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FINANCES DOMINATE CONVENTION

Positive Planning

Perhaps one may attribute some significance to the fact that this year's TA Convention convened in rain, but adjourned under cloudy to clear skies. Budgetary considerations permeated every aspect of deliberations, as members and associates toiled in committee and on Convention floor, searching for ways to cut spending without damaging the essence of TA programs and Branch life.

President Tarcov called Convention to order at 10:10 a.m., Thursday, June 9th. The first day was occupied hearing committee reports on the previous twelve months' activities. Convention then went into closed session to consider membership applications; Sarah Conly, Mark Cohen, Maureen Graves, James Mann, and David McQuaid were elected to membership in Telluride Association.

On pages 2 and 3 will be found four articles, written by Association members, each describing a major area of concern to Convention and how it was resolved in terms of the Association's bleak financial state.

In an attempt to locate areas where substantial budget cuts might be made, there was extensive discussion of the dispensibility of the Alumni Secretary position. Three facets of this job argued forcefully for its maintenance, however, even in the light of the tightening financial crunch; first, continuity in establishing and maintaining personal relationships with alumni is thought to be highly important; secondly, a combination of creative technical skill and broad current knowledge of Association affairs is necessary to the production of an attractive and informative Newsletter; thirdly, the clerical, or bookkeeping, requirements of handling New Funds mailings and the Corporation books need constant attention and call for profes-



Secretary Bianconi and President Tarcov

sional, not volunteer, supervision. Consensus was that it would be a false economy to eliminate the job of the Alumni Secretary at this time.

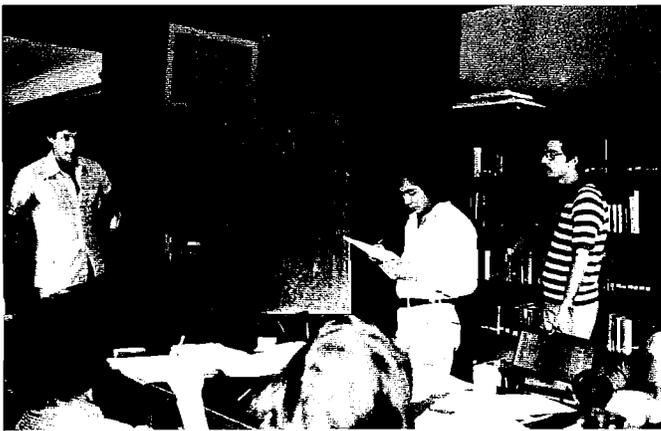
Cornell Branch Evaluation

In written self-evaluations and in verbal expression to the committee, many Branchmembers evinced frustration, dissatisfaction, and genuine disappointment in the quality of Branch life this year. For substantial periods, the prevalence of acrimony in public and private contacts, the abdication of responsibility, and an apparent lack of concern for one another, seriously undermined the expectation of younger members, and the belief of older members, that the reward of Branch life is equal to its challenge. In spite of this, however, there were some positive accomplishments and successful activities.

The Branch started the year with thirty-three members; eight women and twenty-five men. The well-prepared Orientation Committee sponsored a successful picnic and square dance, and the speeches of the first House meeting covered Branch responsibility, the Association and its history, and Hill activities. The first three public speeches had been pre-planned over the summer — a commendable practice—and the Academic Affairs Committee arranged a well-attended series of six seminars throughout the term.

Rather early, however, dissatisfaction seemed to develop. The attempts of a concerned and cohesive Advisory Committee to inspire committee chairmen to their responsibilities were, in some instances, without marked success. Some younger members felt that the attempts of upper classmen to become acquainted were infrequent, condescending, or motivated by a sense of duty rather than a sincere and personal interest. House meetings seemed to become the sole forum for developing an understanding of what the Branch should or could be. Reliance on parliamentary tactics was viewed at times as a formality which forestalled, or obscured, concerned discussion. Persistent criticism of what was perceived as a power structure ultimately prompted an open debate on the nature and functions of Ad-Comm.

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The Search Is On

Contributions to the James Dean Memorial Fund may be made by writing a check to Telluride Corporation, earmarking it for the Fund, and sending it to Telluride, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, New York 14850.

Strong Ties Between TA and DS

by Nathan Tarcov, TA65

The 1977 Convention found the links between Telluride Association and Deep Springs strong and growing stronger. The progression of students from Deep Springs to Cornell Branch and Telluride Association is the bottom line of relations between the two Nunnian institutions. Next year five Deep Springers will be at Cornell Branch, the largest number since 1966-67. For the second year in a row, a member of Cornell Branch has spent the summer, after his freshman year, at Deep Springs. Reciprocating, the Association is inviting Deep Springers, who are taking off Term II, to visit Cornell Branch in the fall.

In addition to this strong basis of connection, the Association is continuing with its ongoing project of cooperation with Deep Springs—the Rinehart-Telluride Professorship; reviving an old project—the Telluride Association Deep Springs Summer Session; and initiating a new one—the E. M. Johnson Scholarship Program.

The Association appropriated \$3600 for the Rinehart-Telluride Chair in accordance with the schedule pledged in 1974. This chair, established in memory of DS/TA alumnus, George Rinehart, supports a Telluride Associate teaching at Deep Springs not only to bolster the academic program there, but to foster communications between the two institutions.

The project of offering an opportunity for high school juniors, selected by the TASP Board to participate in the 1978 Deep Springs Summer Session, would aid recruitment for both institutions, as well as offering a unique experience to promising young men. In this year of financial austerity, when TA cut back its summer programs at Cornell from two to one, this project was endorsed only after a group of anonymous young donors offered a gift of \$2800 for this purpose in memory of James Clayton Dean, DS/TA alumnus, who died last year.

The new project, linking TA and DS is the E. M. Johnson Scholarship Program already endorsed by the Trustees of Deep Springs. Convention unanimously supported this program of raising funds in memory of Chancellor Johnson to support selected students at Deep Springs and Deep Springers at Cornell Branch, as well as other activities linking the two institutions—such as visits by Deep Springers to the branch and/or Convention and by Branchmen to Deep Springs. In turn, this program will serve to nourish that basis of personal connection and progression between Deep Springs and Telluride that is already thriving.

TASP Today

by Eric Swanson, TA69

The 1977 Convention produced what may be the most radical overhauling of the Summer Programs since their inception in 1954. Responding to a call for extreme austerity, Convention approved a single, twenty person Cornell program for 1978. 1978, however, will not be a year of retrenchment; also approved was an innovative program in urban studies to be directed and funded by the Metro Center of Johns Hopkins University. Cooperation was also pledged for a Deep Springs Summer Session, funds for which have been contributed by an "anonymous donor."

Consequently, in our first year of austerity, thanks to diligence and ingenuity, the number of TASPers we select will not decrease, but increase by 14 to 16.

The Hopkins TASP is perhaps the most promising development in recent years. TASP Board members Lockwood and Eisaman approached the Hopkins administration last fall and found immediate interest and open purse strings. Such a response offers reassurance that our programs have not become private anachronisms. The Hopkins TASP will be conducted as a field program. Students will be engaged in research on urban problems under the direction of a team of two or three faculty from the Metro Center. Telluride will select the participants and will assign two factota to work with students and faculty.

The reduced Cornell TASP will come as a shock to the many TASP alumni who recall a Branch brimming with 32 students and the lively interaction of two seminars. Alternatives were considered; for example—cutting back the faculty for each program to one or reducing the size of each seminar, but the conclusion of a long debate was that a single program of 20 was the most sensible way of reducing both faculty and housing expenses while preserving the benefits of a vigorous seminar. Is this a permanent arrangement? Most of those involved think not, but future options will depend crucially on the success of our fund raising efforts and Cornell University's continued interest in TASP.

As the name implies, the Deep Springs Summer Session was conceived of not as a Summer Program in the desert, but as an opportunity for Telluride to participate in an ongoing project at Deep Springs. Direct responsibility for the program will lie with Deep Springs. Telluride will select six or seven students, who will join the entering Deep Springs class just for the summer. In addition, it is hoped that the opportunity to teach in the valley will attract a Tellurider to conduct the seminar. These summer students will have contact with both institutions, thus increasing the recruitment base of both at a small incremental cost.

As necessity mothers invention, it is hoped that austerity will encourage greater participation by Telluride friends and alumni in our programs. The Hopkins TASP is an example of the new approaches we should consider. A proposal for a West Coast program on a topic in economic policy is presently under development. The program would be funded by an outside source such as a school or foundation.

A meaningful and direct contribution can be made by Telluride associates in helping to recruit potential TASPers. A perennial concern of TASP Board and the House has been achieving adequate representation of minority students from geographically remote areas. If you know of capable high school students entering their junior year this fall, please contact Mrs. MacLeod at the Ithaca office.

Moments of crisis force us to re-examine priorities. The 1977 Convention has done so and has reaffirmed its commitment to the TASP in the face of harsh fiscal realities. Now each of us must make a similar evaluation.

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Formulating Spendable Income

by Francis Fukuyama, TA 71

For the past several years, Telluride Conventions have found themselves increasingly forced to swing with the no-growth, small-is-beautiful spirit of the late 70's. Real Income Study Committees have for some time been warning the Association that it may well have been spending money in an *apres-nous-le-deluge* fashion for a number of years and that serious cut-backs were in order. The 1977 Convention has finally taken steps, not merely to cut back on spending, but to try to formulate, in a precise way, the level of income which the Association could spend in any given year with a good conscience.

TA's old formula linked spendable income to the Consumer Price Index under the assumption that nominal trust fund income would keep pace with inflation. Empirically, this seems not to have been the case; theoretically, a move into higher yielding securities may have the effect of sacrificing long-term capital gains for an immediate increase in income at a level which would, in the long run, be unsustainable. The 1977 Finance Committee sought to remedy this overstatement by a threefold proposal based on the findings of this year's RISC, chaired by William Galston. First, the average yield on the Standard and Poor's 500 was chosen as the best available objective indicator of the market consensus of a sustainable long term real rate of return. Plowback from current income into the Trust Fund will now be variable; 100% of the yield above the market average will be turned back, or 15% of current income, whichever is larger. Second, the level of spendable income will not be set by a simple five year moving average of residual income (current income minus plowback) which drops the CPI escalator altogether. And third, the former Expenditure Stabilization Reserve will be renamed the Expenditure Stabilization and Capital Retention Reserve. Additions to this new reserve will be made when current income rises above the five year trailing average, and vice versa.

Friday night of Convention was devoted to an extended debate on the Committee's proposal. Some objected that the proposal was overly austere, and indeed calculations according to the new formulae indicated that spendable income this year should be \$40,000-\$50,000 less than in 1976. Astute observers will note that if there is long-term growth in the economy due to increases in productivity, then spending no more than the Standard and Poor 500's yield will produce a rising, not a steady level of real income. If this were the case, the five year moving average would put the Association's spendable income some 2½ years behind the rate which it would, in fact, be possible to spend. Moreover, doubts were raised as to whether the S & P 500 was the most appropriate indicator for sustainable real income; an historical evaluation of past market and portfolio performance was commissioned for next year's RISC. Nonetheless, Convention, taking into account the Finance Committee's assurances that it would be safe to make a "soft landing" approach and gradually move over several years to the indicated real income norm, opted for fiscal conservatism and adopted the new formulae as originally proposed. Thus the era of lowered expectations was begun.

In the May issue of the Newsletter it was incorrectly reported that Fred Maus graduated *magna cum laude*. Maus graduated *summa cum laude*. Your editor apologizes for this error.

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Trustees of Deep Springs College announces the election of two new members to its body; Paul H. Todd, Jr., TA40, owner and president of a chemical plant in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Dale R. Corson, retiring president of Cornell University.

Fund Raising

by Stephen Fix, TA 75

Though the growing gap between our real income and what we must spend to maintain our basic programs became apparent most dramatically at the 1977 Convention, Association members have long been aware of the need to develop a dependable source of income in addition to that of the trust fund to keep Telluride's educational programs intact. The annual giving of alumni and friends traditionally has been one such source of support. In 1976, President Tarcov appointed a committee to examine the history and methods of Telluride's attempts to solicit financial support from these groups, and to suggest ways in which this support might be increased to meet our needs more fully.

The committee examined the history of donations to Telluride Corporation (the collection mechanism for gifts to Telluride and Deep Springs) from 1963 through 1976 and reported its findings to this Convention. It found that, of the 1624 persons presently on the Association's mailing list, 496 alumni and friends—about 30% of the total—gave some kind of donation since 1963. In all, somewhat more than \$200,000 was given in this period to Telluride and Deep Springs through the Joint New Funds Drive. A full breakdown of the sources of these funds and the distribution of them to the two institutions is available in the Convention minutes.

Even with this generous support, the Association still has found it necessary to spend from capital to keep its programs afloat, as this Convention's jarring financial awakening revealed. Fund drives have produced for Telluride about \$17,000 annually, most all of which has been used to partially reduce the gap between available income and necessary expenditures. But even with the stringent economies of this Convention, that gap for the present fiscal year is \$34,000, and the figure is likely to grow in coming years with institutionalized inflation.

Because additional financial support is needed now more urgently than ever, the Convention unanimously endorsed a plan to intensify our fundraising efforts and to raise \$35,000 before the 1978 Convention. The plan aims to realize \$20,000 of this goal from the Joint New Funds Drive with Deep Springs, and an additional \$15,000 from a special drive for support of the Association's ventures. Convention was hopeful that the recognized excellence of Telluride's programs will encourage both new and long-time donors to begin or continue their support. The plan includes, in addition to the regular New Funds appeals, the solicitation of special groups of alumni and friends, such as those men and women who participated in the summer programs and those who lived at Cornell Branch. The hope is that those who have benefited from Telluride's programs will now help continue and strengthen them.

To implement this plan and work toward these goals, Mr. Tarcov appointed the Telluride Development Council. The Council joins together all committees and officers of the Association concerned with fundraising, alumni relations, and publications. Mr. Tarcov will be chairman; David McQuaid and Stephen Fix, both in Ithaca, will be assistant chairmen. William Galston will be New Funds Chairman; Robert Dawidoff will direct the special funds drive; and Mark Dolliver, as External Funds Chairman, will seek support for Telluride's programs from foundations, corporations, and governmental agencies. Eleven additional Council members also will work on these and other projects.

Anyone interested in helping to organize this effort or in participating in the activities of the Council is invited to contact David McQuaid or Stephen Fix at Telluride House.

Announcement was made at Convention that Mark Cohen, TA77, is this year's recipient of the Burr Award.

You Are Cordially Invited to Alumni Weekend

This year Alumni Weekend will be held October 21-23. ADSTA Council and Housemembers urge alumni, friends, and associates to come to Ithaca, renew acquaintances, and enjoy a stimulating weekend. Informality will be stressed. It is hoped that alumni and associates will enjoy the casual nature of this weekend and find the relaxed atmosphere conducive to an informative and sociable exchange with Housemembers and friends. CBS News Correspondent Charles Collingwood, DS34, TA37, will be the featured speaker Saturday afternoon. Those arriving Friday evening are encouraged to come to the House and enjoy refreshment with friends and Housemembers. The Executive Committee of the ADSTA Council will hold its fall meeting Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and welcomes any alumni who wish to attend.

To keep alumni informed of current Telluride activities, there will be a forum after dinner Saturday night at which a Branchmember, a Deep Springer, an Association member, and a TASPPer each will give a brief presentation before the floor is opened for general discussion. This forum will allow the free exchange of ideas about Telluride's past and future. Presentations of this kind have recently been most successful at local ADSTA dinners.

In an attempt to make the weekend financially self-sustaining (as was so successfully done at the Deep Springs Reunion last year), participants will be asked to secure and pay for their accommodations and to make a contribution to the cost of weekend. If anyone wishes to do so, one may camp out in a sleeping bag in Housemembers' rooms. ADSTA and the Branch will welcome guests to lunch and dinner Saturday; breakfast will be served Saturday and Sunday mornings.

In September an invitation will be mailed to alumni from Chicago east and the District of Columbia north, but, of course, it is extended to all TA/DS associates and friends. It is not too soon to make your plans to return to Ithaca in October. The trees are scheduled to put on a colorful display. We have ordered a crisp, autumn day—similar to ones you recall as being all too infrequent, but when one did happen, making you want to cut class, put an apple in your pocket, and head for the hills. We hope you will plan to participate and look forward to welcoming you to Telluride House and Alumni Weekend.

Below is a list of suggested motels where reservations may be made.

The Statler Inn East Avenue Ithaca, N.Y. 14850 (607) 257-2500	Single \$17.00 Twin Beds \$22.00
The Hillside Inn 518 Stewart Avenue Ithaca, N.Y. 14850 (607) 272-9507	Single \$11.00 Twin Beds \$18.00
Collegetown Motor Lodge 312 College Avenue Ithaca, N.Y. 14850 (607) 273-3542	Single \$21.00 Twin Beds \$28.00
Holiday Inn 310 N. Triphammer Road Ithaca, N.Y. 14850 (607) 257-3100	Single \$14.00 Twin Beds \$31.00
Howard Johnson Motor Lodge N. Triphammer & Rt. 13 (800) 654-2000 Ithaca, N.Y. 14850 (607) 257-1212	Single \$24.50 Twin Beds \$35.50
Sheraton Inn 1 Sheraton Drive Ithaca, N.Y. 14850 (607) 257-2000	Single \$24.00 Twin Beds \$32.00

The last three listings are located at the intersection of North Triphammer Road and Route 13, about 3 miles north of the Cornell campus.



Charles Collingwood

Correspondent Charles Collingwood has been covering national and international events for CBS News for over three decades. During this time, he served as CBS News' first United Nations Correspondent, White House Correspondent, head of the CBS News London Bureau, and Chief Foreign Correspondent, his assignment from 1964 until his return to the United States in February 1975. Since then, he has been based at CBS News headquarters in New York City, reporting and anchoring CBS News Special Reports. Collingwood had been covering the war in Indochina for CBS News since the early 1960's. He was sent to South Vietnam on special assignment in 1965. In 1968, he became the first American network newsman to be admitted to North Vietnam, where his one-week stay, begun on March 29, resulted in two broadcasts on the CBS Television Network. For his radio broadcasts and interpretations of national and international events on television, he has been the recipient of numerous awards in this country, England, and France. ADSTA and the Branch anticipate a provocative address by Collingwood—Deep Springer, Tellurider and Rhodes Scholar.

'76 TASPers - - - '81 Bachelors

Kristin Barnard	Cornell University
Nancy Brown	Yale University
Nancy Cooper	Harvard College
Mark DeRocco	Yale University
Leslie Feder	Harvard College
Janelle Ford	Yale University
Joshua Fried	Cornell University
Frank Gearhart	Georgia Institute of Technology
Stephen Goodman	Harvard College
John Hamilton	Harvard College
Alison Hirschel	University of Michigan
Jayne Koszyn	Princeton University
Andrew Laties	Yale University
Steven Lee	Harvard College
James Mann	Harvard College
Mary Mansfield	Cornell University
Aviva Orenstein	Cornell University

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THE ADSTA AGENDA

Fresh from the Deep Springs Trustees meeting, Jim Withrow and Paul Todd joined ten alumni and friends of Deep Springs and Telluride for dinner in Chicago on Tuesday, May 10, at the University Club, as guests of Gerry Pook. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Pook, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Breiseth, Herb Meltzer, Bruce Hamilton, Brian Kennedy, and Don Baker also attended.

While lamenting the few Deep Springs heifers sold to mid-westerners, Jim Withrow acknowledged that he counts on the midwest to keep the country on an even keel and thus was interested in our approach to the controversial coeducation issue at Deep Springs. Paul Todd praised the discussion and wished us to record some of the high points.

There was general agreement that the Deep Springs experience is not a uniquely male experience, even though only male students have had the opportunity for it to date. Moreover, most felt that young women could handle and would gain from the experience based upon their individual strengths and interests, just as young men do. On the other hand, one woman insisted that whether coeducation improved or weakened the program, Deep Springs would be different and those making the decision should be clear about the kinds of changes likely. In the spirit of the adage, if it works don't fix it, one might ask if a successfully functioning male Deep Springs should risk such a major change.

Some sentiment was expressed that with the small size of Deep Springs and its isolation, there would inevitably be pairing off between men and women to the detriment of the community. A discussion on the destruction between and consequences of heterosexual and homosexual pairing at Deep Springs ensued. One individual observed that perhaps Deep Springers at present are seeking a moratorium on sexual activity. This view was firmly resisted by several who underscored the trend. They questioned whether Deep Springs should protect its male students from such integration thus contributing to a potential lack of preparation for the actual world of men and women working and competing together.

Finally, one Tellurider predicted that the serious raising of the coeducation question at Deep Springs made its ultimate realization inevitable. The proposal, in short, if rejected by the trustees following the current discussions, will not die even at Deep Springs, given the importance of the debate over sexual equality in America. One mother of daughters, while not speaking of women's rights, hoped her daughter would have the opportunity her father had had of attending Deep Springs.

We committed ourselves to another Chicago dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, November 15, right after the Deep Springs trustees meeting in hopes of another first hand report from Jim Withrow and Paul Todd. Perhaps Mrs. Renfield can be with us at that time as well. Chicago area friends and alumni, please note the date.

—Chris Breiseth, TA59

Editor's Note: Having accepted a position on the University of Chicago faculty, TA President Tarcov also will be in the area.

'76 TASPers

- Hal Osterweil Princeton University
- Andrew Patner University of Chicago
- Jodi Poole Brown University
- Bennett Rose Yale University
- Elizabeth Ryan Harvard College
- Henrietta Saunders Brown University
- Thomas Struppeck Tulane University
- Tyrone Taborn Cornell University
- Paula Tavrow Harvard College
- Louisa Vinton Cornell University
- J. L. Wilson College of William and Mary
- Anthony Wuersch Yale University

New Alumni Secretary



Valerie Eisenach and Elizabeth Bolgiano

The Newsletter is pleased to announce that Mrs. Valerie Eisenach has accepted the position of Alumni Secretary and Newsletter Editor, replacing Elizabeth Bolgiano who is retiring. She assumed her responsibilities August 1, after familiarizing herself with the maze-like workings of the Association, and assisted in the preparation of this issue of the Newsletter.

Mrs. Eisenach has been very active in the Ithaca Montessori Society. She served as co-administrator of the preschool and as treasurer of the Society. At present she serves on the Board of Directors of the Society as well as the Board of East Hill School Parents.

Before coming to Ithaca she worked with a west coast trucking firm, handling preparation of briefs of labor grievances, labor contract negotiation demands, and preparation and editing of company operations manuals. Subsequently, she was the Staff Secretary to an Educational Decision-Making Research Project at the Pennsylvania State University. In this capacity she administered the project from inception; supervising secretarial personnel, editing reports, maintaining ledgers, ordering equipment and material, and composing travel itineraries.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Mrs. Eisenach has two children in the Ithaca schools. Her husband is a professor of government at Cornell.

Telluride Association is indeed fortunate to have as its Alumni Secretary and Newsletter Editor a person with such extensive background in managerial, secretarial, editorial and financial areas. We wish her a long and happy affiliation with Telluride.

All Your News That Fits We'll Print

Your friends and TA Associates are interested in what has become of you. Write us about your recent travels and adventures, honors and awards, books or papers published, promotions or job changes, marriages, births and address changes for Newsletter publication.

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News From Alumni and Friends of Telluride

■ *Elizabeth Ryan*, TASP76, will be entering the freshman class of 1600 students at Harvard/Radcliffe this fall as one of approximately 35 National Radcliffe Scholars, an award made "in recognition of exceptional intellectual promise and strength of character and personality." In addition, as one of over 500,000 entrants in this year's "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship Competition, sponsored by the Elks National Foundation, Ryan has further been honored by winning first place in the Hackensack, regional, New Jersey, and national divisions. Deemed by the Elks to be the nation's top graduate for 1977, she will receive, from them, a \$3000 scholarship for each of her four years as an undergraduate at Harvard/Radcliffe, where she plans to major in chemistry. In July, she and her mother were flown to New Orleans for the Elks National Awards Ceremony, where Ryan delivered her acceptance speech, to be recorded in *The Congressional Record*.

■ *Carl M. Bender*, CB60, has accepted a position as full professor with tenure in the Physics Department of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

■ At this year's TONY Awards presentation, *Gordon Davidson*, TA53, was named Best Director for his play "Shadow Box." He also accepted a special award for the Mark Taper Forum, which was named the most laudable of the regional theatres discovering and producing works of new playwrights. Since 1967 Davidson has been artistic director of the famed experimental theatre which is located in Los Angeles.

In the *New York Times* of June 27, 1977 it was reported that in the two weeks since Joseph Papp pulled his New York Shakespeare Festival out of Lincoln Center, the cultural center has been involved in a host of discussions with various institutions over the future of the Beaumont and Newhouse theaters. The most intriguing of these is the feasibility of having Davidson divide his production duties between Los Angeles and New York, with the two institutions exchanging these presentations.

■ As of July 1, *Charles Christenson*, TA51, became Chairman of the Doctoral Program at the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University.

■ *Sally Philips*, CB65, has finished all the course work toward an Ed.D. in Counselor Education. Currently, she is completing her first year as Counseling Coordinator at an alternative high school which she helped design. She plans to spend the summer working on her dissertation proposal.

■ *Jill Campbell*, CB75, was awarded second prize of \$100 in the Barnes Shakespeare Essay competition for 1977 at Cornell.

■ *Katharine Lyall*, CB63, has been named Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs at HUD in Washington with prime responsibility for research and policies directed to the fiscal and economic conditions of cities.

■ *Fred Bauman*, TA64, has been awarded a National Junior Fellowship of the Hoover Institution at Stanford for one year. The fellowship is funded by NEH.

■ *Gayatri Spivak*, CB63, was one of two faculty members teaching "Literary Theory" at the Summer Institute in Literature at the University of Texas, Austin.

■ For his essay on Claude Debussy's critical writings, *Fred Maus*, TA75, was named co-winner of the Messenger-Chalmers Award, given at Cornell for the best undergraduate honors thesis.

■ *Allan B. Taylor*, TASP65, has just finished two delightful and extraordinarily interesting years as a law clerk; first for Judge J. Skelly Wright and then for Justice Thurgood Marshall. He is about to learn what it is to practice law. As of August 1st, Taylor and his wife moved to Connecticut, where Taylor will be associated with the Hartford law firm of Day, Perry & Howard.

■ *Arthur McTaggart*, TA43, writes: "In spite of the fact that my address is still listed as Indiana, I am now back in Korea, teaching at Yeungnam University and at the Kyongbok National University, both in Taegu, and at both of which I had had the pleasure of teaching some 20 years ago, when I was there with the USIS. I do get back to the United States, but only during the vacations, which are short in the summer (one month) and long in the winter (no heat in the classrooms). I hope that the lack of response to local chairmen and their letters will not be taken as lack of interest in Telluride. It is just that 3,000 miles is a long distance."

■ Professor *Edward Levin*, TA60, was the arbitrator in the dispute between New York City and the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association over the issues of a pay raise, 10 additional work days a year, and the introduction of one-man radio cars.

■ *Humphrey J. Fisher*, TA53, writes from England to inform the Telluride community of an important source for African studies of many kinds. "Part of my work as a London University teacher of African history has been to prepare a complete, annotated English translation of *Sabara und Sudan* by Gustav Nachtigal, who spent nearly six years in the African interior just over a century ago and whose massive account, never before available in English, is a most important source for African studies of many kinds. California University Press published Volume IV (a nice Telluride touch, beginning at the wrong end)—Wadai and Darfur—in 1971; Barnes and Noble, Volume I—Tripoli, Fezzan and Tibesti—in 1974; Homes and Meier hope to publish the remaining Volumes II and III, chiefly concerned with the Chad region. It has been hard to make the translation known in America, hence the succession of publishers. I send this note hoping there may be a university library accessions officer somewhere on the *Newsletter* mailing list. The translation is, of course, of Telluride quality." Fisher's address is 66 Ormond Avenue, Hampton, Middlesex, England.

■ *Katharine Eisaman*, TA75 and *Fred Maus*, TA75, were married August 7 at Telluride House. Music for the occasion had particularly happy associations for Fred and Kathy, as well as the Branch guests. James Weaves, harpsichordist, and Jean Hakes, soprano, have frequently stayed at the House, contributing generously of their company as well as their musical gifts. Following the ceremony, a reception was also held at Telluride House.

■ *Lee Rudolph*, TASP64, writes: "I was inspired to write poetry by Keith Gunderson, TASP Faculty at Princeton. In 1973 I was a founding member of the Alice James Poetry Cooperative—a cooperative press emphasizing poetry by women. Of 19 members, I'm one of two men." His first AliceJames-Book, "Curses," subtitled "and Songs and Poems," was printed in 1974. Next year his second collection, "The Country Changes," will be out. In the meantime, he received an A.B. from Princeton and a Ph.D. from M.I.T. and is now a mathematician. After July, he will be an assistant professor at Columbia University. His specialty is "analytic geometric topology" and knot theory.

■ *William Galston*, TA64, was accorded this year's Outstanding Teacher Award at the University of Texas, Austin.

■ The first Annual Dinner of the "Oxford Branch" of Telluride Association was held Thursday, June 16th in the Cherwell Boathouse. It was declared a smashing success.

■ *Ralph N. Kleps*, TA35, administrative director of the California courts since November 1961, stepped down July 1st. Kleps will maintain headquarters in San Francisco and plans to remain active in governmental law and administration.

Talents Abound in '77 TASP



All Is Not Work

Any report on TASP 1977 must indicate the intense interest generated by our two seminars—"The Lyric Tradition in Poetry" and "Ethical Absolutism and Ethical Relativism." Readings from the original Greek, Latin, and French, as well as musical settings of Provencal performed by TASPers, have enlivened an already keenly-appreciated poetry seminar. The program in ethics has produced much, mostly good-natured, controversy. For this we must thank our excellent faculty—Professors Johnson, Meltzer, Kretzman, and Stump—and an enthusiastic and capable group of TASPers. In and out of the classroom, their array of talents is staggering. Our many musicians include serious pianists, violinists, cellists, flautists, and vocalists, as well as many would-be Woody Guthries on guitar. A madrigal group has been formed and is diligently rehearsing for a concert. Other pastimes include baking, jogging, tennis, and volleyball. The public speaking program continues vigorously, and the presentations made by faculty and Housemembers so far—including Professor John Weiss on Marcel Ophuls, Tom Christina on Xenophon's *Hiero*, and Steve Fix on the 18th century novel—have been well attended and well received. It has been difficult for faculty, factota, and guests to resist the high spirits of this year's group, and still more difficult not to regret that the summer, somehow, is more than half over.

by David McQuaid, TA77



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The returning House began its spring term with an excellent and enjoyable TAWP and a Tristram Shandy seminar. The spring elections placed two sophomores on AdComm, inviting a modification of House administration. There was a mood of optimism and warmth in the initial weeks of the term. The Purpose and Plan seminar was felt to have renewed Branchmembers' expectations of and faith in one another. Alas, the mood was not sustained. Public conversation of a general or academic nature seemed increasingly difficult and serious attempts to initiate it were being abandoned. At times, personal conversations in public rooms were so obviously private that others could not remain without a sense of intrusion.

But behind the frustration is a still-evident concern for the quality of next year's Branch. The successful Academic Affairs program, including student-run seminars, was noted. The House and its faculty guests enjoyed one another. The restructuring of the public speaking program, with a single speaker presenting his topic for 30-35 minutes, followed by questions from the floor, was an effective innovation. Obligations to TA were fulfilled promptly, with good spirit and excellent results, as noted by the Custodians' praise of their new Members-to-Assist. In addition, the House met the annual strain of TASPlications with efficient organization. Branchmembers interviewed TASPlicants, with the gratitude of the TASP Board. Efforts by a conscientious KuchenComm to cut food costs reflected a laudable attention to financial responsibility. The energy and cooperation of Housemembers in preparing reports for this Convention deserve particular commendation. Recognition by Housemembers of the shortcomings of this year's Branch is coupled with a firm desire for, and a confident expectation of, improved Branch life next year.



Thinking to the Future

Although Convention has always been synonymous with long, into-the-early-morning-hours labor, this year's work was conducted in an unusually somber mood of constant fiscal surveillance. Members and associates are to be commended for their diligence, their good humor, and their determination to meet the challenge of economic austerity without sacrificing Telluride excellence. Convention delegates were unanimous in their praise of Lou Crandall's excellent arrangements. With the help of George Krebs, houseman, and the Renzettis' culinary capabilities, everyone found the coffee urn full, meals appetizingly prepared, and a place to lay one's head when that luxury could be indulged.

Another Telluride Convention had accomplished the task set before it.

In Memoriam

JAMES T. DRAPER, TA16, June 11, 1977

MARTIN DIAMOND, 1971 TASP Faculty, July 22, 1977



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