On July 19, 2011 Roger Weed Jr. and Peter Hildt, both COBS Instructors in the early 1960s, noticed a note posted near the sign, "Roger Weed Memorial Library" in the dining hall. They noted some errors in the note so Roger Weed Jr. wrote information about his father to be posted.

Included in the note posted in the Dining Hall was the following: "The Instructor who was killed was most likely the man in the Maroon Bells. He's buried in the Marble Cemetery. Name of Lou."

Since Lew Covert was a close friend of mine at COBS, I submit the following for clarification:

Lewis B. Covert started as an Assistant Instructor at the Colorado Outward Bound School in Marble in June 1965. On July 27th Lew was assisting Instructor George Sieffert in guiding a group of COBS students up South Maroon Peak when he was struck in the head by a rock from above. The injury was instantly fatal. At the time, helmets were not considered standard equipment for mountaineering.

During their time at COBS Lew and his wife Martha lived in one of the cabins at Beaver Lake Lodge in Marble with their Saint Bernard dog. Upon Lew's sudden death, Martha requested that Lew be buried in the Marble Cemetery and selected the passage included on his gravestone. Joe Nold, Director of COBS, led the funeral ceremony attended by the COBS staff and some residents of Marble. The white marble headstone is engraved:

Lewis B. Covert
Killed on South Maroon Peak
July 27, 1965
Age 28

Life is hard; be a rock
Life is a soft loam; be gentle

Buried in the Marble Cemetery next to Lew Covert is another COBS staff member, John Amesse, who worked as a medical advisor. At the time, John was completing his medical internship at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He was killed in a climbing accident on the Flatirons near Boulder. At the time he was not working for COBS but his family requested burial in the Marble Cemetery to honor John's dedication to the ideals of Outward Bound and his love of the Crystal River Valley.

-Submitted by Peter Hildt, COBS Instructor 1962-66