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Whiting Views Progress of US-China Detente

by Joe Schwartz, TA72

An Alumni Weekend, virtually *sans* alumni, turned out to be one of the intellectual highlights of the House's fall term as Professor Allen Whiting's (TA46) public lecture Friday October 6 and House seminar Saturday night October 7 generated much discussion on the direction of American foreign policy in the Far East. A lack of available hotel rooms, due to that weekend's Watkins Glen Grand Prix, necessitated the transformation of Alumni Weekend into a House affair. Despite a steady rain more than 100 people attended Professor Whiting's lecture. On Saturday night housemembers were joined by Alumni William Cowan (DS43) and family and John Blackton (CB 66) for a stimulating seminar.

Whiting, a professor of political science at the University of Michigan and a former Director of Research for the Far East in the State Department, utilized his inside knowledge of the workings of State in his discussion of the role of bureaucratic processes in the shaping of both United States and Chinese foreign policies. In addition, his service as an adviser to Henry Kissinger on the President's China Trip provided him with many intriguing accounts about the interaction, or lack of it, between State Department officials and the most influential man in United States foreign affairs.

At his public lecture Whiting portrayed China as a defensively oriented power desiring to gain world prestige. He believes that China has wished to improve relations with the United States ever since Mao Tse-Tung tried to contact President Roosevelt in 1944. As portrayed in greater detail in his work, *China Crosses the Yalu* (1960), Whiting feels that Chinese intervention in Korea came as a great sacrifice to Chinese industrial development, and was undertaken only

*Professor Whiting at post-lecture reception,
with John Blackton and Professor Harold Shadick.*



because they believed that Chinese territorial integrity was being threatened. He also asserted that CIA-aided reconnaissance and counter-insurgency efforts in Tibet and China's eastern provinces had only aided hardliners in Peking. While praising the Nixon trip as a significant turnabout in American policy towards China, Whiting said that the administration had yet to carry out all the steps necessary to bring about a real detente. He said the administration should take the political risks involved in attacking the myths generated about Chinese aggression in the 1950's and early 60's, so that the American public would be prepared to accept the withdrawal of American troops from Taiwan and South Korea. Whiting feels that only when such troops are withdrawn and the peaceful reintegration of Taiwan and mainland China is accomplished will tension between the United States and China be significantly reduced.

At the house seminar Whiting reasserted many of the themes of his public lecture, while going into greater detail about the nature of the bureaucracy in both Washington and Peking, and their respective roles in the recent China trip. The end of the insularity of the Cultural Revolution and the emergence of crisis-level tensions with the USSR generated a Chinese offer of a treaty of peaceful co-existence as early as November 1969. Shortly thereafter the United States offered to raise the ambassadorial talks at Warsaw to a higher level, but, Whiting feels, the President's continued restrictions on travel to China and the Cambodian invasion delayed the fruition of China's initiatives. Then in early 1971 the administration (after refusing to officially debrief Edgar Snow after his last trip to China) learned purely by chance that Mao had told Snow that he would be willing to meet Nixon in Peking. Planning for the trip was limited to a small group of advisers around Kissinger, and Whiting said that the slighting of more experienced State Department officials had led to such errors as the failure to notify Japan. At the time, Whiting had expressed his doubts that the President was willing to make the sacrifices necessary for any substantive agreement with China and had questioned what, lacking such an agreement, the President *would* be able to bring home. Whiting had suggested to Kissinger that perhaps an exchange of animals would suffice. In a wry digression, he surmised that his suggestion of a panda-bison swap had materialized as a panda-musk ox exchange because of the possible identification of bison with the American Indians and thus American genocide.

Questions about the significance of the partial nature of the detente provided the starting point for an hour and a half of discussion that followed Whiting's narrative. Whiting asserted that Nixon truly does desire a full detente with China, but is not willing to make the domestic political sacrifice involved in withdrawing from our forward-base positions in Formosa and South Korea. This writer suggested an alternative scenario: as long as our government feels that it is in our national interest to actively combat wars of liberation in such under-developed countries as Vietnam, it

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Cremona TASP Director Picked

1973 Program on Drawingboard

The Planning Committee for the Cremona Public Policy Program is pleased to announce that Professor Carlos Stern has been appointed Program Director, as a result of which it is proceeding with plans to hold the program this coming summer. Mr. Stern, who is Assistant Professor of Environmental Economics at the University of Connecticut, was one of several prospects considered by the Committee, which has full confidence that he is the highly qualified director for which it has been seeking.

Professor Stern's proposals for the program will make it a significant departure from previous TASP's. In lieu of a full-time associate, he hopes to bring in for periods of a week or so a number of experts in various aspects of environmental politics—e.g. Federal and international law, legislation, and lobbying—to give the students a non-academic perspective on the questions under consideration. The program itself will proceed by the case study method, concerning itself with representative examples of problems of national importance, and enlisting wherever possible the resources of the Cremona area.

Stern was born in Barcelona but grew up and was educated in South Africa. He earned the B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Capetown and then worked for seven years in the export-import business in South Africa. He left that job to spend two years travelling in East Africa, studying its wildlife and undertaking work in wildlife photography which, according to his colleagues, is of professional quality.

Stern first came to the United States as a systems engineer for IBM, but in 1966 made a formal commitment to his interest in conservation by enrolling at Cornell as a graduate student in Natural Resources. He earned the PhD in 1971, writing his dissertation on the Missouri River Projects of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers. His specific purpose was to examine the Bureau's various proposals for the development of the last remaining wild stretch on the Missouri, evaluating the environmental impact of proposals ranging from leaving the area unspoiled to damming and harnessing the river's water power.

The decision-making process in environmental matters—what's wrong with it and how it can be improved—is currently Professor Stern's chief concern. He is a consultant to the National Environmental Protection Agency as well as to the Corps of Engineers and a number of privately owned utilities, and is studying proposals for power resource development in the southwest—for example, in the Black Mesa



Professor Carlos Stern in 1966 photo

area of the Hope and Zuni Indians—to see what would be the consequences for the environment of licensing various power projects.

Stern has long been associated with the Sierra Club, and was one of the founders of the Finger Lakes group while he was in Ithaca. He estimates that he is affiliated with over forty different environmental protection groups. He has also gone on an expedition with Outward Bound climbing mountains in Kenya and Tanzania, including Kilimanjaro, and has spent a period on a kibbutz in Israel. He is married to Sheila Tobias, who was assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cornell until 1970, when she took the job of Associate Provost at Wesleyan University.

Alumni Weekend (cont.)

will not attempt to eliminate the American public's phobias of supposed "communist aggression"; the rationale for the continued devastation of Vietnam would be undermined if full detente were achieved with China.

Whiting countered that the Nixon administration was moving away from a policy of containment of communism to one of "selective intervention," as part of a larger belief in balance-of-power theory. Whiting said that he himself favored the policy of non-military intervention that George McGovern has been proposing. But in a long post-seminar discussion of his experiences with the McGovern campaign, he expressed a far from sanguine view of McGovern's chances for victory.

Near unanimous House sentiment held that the Whiting weekend was a great success, particularly because of Whiting's combination of the scholarly approach to public affairs with his wide experience as an actual policy maker. In the future, housemembers will undoubtedly anticipate with pleasure similar seminars and discussions by Telluride associates with experience in "real world" politics.

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In Memoriam

ROY T. SHAW, Constitutional Member, of Brigham City, Utah, April 18, 1972.

LT. ROGER L. IVERSON, DSSP 1958, of Greenville, South Carolina, April 18, 1972.

Resident Faculty, Full House Promise Good Year at CB

by Marilyn Migiel, CB72

When David Marshall, chairman of Faculty Guest Relations Committee, was asked what he would say about Branch life this semester, he beamingly replied, "Well, we've had fifty-two faculty/guests to sherry receptions and dinner—and if you wait, I can give all of their names. . ." Perhaps this is another indication—if not of increasing quality—of the increasing quantity of House activity.

With thirty-one Housemembers, two resident faculty guests, several visitors, etc., the House seems to have taken on proportions very different from those of last semester. To say that the House has put itself into full swing would be *too* optimistic; but it definitely is more open and given to true intellectual interchange than in past years it has appeared to be.

The most interesting contributions to the New House are Telluride's two faculty guests: Martin Bernal and Richard Klein (who is accompanied by his wife Judi and son Jonah). There seems to be a continuation of good luck here; both are uncommonly friendly and seem to enjoy living in Telluride (as did Rainer Warning and Brita Seyersted of last semester). Mr. Bernal, a one-term resident guest, is a Fellow from King's College, Cambridge; he is presently an associate professor of government at Cornell, specializing in aspects of Chinese culture. He has been to North and South Vietnam and to China twice, having studied for eight months at Peking University. He has written a number of scholarly articles and he appears several times a year as an author in the *New York Review of Books*. His presence here in Telluride is quite welcome: his extensive knowledge of the Far East (primarily China, but also North and South Vietnam) has added considerably to the intellectual/political discussions at Cornell Branch.

Richard Klein, an assistant professor in the Romance Studies Department (he teaches French literature), is here after four years at Johns Hopkins University. He received his doctorate from Yale and was an undergraduate at Cornell. (He commented with some amusement that during that time he applied to live at Telluride and was rejected.) He has, of course, been to France a number of times—it was there that he wrote his thesis on Baudelaire. In cooperation with Academic Affairs, he led a seminar on a selection of Michel Foucault's work; this was done prior to Monsieur Foucault's arrival, in the hope that we would not be totally ignorant of

one of the most highly regarded men in France.

Foucault, professor of philosophy at the College de France, was a guest of Telluride for three weeks while he gave lectures for the Romance Studies Department. The author of *Words and Things* and *Madness and Civilization*, M. Foucault was perhaps insufficiently aware of our hopes of becoming better acquainted, and in addition had an extremely full academic and social schedule; as a result, some Branchmembers barely caught a glimpse of him.

The House membership this year can be described as "less homogenous," though this may be due only to the fact that twelve of the thirty-one Housemembers are new. The group is larger, looser and happier; problems of freshman depression seem to be less pressing than those of last fall.

There even seems to be some inclination toward establishing connections in campus activities. We have, as usual, managed to pack Forum meetings. David Marshall is presently Forum's secretary-treasurer. Yardena Mansoor is on University Lecture Committee, is the Cornell University Theatre Housemanager, and with Marilyn Migiel is a member of Concert Chorus. A number of Telluriders are ushers of Theatre and Concert activities. In addition, Andrew Herkovic is an employee of Cornell Cinema, Jan Svejnar is on the Cornell ski team, and in the real outside world, Warren Kraines and Henry Higuera are writing music reviews for the *Ithaca Journal*. (Higuera also plays bass for an Ithaca rock group.)

As usual, I'm certain, some of us take Branch life itself in too frivolous a way—as I'm also certain that some of us take it in too serious a way. The attitudes that this engendered were finally brought to a head at the recent beer debate, after Liquor Treasurer Russell Donnelly announced that the two-year tradition of Personals beer would be discontinued. The House became divided into pro-and-con beer forces, yet the subject became ground for a deeper probing into the question of House tone—a question that possibly should have risen even earlier in the term. In general though, AdCom seems happy with the progress of the quality of life here, though they protest that it may be "blind luck." Still, one of the most optimistic statements on this year's House came from TA president Bill Galston when he visited Cornell Branch: that it was one of the most promising Houses he had seen in recent years—and if it failed, it was the fault of the form and not the material.

Martin Bernal talks with unseen housemember



Judi and Richard Klein at sherry reception





Fuertes' "American Fighting Eagle," 1919

Telluride Eagle Comes Home to Roost

Mystery of Original Disappearance Remains

A Louis Agassiz Fuertes watercolor portrait of a bald eagle, once the property of Telluride Association, returned to the House this fall after sleuthing by Executive Secretary Beatrice MacLeod located the missing painting at the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology. But the mystery of how and when the picture changed hands initially remains unsolved, despite the cooperation of the ornithologists and the exchange of letters between Mrs. MacLeod and several alumni.

Mrs. MacLeod first ran across the bird story while scanning the 1919 Association minutes. The report by President C. N. Whitman tells first of a brief interruption to House life brought on by World War I.

In September 1918, Mr. Nunn was informed by Acting President Kimball, of Cornell, that all organizations owning residences at the University had volunteered them for use in connection with the military training then being established at the Institution. The President inquired whether the Association cared to offer its house as a residence for the Officers Club. The Custodians thought that this was an opportunity for patriotic service that no member would care to reject. Accordingly, I journeyed to Ithaca and acted as the representative of the Association in arranging details. The officers took possession in September and the last one left in January following.

I take pleasure in announcing that the Officers Club presented us with a memorial as a mark of their appreciation of our hospitality. It is a large drawing by Mr. Fuertes, a noted artist, portraying the American Fighting Eagle about to soar at dawn in "no man's land."

Fuertes was a native Ithacan and, in the opinion of Professor O. S. Pettingill, Jr., Director of the Laboratory of

Ornithology, the greatest bird portraitist of all time. Prof. Pettingill feels it likely that Fuertes was simply fulfilling a commission and is not responsible for the heavy, jingoistic message of the picture. Indeed, although the eagle itself is quite accurately portrayed, the picture seems to give little pleasure either to admirers of Fuertes' work or to friends of the bald eagle. One usual characteristic of Fuertes' work—precise, naturalistic renderings of bird habitats—cannot even be considered in this painting, for the bald eagle does not occur in Europe. Similarly, while the painting accurately depicts the posture and wing position of a bald eagle on take-off, its symbolism does no justice to the rather retiring nature of the bird. The aggressive, blood-thirsty warrior shown rising from the ashes of Europe is a figment of the national imagination, obviously endorsed by the Officers Club but probably not acceptable to Fuertes himself. There is a crude, unsubtle quality to the background of the picture which suggests that the painter's heart was not in his work.

Prof. Pettingill's willingness to return this unrepresentative and questionably attractive Fuertes work to Telluride may have equalled that of the person who donated the bird to the Laboratory originally. The best guess about the transfer comes from Harvey Mansfield, TA23, who wrote to Mrs. MacLeod:

I have a hypothesis: the Fuertes painting . . . was not then regarded by Branchmembers as Art, nor as valuable; and there was no ornithologist among us. The avant-garde painter was Christian Midjo . . . After my time Midjo, on sabbatical, went to Deep Springs and returned with a group of desert scenes in a comparatively stark, sweeping and impressionistic style, which he presented to the Branch. This required a general housecleaning and rearrangement of wall decorations. My guess is that Branchmembers, needing wall space,

may then have given what they saw no use for to the Ornithology Department which presumably would appreciate it. . . .

At some point the picture seems to have been unappreciated all around; Prof. Pettingill reports that when he assumed the job of director of the Laboratory in 1960, he found the picture lying in storage unframed, dirty, and dog-eared. He saw to it that it was cleaned, matted, well-framed, and occasionally displayed, but it has distressed enough viewers so that in general it has been kept in storage. Dr. Pettingill apparently would agree with another of Mrs. MacLeod's correspondents, George Sutton, CBG'34, himself a bird portraitist and a student of Fuertes:

The painting represents a facet of Fuertes' life and personality that no other picture of his represents. It is far more important, to my way of thinking, as a historical document than as an ornithological study.

For Telluride, the picture may have a comparable value as a landmark in the Association's history.

For the time being, the eagle has been given a place over the livingroom mantle. Thoughts are being entertained of a plaque recounting the bird's history to date. Perhaps before offended eyes once more consign the painting to storage, alumni with some recollection of its past can help us fill in missing details of the story.

Procedures Outlined for Matching - Funds Donations

If you work for a company which matches employee contributions to accredited educational institutions, and plan to have your contribution matched, please observe the following instructions:

1. If you plan to give to Deep Springs alone, make your check payable to Deep Springs College, send it directly to them (via Dyer, Nevada, 89010), and instruct your company to do the same.

2. If you want to give to Telluride Association alone, both you and your company must channel gifts through Cornell University, since the Association is not considered an educational institution for the purposes of matching-gifts programs. Make your check payable to Cornell University, earmark it "Attention Financial Aids: for Telluride Association scholarships," and instruct your company to do the same. Please notify the Association of these contributions so that we can keep track of money due to us from Cornell.

3. If you wish to split the contribution between Deep Springs and Telluride Association write two checks, one payable to Deep Springs College, the other to Cornell University, earmarked as above, and instruct your company to do the same.

Ordinary unmatched contributions to the Joint New Funds Drive should be made payable to Telluride Corporation as in the past.

ITEMS ON THE

ADSTA Agenda

Returns on the September mailing of ADSTA ballots and 1972-73 membership dues notices have been quite gratifying. As of October 20th, 115 TA alumni and friends had joined the organization, and 60 of these are new members. (This means that 74 of last year's members have still to respond, and your memories are hereby jogged.) The total of those who have expressed an interest in ADSTA activities during the past two years comes to 194—an encouraging indication that we will meet our membership goal of 300 during the year.

An ADSTA Council meeting was scheduled at the University Club in New York City for October 27th. This was several weeks after the copy deadline for the *Newsletter*, so news of the Council's deliberations will be included in the winter issue. Items on the agenda included discussion of possible dates and topics for a Spring Alumni Weekend. At press time, attendance by Bob Gatje, Erik Pell, Paul Szasz, Dave Cole, Bill Allen, John Murray, and Dave Hodges, who fortunately was scheduled to come East on business at this time, was anticipated. Dave Cole has recently agreed to head the Boston ADSTA unit, and John Murray the New York group.

—ADSTA President Bob Gatje

Rochester

Rochester Alumni of Deep Springs and Telluride Association met over lunch on October 2 to renew old friendships and to set the stage for regular get-togethers in the future. The small group of only half a dozen collected most of the area's TA associates and is probably typical of what might be expected in other medium-sized cities. What might not be expected in most such cities was the opportunity to hear news of Deep Springs from Robert Sproull, who is presently a Deep Springs Trustee. Possible future activities of the group were also touched upon—with a degree of enthusiasm that bodes well for the future.

The meeting was felt to be a success by those attending, who have been neighbors of long standing but for most of whom this was the first meeting in many years. On the basis of this success, ADSTA will be urging key individuals in comparable localities to make a similar effort. It is clear that the vitality and success of our large-city groups does not derive from size alone; there may, in fact, be a unique congeniality possible only in smaller groups, and ADSTA will seek the formula for bringing such groups together. If some of you already have the formula, or wish to try a local luncheon, please drop a line to Robert Gatje or to me.

—Erik Pell

Washington

The Washington area ADSTA's second annual fall dinner is scheduled for Monday evening, November 13 at the Foreign Service Club. One item on the agenda is the selection of William Allen's successor. Allen notified area alumni of the meeting with the comment that "the dinner has been deliberately timed to permit a week's intensive campaigning after the other election that will be held in November."

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Professors John Boyd and Daniel Schwarz talk to Factotum Sue Cohen and TASP Per Mark Prejsnar.



'72 Cornell TASP's Live Up to Expectations

by David Marshall, CB71

Three years ago, in these pages, the fear was expressed that a new breed of TASPers had developed, an anti-intellectual group which found Telluride Summer Programs neither exciting nor relevant. The experience of the past three TASP's seems to prove either that this fear was unfounded or at least that the old breed of TASPers has been resurrected, for all three groups have found their program the unique and stimulating experience it was conceived to be. A 1972 TASP'er wrote in her program evaluation of the prevalence of "genuine intellectual interest and energy. . . . The separation between intellectual pursuits and pleasurable pursuits, usually so evident in high school, did not seem to exist at all." Students, faculty, and factota all seemed to find the 1972 Cornell TASP's especially worthwhile.

Two seminars, as usual, were conducted in Ithaca. Professors Daniel Schwarz and John Boyd of the Cornell English Department led a seminar on "The Art of Fiction." Such authors as Joyce, Conrad, Kafka, Hardy, Lawrence, Tolstoy, and Dostoyevsky were studied, mostly from short stories

Factotum Jeremy Rabkin



and novellas. The shortness of the works enabled the seminar to pay close attention to each piece of writing and most students seemed to agree that their ability to critically "read" fiction was greatly enhanced by the end of the summer. Students wrote frequent critical essays and there were several student led seminars.

The second Cornell TASP dealt with "The Impact of the United States on the Third World" and was taught by Professor Thomas McCormick of the University of Wisconsin and Professor Harold Sims of the University of Pittsburgh. Students read Walter LaFeber's *New Empire*, Andre Frank's *Capitalism and Underdevelopment in Latin America*, Harry Magdoff's *New Imperialism*, among other works. Seminars in which the students assumed the roles of various leaders and powers on the international political scene were among the most exciting for the group.

As usual, the annual TASP pilgrimage to Stratford, Ontario was successful, with *King Lear* and *The Three-Penny Opera* receiving mixed reviews. TASPers were also exposed to several faculty friends from the Hill. Professors Neil

Carol Mostow and Philip Ross





At the card table, Barbara Fiedler, David Allen, Pamela Haslam, and Terry Purinton; at what's left of the volleyball net, Professor Harold Sims, Dan Jackson, Nolah Taylor, and Ellen Waldinger

Hertz, Myron Rush, Alvin Bernstein, and Alfred Eipper addressed the group as did Herbert Beinstock of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Especially successful were performances given by friends of the program, namely a mime show by Vicki Dello Joio and a concert by Thomas Darter.

If this article seems all too familiar it is because in its faculty, its trip to Stratford, and its guest speakers, the 1972 Cornell TASPers read like numerous other TASPers. In addition to the usual structure though, the TASPers had the substance which characterizes good Telluride summer programs. Because of their intellectual enthusiasm and accomplishment, because they are still viewed as an oasis in the desert of high school education, and because they still serve to recruit fine prospects for Telluride (twelve TASPers were awarded pre-convention preferment this year,) the 1972 TASPers should reaffirm Telluride's commitment to and faith in its summer programs.

Mark Prejsnar, Carol Mostow, Ann Hulbert, and Robert Fram



CB "Flatlander" Tries Hand as Deep Springs SP Factotum

by Mark Dolliver, TA71

It was one of the most arid summers in the White Mountains and Deep Springs Valley in recent years. There was some rain in the valley once or twice, but if you blinked you missed it. After three years in Ithaca's non-stop rain—here you miss the sun if you blink, and if you don't blink it's likely to blind you—it took some getting used to. But for someone who had never been to Deep Springs before that was the least of the unfamiliarities. My first view of the place came as Deep Springer-turned-Tellurider Denis Clark and I rode into the valley just past sunrise after an all-night bus ride from San Francisco. There was already a crew up bucking bales before breakfast as we rode by to the main building, and the sight of people awake at 5:30 AM and tossing bales of hay around was almost too much for me to believe. The TASPers and Deep Springs freshmen began arriving in the next couple of days, and things got too hectic to leave time for disbelief. From then on everyone started working into the routine of the place, and with the program under way people quickly had friends with whom they could share whatever lingering unfamiliarity with a place like Deep Springs they might have felt.

From the first Monday morning seminar on for the next seven weeks the students in the program had a massive amount of reading to do, and they did most of it with a sort of bewildered relish, not sure they understood at first what it was all about but knowing that they liked it. They almost liked it too much, agreeing with each book that came along even if it was diametrically opposed to the last book they had read and to the next one they would read. And at the same time there was the very time-consuming and exhausting ranch work to be done. For some of the fellows, that started within a couple of hours of their arrival, with one Deep Springs freshman pulling into the Greyhound milkstop at 3:00 AM and being sent out to the dairy shed for milking at 5:00 AM. There was much more to do than could be all done well, but everyone tried to make the best of things and everything got done in one way or another. The Deep Springs "old men" managed not to be fazed by all the typical mix-ups of newcomers and the innovative mixups that this summer's batch of "flatlanders" came up with; giving the dairy cows' feed to the chickens and vice versa, riding horses backwards around the corral with the bits in upside

down, dumping half a load of hay onto the hood of the International, and more. Meanwhile, the worst volleyball games in the world were starting to get a little better and Dr. Reid didn't look quite so pained so often on the court.

Just when everyone was managing to scrape up a thin veneer of competence at the ranch and seminar work we were given a new opportunity for chagrin with the first Sierra back-packing trip. There were enough experienced hikers and campers to go around so the rest of us could stay alive to be embarrassed at our own obvious inexperience. One TASPPer would stop every hundred feet or so up the trail, keel over back packs and all, and fall asleep if the rest



of us didn't shake him to his feet in time. I was making my most fervent resolves ever to give up smoking as I gasped up to 10,500 feet behind the rest of my group; I spent half the time on the way up looking around for level spots where a helicopter could land to carry me out. Once we had a chance to stretch our lungs out prone for a few hours at the end of the first day of hiking it was actually quite pleasant enough, but at the end of the weekend we newcomers who had found Deep Springs such a strange place a few weeks before now suddenly were calling it home.



Everyone came back sunburned and sore and tired and happy either to have had the trip or to have finished it. And most importantly, everyone came back to even more work than they had had when they left. There were the final papers to be done and a second haying to be started, and the pace of the seminar reading stiffened even more. The last three weeks of the program didn't pass before you knew it, but they did pass pretty quickly, and suddenly we were being shipped off to fight another land war with the Sierras, this time for an entire week. If the previous three weeks had gone quickly this last one in the clutches of Mother Nature made up for it. The TASPers who led the group of four I went with for the week had decided it would be more exciting if we took just enough food to hang over the brink of starvation while we were hanging over all the other local brinks. We blamed the sudden cold spell on the same TASPPer, but that probably wasn't entirely fair. Just to spite him, though, we all made it out alive and well, and made it back home to Deep Springs again. Then, after a brief chorus of all ashore that's going ashore, we said our farewells to those who were staying on at the ranch and the rest of us headed out for eastern skies.

Deep Springs Transfer Finds Continuities at CB

by Jan Vleck, DS69, CB72

Reprinted from the *Telluride Bulletin*

Upon reaching Cornell, it was but a few minutes work to find Telluride House even though I had never been near it before. The much-photographed front porch steps provided an unmistakable landmark from the outside, and after I had stepped into the dark and somewhat dismal foyer, I knew that I was indeed in a Nunn building. The effect was something like walking into the Main room at Deep Springs on a sunny day for the first time after a break. When I reached my room, however, I started to wonder. Where were the cratered wooden desks with their sticky mismatched drawers? In their stead stood relatively new metal desks with smooth tops and drawers on each side that moved in and out on little wheels. Gone were the inadequate bookshelves—gone into a room down the hall, it turned out. The new beds, new carpet, new chest of drawers, new lamps, and fresh-looking paint job all seemed alien, but then I spotted the ancient inoperative intercom phone on the wall, the three-ton radiator beneath the window, and the cow mandible over the closet door and I knew that all the old ways had not been abandoned.

I discovered more similarities between Cornell Branch and Deep Springs during the next week. Activities like cleaning up the kitchen for the new cook draw the same, large enthusiastic crowds here as they did at DS. House Meetings, like Student Body Meetings, are organized, business-like affairs, with the participants completely dedicated to the principle of thoughtful, terse debate, unlimited by considerations of time when money or major principles are at stake. Like Deep Springs, everyone here takes the same classes. Dinner is at 6 o'clock and . . . volleyball and ping-pong are popular post-prandial pastimes.

But there are differences, too, of greater and lesser import depending on one's point of view. About one-third of the Housemembers are female, as are about one-third of Cornell's students. The evening meal is a dress occasion for most Housemembers, with the three waiters taking care of all the "boardinghouse" work as well as clearing the tables and serving dessert and after-dinner tea and coffee. Parties are chinamen of another color, but I will refrain from further comment for lack of a statistically valid sample. Both public speaking and any sort of work program are de-emphasized aspects of the House program.

This cannot pretend to be a complete description of Cornell Branch, of course, but should be regarded as a list of some of the things a Deep Springer would be likely to notice about the House. . . .



Deep Springs Summer Program '73: standing, Lack, S. Sommers, G. Taylor, LaBerge; seated, Hedin, Greenberg, Schaar, Paterson, M. Taylor, Murphy, Pearson, Davies, Lowry, Balabon, Dolliver, Hamilton, Arnelle, Dannis, Buchsbaum, Gladfelder, Heikkinen

"Idea of Community" Explored at Deep Springs

by Robert Buchsbaum, DS72

Ten freshmen Deep Springers along with eight TASPers participated in this year's TADSSP, "The Idea of Community," led by Dr. Randall Reid, Dr. John Schaar, Mr. Doug Loomis and Factotum Mark Dolliver. At the same time four older Deep Springers attended Dr. Gunther Sommer's course on Comparative Indian Religions. Generally, the students expressed a favorable attitude toward the program. In addition, all students participated in the traditional public speaking; many of the speeches were impressive.

As usual, the summer weather at Deep Springs was hot and dry, especially during August; in all, the ranch received light rain showers on only three occasions. As a result of the arid climate, several cattle springs dried up, thus posing a water problem for ranch manager Merritt Holloway and the 180-odd cattle at Cow Camp.

All TASPers and Deep Springers performed the arduous task of "bucking" bales of hay onto a truck. They also cut weeds, patched the road, and cleaned out the chicken coop.

A major project, still in progress, is the construction of a boiler house and installation of boilers, electrical apparatus, and pipes to supply the Boarding House with hot water.

The summer and early fall were jam-packed with special activities: lectures were given on the White Mountains and on Indian religion, by Doug Powell and Ray Stone respectively. The community picnicked by Deep Springs Lake. A "Chinaman" party was staged by the four upperclassmen; it

included pie-eating, punch-drinking, and road-running contests as well as an auction.

The students went on two camping trips—a weekend sojourn at Big Pine Lakes and a week-long excursion into Yosemite National Park. This fall, several Deep Springers made the traditional walk up the Eureka Valley Sand Dunes; half the student body attended a Labor Day Rodeo in Bishop, California.

After the Yosemite Trip the TASPers left and the second year men (on vacation) returned to Deep Springs. This fall, students have selected three or four courses, ranging from Dr. Reid's English Composition and Modern American Fiction to Mr. Attwood's Introduction to Anthropology and Modern Indian Anthropology to Mrs. Jo Ann Smith's music study.

The summer Student Body elections resulted in Mark Taylor's being named Secretary and Jim Pearson accepting the post of Treasurer. The fall elections were quite exciting. Those students elected were Mike Quinn, Labor Commissioner; Dave Pederson, Trustee Representative; Steve Muka, President; Max Dannis, Treasurer; Bruce Hamilton, Secretary; Dave Tanis, Applications Committee; and Jim Pearson, Reinventions Committee.

As the Newsletter was going to press, we learned that George Rinehart had died in an automobile accident in Ithaca, New York on November 2, 1972. On behalf of the Association and Deep Springs College, we express our great sorrow and sympathy to his wife Julie and their three children.



At "Alumni Weekend" reception for the *Whitings* on October 7, Mrs. Whiting talks to Ruth Seligson, and Sue Cohen to Joe Schwartz and David Epstein

WARNING: ATTIC CLEAN-UP IN PROGRESS

The CBTA attic is filled with literally tons of personal effects—books, clothing, art, and endless unmentionable junk, mostly not belonging to current housemembers. Some of it is obviously years old, most of it not labelled. Unless we hear from those of you who have things stored there, we will consider any unclaimed material fair game for salvage, auction, or trash barrel. A cluttered attic is useless to the house and causes trouble with the fire inspector.

News from Alumni and Friends of Telluride

■ In September, Carl Apstein, TA60, joined the faculty at M.I.T. as an assistant professor of cardiovascular disease and assistant director of the M.I.T. Clinical Research Center.

■ The summer edition of the *Cornell Law Forum* announced: "Robert Boochever has resigned as a partner in the law firm of Faulkner, Banfield, Boochever & Doogan to accept an appointment as Associate Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court."

■ Jeffrey Coplon, SP68, is currently Editor-in-Chief of the *Cornell Daily Sun*.

■ Gordon Davidson's fans at the Los Angeles Music Center recently arranged a celebration (entitled "Gordon") of his fifth anniversary as artistic director of the Mark Taper Forum. The fete included musical, dramatic, and film presentations by the New Theater for Now, followed by dinner and dancing at the Music Center Plaza.

■ John Dellaverson, Perkins Memorial Fellow in 1970-72, stopped by the House in September en route to New York City, where he is working with the NLRB.

■ Robert Gatje, TA46, reports that while in Kabul, Afghanistan on business this summer, he ran across Walt Van Gelder, his Cornell architecture classmate and Telluride House roommate in 1948, who is now on the Architecture Faculty at Kabul University as a Peace Corps volunteer. Gatje reports "Our meeting was completely by accident and therefore doubly enjoyable, particularly as it gave me the chance to meet the most charming family that Walt has accumulated since we last saw each other 20 years ago." The moment is recorded by the photograph below. Gatje further observed that the geography of that part of Afghanistan, with its high desert valleys flanked by the Hindu Kish, is reminiscent of Deep Springs valley and the Sierras.

■ Bob Gay, TA64, writes from Honolulu that he working on a PhD in Sociology and teaching at an experimental, humanities oriented small college there. He comments: "I'll stay here forever—or as long as it's habitable."

■ Herbert Gold, CBG59, has just had a new book published by Random House: *My Last Two Thousand Years*.

■ Clayton Grandy, a charter member of the Association who had a hand in the drafting of the TA Constitution, has just celebrated his 82nd birthday. He and his wife Jessica have two sons, Bruce and Robert, and five grandchildren. Mr. Grandy is a retired Trade Association executive.

■ Ted Kirkham, TA42, is continuing his combination of activities in occupational medicine, teaching internal medicine at the Cornell Medical School, and acting as medical director of Time, Inc. He has also been made head of the

Gatje and Van Gelder in Afghanistan



Division of Ambulatory and Community Medicine at New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center. His wife practices child psychiatry, and has become a member of the board of Trustees of Williams College. One of his daughters is attending Williams, another Princeton. That's right, daughters.

■ Last April John Landahl, TA69, was elected to the national board of directors of Zero Population Growth.

■ Edmund Meltzer, SP 67, writes that he received the B.A. from the University of Chicago in June and is now a Teaching Fellow in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Toronto, doing M.A. work in Egyptology and teaching the introductory course on ancient Egyptian languages. He also had an article published in the October '72 number of the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*.

■ A SP66 member, Bill Riley, graduated in June '71 from Dartmouth, and went to work for the Andover Organ Company of Methuen, Mass. This led to an award of the James B. Reynolds Scholarship from Dartmouth for 1972-73 to study organ building in France. He and his wife Donna (they were married in 1970) left in October for Sarre-Union, near Strasbourg, where he will work and study with Jean-Georges Koenig.

■ Cornell branchmembers had the pleasure of several days' visit from Bernhard von Falkenhausen and his wife early in September. From Germany he wrote recently: "Your hospitality permitted me to show Bettina quite a bit of the Finger Lakes region, and she was much impressed by the beauty of the countryside. Both of us walked extensively around the campus, admired the many new buildings, and, finally did something which I never had done during my time as a Cornell student, i.e. to climb to the top of the library tower and view the country from above." He also remarked of his conversations with housemembers: "Our general impression was that American students have a much more reasonable judgment and outlook as to the political and economic

problems of their country than, for example, many German students have."

■ Albert N. Votaw, TA48, is returning to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, as Senior Housing Advisor responsible for housing programs guaranteed by the Agency for International Development in West and Central Africa. He is employed by the National League of Insured Savings Associations under contract to AID's Office of Housing. Votaw previously lived in Abidjan for over two years as an advisor to the Ivory Coast Housing Bank, and has been involved in housing studies and programs in the Ivory Coast, Senegal, Tunisia, Kenya, Iran, Korea, and Haiti. Mrs. Votaw and their daughters Susan and Marianne will return to Abidjan. Two other daughters are in college: Claire-Louise at Indiana University, and Catherine at Swarthmore.

The Votaws' new address is: c/o American Embassy, B.P. 1702, Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

■ Mike Yarrow, TA28, writes: "I am resigning from my post as Secretary of the International Affairs Division of the American Friends Service Committee and retiring a bit early to try a change of pace and a different tempo. During the last ten years I have been involved in exciting programs in various parts of the world trying to get people together to talk about the conditions of peace and the possibilities of development which include distributive justice. Now I hope to spend some time studying and writing about some aspects of that effort. A proposed study for next year will possibly include brief reports on Quaker efforts at third party assistance in four areas of conflict: Central Europe, Nigeria during the civil war, India and Pakistan in 1965, and the Middle East."

The Yarrows will spend the year in England, where Mike will be a Fellow at Woodbrooke College near Birmingham. He and Margaret hope that their travelling friends will write or look them up at Woodbrooke, 1046 Bristol Road, Birmingham B296LJ.

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