New Committee Meets, Begins Alumni Drive

By STEVE NOLL

Questionnaires were mailed in September to 350 TA alumni. The questionnaires ask alumni for personal news, about their continuing ties with other alumni and with TA and DS, for help in student and faculty recruitment, and for suggestions to improve alumni relations. Answers to these questionnaires will help our new alumni secretary, Connie Farrish, to update the TA alumni files, which have been collecting cobwebs since 1961.

BUSY YEAR

This mailing marks the beginning of a busy year for the Steering Committee for Alumni Relations and New Funds. The Steering Committee was set up at the last convention to manage the combined work of the Financial Development Committee and the New Funds Committee.

The Steering Committee met for the first time Sept. 8 at the Newark Airport. The committee discussed preparations for a general alumni drive and the necessity of making long-range improvements to improve alumni relations in the years to come.

AREA DINNERS

Long-range efforts include reinstating area dinners, inviting alumni to visit the Branches, asking alumni to interview and recruit for TASP and DS, and reviving the Newsletter as an organ of communication.

The Steering Committee is directing an appeal for funds to a select 
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$350,000 Needed

TA Plans Howard Branch, Seeks Outside Financial Support

By PAUL WOLFOWITZ

If $350,000 can be raised from foundations and other external sources, Telluride Association will open a secondary branch at Howard University in Washington, D. C., in the fall of 1969.

The idea of a Telluride branch at a southern Negro college was suggested more than a year ago by Association members Michael Chanowitz and Ernest Tucker, then residents of Alabama. The purposes of the Branch would be twofold: To provide the intellectual stimulation of a Telluride branch for bright students who might benefit from such an experience; and to extend to these students the traditional Telluride education in responsible leadership. This proposal seems particularly timely and valuable, because today's top Negro students may well be among the nation's future leaders.

EXTENSIVE STUDY

The Southeast Branch Study Committee, authorized by the 1966 Convention to investigate the possibility of such a branch, made an extensive study of five major Negro colleges. Interviews were held with approximately 25 administrators, 60 faculty members and a hundred students. At each college the committee sought to determine whether a Telluride branch would be welcome, whether it would make a significant contribution to the college, and whether the conditions at the college were such that a house could operate successfully. The great majority of administrators, faculty and students contacted at the five colleges said that a Telluride branch would indeed be welcome.

The question remaining was whether or not any of the colleges had enough students and faculty of the sort needed for the success of a Telluride branch. The committee found that Howard University fulfilled these qualifications. The Howard faculty was considered the strongest of any of the colleges visited, and the committee reported that in a brief search it found several students whom Telluride would be pleased to have living in any of its houses.

CONVENTION RESOLVES

The 1967 Convention approved the committee's proposal. The convention resolution reads, in part:

WHEREAS, Telluride Association desires to establish a Branch at Howard University, Washington D.C.

AND WHEREAS the financial resources of the Association are not sufficient to provide for the support of

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Moving?

A plea comes from the office of the Executive Secretary: Please send us change of address cards when you move. The Newsletter will not reach you, and each one returned costs the office eight cents, if we are not notified of your vital moving statistics. If possible, let us know in advance, so each issue can be delivered promptly.
CB Orients New Members

By DAVID MOSSNER

The semester began with the Branch’s usual attempt to make new members feel at home. The annual introductory work day saw freshmen and older members washing windows, mowing the lawn and cleaning the basement of accumulated dirt, cobwebs and junk.

The annual orientation picnic was postponed because of bad weather, but another gesture of welcome was substituted: The older House members treated the new arrivals to Sunday dinner. The orientation party—a modest success—was made more lively by one of the most successful orientation skits in recent years, breaking tradition by dispensing with Gilbert and Sullivan songs as the vehicle for its self-parody, using instead the format of Lucien Nunn’s Scholastic Boy Scout Band.

At the first public speaking session a short talk by a member of the orientation committee started a three-hour free-for-all discussion on the purpose of Telluride. The discussion was more abstract than expected and thus may have been more interesting to the older and more philosophical Branch members than to the newcomers; but, at the least, new members learned something about the traditional issues and the fervor with which they are usually argued. At issue was the relevance of the Nunnian tradition to a House which is divorced from its 19th Century power station origins. Namely, need we worry about virtue and public service, or should we simply concern ourselves with what comes naturally to a serious and multi-talented group: the development of intellectual and social maturity. As always, the answers were various.

More discussions of an earthier nature are planned: One on Telluride finances, to precede the fall Custodians meeting; one on the proposed Howard Branch; and various sessions on other Telluride issues and procedures, as they become timely. The effort in all of this is to interest the new House members in Association membership and in Branch activities aimed at developing responsibility and leadership.

This year’s House includes five freshmen from TASP ’66 (Allan Arkush, David Fried, Eve Kosofsky, Rick Velkley and Ed Whiffendall); one new Deep Springs transfer (Doug Von Quallen); one Branch member returning from a year at Deep Springs (George Manlove) and two foreign students (Anthony Goldstone and George Taylor) from Oxford.

Newly elected Branch officers include Nathan Tarlov, president; Bob Dawidoff, vice-president; Cliff Orwin and Dave Mossner, advisory committee members; John Burleigh, treasurer; Eve Kosofsky, secretary; and Mike Chanowitz—oldest living Branch member—Catputter.

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TASPs Pursue Diverse Subjects

During the summer of 1967, 48 energetic and carefully selected high school juniors participated in the unique learning experience of a Telluride Association Summer Program (TASP).

Three programs were held this year, two coed programs in Ithaca sponsored jointly by Cornell and Telluride, and a field TASP held for the second time at Hampton Institute in Virginia.

Cornell historian Donald Kagan assisted by Walter Ralls of Hobart College, conducted the history program at Cornell Branch on "The Causes of War." Neil Hertz of Cornell and Taylor Stochr, formerly at Cornell and now at the University of Buffalo, conducted a literature and writing course. Judy Lindahl, CB, and Earl Salo, BB, were factotums for the respective programs.

The Hampton Field TASP was directed by Professor Herbert J. Storing of the University of Chicago. He was assisted by Dr. Peter Henriot of Seattle University and Charles Umbanhower, a Ph.D. candidate at Chicago and star "ringer" on the 1962 Telluride basketball team. Robert Dawidoff, CB, was factotum and Edward Whitfield, a graduate of 1966 Field TASP now at Cornell Branch, was special assistant to the faculty for the field work part of the program.

SOURCE OF RECRUITMENT

The summer programs began in 1954 with the aim of making use of Telluride Branch facilities during the summer months, and in a small way, to fill a major gap in American high school education by bringing unusually gifted students and faculty together in a total learning experience. The summer programs have also proved to be a source of recruitment for both branches of the Association and Deep Springs.

The Field TASP, as it was conceived by the 1965 Convention, was intended to enrich the study of a contemporary social or political problem by locating the program in an area where aspects of the subject being studied could be observed first-hand. This summer's program at Hampton, a predominantly Negro college in the Tidewater region of Virginia, concerned "From Slavery to Freedom: an American Political Problem." It was an investigation of the place of the Negro in the American political community. The aim was not only to by their success in producing what was probably the most sustained good writing they had done in their lives.

WAR DOCUMENTS

Pertinent original documents of five wars, from the Peloponnesian to Vietnam, were studied in the history TASP. Six papers were required as well as participation in several oral reports and highly structured debates. With few exceptions the students maintained a lively interest in the

issues, Mr. Ralls commented. "What we were after was not that they should think our thoughts on these complex issues of war and diplomacy, but rather that they think as we think, i.e. the way an historian thinks about evidence and arguments in order to bring some pattern of meaning from the inchoate materials of the past."

The Field TASP formally consisted of three parts: Seminar discussions of readings, field studies and a mock Supreme Court trial. The faculty reported that "the general level of the discussions was high, and there was a distinct improvement as we went along in the capacity of the group as a whole to sustain coherent discussion at a high level and in the capacity of many individuals to participate, to listen, to defend their opinions, and to put together larger and better arguments than they had been used to doing."
FIELD WORK

In order to satisfy the special requirements of the field study, the students interviewed officials and public leaders in the community, in an effort to see, to some extent, the way political problems look to these people.

In the mock Supreme Court cases, three fictitious appeals were written on school desegregation with the aim of presenting significant issues not yet passed upon by the Court. This experiment was termed fruitful by the faculty, who suggested that a future TASP devote itself to some area of constitutional law and culminate in a more elaborate mock court.

The location of the Field TASP at Hampton was an education in itself, described as "the Hampton experience." Robert Dawidoff stated in his factotum's report that the interaction of the TASPers with the community of Hampton Institute may be the most valuable personal experience of a Hampton TASPer: "They were a minority group in an alien environment in close contact with black Americans of their own age—contact which social conditions render improbable elsewhere."

"CULTURAL SHOCK"

TASP's first concern was to make friends with the Hampton students and with the administration. At first they experienced a "cultural shock" followed by a period of recovery—a bending over backwards to get along. Being at Hampton presented problems not encountered by Cornell TASPers. There was difficulty in providing intellectual stimulation for the TASPers outside of class, and efforts to smooth relations with Hampton students in some ways prevented the TASPers from cementing their own relationship as a group.

Out of these difficulties come recommendations to improve future Field TASP. The faculty agreed that being at Hampton is a valuable experience for both student and teacher. But "the general principle seems clear: Enjoy and profit from living in Hampton without watering down Telluridian standards and values. We think we have succeeded...in applying this principle this summer, but it is a delicate matter requiring the constant attention of all the staff and students."

The factotum stressed the importance of recruiting Negro students to participate in the Hampton program. "There is no reason for Telluride to run a segregated program on a Negro campus...new ways of finding qualified Negro students must be tried."—Connie Parrish

Howard Branch

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such a Branch; therefore, BE IT RESOLVED:...that the President appoint a Howard Branch Development Committee to plan and conduct a program for raising financial support for the Howard Branch from foundations and other external sources.

The Howard Branch Development Committee, under the joint chairmanship of Chanowitz and Thomas Nagel, a professor at Princeton University, hopes to begin approaching foundations shortly. The $350,000 the committee hopes to raise will be used for the purchase of a suitable house and its first five years of operation. The coeducational branch will house about 30 members and three or four faculty guests.

Readers who have questions, suggestions or advice about this project are encouraged to write to the Howard Branch Development Committee in care of the Association office in Ithaca. Copies of the study committee's Convention report are available upon request.

Area Dinners

In order to reactivate old friendships and stimulate alumni interest in Telluride Association, the once-traditional policy of holding area dinners is being revived.

Alumni dinners in six metropolitan cities are planned for the coming year, some to coincide with visits of Telluride officers and Trustees of Deep Springs. A slide show of Deep Springs and photo layouts of Association programs will be available at each dinner to acquaint alumni with current activities.

The schedule for the dinners is not complete at this time, but Alumni Relations Area Chairmen, chosen at the 1967 Convention will coordinate plans in their respective areas. They are: Boston, Paul Weaver; Chicago, Norman Brokaw; Los Angeles, Miles Everett; New York, Donald Read; San Francisco, Michael Ames; and Washington, Christopher Breiseth.
Deep Springs Holds Arts Seminar

By ERIC SWANSON

Deep Springs' "New Quarter System With Variations" has passed through its transition period. The first official quarter began on Aug. 14, following the 'fall' trip and return of the second year men.

The transition period was actually a seminar in the modern arts and will be a model for future special summer sessions. The first year class which entered in June, returning third year men, three non-returning third year men and one second year man participated in the seminar. The arts program was conducted by Dean Childs and guest member John Newlove, a Canadian poet.

In addition, avant-garde expert Joseph Byrd, "chance" composer Morton Feldman and printmaker W. T. Woodward were guest lecturers. They discussed the technical aspects of modern art and demonstrated their work. Five students, who apparently did not feel so creative, studied mathematics or physics under Roger Dell.

The summer's student body was unusually large, and Dean Childs reports 16 visiting alumni since April. Three Cornell Branch TASP products came to Deep Springs this fall. They are Jack Finfrock, TASP '67, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Mayer Shevin, TASP '66, of Rochester, N.Y., and Joel Hyde, TASP '66, of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Dean Childs remarked in a letter that he was "pleased to pick up these men. It attests to the flexibility of the present application setup..."

The labor program during the summer was under the direction of Joel Coble, who coped with problems of rain, unlearned laborers and mechanical failure. The rain kept the valley bright green and fell faithfully whenever the alfalfa was cut. However, enthusiasm was general.

The Deep Springs Planning Committee (five students and the business manager) presented their preliminary report for fund raising and building at the April Trustees meeting. They agreed to develop a master plan to coordinate their efforts.

At this same meeting the student body presented its $1,000 challenge to alumni. They offered to contribute $1,000 if this sum is matched by at least 10 alumni. Chances are good that the student body will lose their money.

The newly established Student Body Alumni Committee has been handling the "Thousand Dollar Fund" and other donations.

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...portion of TA alumni -- all ex-officers of the Association. Chuck Christenson is organizing the drive, which will probably begin in November.

At the same time the Steering Committee will launch a New Funds drive similar to those in past years but including a special category for contribution to the E. M. Johnson Fund.

With the experience of the ex-Presidents and ex-officers drives, with complete alumni files, and hopefully with a new bequests brochure and a new general TA brochure, the Steering Committee may be ready next year for a general alumni drive with a personal appeal to individual alumni.

The Perspective of History

(Those who learn nothing from the past are doomed to repeat it. In that spirit, and in the spirit of curiosity, the Newsletter will regularly print revised bits of Telluride history from the pages of past Newsletters and convention minutes. Personal recollections from alumni are welcome as well.)

Once again in 1942, as in 1917, the Association met in Ithaca under the shadow of a new war. But this time all the officers managed to attend. President Jim Withrow incorrectly predicted that "this will undoubtedly be our last Convention until after the war." He added that "the Association's own prophets of doom (the Custodians) have predicted five to 10 years of world conflict." As it turned out the war went on for less than four years.

Of the 76 active members of the Association (there had been 105 in 1917), some 23 were in the armed services that summer and a large number were engaged in war-related work. "Already," said the Newsletter, "Huffcut is missing at Corregidor, Morley at Tobruk. In contrast to 1917 sentiment, the Newsletter editorialized that "war and the principles of Telluride Association are irreconcilable."

Also from the September, 1942, Newsletter:

- "The Endowment Committee has been asked whether it would accept Savings Stamps and Defense Bonds contributed to the Association. Stamps and bonds are highly acceptable. Donors of these government securities are doing a patriotic service for their country and at the same time are aiding the Association to carry on its work during difficult times."

- "Cornell Branch for the first time in its 32 years remained open throughout the summer so that members might take the accelerated courses at Cornell. All the usual Branch activities continued during the summer."

- "The Newsletter also reported substantial progress in building the Burr Fund, a memorial to the late George Lincoln Burr who had long resided at Cornell Branch."
Associate Helps Draft Constitution

New York State Constitutional Convention Delegate William H. vanden Heuval, DS '46-'48, TA '48, more than any other single delegate, is responsible for the final appearance of the proposed state constitution.

As chairman of the Committee on Style and Arrangements, his job is to take the convention's original proposals and, without changing the real meaning, polish them into understandable, workable pieces.

The utmost in patience and tact are required, for he must contend with fellow delegates and their fierce pride of authorship as he strives to present each article in its most simple form.

The 37-year-old Democrat was reported in an Associated Press interview to be enthusiastic about the new constitution. If approved, it will be about half as long as the present 45,000 word document. In most cases the articles will be less complex than the present wordage.

Vanden Heuval has been in public life since his graduation from Cornell Law School in 1952. He was only 22 when he went to Thailand as an assistant to the U. S. ambassador, the late William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan.

Before being elected delegate-at-large to the convention, he made an unsuccessful bid for the congressional seat of John V. Lindsay in the Silk Stocking District of Manhattan.

Secretary Assumes Alumni Post

An attractive addition to the office staff of the Association in Ithaca is Connie Parrish, who in September assumed the post of Alumni Secretary as authorized by the 1967 Convention. Her job will be to develop and strengthen the bonds between Telluride and all alumni of the Numian institutions. Alumni and Associates may expect to be hearing from her from time to time, as she distributes questionnaires, helps to set up dinner-meetings, and otherwise pursues and shares information of interest to the alumni body.

A significant part of her work will consist of directing the editing of the Newsletter, with the purpose of making it more meaningful and interesting to alumni. She has already suggested some important revisions which will be noted by readers in this and future issues. Her expertise in this area is more than intuitive: She majored in editorial journalism at the University of Illinois and did graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis. She came to us from Rochester, N.Y., where she had been a reporter for the Democrat and Chronicle.

Alumni who find themselves in the Ithaca area are urged to stop in Mrs. Parrish's office to make themselves known, and to make the acquaintance of the newest asset in the Association portfolio. Her headquarters are the former Branch Office on the first floor, and judging by the warmth of Cornell Branch reception, the investment meets with unanimous approval.

Alumni News

- Sally Burr Phillips, CB '64-'65, was married to Thomas D. Hayes in New York City on September 2, her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Phillips announce.

- Dr. Richard W. Patch, DS '49, CB '49-'51, TA '50, and his wife, Ruth, send news of the birth of their second child, Mary Alexandra, on April 11 in Madison, Wisconsin.

- In mid November James Dean, DS '58, CB '62-'63, TA '62, will begin his assignment as Consular Officer in the U.S. Consulate in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. San Pedro Sula is near United Fruits' famous Honduran operations, he reports. "The climate is torrid, the living conditions bad, but the Foreign Service's policy of giving great responsibilities to young officers will mean that I'll be in charge when the other two F.S.O.'s take their vacations."