TA Convention at Deep Springs

WORK, WORK, WORK

BONG . . . BONG . . . BONG . . . BONG. The tolling bell outside the Boarding House completely governed the lives of delegates and the sessions of TA Convention, held this year for the first time since 1968, at Deep Springs. Thursday morning, June 10th found bleary-eyed figures converging on the Boarding House for breakfast at 7:30. Amid the continuous hospitality of the entire Deep Springs community—the eating of meals together, the sharing of BH duty, the recognition of the endless labor needed to work the ranch, and the opportunity for informal discussion between visitors and hosts—all combined to create an atmosphere of mutual appreciation that made this year’s Convention in the valley a rewarding and memorable experience for each participant.

At 10:00 a.m. President Barry Weller called the 1976 Convention to order in the large lounge of the Main Building, since it was raining (honest) and proved to be too cool to be comfortable on the porch. President Weller invited and urged Dean Cronk, Deep Springs students and guests, Housemembers, friends and associates to attend the open sessions and committee meetings of Convention. For the next three days delegates worked at a demanding pace, broken only by frequent trips to the BH for coffee and that tolling bell announcing meals. Some of the main concerns of Convention dealt with relations between Deep Springs and CBTA, evaluation of CBTA, public relations of the Association, and the funding of the Summer Programs. Over each discussion the specter of finances forced constant consideration and rethinking of priorities.

DS-CBTA RELATIONS

The formal meeting to discuss DS-CBTA relations was constrained by schedule demands, but it allowed a useful introductory exchange between students at each concerning the characteristics and goals, peculiar or shared, of the two institutions. Several Deep Springers present sought to characterize their sense of the Branch’s divergence from the DS experience. Subsequently, several Cornell Branchmembers attempted to explain and clarify the Branch’s modes of community. Clearly these attempts at self-explanation in the course of the meeting could not approximate fully illuminating descriptions of either institution. They did succeed, however, in conveying a sense of compatibility between the two institutions based on much more than what some have regarded as the accident of their common parentage. Both groups of students articulated their own institution’s commitment to: 1) multi-level community; 2) serious inquiry into values, ethics, and character in both theoretical and practical ways; and 3) the continuing development of leadership abilities, whose high standards emanate from a desire to earn the esteem of one’s fellows. These tenets are too central to Telluridean life at both DS and CB to be allowed to be lost in a mire of smaller divergencies. It would, nonetheless, be a mistake to wash over many palpable differences between DS and CB. Misimpressions and inaccurately rigid catchwords generate tension of an unproductive sort. But increasingly candid and precise articulation of the differences as well as the compatibilities of the two Telluridean wings can contribute to an extremely salutary form of tension—that which comes from exchange, reexamination, and accommodation.

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TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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CBTA EVALUATION

After a previous year marked by a lack of commitment and some indifference, due to self-rustication of a number of disinterested and poorly integrated Housemembers, a large freshman class began to make its mark on the Branch. The transition was not completely smooth, but certainly a significant transition was accomplished. If in its wake there lay some confusion, Convention was less surprised at the turmoil than pleased to find some indifference, due to self-rustication of a number of disin- sistent involvement in House and Association affairs and by the competent and even inspired execution of institutional re- accomplishment. If in its wake there lay some confusion, Con- sistent, differences over the ranking of priorities within the Branch. It was precisely at this point, when the powers of analysis seemed about to come to the fore, that a cloud of catch phrases and mysterious abstractions settled over the field. The adverse effects of this verbal shorthand were not so much that complex arguments were conceived of simplistically, as that communication of underlying complexities was impeded. Al- though the terms were exchanged as if in reference to a common understanding of their meaning, in fact no such common understanding existed. At the root of this year’s House divi- sions, there was genuine disagreement. It was suggested that scrupulous avoidance of catch phrases, in an attempt to formulate more precisely the terms and areas of disagreement, might have prevented the central misunderstandings which emerged during the past year.

While there was a moderate amount of self-chastisement for institutional laxness in both terms’ self-evaluation, the concen- sus of House Association members was that nearly all House jobs were performed much better and more conscientiously than usual. The institutional operation of the House was ap- proached by the community with a spirit of creative, but care- fully deliberated innovation. Two new House committees were created in the spring term. The lone Kuchenmeister was re- placed by a four man Kitchen Committee, with extended power over food ordering and meal planning. In addition the House Manager was made the chairman of a new House Management Committee, whose duties include not only supervising the Houseman, but looking after the day to day maintenance of the House as well.

Academic and Entertainment events were also innovative and thoughtfully planned. AcAff seminars, led by faculty and Housemembers were very well attended and participation was enthusiastic. Telluride hegemony over the Cornell Forum continued to contribute to relations between the House and the Hill. Several receptions for Forum guests, a film-viewing and a seminar attracted many hill students to the House. Events such as these proved helpful in relieving anxieties about the House’s insularity. The TAWP, taught by Barry Weller in January, generated a great deal of enthusiasm among Housemembers and was regarded a great success.

Branchmembers are to be commended for their enthusiastic participation in Association projects, including Assistant Custod- ian reports, research and letter-writing for the GRASP com- mittee, and TASP interviewing and TASPlication reading. These contributions were all thoughtful and productive and their conscientiousness and high quality were greatly appreci- ated by the Association.

TA PUBLICATIONS

As has been often noted, it is regrettable that persons wishing to know more about the history, or purpose and plan, of Telluride Association consider so few of the sources available to them. A suggested solution to this problem is a compilation of sources and documents on the funding, history and policy- making decisions of the Association which might be entitled “The Telluride Grey Book.” The volume would be comparable to the Deep Springs Grey Book rather than simply a history of the Association. After some discussion, Convention approved that research and selection of documents be done by an Asso- ciation member, living in Ithaca this summer, in consultation with the Executive Secretary and interested Association mem- bers. Publication date is set for October 1977.

It is anticipated that the volume will be approximately sixty pages in length. One hundred copies will be printed by a xerox method to keep the cost of the project at a minimum. It will be distributed to all entering members of Cornell Branch and

TELLURIDE NEWSLETTER

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Telluride Association. If desired, more copies can be printed at a later date.

For several years, Convention has expressed the desire for a new TA brochure. This is now being rewritten and edited, making the information current and using new photographs. It will be printed and ready for distribution before the end of the summer.

**High Tension Operation**

**TASP FUNDING**

Under Mr. Shulsky's supervision another proposal for funding of the TASP was submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities. Unhappily last year's success was not repeated. It is thought likely that greater coordination between GRASP and TASP Board in preparing applications for funding will improve the Association's chances of obtaining money.

The Branch also made an effort to find alternative sources of funding for the Summer Programs. Using the resources of the University's Office of Academic Funding, approximately one hundred requests for annual reports were sent out. These were reviewed and selected institutions were contacted in hopes of gaining support funding. Although all such requests were rejected, the existence of a mini-GRASP effort within the Branch was considered to be unquestionably worthwhile.

**COMMUNITY STUDY PROGRAM**

At the 1976 Convention Dr. Aird submitted a proposal for a pilot project between Telluride Association and Cornell University to operate on a trial basis for three years, provided it can be funded by the University and outside sources. The purpose of the Community Study Program is to achieve a new dimension and depth of study in fields related to student majors and would be granted to interested third and fourth year students. TA President Tarcov has appointed a committee to study the proposal and per the resolution adopted "to consider whether the Association should and can devise a program to increase the emphasis within the Branch on more practical activities in wider communities."

**IT WASN'T ALL WORK**

Two outstanding entertainments gave respite to the slogging work of Convention. Friday night the entire Deep Springs student body superbly staged a production of *Henry IV*, Part One. Michael Fields very capably directed the drama while Peter Beck composed the overture and haunting background music. The homemade set was impressive in its simplicity and functional effectiveness.

One of the highlights of the play was a sword dance, nimbly executed by Chris Campbell, as Douglas, Earl of Archibald, before the battle of Shrewsbury. Another was the battle scene itself, made terrifyingly realistic by clashing swords, fashioned by the students. The audience gasped as one of the weighty swords unintentionally broke in two and flew across the gory scene.

At the conclusion of the performance, audience and cast were invited to participate in a discotheque, held at the Boarding House. L. L. Nunn would have been astounded to note swinging couples dancing to records that made the BH jump. A combo of Peter Beck on flute, Tom Darter on piano, and Robert Daviddoff on banjo then provided foot-stomping rhythms to the delight of those who could still keep their eyes open.

The infinite hospitality of the Deep Springs community made all Convention participants feel at home. Working together, conversing informally, comparing directions and aspirations, helped give all a deeper understanding of the two institutions. Telluride guests left the valley with a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation. Their hosts' warm welcome would not be forgotten.

**Advances-in-Aid—Revolving Fund**

In the early fifties Advances-in-Aid replaced outright cash grants. It was hoped that contributions by past recipients of the advances would eventually be sufficient to meet the cash needs of future generations of students, thus freeing Association funds for the support of its general programs. This “revolving fund” concept is all the more important now, as Association funds are depleted, while student financial needs grow more desperate.

Recipients of Advances-in-Aid are asked to remember the needed assistance they received and to replenish this fund by making sustained contributions toward its perpetuation. Checks should be made to Telluride Corporation and earmarked Revolving Fund. If any previous recipients wish to be reminded of what they received and the current state of their revolving-fund support, they may contact the Alumni Secretary at Telluride Association. All contributions are tax deductible.

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**NEW MEMBERS OF TA**

Susan Bianconi Eric Wefald
Andrea Kavaler Thomas Windmuller

**RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED**

Barbara Herman Donald Read
Brian Kennedy Eve Sedgwick
Harold Sedgwick

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REPORT OF CORPORATION

Telluride Corporation has received and distributed funds for the fiscal year 1975-1976 in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

**Sources**

Unearmarked Contributions ........................................... $ 3,474.58

Earmarked Contributions:
- TA Operations ................................................................ $ 4,400.02
- DS Operations .................................................................. 5,109.51
- Advances-in-Aid ................................................................ 825.00
- Cornell TASP .................................................................... 418.83
- Cremona TASP .................................................................. 5,400.00
- Cornell Branch .................................................................. 100.00
- Rinehart-Telluride Memorial ...................................... 2,428.76

Total Earmarked ......................................................... $18,682.12

Total Contributions1 ................................................... $22,156.70

Interest on Cash ......................................................... $ 806.58

Total Sources ............................................................ $22,963.28

**Distribution**

TA:
- $1/2 earmarked contributions2 ........................................ $ 1,851.88

Earmarked for:
- TA Operations ................................................................ $ 4,375.02
- Advances-in-Aid ................................................................ 825.00
- Cornell TASP .................................................................... 418.83
- Cremona TASP .................................................................. 5,400.00
- Cornell Branch .................................................................. 100.00

Total TA ........................................................................ $12,970.73

DS:
- $1/2 earmarked contributions2 ........................................ $ 1,851.89

Earmarked for:
- DS Operations .................................................................. 5,084.51
- Rinehart-Telluride Memorial ....................................... 2,428.76

Total DS ........................................................................ $ 9,365.16

**Expenses:**

Printing and Mailing ................................................ $ 627.39

Total Expenses ........................................................ $ 627.39

Total Distribution ..................................................... $22,963.28

1In addition, Albert Arent has given another $1,000 State of Israel bond, to be held to maturity.

2Net of Corporation expenses and income.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Juliet Neisser
Vice-President
Telluride Corporation

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**1975 TASPEers Choose**

Steven Acker ................................. Princeton University
Miriam Bensman ........................... Yale University
Thomas Blackadar .......................... Princeton University
Thomas Bowne ............................... Princeton University
John Cornell ................................. Princeton University
Louis Crandall .............................. Cornell University
Hallie DeChant ............................. Cornell University
Joan Feigenbaum ............................ Radcliffe College
April Gifford ............................... Bryn Mawr College
Timothy Guinnane ........................ Haverford College
Anne Gurian ................................. Yale University
William Haines ............................. Cornell University
Larry Jensen ................................. Rutgers University
Eric Johnson ................................ University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Irene Kacandes ............................. Radcliffe College
Christopher Kelly ........................ Harvard College
Rebecca Kolberg ............................ Northwestern University
Josh Leiderman .............................. Princeton University
Nina Martin ................................. Princeton University
Cynthia Melendez ........................... Cornell University
Carol Miller ................................. Princeton University
Margaret Miller ............................ Swarthmore College
Kristin Orr ................................. Yale University
Michael Palmquist ........................ St. Olaf College
Kenneth Pomeranz ....................... Cornell University
Daniel Segal ............................... Cornell University
Anne Singletary ............................ Swarthmore College
Lili Stern ................................. Cornell University
Julia Tipton ................................. Swarthmore College
Marguerite Valérius ................. Wellesley College
Victor Venning ............................. Cornell University
Vincent Waldman ......................... Princeton University
Sarah Whitley ............................ Bryn Mawr College
Geoffrey Wisner ........................ Harvard College
Chrystene Wyluda ......................... Rutgers University

Cornell Branchmember Stephen Fix, TA75, has been awarded the Martin Sampson Teaching Fellowship by the Cornell English Department and Graduate School. The award is given annually "to recognize distinguished teaching." Fix, a third-year graduate student, taught a freshman seminar on modern short fiction and drama in the fall term last year, and the survey course in English literature to upperclassmen in the spring term.

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**In Memoriam**

William L. Cone, TA11, the last of the Telluride "pinheads" in the Salt Lake area who worked at Olmstead, died on May 28, 1976. Mr. Cone was born on May 14, 1890 in Worthington, MN and so was slightly over 86 when he died. He was highly respected in the early days of the Telluride Association and was granted a scholarship to Stanford University by the Association. After graduating from Stanford, he worked as an electrical engineer for the Utah Power and Light Co.

Mr. Cone lived a very full life. In addition to his work, he participated in numerous activities, such as the Presbyterian Church (Moderator and Synod of Utah), Kiwanis, YMCA, American Red Cross, Visiting Nurses Association, Descendants of the Mayflower and Sons of the American Revolution. There are now few survivors of his generation who can recall the turbulent, formative period of the electric power industry and the exciting early development of Mr. Nunn's experiments in education, culminating in the Telluride Association and Deep Springs College. A memorial service was attended by family and friends in Salt Lake City on June 1, 1976. Surviving "old time" alumni of Telluride and friends will want to join in expressing their sympathy to Mrs. Cone and her family.
Is the Weather Guilty of
Invidious Discrimination?

by Brian Lantzer, DS73

The evening of the play rolled up gray and moist, as it so seldom might. The set became darker and more somber in the colored twilight, more fit for stage while a stagehand threatened, with a staple gun, any discouraging voices. The sprinkling stopped. The wind started. It grew cold, too cold for the audience to sit still for two hours. The director called a cast meeting in the BH to announce that the play was cancelled. The director, of course, had the final word, but still there was a painful sitting-about; some wanting to prove it was not for fear of cold that they weren't going on; some not wanting to show too hasty relief; most just upset and unable to express it, but sensing here an emotional center, comforting in its intensity. There was some discussion. The principles were without humor, though some drew laughter. Had I been the director, I would have been near tears. Still the troupe did not break up, really not staying to discuss the chance of doing the play tomorrow, but because there was togetherness in sharing disappointment. The community was there, drawn together by the cooperative effort of the play; there, drawn together by the cooperative effort of the play; made aware of itself by being thwarted in what was for some a chance to show excellence; for some just a chance to be doing something with the others in common effort. Were this more than a play or more than a college, a leader could do much with a feeling so intense, for I think the feeling would be the same, but more volatile in real life, among a community well selected. This is one of Deep Springs' most extraordinary imitations—most useful to its students and to the society they shall find insufficient, when they return from out of the desert where it sometimes rains.

The LC got up, said to the director, "Thank you for making a very hard decision," and left, signalling at last the end of the meeting. (LC stands for Lonely and Calloused, a most necessary office.) Small groups went off to sympathize with each other, further stung by the appearance of some of the audience ready to brave the weather in parkas and caps. Scattered unease did not wait long, for it was soon arranged to try again tomorrow. The community, like the soul, must live to do. The director, I suppose, offered his pain to Dionysos, whose precinct the theatre is, for the god smiled on us and the day of the play dawned clear.

By action of Convention, preferment for the academic year 1976-1977 was granted the following:

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News from Alumni and Friends of Telluride

- **Erik Reed**, TA33, is completely retired, but continues to contribute articles to periodicals in his field of American Archaeology.

- This fall **Carol Lee**, TASP71, recipient of a Marshall Scholarship, will be studying at Wadham College, Oxford, where she will read Philosophy, Politics and Economics toward a B.A. degree. Last May she graduated from Yale University "as the graduating senior majoring in the humanities who has the highest rank in scholarship."

- **Seth Lipsky**, TASP63, is in Hong Kong with The Wall Street Journal which is launching an Asian edition in September. "At the moment all of us involved in that are working overtime on the various sweet chores that go into starting a newspaper."

- **Harry C. Scott**, TA37, is a retired partner of Messrs. Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, San Francisco. More recently he retired as mayor of Ross in Marin County, but continues as a member of the Board of Directors of the Ross Adult Education & Recreation Advisory Board. He boasts two granddaughters and one grandson and there are seven attorneys in his immediate family.

- **Warren A. Bell**, TASP68, is the weekend anchor-man for Channel 6 in New Orleans.

- **Alan Berger**, TASP56, is married, has two children and lives in Cambridge. He has been teaching literature at M.I.T. for the past seven years. He will be job hunting next fall, looking for something in teaching, journalism or publishing. "Anyone with a job suggestion is welcome to write to me. I was Phi Beta Kappa at Harvard, have held Fulbright, Wilson and National Defense fellowships and don’t intend to remain unemployed."

- **Maynard Maidman**, TASP61, served as a volunteer in Israel during and after the Six Day War of 1967, followed by a year’s fellowship at Hebrew University. Subsequently, he married and had a son. In 1976 he received a Ph.D. in Oriental Studies (Assyriology) from the University of Pennsylvania and presently is an assistant professor of Ancient History and Old Testament at York University in Toronto.

- In the **NY Times** of July 26, 1976 we note that **William van den Heuvel**, TA48, is co-chairman of New York Citizens for Carter.

- **Lynn H. Borlase**, TA11, writes that he first became acquainted with L. L. Nunn in 1910, became a charter member in 1911, and, subsequently, worked at all the Nunnian power plants in Idaho, Utah and Texas. He and his wife have travelled extensively throughout the world. He belies his age of almost 81 by riding his bicycle a few miles each day and he and his wife go dancing once a week "to keep in form." As a hobby, he tries "to keep ahead of the Government inflation which is gradually overtaking the U.S." He presently lives just a block from Disneyland. He urges Telluride associates, "when here, give me a ring—always close by."

- This fall **Eve Sedgwick**, TA69, will teach a creative writing course at Cornell. She is among four young humanists who have been selected for the second series of post-doctoral teaching fellowships in the College of Arts and Sciences in a special program established last year with a grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation.

- In his position as chief prosecutor for the Fair Political Practices Commission, a post-Watergate reform agency, **Mark Merin**, TA63, devoted a year’s struggle to bring about significant changes in the way government is carried on in California. He recently left "his cushy job to help form a six person law collective in Sacramento, CA, oriented toward assisting working people in their organized and spontaneous resistance to oppression."
All Your News That Fits We'll Print

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☐ 1976 Convention minutes requested

TASP Takes Over

Ithaca’s unseasonably rainy summer has not dampened the spirits of the 76 TASPers. As a communal activity they mop the flooded ground floor instead of picnic; ping pong, play readings, and dancing flourish as indoor recreation. Volleyball, too, becomes very popular when the sun shines. Activities—from special faculty seminars to Cornell cinema to pinball at Pop’s—fill the rest of a TASPer’s nineteen-hour day. Even the indefatigable late-nighters begin to listen to the faculty and the factota when they argue for earlier hours.

There are two Cornell programs this summer; one led by Cornell professors Nelly Furman and Sally McConnell-Ginet on “The Making of Critical Readers,” and the other, “American Foreign policy: An Historical Perspective,” led by Tom Paterson and Gary Clifford of the University of Connecticut.

As the Newsletter goes to press, the 1976 TASPers leave Telluride with the realization of a challenging summer behind them and a good night’s sleep before them.
Convention Issue

1976 Convention: (from bottom row, left to right) Galston, Weller, Kavaler, Bianconi, Cohen, Pinn, MacLeod, Swanson, Trail, Tarcov, Rabkin, Thomas, Migiel, Campbell, J. Smith, Sullivan, Patterson, Higuera, Shulsky, Hamilton, Sabine, Dehn, Fix, Maus, Wefald, Christina, Mylroie, Graves, McQuaid, Epstein, D. Epstein, R. Darter, Lockwood, Schelander, Windmuller, Balabon, Coville, Taylor, Greening, Kaufman, K., Riley, Greenwald, Muller, Pezick, Levy, Kaufman, W., Loomis, Dean Cronk, Starrs, Clark, Campbell, C., Dawidoff.