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Convention Airs Future Plans For Berkeley

Berkeley Branch, Telluride's newest program, provided a lively topic of discussion for Convention.

On the whole, the second year of operations on the West Coast was a successful one. Branch residents posted an excellent scholastic average and won several high awards.

The new Branch, said TA President Brandt Kehoe, has "clear potential of approaching Cornell Branch in quality and size."

Berkeley Branchmen were active in a wide range of non-academic activities. BBTA President Bob Gay reported: "It seems that doubling the size of the Branch has quadrupled its involvement in University and community affairs."

Stage Student Opera

Most Branch members joined into the back-stage preparations when Christopher Keene organized a Student Opera Theater to produce Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia*.

The Free Speech Movement and Vietnam demonstrations evoked varying response in the Branch, from active support to moderate disapproval. All this turmoil seems to have been healthy for the Branch. It provided a focus for considerable political concern, debate, and action.

The year was, however, not without its problems and disappointments.

Work Project Fails

The work/service project at a negro Neighborhood House was not a success this year. It involved only six Branch members, lasted only six weeks, and had very little impact on the Branch.

The failure of this program, however, did not mark the end of BBTA's interest in work/service projects. The Branch Experiment Committee has

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Convention Reviews Programs, Elects Breiseth New President

The 1965 Convention of Telluride Association convened at Ithaca on June 12. President Brandt Kehoe was in the chair.

Members faced a busy agenda and a moderately tight budget.

Convention highlights included discussions of the new Branch at Berkeley and the new TASP at Hampton Institute. With two Branches to fill this year, Convention spent several long sessions debating preferment. There were also a large number of membership candidates, nine of whom were elected.

Breiseth Voted President

Christopher N. Breiseth was elected President for 1965-66. Breiseth, who hails from Los Angeles, is an assistant professor of modern European history at Williams. He came to CBTA on a Woodrow Wilson fellowship in 1958, after graduating from UCLA. He received a B.Litt. from Oxford in 1962 (as Telluride-Lincoln College exchange scholar) and a Ph.D. from Cornell in 1964.

Breiseth's major field is nineteenth-century European intellectual history. His thesis was entitled, "British Conservatism and French Revolutions: John Wilson Croker's Attitude to Reform and Revolution in Britain and France."

Served as TASP Chairman

Breiseth was elected to membership in the Association in 1959, and served as TASP Board Chairman from 1963-65. He is also a member of the AAUP, American Historical Association, and Phi Beta Kappa.

At Williams, Breiseth has served as Director of Student Activities; and this next year, he and his wife, Jane, will be the resident faculty couple in one of the new houses which are replacing fraternities.

Paul Weaver was elected Vice President of the Association, and Nathan Tarcov, Secretary. The Custodians are:

Jonathan Brezin, James Hedlund, Douglas Martin, Kenneth Pursley, Abram Shulsky, and Robley Williams, Jr.

Telluride House Repairs

The largest single item in the \$158,000 budget, which is printed on Page 2, was nearly \$37,000 for 'stage two' of Telluride House renovations. Last year some \$30,000 was spent on exterior repairs. This year will see interior renovations, including \$14,000 of electrical work and \$14,000 of alterations in the kitchen.

In contracting for this work, David Corson and his Renovations Committee have made full use of professional consultants. The standards set for materials and workmanship are very high, as befits maintenance designed to conserve a building now worth more than one million dollars in replacement value.

Reject Modified TASP

Convention rejected one proposed new program, a modified TASP offering remedial work to 'disadvantaged' but bright students. Practical objections outweighed the program's merits. Also, several foundations are already active in this field.

98 Donors Contribute \$6,653 to New Funds

The 1964-65 New Funds Drive received \$6,653.46 from 98 donors.

Co-chairmen Hugh Davy and Douglas Martin report \$3,698.46 in un earmarked contributions, to be divided equally between TA and DS; \$1,205 earmarked for TA; \$920 for DS; and the remainder for Advances-in-Aid, Growth Fund, Newsletter, and War Memorial.

As of June 9, the concurrent DS Endowment Drive reported \$35,936.35 received, and \$12,613.25 pledged, for a total of \$48,549.60.

Senior Women May Live at CB; Frosh Need Better Orientation

The faltering Cornell Branch women's program received a boost when Convention for the first time was able to grant full residential preferment to an undergraduate woman. University regulations now permit some senior women to live off campus.

TA member Barbara Herman will be the first woman to live at Telluride House under the new arrangements, pending University authorization. She is a senior majoring in history.

Convention also granted residential preferment to graduate student Kate Lyall. Clare Selgin and TASP alumnae Joanna Brown and Judith Lindahl will participate in Branch life on a non-residential basis.

Better Orientation Sought

The past year at CBTA was a satisfactory if uneventful one. Younger Branch members, perhaps because of the lack of any orientation in the fall, showed a general unconcern with Association activities. The Convention Cornell Branch Committee reported:

"Your committee senses a problem in the attitude of freshmen when all enter the Branch via TASP. These young men are all too likely to accept preferment as a reward for their performance in TASP and not as the beginning of a responsibility.

"No one has to live in this Branch, much less to be an Association member. But when men and women accept one or both of these opportunities, they have taken on the challenge to give substance to the ideals institutionalized by our founder in the Constitution.

Affirming Telluride Ideals

"The relevance of these ideals is if anything greater than when they were enunciated half a century ago. The benefits of Branch life are more and more striking as fraternity systems weaken, as large hotel-like dormitories rise, and as faculty-student contact is hindered by a variety of pressures.

"To have an organic community for one's college living situation at such a time—a community concerned with translating ideals into action both among one's immediate colleagues and in the larger society where our programs have carried us—gives a depth and wholeness to the educational experience that never was more necessary among men and women who wish to bend the world into a favorable wind.

Demands of Trusteeship

"To make a better world the mind and the hand must function together. This truth is at the heart of the productive tension in our Association between the demanding tasks of running our programs and reinterpreting the ideals which guide our programs. Books need to be kept, houses cared for, selection of personnel handled with maturity, human companions understood and encouraged in their personal development.

"This is the stuff of trusteeship—and new members in our Branches should be made aware of such goals at the beginning of their involvement with Telluride."

1965-66 Budget

CB Operations	\$ 36,237.69
CB Pension Contingency	770.00
CB Program Contingency	100.00
CB Maintenance	2,000.00
BB Operations	9,675.36
BB Pref'mnt Contingency	1,108.20
TASP Preparations	3,650.00
TASP Operations	8,683.07
Field TASP Prep.	2,500.00
Field TASP Reserve	4,000.00
Advances-in-Aid	3,225.00
DS (summer semester)	12,910.34
Sidgwick Award	900.00
G.L. Burr Award	850.00
Dunham Award	177.00
Exec. Sec'y Salary	7,491.00
Exec. Sec'y Expenses	6,390.00
Administrative Exp.	6,150.00
Convention Expenses	5,326.00
Newsletter	1,225.00
Brochure	750.00
House Replace. Res.	2,000.00
From Income	\$116,118.66
CB Renovations	\$ 36,975.00
BB Renovations	5,373.00
From Reserves	\$ 42,348.00
Total Budget	\$158,466.66

Convention Elects Nine Members, Accepts Three Resignations

By action of the 1965 Convention, the roster of Telluride trustees shows a net gain of six members. Nine were elected, three resigned.

MICHAEL AMES, a graduate of the 1962 Cornell TASP, returns to CBTA as a junior in English literature. He has chaired the RGC, plays the viola in the Cornell orchestra, and is a center of House bridge and tennis activities.

LINCOLN BERGMAN is a graduate of Deep Springs, 1964, and a returning member of CBTA. A history major, Bergman has been active in campus politics, drama, and music.

DAVID CONKLIN, an alumnus of the 1963 Princeton TASP, is a physics major at BBTA. He was Branch treasurer and was largely responsible for planning and executing the Branch guest-room project. This summer he will supervise renovations at the House.

CHARLES FAIRBANKS, a graduate of the 1962 Cornell TASP, returns to CBTA as a senior in classics. He entered Cornell via Yale.

DAVID FLEISS, an alumnus of the 1961 Stanford TASP, will be a senior majoring in history at CBTA. He chaired the FGRC and a Cornell student committee which reformed the policies of the campus bookstore.

BARBARA HERMAN, one of the women referees at CBTA, is serving this summer as factotum of the Cornell TASP. She returns to the Branch as a senior history major. She has served as Branch secretary and FGRC chairman.

EARL SALO, a major in intellectual history, transferred to Berkeley as a junior after two years at CalTech. He has been a very active member of BBTA, serving as House Manager and contributing to the Experiment Committee.

NATHAN TARCOV, an alumnus of the 1963 Princeton TASP, has completed his freshman year at CBTA. Tarcov expects to major in mathematics. He served as chairman of the CB Hampton Committee and was active in politics on the hill. He was elected Association Secretary.

KIRK WEAVER, treasurer and VP at Berkeley Branch, will be a senior majoring in political science. Contributing his administrative and financial talents, Weaver performed yeoman's service as president of the Student Opera Theater.

Convention accepted three resignations, from JAMES NAISMITH, TA '55; DON O. NOEL, TA '51; and DAVID WERDEGAR, TA '50. Naismith and Werdegare were present at Convention.

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Convention Approves TASP at Hampton; Students to Attempt Field Research

In 1966 the Association will institute a new summer program on the campus of Hampton Institute, a predominantly negro college at Hampton, Virginia.

In many ways the new program will resemble existing TASP's at Cornell and Princeton. It will be designed to offer a challenging academic experience to high school juniors of outstanding ability. But the southern location will add some new features to the standard TASP program.

Two New Features

First, students will gain first-hand experience of inter-racial living in the South. They will room in the Hampton dormitories and dine in the Hampton refectory, along with Negro high school and college students in Hampton's other summer programs.

Second, students will have the opportunity to investigate problems of southern history or politics by means of field research as well as library research.

Two years of planning have gone into the new program. Our representatives have visited Hampton several times, and have been warmly welcomed by President Holland and by local civic leaders.

Hampton Study Committee Chairman Paul Wolfowitz reported to Convention:

"Fears have been expressed that the interaction between Hampton students and over-privileged, highly intellectual TASPers might have adverse results because it would accentuate the differences between the two groups. From our visits to Hampton we feel that this need not be a worry.

Frankness on Racial Problems

"We found unusual frankness among Hampton students and faculty in talking about racial problems, a general attitude not of ignoring differences but instead of acknowledging and understanding them.

"The interchange between TASPers and other summer students will be mutually valuable.

"Hampton personnel felt that our program could bring a useful outside influence to some Hampton students. One of the major problems at an essentially segregated school is that students are virtually isolated from the educational standards and motivations that are commonplace for TASPers. Even for the most serious Hampton students, such dedication to study would come as something new."

Chairman Wolfowitz also reported on the academic resources available. The Peabody Collection at Hampton In-

stitute offers a substantial history of original source material for negro history. Nearby are the College of William and Mary and the Newport News Public Library.

But in addition, the Hampton-Norfolk area offers remarkable opportunities for field research into southern politics, society, and history.

Local political and community leaders have expressed considerable interest in helping our students to study at first hand the government and structure of this southern community. A Hampton professor also demonstrated the possibility of local interviewing, door-to-door, for sociological studies.

Because of the stable civil rights situation in Hampton, such projects of field research will cause no insurmountable problems, either among local negroes or in the white community.

In considering the report of the Study Committee, Convention warmly approved the proposed idea of inter-racial living.

Academic Work Stressed

But, as the Convention Programs and Operations Committee stated, social experiences *per se* cannot be considered either necessary or sufficient elements of a TASP. "Summer Program is, and ought to be, essentially an intellectual endeavor."

In approving the Hampton TASP, therefore, Convention felt that "what is uniquely and primarily advantageous in the program is its special academic focus, to wit, field research rather than library research."

The Association hopes that the Hampton TASP will serve as a pilot project for other Field Research TASP's not necessarily at Hampton.

Many stimulating topics in political science, history, sociology, or anthropology might be explored in this way. Future programs could study, for example, problems of urban decay, small town society, American Indians, state or federal government, and regional history.

Value of Empirical Research

"Empirical research in fields other than science," noted the Convention Committee, "is something unheard of in high school and very rare in college.

"This mode of research can provide insights which might be neglected or inadequately appreciated from the vantage of a library stall. It provides unusual opportunities for finding out genuinely new things about new topics.

"By empirical field research your committee does not mean to conjure images of public opinion polls, chi square tests, and indiscriminate quantification. We refer instead to interviewing and the use of primary historical source materials.

"Your committee also wants to make it clear that a Field Research TASP is not to be a data-gathering expedition. Research without analysis is useless: the two are complementary, and the board should be careful to select faculty who genuinely share this view."

Potential Problems at Hampton

The Convention Committee also discussed some of the specific problems of the first Field Research TASP, the 1966 program at Hampton:

"There are, of course, potential difficulties. The most important is possible friction between TASPers and regular Hampton students; but your committee feels that mature conduct on the part of TASPers and their factotum ought to overcome any problems.

"The TASP Board must be particularly careful to select students of substantial demonstrated maturity.

"Civil rights activities should be off limits for everyone connected with the program during its duration. The selection board ought to be especially reluctant to accept students possessing an irrespressible commitment to civil rights activism."

Paul Wolfowitz, who headed the Hampton Study Committee, has been appointed TASP Board Chairman for 1966.

Finance Is Major Problem

Financing will be the major problem for continuing a Field Research TASP as an annual program. The costs are about \$2,500 a year in preparations and \$10,000 for actual operations.

This Convention authorized a \$12,500 commitment to the project, and was able to appropriate \$6,500 as a partial anticipation of this commitment.

Now the Financial Development Committee, under the chairmanship of Charles Christenson, will try to obtain foundation support for the operating expenses for five years. The newness and currency of the project, together with our proven ability to run successful programs for high school juniors, should make an attractive appeal.

If the committee succeeds in finding foundation support, our \$12,500 commitment will serve to pay administrative expenses for the five years.

Berkeley Reports Exciting Year; TA Asks for Long-Range Plan

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drawn up a substantial list of possible new projects for next year.

Apparently the intellectual atmosphere of the Branch left something to be desired, despite high grades. ("The academic Okies of a mere two years ago now pick their teeth with three Phi Beta Kappa keys.") Part of the blame lies in the lack of a seminar program, public speaking, or a significant faculty guest program. Some of these programs would be hard to operate within the confines of 1849 Arch Street. But Convention advised the Branch to institute public speaking.

Berkeley Men Come East

Another problem for the West Coast Branch was its limited involvement in Association affairs, which inevitably center on Ithaca. Next year a West Coast member will participate on the Custodians, the TASP Board, and one or two other standing committees.

Certainly there is no lack of enthusiasm at the Branch for Association business. Virtually all Branch residents, even the non-TA members, managed to make the long trek east for Convention.

Discuss Long-Range Plans

The debate on long-range plans for BBTA came to no definite conclusion this year. Some Association members were ready to confirm BBTA as a permanent secondary Branch. Others continued to call for some features of primary branch experience or some new educational experiments in the program at Berkeley.

There was considerable concern about the financial implications of a permanent new Branch.

Long-range planning for BBTA is a task of some urgency, for the House at 1849 Arch Street is already inadequate for the Branch. But before the Association can consider funding and building a permanent House on the West Coast, it will have to know exactly what it expects of BBTA.

This discussion of Berkeley's future will continue throughout the year in a standing committee, under the chairmanship of Charles Christenson.

Two Writers at Work On Telluride History

Two Telluride historians have been actively at work this past year.

Alumnus Orville J. Sweeting, of the Department of Chemistry at Yale, has surveyed the archives at Ithaca and soon will be seeking material farther afield.

He plans a volume of pictures; an extensive collection of documents; and a more-popular volume of history, such as the late Chancellor Johnson was to have written. Funds from the bequest of alumnus Daniel C. Lindsay, a close friend of Mr. Johnson, will underwrite secretarial expenses.

Gary Hansen, a doctoral candidate at Cornell's I.L.R. School, continues his studies of the early electric power industry, the educational philosophy and institutions of L. L. Nunn, and the men those institutions have turned out. He holds a John E. Rovensky Fellowship in American Economic and Business History.

News of Associates

DR. JOHN LINDENBAUM, TA'53, who has been in Dacca, East Pakistan since December '63 working in the Cholera Research Laboratory, writes that on February 26 of this year he was married to Miss Shirley Inglis. Mrs. Lindenbaum comes from Australia, and her professional field is Anthropology. John predicts that their return to the United States will be in March of 1966.

LAURA WOLFOWITZ, TA'62, who has the distinction of being the first woman elected to membership in Telluride Association, was married on June 20. She is now Mrs. Tsvi Sachs, and her husband will be joining the Hebrew University staff in Jerusalem this October.

ROGER IVERSON, TASP'58 is working this summer in the Telluride-Rico-Ouray National Missions field of the Presbyterian church at Ouray, Colorado.

XERXES MEHTA, CBG '62, was married in Calcutta on July 3 to Louise McCarthy, daughter of Cornell University Librarian Stephen McCarthy and Mrs. McCarthy. Xerxes writes, "Am working in business, and producing and directing (theatre) on the side."

Wilson Fellowships were awarded this spring to four Telluride Associates: DONALD ATWOOD, DS'63, TA'64; DAVID CORSON, TA'63; BRIAN KENNEDY, TA'62; and PAUL WOLFOWITZ, TA'62.

H. CAMPBELL SCARLETT, DS'26-'29, TA'29, died on May 13 after a long illness. Although a diagnosis of amyloidosis was made two years ago, Cam had been hospitalized only since February. A retired teacher and writer, he had maintained a genuine interest in the Nunn institutions, and his will includes a very generous bequest to the Association.

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