

Deep Springs College

Alumni Newsletter



Spring 2010

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“My wife Pat and I have been residing in Southern California for the winter months. We are returning to the Chicago area in early April where we have been sorely missed by Chicago’s only LGBT direct-action organization, Gay Liberation Network. I am also hopeful I’ll get a good report from the doctor that my prostate cancer is still in remission.” – *Roger Fraser DS62*

“My wife gave birth to our second child, Cyrus Lowell Hundt, a year ago, on April 3. I continue to teach at the Youth Initiative High School (www.yihs.net) in Viroqua, WI, along with a couple of Deep Springers, and am finishing up my Waldorf teacher training this summer in New Hampshire. I am also working on the growth and development of the Driftless Folk School (www.driftlessfolkschool.org), offering classes in farming, cooking, folk arts, hunting, alternative energy, and music.” – *Jacob Hundt DS98*

“45 years since I was first accepted to Deep Springs! Still daydreaming of dairy cows, enjoying the country doctor gig, organic gardening, bird watching, doting

The Community Welcomes...

The MacLeish Family

Padraic Macleish DS99 arrived to Deep Springs in the beginning of January to work as our new Mechanic and Maintenance Manager. He has already done a lot for the community in the short time that he has been here, including a complete restoration of two cars (both of which arrived at Deep Springs over five years ago and were not running) and the re-organization of the shop to make it run more efficiently. He did this in addition to solving all the impromptu problems that arise on a daily basis such as steam-cleaning the BH or removing a clog from the grease trap. In his free time Padraic is either engaging in exciting conversation at the BH table, helping a student jump-start a car or spending time with his wife *Shelby* and one year old son, *Elias*. The MacLeishes are expecting a new addition to the family any day now.

Kevin Morrell, DS09 interviewed Padraic about his experience of Deep Springs both now as mechanic and as a student.



How does your family like being here in Deep Springs?

“They love it. My wife and I both grew up in rural areas in New Hampshire and New York and we like the quiet, to be able to go into your backyard to look at the stars and not have somebody watch you. Also, we both used to work full-time jobs before we came here and now Shelby can spend the time with Elias and work on her projects... Elias [meanwhile] loves this; he loves the animals and tractors and is already taking things apart. He will definitely be working with me as a Mechanic later on”.

What is so interesting about being a Mechanic?

“Knowing that you can build or fix anything, and learning that a machine is made up of numerous parts, it is not one solid piece. That means that if something is broken you just have to take it apart and find the problem area. I remember when I was a student at Deep Springs I bought a car that did not shift properly. So I took apart the transmission – which took a long time – and found the problem area. You just have to have a basic understanding of how the system works, and you can fix it”.

Can you tell us why you wanted to become a Mechanic at Deep Springs?

“I always wanted to work with tangible results, so when I left Deep Springs I received an Associate’s Degree in Mechanics and worked on a farm. Then I came back to Deep Springs to teach the students here important life skills. And even small things like cleaning up the Shop to make it tidier and finding ways to make it more efficient are interesting to me. By finding the small problems we can avoid the bigger ones later on in addition to saving money and making the equipment safer to use. Just last week, by cleaning the shop we saved \$500 by sending back air-filters that we did not need.”

What is the most important thing you learned while at Deep Springs?

“That there are thinkers and there are doers. Learning simple life skills such as charging your battery or plunging a toilet is important. There are many thinkers out there who probably have better ideas than I do, but if they don’t understand how things work, no good will come of it. There are many ideas for solving hunger problems in third-world countries, but they will not work without an understanding that is more tangible. The interesting thing is that these people get money for useless solutions. They are the people who talk to Congress to try to get money, and actual doers don’t sell themselves, they are too busy working. Maybe that’s the goal of Deep Springs – to turn talkers into doers and doers into talkers”.

DS08 Future Plans

Nick Baefsky- Cowboy, Year Off
Tim Battafarano- Macalaster College
Ethan Beal-Brown- Brown University
Steve Carmody- Brown University
Terrell Carter- Year Off
Jared Daar- Harvard College
Gabe Eckhouse- UC Berkeley
J. Michael Eugenio-
Noam Finkelstein-
Luc Frolet-
Dylan Kenny- Year Off, then Yale College
David Nasca- University of Chicago

on 3 grandsons so far, hoping to return to sailing and flying, celebrating 18 months prostate cancer survival, and looking forward to a September reunion with Glen Kaufman and Jim Partridge, DS 65 & 66, in the Grand Canyon. Enjoyed our brief Deep Springs visit a few years ago; the garden was inspiring! Students smoking cigarettes -- weird.” – *Michael Cravey DS65*

“I am one of four owners of StaffPointe and I have a team of ten recruiters around the country. Check out our website, www.staffpointe.com. I am an avid marksman and I spend as much time as possible at the range shooting my STI 2011 Eagle 6 9mm semi-automatic. I am very active in the Alexandria Zen Fellowship and will do lay ordination in the Kodo Sawaki Zen Buddhist lineage in April. I have been a Zen Buddhist since I was at Deep Springs where I was introduced to Zen by Alan Watts. My wife Christina, and I travel with our Jayco Designer 34’ RV as often as possible.” – *Larry White DS53*

“I’m alive and well and can be reached at gpoockx@gmail.com.” – *Gerrard Pook DS43*

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"I'm currently living in the beautiful southeast China city of Hangzhou working on an education consulting startup with two Chinese cofounders, was recently interning with alum David Brown in Jakarta at the World Bank, and earlier last year also bumped into alum Eric Abrahamsen in Beijing." – *Beau Rowland DS04*

"In the comic book version of my life, I would be drawn with hearts over my eyes and books for hands. In the newsletter version, I live in San Francisco with my boyfriend and I am a Ph.D. student in education policy at UC Berkeley." – *Jeremy Bearer-Friend DS01*

"I'm living in Eugene, Oregon, where I currently serve as an instructor for the University of Oregon's Political Science department. I teach courses on public law (Constitutional Law, Civil Rights and Liberties, etc.), as well as interdisciplinary courses dealing with political and legal philosophy. My favorite area of academic research is intergenerational justice. My favorite non-academic activities involve camping in the Oregon old growth

Committee Reports

Each of the four standing self-governance committees have made some big changes recently. Here's a look at what keeps the program running smoothly and the students so busy. Each student serves on one or two committees and there is a faculty member on each committee as well.

Curriculum Committee (CurCom)

Chair: Dylan Kenny DS08
Chair-Elect: Michael Harris DS09

CurCom oversees the college's academic program. It interviews and evaluates faculty, helps the Student Body select what courses should be offered, sets up independent studies for interested students, and oversees the academic program during term to make sure things go smoothly. The course descriptions that appear in each alumni newsletter are the result of tireless work by CurCom.

The Curriculum Committee took most of its meals term 3 in the president's office, huddled around a speaker phone interviewing faculty candidates. This year, the college received more applications for faculty positions than student ones-- in the humanities alone. That did not count the results of a heavy job advertising campaign for the Julian Steward Chair of Social Sciences, which will be filled by Professor Joel Schlosser next year. The committee managed to fill two long-term positions starting in the '10-'11 academic year: the community will be welcoming Dr. Amity Wiczek as our first Herb Reich Chair of Natural Sciences since 2002. Finally, Brother Kenneth Cardwell, featured elsewhere in this issue for his geology class, will be the next dean of Deep Springs College starting in January 2011. The community is grateful to CurCom for its work and looks forward to seeing its results next year.

Review & Reinvitations Committee (RCom)

Chair: Nick Baefsky DS08
Chair-Elect: Tim McGinnis DS09

RCom conducts three rounds of internal review each year, evaluating Student Body members' performance as members of the Deep Springs Community. The third round of review carries the weight of reinvitations for the first-years-- deciding whether each will be invited back for his second year. While most of this work remains necessarily confidential, RCom has made some interesting structural changes lately.

RCom recently switched the process of student review to a system of direct evaluations, in which students write letters to each other about their presence and performance. This is a change from the previous system in which Student Body members wrote letters to the committee about each other, and the committee drafted a long, unified evaluation. The infamous RCom letter is not dead, just shorter: a committee member still writes a letter to each student on behalf of the whole committee, but since the student can see all his original peer evaluations, this letter serves just to highlight relevant concerns. While most students are positive about the effects of the direct evaluation system, RCom has not abandoned the old model altogether, using indirect evaluations for this year's third round of review.

Communications Committee (ComCom)

Chair: David Nasca DS08

Chair-Elect: Kevin Morrell DS09

ComCom's duties include most external communications for the school: writing this newsletter, managing student recruitment efforts, and bringing in journalists who want to write stories about Deep Springs for outside publications.

This year, ComCom introduced a new brochure targetted at prospective students. Thinner than our old prospectus, the decreased price per brochure allowed us to reach a greater number of high school juniors and seniors with our SAT mailing than we have in years past, contributing to an increase in student applications over recent years.

This year in the media, Deep Springs was featured on the web site of US News & World Report as having one of "Eight Cool College Dorms." In November, the college was featured in a Japanese-language education magazine, and we recently hosted a reporter and two photographers putting together an article for Next, the magazine of French daily newspaper *Liberación*.

Finally, ComCom would like your help with an upcoming project! We are assembling a network of alumni to volunteer a few hours of their time to visit their local high schools and college fairs to drop off literature and answer students' questions about Deep Springs. If you'd like to help, or if you just know a kid who looks like he needs an admissions brochure, contact us at comcom@deepsprings.edu!

Applications Committee (ApCom)

Chair: Noam Finkelstein DS08

Chair-elect: Thomas Mathew DS09

ApCom is responsible for the processing and evaluation of all student applications every year, and assembling the class that will be admitted to Deep Springs the following year. The Student Body passed a motion with a list of names recommended by ApCom to become the class of DS10 on Friday, March 12. A peek inside the schedule that finished handling a record number of applications in record time:

ApCom started the year by training the new committee members to read and discuss applications so they could hit the ground running. When first round applications hit campus in late November, all willing community members were enlisted to read the first three essays of each applicant's portfolio. For 35 second-rounders granted high scores by community and ApCom readers, those three essays turned into seven, plus an on-campus interview. The second round was also when ApCom tried out a new and innovative procedure: splitting the committee in half, with each subcommittee handling half of the second round applications. The subcommittee procedure allowed for smaller, more focused discussions after interviews and reduced the heavy workload during application season. After every applicant had his interview, the subcommittees merged for careful yet efficient final deliberations.

and strumming songs on guitar." – *John Davidson DS79*

"On the eve of my 29th birthday I'm happy to report on my progress in the Interdisciplinary Ecology program here at the University of Florida. I'm in the second semester of my Masters of Science degree with a concentration in Tropical Conservation and Development. I'm planning to do research in Malawi (where I worked with the Peace Corps) this summer. I will be looking at the decision criteria behind local peoples' use of the Mount Mulanje forest reserve, attempting to discover to what degree and in what forms local people incorporate considerations of 'ecological sustainability' in their forest livelihood decision processes. For more info please e-mail me at john-dudleyfort@ufl.edu." – *John Fort DS99*

"As for me, I am currently in Atlanta, GA enjoying the close of my first year at Emory Law School. Before that, I was enlisted in the Army for seven years following a two year, post-DS stint at Dartmouth. This summer, it will be back to Maine for a job with Brann & Isaacson, general counsel to L.L. Bean, and a boutique law firm offering national ex-

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expertise in direct marketing and interstate tax litigation.”

– *Clark Copelin DS98*

“I still live in a one-horse town (Bishop -- some say it's a two-horse town now but the second horse is a mule) and still work for a thorn in the side of the LADWP (the feudal landlord of Inyo County), KSRW-FM & TV. I met the dark side of having a suppressed immune system (the sometimes euphemism for a four letter acronym that is often still regarded as a four letter word) a few years ago and apparently made it back in good shape, well enough to continue to enjoy my view of White Mountain and the Kmart sign from my kitchen window. I honor the great works of the Deep Springs alumni but great works was just not on my dance card for this incarnation, just a number of small works done with an ‘abundance of heart’ that we all understand so well.”

Ron Alexander DS64

“This summer I am (again) teaching an online course in Historical Geography for Northeastern University--while continuing to live in Iowa City, which is

Br. Kenneth Cardwell

We are pleased to welcome *Brother Kenneth Cardwell, FSC* to the Valley for the Spring Semester. He is teaching “Its Our Fault: Geology of Deep Springs Valley”.

Brother Kenneth is a San Francisco Bay Area native and a member of Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a Roman Catholic lay order founded in 17th Century France. The Christian Brothers are a teaching order and conduct educational work in over 80 countries; just don't call him a Jesuit.

Br. Kenneth received a Bachelor's degree in the Great Books Program from St. Mary's College, a Christian Brothers College, in 1971. Following that, he taught at an inner city high school in Los Angeles and after four years of teaching high school he went to the University of Washington Seattle to pursue a Ph.D. in Biomedical History. While Brother Kenneth was in the process of earning his degree, the program was cut. Undeterred, Brother Kenneth set out for Oxford and read Philosophy and Theology at Greyfriars Hall. He then returned to the Bay Area to teach at St. Mary's while completing a Ph.D. in Rhetoric at UC Berkeley; his dissertation was on Francis Bacon and the inquisition of nature. Brother Kenneth has served at St. Mary's College, both a professor in the great books program and an administrator in charge of the Liberal Arts core curriculum. While on sabbatical from St. Mary's, Brother Kenneth taught English as a second Language at the University of Bethlehem.

Despite having received his Ph. D in Rhetoric, Brother Kenneth is the paragon of Liberal Arts man and has long studied geology. Students have been reading everything from Thomas Kuhn (a historian of science) to archival papers written at Deep Springs by past students. The class focuses on the incredible geological formations we take for granted here in the Valley and students have especially enjoyed the field trips to in-Valley locales such as the fault scarp down by the Lake and basaltic lava flows on Chocolate Mountain. In addition to fieldwork, the class had a substantial lab component and students have learned the principals of geological identification of rocks.

Brother Kenneth calls himself a “longtime desert lover” and is excited to be living in and studying Deep Springs Valley. He has spent time backpacking around the Western Sierra and is loving life on the East Side. He has been surprised by the collaborative approach to academics at Deep Springs and how “non-cutthroat” the Student Body is (he has yet to view an SB meeting though). Brother Kenneth has enlisted his geology expertise in several labor projects: directing the GL crew to a mine to collect un-weathered granite for use in an outdoor oven, and to outcroppings on Westgaard Pass to collect shale for the garden. We will be welcoming Br. Kenneth back next year to serve as our Dean.



Brother Kenneth on a trip to Death Valley.

Dr. Charles Grimes

Dr. Charles Grimes is on leave from UNC-Wilmington and is teaching a class on the playwrights Samuel Beckett and Harold Pinter this Spring Semester. While in high school, Charles always planned on studying engineering at MIT, but in his junior year, L.L. Nunn got to him. Charles attended a TA summer program wherein he was convinced that he should follow his passions. He did end up attending MIT, but dual majored in chemical engineering and American studies.

Following MIT, Charles decided to really follow his passion for theater and attended Villanova where he received a Masters Degree in Theater Arts. While engaging his studies, Charles acted in numerous productions, usually portraying “neurotic over-intellectual types.” He eventually decided that the more academic side of theater suited him better and he moved to New York to pursue a Ph.D. at NYU. He hasn’t looked back (or used his chemical engineering experience) since.

Charles first heard about Deep Springs while at his TASP and it had always remained in the back of his mind as some “crazy college for brilliant guys”. Charles was excited to get a chance to experience Deep Springs first hand, especially because he felt he was in the grips of a bit of a career turning point. The “active brains” of Deep Springers and the depth of conversation he has experienced both inside the classroom and over meals has impressed him.

He is thrilled to be offering a class on his two favorite playwrights, and students are thrilled to have the opportunity to extensively examine Samuel Beckett and Harold Pinter’s works while placing the playwrights in dialogue with each other. Charles enjoys both the way that Beckett plays with words and the mysteries that Pinter’s works often present. Students find that Charles’ expertise and passion for these playwrights has been an incredible asset to the classroom. A particularly exciting aspect of the class was the live production of three one-act plays held before a community audience in the Museum: “Krapp’s Last Tape” (Beckett), “New World Order” (Pinter), and “Victoria Station” (Pinter). In addition to reading and analyzing the material, students are getting the unique opportunity to experience these plays from different angles; directing, casting, and acting in these productions



Charles and Alexander Foresting DS09 discuss Pinter after a screening of “The Homecoming”.

about 1000 miles from my Boston-based students. I also continue researching the Sudanese of Iowa City (Southern Sudanese refugees go to Des Moines; Arabic speaking Northern asylees to Iowa City--go figure!)” – *Charles Abbott DS84*

Etay Zwick DS01 is a Ph.D student with the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago. He is also one of the founders and editors of The Point magazine, a print publication of rigorous but accessible writing about contemporary life. www.thepointmag.com

Jake Giessman DS94 “is giving up the helm at an independent day school in Western Mass. and moving to coordinate gifted-talented services for the public schools in Columbia, Mo.--his hometown as well as David Wax DS00 and Dan Barnard’s DS92. Partner Annabel Bradford and three-year-old Xavier will work hard to avoid becoming typical mid-west-erners!”

Edwin J. Wesely DS45 of New York City, a DS Trustee 1992-2000, spent more than a quarter century in the leadership of CARE, the international relief and development organization. He remains involved in humanitarian

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activities as a member of the Board of Overseers of the International Rescue Committee and as Chairman Emeritus of The International Center in New York. Retired from the practice of law after nearly 50 years as a commercial litigator, Ed enjoys daily gym workouts, travel, concerts and theater, spending time with his multigenerational family, and listening to audiobooks on his overflowing iPod.

Warren Rosenblum DS83 is taking a year's sabbatical beginning in May, in part to work on his next book about a high-profile murder case involving a prominent Jewish businessman in 1920s Weimar Republic. The European History Section affiliate of the Southern Historical Association selected Warren's book "Beyond The Prison Gates: Punishment and Welfare in Germany, 1850-1933" to receive the Baker-Burton award for Best First Book in European History of 2009.

2009 was a busy year for *Brendan Taaffe DS91*. His Irish fiddle and acoustic band "Magic Foot" just released an album called Stomping Ground and a

LaborCom Update

The Labor Committee is made up of volunteers from the staff and student body to analyze the meaning and mechanics of the labor program. With re-accreditation looming, these are the people articulating principles to be presented outside the Deep Springs Community.

In last year's spring newsletter, the Labor Committee published a mission statement for the labor program, containing a list of goals such as, "to develop and sustain a good work ethic," and "to complement academics and self-governance." This year, the committee has been working to bring those high-minded principles into the program in more concrete ways. They started by taking a long, hard look at every position on the ranch: what technical skills could be learned, what personal characteristics were required or preferable of a student in the position, and what measurable benchmarks could be checked off to qualify an adequate performance.

From this analysis, the committee is in the late stages of a process that will produce three documents relevant to each position. The first is a long-standing tradition at Deep Springs: a written "passover" for each position that presumably details all the knowledge a student needs to fulfill his duties in that position. Unfortunately, LaborCom found the current passover system in a state of disarray. Many had not been updated for several years, students had been placed in some positions without being given a passover, and some positions did not even have passovers. Using student representatives who had served in each of the positions in question, the committee quilted the passover system back together, and developed from scratch the missing passovers. They centralized all the new passovers in a single location, so everybody now knows where to find their marching orders.

The other two documents LaborCom has developed for each position act as a pair: a list of expectations, to be given to students at the beginning of the term, and an evaluation sheet, to be filled out by the staff member overseeing a student's position once he has completed his term. The goal is to eliminate the confusion associated with ambiguous expectations and shorten the learning curve for students doing unfamiliar work. Being presented with such concrete goals up front gives staff the ability to hold students to a high standard in their labor, and LaborCom and the LC can track students' performances in labor similar to the way grades track performance in academics. Conversely, there is also an evaluation of the staff member that is filled out by the student. This ensures that staff members receive detailed and regular feedback.

When L.L. Nunn founded Deep Springs, he meant for his educational model incorporating academics, labor, and self-governance to be a pioneering venture in higher education that others might follow. History has shown ours to be a difficult path to follow, and today Deep Springs remains a one-of-a-kind institution in many good ways. By taking steps to formalize the labor program, it is hoped that we will not only justify all three pillars of our education to an outside accreditation committee, but we will also provide a useful "how-to" manual for other schools wishing to develop a labor program modeled after Mr. Nunn's.

Left to Right: Noam Finkelstein DS08 roping a calf at branding, Christian Cain DS09 at our annual labor party to muck out the Upper Res, this year we did branding at the Lake Corral the 'cowboy way'.



Spring-Summer Academic Offerings

In addition to Brother Kenneth's Structural Geology and Charles Grimes' Beckett and Pinter, students enjoyed courses by our (more) permanent faculty during the spring semester.

Modernism in Modern Art

With sixteen students, *Dean Justin Kim's* modernism class was the most popular voluntary class in the 2009-2010 academic lineup. The syllabus drew readings from prominent art historians and theorists as well as paintings and sculptures that captured the movement. Students both studied art and did it, writing papers and turning in photos, sculptures, and paintings. See one student's modernistic rendering of the BH on the last page of this newsletter.

Dante and Zhuangzi

One-Year Humanities Professor Jennifer Rapp offered a literature course in which students read all of Dante's *Divine Comedy* and supplemented it with readings from Zhuangzi.

Ethics Seminar

Jennifer Rapp also led a close reading of Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*.

Bioethics and the Law

An anthropologist by trade, the syllabus by *One-Year Social Sciences Professor Stefan Sperling DS92* started with ethnographic accounts of foreign medical systems, moved through a series of critiques of western biomedicine, and came to dwell on the ethical and legal frameworks surrounding medicine in America and Western Europe.

History of Economic Thought

Stefan Sperling guided five students through some of the economic texts that have shaped our time: Smith's *Wealth of Nations*, Ricardo's *Principles*, Mill's *Principles of Political Economy*, and Marx's *Capital*.

Homer

College President David Neidorf offered his popular close reading of the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* for the second straight semester.

Term 6 Course Offerings

"Catching Spies," is a critical examination of the figure of the spy in 20th century literature and film with *Tamar Abramov, Ph. D.*

Former US Diplomat *Ron Mortensen, Ph. D.*, teaches students the ins and outs of the American foreign policymaking machine in "International Relations"

"The Human Genome" is an exploration of evolutionary and population genetics with *Robert Drewell, Ph.D.*

collection of his essays on music was published as *Handy with the Stick*. You can find out more at www.brendantaaffe.com

Paul Starrs DS75 has collaborated with photographer Peter Goin to create *A Field Guide to California Agriculture* which will be released by the University of California Press in May, 2010. The book includes over 140 photographs, two dozen maps and a full index designed to help amateurs and professionals alike identify and understand crops growing in California, the richest agricultural region in the world.

Kelly Carlin DS02 has been working with education non-profits and leading wilderness trips for youth in northern Canada and Alaska, based out of Minneapolis.

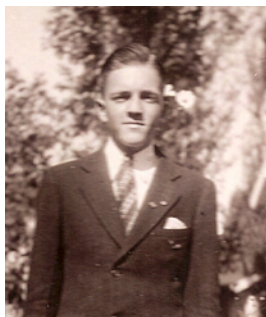
Tom Hudgens DS88 will have his cookbook *The Common Sense Kitchen: 600 Recipes Plus Lessons for a Handcrafted Life* published by Chronicle Books in the fall of 2010. Many of the stories and recipes are derived from Tom's 3-year stint as *Deep Springs* cook in the 1990s. The book is a full maturation of *The Deep Springs Cookbook* which Tom self-published then (and which is revered and still

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used today by student body cooks in the Boarding House). To purchase the book, check out the online link on the alumni news page of the Deep Springs website.

James Gorman, M.D., Ph.D., DS77, is now married to Dr. Annette G. Pein. They live outside Boston with their two daughters. They enjoy languages, travel, skiing, fencing, music and camping. Dr. Gorman is CEO and Chief Medical Officer of BioAssets Development Corporation (www.biodevco.com) a small privately-owned biopharmaceutical company pioneering novel uses of successful biotechnology drugs for the treatment of pain in patients with disk herniation and sciatic pain. He is currently overseeing a Phase II clinical trial at 7 hospitals and pain centers in Australia. After Deep Springs, he completed an M.D. degree at Harvard Medical School, and a concurrent Ph.D. in immunology and molecular biology at Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. After training in Pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Boston, he worked in licensing and acquisitions at Abbott Laboratories prior

In Memoriam



Morrison Rutherford, M.D., DS35 of Medford, Oregon, died Feb 4, 2009. He was 89 years old. Born May 30, 1919, in Washington, DC, "Moppy" (as he called himself) came to Deep Springs in September 1935 and stayed three years. During his last year in the valley, he agitated for improvements to the heating system of the college. In 1938 he transferred to Cornell University and Telluride House. He received his medical degree from Cornell Medical College in 1943; served as a captain in the U.S. Army during WWII, then finished his OB/GYN residency in Washington, DC. He married Mary Carpenter in 1945 and moved to

Oxnard, California in 1950, where he practiced for 29 years. They retired to Three Rivers, Calif., until moving to the Rogue Valley Manor in Medford in 1998. He is survived by two daughters, their husbands and four grandchildren.

Carl George Allen DS29 passed away in January, 2009. A debater and basketball player, Carl was raised in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and interviewed for Deep Springs at Telluride's Cornell Branch. He came west to the valley in September of 1929, traveling by train with 2nd year men on their way back. He worked three years in Deep Springs before transferring to Cornell and settling in Telluride House in 1932. Carl had a successful practice in museum insurance services and lived in southern California for many years. He was an avid conservationist throughout his life. In his later years, Carl worked actively to establish protected natural habitat on several hundred acres of land he had acquired in the mid-20th century along the South Fork of the San Joaquin River near Fresno, California.

Andrew Linehan DS73 died on January 8, 2010 after a long battle with metastatic melanoma. "Andy" was born in Paris, where his father was then a Foreign Service officer at the U.S. Embassy. He spent his youth in Quebec, South Australia, Liberia, Ghana, and Sierra Leone, with intervals in the Washington, D.C., area and came to Deep Springs in summer, 1973. He remained an avid supporter of the college throughout his life. In 1978 he received his bachelor's degree in international studies at Reed College. He worked at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., before entering the Peace Corps and spending 1979-81 in Mauretania. He was then awarded a two-year fellowship to the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, graduating in 1984 with a master's degree in public policy and urban and regional planning, after which he accepted a job with the department of energy at the Bonneville Power Administration.

In 1988 he joined a private engineering firm in Portland. At the time of his death, he was director of wind permitting for the international energy firm Iberdrola Renewables. Andy's professional and civic activities included presidency of the Portland City Club. He was appointed by the Portland city council to the Citizen Campaign Commission, which helped develop and modify Portland's ground-breaking publicly financed election campaigns, and was active in his Laurelhurst neighborhood association. He was a founding board member of the American Wind and Wildlife Institute. In 2007 he was appointed by the President to the federal advisory committee for wind power of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He was widely lauded by his friends and colleagues for his professional ethic, particularly as it related to his concern for wildlife and the environment. He and his partner, Carl, tried to spend as much time as they could outdoors. The arts, his garden and overseas travel were other shared joys. He leaves behind his partner of 20 years, Carl Snook; his mother, a sister, a brother and his spouse, a sister and her partner, and a niece.

Winona Holloway, widow of long-time ranch manager Merritt Holloway and friend to scores of Deep Springers, passed away on November 5th, 2009 in Live Oak, California. She was born on September 18, 1915 in Wallowa County, Oregon and received a certificate in elementary education. Winona met Merritt while she was working as a teacher in nearby Flora, Oregon and the two were married in 1938. During the war years, Winona & Merritt had three sons, Tipton, Teddy and Thomas, and their young family settled at Deep Springs in 1948 when Merritt hired on as the ranch hand. After the Holloways moved on from Deep Springs in 1950, they tried their hand at a variety of ranching and resort jobs and Winona took a number of teaching positions at rural schools in California and Arizona. In 1969, Deep Springs asked Merritt to take over as Ranch Manager and the couple moved back with their daughter (also named Winona), whereupon they settled in for ten years. Winona's active intellect and strong personality were greatly appreciated by a decade's worth of students who learned by her side. An avid writer and researcher, Winona went on to publish three memoirs about her life and travels with Merritt throughout the Great Basin.

Long time faculty resident **Dian "Dani" Mawby** died December 17, 2009 in Portland, Oregon. Dian married John Mawby DS53 in June, 1967 and moved to Deep Springs in 1969. The two of them lived in the valley until the summer of 1984 while Dr. Mawby held the long-term science position, teaching geology, evolution and paleontology. Artistic, curious and energetic, nearly 200 alumni from those years will remember Dani's quietly effective presence in the community. Her illustrations of local desert flora adorned the Alumni Newsletter for several years and an article by students in the September, 1975 issue caught her style and perspective beautifully: "Dani's creativity extends to dressmaking, knitting and weaving. Salvaging sheep's wool, student hair clippings, and using natural dyes for spinning her own yarn, she has woven yards of upholstery material. We are grateful for her creative cooking in the boarding house when the need arises. It is through her instigation and instruction that students have made pounds of cheese, thus utilizing surplus milk." She left her mark on the college to which she devoted the prime years of her life. Following Deep Springs, Dian earned her MBA and worked for a number of years in health care administration.

Francis Peters DS37, died on July 7, 2009. Francis was born in Forty Fort, Pennsylvania and came to Deep Springs in the fall of 1937 after graduating high school in Wilkes-Barre. He returned to Pennsylvania by 1940 where he worked as a weigh-master in the coal industry and enlisted in the U.S. Army after the attack of Pearl Harbor. Francis applied for officer training and eventually served with 311th General Hospital in the Philippines. After the war, he took a degree from the Electronic Data Processing Institute of New York. He ultimately retired from Chrysler Finance in Allentown, PA as a systems analyst. Francis enjoyed reading, playing chess and traveling. He is survived by a son, a daughter, a sister, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



Steven Paul Oliver DS63 died on August 25, 2009, after being struck by a train near Davis, California. Steven graduated as a junior from high school in Berea, Ohio before coming to Deep Springs in the summer of 1963. He stayed two and a half years, during which time he served as LC and was noted for his "professorial" manner in the classroom. After Deep Springs, he attended MIT and received his law degree from University of Virginia Law School.

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Myer Nore DS03 After getting a degree in piano performance and spending a few years teaching math and English in Nebraska, Myer now lives in Boston with his wife Arhia Kohlmoos. He works for the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, is a member of the Renaissance vocal ensemble Convivium Musicum, and is active in several Boston computer programming groups.

Gregory Boisdet DS92 lives with his wife Magali and their four children in Tuscany, Italy. Gregory produces olive oil and wine from the 45 acre estate of Colle Marzina.

We want to hear from you! Please send your news for publication to Fundraising Director David Welle DS80 at dwelle@deepsprings.edu.

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The Year in Labor

Five Snapshots of Exciting Ways We Work



Stable Boy: Tim Batafarrano DS08

Tim spent terms 1-3 at the lower ranch keeping watch over the horse barn. He worked overtime to keep stalls clean and train two horses, young Peruvian Pasos, recently donated to the college. Pasos are known for their atypical gait, throwing their legs out to the side while trotting, and keeping their backs almost perfectly level. "Smooth is the way you describe riding a paso, I think," Tim said. One horse put in Tim's charge, a mare named Dulcinea, became fully rideable by the time he rotated out to Grounds/Orderly work in term 4. Negrita, the other horse he worked with, made progress becoming comfortable around people, but will take some more work before she is ready to work as a ranch horse.

Butcher: Tyler Bourgoise DS09

Tyler Bourgoise spent terms 3 and 4 bringing a whole new artistry to the butcher position. He butchered 16 lambs, 7 pigs, and 5 cows to supply the community with delicious smoked bacon, corned beef, pancetta, low-salt ham, salt-cured pork chops, and other goodies. "Well, what it has taught me is interesting: I feel like I could be stranded anywhere and survive off the fauna around me."

Welder/ Maintenance Man: Ethan Beal-Brown DS08

The proverb "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," is generally a rule to live by, but the material reality of Deep Springs is that most things, eventually, end up broken. That is why the labor program has a full time maintenance man. Ethan spends his afternoon mending the various machines around campus that need attention. In addition to a keen mechanical eye, this maintenance man has another skill going for him: Farmer Mark Dunn DS99 taught him to weld during term 3.

Ethan says he gained confidence from the experience. "I feel much more comfortable working with my hands and solving problems, understanding how things work and how to fix them. Before maintenance, I'd look at things I needed to take apart and say 'Huh, there don't seem to be any clearly visible screws on it.' now, I'd be able to take a part and (hopefully) fix it."

Above: butcher Tyler Bourgoise working on packaging the different cuts of beef. Left, Ethan Beal-Brown joins two channel beams.





Pruners: Luc Frolet DS08 and Thomas Mathew DS09

Perched precariously in treetops against the winter wind, the pruners looked after the health of our orchard this winter to make sure all was well by the time trees started budding. As most of the “apprenticeship” jobs, the pruner position is held by two students, a second-year who did it the year before, and a first-year who will train his successor next January. “By the end of pruning, the act of pruning becomes automatic and natural. This can be good or bad: it is good when the weather is good and you feel energized, but when you can’t energize yourself, your pruning gets worse. The job teaches you about concentration.” said Thomas. Due to weather that shut down pruning operations for a few weeks during term 4, there was still work to be done when the term ended. Luc is now moving lines and driving tractors for Farm Team, but Thomas continued his work in the orchard for part of term five then hopped the fence to join the garden team when the trees were done.



Above: Pruner Luc Frolet takes care of the orchard, Above Left: Stable boy Tim Battafarano works with one of the Pasos in the Round Corral, Bottom (left to right) Beefsky; Carter West & Lilith; Winona, Remus & Romula.

Dairy Boy: Carter West DS09

Carter has had his hands full since he took up dairy in the bitter cold of term 4. This member of ApCom took one of the most time-intensive positions at Deep Springs just as his committee load was heaviest. And life in the dairy has not been ordinary: Carter has overseen the birth of four leppies (calves): Winona, twins Remus and Romula, and Ohio. Ruth, Ohio’s mother, suffered an injury in the final days of her pregnancy that bumped the dairy boys’ schedule up to three runs per day. Between overseeing the recovery of his cow, bottle-feeding the leppies and a herd orphan called Beefsky, (named for cowboy Nick Baefsky DS08, who helped deliver the young bull), Carter still found time to make delicious dairy products for the kitchen, complete his class and committee work, and maintain a social presence. Despite his claims to the contrary, we’re fairly sure he has entirely overcome the human need for sleep.





Julie Cornett has been coming out to Deep Springs every Tuesday to help us manage our library. Julie is a Bishop resident and also works at Cerro Coso Community College as their librarian. She was asked by Dean Justin Kim in 2009 to join the staff on a part time basis to help us with our ever-growing collection. So far, she has been updating our cataloging and fixing discrepancies, overseeing the addition of donated books to our collection, and working with the faculty to cull underused and outdated books to make more room in the collection.

Julie enjoys the unique quirks and challenges of the Deep Springs Library. It is the only library she has worked at that still primarily uses a paper card catalog and has numerous rare and collectable books. She appreciates the use that the Deep Springs Library gets and says that even though it's smaller, it's a much more used library than the Cerro Coso library.

Despite only being here once a week, Julie has become a valued member of the Deep Springs Community. She is always talking with students over meals and bringing in the news from Bishop. She even babysits the SB pet orphaned lamb, Floyd, when she's here.

For more on her work at Deep Springs (and at Cerracoso) check out her blog at www.frontierlibrarian.posterous.com.



Floyd taking a stroll through the stacks. Taken by Julie.

Tom Hudgens DS88 will be publishing *The Common Sense Kitchen: 500 Recipes and Lessons for a Hand-Crafted Life* this September. *The Common Sense Kitchen* is the realized version of The Deep Springs Cookbook that Tom compiled here during his tenure as staff cook from 1998-2001. The Deep Springs Cookbook in its unbound, three ring binder form is a true Deep Springs classic. Students have been turning to it for over a decade to find delicious and easy to follow recipes for everything from pies to pot roasts. The Common Sense Kitchen will be available in September and is published by Chronicle Books (www.chroniclebooks.com). Look out for a link to buy Tom's book on the Deep Springs website (www.deepsprings.edu). Below is a recipe for Skillet Cornbread from *The Common Sense Kitchen*.

From *The Common Sense Kitchen*
Skillet Cornbread (serves 6-8)

½ cup polenta (coarse cornmeal)
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup medium-grind cornmeal (white has a subtly finer taste, but yellow is prettier)
½ cup sifted all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup (2 ounces) finely grated sharp white Cheddar cheese (optional)
2 eggs, lightly beaten
2 tablespoons brown sugar
½ cup sweet corn kernels (optional; 1 small ear's worth)
5 to 6 tablespoons butter (3 or 4 tablespoons for the batter, 2 tablespoons for the skillet)

Heat the oven to 400°F. For best results, have all ingredients at room temperature. In a medium bowl, stir the polenta into the buttermilk and set aside. Sift the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together into a large bowl. If you are using the cheese, toss it with the dry ingredients.

Into the polenta-buttermilk mixture, stir the eggs and the sugar (and the corn, if you are using it). Meanwhile, in the oven, melt the butter in a well-seasoned, 10-inch cast-iron skillet. Stir all but 2 tablespoons of this melted butter into the wet ingredients, returning the hot skillet, with the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, to the oven. Carefully add the wet ingredients to the dry, stirring just until the dry ingredients are moistened—do not overmix.

When the butter in the skillet is just beginning to brown, spoon the thick batter into the skillet—it should sizzle happily. Bake for 15 minutes, or just until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let the cornbread rest in the skillet for a moment, then invert it onto a plate. Since the skillet will retain a great deal of heat, it's best not to leave the cornbread in the skillet, lest it overcook and dry out. Serve immediately.

Farewell to Bill Scott



Bill Scott, our BH manager and staff cook since August of 2008 left the Valley at the end of this past term five. We can only express our gratitude for the service that Bill has done for the BH and Deep Springs.

During his tenure, the BH has undergone thorough reorganization. He brought it from a largely inefficient operation and rag-tag kitchen to a gleaming well organized kitchen, with separate baking room, to rival any commercial operation's— save for the little things that give it true “Deep Springs” flavor like the ever ready quesadilla pan and refrigerators packed with student concoctions which Bill dutifully and deliciously turned into the next day's lunch. Bill oversaw improvements to the BH like refinishing the Baker's Room and basement floors, contracting with Sysco for dry-goods orders to save money, and the acquisition of much needed new appliances.

Bill truly rose to the challenge of cooking for Deep Springs; Deep Springs produce never went bad, Deep Springs meat was never tough, and Deep Springs stomachs never went unfilled. Our menu was always fresh and exciting. The made to order breakfasts, Mexican lunches, and seafood dinners (yes, Bill's magic even brought seafood to the high desert) will be especially missed.

Inside the kitchen Bill was an inspirational leader teaching students the value of planning ahead and efficiency and how to make wonderful meals while managing to keep a truly enjoyable atmosphere in the often-stressful kitchen environment. Outside the kitchen, Bill was a friend and mentor always ready to argue the latest student issues, tell one of his fantastic stories or jokes, plan preserving veggies with Karen Mitchell and the gardeners, and host students at Henderson Station for poker nights and refreshments.

Bill returns to his home in Marin County, CA to open a restaurant featuring southwest fare with a local seaside flair. If you're ever passing through Stinson Beach on Highway 1, be sure to stop by for what I can promise will be an amazing meal. Pass on to Bill that we are missing him (and his meals!) here in the Valley.

Replacing Bill beginning the last week of Term Six will be *Jonathan “Dewey” DeWeese DS07* fresh out of the University of Chicago. Dewey's amazing pastries and meals have yet to fade from institutional memory (no small feat here at Deep Springs) and we are awaiting his return to the Valley eagerly. We are not awaiting his return with grumbling stomachs, however. We are thankful that *Jennifer Orr*, a Bishop resident and local caterer, is serving as interim cook and providing us with delicious and hearty meals.



Above: Artistic Rendering of the Boarding House by Ethan Beal-Brown DS08. Bill Scott received a large framed copy as a going away gift from the SB.

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