Convention to Consider Human Capital Losses

For many years in the all-too-recent past, Conventions met in the shadow of a depleted spendable income that constrained us to cut even our basic activities to the bone. The rebuilding of our financial capital has made it possible to devote more attention to our physical capital, but the near-complete overhaul of Telluride House means that the coming Convention can afford the dubious luxury of worrying about how to conserve and expand our human capital.

From time to time we have taken notice, and debated inconclusively, the relatively steady long-term deterioration in our ability to attract students to Cornell Branch, to keep them there after they arrive, and to attract new Association members who can play a role in the House. This year has again seen a Branch of near-record smallness, as five of the more senior members left at the end of the fall term. In a group as small as Telluride, of course, the personal tends to overwhelm the statistical; reasons for leaving very and the impact of a small membership on this particular Branch remain to be seen. Still, looking back over the past decade, it is hard to doubt that demographic imbalances in the House and increased distance between CBTA and the Association have clearly had more than a little to do with some of the unhappier episodes in House life.

Perhaps there is not a lot that we can do about this. We may be in the grip of trends in educational financing, student interests, and Cornell prestige which will overwhelm any incentives that Telluride can bring to bear. However, the relative increases in our spendable income may give the Association some leeway in making the House a more attractive place to live; the perennial issues raised by the preferment process may be approached in new ways that both the House and Association will find more convenient and less contentious; our rather consistent failure to attract candidates to Cornell from TASPsin held elsewhere may be amenable to more determined efforts at recruitment. I could go on — there is little risk that this Convention will have to wind up on Saturday from lack of business to consider.

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The demographic implosion has been even more drastic at our new branch in Chicago. Half the members left at the end of the fall quarter, and at the beginning of the spring quarter a mere four members remained (only two enrolled as students). Obviously extraordinary measures and efforts are called for in this situation. Before we decide then about the future of UCBAH we must discuss the issues that our Cornell programs raise. In these circumstances no one can predict just what the Chicago issues will be, but the understanding the group will need will certainly be different from the big-think propositions we have been discussing. No one can predict just what the Chicago issues will be, but the understanding the group will need will certainly be different from the big-think propositions we have been discussing.

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**GABOR**

Fred Basmann spoke very eloquently for all who knew Gabor Brodyanyi; but I would like to add a few memories. In 1916 my father suffered a stroke that took his mind; by early 1962, when I lived at the Branch as one of its graduate students, an exile from early childhood, who only came to know his core of his being. As “Viennese” as he was (he used to tell how his father suffered a stroke that took his mind; by early 1962, when I lived at the Branch as one of its graduate students, an exile from early childhood, who only came to know his core of his being. As “Viennese” as he was (he used to tell how I am sure she is right. I mention his Hungarian because (as this shows) it lay at the heart of these figures, one could hardly argue that the “wrong people” are selected for the TASP, or that important perspectives from outside the academy are not being missed. Yet, even if one accepts this argument, one cannot escape the conclusion that the TASP is doing a disservice to the academic community as a whole. The TASP is a device to screen out the wrong kind of student, not to identify the right kind. And if this is true, then the TASP is a failure, for it fails to discriminate against conservatives, how much influence McCarthy had there, the world was doing. The police came very quickly, and we followed our lights down the steps, where at the time we were doing. The police came very quickly, and we followed our lights down the steps, where at the bottom we met Gabor on his feet in shallow water. He told us how his Hungarian, “I am dying!” and rolled into several bushes down the slope, breaking his fall.

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The current Monthly Bulletin of the Cosmos Club in Washington records the death of Cabot Coville. He was one of the statesmen the Association produced in the generation just ahead of me. He went to Deep Springs from 1918 to 1921, in that position so close to the center of our younger students a symbol and an embodiment of theAssociation’s purposes; serious; a man of rectitude. 1887, and a botanist, whose career was mainly in the economic. Congressional passage of the Rogers Act in 1924 entered in 1926. Before going abroad, however, he was the patronage to a professional career service. Cabot and other Graham Bell; they were married at the family estate in Baddeck, Nova Scotia. The marriage ended ultimately in divorce, he remarried in 1949.

In the Foreign Service Cabot drew a permanent assignment to London. In the aftermath he was actively involved in the State Department side of the work of preparatory conferences in London and San Francisco looking to the establishment of the United Nations. A two-year stint in Tokyo followed. His last post was as consul general in Halifax, Nova Scotia, surely a letdown.

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The 1919 Convention at Provo, Utah, Cabot Coville, who became a Trustee that year, is shown from right, top row.
News from Alumni and Friends

Allan Bloom, CBG62, has written a new book, The Closing of the American Mind, How Higher Education Has Failed Politically, and the Anti-Semitism of the Soul Answered by Students, published by Simon & Schuster. The book, which has a foreword by Saul Bellow, is described in the March 23rd New York Times, as “fitting with the approximate force and effect of what electric-shock therapy must be like.” Bloom argues, in the words of the review “not that absolute values cannot or should prevail over relative ones but that certain values should be judged superior to others, but we can only discover them through the kind of liberal education that was dismantled in the American university during the 1960’s.”

Bob Davis, DS44, has returned from a 3 month trip to Asia and has resumed work as an energy program evaluator (“assumptions clarified, numbers fooled around with...”) for the Washington State Energy Office. Bob adds, “All those interested should drop by for climbing (and skiting) if they’re in the Northwest.”

Peter Halamay, CB74, will be completing his Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering (Orbital Mechanics) at the University of Texas in May and will be working at DFVLR in Oberpfaffenhofen near Munich soon thereafter. He will be forwarding his electronic mail address as follows: AOVX752@UTAMBI.BITNET

Jim Johnstone, SP65 CBG66 TA67, is now living in Palo Alto, working as a research psychologist at WASSA Ames Research Center.

Christopher Keene, BB64, who lives in New York City, will conduct a three act opera Rapsucl by Jay Resie as part of the City Opera’s coming season.

Brian Kennedy, SP60 CB46 TA63, has been elected Vice President and Treasurer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, the state’s largest private health insurer. During part of his preceding five year stint as the corporation’s investment officer, he earned his MBA through the University of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Ronald Sacken, CB51 CB52, has a new novel, Blown Away, published by Sun & Moon. The work is described on the cover as “metasexual,” and the author said to be on record as “antipoint, anticharacter, and anti-vernacular.”

Tyrone Taborn, SP76 CB77, publisher of U. S. Bag Engineer and Hispanic Engineer magazines, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Afro-American Corporation (Baltimore publisher of a chain of weekly and bi-monthly newspapers). The Afro-American Company publishes a number of newspapers and magazines including the Baltimore Am, the country’s oldest and largest black newspaper. An interview with Mr. Taborn was written up in the Baltimore Evening Sun in April, which notes that he begins to publish at Cornell University, turning out a minority campus newspaper called Umoja Sasa.

Matthew Trail, SP51 CB62 TA44, writes that he has just finished his Master’s essay on “Responsiveness in the Saudi Regime under Brezhnev and Gorbachev,” that “God and several professors will, be exchanged for a Mandrake root.”

Sabine von Falkenhayn, CB80, sends this news: “In the spring I finished my medical studies at Freiburg University and I am now going to spend a year working at different hospitals (in Baden-Baden, Locarno and Geneva). I’m going to do a doctoral thesis done (magna cum laude) and will be a medical doctor next year. I am meeting old friends, training Telluride. Just ring me up.”

Gregory Votaw, DS45 TA47, wrote at the end of his year in year as follows: “I have just returned from three months traveling in Zambia and South Africa and I am now working at the University of Minnesota and the University of Minneapolis and St. Paul for the summer. I am a year in Japan where I am meeting old friends and learning about Japanese culture and environment for more open development research.”

Guy Wells, CBG84, 85, writes that during the first time spent as a guest at Telluride House in 1984 and 1985, he was working on several articles which are now being published. The first of these is called “The unlikely Machinist William of Orange and the piety virtues,” in Politics in Culture in Early Modern Europe: Essays in Honour of H. R. Trevor-Roper, edited by Phyllis Mack and Margaret Jacob, and published by Cambridge University Press. He notes concludes: “Thank you again for your fine hospitality and the opportunity to get acquainted with a number of great people in the house.”

Tyrone Wilson, CBG 85, 86, writes that he’s just about to open an “original play off-Broadway at a small community theatre. If you’re in NYC give me a call and I’ll get you some tickets. Good luck to you all.”

We Welcome Your News

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 addresses.

Marlene R. Wittman, SP79, on leave of absence from Princeton University, is currently living in Shanghai and Beijing for a year and a half, where she is involved with the legal aid center in Durban, South Africa, and the Anti-Censorship Action Group (ACAG). Ms. Wittman, from the law firm of Sullivan and Worcester (Boston and Washington), plans to return to the U.S. after completing a bicycle tour of Southern and Central Africa.

IN MEMORIAM

Henry G. Hayes, DS20 CB7 TA23, died at age 82, in January 1987 at his home in Kentfield, California. Mr. Hayes was a veteran San Francisco lawyer and Martin County public servant. He was a native of Hilo, Hawaii, and graduated from Yale University and Cornell Law School. He practiced law with San Francisco’s Pillsbury Madison & Sutro law firm. Henry Hayes was also an early editor of the Telluride Newsletter. He is survived by his wife, Kit, two sons, two daughters and 11 grandchildren. Memorial services were held in San Rafael where he was remembered as a man said “always had a smile on his face.”

Percy Cochrane, CB73 TA38, died at age 70 in Geneva, New York. Dr. Cochrane was born in Plainfield, N.J. He was professor of biology at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut for 25 years, until his retirement in 1982. He graduated from Cornell University in 1948 and received his Ph.D. from Cornell in 1943. He was a member of the Middletown Friends Meeting, and also a member of numerous professional organizations including the American Society for Microbiology, and the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering. He is survived by his wife, Kit, two sons, two daughters and 11 grandchildren. Memorial services were held in San Rafael where he was remembered as a man said “always had a smile on his face.”

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