Convention Approves
A Record Budget
To Finance Programs

The 1968 Convention adopted the following budget for the fiscal year 1968-1969: $127,000.00 to come from spendable income and the balance to be taken from the General Reserve.

1. CB Operations $38,497.74
2. CB Contingency 250.00
3. CB Faculty Reserve 625.00
4. CB Salary Contingency 400.00
5. CB Maintenance 4,500.00
6. BB Operations 15,826.23
7. Insurance & Taxes 2,500.00
8. TASP Operations 9,370.00
9. TASP Preparations 5,000.00
10. Field TASP 8,689.00
11. Advances-in-Aid 1,140.00*
12. Sidgwick 900.00
13. Burr 850.00
14. Dunham 195.10
15. Executive Secretary Salary 9,583.00
16. Executive Secretary Expenses 8,340.00
17. Administrative Expenses 6,300.00
18. Convention Expenses 2,350.00
19. Convention Travel 7,033.06
20. Newsletter 1,800.00
21. T.H. Replacement Reserve 2,000.00
22. S.E. Branch 150.00
23. Financial Development Committee 7,813.00
24. Cornell Branch Renovations 8,800.00
25. Berkeley Branch Renovations 1,000.00

143,912.13

* Plus $350.00 earmarked from New Funds

Hodges' State of the Union: Money is the Major Problem

By David A. Hodges

Unusually difficult budgeting and financial policy problems challenged the 1968 Convention. One or two major Telluride programs will have to be terminated by 1970 unless expenditures can be reduced or income can be increased.

As shown in the budget listing (below) Convention appropriated nearly $144,000 for current expenses in 1968-69. This is almost $17,000 more than the current income available for appropriation. The deficit is being met from reserve funds. However, reserves are now so low that only one more year of deficit operation at current levels is possible.

The Association is convinced that a deficit of this magnitude cannot be eliminated simply by trimming the appropriations of all programs. Hence, unless new sources of income can be developed, one or two programs will be terminated soon.

At first glance it appears that the $16,000 Berkeley Branch operating appropriation is the prime cause of this year's deficit and that the Association was unwise to have begun the Berkeley operation five years ago. However, this figure is almost exactly as predicted in 1963 when the financial feasibility of founding Berkeley Branch was debated and resolved in the affirmative. We now find that other increased and new items, unanticipated in 1963, are the major cause of the present deficit.

Reasons for Deficit

First, the number of Telluride Association summer programs (TASPs) has been increased to three, requiring a $9,000 increase in the appropriations for TASP. A fourth summer program, at Deep Springs, is planned for 1969.

Second, the long-term average annual expenditure for Telluride House maintenance and renovation is now estimated at $15,000, more than three times the figure anticipated in 1963. Third, the Ithaca office staff has been increased by the addition of an Alumni Secretary, Mrs. Connie Parrish, at an annual cost of roughly $6,000. Mrs. Parrish has a major role in the Newsletter and important responsibilities for alumni files and correspondence and for New Funds work. The Executive Secretary and her assistant cannot handle both this work and the heavy load of TASP recruitment and selection duties. The TASP work has multiplied several times in the past decade.

Convention Expenses Up

A final item contributing to the deficit situation is Convention expense. The number of Association members has increased from 71 to 97 since 1963. A larger percentage of members are attending Convention, raising convention expenses by roughly $3,000.

The Association is attempting to minimize the magnitude and impact of im-

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Minutes Available

Associates who wish a copy of the 1968 Telluride Convention Minutes should return the blank form printed in this Newsletter. A limited number are available on a first-come, first-served basis from the Telluride Office, 217 West Ave., Ithaca, N. Y. 14850. Please add news for the Newsletter and indicate if your address is a new one.
Report Questions Exclusive Use of PSAT Scores
For Recruiting Summer Program Candidates

By Philip Blair

Programs and Operations is, without doubt, the funniest Convention committee: it gets all the happy surprises, and can meddle in just about anything.

This year’s agenda included two major innovations in TASP, a controversial memorandum on recruitment policies from two Old Turks, a History in the making, proposals for a Third Branch, Section 221 (d) (3) of the National Housing Act, and Fundamental Questioning of the Usefulness of Convention.

TASP is the staple in the P&O diet. As a result of the suggestions of Alex Gold’s TASP Board and the Joint Committee on Educational Programs, there will be next year a new TASP at Deep Springs, so innovative as to require its own acronym: TADSSP (“Tad-Sap”). The student body will consist of high school post-seniors selected through the TASP channels and the incoming DS class. The subject of study will be one of public policy or concern.

Hamptons Students

Another innovation will concern the Hampton Field TASP; the Board is authorized to arrange with the Hampton Institute admissions office for TASP applications to be sent to highly recommended and promising potential members of the incoming Hampton freshman class. With a slight expansion in the number of people in the FTASP, from four to six such post-seniors will be members of the 1969 FTASP at Hampton.

These two innovations are only peripheral, however, to the concern felt by many Associates concerning the recruitment patterns which TASP has been allowed to force upon us. The Association must be grateful to two members who cogently summarized these concerns and suggested certain changes in our recruitment process: their report, the Breiseth-Szasz (or B-S., as it came to be known) Memorandum occasioned considerable debate (See article by Chris Breiseth in this Newsletter).

As a result of this controversy, it was decided that the TASP Board would report to the 1969 Convention in detail on the advantages and disadvantages involved in instituting a dual-track (PSAT and human) TASP recruitment system, under which only a fixed percentage of TASP applicants would be selected from the PSAT route. The necessity and advisability of such a system will largely be determined by the experience of a Special Recruitment Committee, adjunct to the TASP Board, and overseen by Bob Daviddoff, which will make strenuous efforts to recruit candidates of the sort not successfully caught in the giant Princeton computer PSAT web.

Associates can expect to be asked for their help in these efforts by personal letters. Any ideas, from any Newsletter readers, or friends of Newsletter readers, would be most appreciated, and should be directed to Special Recruitment Committee, 217 West Ave., Ithaca. Volunteers for approaching high schools, particularly inner city high schools, will be sent a pack of propaganda and useful advice. The effort involved will be considerable, but there is no other way for us to stay on the cutting edge of educational progress.

The efforts of the Southeast Branch Investigation Committee (SEBIC) to establish a Telluride Branch at Howard University have, as a result of Committee deliberation and Convention debate, been radically reoriented. A possibility reported by the SEBIC was that indigenously developed programs have the best chances of funding and perhaps success at Howard. The decision of last Convention gives Berkeley Branch first call on Association resources for the development of a second Branch, and the Committee was concerned with the over-extension of Association efforts. The Howard Committee chaired by Mike Chanowitz has been continued, however, in order to be of assistance to groups at Howard which hope to make use of Telluride experience in planning a scholarship house at Howard.

To Publish History

The History in the making is Orville Sweeting’s pictorial history of the Nunnian enterprises, which the Association hopes to have published by next summer. Mr. Sweeting’s efforts deserve more appreciation and gratitude than this paragraph can give, but his work—of such obvious interest to the whole Nunnian tribe—needs no ballyhooing.

TA member (Ret.) John Lankenau suggested to Convention that the Association could involve itself in sponsoring low-income housing under the provisions of Section 221 (d) (3) of the National Housing Act, but in view of the demands on the Association’s housing activists now being made by Berkeley Branch, the Committee was unable to recommend action on Mr. Lankenau’s suggestion.

Pre-Convention Preference Committee and the Operations, Awards and Ad- visory Committee have merged into a new streamlined PCPC under the chairmanship of the vice president. A particular concern of the PCPC over the coming year will be the recruitment of Hoyt-Huffcutt-Bannister-Bedell scholars from the Third World. With the help of CBTA’s recent faculty guest Fr. Michael MacPhelin and Telluride associates in the Philippines, special efforts will be made to secure Filipino preference candidates for CB and BBTA.

Finally, P&O felt that it was time somebody took a long unsentimental look at Convention, which might, as an annual thing, be a little pale and elephanine in this age of cheap communications and expensive travel. At the very least, somebody should spare Convention the effort of redoing all the deliberations of the Membership and Preference Committees on the floor, in order to leave more time for the policy decisions and Big Questions (including the Budget) which now get crammed into the last few sleepy hours when a large portion of the membership has already given up and gone away.

Examine Convention

Having decided what somebody should worry about, P&O decided that the somebody should be somebody else. A committee, under the chairmanship of James Hedlund, will spend next year worrying about Convention operations and report to the next Convention.

The Committee could have made all the worrying about Convention a moot point, but after a little soul-searching, we did the right thing, and remembered to move the Rules and Procedures (TARP) and to set a date for next Convention.

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Debate on Dow Holdings Climaxes Active Year for TA Custodians

By William Galston

1967-68 was an active year on many fronts for the Custodians. The Board met four times, twice in Ithaca, once at Treasurer James Withrow’s office in New York, and finally at the Deep Springs Convention. The Inner Four met intermittently to consider questions delegated to it by the full Board.

This year’s high volume of transactions reflected changes in the national economy and in the performance of differing types of common stocks. Corporate profits after five years of spectacular and uninterrupted rise leveled off, and “growth stocks” which had been market favorites fared very badly. It became apparent to us that we should pay more attention to particular segments of the economy which were expanding faster than average; e.g., computers, electronics, business equipment.

More generally (as the report of the Board to Convention pointed out), it will no longer suffice to “buy the Dow-Jones Average” to achieve the substantial yearly increase in dividends and interest income to which the Association has become accustomed. Our long-term interests may demand our turning away from the income-oriented investment policies of the last three years toward one intended to expand our capital base, the only way of ensuring a higher level of spendable income in the period of unpredictable, stop-go economy which brokers and economists almost unanimously expect.

Timing Plan Questioned

The Board increasingly questioned the adequacy of the Timing Plan as a regulator of Telluride investment policy. During the year, we heard and read powerful arguments to the effect that continued holding of bonds in an economy with a 3 per cent inflation not only did not “safeguard” capital but guaranteed the holder a steady reduction in real capital and real income (i.e., purchasing power). One study compared 1958-68 performance of a portfolio of conservative utilities with that of a representative selection of AA and AAA bonds, finding that while the value of the utilities rose 75 per cent and income nearly 100 per cent, that of the bonds fell 40 per cent and 30 per cent respectively (all figures in 1958 dollars). It was also discovered at the Convention that the normal operations of the Inner Four involving holding blocks of cash pending certain decisions were in violation of an explicit provision of the Timing Plan. Since the device of the Inner Four was considered successful as an investment procedure, this strengthened the Board’s conviction that the Timing Plan ought to be re-examined. The president of the Association in conjunction with the chairman of the Custodians selected an investment policy committee to study this and other questions and report to the 1969 Convention.

The decision of the Custodians to purchase common stock of the Dow Chemical Company generated a good deal of controversy, much of which has already been reflected in the pages of this Newsletter. The 1968 Convention debated the issue in full after a motion was made that the Custodians be ordered to divest the Association of its holdings.

Argued to Sell Dow

It was argued in favor of the motion that the Vietnamese War was detrimental to American society, unnecessary, probably immoral, that Dow Chemical was contributing to one of its most morally questionable aspects, and that the Association was indicating both real and symbolic approval of the actions of the United States and Dow by continuing to hold its stock.

Against the motion it was variously argued: 1) that it was in some instances correct for the US to engage in “police action” wars and that the arguments of the critics of the Vietnamese war failed to distinguish these instances adequately; 2) that Telluride was an Association for limited purposes which was able to further those purposes because it excluded from its considerations more general questions, disagreement about which would split and perhaps paralyze it, and that the universal discussion of these questions reflected a dangerous tendency toward the abolition of the distinction between public and private and the “politicization” of all acts which Telluride ought to resist to preserve a sphere in which relatively uncontroversial discussion and action would be possible. Pursuant to the second line of argument, a motion to table the original motion calling for divestiture was made and carried.

Sproull Quits Cornell for UR Provost Post

Robert L. Sproull, TA 38, has resigned as vice president for academic affairs at Cornell to accept a post as provost and university vice president at the University of Rochester. It was announced June 19 by Cornell President James A. Perkins. Sproull will succeed Provost McCrea Hazlett, who resigned earlier this year from the position that is Rochester’s highest academic and administrative post beneath President W. Allen Wallis. He will assume his new duties sometime this fall, depending on the orderly transfer of his Cornell responsibilities.

Perkins Comments

Perkins said he received Sproull’s resignation “with deep regret.” The Cornell President said Sproull “has made tremendous contributions to the University during his many years of faithful service as a teacher and an administrator. He will be greatly missed. Yet it is encouraging to see a man of his ability chosen for a position at a fine institution where his efforts on behalf of higher education will be well received and used effectively.”

Sproull, a member of Cornell’s class of 1940, received his Ph.D. in experimental physics in 1943 from the University. He joined the faculty in 1949, was named professor of physics in 1956 and vice president in 1965.

In his years at Cornell, Sproull has played a key role in many academic developments. He organized and was first director of both the Laboratory for Atomic and Solid State Physics and the Materials Science Center. In his work in the Commission for Undergraduate Education, he has been a force prompting such projects as a revision of grading, overhauling the advisory system, the creation of new courses, sponsoring course evaluation by students and initiating experiments.

Well Known Scientist

Although much of his recent work at Cornell has been administrative, Sproull is widely known as a scientist. He is currently serving as chairman of the Defense Science Board, the senior technical advisory body in the Department of Defense.

Stuart M. Brown, Jr., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Cornell, will succeed Sproull as vice president for academic affairs, pending approval by the Board of Trustees, Perkins announced.

Two Left Out

Due to a printer’s error, the names of the two 1967 summer program members who have accepted preference to live at Berkeley Branch this fall were omitted from the list of preconvention preference acceptances.

They are: Thomas C. Flood of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Paul A. Wilner of San Francisco.

1968 August
TA Faces Recruitment Challenge

By Chris Breiseth

How does Telluride Association expand its recruiting to reach students with leadership potential who are not now within easy reach of our recruitment procedures—for example, those from the inner city?

The Convention debated this problem, set up a committee to find TASP candidates in urban high schools, and appropriated $500 to cover expenses of interviewers. This is tangible start on an experiment demonstrating Telluride's desire to be relevant to the issues of the day. But how successful can the Association be in finding—and then interesting—inner city students with leadership ability to apply for the summer programs?

More Relevant Appeal

The summer programs must directly appeal to young people with instincts for social action. Such students in the inner city at present are likely to be filled with conflicting desires: on the one hand they want to improve themselves by increasing their academic preparation for college, and on the other hand they want to use the summer to work to improve their home areas, spurning the attractions of college preparatory programs. This may be no problem for the strictly bookish, academically inclined student from a ghetto area—rare as he or she may be—but is he or she the person we want?

The Association must use its collective intelligence—including present members and alumni—to think its way into the point of view held by the students with strong social conscience and motivation living in such areas. In discovering what could make us interesting to ghetto students with leadership ability, we would be well on the way to a sharpened redefinition of ourselves as an Association committed to leadership development.

May Alter Concept

In addition, we may substantially change our concept of TASP—program topics, format, criteria for student selection—in order to meet bright, socially conscious students where their interests and ambitions are, whether they personally are upper middle class sub- or exurbanites or lower middle inner city residents. This process of re-evaluation and conscious compensation—required of all alert American institutions at present—can make us not only more relevant to the society we live in and hope to change, but also true to the central goal of the Association which has tended to be obscured in the great success of TASP as an academic enrichment experience—the strengthening of individuals who are prepared to devote their lives to effective service to others.

Birth Control OK'd

Born: Jennifer Lea Hodges, June 10, 1968

Weight: 8 pounds, 11 ounces

Parents: TA President David Hodges and his wife, Susan

The propitious arrival of Jennifer Lea was commended by Telluride members who gathered for the 1968 Convention on June 12, by the unanimous approval of Resolution 23 moved by the Convention committee on programs and operations. The resolution reads: Be it resolved that this Convention extend its congratulations for her profound understanding of timing plans to Miss Jennifer Lea Hodges.

Walter Barlow Is Elected Cornell Alumni Trustee

Walter Barlow, TA 39, began a two year term on the Cornell Board of Trustees on July 1.

He was one of three new Trustees elected by alumni balloting this spring. He will be serving out the unexpired term of the late William Littlewood, class of 1920.

Barlow is president of Howard Chase Associates, Inc., a New York City consulting firm.

1968-69 Standing Committees Set

Advances-in-aid Study Committee: *Gold, Henderson, Meld, Salo, Tarco, Tussing

Associate Custodians: Ycas, others to be appointed

Berkeley Branch
Applications Officer: Ycas
Development Committee: Everett, Gay, Hanner, Katz, Read, Salo
Orientation: Ibara, Noll
Maintenance and Renovation: Swanson, Ibara, Hanner
Summer Caesar: Hanner
Budget Officer: Burleigh
Bulletin: Rosenblum, Kosofsky, Flood

Committee on Mutual Interests of DS and TA (Executive Committee of DS-TA Forum: Hodges, Breiseth, Keohoe, Trustees of DS)
Alumni weekend chairman: to be appointed
Alumni Secretary: Connie Parrish

Area chairmen:
Boston: P. Weaver
New York: Fleiss
Los Angeles: K. Weaver
San Francisco: Read
Washington, D.C.: Mogielnicki

Bequests and Capital Gifts Committee: Purseley, M. Davidson, Albert Arent, Parkey Bailey, Windsor Patnam
General Brochure: Corson, Dawidoff, P. Weaver
New Funds Drive: Hugh Davy, Corson, P. Weaver

Cornell Branch
Applications officer: Tussing
Orientation: Lindahl, Burleigh, Isenstadt, Wilner, von Quaen
Renovation and Decoration: von Quaen, Corson, Herdeg, Meld, Sedgwick

Conventions Operations Study Committee: Hedlund, Williams, Moravcik, Rinehart, Szasz

Howard Branch: Chanowitz, Brown
Investment Policy Study Committee: K. Weaver, Sitte, Shulsky, Woffowitz, Baras. Corresponding members: Hodges, Szasz, Withrow

Insurance review officer: Johnston
Members to assist: Johnston, Crazn
Newsletter: Crazn, Parrish, Robertson, Wenegraf

Pre-Convention Preference Committee: Shulsky, Dawidoff, Ibara, Tussing, Wilner

Publications Committee and Archives:
Sweeetin, Burleigh, William Cowan, Don O. Noel, Jr., Mark Sexton

TASP Board of Directors: Blair, Baumann, Brokaw, Ibara, Isenstadt, Lindahl
Special recruitment program: Carson, Dawidoff, Whitfield, Thomas

West Coast Interviewing and Advisory Committee: Dolen, Ames, Gold, Martin, TARCO

Suspension Committee: Hammer, Hodges, Tarco

Officers of Telluride Corporation (New York):
President: Shulsky
Secretary-Treasurer: Darter

Officers of Telluride Association of California:
President: K. Weaver
Vice president: Merin
Secretary-treasurer: Hoskins

* Chairmen in italics
New Members To Reinforce Berkeley House

There will be four new Association members active in next year’s Berkeley Branch, but they will be faced with at least two significant challenges—to assimilate “the inherently unpredictable women’s program,” which the action of the preferment committee launched into full swing, and to work with the Berkeley Development Committee in their efforts to find outside funds for construction and operations to insure the continuation of BBTA.

The plight of being the lone resident Association member in the Branch was dramatized by fall-winter-spring Branch president, F. David Hammer, in his report to Convention. To meet the instructions in the BBTA by-laws which state that the incumbent president prepare his Convention report jointly with the fall and winter presidents, Hammer noted that he was forced to consider himself a “strange sort of trinity.”

Energetic Branch

The BBTA Evaluating Committee stated in their Convention report that the Branch “has held up well under the strains of having one Association member resident in the Branch” and has functioned as a more substantial Telluride House than in past years.

Efforts to find outside financial support for construction and operation of a new Branch at Berkeley will continue, as the Berkeley Branch Development Committee enters its second and crucial year of fund-raising. The Convention committee on New Funds endorsed the Berkeley Branch as it now exists but said “long term financial support on the scale required cannot be found within the present resources of the Association.”

Next Year Crucial

The 1967 Convention voted to continue operation of BBTA for three years, during which time the Development Committee would search for outside support to build a new Branch and operate it on a long term basis. The Development Committee must present to the next Convention sufficient evidence that outside support can be found within the appointed time.

The Convention New Funds committee said that a special effort should be made to gain support from the University, which might “be persuaded of the potential value to the University of an established Branch on the basis of the benefits to Cornell of the Branch on that campus.”

Musical Career Tempts Childs From Deep Springs Deanship

At their April meeting, the Deep Springs Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Dean Barney Childs effective September, 1969. Dr. Childs, DS ’43-’45, who has served as dean since 1965, reported to the Board that his interest in music and his desire to pursue his career in that field prompted his decision to leave Deep Springs.

Childs, who once characterized himself as “a composer who teaches English for a living,” taught both at Deep Springs before being appointed chief administrator. Although he terms himself largely a self taught musician, Childs has studied under Chavez, Elliott Carter and Aaron Copland. During the course of his academic career he has been commissioned to write several compositions, and his works have been performed in New York and on the West Coast as well as in Europe.

Tribute to EMJ

His facility with language has also been given public recognition. Several of his poems and critical works have been published in such journals as The Paris Review. It was particularly appropriate that his poem, “Ars Poetica,” was selected to honor the memory of the late Chancellor. In one of his frequent letters to Johnson, Childs once remarked that “most of what I learned about writing was from you at DS.”

Throughout his career Dr. Childs has fused his interest in the two fields. He received his Ph.D. in English from Stanford Graduate School with a music minor, dissertating on “The Setting of Poetry in the English Madrigal, with an edition of The Teares or Lamentations of a Sorrowfull Soule.”

Former Rhodes Scholar

After his student years in the Valley Childs entered the University of Nevada where he won a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oriel College in Oxford, England. He was a member of the English faculty at the University of Arizona when he was persuaded to teach at Deep Springs.

The Trustees expressed “their best wishes to Dean Childs for success in his future work and for a distinguished career in his chosen field” and their gratitude “for his dedicated service and for the high standard he has achieved in selecting faculty and students and in maintaining academic excellence” at the college.

Telluride Summer Programs Chug On

As this Newsletter goes to the printers, the three 1968 Telluride summer programs (TASP) are well underway:

—The 32 high school post-juniors enrolled in the two coeducational programs at Cornell were about to escape the heat and humidity of Ithaca with a trip to the Stratford Festival Theatre.

—The office has been getting rave notices from the factotum of the Field TASP at Hampton Institute, and Mrs. MacLeod was about to motor down to Hampton to visit the program. Factotum Ernie Izenstadt writes that “the seminars are superb . . . as fine as any I could imagine.”

In Cornell I, the students are considering “The Genesis of Modern Science” under the guidance of Theodore M. Brown of the program on the history and philosophy of science at Princeton University. Laurence Laudan, history of science department of the University College, London, is faculty co-director and James Johnston, TA ‘67, is factotum.

Cornell II, “Drama and the Arts: From the Baroque to Classicism,” is being directed by Cornell professors H. Peter Kahn of the department of fine arts and Alain Seznec of French and Romance studies. Factotum is Joanna Brown, TA ‘67.

Conducting the Field TASP at Hampton are Princeton University professors Robert Faulkner, of the department of politics, and Charles Fish, of the department of English.
Deep Springs Hosts Convention

Money and Sanitation Provide Major Problems

By Rod Robertson

With a familiar “oyez!” and an unfamiliar jangle of oriental gongs, Telluride Association began its 1968 Deep Springs Convention under fair skies and auspicious gales.

Member Miles Everett landed his small plane on the highway and taxied up to the outer cattle guard, but everybody else made less spectacular entrances over one of the two passes to discover anew or for the first time the spectacular delights of Deep Springs Valley. “I had no idea” or “My God, isn’t it fantastic?” were typical comments of first-time visitors. And the ancients too renewed their old attachments to the powerful “voice of the desert.”

President David Hodges noted that 10 years ago, in 1958, Convention had to wait two hours in order to make up a quorum, while this year fully two thirds of the membership attended. In fact, the present membership of 97 is close to the one hundred plus figure of 50 years ago.

Body Politic Convenes

Convention sessions were held on the great porch of the Main Building with the chair center stage and the body politic spread widely in front and to both sides, in the manner if not the spirit of the French Chamber of Deputies. The large open area in front of the porch served for sunbathing, caucusing, report polishing and ping-pong during the occasional quiet hours. Committees met in rooms inside or under the two cherry trees on either side of the porch. A few Englishmen even met in the noonday sun on the circle—but the mad dogs were not mad enough to join them.

Deep Springs meals were served cafeteria style in the Boarding House and devoured on the lawns outside. Snacking and bull sessions kept the B.H. lights on most of the nights, which were mild and lighted by a desert moon just past full. Meals were announced by the familiar bell and the inevitable howling of a small dog who lived on the ranch but had never adjusted.

Reserve Funds Down

This was a quiet Convention: what controversy arose was contained and resolved in remarkably good time. Money matters naturally loomed large, especially the recent use of reserve funds which has left those accounts in reduced circumstances. It was argued, however, that reserves are built up to be used occasionally, not simply to sit forever inviolate. The most lucid comment on financial matters came from a member defending the Cornell Branch budget: “This budget is in principle lower—only the dollar figure is higher.”

A serious issue arose over what was admittedly a breach of trust regarding Convention directives. The question revolved around the point of the seriousness of the failing within its context. Some argued that the matter was a simple moral question of the breaking of trust, while others took the view that the issue was clouded and the seriousness of the matter exaggerated. The crucial vote came on a pro-drug motion. The “conservatives” lost to the “liberals” by one vote. Nothing is ever simple in Telluride.

The Finest Hour

Another important issue was that of Telluride ownership of stock in Dow Chemical Corporation—a point argued in these pages. One hour was set aside for debate of a motion to sell Dow stock. In the midst of a hectic Convention, this was the calmest (and perhaps finest) hour. Some eight speakers addressed the group, two of them not Association members. The debate was careful, informal, and in the best sense of the word, eloquent. The motion to postpone indefinitely won by a vote of 51 to 47. Nothing is simple.

Members and friends were housed all over the buildings and grounds, including sleeping bags on the circle and far out in the desert. Some 20 years ago, at another Deep Springs Convention, this writer recalls listening to the senior citizens (past 25) sing college songs in the Green Shed. This June, however, the singing was led by younger souls out on the circle to the plunking of a guitar under a 2 a.m. sky. The once junior, now senior citizens hummed along. “Give my regards to Davy” has given way to the Beatles.

Drain Debacle

The Great Event of Convention was the collapse of the Deep Springs sewer system. It was announced by flooding in the Main Building basement and moonlight digging on the circle. Signs went up: “Liquids only down the drains!” Happily, portable “jocks” had been provided and were moved quickly into strategic position. Life went on. In large part this was owing to the hardy band of Deep Springs students who dug up the pipes as well as kept the water and food supplies flowing and the ranch in operation. They deserved medals—Order of the Swinging T.

Among the trickier issues dealt with was the present and future life of the Berkeley Branch. It has become clear that the Berkeley situation is quite different from that at Cornell and that customs at one Branch simply do not apply at the other. At least it became clear (continued on page 11)
Prez Probes Problems . . .

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pending cuts by more effectively using present resources and by finding new sources of outside funds. A standing Investment Policy Study Committee headed by Kirk Weaver will be evaluating the effectiveness of our financial policies in achieving a sound balance among safety, current income and long-term growth.

A standing Advances-in-Aid Study Committee, chaired by Alex Gold, is examining means of encouraging past recipients to make contributions to New Funds. This committee will also investigate the possibility of asking financially able prefeerees at the Branches to contribute part of the cost of their preference. A Berkeley Branch Development Committee, led by Miles Everett, is approaching outside sources for construction and endowment funds in support of Berkeley Branch.

For several years Cornell has paid the full cost of one of the two Ithaca TASP on the condition that Telluride continues to support the other. There is now some basis for hope that Hampton Institute will agree to a similar sharing of the cost of the summer program at that location. The costs of the 1969 TASP at Deep Springs will be shared equally by Telluride and Deep Springs.

To Spur Capital Gifts

A report on the Bequests and Capital Gifts Committee appeared in the May 1968 Newsletter. A relatively small group of Telluride ex-presidents and others have made substantial capital gifts recently. The committee will attempt to enlarge the number of major contributors to Telluride and Deep Springs endowment.

The 1968-69 Joint Telluride-Deep Springs New Funds Drive will be directed toward support of the 1969 summer program at Deep Springs and of the 1969 Field TASP at Hampton Institute. These two programs have stimulated much interest among alumni and friends; hopefully they will attract widespread support. A special appeal to the almost 600 former summer program students is planned.

The goal of the drive will be a substantial increase in the number of donors and in the total sum raised. Last year’s Drive yielded just over $10,000 from 154 donors. Specific goals for the 1968-69 Drive will be announced in the fall by co-chairmen Hugh Davy and David Corson.

T.A.—9, Alums—1

Elected to membership at the 1968 Convention were:

Frank Carson
Donald Cranz
Daniel Ihara
Avram Katz
Judith Lindahl
Susan Meld
Donna Tussing
Douglas von Qualen
Martynas Ycas

The resignation of Charles J. Christensen, president of the Association in 1959 and 1960, was accepted by the Convention.
Letters
to the Editor

Dear Editor:

You missed the "pin point" in that article about L.L. Nunn's young men! The older men who worked with the power company made fun of L.L.'s young men, who would put a pin in the map (or whatever it was) to "pinpoint" a trouble spot. So, they called them "pinheads" in derision...

Mildred Demaree Jones
(Mrs. W. Paul Jones)

Editor's note: We are glad to finally pin down Mrs. Jones on the origin of "pinhead." Even on second reading we failed to get the pin point in David Lavender's article about Telluride. Perhaps we number among the current crop of Telluride "pinheads."

Dear Editor:

Before now you have probably been notified as to the name of the fellow in the white shirt in the middle of the back row of the picture in the March Newsletter labeled "The Bunch at Olimsted." However, it is W. D. McClelland. I am sorry I can't name the others whose names are not shown, as I knew them all and their faces are familiar. The name Stan Dargen should be Stan Darger. I would place the picture as earlier than 1910, as I was at Olimsted from June 1910 until August 1912. Ink, Oliver and McClelland were never there except for a short time while I was there. These three men were termed "Scholarship Men" and during the school year were not required to do any work, devoting all their time to their studies. There were no scholarship men at Olimsted while I was there, except during vacations. The boys there for their first two years with the company were called 24-hour men and were called on at any time of the day and were supposed to work a full day. Those of us who had been with the company two years or more were called five-hour men and during the school year, only worked five hours a day and spent the rest in school and study. I had spent two years at Battle Creek before going to Olimsted.

As for the name "pinhead", I am not sure where it originated but believe it was a term of derision, and perhaps envy, and probably started at Provo, although it might have been earlier. Most of the boys with the company, with a few exceptions were the personal selections of L.L. and were above the average in ability. When the boys went to dances at the old Mozart dance hall the girls seemed to prefer them to the town boys, which didn't do anything to improve the relationship.

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The Perspective of History

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO, in 1943, the Association met for a two-day weekend convention in Washington, D.C., the first of three such meetings during the war. The rigors of wartime did not seem to affect the comfort of the members, however, as the Newsletter reported: "Members were housed at the Statler [Hotel], ate their meals in a private dining room, and the sessions were held in a spacious room with members seated about a table which extended along three of the walls."

The first roll call showed 26 members present, precisely the constitutional minimum. By the final meeting, however, the maximum attendance of 37 was reached. Retiring president James R. Withrow Jr., called this "fortunate" but was not hopeful about future conventions: "The difficulties of holding this Convention make it apparent that the 1943 Convention will be the last until the war is over." He outlined the duties of the Convention as revolving around two objectives: simplify the structure and reduce expenses and prepare for recommencing the Association's work when the war is over.

Part of the job had been simplified when the Navy took over Cornell Branch to house a detachment of Marines for the duration, while the office moved to Chancellor E. M. Johnson's house on Renwick Drive. The Newsletter mused about the present picture of Telluride House: "The Marines have furnished the building with double deck beds, small desks and chairs for study. There is much unused space. The Main Hall broods darkly over its single occupant—a crimson mechanical Coca-Cola dispenser."

Deep Springs had elected to continue operation during the war, recognizing that problems would sometimes have to be solved by "temporary expedients or experiments," but concluding that it would be a big gamble to close down and hope that its spirit would revive when peace came. Director S. N. Whitney noted that Deep Springs had an important mission in war as well as in peace. The Association agreed and contributed $1,000 for improvements in the library as well as $9,000 "as our share in the continued operation of Deep Springs."

A cablegram from the International Red Cross Committee reported that alumnus Louis L. Vincent was a civilian internee at Santo Tomas Camp in Manila. He was the third Tellurider then known to be in the hands of the Japanese.

For the first time since the founding of the Association, Treasurer W. L. Biersach was unable to attend a Convention, but his report was presented by a member. Convention adopted a budget which totalled $50,013.63.

The Newsletter printed in full a message which Frank C. Noon had earlier addressed to other members of the Deep Springs Board of Trustees. It was in large part a description of the incredible difficulties experienced by L. L. Nunn in the construction (physical and educational) of Deep Springs. At that time, World War I was in progress, and building materials were almost impossible to obtain, as was qualified labor. Timber was obtained in the Northwest, some workers were brought from Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, temporary quarters were erected. Trucks proved impossible on Westgard Pass, so "he hired six- and eight-horse outfits to haul materials from the railroad station at Zurich. They too were unpredictable. Heavy loads, wrecked wagons on the mountain roads." Many of his workers left for war work, as did some instructors he had hired.

The rest of the article details the enormous difficulties of building and starting on the educational program at Deep Springs. In view of the problems Mr. Nunn had to overcome, Trustee Noon felt that DS could do no less than continue operating during the war.

Whatever the source, the name was carried all over where the Telluride boys were. The Mormon Bishop in Grace, Idaho, told his flock one evening: "I must give you a warning—there is a danger in our midst. It is called the "pinhead." The rattlesnake has rattles on its tail and gives fair warning, but the "pinhead" has none and strikes in the dark."

Sincerely,

Wm. L. cone
(Constitutional Member)

Telluride Newsletter
Roundup Salutes
Fifty DS Years

By Rod Robertson

Deep Springs celebrated its 50th anniversary in a style befitting its character. There were no solemn academic processions, no imported public figures to lend dignity, and no grand formal banquet. The finest meal was a steak fry outside the Boarding House; dignity was supplied by the one or two who wore ties; the only procession was that of cars and trucks down the lake road to the branding of the calves—in itself something of a sacred DS ritual.

The weather was unseasonably but not unreasonably cool. Some meals had to be taken indoors instead of under the trees. Otherwise, the hemi-centennial went as planned, and by the end of the weekend, the skies cleared and the air became Deep Springy.

As the gathering began, Dean Barney Childs, Business Manager Richard Strong, the DS staff and a good number of the student body welcomed the visitors and saw that they found accommodation in one of the buildings (including the Green Shed) or camping space under the desert skies.

Trustees Were Hosts

Also among the hosts were Trustees Robert Aird, Frank Noon, Hugh Davy, Ralph Kleps, and former trustee, Harold Waldo. Mrs. Kleps served effectively as chief organizer for the occasion.

By the noon meal on Saturday, everybody was on hand, including one party from San Francisco whose plane had three times been forced back by lousy weather over the Sierras. They had to fly to Bakersfield and drive in around the southern flank of the mountains.

The group numbered some 110 in all, including wives and children; the latter adjusted instantly to the rigors of DS. Especially popular with them were the horseback rides offered at the horse barn all weekend. The alums represented every era from the 1917 beginnings to the near present. One particularly obstreperous bloc from the late forties and early fifties insisted on calling their days "the golden age of Deep Springs," but they were loudly put down by everyone else.

Saturday afternoon, a hardy group in cars and the student-constructed, student-driven omnibus navigated the perilous roads to see the bristlecone pines high in the White Mountains. They hiked—man, woman and child—the four and a half miles through the forest on trails that seemed at least 90 per cent uphill, in weather that turned from chilly to snowy.

DS'er Sparks Program

After a restorative dinner, all gathered in the main room where Jim Tucker m.c'd. the program with infectious good humor, first asking DS'ers to rise one by one, identify themselves (plus wives and children present), their years in the valley, and give a bit of biography. Some had much to tell about education, family, positions held, and worlds conquered. A current DS'er topped all by saying, "I am now at Deep Springs, I have no degrees, no wife and nothing witty to say." He sat down to great applause.

The program was based on the idea, "Deep Springs—Past, Present and Future." Frank Noon began with an eloquent presentation on L. L. Nunn, various incidents in his life, his character and his founding of DS. Labor Commissioner Timothy Greening reported the present situation, noting that work around the place consisted largely of dealing (in decreasing order) with three things: manure (animal and human), water, and money—lack of. He pointed out that much of the physical equipment was "junk," of questionable value to start and long since deteriorated.

Hugh Davy concluded with a Master Plan for Deep Springs College, both an idea for the future and a handsomely prepared booklet spelling out in detail the first projected steps. He spoke optimistically of the future prospects of DS, its chances for obtaining foundation support, and he appealed to the alumni for its help.

The evening wound up with a huge bonfire at the lower ranch followed by late bull sessions at the Boarding House and elsewhere.

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Photos by Rod Robertson

After 50 years

Old Glories in the Corral, Old Yarns to Share—But Alums Rally for a Renewed Deep Springs

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Publication Nears for Telluride
History in Print and Pictures

Actions taken by the 1968 Convention moved the long-planned history of the Nunn educational enterprises closer to publication date.

Historian Orville J. Sweeting, TA '33, reported to the Convention that he believed a manuscript of the pictorial history would be ready for publication during the coming year. Convention authorized its financial support of this publication effort in an amount up to $10,000, using the Willis Haviland Carrier Fund as a nucleus for a revolving publications fund. When the book is offered for sale to alumni and friends of the Association and Deep Springs, most, if not all, of the sum expended should be recovered.

President Hodges has appointed a publications committee to review the manuscript and advise on matters of publication and distribution. Working under the chairmanship of Dr. Sweeting will be William Cowan, DS '43; Don O. Noel Jr., TA '51; Mark Sexton, DS '48; and John Burleigh, TA '67. The committee welcomes any suggestions from associates regarding possible commercial publishers who might be interested in the manuscript or any other advice regarding the production and distribution of the pictorial history.

As it is presently planned the book will be a 200-page hard bound edition, printed by 300-screen offset gravure, illustrated with 300 to 350 pictures. An explanatory narrative text of approximately 10,000 words will accompany the captioned illustrations.

The beginnings and development of the Nunn educational ideas as they came to substance in Deep Springs and Telluride Association will be emphasized. This will of course involve the predecessor Telluride Institutes at Olmsted, Beaver, Boise and elsewhere. Due emphasis will be accorded the Nunn developments in the electric power industry in Colorado, Utah, Idaho and at Niagara Falls.

Dr. Sweeting attended the Deep Springs 50th Anniversary Celebration and was able to tape several hours of conversations with old timers Waldo, Noon, Cook, Dunn and Ross who were also present. Their reminiscences and discussions will add considerably to the historical account. (For example, we finally straightened out the origin of the designation, "pinhead").

These kinds of discussions have been very helpful in the preparation of the pictorial history, and we issue another call for help from Newsletter readers. If you have any photographs or reminiscences that may add to the pictorial history (pictures will be returned if requested, of course), please contact Dr. Orville Sweeting, 106 Everitt St., New Haven, Conn. 06511.

By Orville Sweeting

News of Telluride Associates

- The Dial Press recently published the first novel, "Up," of Ronald M. Sukenchick, CB '52. "... A compendium of sly jokes on literature," the reviewer noted in the New York Times "... Up" does read like a long improvisation with episodes strung hecetically together. Some of these mosaic bits are not shiners, but the author's hypertrophied imagination seldom falters from 'adventure to 'adventure.'"

- Frederick E. Balderston, TA '42, vice president for planning and analysis at the University of California, is one of the directors of a three year $500,000 Ford Foundation grant to study ways universities can make better use of their resources. The foundation announced that "the aim is to increase college and university efficiency without dehumanizing the academic community or limiting academic freedom."

- Cornelius history professor L. Pearce Williams will conduct a six-week seminar next spring at Deep Springs on the French Revolution. Williams will be on leave to work on another book thanks to a National Science Foundation grant.

- Dr. Brandt Kehoe, TA '54, will be spending the first half of his sabbatical year from the University of Maryland teaching physics at Deep Springs. He and his family will be in the Valley in the fall and then move on to Stanford where Kehoe will be doing research.

- Johns Hopkins University is gaining two assistant professors—Roger A. Horn, SP '58, writes that after five years at Stanford he and his wife have accepted respective appointments in the department of mathematics and the department of biostatistics and statistics.
Conundrums...

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to a majority (in a straw vote) which voted to provide equal treatment of men and women candidates for B.B. That is to say, there will be no quotas there regarding women. On other issues too, Berkeley has given the Association challenges which are common in our time outside the Association but terribly perplexing and new for even the youthful membership.

Relaxations included hiking in the desert, volleyball after dinner and swimming in the “new” reservoir. One afternoon a group flew from the ranch to Las Vegas and back, a feat far removed from the wagons and teams that struggled over Westgard Pass to bring the building materials to Deep Springs 50 years ago. And the Convention picture, in a break with tradition, was not taken against the symmetry of the Main Building but against the rugged rocks of the hills themselves.

These two incidents at least symbolically suggest an Association trying to face the hard facts of the present without relinquishing hold on the essential wisdoms of the past.

News of Associates

- **Michael Mahoney**, a member of the 1966 summer program faculty, and his wife, Jean, announce the arrival of Bridget Elizabeth, their second child, on June 30.

- **David Fleiss**, TA ’65, and Karen Rose Mandell of New York City were married June 29 in New York. Fleiss is a graduate fellow in the department of political science at New York University and the new Mrs. Fleiss was graduated in June from Barnard College.

- **Donald D. Maston**, M.D., TA ’33, has recently been elected to the endowed chair of The Ingraham Professor of Neurosurgery at Boston Children’s Hospital. Dr. Matson, also clinical professor of surgery at Harvard, is recognized as the “outstanding figure in the field of pediatric neurological surgery in the United States.” In 1954 in collaboration with Dr. Ingraham, Dr. Matson co-authored the standard text, “Neurosurgery of Infancy and Childhood.” A completely re-written version of the book by Dr. Matson will be published this summer.

- September 15 is the wedding date of **Bill Galston**, TA ’64, and **Miriam (“Mopsy”) Steinberg**. The couple will be married in Chicago where Galston is doing graduate work in government at the University of Chicago.

- **James R. Olin**, TA ’41, writes that he will be moving to Roanoke, Va., where he will be general manager of the General Electronics Industry Control plant at nearby Salem.

In June, Austrian authorities notified Mr. and Mrs. William Woodward that the body of their son, Anthony, CB ’62, reported missing since December while he was on a skiing trip in the Austrian Alps, was found in the vicinity of Mayrofen. A memorial service was held for Tony, a native of Ithaca, in Anabel Taylor Hall on the Cornell University campus. He had been studying literature at the University of London and was on a Christmastime tour of ski resorts when the accident occurred.
The Everlasting Rocks

Hampton Student

Another innovation will concern the Hampton Field TASP; the Board is reported by the SELTC was that indige-

ously developed programs have the best chances of funding and perhaps the last few sleepy hours when a large portion of the membership has already