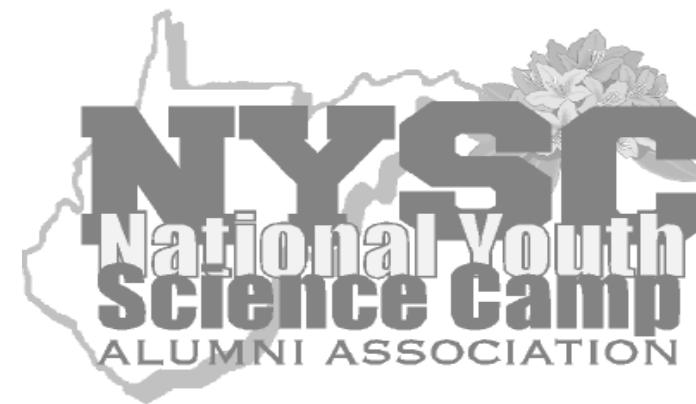




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WELCOME from the President...

NYSC 2000 delegates — welcome to the NYSCAA! To you and everyone else, I encourage active participation as an NYSC alumnus. Our membership fees largely go toward the production and mailing of this newsletter; in the future, however, alternating newsletters may be done on-line — give me your feedback with this possibility! Please note, also, that you will never be excluded from the mailing list unless you specifically request it (and I sincerely hope that you don't)! Consider coming to the 2001 NYSCAA reunion. I am pleased that we are getting word out about it in advance, and hope this means more folks can attend. In the meantime, why not pick up the phone/pull out the keyboard/jot a handwritten letter to a camp friend you haven't heard from in awhile — NYSC's a special bond. That never changes. —Erica Umback SD90, President-Elect

Introduction of the NYSCAA Officers

As you may recall, our last newsletter featured an election of a new batch of members for NYSCAA. The Board of Advisor members who were elected (to three year terms) are Jay Blanchard (LA79), Doren Burrell (ST79+) and Karen Sabog (HI82), who join Julie Robinson (ID85), Steve Blasberg (CA68), Paul Frye (WV69), and Paul Goodrich (NE69). The officers that have been elected were: Erica Umback (SD90 - President Elect), Liwen Mah (CA89 - Treasurer), and Mo Shah (PA91 -Secretary). The President actually serves a three year term- the first year as President-Elect (liaison to the alumni), the second year as President (liaison to the NYSCF) and the third year as Past-President (liaison to the NYSC director). Paul Shih (MI91) moves from President-Elect to President, and Cathy Perry (SD87) moves from President to Past-President. For those of you who don't know the officers, here is an opportunity for some introductions:

President-Elect: Erica currently works as an occupational therapist in an Indiana hospital (acute, critical care and subacute settings). Fall prevention in the elderly and the initial treatment/education for stroke patients are her two favorite areas. Her interests include tennis, cultural activities, traveling, and lotsa music – she is involved in community and church music. South Dakota is where she grew up (1990 delegate from there) and she returned to WV to work on staph in 1992, 1993, and 1996, along with 1994 for the Mountaineer Youth Science Camp. Her three main focuses as NYSCAA President-Elect are: 1) getting an accessible, on-line, alumni database up and running; 2) promoting NYSCAA involvement; and 3) exponentially expanding the Adler fund to help endow NYSC.

Please feel free to contact Erica with any concerns/ ideas at 812.877.4064 or EricaNYSCstuph@aol.com.

TREASURER: Liwen Mah has been living on the outskirts of that foreign land known as Sillycon Valley, where the cost of a median-price home would pay for an entire NYSC session and lots of Frisbees besides. Fortunately, beyond the SUVs and Starbucks, there are plenty of worthy distractions nearby. Liwen has been volunteering for the San Francisco Bay Wildlife Refuge and Bird Observatory while still finding time to snowboard Kirkwood, run the Avenue of the Giants, rock climb Sierra granite, and backpack California. While backpacking, Liwen met the love of his life, and Liwen & Yvette married last year. Since his last year on Staph in 1992, NYSC has continued to tug on his heart (especially every time he sees that pair of Dave Masunaga's brown socks, which he really does intend to return after they're laundered...after eight years...well, maybe Dave deserves a new pair), and he looks forward to helping NYSCAA become stronger.

SECRETARY: Maulik Shah (better known as Mo) was a camper from PA in 1991. He currently is a slave to the almighty dollar and has mortgaged his soul to his boss who keeps it chained up in the company vault. He lives in the Washington DC area, best known for gridlock both in government and in traffic. Besides getting President-Elect Erica's coffee in the morning, Mo hopes as secretary he can help make the NYSCAA a much stronger organization nationally as well as locally. He and the organization are committed to getting two newsletters out a year! He also wants to establish local alumni groups in large metro areas to increase alumni involvement! Do you want to get involved? Feel free to contact him at maulik@Bigfoot.com or call him at home at 703-406-0912.

Your Address Label

Ever wonder what the little numbers mean on the top of your mailing label? The part that says "Last Update" is the last time your file was updated. The "Your Dues Expire" date is one year from when you paid your dues last. The "Last Bio" field is the date we last received a biographical update form from you. Has it been a while since you've been updated? Find the bio update form inside and send it in!

As of this date, many of the staph positions are filled, however if you are interested in staph application for the 2001 NYSC, the website is:

<http://www.sciencecamp.org/staph>

As you might think, the National Youth Science Camp and the NYSC Alumni Association have a presence on the net! The NYSC itself has a web site at: www.sciencecamp.org and the Alumni organization has a web site at www.nyscaa.com

The Alumni site will be updated very shortly – you'll be able to query and update your bio online, buy staph at the camp store and more!



Report from the 2000 National Youth Science Camp

From Paul Miller, Camp 2000 Director. I am frequently asked by newspaper reporters, prospective delegates, guests and others unfamiliar with the program to "summarize" the NYSC. Since you have attended the camp, you know that the camp can't be summarized with a simple list of program details. The scope of the NYSC goes far beyond details to include broad-based learning—not just about science, but about what it means to be a scientist, not just about spending time in the outdoors, but about how to lead a full, self-designed, well-rounded life. That said, I'll share a few of the highlights, knowing they only convey in part the full magic of the NYSC 2000.



The 37th National Youth Science Camp ended on Monday morning, July 24, 2000, as the delegates were handed a packet of addresses and a CD-ROM with thousands of digital photographs of their summer in West Virginia. They experienced another outstanding academic program. Once again, we blended many of our long time guests with some highly-rated new additions. It is a credit to Beth Kinne (VT 91), this year's program director, that the excellent speakers are too numerous to mention. As usual, these guests donated their time and provided valuable informal interaction with the delegates during the hours of the day beyond their scheduled program appearance.

Rather than presenting a simple list, let me highlight two of this summer's presenters. Lecturing for the first time was Dr. Margaret Lowman of the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Florida. Meg recently wrote a memoir titled *Life in the Treetops: Adventures of a Woman in Field Biology*,



which is how we heard of her. She pioneered the study of the rain forest canopy, entering the field before it was well-known that the canopy is where most of the action and variety is. Without any prior knowledge of NYSC, she seems to embody much of

the spirit of it. I hope that she becomes a regular guest.

One who has become a regular is Dr. Ken Ono. Ken came this summer for the third time. Currently a member of the math department at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Ken was recently named a member of the NSF's 50th anniversary "Dream Team" of scientists and received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in April at the White House. We've come to know Ken for his tireless enthusiasm for math and the outdoors. I'm glad that he has helped make math a bigger part of the NYSC.



Our DC trip this year included scientific tours of the FBI Headquarters and Labs, the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, and a first time behind-the-scenes tour of the National Zoo's Amazonia exhibit. We spent the evening hours of our first day with our traditional walking tour of the monuments as the sun went down. The second day was spent in small groups on the mall, capped with our first group visit to the Kennedy Center in five years to see a performance of *Shear Madness*. The third day was built around



two formal events. The first was a science policy breakfast with various congressional science advisors. Thanks to alumnus Bill Conner (AR 77), Nortel Networks sponsored the breakfast. It featured addresses by Bill and Senator Frisch of Tennessee. The traditional Senate luncheon followed some unwinding at Union Station. This year's featured speaker was NASA administrator Dan Goldin, and Senator Byrd gave the best speech I remember him giving in the last 10 years.

The in-camp program is where many of the memories are made. Cynthia (Hayward) Stepenuck (GA 90) kept the place running smoothly as the operations director. The morning show and the antics of staph and delegates kept us laughing through most of our waking hours. The delegates are certainly what the camp is all about, and we weren't disappointed this year. They brought many talents with them and much enthusiasm to try whatever we served up. They had a picnic supper among the Confederate trenches at Allegheny. They dressed up for a night of "Staph Search" in the Laura Dill Dining Hall. They hiked, climbed, kayaked, biked, and caved all manner of West Virginia hills and

Remember donations and dues are strictly **VOLUNTARY**. You'll still get the newsletter regardless! But at the very least, please send in this form with your updated information. We don't want to lose track of you – and maybe that camp friend that you've lost touch with is looking for you!

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Dues and Donations

There are three ways to donate to the camp and camp activities. You should have recently received an NYSF mailing regarding contributions to directly support the 2001 NYSC and activities of the Foundation and of the 2001 NYSC. That mailing also included information about Adler Endowment Fund contributions. The third option is to help support the activities and endeavors of the Alumni Association. Please place check marks in the appropriate boxes listed below.

- Yes, I would like to contribute my annual dues of \$35 (\$10 for alumni from 1997-2000.) I would also like to contribute an extra \$_____ to the Alumni Association. (Please make checks payable to the NYSC Alumni Association.)
- Yes, I would like to contribute \$_____ to the National Youth Science Foundation. (Please make checks payable to the National Youth Science Foundation.)
- Yes, I would like to contribute \$_____ to the Adler Fund, to provide a permanent funding source for the Foundation. (Please make checks payable to the NYSF Adler Fund.)
- No, I can't contribute at this time but please update my bio!

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valleys. They rode the Cass Scenic Railroad, and frolicked on the hilltop after another of David Powden's amazing meals.

I would like to thank each of you who helped to make the NYSC 2000 a success—the delegates, the presenters, those who gave time and money so that we could go around one more time with a new group of delegates. As I begin to prepare for NYSC 2001, I know the value of alumni assistance. So many of our best presenters are alumni; the staff is primarily made up of alumni, and in many states, alumni play a significant role in the selection of delegates. Finally and perhaps most importantly, a large portion of our funding comes from individual and corporate donations with alumni connections. Thanks.

Boston Reunion Recap

The 2000 reunion was held in Boston, MA from August 11th- 13th. Everyone there had a great time thanks to the efforts of Judy Engibous LA81, who did a great job organizing the whole weekend and making all the arrangements. Those who came spent the weekend at the dorms of the Northeastern University campus.



Friday was a sight-seeing day, with everyone seeing what they wanted of Boston. The events on Saturday concluded with a fantastic lobster and chicken dinner

followed by endless table tennis, a marathon game of Trivial Pursuit, and countless conversations.

During Saturday's annual NYSCAA business meeting, several items of business were handled:

- Update of the mentorship program (still underway). Possible ways of matching up mentors and mentees were discussed (more to come)!
- Updates on NYSCAA electronic resources, specifically the alumni web site and how it should be set up.
- Ray Rappold updated those in attendance on the state of financial affairs for the NYSCAA.
- John Giroir updated the attendees on foundation activities, including the new YSLIA (Youth Science Leadership Institute of the Americas) program, and this year's new CD-ROM summary of camp.
- A location was decided for next year's reunion — Denver, it is!

Reunion 2001 Information

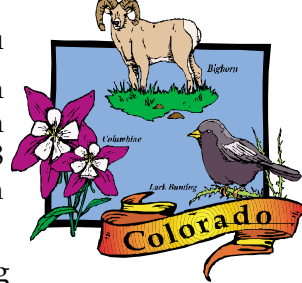
Every year we have a reunion during the first or second weekend in August. We rotate the location every year throughout the country, in order to get as many alumni as possible to participate. The rotation goes: West Virginia, West Coast, East Coast, Midwest and the South. Since last year the reunion was held in Boston, this year it rotates to the Midwest/West. At the Boston reunion those in attendance decided that the August 2001 reunion will be in....

DENVER !!

That's right, sunny Denver, Colorado. In fact, we already have three volunteers to help organize the 2001 reunion. They are:

John Darrow CO68 - jdarrow@qwest.com -
Edward Chan CO78 - chane@njc.org -
Pete Ruprecht ID88 -
Peter.ruprecht@colorado.edu

Notice that we have one from every decade! Now if we can only find someone from '98 willing to help, we'd have a superfecta...



More info to come regarding the 2001 reunion in the next newsletter! If you would like to help out with the 2001 reunion, please contact Erica Umback at EricaNYSCStuph@aol.com or Mo Shah at maulik@bigfoot.com, or any of the three volunteers above.

Dues are due...

Alumni dues, as always, are voluntary. The dues are currently set at \$35/year, except for 1997-2000 alums, whose dues are set to the "student rate" of \$10. This money, which goes to the NYSC Alumni Association, is used to keep the organization going—maintaining the alumni database, mailings, and other activities.

You can also donate to the National Youth Science Foundation itself—the organization which actually runs the science camp.

Lastly, you can also donate to the Adler Fund. The Adler fund (named after Izzy Adler, a longtime friend of the camp) is actually an endowment. The money in the fund is invested, and the earnings will be used to operate the camp. After we have enough money in this fund, the NYSC will have a stable source of full funding in perpetuity.

Donations to the Adler Fund and the NYSF

organizations are tax-deductible as allowed by the IRS codes, as the NYSF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations to the NYSCAA above and beyond the dues are also tax-deductible. Please use the donation form in this newsletter and donate what you can! Please note, however, that separate checks should be sent for each organization to which you donate, since they are separate organizations.

Adler Fund Status

from Dr. David Hackleman

Our fund has now reached \$190,000, and with the \$10,000 promised by the two folks that offered to match dollar for dollar the first \$10,000, we are now at \$200,000!! This is a new milestone for us! This year at the Foundation board meeting in July, the fund was acknowledged as a significant measure of the fact that we as alumni of the program do indeed believe in NYSC and the opportunity it offers. The fund grew by about \$25,000 since our last mailing this summer, and you can help it grow even further! The careful work of Stan Reynolds AZ73 (our fund manager and an Arizona Delegate of a few years ago) has done us well. Since July, the fund gained \$14,000 due to increased value of its holdings! Another person has committed to a \$10,000 donation over ten years! Can you be the next? If we had a total of 300 alumni that each made this commitment for the future, we achieve the goal of total funding of the NYSC from the interest of this fund alone. We have over 3500 alumni, yet many have not donated. Most folks have many people asking for their financial support, and all of us feel some kinship to our colleges, local communities, and many other groups. Clearly, some alumni have greater financial income. Those of you that are in positions where your income just is not at a level where you can afford to donate to the fund—clearly it is understandable. When one is living as a student,



scientist or teacher, often the currency income is not as great as in some other fields. All donations are to a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, and hence are deductible as the IRS codes stipulate. Let the Foundation spend more time on program improvements and less time seeking funds. Together, we can make a significant difference in the world in this one way. We can state that we believe in NYSC and its unique educational experience. It dramatically affected my opportunities, and I suspect if you are reading this note, it certainly affected you too! Make your checks out to NYSF with "Adler

Fund" on the comment line and send them in! Some alumni have approached me again this year, and I know that at least the first \$10,000 donated in 2001 will be matched dollar for dollar by these donors. I will be making this year's donation in memory of Chuck Cochran, clearly a man of vision and courage, instrumental in the very existence of the program.

NewsBytes

Charles N. Cochran, 77, died Tuesday, October 17, 2000, at Saint Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. In the summer of 1963, Chuck became the first Director of the National Youth Science Camp, and continued in that position through 1970. In early 2000, Chuck's health began to seriously deteriorate, and included heart surgery and rehabilitation. However, his heart was so enlarged and weakened from years of damaged valves that it was unable to pump well enough to support him.

Many of us have grown to know and love those who survive Chuck, including his wife — "Camp Mom" Mary Cochran, along with their daughters, Judy O'Hara, Jill Cochran, and Joan McPherson, and their families. The family has requested that contributions be made to the Circleville (West Virginia) United Methodist Church, the Pea Ridge United Methodist Church of Huntington, West Virginia, or the National Youth Science Foundation. We have included Mary's address below for those of you who wish to convey your sympathies to the Cochran family.

Mrs. Mary Cochran
104 Broadmoor Drive
Huntington, WV 25705

- John Giroir has decided to move on from his work with the NYSF and take a position with the YMCA in Montgomery, West Virginia. He served on NYSC staff from 1990-95 and in the Foundation office since 1996. Often fund-raising is a thankless job, so let's do our part to fix that. Our thanks goes out to John for all his work!

Do you have a wedding, birth, or other items of note that you'd like to share? Please send for the next newsletter to maulik@bigfoot.com.

