TA Documents Unearthed
by Orville J. Sweeting

The Telluride Newsletter has been published continuously (if sporadically) since the December 1912 issue appeared (first as the Telluride Bulletin). Less well known than this formal publication are the various branch letters produced from time to time mostly for local information and intellectual exercise. The latter publications were ephemeral and in most instances our only knowledge of them comes from references in the Newsletter or in correspondence. Recently, however, in combing the archives, I came across a complete file of The Harlequin, published by the pinheads of Beaver Branch from April 12, 1915 until April 3, 1916—the Beaver station became fully commercial in the summer of 1916, and the educational work was transferred to Claremont, on the James River in Virginia, in October 1916.

Issues of The Harlequin were first reproduced directly by carbon interleaving on onion skin, later by a creepy Edison mimeograph, in enough copies for “Beaver Camp,” as it was always spoken of. The production staff was W. Paul Jones (Editor-in-Chief), Percy L. Clark (Managing Editor), J. T. Draper (Printer), John E. Meehan, Ray Fruit, C. O. Jandl. Everyone in camp contributed voluntarily, or by fiat, under the watchful eye of Dean Thornhill.

The Harlequin is a remarkably informative little publication for the year that it existed, in many ways conveying the flavor of early Telluride activities better than did the more formal and sophisticated Newsletter. The daily operations of an early power plant came through: a strange mixture of fixing things to keep electricity flowing, and concern for learning, for morality of the times, affairs of the world, and where the infant Telluride Association should fit into the social and educational fabric. The same issues that concern us now concerned the pinheads then; the specifics and the language may be different, but basically, intellects have not changed in over 50 years.

Here are Harvey Diehl’s words of advice for the operating lads in the power plant, who were apparently scared of electricity (as you read, bear in mind that power generation by falling water was new stuff in 1915).

“As every station varies so greatly in its machines and wiring, each one will need a special set of rules or principles on which it is best operated; however, the following will apply to most stations.

1. Do not shut the gates fast enough to endanger the pipe line.
2. Do not let the voltage rise high enough to injure the apparatus.
3. Do not let the current on any machine or transformer remain above the rated capacity for any length of time.
4. In case of any piece of apparatus burning, get it off the line as quickly as possible.
5. In case of trouble do not get off the line unless the current or voltage becomes so high that it might cause damage. The trouble may clear up.
6. In case of doubt call the “Supe.” Let him get the cussing if anything goes wrong.
7. Keep cool. There is a minimum of danger operating at the levers or switchboard.
8. Be sure you are right before you go ahead. This may mean the life or death of someone.”

Swearing was discouraged at Beaver, smoking and drinking were prohibited (penalty for the latter was expulsion from camp). The 1914 Convention had voted that applicants who were users of tobacco or alcohol “shall not be eligible for membership.” Even in those days it was recognized that “the tobacco habit is injurious to protoplasm”; the only difference then and now seems to have been that in the course of six months, Beaver “had kicked out tobacco so thoroughly that its non-use has become almost a tradition.”

The Harlequin contains much that may be of interest to Telluridians, especially to the old-timers. Some 160 pages have been reprinted in readable format (with only the poorest local pieces and gossip excised) and these are available on request (108 Everit St., New Haven, Connecticut 06511) in return for the parts and pieces of early history which may not have found their way into the archives, or for leads that I should follow as a beginning is made on the Telluride history.

I hope to have the first pages of the pictorial history on illustration board for viewing at Convention time 1967. The work has gone very slowly both because of the pressure of other duties and of the mass of material to be examined. In the next two months I hope to be able to shape up in tangible fashion what I have been doing.

Mr. Sweeting (TA ’34) is preparing several volumes of historical material for the Association. He plans a multi-volume history based on thousands of documents, a 150-page pictorial supplement to the history, and “a book, perhaps for popular appeal, that is a history of the Association in the framework of education from 1890 to 1960.” Mr. Sweeting is a member of the Chemistry Department at Yale.
Telluride to Hear Voice of Desert?

The year 1966–1967 may prove to be of historic importance in the relations between Deep Springs and Telluride Association. Both institutions have been engaged in extensive re-evaluation of their programs, and as they plan for the future, closer cooperation between them appears more possible than at any time in decades.

At its recent meeting the Deep Springs Board of Trustees invited Telluride Association to cooperate in recruitment of students and faculty, and in promoting joint programs, including a Telluride Association Summer Program at Deep Springs in 1968.

The Trustees also offered to join in a combined re-endowment drive of the two institutions, and to improve communication between the alumni of both organizations and the present generation at Deep Springs and Telluride Association. An invitation was extended to the Association to hold its 1968 Convention at Deep Springs, which coincides with the Deep Springs 50th anniversary. General expression of support was also given a proposal to appoint a committee of trustees and alumni of both institutions.

Throughout the year, the Deep Springs community has been deeply engaged in long-range planning for plant expansion, curriculum revision, and improvement in student and faculty recruitment. They hope to complete by the time of the October trustees' meeting a report on this planning, including the amount that must be raised. The Association, through its Financial Development Committee, has also been looking at its long-term needs, and at the projected costs of existing programs over the next several years. Convention must decide whether or not to adopt the recommendations of the Financial Development Committee, and to accept the Deep Springs invitation to conduct a joint re-endowment drive. The members assembled in Ithaca may judge of the earnestness of the Deep Springs students by the presentation at the spring trustees' meeting of a check for $1000 from the students' own pockets, to be contributed to the re-endowment drive if ten alumni of Deep Springs match it with a total of $10,000 by October 15.

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Sproull DS Trustee

Dr. Robert L. Sproull, former president of Telluride Association, was recently elected a trustee of Deep Springs. Now Vice-president for Academic Affairs at Cornell University, Sproull has been active in governmental, scientific and academic institutions. He organized and was Director of the Materials Science Center at Cornell from 1960 to 1963. The Federal Government then borrowed him for two years to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency, in the Department of Defense.

Sproull was a student at Deep Springs from 1935–1938, and a member of Telluride Association from 1938–1954. He becomes the most recent in a series of new trustees at Deep Springs on a board which now includes two past presidents of Telluride Association, Sproull and James R. Withrow (D.S. 1927–1930, and T.A. 1930–1958). Withrow is also Treasurer of Telluride Association.

Other members of the Deep Springs Board of Trustees include Frank Noon and Carroll Whitman, both Constitutional Members of Telluride Association; Dr. Robert B. Aird (D.S. 1920–1923, T.A. 1924–48); Dr. Charles M. Gilbert (D.S. 1927–1930, T.A. 1929–1940); Ralph N. Kleps (D.S. 1932–1933, T.A. 1935–1946); and Hugh Davy (D.S. 1928–1931, T.A. 1932–1939). Harold Walden, a Constitutional Member of Telluride Association and one of the original trustees of Deep Springs appointed by Mr. Nunn, recently retired from the Board but will continue to attend Trustees' meetings as an Associate Secretary.

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Notes From CBTA . . .

This semester Bill Galston began a series of student-led seminars with a discussion of Nietzsche'sJoyful Wisdom. Other seminars were on the Theogony, led by Cliff Orwin; Marat/Sade, led by Chuck Bazerman; and twentieth-century music, led jointly by Marty Pearman and Tom Darter. The House was treated also to two recitals: Gabor Brogyayni performed Telemann's "Canary Cantata" and some Schubert lieder, accompanied by Pearman, who recently gave a harpsichord recital at Lincoln Hall.

The intellectual life of the House was further enriched by faculty seminars. Mr. DeMan, of comparative literature, led a provocative seminar on the negative value of literature. Mr. Goldberg of the philosophy department began a series of talks by raising the question of the sufficiency of a mechanistic explanation of human thought.

The Academic Affairs Committee acquired a temporary exhibition of graphics by Mrs. Helen Ottaway. Some examples from Klaus Herdeg's exhibit of Indian architectural design will soon be on display.

The Branch has also begun a much-needed attic-cleaning. Letters are being sent to the owners of identified cumulata, and others are hereby warned that if they have belongings in our attic which bear no identifying marks they will very likely be disposed of on June 10.
New Committee System for 1967 Convention

Because of the broad range of issues facing the Association in June, President Breiseth has decided to reorganize the committee structure of Convention. He explains that the proposals for cooperation by the Deep Springs trustees and the work of several Association standing committees during the year have led the Association to a basic questioning of its goals and programs. "The time seems ripe to ask whether or not we are spending the money of the trust in the wisest manner. While such a question arises constantly in our deliberations, I am impressed that the question must have been more penetrating this year because of the clear limitation of funds relative to our program aspirations."

A Long-range Planning Committee, chaired by Paul Szasz, will study the Association's present goals. This committee will consider the place of Cornell Branch and Berkeley Branch, the value and importance of the summer programs as continuing features of the Association's operations, relations between Deep Springs and Telluride, a re-endowment drive for both institutions, and proposals for a southeastern branch.

A Programs Evaluation Committee will investigate the specific activities of Cornell Branch, Berkeley Branch and TASP — combining the previous functions of the Cornell and Berkeley Branch Committees and part of the work of the old Programs and Operations Committee. Jim Hedlund will be the chairman. An Operations Committee, chaired by Paul Weaver, will be concerned with the bulk of the programs normally considered by P and O, including the problems of Newsletter, Bulletin, inter-branch and D.S.-T.A. communications; pre-Convention preference; New Funds, and related alumni activities. The committee is also to review the office of Executive Secretary. Breiseth also pointed out that the time seems ripe for this committee to ask what decisions Convention should reserve to itself and which could be handled by appropriate standing committees during the year.

Other Convention committees will have their traditional functions. Chairmen are Paul Wolfowitz, Finance; Seymour Mauskopf, Membership; and George Rinehart, Preferment.

Constitutional Amendment

(This article appeared in the April issue of the Telluride Bulletin.)

Proposed amendments to the Telluride Constitution were circulated to all trustees early in December 1966, in compliance with the six-month notice provision of Article X of the Constitution. The two proposed amendments would (1) add to the preamble of the Constitution the words "dedicated exclusively to charitable and scientific purposes," and (2) delete section 3 of Article V, which section makes it the "aim of the Association to establish, invest in, and conduct commercial enterprises...for the sole purpose of augmenting the income available to it for the accomplishment of its purposes."

These two amendments are proposed in order to bring before the Convention one alternative solution to the problem posed by the Counsel's Office of the California State Board of Equalization. That office advised these changes as a minimum before it will recommend to the County of Alameda a property tax exemption for the Berkeley Branch. Its recommendation is in turn invariably followed by the County Assessor's Office.

By way of background, counsel for the California State Board of Equalization advised the County of Alameda to authorize an exemption for tax year 1966-67. For future tax years however, that recommendation was made conditional on changes being made in the Constitution such as have been proposed. Since it was impossible to make these changes before the assessment date of March 1, 1967, we shall in all events be required to pay the tax for the fiscal year 1967-68. That tax will be about $850, and if the Branch were to expand, and move into larger quarters suitable to such an expansion, that sum might well double or triple in future years.

It would be possible to litigate the necessity of making these changes before the County Board of Supervisors and in the courts, but that would be expensive and assuming ultimate success. And unless the Constitution were at least amended to provide for the irrevocable dedication solely to charitable or scientific purposes, our chances of prevailing would be nil since that amendment has been clearly made necessary by a law which just became effective in the fall of last year.

An alternative to amending the Constitution is to establish a separate California membership corporation to own and operate the Berkeley Branch and any other California activities in which we may engage. The members of the corporation would be identical with the trustees of the Association, and the articles of incorporation would be as close to the Constitution as the local situation would allow. Articles of incorporation will be submitted to the Convention so that this alternative may be considered along with the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

OAAC MEETS

The Operations, Awards and Advisory Committee meeting in Ithaca on April 15 granted Cornell Branch preferment to George Manlove (CB 65, DS 66) and Cornell and Berkeley Branch preferment to Danny Ihara (DS 64). The Telluride Foreign Student Graduate Fellowship for 1967-68 was awarded to Anthony Goldstone of Trinity College, Oxford, who will be pursuing a degree in economics at Cornell next fall. The two-year Lincoln Exchange Fellowship was awarded to Barry Weller, Cornell '67. On the other end of the exchange, Lincoln College has nominated George A. C. Taylor.

Ithaca Sports Roundup

CBTA's athletic program was spearheaded this semester by a vigorous volleyball season. The Telluride Turkeys carried their league with ease — winning six, losing none, and picking up a few unofficial victories on the way. The first of our tournament matches fell our way also.

In our second tournament game we discovered that it is not illegal for the head referee to play. He was not, unfortunately, on the Telluride team. The match was lost, game scores being 9-15 theirs, 15-4 ours, and a tense 13-15 theirs.

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Deep Springs News

Elections last February brought second-year men Eric Swanson and Glen Kaufman into the offices of Labor Commissioner and President, while the Student Body Representative was a third-year man, Doug Von Quallen. Other officers are Mark Farrell, first-year man, Secretary; and Mike Craley, second-year, Treasurer.

At the spring meeting of the Trustees, Dr. Robert Sproull of Ithaca became a Trustee in place of Mr. Waldro, who retired as of the fall meeting.

Two faculty members are leaving: Dr. John Mawby (DS 33; natural sciences) and Mr. Jack Newell (DS 56; history), after stays of three and two years respectively. Dr. Mawby will be replaced by a philosopher, Mr. Angus MacPherson. Mr. Newell will be replaced as the History Department by Mr. Bernard Brodsky. Beginning in September we will again have a full-time math-physics teacher, Mr. Roger Davidson, lately of the Peace Corps.

A significant change is that we will be left with only one Nummiun alumnus on the faculty.

A new committee of some importance was created at the spring meeting at the request of the Student Body. This committee, composed of two Student Body members, Doug Von Quallen and Bill Pezick, with the guidance of trustee Hugh Davy, will be known as the Student Body Alumni Committee. The committee will be in contact with Deep Springs alumni to answer questions and solicit advice.

In contrast to last year there will be many second and third-year men staying for the summer. There will be eight or nine old men, seven new men, and, hopefully, some Telluride Branch members.

—Eric Swanson
TASP Board Meets, Selects Participants

The Summer Program Board met in Ithaca on April 8 and 9 with Chairman Paul Wolffowitz, Barbara Herman, George Rinehart, Clare Selgin, and Nathan Tarcov attending and Berkeley member John Neville held back by the measles. Chief business was the final selection of the 46 participants and seven alternates.

The Board discussed the various proposals for additional summer programs. The Board was particularly interested in the proposed Deep Springs Summer Program, which would provide a combination of academic study and practical work more faithful to Telluride principles.

The Board also hopes to re-establish the Princeton Summer Program, probably in history of science.

The possibility of a Berkeley Branch Program was also discussed, but it was noted that the present Berkeley facilities were inadequate for that purpose.

The 1967 Summer Programs are as follows.

Cornell Program I, "Historical Studies in the Origins of War": Under the direction of Professor Donald Kagan, of the Cornell University History Department, and Professor Walter A. Ralls, Chairman of the Department of History of Hobart College, this program will adopt an empirical approach to the question of causation in human affairs, as reflected in the circumstances leading to four major wars in contemporary and ancient history.

Cornell Program II, "The Reading of Literature": This program will link its discussion of the content of literature with an examination of the medium through which it effects communication, namely, the written word. The seminar will be conducted by Neil Hertz, Fellow of the Society for the Humanities at Cornell University, and Taylor Stochr, Associate Professor of English at the University of the State of New York at Buffalo.

Hampton Program, "From Slavery to Freedom: An American Political Problem": Directed by Professor Herbert Storing, of the Department of Political Science of the University of Chicago, the program will focus on the issues of three separate periods —

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Alumni News

From ED LOOMIS, DS42, has been received an announcement of “The College of Creative Studies of the University of California, Santa Barbara.” This College-within-a-University is to open in the fall of ’67 with an enrollment of 50 students, selected for evidence of “a capacity for intellectual pursuit, discovery, and reformation in a particular art or science.”

JOHN C. DAMON, Superintendent of Operations in Colorado of the Telluride Power Company from 1907 to 1911, died on March 8 of this year, according to word received from his son. A long and distinguished career in the field of electrical engineering included service in both World Wars, two years as Chief Engineer of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, and six years with the Public Utilities Division for the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission. In 1955 he came out of retirement to contribute his expertise in Korea.

WARREN STOKES Seulowitz, PB47–50, CB50–52, died unexpectedly in Scarsdale, N.Y., the night of January 5. At the time of his death, he was vice-president in charge of marketing for ATCOR, Inc., a nuclear consulting firm specializing in disposal of nuclear wastes and in decontamination. He is survived by his wife, Lois, and two children—Robert (5) and Laurie (6).

CONSTANTINE PAPADANTONAKIS, CB64–66, and WILLIAM J. WALLACE, CB63–65, have both returned from their native lands to complete graduate theses in Ithaca this spring and summer.

Dr. DAVID C. COLE, TA49, writes to correct the out-of-date address in this year’s Directory. He and his family completed a two-year stint in Korea last August, and they are now settled in Cambridge, Mass., where David is a research associate at Harvard’s Center for International Affairs.

FREDERICK J. RARIG, TA37, has been serving as Chairman of the Executive Committee of Philadelphia’s International House which is involved in raising capital funds to erect a new building in the University City complex in West Philadelphia.

WENDELL S. WILLIAMS, TA49, has accepted a permanent appointment as of September with the University of Illinois in Urbana.

Dr. WILLIAM K. ROSE, CB47, who has been a member of the Department of English at Vassar College since 1953, has been awarded both a Guggenheim and a Vassar Faculty Fellowship for the coming academic year. He will spend the year in research on the literary revolution which took place in London in the second decade of this century.

DON O. NOEL, TA51, on leave from the Hartford Times with an Alicia Patterson Fund fellowship, has been writing newsletters (distributed by the Fund) from Cambodia. These fascinating reports (on politics, economics, sports, etc.) of the current scene are on file in the Association Office.

A new book by GERHARD LOEWE-ENBERG, TA48, Parliament in the German Political System, was published by the Cornell Press in January. Gerry writes, “I did the basic research in Germany in 1961–62 on a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. . . . There will be a German translation published later this year.”

The Mark Taper Forum, one of the two new theatres of the Los Angeles Music Center, will be officially inaugurated on April 9 with a production of John Whiting’s drama, “The Devils,” under the direction of GORDON DAVIDSON, TA33. As artistic director of the Forum, Gordon also had the responsibility of selecting the four Center Theatre Group productions to be done in the theatre this season. In addition to the opener, the Group will do two new plays: “The Sorrows Of Frederick” by Romulus Linizer, and “Witnesses” by William Murray. The fourth production will be Friedrich Durrenmatt’s “The Marriage of Mr. Mississippi.”

A visitor to Cornell Branch for a few days in January was BERNARD von Falkenhausen, CB50, now with Bankhaus Burkhardt & Co. in Essen, Germany.

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