MONEY MAKES THE WORLD GO AROUND and Around and Around and Around

President Barry Weller called the 1975 Telluride Association Convention to order on Thursday, June 12 at 10:10 a.m. in Ithaca, New York. 32 members attended full time; there were 7 newly elected members, while 13 friends and associates attended open meetings.

As anticipated, the overriding concern of Convention was how to cut expenses. Long hours were spent in committee and on Convention floor, searching for and debating ways to pare down budgets. Finding continued support for the Summer Programs; recruitment, preferment and evaluation of Cornell Branch; funding of the Rinehart-Telluride Chair; and location of the 1976 Convention were among considerations that also placed heavy demands on the Members’ ingenuity and endurance, kept lights burning late and the coffee pot simmering.

TASP Support

Basking in the knowledge of having received a grant for support of 90% of the academic cost of the Cornell I TASP from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Convention was reminded that this does not put the TASP’s on a firm financial footing. Cornell has agreed to assure TA an equivalent subsidy for the 1976 programs if no outside grant can be secured, but it is imperative that no stone remain unturned in an effort to gain outside support for the Summer Programs. To this end it was recommended that the President appoint a member of Cornell Branch to serve as a Program Reporter, assisting TASP Board and/or GRASP in compiling such data and reports as may be necessary to satisfy the conditions of this year’s NEH grant and any further application. It was further recommended that there shall be no more than two Cornell Summer Programs in 1976.

Cornell Branch

The most salient feature of the House this year was probably its unusual composition. Of twenty-eight members, twelve would be living in the Branch for the first time, seven were graduate students and only three were freshmen. Any conflict which existed in the House was not really one of different factions trying to shape the House in different ways. It was rather a difference in demands and expectations, between those who expected a great deal from both individuals and the community and those who felt that the House should take a less anxious view of itself and its members. The result was, in many ways, a low-keyed, casual House. An example of this was public speaking where, it was felt, the program would have benefited from a more imaginative and forceful administration. It was suggested that it be clearly understood that public speeches are not intended as technical academic seminar papers, but should be preeminently public; that is, dealing with topics of general interest, advancing a provocative thesis that will lead to widespread discussion rather than merely reporting information.

In discussing recruiting and preferment, the pros and cons of the desirability of trying to maintain a balanced proportion of men to women in the House; the benefits to be gained from a well coordinated interviewing schedule with punctual information dissemination; and the optimum method of how to achieve a diversified selection of TASPers, were among other issues extensively debated on and off Convention floor.

1976 Convention at Deep Springs

As part of the continuing effort to maintain mutual acquaintance with as many aspects of each other’s operations as possible, both Telluride and Deep Springs recognize the great value of holding occasional Conventions at Deep Springs. It is unfortunate that present financial considerations have interrupted a seven year period in this practice, but the last Convention judged it unwise to curtail other programs by appropriating an amount large enough for TA to meet at Deep Springs this year. Since it seemed unlikely that TA would soon be financially able to afford the extra expense in any one year, the first step toward a Deep Springs Convention in the near future was taken last year when $1,425 was appropriated into a Deep Springs Convention and Special Programs continued on page three
REPORT OF CORPORATION

Telluride Corporation has received and distributed funds for the fiscal year 1974-75 in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

Sources
Unearmarked Contributions.......................................................... $3,350.78

Earmarked Contributions:
- TA Operations ................................................................. 6,188.74
- DS Operations ................................................................ 8,701.99
- Advances-in-Aid .................................................................. 605.00
- E. M. Johnson Fund ............................................................. 250.00
- Cornell TASP ....................................................................... 382.30
- Cremona TASP ................................................................. 7,800.00
- Cornell Branch ..................................................................... 15.00
- Alumni Affairs ................................................................. 70.00
- Special Programs ............................................................... 82.40
- Rinehart-Telluride Memorial ................................................ 1,187.50

Total Earmarked ................................................................. $25,283.13
Total Contributions ............................................................ $28,633.91
Interest on Securities ............................................................. $117.68
Interest on Cash ................................................................. $852.91
Total Sources .................................................................... $29,604.50

Distribution
TA:
- 1/2 Unearmarked Contributions $1,751.14
- Earmarked for:
  - TA Operations ................................................................. 6,188.74
  - Advances-in-Aid ................................................................ 605.00
  - E. M. Johnson Fund ............................................................. 250.00
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  - Alumni Affairs ................................................................. 70.00
  - Special Programs ............................................................... 82.40
- Total TA .............................................................................. $17,144.78

DS:
- 1/2 Unearmarked Contributions $1,751.15
- Earmarked for:
  - DS Operations ................................................................ 8,701.99
  - Rinehart-Telluride Memorial ................................................ 1,187.50
- Total DS .............................................................................. $11,640.64

Expenses:
- New York State Filing Fee ...................................................... $10.00
- Printing and Mailing ............................................................ 809.08
- Total Expenses ...................................................................... $819.08
- Total Distribution ............................................................. $29,604.50

1 In addition, Albert Arent has given another $1,000 State of Israel bond, to be held to maturity.
2 Net of Corporation expenses and income.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas M. Christina, President

TELLURIDE NEWSLETTER

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THE WORST AND THE BEST

The following is a major portion of the Report of the Custodians to Convention

by Francis Fukuyama

The Board of Custodians met four times in the past year: July in Cambridge at the home of our treasurer, Chuck Chrisensen; October in Ithaca; February in Cambridge; and April at Jim Withrow's in New York. Financially speaking, it was the worst of times and the best of times. As all of you are aware, this past year has seen the economy go from record-high inflation to the worst recession since the end of the war. When the Custodians reported at this time last year, the stock market was already in the throes of an extended bear market, which had begun in January 1973. Following the economy, the market waffled sideways during the summer, only to begin a sickening nose-dive in the fall, which did not come to a stop until it had tested new lows, the likes of which had not been seen since 1963. By December 9, 1974, the Dow stood at 777.6, which represented a 29% decline in the average from its May 31 level. The stock section of the portfolio followed the market, but it miraculously managed to under-underperform it, declining approximately 19% in the same period. The hand of providence abetted the wisdom of the Custodians in as far as the Board had steadfastly refused to accumulate more than a block and a half of cash throughout the fall. In the winter and spring the market reversed itself—some think temporarily—and began a rapid rise to its current levels. The Dow now stands in the mid-800s once again. Herein the hand of providence dropped out and the wisdom of the Custodians was left to fend for itself; from December 9, 1974 to May 30, 1975, the Dow had risen 44% whereas our portfolio had gained a lesser but still respectable 35.1%. For the whole year, however, the Board may congratulate itself for having beaten all of the important market averages; in comparison to the Dow which increased 3.7% and the broader-based NYSE composite index and Standard and Poors 500 which grew 5.3% and 4.4%, respectively, the stock sector of the portfolio rose a healthy 9.2% (corrected for a mid-year, timing-plan switch from bonds to stocks). The bond portfolio did not fare as well, unfortunately. Interest rates were driven up to usurious levels by the end of the summer, and whereas the prime and other short-term rates fell pari passu with declining loan demand and a larger money supply, long-term rates stayed where they were. The entire portfolio, however, stayed ahead of the average man on Wall Street.

In the course of the year one of our brokers, H. C. Wainwright, having become the darling of middle-sized institutions, felt itself in a position to kick its smallest client around again. We were presented with an ultimatum demanding a minimum...
We were offered the alternative of simply buying the written Wainwright. It was felt that the latter’s investment advice was valuable enough to merit this sort of appeasement, at least until a suitable substitute could be found, and that in any case Oppenheimer’s advice was often worse than useless. It was suggested that the Board consider buying investment information separately from its brokerage services, although the legality of this was in doubt. A search for new brokers was undertaken, only to be thrown into confusion by May Day on Wall Street. The Board does, however, now have several alternatives to Wainwright or Merrill Lynch, should there be further reason to be dissatisfied with either of them. Due to the price war in institutional sales, brokerage should be down substantially next year.

There was a certain degree of discontent on the part of some Board members as to the lack of care with which a few of our investment decisions were made. Fortunately, all of our less prudently made choices were rewarded in the bull market; our best performing stock, Amsted, was stumbled onto at the last minute and without the benefit of a written report. Once again there was too little continuity in our reporting on portfolio holdings and no central record of prior recommendations. Also, consideration should be given to the possibility of reducing the margin by which motions to buy or sell can be passed. At present two Board members can veto any motion, which does not always insure greater prudence as much as result in log-rolling, which satisfies no one.

The Board would like to take note of the advice and hospitality it received this year from its treasurers, past and present. Chuck Christensen provided the Custodians with a meeting place for its Cambridge sessions, while Jim Withrow was kind enough to attend the winter meeting, and to invite us to New York in the spring. Their professional judgments were invaluable in helping to form our own. And finally, we would like to thank that anonymous benefactor, on the 34th floor of the RCA Building, who prevented six members of the Board from having to spend what would have been a most unpleasant extra day in New York City.

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Resignations Accepted

Victor Baras
Richard Dolen
David Hodges
Ernest Isenstadt

Preferment

By action of Convention and OAC, preferment for the academic year 1975-1976 was granted the following:

David Balabon
Susan Bianconi
Thomas Christina
Brooks Coville
Russell Donnelly
Katharine Eisaman
Stephen Fix
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As the Sun Sank Slowly in the West . . .

By Monday morning most participants had fled Ithaca, but there still were to be found a few hunched-back souls, bent over their typewriters, conscientiously grinding out their reports for Convention 1975. Then began the tasks of putting the House back in order and shepherding the Minutes to the printer.
1974 TASPers Choose

The Ivy League Colleges again are the predominant choice of those 1974 TASPers returning their surveys. Cornell was chosen by the majority. Harvard, Radcliffe and Yale each were selected by four TASPers, while six remaining institutions were honored by individual selection.

| Jill Campbell | Cornell University |
| Mark Cohen | Cornell University |
| Steven Cohen | Cornell University |
| Joseph Curranano | Cornell University |
| Thomas Smith | Cornell University |
| Michale Dichter | Yale University |
| Maureen Graves | Cornell University |
| Ross Haarstad | Cornell University |
| Valerie Haynes | Cornell University |
| Hanno Hinsch | Wesleyan University |
| Elizabeth Logan | Radcliffe College |
| Javier Lopez | Cornell University |
| Jay Mann | Cornell University |
| Joanne Martin | Southern Methodist University |
| Ruth Mazo | Yale University |
| Grace McGorrian | Dartmouth College |
| David McQuaid | Cornell University |
| Kate Mell | Yale University |
| Henry Muller | Cornell University |
| Stephen Pershing | Harvard College |
| Diane Pohlisander | Cornell University |
| Laura Rose | Yale University |
| Sharon Rudd | Oberlin College |
| Thomas Smith | Cornell University |
| Harry Stahl | Cornell University |
| Robert Wallach | Harvard College |
| Marcia Whittaker | Wittenberg University |
| Eric Wefald | Cornell University |
| Elisabeth Wood | Cornell University |
| Elizabeth A. Wood | Radcliffe College |

Where There’s Smoke......

by Stephen Fix, TA75

Anyone who has lived in Ithaca for more than a week has learned to sleep through the booming fire horn which echoes up the valley, summoning the city’s part-volunteer fire department. But an alarm ringing simultaneously on all floors of Telluride House at 4:00 A.M. on May 20th was more than sufficient to rouse residents from their exam-week exhaustion.

A small plastic trash container, located near the mailboxes on the first floor, caught fire and triggered the House’s Simplex alarm system. Simplex devices, installed in each room eight years ago, react to rapid shifts in room temperature. Once activated, an extraordinarily loud buzzer sounds throughout the House, and the fire department is automatically alerted.

Many Housemembers, new to the House this year, had not taken part in a fire drill. Some Housemembers, both new and old, did not know what the alarm meant. But the fire, which evidently smoldered for a while before breaking into flames, had sent a strong stench of smoke through the House, and everyone opening doors onto the second and third floor corridors knew immediately the reason for the commotion.

Despite the momentary confusion, the entire House was evacuated within two minutes by use of the north fire escape. By the time the last person reached the parking area, the Ithaca and Cornell fire units had both arrived. In the meantime, however, Jan Svejnar, TA74, who was visiting from Princeton, had spotted the fire on his way from his room in the cook’s quarters. Using a small chair pillow, Jan smothered the flame and crushed most of the fire, leaving only charred ashes for the firemen to rake. The fire officials surmised that the fire may have been started by a not-fully extinguished cigarette which may have been tossed in the trash as much as three hours earlier.

Within a few minutes, Housemembers were allowed to return to the smoky building, where they proceeded to fling open most doors and windows. Though fortunate, under the circumstances, to have lost not more than a few minutes of sleep and an already dilapidated chair cushion, Housemembers were generally dissatisfied with their lack of preparation for a fire. At dinner that evening, a special Housemeeting was convened to discuss the fire and means of improving safety. House President David Marshall appointed Tom Windmuller, Bruce Hamilton and Steve Fix as a committee to review fire safety equipment and procedures in the House, and a number of preliminary suggestions were offered to the committee at the meeting.

The Fire Safety Committee presented its report at the June Convention. Among its recommendations were the installation of additional exterior lights, to illuminate both the north and south fire escapes, and the purchase of new, metal trash containers for both corridors and individual rooms to replace the present plastic baskets. Convention approved both these items in the renovations budget and the work is being done this summer. The Committee also recommended that a Housemember be appointed annually to orient new and old Branchmembers to fire safety procedures and the use of the appropriate equipment. The Committee noted the willingness of Cornell Life-Safety officials to work with students in the preparation of safety plans and suggested that Telluride, like Cornell dormitories, should conduct two fire drills each term.

"We are confident," the Committee concludes, "that with a rigorous safety program which includes both education and prevention, no Housemember need ever be injured in a fire. There are a number of factors in our favor: the sensitivity and effectiveness of the Simplex alarm system; the House's sprinkler system; the proximity of the fire department in College-town; and the numerous escape routes available from most rooms in the House. But we can only capitalize on these advantages if each Housemember is properly educated in fire safety, and we urge next year's House to make this one of its first priorities."
Deep Springs Board of Trustees Hold May Meeting
by Robley C. Williams, Chairman

The May meeting of the Trustees went off without any disturbance comparable to that occurring in October, when I prolonged my visit by a fortnight in the Northern Inyo County Hospital. All Trustees were present, with Bob Aird attending as Honorary Trustee; ADSTA was represented by Kenneth Odell, and Telluride Association by its President, Barry Weller. For the first time (to my knowledge) a prospective Trustee was invited to the meeting — Mrs. Beatrice Renfield, a business executive from New York City. Everyone concerned was delighted when she agreed to serve as Trustee. Some of the old-timers may experience a shock, since never before has there been a woman on the Board. Although she is formally an “outsider” she clearly understands L. L. Nunn’s ideas about education and is sympathetic toward them. Mrs. Renfield takes the position vacated by Robert Sproull who has, with the distinction habitual to him, completed his eight-year term.

As all of you presumably know, Randall Reid is leaving Deep Springs at the end of June. It is inadequate to say that we shall miss him sorely, but we shall indeed. The Board noted in a formal resolution that Randy has been the primary moving force in bringing Deep Springs to its present excellence. John Mawby has agreed to serve as Acting Director and Dean for a period up to twelve months, so the school continues in good administrative hands. We have a few good prospects for the position and anticipate making the appointment within the next few months.

The meeting proceeded without any “crash” item to preempt our attention, although we did have the aftermath of the garage fire to consider. I inspected the ruins, now neatly cleaned up, and was pleased to see that the foundation and the concrete slab are in usable condition. It appears that the reconstruction, to start immediately, can be accomplished without much cost, if any, to the Trust. Our vehicles, tools, mechanic, and student crew should have a cozy home by snowfall.

In view of our financial circumstances the question arose of whether to continue the Deep Springs policy of complete scholarships for its students. We had a full discussion, with consideration of proposals to go to partial scholarships instead, with tuition always included but room and board dependent upon a showing of need. In the end, the Trustees decided to continue the traditional policy, a decision based upon agreement with L. L. Nunn’s wish that no charges should be made to students. His writings indicate his hope that Deep Springs students should feel that their obligation to the school could be repaid only by service rendered to society.

The Trustees were gratified to learn that the Deep Springs administration, particularly John Mawby, is sharply aware that the Valley is subject to environmental degradation. It is likely that his efforts to have an area around the lake declared a National Landmark will succeed, a step toward general land preservation and particularly toward Baja exuul preservation. The California State Department of Fish and Game seems interested in keeping the lake region in its present semi-wild state. Those of you who are strollers, or hikers, will be interested to know that Chocolate Mountain is soon to have that name officially (instead of Piper Peak). More “in” perhaps, is the news that the places we know as Antelope Spring, Cuna Spring and Sam’s Spring will appear with those names on the topo maps.

A serious threat to Deep Springs is the possibility that the West Coast branch of the Alaska Gas Transportation System will run its 42-inch buried pipeline, complete with a road on a 50-foot right-of-way, within several yards of the outer cattle guard and continuing within shaving distance of the Lower Ranch buildings. The Trustees and the Deep Springs Administration are taking what steps they can to insure that the pipeline will reach the Owens Valley via Montgomery Pass, as it should.

I shall not report on Bob Aird’s efforts at fund raising, except to say that they are heroic and increasingly effective. He seems to keep you adequately informed through his own messages. I honestly believe that Deep Springs will survive the crunch; its future is certainly far brighter than it actually was in more happy-go-lucky days, when the question of brightness vs. dimness seemed to be an irrelevant one.

Not only is the long-range future bright, but so are the present students, all 24 of them. We met with them for about an hour, discussing mostly their project of having all their members (except the candidate), in open session, discuss and vote on whether or not to recommend for reinvitation. I would judge the process not to be a smooth and well-understood one, but it is certainly an educational experience. (You will recall that the Trustees actually issue the invitations, following recommendations by the students and by the Administration.)

The Trustees formally commended the staff and students for their effective efforts in reducing operating expenses during the year. The savings included a considerable decrease in the use of heating oil in the living quarters and substantial economies in the boarding house. The budget brought in for 1975-76 is more than 10% below the tight budget of 1974-75. A real sense of dedication toward solving Deep Springs’ financial dilemma prevails, even to the extent of a beyond-the-call-of-duty action by two students in donating to Deep Springs their wages for work during Christmas break.

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In Memoriam

W. D. JOHNSTON, TA11, June 6, 1975

(From the Casper Star-Tribune of June 8, 1975) A Wyoming pioneer power firm executive, for whom Pacific Power and Light Co. named its Glenrock plant, Mr. Johnston took his first job after high school as an operator with the Telluride Power Co. in Idaho. He then attended Cornell University as a Telluride Scholar, graduating in 1917 with two degrees in engineering. After serving in World War I, he returned to the west, where he and his wife settled in Casper, Wyoming. During 36 years of active management, Johnston piloted the Pacific Power & Light Co. through good times and bad, and in more recent years through a period of phenomenal growth, when coal power was called on to supplant hydro-electrical power. In addition to his business prominence, he won national recognition as an alpinist, an amateur photographer with professional skill, and an expert angler. His public service included active participation in the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of America, the Casper Kiwanis and Chamber of Commerce.

ADSTA President

Reports to Convention

To the extent that ADSTA is relied upon by the Association and Deep Springs to maintain contact with the alumni of both institutions, it is important that both make periodic and realistic assessments of ADSTA performance against their individual alumni-organization needs. This report is one person's probably-biased assessment of performance.

The needs for alumni contact have never been well defined by either organization; such an exercise would be useful, if only to illustrate the difficulty in finding a healthy overlap between alumni and institutional interests. The crass, though perhaps realistic, view is that alumni organizations exist to encourage alumni giving to their institutions; the problem with this is that it is viewed by many as an inherently antagonistic relationship. Another view is that alumni organizations can supply wise advice; but this is really not needed if the organizations are healthy — at the most it is tolerated, hardly ever is it sought. Natural overlaps are truly hard to find. It is possible, however, to generate overlaps — for example, by arranging experiences to share, such as the seminar of the Ithaca ADSTA Weekend. Whether this is sufficient, or whether there might be better examples yet to be found, is not clear.

The above soul-searching is motivated by results for the year that must be considered mixed. To mention first the favorable, ADSTA events and activities have been generally successful. Foremost among these was the recent Ithaca ADSTA Weekend, attended by about 25 alumni, including wives, as well as roughly an equal number of Housemembers. The Saturday afternoon seminar on “World Resources, Growth and Environmental Preservation,” organized by Bruce Netschert and abetted by Lindsay Grant, Paul Szsaz, David Cole and John Mellor, was timely, interesting and well received. A Friday evening piano recital by Housemember Martin Goldray and a Saturday morning excursion to Sapsucker Woods added much to the weekend’s riches.

Regional dinners and get togethers were held in New York, Washington, Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Rochester and Syracuse during the year, with a further Chicago getting imminent or accomplished. Some were, as usual, better attended than others, and a few represent new departures; the Boston meeting, for example, featured a “career night” and was geared to our younger, Summer Session alumni. In general, the regional program gained a little here and lost a little there, with perhaps a slight gain on average.

A Deep Springs ADSTA Reunion Weekend was considered and went so far as to receive Deep Springs trustee and student support, as well as a seminar topic and leader; but it was of necessity abandoned close to the last moment for lack of sufficient funds to bring it off in the style that past attendees were believed to expect. It is being replanned for next year on a more realistic basis and present indications are that it will be financially feasible and attractive to the alumni.

ADSTA has attempted to help in moving the Sweeting historical manuscript forward toward publication. Progress has been made, but there are many knots to this problem. The brightest ray of hope is a possibility of editing and publishing by the University of Utah Press. Their interest is, of course, the Power Company history. But this represents the major segment, and if we had to add our own “T. A. Addendum,” we would still be far ahead compared to the probably-impossible task of publishing it ourselves.

The less favorable element in the year’s progress is that ADSTA membership for the new year is only 139. The initial goal when ADSTA started was 300, and the membership at the end of the previous enrollment period was 170. Although we shall undoubtedly exceed 139 by the year’s end, the level of support must be considered marginal. It represents, in total, roughly double the number who attend all of our regional activities. In approaches to the alumni, the broad theme has been that ADSTA undertakes those activities which we feel each alumnus would undertake if he only had the time. It would seem that only a small number agrees with our choices — or cares at all. On the other hand, perhaps we should simply accept this number as reality and scale our activities to that level, which, in fact, is not a severe constraint. Fresh insights would be welcomed. For whatever can be made of it, the number of “involved” alumni runs to about double Cornell’s enrollment; on this basis we might expect perhaps 200 ADSTA members, though the parallelism is distorted by the fact that our most “involved” alumni retain membership in TA rather than become alumni.

In summary, ADSTA appears to be alive and healthy, even though it cannot claim to be backed by the majority of the alumni.

Erik M. Pell

JOINT NEW FUNDS DRIVE

Anyone wishing to have his name dropped from the Joint New Funds solicitation lists this year, may do so by advising the Alumni Secretary of Telluride Association at 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, New York 14850 before October 1.

Deep Springs Flora

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Hue really isn't ancient even though the Vietnamese tourist posters say it is. This adjective is simply a linguistic accident, stemming from the French, *ancien régime*, which means "former capital." Despite its lack of age, it was and is, the emotional center of Vietnam. As such, it was protected from Northern inroads by four of the best Vietnamese military divisions, which had done an excellent job, although sustaining many casualties, against the constant pressure from the North. So, in spite of news from the south of the loss of the province of Phuoc Long, Hue continued as it had in the past. The University of Hue had begun its belated second semester; I had just posted the grades for my first semester courses, and was already getting complaints about them. Having determined its grades for one English course, the VAA (Vietnamese American Association) was enrolling students for another. The American Cultural Center had just concluded an exhibit of Vietnamese paintings by a professor of the College of Fine Arts; had sent out invitations for an American classic film to be shown the end of March; and were preparing a presentation ceremony of tea and cake for the recent graduates of the VAA English class level 12 on March 30th.

Then, quietly, the Vietnamese Marines were withdrawn to Danang from Quan Tri, the next province to the north, and rumors began to spread about other divisions going to protect the as yet unthreatened capital 800 miles to the south. On March 18th, while attending the Trung Sisters’ Commemoration Ceremony at the Dong Khanh Girls High School, I was told that the province chief of Quan Tri had told the civil servants to take their families to the safety of Hue. Beginning that morning, they poured into Hue, filling the grounds of the Technical High School opposite my home and overflowing into the surrounding streets. There they camped with their beds and families, protected against the chill drizzle by ponchos and old tents. The next day an orderly but steady flow of military trucks stretched from Hue to Danang, the second largest city in Vietnam, with an excellent harbor, 108 kilometers to the south. The military was joined by civilian busses, trucks and anything that moved. The families I dropped in on during the day were discussing whether or not to go to Danang and whether the prices asked by the trucks for transportation were too high.

Wednesday night I had the usual group of VAA teachers in for dinner — I find spaghetti *al carbonara* goes well in any nation. We were just sitting down to dinner when a friend from the American Consulate section knocked on the door to tell me that we were supposed to spend the night in Danang and that the helicopter was leaving in ten minutes. I packed an overnight bag, which turned out to be the total of what I got out of Hue, and left. Fortunately, my guests had eaten frequently at my house, so were able to finish the meal properly and stack the dishes in the kitchen.

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The tomb of Khai Dinh, father of the present ex-king, is located outside of Hue. Typical of the imperial grandeur that contributes so much to the city’s atmosphere, it is revered by Vietnamese throughout the country.

This aerial view of Hue shows the six-square-kilometer Citadel surrounded by three-meter-thick walls. The construction was begun in 1803. Shiny aluminum roofs show where dwellings were repaired or replaced after the Tet offensive. The diagonal line in the center of the Citadel is a landing strip.

The next morning we were back in Hue at 7:00, after hearing the unsettling news that the regional forces which Saigon had thought were protecting Quan Tri, had melted away with the withdrawal of the marines; that the North Vietnamese had advanced over the boundary, and were in the northern part of the province of Quan Tri. The American Consulate General in Danang, under whose jurisdiction we were, decided to take all employees to the safety of Danang, which had the advantage of being the headquarters of the First Military Region with one of the largest Air Force bases in Vietnam. USIS also decided to move and I spent the day riding around on my bicycle, gasoline supplies running short in Hue, notifying the USIS families to be ready to go the next day with what few household goods we could take in our single USIS vehicle. On Thursday we set out to pick them up, but it turned out that only two families were ready to go, which gives some idea of the lack of urgency and panic in those days. Eventually the USIS vehicle did join the convoy to Danang, arriving there some hours later. I was not permitted to drive, so I left by helicopter with the head of the to-be-opened French Cultural Center of Hue, plus some pregnant Vietnamese ladies and a few dozen assorted children of the Consulate employees, who were felt to be too weak for the truck trip to Danang.

The next days I spent trying to get back to Hue to pick up papers I was unable to take out on previous trips. By this time the North Vietnamese had shelled and cut the only road, leaving the sea as the sole escape route for those left in Hue. With the increasing random shelling by the North Vietnamese, the seashore of Hue was crowded with people trying to get on the boats. Finally, on March 23rd, I was able to get a seat on a helicopter, along with Don Oberdorfer of the Washington Post, and some others with business in Hue.

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After we landed — Hue is only 30 minutes by helicopter from Danang — I started walking back to the USIS through the deserted streets and was picked up by a Vietnamese friend, who was still working in the American Consulate, trying to get others out by helicopter. It turned out that I was lucky to be picked up, for as we rounded the bridge in front of the Public Hospital, the North Vietnamese lobbed some six shells on the bridge approaches. We took refuge in an OSA bomb shelter, one of the few in Hue, and waited. After what seemed to be a decent interval, I took off again, since I had to be back at the helicopter in two hours. The USIS Center was not touched at all. The police guard was still there, crouched against the wall which afforded slight protection from the shells, falling somewhere behind us near the 1st Division Headquarters on the next street. I unlocked the office and started collecting papers; mainly grades of the VAA students, so that they could continue their studies in Danang or Saigon if Hue were not able to open for a month or so. I looked at my address book with the Telluride names neatly written in, but decided it was much too big to take, as were my Mathews Chinese Dictionary, and my carefully saved magazines. I piled as many files as I could in the pasteboard box, carefully locked the office again — though why I really don’t know — waited for a lull in the firing and took off. The policeman asked me to write a note explaining who he was, so he would have a chance to get on a helicopter to Danang, rather than having to go by boat. He was in civilian clothes, of course, so had no way of identifying who he was or what he was doing. Since I had an hour to wait, I walked by my own house, a block away. No one was on the streets, but several groups were standing under the porticos of the buildings as protection against the North Vietnamese shells. Hue, for some reason, had practically no bomb shelters such as one found in the more southern provinces; perhaps because people felt less threatened in an urban area than in the countryside of Long An or Binh Tuy.

During the days I had been away, my house, which was only a block away from the American Cultural Center, had been pretty well stripped and the front gate torn off, presumably to enable a truck to enter. Two men on a Honda motorcycle were rummaging through the back hall when I got there. I told them to take their time, but they seemed embarrassed and took off with a friendly nod of the head. Actually, by that time, the pickings were quite poor, so they must have been the last to go through the house. There was no door to close, but being the saving type, I checked to make sure the switches were turned off in the electric water heaters, since the water had stopped flowing in the pipes. I waited a bit before leaving the house, as shards, or bits of metal, were tinkling down on the tile roof. When that stopped, I walked past the other looted houses to the province helicopter landing pad, threading my way past the plentiful barbed wire entanglements littering the streets. Some of the Quang Tri families were still in the Technical High School grounds, although most had left, leaving the grounds heaped with discarded houseposts and planks which they were not able to take on the trucks with them to Danang.

I waited at the province chief’s house, opposite the landing pad, talking with his aide, a young lieutenant who was my student at the VAA, and with the guards standing in their sand-bagged post outside the gate. Military trucks loaded with families and enormous old-fashioned wardrobes sped past, going some place; an occasional motorcycle, looking for fates, also passed. There was a Vietnamese photographer shooting the desolate scene up and down the deserted street. He finally rode off on one of the motorcycles to investigate a report that two boys had been killed at the bridge while attempting to cross it on their bicycles.

At last the helicopter swooped in. With one very old man, two women and their children, we clambered aboard and took off over the Perfume River. My last glimpse of Hue was of several hundred persons gathered at the riverbank opposite the College of Education, waiting for boats to take them to Thuan An Beach, where, hopefully, they would get other craft to take them on to Danang. But the roads outside Hue were still occupied by strolling groups of people on their Sunday promenade, with the usual groups of children waving at the passing helicopter.

In Danang the USIS and VAA employees finally assembled with all their children and some of their belongings. We spent the next several days giving certificates of graduation, and letters as to their level of study in English, to the VAA students. We set up office in the former USIS building in Danang; started re-assembling the files, and finding local addresses in Danang for people from Hue. When the inevitable question came up, we agreed that Danang was as safe as Saigon. We were right, of course, but in later weeks, those of us safe in Saigon, would think about these conversations, wondering if that were the proper thing to have said — or just what would have been the correct thing?
Hal Fishman, CB53, has been appointed news anchorman for KTLA-TV, Channel 5, in Los Angeles. He was previously anchorman for KJH-TV, Channel 9, in L. A. Fishman also holds eight official international aviation records for speed and altitude in prop planes and jets. On January 22 he broke the world's speed record for light planes (previously held by the Soviet Union) by flying an "Aerostar" over a 1,000 kilometer closed course at an average speed of 305 mph. Fishman's news program is seen Monday through Friday on Channel 5 from 10-11 p.m. in Los Angeles.

We note the job change of Tom Billings, DS48, from Executive Vice President of United Media, Inc. and publisher of its TODAY newspapers in Seattle, Washington, to Manager of Financial Analysis, Budgets and Planning, Ramada Inns Corporate Headquarters, Phoenix, Arizona. He continues his independent business consulting as Managing Director of Ideaion Incorporated.

Joanne Martin, TASP74, was awarded a $1,000 National Merit Scholarship and 30 hours advanced standing at Southern Methodist University, where she was admitted to SMU’s Superior Students program, SMU School of Humanities and Sciences with a partial tuition scholarship. She was Valedictorian of her high school class of 469 students and National Council of Teachers of English Award winner. She declined a full tuition scholarship to Washington University at St. Louis. She was named an Echols Scholar at University of Virginia, but chose not to attend that school. She was named outstanding senior in English of her high school and is listed in Merit’s Who's Who and Outstanding Teenagers of America.

A clipping from the Washington Post of May 24, 1975 tells of a concert given “in memoriam” for Bob Evett, CB43. "Last night’s friends of Robert Evett gathered in the auditorium of the National Academy of Sciences to listen to a program of his music. Evett was distinctly present all through last night’s music. There is no question about life after death when a composer is involved. His music lives on after him not only in the memories of those who once heard it, but in the minds and fingers and voices of all those who perform it for years to come. And since music was the core and passionate motivation of Evett’s life, his creative work has simply moved the Arts cannot be too highly praised for having planned and presented the evening so ideally.”

Grace M. McGorrian, TASP74, appeared on the CBS “Great American Bicentennial History Quiz,” which was carried by the network on the evening of June 30th.

Since November 1974 Harvey R. Wellman, TA37, has been Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, Geneva, Switzerland. In the Sage Publications, Vol. II - International Yearbook of Drug Addiction and Society, 1974, he wrote the chapter on American Diplomacy and the International Narcotics Traffic.

Gary Taylor, TASP70, has accepted a Research Studentship at Peterhouse College, Cambridge. Gary, who was also offered a fellowship in Classics at Yale, will be a candidate for the PhD. in English.

The American Blood Commission held its first meeting in Washington, D.C. in April, Frederic Laise, TA35, was elected one of the vice presidents. At the ABC meeting, Dr. Theodore Cooper said the future role of private enterprise in the American health system might be at stake in the outcome of the blood commission.

Dr. Robert L. Cavenagh, TA27, Director of Laboratories Administration, has submitted an article for immediate publication to the Maryland Medical Journal describing the new Laboratory Tower of the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in Baltimore. The new laboratory serves not only as a functional unit but also as the administrative headquarters of a coordinated system comprising this Central Laboratory and nine branch laboratories situated at various locations in Maryland.

L. Jackson Newell, DS56, has just been appointed Dean of Liberal Education at the University of Utah. Another happy event for the Newells was the birth of their fourth child, third daughter, Heather Ann on June 17, 1975.

Isao Fujimoto, TA63, of the department of Community Studies was named as one of two outstanding teachers in awards presented this past June by the students of Applied Behavioral Sciences at the University of California at Davis. The awards were presented to the teachers students believe contributed the most to student-directed education in the past academic year.

Grace M. McGorrian, TASP74, was recently awarded the Greenwich Lions’ Club Stanley Finney Prize, "to the senior who excels in scholarship, character, and service to the Greenwich High School."

Hasso von Falkenhauen, TA58, has been elected a director of McKinsey & Company, Inc., the international consulting firm in New York. Hasso is the first non-Anglo-Saxon to be appointed to the Board of Directors of McKinsey. He continues to work in the German office of McKinsey in management consulting, mainly in the areas of international financial management and applied management sciences.

Having attended Convention in Ithaca, Denis Clark, TA73, is bicycling, by himself, back to California. When last heard from, he was in Denver, headed for the Grand Tetons. He highly recommends cemeteries for overnight accommodations.

Peter Geach, CBG59, is still at the University of Leeds, but this year has been on sabbatical leave, working in Cambridge. For the first three weeks of April he was in Poland with his wife, Elizabeth Anscombe; she was then under an exchange scheme between the British and Polish Academies, on her first visit to the country. They had a wonderful time sightseeing and giving lectures in Warsaw, Cracow, Tarnow, and Gdansk. After that he spent a week in Sweden at Uppsala University, delivering Hägerström Lectures on 'The Virtues,' and then spent a brief visit to Finland before returning.

A note from Mike Moravcsik, TA53, tells of his recently published book on "Science Development." An article on the same subject is scheduled to appear in the July or October issue of Foreign Affairs.

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Fair and Warming at Deep Springs
by Gerard T. Saucier, DS73

The 1974-75 Deep Springs academic year ended with assorted bangs and whimpers, but mostly sighs. Those Deep Springers for whom the last days were a conclusion of their desert sojourn sighed thoughtfully, while the rest of us sighed relievedly at the completion of a particularly busy term. Academically, the final term included the last installments of two-semester courses in Biology and Geology, Calculus, German and Russian, while drama courses were led by Roderick Robertson. Rod also directed a somewhat abbreviated production of Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors, whose female roles were filled by Deep Springers, for once beautiful. The play was an artistic success and we all had lots of fun.

Upon my return from the subsequent two-week June break, I was amazed to find the ruins of the garage transformed into a veritable building. Putting up the masonry walls and roof had occupied three employed workers and various students for only one week. The new garage is designed in a slightly different manner from the old one, with both large doors on the south end instead of one each on the south and west sides. It is built upon the same foundation. Completion of the building project, which will involve painting, shingling and constructing an interior wall, will be accomplished by the student labor force before next winter.

Sighing over, and the garage almost completed, the summer term began. Summers at Deep Springs cannot fail to excite one. The contrast between deep green cottonwoods and gray-brown desert is never greater, and the air at sunrise and sunset is a perfect mixture of sweet and cool. But most of all, summer is the time of the initiation of a new class of Deep Springers, and thus inevitably, a re-initiation for those older students present. The Deep Springs is at its most distinct: hay bucking, front porch Public Speaking, horses, intensive courses, chapped lips, and Student Body trips. Have I made you nostalgic? If so, Deep Springers can but envy you.

With a massive slate of summer work, and only eighteen summer students, there will be little time for nostalgia this summer in the valley. Two hay cuttings will be done before the onslaught of returning students in September; our new sprinkler irrigation system must be installed, and its field plowed and planted. Besides the remaining garage construction work, the chores of the fifteen or so specialist jobs must be handled. Ah, hot sun and icy water in plastic Wesson jugs.

The illness of Clare Wolfowitz will prevent her teaching her summer anthropology course in person until late July, but till then it will be a reading and correspondence course. At this writing, the more tangible teachers here are Dr. Fred Baumann, a Tellurider, teaching a course in Modern European History, and temporary Dean and Director, John Mawby, teaching Biology.

The new class seems hard-working, properly assertive, and full of interest. It has the usual wide geographic diversity, though there are two students from Long Island. Those who would know say our pool of applications this spring was the best in years.

A few words about the feelings of Deep Springers towards Cornell Branch: Deep Springers are very interested in the House and some half a dozen intend to apply there next year. There are, however, a few questions which Deep Springers ask about Telluride these days, of which Telluriders should probably be aware. My own twenty-six month stay at Deep Springs has witnessed a gradual but quite perceptible move toward community from the excessive individualism of the recent Deep Springs past. What many Deep Springers wonder, lacking a day-to-day experience of the House, is whether the House is a community; striving to be one, or a collection of uncompromising intellects. Deep Springers are not experts on community; far from it, in fact. But one of the magic words here is "effort," and understanding of future Deep Springers in the House, by other Housemembers, just might center around this word.
By the time they leave Ithaca in August, this year's TASPers will no doubt count the unusual days of sunshine for the first two weeks of the program as a blessing rather than a curse. Volleyball and a broiling sun have combined to form a convincing argument that the children of Consciousness III have lost none of their competitive spirit.

The factota have finally convinced the TASPers that even though the sun makes it too hot in the afternoon to study; while play-readings, movies and public-speeches monopolized the evenings, a schedule more regular than Megan Agresto's might be reasonable. Burning the candle at both ends is now only an occasional source of heat at Ithaca TASP, as the seminars have continued to warm up and reading assignments become more demanding.

The Telluride Association Summer Program seminar at Cremona Farm in Maryland once again addresses the problems of environmental policy. This year's faculty director is Henry Scott, Dean of the California Institute of the Arts, whose background is in marine biology, university administration and the Peace Corps. (He was the director in Ethiopia for several years.) Assistant faculty include Robert and Jane Stein, international lawyer and science writer, respectively, who are returning to the Cremona Program for their third year; Carlos Stern, Professor of Resource Economics at the University of Connecticut and Director of the Cremona TASP in 1973 and 1974; Steve Selkowitz, Professor of Environmental Design at the California Institute of the Arts; Zonia Krassner, a geneticist and population expert; and Bruce Hamilton, another returning faculty member, who edits the Wyoming-based High Country News.
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