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Research Update

We are pleased to announce the new availability of a list of all dissertations involving transactional analysis written since the beginning in 1967 of the PsychINFO database compiled by the American Psychological Association. It is being made available to all ITAA members via the research efforts of *TAJ* Editor Ted Novey, PhD. The list is 56 pages long and contains approximately 170 dissertation references.

The dissertation list was obtained through the Dialog Information Services Knowledge Index, as the Psyc1 database, through Compuserve. Although it is not available for commercial use, a limited number of copies is available for ITAA members for use in their own research.

The ITAA is now distributing this list. To obtain a copy send $25 to the ITAA (which consists of a $15 contribution to Ted Novey to cover the cost of the online search and printout and a $10 copying/handling and shipping charge to the ITAA). Send payment by check in US dollars or by VISA or Mastercard credit card authorization to ITAA Research, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123-5009; or fax your order to 1-415-885-5998.

If you have need of other searches through the PsychINFO database and do not have access to Compuserve, we will provide assistance for such searches. Send your inquiry to the ITAA office.

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Nürnberg Conference Reflects Enthusiasm of German TA Members

by Susan Sevilla



Rudiger Rogoll, DGTA Past-President, with Eva Eisenbach, Executive Secretary for the DGTA Conference and a 15-year DGTA veteran



Some of the "kinder" from the DGTA Conference Youth Program

The ITAA Board and many ITAA members were pleased and privileged to attend the spring conference of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Transaktionsanalyse (DGTA), May 12-15, in Nürnberg, Germany. The DGTA hosted the ITAA business meeting portions of this conference, which was designated by the ITAA as the site of board and committee meetings.

As ITAA Executive Director, I am fortunate to attend meetings such as the one in Nürnberg, a major perk of my job. And Nürnberg was one of the nicest of these destinations. It is a green, clean city, just made for bikes and pedestrians, with acres of riverfront and park land. The Scandic Crown hotel was located just-across from a forest preserve with miles of trails for walkers, joggers, and bikers. The old part of town includes the "Kaiserburg" (Emperor's Castle) and an almost complete wall around the Old City. Everything inside the Old City is within walking distance.

The German people are friendly, organized, and efficient. Planes depart ahead of schedule; the taxi I reserved arrived early. Beverages always seemed to be served in glass bottles, suitable for recycling. In fact, there are recycling bins throughout the city, and everyone seems environmentally conscious.

The Conference was a smashing success, with about 500 participants, including 50 PTSTAs. I counted 80 presentations by 65 presenters, which demonstrates the wonderful enthusiasm there is for TA in Germany. There was an emphasis on research in the presentations, showing what Servaas van Beekum called the "exploratory spirit."

The conference bookstore displayed several

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DGTA President Gudrun Hennig and E. W. Jecht at a party they hosted in their home



ITAA President Servaas van Beekum presents an award to Ilse Bachmüller, Executive Secretary of the DGTA

Eric Berne Award Nominations Sought

Nominations are now being accepted for the ITAA's most prestigious award—the coveted Eric Berne Memorial Award (EBMA). The EBMA is awarded for an original and significant contribution to TA in one of four categories: (a) theory, (b) research, (c) practice applications, and (d) comparison and/or integration of TA theory or practice with other theories or approaches. To make a nomination, send the following material to the ITAA office by 1 January 1995:

- name(s) of author(s)
- publication citation
- area or category of contribution (specify only one of those listed above)
- brief title for the contribution
- a detailed statement supporting the nomination as an original and significant contribution to transactional analysis in the designated area
- name of the individual, group, or organization making the nomination
- at least one copy of the article or book in which the contribution being nominated appears

Please Note: There has been a change in the requirements for nominations of material in languages other than English. From now on, if the article or book was written in a language other than English, it is preferable that an English translation of the material being nominated for the award be included along with a copy of the publication(s) in the original language. If an English translation is not available, a summary or abstract of the major ideas presented in the publication(s) must be submitted in English along with a copy of the publication(s) in the original language.

It is also the responsibility of the person(s) making the nomination to let the nominee(s) know that he or she is being considered for the Eric Berne Memorial Award and to provide the person(s) with a copy of the written material being submitted to the EBMA Committee.

Please contact the ITAA office for complete details about preparing nomination materials for submission to the EBMA Committee. □

EDITORIALLY YOURS

by Laurie Hamilton

Who Owns Self?

It is vacation and travel time for many this month. This issue of *The Script* is a summer potpourri—a bit of this and a bit of that. I have been very interested in the articles and comments members have written in response to what we have published in the last few issues of the newsletter, and I want to share some of them with you. I am particularly interested in people's comments about real-life issues, personal experiences, and TA theory.

Recently I have been thinking about the question of "who owns self." This issue crops up in the news all the time in relation to euthanasia and assisted suicide (which will be the focus of the August issue of *The Script*). But I think it is also the subtle subtext of the so-called "victim defense," which is spreading rapidly in the American legal system. For example, in the *National Law Journal* last week there were nearly twenty cases cited in which the defendant was not indicted because of "problems related to a difficult childhood," whether that be an alcoholic parent, sexual and/or physical abuse, or deprivation of some sort. In the cases cited in the *NLJ*, not one of the victims of the crime was the person who had hurt the accused as a child.

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In the USA, we now have a number of states that are suing tobacco companies for knowingly selling a product that poses serious health risks. I assume suits against alcohol distillers cannot be too far off. When did anyone think that smoking cigarettes or drinking a large quantity of alcohol was good for you?

This past May another great thinker of our age, Erik H. Erikson, passed away. Like Eric Berne, Erikson vigorously taught that by understanding our processes (whether they be developmental stages or transactions) we do not have to be prisoners or victims of our pasts. One of my favorite Erikson quotes is: "If everything 'goes back' into childhood then everything is somebody's else's fault, and trust in one's own power of taking responsibility for oneself may be undermined."

The current trend in the American legal system (which, of course, reflects a societal moré) goes beyond the "I'm not-OK—You're not-OK" position to "you are responsible for my being not-OK." The flip side of this is to take responsibility for the other person being "not-OK"; such a position is reflected in the attitude underlying massive government aid programs. The crux of this issue is not the compassion for suffering that fuels humanitarian activity, but rather the sense of societal responsibility for individual "OKness." As the situation becomes more clearly defined, in part because of ludicrous excesses, I think that more and more folks will be wrestling with the question of "who owns self." □



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hundred titles, all in German. It was inspiring to realize that those who speak German no longer have to learn English to pursue their TA studies.

During the keynote address at the conference opening event, Servaas van Beekum gave the first public address of his ITAA Presidency (see the May/June *Script*), and Jon and Laurie Weiss spoke on addictions. I noted that participants seemed young, eager, and attentive; they listened carefully to the proceedings, including keynote speeches patiently translated from English into German, which made them quite long. At the DGTA Membership Meeting, several hundred eager DGTA members actively participated in approving several motions. In fact, even though the meeting went overtime, people were so involved that no one complained. TA is definitely alive and well in Germany!

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In conclusion, I want to thank DGTA President Gudrun Hennig for her outstanding work in running the DGTA and the conference. Although Gudrun was extremely busy, she took time to invite the ITAA Board to her home for an evening party. Such warmth is unforgettable. I want also to acknowledge the excellent work of Ms. Eva Eisenbach, Executive Secretary for the DGTA Conference, who has been serving in this capacity for 15 years! Kudos also to Mrs. Ilse Bachmüller, Executive Secretary of the DGTA, for her tireless efforts in the office and at the conference. □



Keynote speakers Jon and Laurie Weiss



Werner Rautenberg translating the keynote speech by the Weisses



Ute Hagehulsmann (far left) jokes with Servaas van Beekum (far right) and Karin Dupreé-Krull and Michael Krull

Script Themes

This month's issue of *The Script* is a potpourri of interesting articles and letters from members. We are so pleased to receive your comments about what we have published recently in the newsletter as well as about other things that are on your mind. Keep your articles and letters coming!

In upcoming months we will consider more issues of interest, including assisted suicide and euthanasia, anger and the disowned self, and humor. You are encouraged to respond to the opinions and views expressed in the newsletter, either in a letter to the editor or by submitting a brief comment (50-100 words) for publication in the Open Mike column. The Open Mike column is also a place in which you can comment (briefly) on just about anything, whether or not it relates to the ITAA or anything previously written in *The Script*. So, let's hear from you!

In Response

More On Disasters

In response to your January-February 1994 theme on "Responses to Disaster," we want to offer the following observations. We have come across three factors in training volunteers to deal with disaster victims: crisis counseling, aftermath counseling, and competition.

Volunteers who have gone in to help those hit by disasters report that the survivors need material help plus the emotional support of someone who listens and understands without advising or Rescuing. Aftermath counseling follows the victims as they emerge from the initial shock after a disaster, and volunteers have found the TA contractual method helpful at this point. Sometimes victims need to express their anger and frustration, and volunteers encourage them to do so in safe ways.

Finally, volunteers are trained to face the temptation of the "Two Good Samaritans" game: A man was mugged on Jericho Road. He was bleeding and half-conscious. Two good Samaritans converged on him from opposite directions to Rescue him. When they saw each other, they began to fight and knocked each other out. The victim bled on!

Os Summerton and Pearl Drego, Delhi, India

Further Thoughts On Dual Relationships

In response to your April 1994 issue on dual relationships, here are some of my thoughts.

First, it seems that the issue of dual relationships usually comes up when there is a problem. Perhaps there should be research on this topic, to find out if, when, and how dual relationships have worked well.

Second, for me it seems "cleaner" when a relationship is purely that of client and therapist. However, such things as third-party payments, which are a kind of dual relationship as well as a breach of confidentiality, make clinical professional relationships "messier." Some conservative therapists feel that payment by a third party (insurance, spouse's insurance, parents) constitutes a breach of the framework necessary for successful psychotherapy. Dealing with payment from a third party probably affects the therapy in conscious and unconscious ways.

Third, what about bartering for services? If that means that you become a client's employer while he or she does your bookkeeping or gardening, then you have a dual relationship. However, if clients trade you for something they produce outside of the therapeutic relationship (quilts from a quilter, pots from a potter), that does not seem like a dual relationship. It clearly brings up additional complications, though. What is the worth in quilts of a therapy relationship? What happens if the therapist does not care for the client's artwork? Again, I believe we would benefit from hearing from each other about experiences with barter and its beneficial and deleterious effects on therapy.

Fourth, I believe that a supervisory relationship may run counter to a therapeutic relationship. There is sometimes a thin line between clinical supervision and clinical intervention as supervisors help their interns identify and make sense of their own psychological blind spots. However, a supervisor may be called upon to sign for hours, provide evaluation, and judge professional capacity, all inappropriate in a therapeutic relationship.

On the other hand, clients who are themselves therapists often experience having personal issues stimulated by their work with clients. Where should such issues be dealt with—in therapy or in supervision? Although I am personally relieved to have only one arrangement with a client, there are others who have been successful in doing supervision with former clients. We have much to learn from studying such successes in these and other dual relationships.

Carla Haimowitz, Oakland, California, USA

Editorial Note: Carla's comments raise fundamental questions about the therapist's role. Does that role mean that the therapist must hold himself or herself completely separate from the rest of the client's life (the traditional analytic model) or does it imply more of an open, coaching model? I believe that the distinction lies in the continuing social stigma attached to mental health issues and psychotherapy. In medicine, although patient/doctor communication is confidential, there is no onus attached to networking outside of that relationship (although there is a prohibition against sexual involvement). The traditional analytic position posits that a primary component of the therapeutic relationship is its separateness and anonymity, but that these factors are not a result of the stigmatization of seeking therapy. What do you think?

Dear Editor:

Kudos to the dedicated writers of *The Script* and the *TAJ* for openly addressing ethical issues and abuse of power concerns for TA professionals in dual relationships. As I continue to heal from the trauma I experienced during the unauthorized use of my work by three professionals in the field, I can painfully identify with the potential harm and devastation multilevel relationships and power imbalances can create when working with professional educators as well as therapists. I see these articles as a hopeful beginning in upgrading the standards of ethical and moral responsibility and accountability for TA professionals in all fields.

C. Annette Bodmer, Burnsville, Minnesota, USA

March Poet Appreciates Column

Dear Marion (Arenas):

Thank you for printing my poems in your column, "Poets' Corner," in the March 1994 issue of *The Script*. The column, "Caretaker Out of the Triangle," was interesting and thought-provoking, and so was the background material on TA and the Karpman Triangle you were kind enough to send me.

Thank you for pronouncing me "healthy." I do feel healthy—and I think writing has done much to keep me that way—despite the fact that when my mother first became sick and suicidal with Alzheimer's Disease I did become very depressed and needed two years of therapy to learn how to cope with it. A thing like that will bring to the surface every other loss, guilt, and regret in your life, and you find yourself suffering a kind of spiritual flu. Those of us who write can at least give a name to what ails us, whether it's solvable or not, rather than just swim around in nameless feelings.

One of the things that's positive about the nursing home is that we caretakers and relatives talk among ourselves, share experiences, learn to see each other's old people as a kind of extended family. Another, of course, is the fact that the place is warm and not at all like a hospital, and the staff wonderfully kind and upbeat. I'm so glad we chose it.

Rhina Espaillat, Newburyport, Massachusetts, USA

Added Views on TA in Sweden

Dear Editor:

As one of three professionals in Sweden authorized as a clinical psychotherapist *on TA credits*, I know that the Swedish authorities are *not* against TA, either as theory or as a method. The main issue has to do with the academic qualification of the teachers, supervisors, and trainers.

Unfortunately, it has been, and as far as I know, still is possible to be authorized as a TA trainer without having even the basic academic behavioral science background before getting into TA training. If the goal for the ITAA and its local associations is to get TA accepted as a *qualified specialist psychotherapeutic education*, this is a policy that will not work in Sweden.

This is also a serious ethical issue. It is misinformation to let trainees believe that it is possible to have their training recognized by the authorities when the trainers themselves do not have the necessary academic degrees, even though they are certified as trainers and supervisors in TA. Of course, it is not possible for a trainee to be academically recognized when the teachers are on a level that formally cannot be accepted.

In Sweden, unfortunately, the Swedish TA association has, for a long time, tried to sit in two chairs: trying to claim that 1) TA education is a *basic education*, and, at the same time, 2) claim that *the same TA education is a qualified specialist education for professionals* that should be authorized by the Swedish authorities. Of course that won't work.

Personally, being a psychologist, having an academic degree equivalent to an American PhD, and having had most of my TA training with Richard Erskine, PhD, I had no trouble being recognized by the Swedish authorities as having sufficient qualified training.

Because of this misuse of TA training, I decided not to get authorization within the ITAA. I could not cope with the superficiality of the training. Instead, I took the formal Swedish supervisor training and am now authorized as a qualified psychotherapeutic supervisor, teacher, and trainer.

Because I deeply appreciate and acknowledge the importance of the training I got in TA, it is sad to see how respect for TA has diminished because of confusion in the training situation. Talking with colleagues in other countries, I understand that the situation is similar all over.

I look forward to a serious and critical debate involving the Board of Certification, the Board of Trustees, and the advanced members of the ITAA.

Mi Arling, Karlstad, Sweden

March Script Helpful

Dear Laurie (Hamilton):

Thank you for the March 1994 issue of *The Script*. I was helped greatly by the focus on stress.

Professionally, I work extensively with children and families impacted by the state department that works with the abused. Your statement that the stress continues until the person is returned to the original setting in safe condition will help me to be more tolerant of the children with whom I work and also more able to bring about the needed resolutions.

Personally, my eldest son became an emergency medical technician after college here in St. Louis with the busiest (per ambulance) service in the country. They

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OPEN MIKE

Gobbledygook

TA is very important to us. It defines and pinpoints relationship problems so that they can be dealt with. It has a history of avoiding gobbledygook. Some leaks in, but most of that can be filtered out or ignored. TA allows us to get results (in our counseling) that are meaningful and do not waste too much of either our time or that of our clients.

But here are two recent examples of gobbledygook from the ITAA: (1) the last line on the Dues Notice where it says, "PLEASE COMPUTE" meaning *please add* or *please total*, and (2) the membership questionnaire (how many pages was it?) that came with the first notice. It made me aware that I wanted to say something, but how to say anything within the framework of that questionnaire was a mystery. Poor Eric's ghost! I gave up on the questionnaire and never did get that notice returned.

I think that there are many people like myself who are thrilled with TA's usefulness and who want to keep up with developments made by those who use TA for the benefit of themselves and humankind. But, so much is made of the routes to teaching and/or clinical membership that they end up costing more in fees paid to those who already have such status than we earn in years from our almost voluntary practice. So, we teach rudimentary TA to those who can profit from it: college students, housewives, and business people. There's nothing more secret about TA than there is about mathematical formulae. We let those whom we counsel see themselves as we do, if it seems to us that they would benefit from that.

I do believe that it is important that TA be kept (like Ivory Soap) 99.44% pure. More thought needs to go into recognizing that TA membership does not qualify a person either as a teacher or as a counselor. Treating it as if it did does not help TA. It is a form of gobbledygook. TA is a tool that professionals use in their work and it is very effective.

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JOURNAL ENTRY

By Ted Novey

Doing the Right Thing

This column is about 1) Pat's (my wife's) cousin Philip.

2) No, this column is about philosophy and psychology.

3) No! This column is about skepticism and science.

4) No, really, this column is about 800 words long.

Please pay attention, because there will be a little quiz at the end of this article on what this article was about.

By now you will have received your copy of the January TA *Journal*, a special theme issue on ethics guest edited by Bill Cornell. I had not seen many of the articles before I received my copy, and I find the issue to be fascinating reading. Ethics comes down to issues of good and evil: doing good, helping people, and avoiding evil, that is, not hurting people. Eric Berne once made a remark that has stuck with me. He said that the measure of the quality of a civilization was in the percentage of children that stayed alive. I have always appreciated the fact that in transactional analysis we have a strong emphasis on keeping people alive using no-suicide contracts and on protecting children and our own inner Child.

The January *TAJ* confronts such issues head on. It is so easy to get into games, rackets, and other destructive behaviors even with the best of intentions. I think that the clarity of transactional analysis theory and our understanding of ulterior transactions give us powerful tools. For example, if we find it important to be involved in dual relationships with our clients, we have a much better chance of having clean contracts that keep the various roles separate, useful, and healthy.

This brings me to Pat's cousin Philip. Philip and his wife, Doris, live in Connecticut, and when we visit each other the time is filled with joy over family life, children and grandchildren, wonderful conversations about philosophy, science, psychology, lovely walks in the rolling hills and meadows, great food. It's a rare encounter between two couples--each person loves and respects each of the others. I always learn from them: from Philip, who is a rare thinking, feeling man with a broad intellect, and from Doris, who is a scholar in her own right.

Philip and Pat grew up in the Chicago area and were always friends. Philip used to read stories to Pat when she was little and he was a few years older. They have a lifetime of memories about their families. Philip was always the star of the family. He grew up to become a teacher, a writer, and a professor of philosophy at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

It was a particular pleasure for me to get to know Philip, a philosopher with whom I could share my thoughts and ideas about our world. From my writings, you may have noticed that I don't have much empathy for philosophic wanderings, an attitude that I share with many scientists, particularly those in the physical sciences. I get impatient with intricate logical discussions and concepts that exist only in the mind and cannot be verified by examining nature. But Philip is a follower of the same tradition as Michael de Montaigne, a philosopher whose writings I have much appreciated. Montaigne wrote about the earth and his observations of life, about how we live and seek the good life. I can relate to that.

Philip, like Montaigne, follows the tradition of the "skeptics" that began in ancient Greece. There are many classes and gradations of skeptics; he can be classed as a moderate. What are they skeptical about? Any thoughts or "knowledge" that comes solely from the mind of man, without being checked against the natural world in which we exist.

Philip's special field is ethics—the study of cruelty and the phenomena of good and evil in the human world. During World War II, Philip was in the army in Europe and experienced the horrors of that war in France and Germany. Afterward, in reading documents concerning the Nazi era, he came upon the story of the town of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon in southern France, where the Protestant community hid and saved thousands of Jewish children and adults from the Nazi extermination camps. The story of these people fascinated Philip, especially in light of his interest in the study of good and evil. He wanted to know how and why the leaders and members of this village took the risks of being imprisoned and shot to protect those refugees. He wrote one of his books on the story of Le Chambon. It is called "Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed," by Philip Hallie, a beautiful and moving story.

"The people of Le Chambon did not know that there was anything to study or think about. They knew what was right and they acted."



The tale of Le Chambon has fascinating twists. Philip wanted to know why the people of this village, led by their pastor, decided to help those endangered children. They said that they never thought about it. It was the right thing to do and they did it. When a refugee child or adult knocked on their door, they said, "Come in, of course." That was all the answer he ever got. He has spent many years studying and thinking about good and evil, wanting to know as much as possible about the choices that human beings make. The people of Le Chambon did not know that there was anything to study or think about. They knew what was right and they acted.

Philip travels around quite a bit these days retelling the story of the people of Le Chambon, talking about and illustrating what he has found out about good and evil in this world. I'm going to send him a copy of the January issue of the *Journal*. It is right up his line. We should not run out of conversation for a long, long time.

All right, now for a quick quiz. What was this article about—1), 2), 3), 4), none of the above, or all of the above? □

RE-VISION

The Real Stuff

by Frank Morris

Historians of every age mourn the loss of morality. Still, in our time there is genuine cause for alarm. The past 25 years in America witnessed a switch from the simple generalization that all children are sinful to the opposite generalization that all parents are sinful. Dinner at a fast-fat-food restaurant replaces sitting down together for a home-cooked meal, a time when, for many of us, values were incorporated along with food. Old myths are rapidly dying. The electronic revolution creates feeling zombies who seem unaware of the difference between someone shot on a TV screen and someone shot in real life. Tragedy is NEWS.

Is this more "Ain't It Awful"? I don't think so. I think there is an actual moral decline. Bill Bennett's *The Book of Virtues* is one of the responses. The book contains terrific stories, and I enjoyed reading it. But I kept sensing that something was missing. I later realized the problem. Bennett missed the whole point of morality. His ten chapter headings have to do with the style of doing things—self-discipline, compassion, courage, honesty—than the essence of being. Although morality needs those ten virtues, they are not the real stuff of ethical education, but the faithful servants of something deeper.

True morality reveals entire lives wedded to some combination of five ideals: Beauty, Truth, Justice, Goodness, and Love. (The mnemonic device for morality is BTJGL, pronounced "Beetle.") All five are driven by an inner dream, a passion. True ideals or values are profound. Virtues are only valuable when they serve the five ideals. For example, self-discipline can be obsessive-compulsive narcissism if someone saves money only to buy junk. In contrast, self-discipline can also mean a daily 18-hour commitment to becoming a landscape painter intent on introducing beauty into the lives of others.

If we fail to understand that the obsessive animal we call "human" thrives on a mission dedicated to a major ideal, we actually fail the younger generation. The worthwhile life is a body and soul married to one of the five major ideals. To verify this, go to funerals and listen to eulogies, the last great stronghold of story telling. As with all great stories, the really good ones talk of a life devoted to ideals and shaped by virtue:

She was an absolute artist with her garden. (Beauty)
He was committed to research. (Truth)
She was indomitable in her fight for equality. (Justice)
He made sure his success was used to benefit others. (Goodness)
He made you feel good about yourself. (Love) □

Exciting Additions to the Aruba Conference

by Marilyn Marx

The ITAA Conference Committee is pleased to announce several notable additions to the outstanding program for Aruba:

* **Taibi Kahler**, TSTA, Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award winner, from Little Rock, Arkansas, will present, "From Miniscript to Process Communication."

* **Jack Dusay**, TSTA, ITAA Past-President, and Eric Berne Memorial Scientific Award winner from San Francisco, California, will present a two-hour workshop on "Recent Advances in Couples Therapy" and will join the "Interpersonal Relationships" panel.

* **Julie Hay**, TSTA, ITAA Past-President, from London England, will participate in the "New Paradigms" panel.

* **Luis Manuel Belmonte**, ALAT member, from Caracas, Venezuela, will join the "Social Issues" roundtable.

Aruba keynote speaker, CTA Harville Hendrix, was featured in an article entitled, "Reinventing Marriage," in the June issue of *Elle*. Author Walter Kirn offers this summary of Hendrix's work:

The basic theory of Imago Relationship Therapy is that people choose mates who share their parents' emotional deficiencies. Men who had cold, distant mothers (or fathers) choose frosty women. Women with fathers (or mothers) who ignored them marry men who live behind a newspaper. 'The unconscious purpose of marriage,' Hendrix writes, 'is to help each other finish childhood.' In practice, this means providing your partner with whatever he didn't get as a kid—hugs, privacy, an adequate weekly allowance. The rub, of course, is that the trait he chose you for—your haughty withdrawnness, say—is precisely the one you'll need to overcome. Hendrix asks couples to change for each other, to be each other's live-in, lifelong therapists. It's an unorthodox approach. Instead of fighting co-dependency, go with it all the way. (p. 118)

If you have not yet made plans to attend the 24-30 October 1994 Aruba conference, we urge you to do so. In addition to the stimulating professional program, Aruba in October will be entrancing. To register, see the January-February *Script* or contact the ITAA office. □



Taibi Kahler



Jack Dusay



Julie Hay

Luis Manuel Belmonte (no photo available)

POETS' CORNER

by Marion Arenas

THAT YEAR HE PAINTED HIS HOUSE GREY

by Grace Herman

His wife raps at my window
on a chill November morning
I find him on the bedroom floor
saliva bubbling at one corner of his mouth

—a chain-smoker
he had his first attack in March
and the whole hot humid August
she tried to trick him down
with cold beer and the day's news
He sagged, leaned against the ladder
but would not come down—

bending over him now
I tilt his head, breathe for him Men
come with oxygen, they try We fail
His son hangs over the crib rail, reaching
His daughter stands in the doorway
His wife sits on their bed

The radiators hiss
Slowly I walk down the stairs
cross the warming living room
and step out into the cold day
And there, standing in the leaves,
he falls all about me

THE CLINIC

by Grace Herman

for Sharon Washington

She tells us she felt
the lump three days ago.
Here it is,
visible, in her left breast.
Here she is,
pale slender, thirty.

We feel it, in turn, think
and say, probably a cyst.
She smiles. But, we say,
you should see someone,
give her a name. She goes.

It's not simple. We know
when no attempt is made
to aspirate, the x-
ray suspicious.

Where to go, what to do.
We talk: two doctors,
the patient, her mother.

And soon, not much later, it
runs ahead and takes her with it.

"That Year He Painted His House Grey" and "The Clinic" from *Set Against Darkness* by Grace Herman, published by the Jewish Women's Resource Center, A Project of National Council of Jewish Woman, 9 East 69th St., New York, NY 10021 USA; (1992) US$9.00 ppd.

When the Doctor Can't Help

Grace Herman, a retired physician, tells me that these two poems relate true and unforgettable case histories. In TA terms, most doctors are in Adult and Nurturing Parent when they meet with their patients, who are in Adapted or Compliant Child; and doctors grieve, the way everyone grieves, in all their ego states, for patients they cannot save.

Grace began writing poetry in her late thirties, six months after entering psychoanalysis, when, as she recalls, "I vomited out fifty poems in a few weeks." She gave them to a friend, the editor of a prominent national magazine, who sent them on for evaluation to a well-known poet, who told her, "These poems are pretty awful!" He softened this statement by underlining a few lines here and there, saying that they showed promise, and if she wanted to write poetry she should join a workshop to learn the craft. Accordingly, she found such a group at The New School for Social Research in New York City, where she studied with an excellent poet/teacher for several years. Since then she has been widely published in literary journals and has a book of poems to her credit.

"Doctors grieve the way everyone grieves, in all their ego states, for patients they cannot save."



Grace Herman practiced internal medicine for almost forty years, the last half with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in their employee health program. She has two grown daughters, one a physician and the other an insurance executive. Last year she married a second time. Her husband is long-time friend and retired orthodontist, Marvin Bregman. □

OPEN MIKE

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Treating TA as a "profession" is not productive of anything but mystery.

Bob McWilliams and Keiko Doi, Hiroshima, Japan



What Do You Say After You Say "Retired"?

Dear Eric:

I have addressed this to you because yours is the only name on the correspondence I received from the ITAA. And I just hate to write to a place, not a person.

Your message to me was, "We are still waiting to hear from you." Let me speak to that.

It was along about 1972 that I joined the TA organization by paying my dues and starting to use TA in my therapy sessions. That started a practice that I continued until last year when I retired. Throughout those 20 years or so, *thousands* of people in my practice were introduced to TA and its healing philosophy. At first it was family and marriage problems. Then I branched out to systemic family process, still using TA as the main focus. One of our graduate interns in family therapy named what we did "systemic TA."

By this time I had taken on a partner, and soon a whole staff of graduate-level therapists, all of whom learned TA. We then made the great leap into the treatment of families with incest and then to families with child sexual abuse in general. From there we entered the world of incorrigible children and their families.

You see, Eric, I didn't travel all over the world having fun. I didn't write in the *Journal*. I didn't write a book. I just did therapy year after year after year, and then I retired. Oh, I did get a ten-year pin some time ago.

When I was about to retire, I called your office and asked, "What do you do for retired members of the ITAA?" To which I received the reply, "We drop you down a notch in your membership category and take away your voting privilege." (I have been an RM all these years.)

Well, Eric, that's what I have to say. It must be time for lots of people to reach the point where they are ready to lay the mantle on others and sit down for a while with something a little more than a notch down in membership and the loss of their vote.

William Alexander, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA □

POETRY WANTED

The Script Poets' Corner welcomes your poetry in English. If you write in another language, please include an English translation. Should your poem be selected for publication, both versions will be printed. Poems must be submitted by their authors, not by a third party. The poet does not have to be an ITAA member. Send your submissions to Marion Arenas, 694 Birchwood Dr., Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481-1007, USA.

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TA 102: Advanced TA Theory—23 & 24 March 1995

Call for Proposals

Proposals are invited for presentation slots of 1½-hour and 3-hour workshops as well as for 50-minute papers. The deadline for proposals is 1 November 1994. Please provide the following information: 1) title of program; 2) name(s), degree(s), and TA certification level or professional licensure/qualification of presenter(s); 3) a 20-word personal description for each presenter; 4) an abstract of up to 100 words describing the presentation; and 5) an outline of up to two pages describing what will happen during the presentation. A recent passport-size photograph is also required.

Submit proposals by 1 November 1994 to Ms. Jessica Leong, President, TA Association of Singapore, 38 A, Jalan Mat Jambol, #01-09 Islandview Condominium, Singapore 0511; phone: 65-4713277; fax: 65-4740872.



Long-Time Members Honored

Congratulations to the following members on their many years with the ITAA:

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EXAM SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following individuals, who passed their exams in Tokyo, Japan, 26-17 May 1994:

CTA

Koichi Ishizaki (Clinical)
Naoko Kidokoro (Clinical)
Akira Murase (Clinical)
Kazuko Noma (Clinical)
Chie Shigeta (Clinical)
Rishun Shinzato (Clinical)
Kenji Suganuma (Clinical)
Yoshiko Suzuki (Clinical)
Noriko Takahashi (Clinical)

TSTA

Peg Blackstone (Clinical)
Michiko Fukazawa (Clinical)
Yoshitaka Moronaga (Organizational)
Kozo Rokkaku (Clinical)

Thanks to Examiners

The Board of Certification thanks the following members for giving of their time and expertise to examine in Tokyo, Japan, 26-27 May 1994:

Peg Blackstone
Charlotte Daellenbach
Mary Goulding
Jan Hennig
Gordon Hewitt
Vann Joines
Robin Maslen
Exam Supervisor: Robin Maslen
Exam Coordinator: Michiko Fukazawa

□

ITAA Balance Sheet—1993 and 1992

	1993	1992
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	201,424	170,897
Accounts Receivable	3,324	10,333
Inventory/Membership	8,251	9,764
Prepaid Expenses	12,707	21,293
Current Assets	225,706	212,287
OTHER ASSETS		
Fixed Assets	10,970	17,011
Scholarship Fund	171,810	173,140
Building Fund	272,850	276,994
Eric Berne Fund	108,054	104,012
Other Assets	563,684	571,157
Total Assets	**789,390**	**783,444**
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Liabilities & Fund Balances	61,903	63,951
Accrued Liabilities	2,930	2,664
Current Liabilities	64,833	66,615
FUND LIABILITIES		
Building Fund	272,850	276,994
Eric Berne Fund	108,054	104,012
Scholarship Fund	171,810	173,140
Fund Liabilities	552,714	554,146
DEFERRED INCOME	85,691	75,806
FUND BALANCE	86,152	86,877
TOTAL LIABILITIES	789,390	783,444



We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of the International Transactional Analysis Association, Inc., as of December 31, 1993 , and the related statements of revenue and expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the International Transactional Analysis Association, Inc. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of International Transactional Analysis Association, Inc. as of December 31, 1992 were audited by other auditors, whose report dated March 9, 1993, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to here present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the International Transactional Analysis Association, Inc. as of December 31, 1993, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Jensen, Lardie & Wood

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Revenue	Operating	Scholarship Loan Fund	Eric Berne Fund for the Future	Building Fund	Total 1993	Total 1992
Membership	$149,862	$	$	$	$149,862	$124,138
Conferences	14,500				14,500	34,189
Affiliations	107,963				107,963	104,360
Rent	64,689				64,689	63,501
Contributions	916	734	1,293		2,943	4,565
Interest	3,667	8,277	11,380		23,324	19,266
Sundry	22,123				22,123	36,302
	363,720	9,011	12,673		385,404	386,121
Expenses						
Salaries and outside personnel	132,386				132,386	134,896
Payroll costs and benefits	23,232				23,232	21,322
Occupancy	75,919				75,919	67,564
Printing	48,549				48,549	49,954
Office	39,673				39,673	46,318
Meetings	11,361				11,361	39,659
General	37,469	10,341	12,520		60,330	36,993
	368,589	10,341	12,520		391,450	396,706
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expense	(4,869)	(1,330)	153		(2,046)	$(10,585)
Other changes in fund balance:						
Reclassification of 1992 expense to 1993			2,000		2,000	
Transfer of depreciation	4,144			(4,144)		
Fund balance, December 31, 1992	86,877	173,140	101,072	116,994	478,083	
Fund balance, December 31, 1993	$ 86,152	$ 171,810	$ 103,225	$ 112,850	$ 474,037	

EXAM CALENDAR

Exam	Exam Adm.	Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
CTA Oral	COC	July 10, 1994	Maastricht, Netherlands	April 1, 1994
	BOC	Oct. 26, 1994	Aruba (Caribbean)	July 26, 1994
	COC	Nov. 17, 1994*	Wellington, New Zealand	Aug. 16, 1994
	COC	Nov. 19, 1994	Berlin, Germany	Aug. 1, 1994
	BOC	Jan 13, 1995	Bangalore, India	Oct. 13, 1994
	COC	Mar. 19, 1995	Namur, Belgium	Dec. 1, 1994
	BOC	Mar. 24, 1995*	Singapore	Dec. 24, 1994
	BOC	Aug. 9, 1995	San Francisco, USA	June 9, 1995
	COC	Nov. 1995	Germany	Aug. 1995
TSTA Oral	COC	July 10, 1994	Maastricht, Netherlands	April 1, 1994
	BOC	Oct. 26, 1994	Aruba (Caribbean)	July 26, 1994
	COC	Nov. 17, 1994*	Wellington, New Zealand	Aug. 16, 1994
	COC	Mar. 19, 1995	Namur, Belgium	Dec. 1, 1994
	BOC	Mar. 24, 1995*	Singapore	Dec. 24, 1994
	BOC	Aug. 9, 1995	San Francisco, USA	June 9, 1995
CTA Written (Proctored)	N. Amer.	Nov. 11-12, 1994	Your choice	Aug. 11, 1994
CTA Written (Essay)	All Regions (Non-Europe)	Your choice	To be submitted for reading through the ITAA office	Your choice
Training Endorsement Workshops		July 15-17, 1994	Maastricht, Netherlands	March 15, 1994
		Oct.31-Nov.2,'94	Aruba (Caribbean)	June 30, 1994
		Nov. 21-23, 1994	Wellington, New Zealand	July 21, 1994
		Mr. 28,30, 1995	Singapore	Nov. 28, 1994
		Aug. 14-16, 1995	San Francisco, USA	May 14, 1995

*subject to availability of examiners

To make arrangements to take a BOC exam, contact the T&C Council, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123, USA. **To arrange to take a COC exam,** contact your EATA Language Coordinator. Check with the EATA office or the EATA Newsletter for the name of the appropriate Language Group Coordinator. **Training Endorsement Workshop fee:** $395 payable in US dollars to T&C Council, c/o the T & C Council office, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123-5009, USA.

TA 101 CALENDAR

July 23-24, 1994: London, England. Cost: £80. Leader: Charlotte Sills, TSTA, or Barbara Traynor, PTSTA. Contact: metanoia, 13 North Common Rd., Ealing, London W5 2QB, England; phone: 081-579-2505.

August 1-2, 1994: Crowborough, England. Cost: £82.25. Leader: Joanna Beazley Richards, PTSTA. Contact: J. Beazley Richards, 2 Quarry View, Whitehill Rd., Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 1JT, England; phone: 0892 655195; phone: 0892 655195.

September 17-18, 1994: London, England. Cost: £80. Leader: Charlotte Sills, TSTA, or Barbara Traynor, PTSTA. Contact: Metanoia, 13 North Common Rd., Ealing, London W5 2QB, England; phone: 081-579-2505.

September 24-25, 1994: Edmonds, Washington, USA. Cost: $90. Leader: Peg Blackstone, PTSTA. Contact: Peg Blackstone, PO Box 406, Kingston, WA 98346, USA; phone: 206-775-1377; fax: 206-297-4582.

October 23-24, 1994: Aruba. Cost: $75. Leader: Gloria Noriega, TSTA. Contact: ITAA, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123-5009; phone: 415-885-5992.

November 19-20, 1994: Cleveland, England. Cost: £90. Leader: Christine Lister-Ford, TSTA, or Jennie McNamara, PTSTA. Contact: Stockton Psychotherapy Training Institute, 77 Acklam Rd., Thornaby-On-Tees, Cleveland TS17 7BD, England; phone: 0642 611292. □

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Telephone: 0602 486622 Fax: 0602 486615

* Subject to validation

Keeping In Touch

Region I—Asia, Africa, The Pacific

The 22nd Annual ICTA Annual Conference is planned for the third week of January 1995 in Bangalore, India. The theme is "Transformed People Creating Transforming Systems." To submit a proposal and/or for more details, contact Carlos Welch, Convenor, ICTA International Conference, 17/28 R.V. Layout, Kumara Park West, Bangalore 560 020; phone: 368877; 366772.

The Western Pacific Association of Transactional Analysis (WPATA) will be holding its Annual General Meeting on 20 July 1994 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Loftus Community Centre, Leederville, Australia. All WPATA members are invited to attend.

Region II—Canada

The British Columbia TA Association (BCTAA) now has a library of books and resources on TA and other topics of interest located at Touchstone Centre in Maple Ridge. Access to the library, a benefit of BCTAA membership, can be arranged by calling Janice Dowson at 463-9879. (Excerpted from the *BCTAA Newsletter*, March 1994.)

Region III—Europe

Adrienne Lee, TSTA, indicates that there is exciting news coming out of England about efforts to gain professional and academic recognition for TA training. At Nottingham Trent University in England, students may soon be able to receive a formal masters degree in transactional analysis. According to Lee, who developed the program, "It will include a module on psychotherapy research and methodology, as well as a dissertation to assess this." The program, which Lee hopes will receive validation (approval) soon, will also offer certification in TA and a postgraduate diploma in TA.

EATA President Mary Cox describes the program as "a major contribution to the training schemes currently available to professionals wishing to qualify in the study and application of TA in terms of a recognized and formal standard. The format will be highly congruent with the training philosophy of EATA, combining a high level of academic study and skills acquisition at a postgraduate level with a flexible and participative program style."

For more information about the program, contact Adrienne Lee, Head, International Education, Nottingham Trent University, Clifton Lane, UK NG 11 8NS Nottingham, England. Fax: 44-602-486615. (See also the advertisement on page 7, this issue).

German TSTA/PTSTA Meeting—The German Training and Standards Committee invites TSTAs and PTSTAs to their annual meeting, 17-20 November 1994 in Berlin. The location is: Morgenländische Frauenmission, Finkensteinallee 23-27, D 12205 Berlin-Lichterfelde, Germany; phone: 030-8337031. For registration, contact: DGTA, Frau Eisenbach, Tannenbergstr. 29, D 90411 Nürnberg, Germany; phone: 0911-9952910. The meeting will be in German with English translation. Deadline for registration: 1 July 1994.

The 9th TA Conference of German-Speaking Associations in Pedagogics and Adult Education will be held 28-30 October 1994 in Zurich, Switzerland. For program and registration information, contact: Lotti Rüegg, Haus Lusl, CH-7276, Frauenkirch, Switzerland; phone/fax: 0041.81.43 58 32.

TA CONFERENCES WORLDWIDE

July 10-14, 1994: Maastricht, The Netherlands. EATA Conference. Contact: Mrs. Yvonne van Praag, PO Box 1197, NL-3800 BD, Amersfoort, The Netherlands. Phone: 31-33-721764; fax: 31-33-759129.

August 10-14, 1994: Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. USATAA Conference. Contact: USATAA Conference, 121 Cardenas NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108, USA; phone: 505-255-1551; fax: 505-255-4503.

August 13-17, 1994: Calgary, Canada. Canadian TA Association (CATA) Conference. Contact: Dr. Jim Bews, 1603 20th Ave., NW, Calgary T2M 1G9; phone 403-282-4044.

October 24-30, 1994: Aruba. ITAA Conference. Contact: ITAA, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123-5009, USA; phone: (415) 885-5992; fax: 415-885-5998.

November 17-20, 1994: New Zealand. Australasian TA Conference. Contact: Geraldine Lakeland, 2 Trilids Lane, Churton Park, Johnsonville, Wellington, New Zealand; phone: 04 4783-258; fax: 04 5784-258.

January 14-18, 1995: Bangalore, India. 22nd Annual ICTA Conference. Contact: Carlos Welch, UTC Quarters, 97 Nandidurg Rd., Bangalore 560046, India.

March 24-27, 1995: Singapore. ITAA Designated Conference. Contact: Jessica Leong, 38A Jalan Mat Jamlol #01-09, Island View, Singapore 0511; fax: 65-77-21960.

April 19-23, 1995: Bushkill, Pennsylvania, USA. Eastern Region TA Association Conference. Contact: Fred Clark, Registrar, 261 Spring St., Cheshire, CT 06410, USA.

August 9-13, 1995: San Francisco. First Major International TA Conference (and 35th Annual ITAA Conference). Contact: ITAA, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123-5009; phone: (415) 885-5992; fax: 415-885-5998.

Region V—United States

Gail Lerner-Connaghan, RN, CS, MS, CTA, writes that she presented a paper entitled, "Group Psychotherapy—A Potent Adjunctive Treatment Modality for Dissociative Disorders," on 7 May 1994 in Vancouver, Canada, at the Fourth Annual International Spring Conference of the International Society for the Study of Multiple Personality and Dissociation. Co-authors of the paper were Cheryl Lewis, LSCSW, and Betsy Faubion, OTR, MA.

Kay C. Jacobson, Past-President of the Utah TA Association, was selected School Psychologist of the Year by the Utah Association of School Psychologists. She has been a school psychologist for Provo School District for 26 years. One of her colleague's nomination letters stated, "Kay has demonstrated critical leadership, bold vision and dedicated service in creating programs for families." Congratulations, Kay! (Excerpted from the *USATAA-Net*, Spring-Summer 1994.)

IN RESPONSE

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average about 10 transports per 12-hour shift. You can imagine the calls in a major urban center.

Your comments were also useful to me as I deal with the sporadic and slow advance of my multiple sclerosis. Perhaps I can be kinder to myself when I am over-committed because of stress blank out.

Jonathon Wagner, St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Best Issue Ever

Dear Editor Hamilton:

As a reader of *The Script* since its inception, I hearby declare that Volume XXIV, No. 3, April 1994, was the best issue to date. Onward and upward.

Frank Morris, Arlington Heights, Illinois, USA

Present Your New Ideas at San Francisco MITAC

by Gaylon Palmer, Conference Coordinator

Transactional analysis as a system of psychotherapy developed by Eric Berne embraces a diversity of thoughts, feelings, and actions. Berne did not tell us what to think and feel; rather, he gave us a framework with which to identify our uniqueness (our Adult) and to guide us in making informed choices about our lives. As a result of his permission, transactional analysts think about how people get well. Since Berne's death in 1970, many important theoretical developments and innovative applications have furthered his original ideas, his blueprint, if you will. Some of these also relate to current treatment controversies, such as those surrounding "retrieved memories."

The August 1995 Major International TA Conference (MITAC) is an opportunity for other people within the TA community to hear, see, and feel the excitement of your new ideas. Our theme, "Old Wine from New Roots," includes information for both beginning practitioners and those developing advanced theory as applied to problems people face everyday. Everyone who has an idea is encouraged to submit a proposal. Although we may group several ideas on panels or in roundtable discussions, we will make every effort to include your presentation in the format you request.

Note: The language of the 1995 MITAC will be predominantly English, although some presenters plan to speak in Spanish or Japanese.



Looking for a Few Good Men and Woman

A conference is composed of people: people teaching, learning, and sharing their expertise. We cordially invite you to be part of the 9-13 August 1995 Major International TA Conference in San Francisco.

Proposals are now being accepted for two-hour and three-hour workshop slots and for 50-minute papers. Topics should relate to the conference theme, "New Wine from Old Roots." Proposals are being accepted in English, the primary language of the conference, as well as in Spanish and Japanese.

The deadline for submitting proposals is 1 October 1994. See the Call for Proposals in the May/June *Script* or contact the ITAA office for a copy—phone: 1-415-885-5992; fax 1-415-885-5998.