening to everything from Arnold Schönberg to the Pet Shop Boys and drinking tea. Never having seriously played any sports, Cyrus gets his exercise from dance, where he feels completely satisfied sacrificing himself in physical intensity. At DSPACS he furiously winds jazz lines on his double bass, where again he is drawn by the physicality of his art. So far his favorite moments at Deep Springs have come when the rampant chaos converges into ecstatic harmony.

### **Anthony Sung**

Tony Sung is a machine; don’t let his pulse fool you. He claims to have transferred to Deep Springs after two years studying pre-med at Stanford, but most of us believe he came from the future. After Student Body meetings he can sometimes be found grappling with reigning valley champion Ryan Erickson in an impromptu wrestling match. In high school he did research into cancer treatment and ocean wave motion, and at

Stanford he won awards for work on Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis.

### **Nick Tsang**

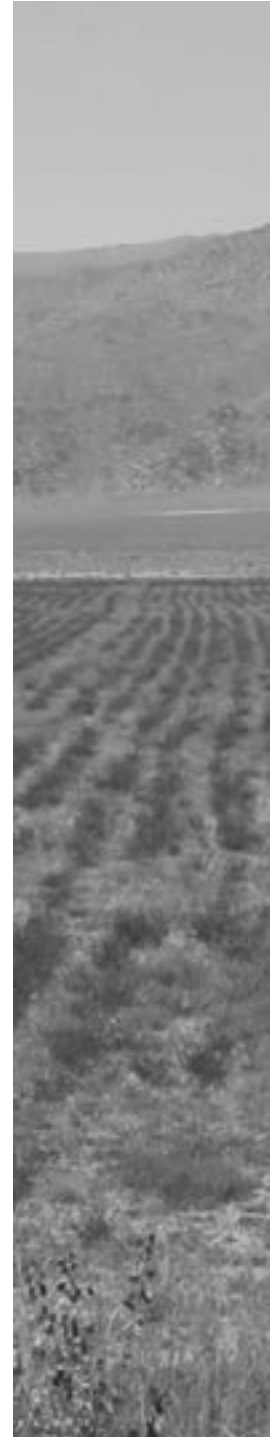
“I was used to living in a kind of ivory tower, reading a lot of books—I didn’t know how to do anything, didn’t know how to use a hammer.” Nick spent his first two terms at Deep Springs as Maintenance Man, an assignment he was eager to tackle mostly because he knew nothing about it. “Everyone here is interested in learning—the people in epic literature really want to learn epic literature, the cooks really want to cook, and I want to fix faucets because I really want to do it.” Nick’s extra-curricular activities include avoiding cameras and crusading against nakedness in the Student Body.

### **Johan Ugander**

Johan Ugander, a Swede born in New Jersey, has fun with his dual citizenship. Nothing delights him more than whipping out a second passport and saying “Will this work?” Almost nothing. If you get him started on technology, his eyes light up and his mouth won’t close. Johan wants to work on engineering projects that help humanity. In high school he created a heart-monitor with an internet linkup for remote monitoring. For the time being he has put his soldering iron aside, and views Deep Springs as “a sabbatical from technology.” In his free time, Johan enjoys Camus, Truffaut, and meditating on his glory days backpacking through Europe.

### **Eric Vandenbrink**

Eric was born in Chicago, but raised in Tokyo. He attended St. Paul’s School in New Hampshire, where he played football. Before Deep Springs, he worked as a network engineer in Tokyo, and in Cambodia helping to set up rural schools. He speaks fluent Japanese and passable Khmer and wants to study development economics and philosophy, planning to work for NGO development programs. He’s spending his first desert winter in the shop, where we hope he keeps his lit cigarettes away from the gas pump.



## *Chuck & Elaine Teel*

Chuck Teel retired last summer after having served as mechanic at Deep Springs for ten years. He and his wife Elaine were the third and fourth most veteran members of the community after Geoff and Iris Pope. With his retirement, Deep Springs lost much more than an exceptionally skilled mechanic; it lost a piece of its history and character as well.

Mr. Chuck, as we liked to call him, kept a tight shop. He always had the parts he needed for the routine servicing and maintenance of vehicles. He kept an organized schedule, clearly delineating what needed to be serviced when. The fact that we have not yet needed to hire another mechanic is a testament to the order Mr. Chuck left when he left Deep Springs.

An incredibly skilled mechanic in a no-frills, straight-ahead sort of way, Mr. Chuck brought more than simple order to the shop. He attacked problems methodically, looking for faults in the most obvious places first. He was also extremely versatile—capable of working with, and responsible for everything at Deep Springs from the sewer lines to the HVAC (heating and cooling) systems.

He was a great teacher. Learning from Mr. Chuck was straightforward. He didn't always give explicit instructions regarding the right and wrong ways to get things done in the shop, but he was never afraid to let us know when we screwed up, or when we were about to screw up.

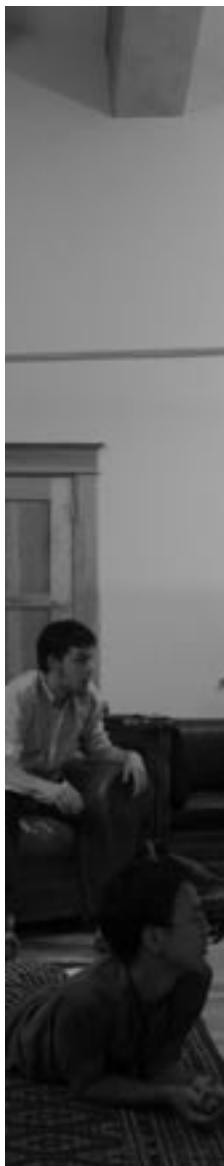
If you were smart, and took the time to listen, you'd pick up bits of wisdom during every soda break, and every ride over Gilbert into Fish Lake Valley to Gary Fedor's hardware store to pick up parts. He didn't have to be talking about anything in particular, and very often, he wasn't. Mr. Chuck was real. Just spending time around him brought us closer to what was important in our lives, and in the lives of those around us.



Chuck and Elaine were vibrant characters with steady community presences. Elaine seemed invulnerable to the down times everyone visibly goes through at Deep Springs. She was almost always smiling or laughing at yet another one of Chuck's horrible jokes. Elaine did a lot of the landscaping around the main circle. But she is most famous for the Super Bowl party that she catered every year at their house. She lays out a great spread, and even better chili.

Chuck was always, and will probably always be, a little rough around the edges. But he loved telling jokes and laughing. And he always kept peppermint candy in his pocket for Emily, the Mitchells' youngest daughter. If you took even a little time to get to know him, it was impossible to miss the genuine kindness that he could never keep completely hidden.

Chuck and Elaine made a home of this place. It was hard and strange to see them go. We wish them all the best, and think about them often in their absence.



## Caroline & Jack Murphy

It's been both a privilege and a surprise to fall in love with the Murphys. I didn't meet them during my time here as an applicant and summarily never expected them to be part of my "Deep Springs experience." Yet, in coming here, they have played such a great part in what Deep Springs means to me. How I can even begin to express how much I will miss all of them? This doesn't come close at all, which makes it so difficult to write, but I at least have to try:

I've never taken a class with Jack but in many respects I felt closer to him and more comfortable with him than with many other community members. The relationship that we developed is the kind that I had imagined forming with faculty when I only dreamed about living here. It felt real being around him. Authentic. Comfortable.

He was an integral part of my time here. He taught me public speaking; he always



made me feel totally comfortable with dropping in on Deserts & Mountains to say "Hey!" and play with his rocks. We played Ultimate during the summer, and did yoga during the winter. His enthusiasm constantly makes me glad we've met and reassures me that there's still a point to what we're doing.

The first break that I spent away was in

Los Angeles with my godsister. People had built up the idea of leaving to reflect on Deep Springs. By the end of the week, I was disappointed because I hadn't really thought about it at all. The only thoughts I had were a few flashes of pictures in my mind that made me really want to come back: one of those was the image of Caroline smiling, wearing sunglasses under a bonnet, with the sun shining on her face, eating at the picnic benches in front of the BH. I loved spending time with her even when we weren't talking, which is weird because long silences make me uncomfortable. She had an amazing glow about her that was not only due to her pregnancy. There was an incredible cheerfulness and peace that will be sorely missed.

Jack and Caroline were wonderful parents. I admired the way both of them raised Annajane and Isaac. I only wish that I will grow up to be such a great parent. Their children are so expressively full of love that it's inspiring just to watch them interact with others.

Annajane was truly her mother's daughter. It astonished me every time I turned around to discover Caroline talking to a child-sized version of herself. I know she will grow up to be a great woman.

I will never forget the time Isaac and I shared here together. He was always trying to give me all the toys he loved so much. He gave me the

biggest valentine I have ever received and countless pictures of outer space. He gave me flowers when I was sick.

We will miss them dearly.

—Phil Shaw, DSO1

The lack of accurate institutional memory is a curse and a blessing for a variety of deep and philosophical reasons. It is also a curse and a blessing for a variety of frivolous reasons. The forgetfulness is a blessing, in that the stories, the "did you hears" get pushed so far into the mystical and unbelievable that they are able to push us towards wonder in our own lives. The forgetfulness is a curse because there are times we feel like we just can't keep up no matter how we push ourselves. It is out of this sentiment, but really just because the Student Body thinks it would be so much fun, that ComCom has decided to begin compiling a Deep Springs Book of Records. If you have records to share, or know anything about David Arndt skateboarding down Westgard, please write us.

## *Leslie Bauer*

After a year at Deep Springs, our staff cook, Leslie Bauer, has moved on to pursue other opportunities, but not without leaving her mark on the way students cook and the way the Boarding House is run at Deep Springs. During her tenure, Leslie cut down on bulk orders from the Smart & Final supermarket, replacing many items with organic equivalents ordered wholesale through the Mountain People's Warehouse—a change which has given students the chance to become connoisseurs of aseptic soymilk and box cereals made from grains like quinoa, millet, and spelt.

Leslie also brought a new professional standard of cleanliness to the BH, demanding that students clean all the places we like to think no one will ever notice: behind, under, and in between. As a result, the kitchen was

always spotless and the BH kept invitingly free of weird smells, mold, and insect life.

Leslie made the cook's job something more than just making enough hot food on time. Taking our cue from her involvement in her food, a new standard of responsibility, ingenuity, and quality has been set for student cooks, something which no doubt helped pave the way for the student body to take over all of the cooking duties after Leslie's departure.

Most importantly, though, we will miss her always lively presence in the community and the energy which she put into her work with us.

## *Mary Haselton & Peter Guth*

Mary Haselton taught Economics at Deep Springs during the fall semester. She received her undergraduate degree in Geology from MIT, did her MBA at Kansas State, and got her Ph.D. in Mineral Economics from Penn State. She is on leave from the Naval Academy, where she teaches Energy Economics. She also does a lot of work with public utilities, which she finds particularly interesting because of how it combines energy and economics.

She enjoys teaching here. The textbook that she chose for the Economics course is more philosophical than the textbook she used at the Naval Academy. She likes it because it emphasizes intuition rather than formulas. "You get to appreciate economics more the less equations you use. It's situational. You get to observe the way people think rather than just evaluating the answers they come up with using formulas."

Her husband, Peter Guth DS69, is also on sabbatical from the Naval Academy, teaching geology this fall.

Peter wanted to be an archeologist before he came to Deep Springs. His enthusiasm for fieldwork and the spectacular and accessible geology of the desert in and around Deep Springs Valley pulled him away from archeology and towards geology and paleontology. He did a lot of work with trilobites as a student here. He even found a previously undiscovered species of echinoderm, which is currently named after him. Peter went to West Point after his second year at Deep Springs. He got his Bachelor's in six years and received his Ph.D. at MIT. Much of his field-work was mapping areas north of Las Vegas. Peter also did some of his military service constructing barracks in Korea for one year. He also spent two years in Kansas as a company commander.

Deep Springs hasn't produced a literary magazine in at least two years. This is going to change. The way the magazine will be put together is also going to change. Usually, submissions are requested solely from current members of the community. This year, we want to open the magazine to submissions from outside the valley as well. Send poetry, short stories, and appropriate visual arts materials to us at [comcom@deepsprings.edu](mailto:comcom@deepsprings.edu), with *The Bonepile* in the subject heading. Deadline for submission is March 3. The magazine will be printed and available to the extended Deep Springs community late spring.

## Arthur Bacon & Aitana Delajara

Teaching art at Deep Springs fall semester was photographer Arthur Bacon. The son of composer Ernst Bacon and cellist Analee Camp, Arthur worked with Ansel Adams for many years before getting his MFA with Jerry Uelsmann. Although Arthur still enjoys shooting landscapes, especially ones as striking as in Deep Springs Valley, his images now lean towards abstraction. "I am more interested in making a photograph which expresses how I feel about something rather than recording what is there in front of me." Jerry Uelsmann used to tell his students, "Anything worth thinking about is worth trying." To that, Arthur likes to add the other half of his mantra, taken from still another mentor, Ben Shahn: "Non-conformity is the precondition for all art." Arthur can sometimes be found at the Tres Mundos (Three Worlds) Arts and Cultural Center in Granada, Nicaragua, teaching photography and mentoring a chess program for street children.

Arthur's girlfriend, Aitana Delajara, although never formally hired, has played a large role in shaping and contributing to our learning about art through photography. Born in Spain, Aitana studied at Yale, where she received her MFA.



She is primarily a painter but has wonderfully creative eyes and has been extremely helpful in giving students meaningful criticism and advice about their work.



Both Arthur and Aitana have made their presence felt at Deep Springs in the best of ways. Together, they have made the dark room and the art studio vibrant and hospitable community spaces. Their love for chess has spread throughout the entire community. Their enthusiasm for Deep Springs has also spurred such events as the Deep Springs Porcelain Mug Shoot-Out at the rifle range and the Butcher *v.* Head Chef knife sharpening contest. Arthur has fixed up several dilapidated bikes that have been sitting around the shop for at least two years now. He's also constructed a ping-pong table that students will continue to enjoy for as long as they can keep from ruining it. Arthur and Aitana's love for people and community has clearly allowed them to make a home of this place. They came here not as visitors, but as two truly invested in improving the quality of life and learning. They will be missed when they return to their home in Loa, Utah.

ComCom doesn't have a lot of time on its hands, but there is space in between printing newsletters and brochures. One of the projects in which we're interested is fostering increased dialogue among alumni, and between the alumni and the current student body. We want to create either a message board, or a listserve—a space for practical and theoretical dialogue about, but also not about, Deep Springs. A lot of interesting and talented people have left pieces of themselves in, and taken pieces of themselves from, this valley. It would be a sin not to take advantage of such a potentially interesting and powerful community.

We're writing now as a way to gauge enthusiasm, but also to ask for suggestions. We are aware that projects such as this have been started, and have failed in the past. Why? What can ComCom do to make either a message board or a listserve successful?

### Dairy News

At the start of Term 2, veterinarians Jim Versteeg and Jim Reynolds stumbled into the valley and stopped at Deep Springs. While here, they paid a visit to our dairy, which received high praise and many accolades for its cleanliness and operation. They noticed, however, that only Ayesha, our Jersey, was giving us milk at the time. Jim Reynolds got in touch with Meadow Brook Dairy in Porterville, CA, and arranged for them to donate two brand new industrial-strength Holsteins to the college.

When asked about the new Holsteins, Nathan Leamy DSO2, dairy boy at the time of their arrival, remarked, “These new cows make me feel worthwhile as a human being and as a dairy boy. Though the amount of milk we’re receiving is a little overkill, too much is better than not enough!” Soon after, the cows were christened Ruth and Lilith. The two new lactating ladies quickly stepped up the College’s milk production to over 130 pounds per day!

The increase in milk production has enabled the advent of a (new) labor position. Johan Ugander has been both the “Dairy Products Man” and a member of GL for the past term. He started out small, doing his best to supplement the Boarding House supply of butter and buttermilk. But as the term progressed, he increased both the quantity and variety of production. He regularly makes yogurt, ice cream, and mozzarella and ricotta cheese. There were two or three weeks in the middle of term when everything buttery came from Johan, and no butter was purchased in Bishop.

The two new Holsteins are a valued gift that will be making a difference at Deep Springs

for years to come.

### Ranch

The herd was tested for pregnancy Term 2, which revealed an unusually low pregnancy rate among the heifers. Only 24 of our 40 heifers were kept, and even fewer were pregnant. The first suspects were the bulls, but semen tests were inconclusive. The desert is hosting more cows than usual, so in the end this unusual twist in the ranch’s operation won’t affect its turnover of cattle.

### Garden

The garden this summer had a fairly strong showing. Our biggest crops were by far arugula, Swiss chard, and kale. The potatoes, largely thanks to heavy weeding and Farm



Team’s complex irrigation strategy, also came forth in what some more limited souls might have called overabundance. Roast potatoes have become a staple for the sometimes less than creative cooks. But many have called Jody’s garlic mashed potatoes “heavenly,” and everybody loves French fries.

Unfortunately the orchard and most of the larger crops (pumpkins, watermelons, etc.) had a hard time due to a drought hanging over the land. With an El Niño winter approaching, however, we may be in for a better growing season in 2003. In November we’ve already seen two inches of rain after a big storm, so things are looking up!

### We Lust

#### for Your Stuff

Chainsaws fires are good

Table Saw for chopping fingers

Calipers we like to measure trilobites

Pots and Pans mmm stirfry

RAM so we can make better newsletters

Photo Equipment for art spirit

Movies (VHS or DVD) we love winona

Dune Buggies duh

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The labor program has been moving at a vigorous pace, and there is a great deal to show for the toils of the past five months. During the summer Farm Team took on a score of extra projects to upgrade the facilities. General Labor has been busy fixing and cleaning, cleaning and fixing. Everything from the woodpile to Highway 168 has felt the effects of GL's increased efforts. Grounds/Orderly has worked hard to spruce up the Upper Ranch. The Student Maintenance Men have been doing a good job carrying (as well as they can) Chuck's former workload.

During Term 1, the student body participated in two labor parties a week. Even before the term had started, the entire student body rose at four AM to weed the potato patch before moving on to do a thorough cleaning of the Boarding House later in the afternoon. Summer was marked by cleaning corrals and chicken slaughters. In July, rain broke the routine by revealing that two buildings up at Cow Camp were in need of re-roofing. A team of eight students deployed for an overnight labor party.

Because of the short water supply, Farm Team spent less time irrigating than usual. As a result, they had time to tackle ranch projects as supplemental General Laborers. The irrigation ditch was given an exhaustive cleaning during Term 1, and we replaced the roof on the irrigation shed Term 2. The willows growing on fields one and two were pushed back beyond the irrigation ditch.

General Labor resumed Term 2 with a small crew of three. They devoted most of their time towards the more routine and workaday tasks around the ranch. This included fence and corral repair, fixing gates, trimming trees, and tidying up the lake corrals. They also cleaned and reorganized parts of the green shed. The sauna was cleaned and

sealed more carefully. It's working wonderfully.

During the last two weeks of Term 2, the sewer pipes that run from the shop and Upper Faculty House broke down, flooding the Guth's home. Through the efforts of GL, Farm Team, and the two Maintenance Men, the old redwood pipe leading up from UpFac to the center of the main circle was dug up and replaced by a new plastic pipe which everyone hopes will last at least as long as the redwood lasted.

The Groundskeeper/Orderly duos, Johan and Cyrus, Max and Ryan, and Nick and Isaac, have been working hard to assure the cosmetic beauty of the college. During Term



1, the area behind the dorm was transformed into a rock garden in a move towards low maintenance loveliness. During Term 2, a once overlooked patch beside the Boarding House was turned into a prospective herb garden that, we hope, will help our cooks a great deal in the Spring.

With the dissolution of Farm Team, General Labor picked up a lot of workers Term 3. So far, GL's big projects have been organizing the tin shed and the woodpile and cleaning Highway 168 (through Adopt-a-Highway and CalTrans). Students have also taken on specialized jobs such as lumberjack and cheesemaker. When a wild outbreak of the flu threatened to halt labor in early November, ill students lent a hand in the library, where Ellie Gossen is overseeing the creation of a digital card catalogue. After the two inches of rain that fell in early November the brush pile is due for a burning which should prove to be a wonderful spectacle.

All in all, we've been keeping busy and productive.

## Now

Heidegger  
Black and White Photography  
Composition  
Epic Literature  
Mesoamerican Civilizations  
Geology  
Economics  
Agricultural Development  
Music  
Spanish  
Horsemanship  
Flight School

## Next

Freud & Lacan  
The Modern German Novel  
Civil Rights  
Water Resources  
Physics  
Poetry  
Chinese & Japanese Poetry  
Cultural Anthropology  
Genocide  
Yoga

*New Website* Members of the Communications Committee spent almost the entirety of Term 2 creating a new website in an effort to polish up the public face of Deep Springs before new students applied in November. Max Gasner DSO2, Aaron Dulles-Coelho DSO1, Johan Ugander DSO2 and David Mahfouda DSO1 conducted interviews with various students, faculty, and staff in an effort to produce the most well-rounded and informative pieces depicting life at the college.

All the committees helped by writing articles concerning their own roles in the functioning of the college. And about fifteen members of the community volunteered for proofreading in the week before the site was uploaded.

There is still more information and more photographs that need to be added to the site. Staff and faculty bios are written. After a few more finishing touches they will be included on the site at the beginning of Term 4. The student body might also post an alternative biography section in the next few months. Keep your eyes open.

*Student Cooks* After the departure of Leslie Bauer, our chef extraordinaire, the kitchen was run by the grace of the two student cooks, General Labor, and whatever lost and lonely souls were willing to help out. Our search for a new staff cook was largely unsuccessful. Seeing the need of the community and a chance to serve, Jody Morita DSO1 and David Mahfouda DSO1 formally applied for the position together. After much discussion it was decided that they were the best men for the job and they were given the chance to prove themselves until the end of Term 3.

Since mid-October they have been running the kitchen as joint head cooks. So far, they have been performing spectacularly, serving great food meal after meal with the assistance of two student cooks and the lunchtime stylings of Ellie Gossen. They have very comfortably adjusted to the tasks of overseeing food stocks, planning meals, maintaining sanitary standards, and commanding

the BH crew. The community has been very impressed with the professionalism with which they are handling the situation, and upon their request granted them another term in the kitchen. Moreover, their initiative inspired many of their peers to apply for the position for the spring. The competition was fierce, and the coveted positions were awarded to Myer Nore DSO1 and Cyrus St. Amand-Poliakoff DSO2, who will train with David and Jody for Term 4 before becoming Head Cooks Terms 5 and 6.

Lately students have been carrying cameras everywhere they go. Since Arthur Bacon arrived at Deep Springs, no place is safe from the gaze of a lens. With almost half the student body enrolled in Photography, all developing upwards of four rolls of film a week, students find themselves getting photographed quite often. "I have no idea how many portraits I've posed for. Too many. But I do know that I've asked nearly every student to pose for me," says one photo student. At all hours of the night you can find a few students printing in the darkroom and listening to the Dixie Chicks.

Taking pictures of everything is forcing the students to look at Deep Springs in a new way. Deep Springs has always been emotionally intense, and now students are given an opportunity to capture their emotional experiences on film in their struggle to create art through photography. This semester promises to be very well photo-documented for the Deep Springs archives.

If the omnipresence of cameras gets to be too much for anybody, however, there is always one escape available: the sauna. At the beginning of Term 3 some students got together and cleaned out the sauna, which hadn't been used in a couple years. Spending the time to get the fire lit and the room steamed is well worth the effort. Sitting near the Upper Reservoir, the sauna is heated by a wood stove and, through a small plexiglass window, provides a very nice view of Gilbert Pass, the Highway Maintenance Station, and the stars.

### *Photomania*

### *Sauna Cleanup*



One student describes the experience of jumping into the Upper Reservoir after the sauna as a return to the beast within. As you hit the water, all rational thought vanishes and you experience the reflexes of pure animalistic self-preservation. By the time you've scrambled up the ladder, you may very well have screamed your lungs out. You must recover them before you run back to the sauna. "I think the shock of the water and the involuntary screaming is the exact point at which pent-up stress is relieved," he says.

"It is the single greatest enemy to me getting my work done. It's wonderful," says first year student Ryan Erickson DS02. Experiments at reading Heidegger in the sauna have so far failed, but progress is being made. Plans are already underway to build risers and a proper steaming system.

**Chess** First-year student and chess extraordinaire John Kolos has sparked perhaps one of the more bizarre trends at Deep Springs: chess mania. "Very weird," says one student. Late at night in the BH you just might encounter him chortling with joy as he horse-whips a computer chess program into its proper place. Short-term faculty Arthur Bacon, Aitana Delajara, and Peter Guth have been giving him particularly great challenges. However more and more students are beginning to jump on the bandwagon, pulling out the skills they learned as isolated nerds in their middle-school chess clubs.

After winning the Grand Prize in a weekend tournament, John Kolos challenged the entire Deep Springs community to simultaneous matches, playing 12 games at a time in the BH. Long tables were set up with challengers on one side and John wheeling

around in his computer chair on the other. Challengers came and went, and one game would start just as another was ending. In the end, he won almost all the matches.

More and more, students study chess with each other in the vain hope that they will be able to match John Kolos's skills. The sick and seedy underworld of chess-club nerds has been surfacing slowly but surely here at Deep Springs.

The joint effort **Recruitment Project** of ApCom and ComCom have been successful. The recruitment effort yielded about 125 applicants, a number ApCom and ComCom members were happy with. However, both committees think we can do better for next year with more organization and focus.

Many of you received the email ComCom sent to alumni about three months ago. In it we asked alumni to help in our recruitment efforts. We are especially grateful to those that have asked for recruitment packages and have already visited high school students in their local area.

ComCom has already mailed two hundred applications to our own alumni for distribution. We would like to remind everyone interested that this is an ongoing process. Next year's recruitment and college fairs start this spring. We hope to continue using alumni support to aid our recruitment efforts in the future.

With great sadness, we regret to **Death** inform you that James Godfrey, DS41, passed away last February. After leaving Deep Springs, Jim enlisted and served in the Navy. Subsequent to his Naval service, he enrolled in the school of Electrical Engineering at the University of Cincinnati, where he obtained a Ph.D. After graduation, he joined the Bell Telephone Laboratory, in Allentown, where he remained for 35 years, ultimately as director of Semiconductor Development. He spent the past nineteen years in retirement in Allentown. He died of a heart attack on February 25, 2002, leaving his wife Marjorie and three daughters.





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