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PASADENA BRANCH DECISION BY JAMES R. OLIN

By a vote of approximately 50 to 30, the 1951 Convention voted to terminate the Pasadena Branch at the end of the summer term of 1952. The decision was not an easy one nor was it made without a feeling of loss and failure on the part of each member of the Association.

At the Convention, the discussion of the branch centered on four major questions: location, recruitment, finances, and Association relations with Deep Springs. Although the location of the branch has been unsatisfactory and the recruitment of students has continued difficult, the financial considerations and the needs of Deep Springs were uppermost in the minds of most.

Ever since the Pasadena Branch was started, the Association has had great difficulty living within its income. During the past few years this has been possible but at the price of rigid economies, no contributions to Deep Springs, and increased effort to obtain New Funds contributions. Looking at the future realistically, it was clear to those at the Convention that Pasadena Branch expenses would and should be increased if the branch were ever to be operated on standards consistent with those of Deep Springs and Cornell Branch. At the same time, there was little hope of greatly increased income from contributions -- actual cash contributed last year was slightly more than \$5,700 as compared to \$9,800 the year before. Nor was there any hope that investment income, already at an all-time high, would increase further. During the last few years, increased operating costs at Deep Springs have dissipated its reserve funds so that it is forced to begin liquidation of its trust principal. Traditionally the Association has been in a position to give substantial aid to Deep Springs during crises such as these. With a primary branch in operation this has not been possible.

The effect of continuing the primary branch was clear to the Convention. It would mean no help to Deep Springs, reduced or perhaps no cash scholarships and more economies at Cornell Branch, and even then, no real hope that it would be possible to continue the branch for more than three to five years. In addition to these considerations, there were those of location and recruitment. The branch was about to move to its own quarters at Har-

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THE 1951 CONVENTION

This article constitutes an attempt to summarize the Convention activities of this year, thus enabling absent members, interested friends, and alumni to gain some information on the state of affairs in our organization. A full report on the 1951 Convention can be found in the recently published minutes.

A rather sizeable group of Association members were unable to attend Convention this year, which fact occasionally caused difficulties in raising a quorum, especially at early morning meetings. However, offsetting the low membership attendance, perhaps, was the large number of friends and interested guests we were fortunate to have with us at Convention. Notable amongst these were Parker Monroe, Jack Laylin, Commodore Greenman, and Mike Yarrow. It was the Commodore's first acquaintance with the Association, and we express the hope that we may see him at many more of our future Conventions.

One of the major issues at Convention was the discussion and decision on the status of Pasadena Branch, the primary branch of the Association. It was with great reluctance and after a long and intense discussion that the membership voted to discontinue the primary branch after the summer of 1952. The body was convinced that the financial strength of the Association was insufficient to continue the operation of a primary branch, at the same time with its other obligations and enterprises. For a further discussion on this issue readers are referred to an article by the new TA President on page 1.

At a lengthy session requiring a formidable display of parliamentary techniques, we ratified a series of amendments to the Association Constitution, which had been prepared in advance of Convention and are designed to provide for the satisfactory operation of the Association and its responsibilities during times of national emergency. The amendments enable the president to postpone for a maximum of 60 days a Convention upon finding a lack of quorum, or to reconvene a Convention if a national emergency vitally affecting the interests of the Association occurs. Additional amendments allow the proper trusteeship of the Association funds and properties in the event that the Association's functioning should be limited by an inability to assemble in convention, due to national emergency situations. In its report the Resolutions and Judiciary Committee pointed out that the method of consti-

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NEW FUNDS DRIVE

As described elsewhere in this issue, the decision to discontinue Pasadena Branch was taken with heavy hearts. One of the most compelling reasons for this decision was the obvious inability of the total Deep Springs-Telluride income to support the three institutions. Coupled with this recognition however was a demonstration of deep conviction that in the long term Mr. Nunn's ambitions for Telluride Association and Deep Springs can be achieved only if we can again establish a primary branch to complement Deep Springs. An essential part of the educational work is done in the primary branches, and the Association needs a higher percentage of primary branch trained men than Deep Springs alone can supply.

Discussions amongst alumni and friends before Convention and debate on the floor of Convention also revealed an unanimous desire that the appeal for annual contributions from alumni and friends should be through an organized group of active members, alumni, and friends for the joint benefit of Deep Springs and Telluride Association. The Convention established a New Funds Committee on this basis with the provision that all contributions, unless especially earmarked, will be divided equally between Telluride Association and Deep Springs. This allocation will emphasize the unity of purpose of the two institutions, and will give expression to the fact that we are engaged in a unique and effective educational endeavor which is dependent upon both institutions for the achievement of its aim.

Thus far only the Chairman of the Committee, Paul Todd, and the Vice-Chairman, John Laylin, have been named. The complete organization of the Committee and a statement of the plans will be described in the Oct. issue of the News Letter.

NEXT ISSUE :

The next issue of the News Letter will appear on October 5, 1951. This issue will include a new address list for Telluride members, alumni and friends. If your address will or is changed, please notify us for inclusion in the list.

PASADENA BRANCH NOTES

by RONALD SUKENICK and DON ROSE

The reaction of the P.B. members to the Convention's decision to terminate the Branch was one of deep disappointment. Fortunately, however, this feeling has neither led to a defeatist attitude, nor to the "it's going to be over next year anyway" approach. We have not been without our problems this semester, but the entire program looks very encouraging. Perhaps we are on the way to a better branch than we ever had before.

The new location has stimulated the branch members. It is more spacious than the Pasadena location, and this has done much towards eliminating the tension that develops from everyday, petty irritations. The more formal facilities have inspired more decorum than we have had before. The cosmopolitan location has enabled us to take advantage of the many cultural opportunities, without, however, luring us from our studies any more than did outside influences in Pasadena. One of the disadvantages of the new house when we moved in seemed the difficulty of maintenance. However, work shifts have been carefully organized, and things have been running smoothly in this area. Although there is inadequate play space on the grounds, we have found good athletic facilities nearby.

A so far highly successful public speaking program has been set up this term. It includes extemporaneous speeches, formal speeches, and debates. The primary purpose of public speaking evenings was defined by the committee to be threefold: the speaker's ability to think well and to communicate his ideas in a sophisticated manner is the most important facet; audience participation in criticism to clarify the individual's ideas on the quality of his speech is another consideration; and lastly, the quality of the evening's entertainment must be guaranteed. At the end of the program a short discussion of the quality of the chair's control of the meeting is held, since the role of chairman is rotated amongst the students to give as many as possible the experience of handling such meetings. The meetings have been popular this term with rarely fewer than twenty-five attending. Several meetings have been unofficially continued in order to discuss more fully some of the thought-provoking deliveries. The program seems sufficient in every way, and it is felt that Telluride Association principles are being followed and developed by this type of evening.

Extra-curricular activities at the branch, formerly inadequate, now show definite improvement. Excellent facilities for basketball, gymnastics, and swimming have been found within six blocks from the branch. In the social field the group has had many activities including informal parties, a trip to the Hollywood Bowl, Saturday evening play readings and group excursions to San Geronio and other resorts. Group relations, perhaps partly due to these extra-academic activities, have improved greatly. (Continued on p.4)

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vard Boulevard, Los Angeles, but only on a temporary basis, because this property is in downtown Los Angeles. To continue the branch would still require finding a suitable home in a more suburban location. Many Association members and alumni have never felt that a branch could be successful in the Los Angeles area. Recruitment has been difficult from the first, and the draft and the greater availability of good scholarships have added to the problem. Many thought that more acceptable applicants might be obtained by an organized and concerted effort by members and alumni, but others felt this hope unrealistic.

When the question came to a vote, many were still confident that the work being done by the branch was important enough to warrant keeping going at least a few more years whatever the effort and cost. However, the majority felt that the decision to terminate it was inevitable and that to postpone it would be detrimental to both Deep Springs and the Association.

By continuing the program until the end of the summer 1952, adequate plans may be made by the present students and the Director, and the students entering this summer will be able to complete one full year of the program before transferring to another institution. Word has recently been received from Director Yarrow that all eleven of last year's students have returned for the summer and four new students have arrived. The Branch is apparently off to a good start for its final year.

The Association feels a great loss and a considerable sense of failure in not making a success of this branch after waiting so many years to try. It is losing a director who will be difficult to replace, and it is losing the momentum of a going concern. To start another branch will be difficult. Yet there is no doubt that the Nunn enterprises need two primary branches. Deep Springs has never been able to supply enough students for the secondary branch at Cornell, and too many have had to be admitted without the primary branch training which we all feel so necessary. It is the firm desire of the Association to keep alive the primary branch idea and to reestablish one as soon as possible. Of course, the search for a primary branch will be for more than a director, faculty and location. To be acceptable, any new branch proposition will have to carry with it a source of funds to supplement the investment and new-funds income of the Association. Fred Balderston will this year head our Endowment and New Primary Branch Committee, and already a number of our older and more experienced alumni have agreed to serve with him. Although we have no cause for optimism now, every effort will be made to present a concrete proposal to the 1952 Convention.

I hope that those of you who have supported the Pasadena Branch through contributions or other aid will not feel that your help has been in vain. Nor, I hope, will

your assistance terminate now that we are being forced to close the branch. The Association and Deep Springs need it more than ever if Deep Springs is to survive and if the Association is to be in a position again to establish the primary branch it needs so much.

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tutional amendments was selected because the system would provide both a clear-cut guide for action and full legal protection in the event that these amendments would have to be employed.

In a careful analysis the Finance Committee found that the trust fund of the Association had declined in actual value over the years since 1944, when a 'Timing Plan' was introduced, providing for a 50/50 ratio between stocks and bonds in a part of the trust fund assigned to these operations. The inflationary trend in our national economy has created a situation not envisioned at the time the Timing Plan was established, and the committee felt that a number of alterations in our financial arrangements were necessary to offset the trends. Upon the committee's advice Convention arranged for the transfer of Telluride Power Company bonds from the non-timing plan to the timing plan part of the trust fund. This was done in view of a proposed 50/50 ratio for all marketable securities in the whole trust fund, rather than for the timing plan funds alone. At present the distribution in non-timing plan funds is about 80% bonds.

In addition to the initiation of this gradual change to a 50/50 stock-bond ratio, the convention adopted an increase from 10 to 15% of the investment income as the annual plowback to the trust fund. Also established was an Income Stabilization Fund. All these moves were obviously made to counteract the general decrease in the values of the trust fund and the income obtained from it, due to inflationary trends of the present days.

In a further effort to counteract the general decrease in value of our trust funds, Convention established a New Funds Committee, which will conduct a campaign for contributions from our members, associates and alumni during the coming year. The most marked feature will be that the drive is aimed at contributions for the Nunn enterprises as a whole, the proceeds to be equally divided between Deep Springs and the Association, unless otherwise specified by the contributor. A comment on this coming campaign by the New Funds Chairman can be found on page 2 of this issue.

Further resolutions on financial matters were related to the Social Security and pension plans for employees of the Association, and a special arrangement was made to provide for the retirement of Chancellor E. M. Johnson at the age of 65 or over.

Convention this year considered seriously the difficulties involved in the recruitment of candidates for Deep Springs, Cornell Branch and Pasadena Branch. With the increased schol-

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arship funds that are available to superior highschool students, the competition from established big name universities cannot be underestimated and only the most serious and continued effort from our side will make it possible for us to maintain the high standards of scholarship and leadership for which the Nunn enterprises have always been known. For this reason the Alumni Committee has taken it upon itself to attempt the establishment of closer ties with alumni, with the idea and purpose to be able to call upon our friends, associates and alumni for important roles in our recruitment program. It is felt that only through these widespread contacts will we be able to receive a sufficient number of high-grade applicants for Deep Springs and Cornell Branch.

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The resident faculty this term are Newton and Enid Garver, who were also with us last summer term, and Tupper Turner, who will stay with us through the work term. Julie and Roger Barr are also with us. Roger taught an art course at the branch last term. The Garvers and Turner are working well in advisory capacities on both student-body and personal levels. Presently we are looking for resident faculty to live here after this term when the Garvers will have left.

Pasadena Branch, as we continue to call it here in Los Angeles, has admitted four new men this term. The four seem to run the gamut of experience and interests: from music and poetry to theoretical physics and relativity. They are Jos. Bogatay, from Columbus, Ohio; Arthur Weston, from Fair Oaks, Cal., Norman Rush, from Oakland, Cal., and Mario Fornoff, from Dayton, Ohio, originally from Germany.

Four courses are being offered this term. John von Rohr, of Pomona College, teaches a philosophy course, assisted by Garver. Robert Lindbergh, of U.C.L.A., teaches biology. These are the two six-unit courses offered. Enid Garver, of Swarthmore, teaches psychology, and Paul Johnson, of Occidental College, instructs in mathematics. Both these latter courses are three-unit.

A charter member of the Association, Mr. L. L. Vincent, dropped in to visit the new home of Pasadena Branch. Mr. Vincent is on his way from his home in Manila on a trip around the world, as he explained. He spent an instructive hour or two discussing L. L. Nunn's principles and their consequences.

The Student Body officers this term are: Chairman, Allan Lyons; Vice-Chairman, Martin Washburn; Secretary, Don Rose; Work-Coordinator, Ronald Sukenick; Treasurer, Philip Green.

ADDITIONAL PREFERMENTS

The Freshmen Selection Committee, established by the 1951 Convention to consider a slate of three additional freshmen candidates for preferment at Cornell Branch during the academic year 1951-52, met in the beginning of July after further information and papers had arrived. Donald B. Johnson and Robinson Ord Jr., from Berkeley, California, and Clayton, Missouri, respectively, were selected for preferment at Cornell Branch.

DEEP SPRINGS SELECTS DEAN

Dr. Robert Howard has been appointed Dean of Deep Springs. Doctor Howard goes to DS with many recommendations as a scholar, educator, and administrator.

Doctor Howard was graduated from Harvard magna cum laude and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He held a Frederick Shelton Graduate Fellowship to the University of Oxford; he did master's and doctoral work at Harvard and Oxford, including study in history, government, and economics. Further, he did graduate study in administration and education at the Univ. of Arizona.

Mrs. Howard will accompany her husband to Deep Springs this summer.

PERSONAL NOTES

Donald Mowry Irwin and Margaret Helen Strong were married on June 22 at the Piedmont (Calif.) Community Church.

Prof. David Curtiss and Miss Mary Fowler were married on June 29. Curtiss was advanced to an Associate Professorship at Cornell Law School on July 1. There is only remote relationship between these two happy events.

Herman Bierce Waters and Miss Ruth Palmer Chapin were married on June 6 at Walden Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, N. Y. Before her marriage, the bride was Vice-Pres. in Charge of Personnel for the Wm. Hengerer Co. of Buffalo.

John W. Darley, Jr., and Miss Lois Ellen Meehan were married at First Church in Albany, N.Y., on June 16. Erik Pell was best man. Graduate in EE at Cornell, Darley received his master's degree this spring at Harvard Business School.

Walter Barlow and Hanna Hansen Marck were married on June 30. The bride for three years has managed the Nassau Club in Princeton. Barlow is Vice-Pres. of Opinion Research Corp., an organization that does public-opinion research for industry.

Married: W. Carleton Kinney, Jr., and Miss Eleanore Mildred Stock on June 16 in St. Louis, Mo.

NEWS BITS

CHICAGO ALUMNI MEET

The Chicago Alumni met for dinner on July 20 to discuss the 1951 Convention. TA members Paul Todd and Albert Votaw of the Chicago group had attended the Convention. Others present: F. L. Howard, W. L. Cook, Morrison Sharp, and J. B. Allin.

Sec'y. Votaw (1315 E. 53rd St., Chicago 15) writes that the next meeting of the group is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 12. Visitors in Chicago at that time should attend.

TA JOINS ACE

Telluride Association has become affiliated with the American Council on Education as a Specialized Institutional Member.

Membership in ACE will bring to the Association the vast and varied facilities of ACE in education -- publications, conferences, special studies, research facilities, etc.

ALUMNI REPORT ON NUNN MEMORIAL FUND

The financial report of Telluride Association Alumni was made by Treasurer W. L. Bier-sach on June 30.

The Treasurer reported six loans in force aggregating \$1,315.00. During the year, the Alumni contributed \$150.00 toward the support of the News Letter.

In addition to the outstanding loans, the money of the Association Alumni - known as the L. L. Nunn Memorial Fund - is invested as follows: cash in checking account and in time deposit account, \$3,027.36; investment certificates of Deseret Fed. Sav. & Loan Assn., Salt Lake City, \$1,500.00; various issues of U. S. Bonds, \$3,000.00.

The Constitution permits the granting of loans to young men who work and study in harmony with the purpose of Telluride Association. The current rate of interest is 4%

TELLURIDE CORPORATION TAX STATUS CONFIRMED

Telluride Corporation received on June 29 from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue confirmation of its income-tax status.

The Corporation, organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes and the assistance of Telluride Association, will not be required to file income-tax returns as long as it maintains its present purpose and method of operation.

Contributions made to the Corporation are deductible by the donors in computing their taxable net income. Further, bequests of money or property or life insurance are deductible in computing the value of the net estate of a decedent for estate tax purposes; and gifts of property are deductible, also, in computing net gifts for gift tax purposes. The Corporation thus for the first time makes the unincorporated Telluride Association legally able to receive such bequests and gifts.

The Corporation during its 1950 fiscal year received in cash from donors \$7197.28, in addition to pledges of cash. Up to May 31, 1951, the Corporation had turned over to the Association \$9990.40.

The Corporation on July 16 received an endowment insurance policy, endorsed in its favor by an Association Alumnus, with a face value of \$2500.00. This policy is in the safe-deposit box of the Corporation at Ithaca and is the first of such policies expected by officers of the Corporation. It is known that Telluride Association has been made beneficiary in a number of wills, and the beneficiary should be changed to Telluride Corporation.

Alumnus David J. Nelson, lawyer and CPA, has volunteered to audit the books of the Corporation for the fiscal year 1950, and the books and records of the Corporation are now in his hands.

The officers of the Corporation are: Paul Szasz, Pres.; Jacob Sheinkman, Vice-Pres.; E.M. Johnson, Treas.; and Charles Christenson, Secy.

MORE PERSONAL NOTES

Born: Edwin Hayes Allen, on June 3, "with practically no warning." No. 1 of the William Allens of Sacramento. Edwin-Hayes weighed 8 lb. 11 oz.

Born: Edward Burr Yarrow on July 12; No. 3 of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Yarrow, of Pasadena Branch. "Just a pip squeak of 6 pounds."

L. R. "Babe" Fournier announces the birth of his first grandson, June 13.

Gordon Marshall Petersen has received his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Toronto. Thesis: Methods of Summation of Divergent Series, and Means of Fourier Constants. After graduation from Stanford, Petersen taught science at DS in 1943-44. He received his MA at Stanford in 1947; he was a Lecturer at the Univ. of British Columbia 1947-49. He will be in the mathematics department of Brandon College, Brandon, Manitoba, next academic year.

Fenton Sands has begun study in agriculture at Cornell for a doctorate. He has one year leave of absence from his job as Director of Agriculture for Cuttington College, Liberia, an institution supported by the Episcopal Church.

Several thousand acres of farmlands belonging to the College are used for experimental work in tropical agriculture, for teaching the students, and to provide a cash-crop from oil palms, cocoa, coffee, etc. Sands' program is designed to educate young natives who will return to their villages. Mrs. Sands, teacher of home economics at Cuttington, will resume her study in the autumn. The Sands have two young children.

EVEN MORE PERSONALS

Pvt. Edw. Hoenicke wrote on June 24 from Sampson Air Force Base that he had finished his first week of basic training with seven to go. He expects to be sent to Texas for Aviation Cadet Training.

Pfc. Roderick Robertson has completed his apprenticeship in the neuropsychiatric wards and is now with a medical detachment at Camp Atterbury in the Social Work Section. As a social-work technician, Robertson's main job is to interview soldiers from the outpatient clinic and to write up social case histories.

Pvt. Steven Phillips, late of Swarthmore College, wrote on June 11 from Camp Rucker, "I hope to be fortunate enough to get into technician's work closely allied with my field of specialization. At present I am aiming at a position as an Electroencephalographic Technician in an EEG laboratory. Currently, I am in a divisional medical outfit with a neuropsychiatric potential specialty. If I am lucky enough to get the EEG position, the resultant work will be invaluable to my future work in research perception psychology. I am sort of half contemplating medical school at present, as an adjunct to a career in psych. research and, in all probability, teaching, which would make such work possible."

Pvt. David Cole in late June was assigned to an Evacuation Hospital at the end of a long sea trip. On the ship he worked on the newspaper, editing news and writing a series of six articles on Japan and Korea. "It is rice-planting time here," writes Private Cole.

Thomas Kinney has received his BA in English from Swarthmore. Feature editor of the college paper and winner of the Hayes poetry prize for 1950, Kinney is now a Private E-2 but has been made acting corporal. He writes: "I was lucky enough to be stationed here as a cadre giving basic training to those individuals who will eventually become welders, repairmen, armorers of the Ordnance Dept. I have served as a line cadre, and more recently, after graduating from Leadership School, as an instructor. I have a class Monday afternoon on hand, and rifle grenades and rocket launchers."

Franklin Lesh received his master's degree in business administration on June 21 at Harvard Business School. Lesh held a NROTC scholarship for four years. He has reported to the Naval Supply School at Bayonne, N. J., for a six-month course.

Dr. Bruce Netschert, geologist, is on the staff of the President's materials Policy Commission. His immediate work involves copper, lead, and zinc and the problems to be faced during the next 25 years to assure the U. S. and the rest of the free world of sufficient supplies of raw materials, and to make recommendations as to the best policies to be followed.

Pre-Med Students James Bostwick and Donald Reis work as hospital attendants in a Veteran Administration hospital.

Richard Wolgast announced on July 19 his candidacy for mayor of Ithaca on the Liberal Party ticket. Wolgast, graduated from Cornell in 1949, is a graduate student in aeronautical engineering. Candidate Wolgast is politically inexperienced.

Dr. E. A. Lowe of the Institute for Advanced Study will be in Europe between August and Christmas to visit a few libraries in southern and Eastern France and to get photographic material to illustrate Vol. VI of Codices Latini Antiquiores. Vol. V, dealing with the oldest Latin mss. in Paris, appeared in Dec., 1950.

Austin Kiplinger now works exclusively with American Broadcasting Company at Chicago. He does news, analysis and comment, two television and one radio news program daily. Kiplinger formerly did column writing for the Chicago Journal of Commerce. Office: Merchandise Mart.

Erik Pell received his doctorate at Cornell in June. Thesis: The Hall Effect in Single Crystals of Barium Oxide. Weight, 24½ oz. Pell now works at the General Electric Research laboratory in Schenectady.

Gareth W. Sadler, June graduate from the Cornell Law School, has been employed as an attorney with the New York City office of the Atomic Energy Commission.

John S. deBeers received his Ph.D. from the Univ. of Chicago on June 15. Thesis: The Mexican Peso, 1941-1949. Dr. deBeers is Chief of the Latin-American Division of the Office of International Finance in the Treasury Dept. His duties took him to Guadalajara on April 27-29 to attend the Mexican Bankers' Assn. Convention, and as one of the U. S. delegation to the Fourth Session of the Economic Commission for Latin-America in Mexico, beginning May 28.

Physicist-Mathematician Michael Cohen and Engineering Physicist Theodore Schultz work this summer at the Bureau of Standards' Institute for Numerical Analysis at UCLA. Cohen was a member of the Cornell University 3-man team to win the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition for 1951. The annual contest is open to undergraduate teams from colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada, sponsored by the Math. Assn. of America in cooperation with the Putnam Foundation. Awards are based on competitive examinations. Schultz this fall has a research assistantship at MIT and will begin work in his doctorate in theoretical physics.

Robert Gatje, spring graduate in architecture who will study in London next year on a Fulbright grant, finished his work at Cornell in a flurry of awards & medals: a) AIA Student Award for the best academic record; b) NYS Society of Architecture Award for best work in structural design; c) Clifton Beckwith Brown medal for excellence in advanced architectural design; and d) Charles Goodwin Sands first medal for thesis.