Addressing the Issues

by David Epstein

The Telluride Association Convention of a year ago seemed less troubled than many of its recent predecessors. We calmly planned to seek a successor to our Executive Secretary, decided to computerize our administration, hoped to cleverly squeeze deliberations were greatly eased by a generous bequest from F.S. Rust which permitted us to invest in what we hope will be cost-reducing equipment while making no initial outlay from our more usual income. The tranquil conclusion of the 1980 Convention may also have owed something to the soothing effects of the windfall oil profits harvested by our Custodians, and the numbing exhaustion induced by bouts of early morning debate.

The 1981 Convention—which convenes at Cornell Branch at 10:00 a.m. on June 11th—is likely to return to the theme of fiscal stringency with renewed immediacy. While preliminary reports suggest that both the Custodians and the Telluride Development Council have performed impressively, we are unlikely to be able to rest again on the cushion which allowed last year’s Convention to (barely) “balance” the budget while preserving programs and buying a minicomputer. Johns Hopkins University’s decision to discontinue support of a TASP means we must persuade them to reconsider or find other sponsors for TASP or spend more of our own money or have fewer TASPs than we have become accustomed to.

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Convention will need to address a number of issues related to the future of our Summer Programs. A steady decline in the numbers of applications we receive (from 1136 in 1976 to 627 in 1981) suggests that our programs are for some reason less immediately appealing to high school juniors than they once were; this may have implications for our selection of topics and locations, our sales pitch, or our decisions about how many programs to have. The perpetuation of Cornell TASPs has been made possible by a five-year partial cost-sharing arrangement with Cornell University which will need to be renewed in 1983-84. In the wake of Hopkins’ decision not to hold a 1981 TASP, the Summer Program Board and the Central Advisory Committee elected to try for the first time to fit 28 Cornell TASPs in two programs into Telluride House, rather than rent a fraternity house. Convention will be deciding whether to repeat this arrangement before experimental evidence becomes available. Convention must also consider the possibility and cost of future Deep Springs Summer Sessions and non-Cornell TASPs.

Assuming successful conclusions of the work of the Electronic Office Reorganization Committee chaired by Martynas Ycas, and the Executive Secretary Succession Committee chaired by William Galston, Convention will face some important questions. How can we use our new equipment to realize savings in administrative costs? How should we allocate tasks among our office personnel? The transition to a new Executive Secretary, whenever it comes, is likely to demand more of the Association itself. Our custom of thinking of Bea MacLeod as the Association’s institutional memory will have to give way to more self-reliance, with the selves in question being the members of the Association. Our own procedures and failings will begin to shape our new Executive Secretary’s institutional memory; for this and other reasons I hope Convention will be well-attended by those with long Telluride experience, long Telluride futures, or both. This should include just about everyone.

Finally, our Conventions, like many Association activities, are both instruments for the accomplishment of our ends and in themselves contributions to those ends. In the sequence of our Telluride lives, Conventions are a brief and occasional reminder of a once more consuming activity. They are also the culmination of that activity in which our program of self-government takes its most comprehensive form and should, if we have been well educated by our earlier Telluride days, be executed with the greatest degree of skill. Convention’s dependence on timely preparation of financial records and of applications for scholarships and membership, and on eager alacrity in service on pre-Convention committees should not need to be stressed, but experience warns me to stress it here. In addition, without steering Convention too far toward the painful self-consciousness on which more than one House has foundered, I suggest that we give some thought to what procedures and what manner of individual participation are most conducive to making Convention itself as impressive a Telluride program as we try to make our others.

Alumni Reunion at Deep Springs
September 5-7, 1981
See page 6 for details.
ADSTA Advisers—ADSTA President Lindsey Grant reports: More than 130 volunteers have responded to the ADSTA Advisers questionnaire. I have placed the file with the student bodies at Cornell Branch and Deep Springs. If it is used, this can be a valuable service to Deep Springers and Telluriders as they start planning their careers. I started with good intentions to thank each volunteer personally, but I quailed at the thought of so many letters. Let this be my note of thanks to you—and let us hope that something new and useful has been inaugurated.

LA Area Dinner—Bruce Laverty, LA Area Coordinator, writes: A dozen Southern California ADSTA members met for dinner at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on January 16th. They joined with Deep Springs Director, Chris Breiseth, to get acquainted and to discuss current issues and activities at Deep Springs. Among items of note, Breiseth reported the results of an energy audit at Deep Springs. It will serve as a basis for identifying viable conservation measures and renewable energy resource projects to reduce the annual cost of energy at DS. At present, the annual energy costs for gasoline, fuel oil, and electricity are about equal to the income from the endowment.

Gordon Davidson, CB51 TA53, attended, departing early to tend to a newly opened production at the Mark Taper Forum. Kurt and Alice Bergel said they would soon be filling faculty positions at Deep Springs. Sue and Ken Schechter, parents of a present Deep Springer, George (Rob) Schechter, DS80, attended. Senior Deep Springer present was Carl Allen, DS29 CB32 TA32, followed by Bonham Campbell, DS31 CB34 TA35, and Lew Lawrence, DS37. Also present were Bruce Hamilton, DS71, CB74, and John Dellaverson, CB70, recently arrived from New York.

Rochester Area Dinner—Dick Loomis reports: Fourteen persons attended the Upstate New York ADSTA dinner on March 25th. Dean Christopher Breiseth was in town interviewing prospective Deep Springers for the student body and faculty. At the dinner he reported on recruitment, faculty, the state of the ranch, energy and equipment, contributions to the history of the Nunnian institutions, and funds. The group, which included several who were at DS in the ‘40’s, expressed pleasure in learning that Kurt and Alice Bergel were again exploring the liberal arts with Deep Springers. All present were impressed with Dean Breiseth’s command of his role, his devotion to TA and DS, his candor and good humor. Through such events as his visit, ADSTA continues to be a significant means of deepening the ties between TA, DS, and our alumni and friends.

Robert Harbison said that people at Telluride were “doing what I had always imagined the university existed to let people do, but had never seen except in the smallest numbers.” He enjoyed Housemembers’s conversation and suggested that perhaps their own standards of intensity were too high. “Dinners here aren’t like seminars, but who needs that?” he asked. “I don’t particularly want every night to be offering or listening to lectures at dinner.”
One of Mark Jason’s reasons for wanting to live in student housing was to help his student advising ability at Amherst College, where he teaches chemistry. “It’s difficult to maintain an idea of the way in which undergraduates in a non-science tradition go about getting from freshmen to the real world,” he explained. Jason sat in on Housemeetings and even on Purpose and Plan. “For you, it’s probably not nearly so much fun as it is for me, perhaps because I haven’t the stake in it,” he said. He pointed out that Branchmembers consistently expressed a belief in community at Purpose and Plan, and he believed that our day-to-day behavior confirmed this emphasis.

Bob Harbison and Mark Jason come from complementary backgrounds on which Housemembers could draw. Harbison, who earned his PhD at Cornell in English Literature, went to England ten years ago with the intent of traveling for a year and seeing the usual sights of cultural interest. He made an unusual discovery: “Somehow it is possible to work one day a week and have the rest of your time to use as you want.” He has since remained in England with his wife Esther and her son Aaron. Without independent wealth or a “normal” job, Harbison has survived very well. He has managed “partly by not needing much, and partly by managing to get little pieces of money here and there,” he said. He has written two books, Eccentric Spaces and Deliberate Regression and has taught and lectured without being anchored at any one institution. He has no sole discipline but studies the arts and humanities. “One of my main purposes,” he explained, “has been to violate those ideas of the sameness and difference of things that sets up these boundaries.”

Mark Jason, who earned his PhD at Yale in 1975 and did postdoctoral studies at Northwestern, has taught at Amherst College since 1977. He and his wife Janet have a two-year-old daughter Elisabeth. He was sure since high school that his main interest lay in science, and he narrowed it down to chemistry because “I took a challenging chemistry course before I took a challenging physics course.”

“I have a very strong interest, a need almost, of being in a lab,” Jason said, and he feels that his work in organic chemistry merges theory and practice.

When asked leadingly whether he considered his stay in the house another lab experience, he responded, “Well, there’s lots of theory—I think that practice is the underdeveloped art.”

One might suggest that the House and its faculty guests reacted favorably, not volatilily but with a little bubbling. All in all, there seems to be good chemistry in the House.

—Nancy Glazener and William Vollmann

Former Housemembers:

The House is going to have an attic cleanup in the fall. This entails removing and disposing of all things in the attic which do not belong to current Housemembers. If you have belongings in the attic, please come and move them or arrange to have them moved. Otherwise they will be given to some worthy cause.

Thank you,
Stefanie Weigmann
PropCom

May, 1981
"Who We Were — The 1950-51 House" continues a series which features Telluride House and its residents over the years. We appreciate the information contributed by past House members and Executive Secretary Bea MacLeod.

In his report to Telluride's 40th birthday Convention, 1951, Chancellor Johnson wrote, "War, chaos, revolution and shattering change have touched all mankind since July 7, 1911, and we owe it to our trusteeship to determine whether the Association . . . can continue to serve a changing society, vastly different from that known in 1911 by Mr. Nunn and our Constitutional members."

Now thirty years later, the records of the men who lived at Cornell Branch during the 1950-51 academic year are impressive witness that they have fulfilled this "social stewardship," though in a diversity of ways. Such changes as have occurred largely reflect attempts "to serve a changing society," and the men pictured above had a great part in effecting these changes. Many were still members of the Association in 1962, voting on the application of Laura Wolfowitz, our first woman Association member. Most were involved in the development of the Summer Programs which have become one of the Association's most significant projects.

1951 was the first year at the Branch for Erik Pell, one of the originators of the TASP idea. Now Director of Research Planning at Xerox Corporation, Pell is also President of the Electro-Chemical Society, and he returns to Ithaca frequently as a member of the Cornell Council. His involvement with things Telluridian has been constant. In 1959 he taught a Deep Springs TASP. In 1980 he stepped down as second President of ADSTA, which he had helped found. His son Terence, a third year law student and member of the Association, was last fall's Branch president.

Pell is not the only member of 1950-51 Branch to have a child living at the House this year. Sabine von Falkenhausen, daughter of Bernhard von Falkenhausen, is spending a year as a special student at Cornell and the Branch before beginning medical school in Germany next year. Her father, a lawyer specializing in international business law, is a resident of Essen-Bredeney, West Germany. Business brings him frequently to this country, and membership on the Cornell Law Council requires regular trips to Ithaca. He has also served on the City Council of Essen and been supervisor of one of the city's hospitals.

The Public Eye

Two members of the 1950-51 Branch who have been much in the public eye, both in the area of international law and the United Nations, are Paul Szasz (not pictured) and William J. vanden Heuvel. With degrees in both physics and law, Szasz was uniquely qualified to serve in the International Atomic Energy Agency, which kept him in Vienna for several years and from which he moved to the World Bank. Now principal officer in the Office of Legal Counsel, UN Legal Affairs, Szasz and his wife Frances escape when they can to the bucolic life of their farm on the upper Hudson River. A long list of pub-
ard Patch, William vandenHuevel, Richard George, Don Claudy, arles Lem, David Werdegar, Roger Baldwin, Donald Reis, Donald Counsel at Exxon Corporation. Other lawyers are Joel Cogen, Curt Karplus, and Jack Sheinkman. Cogen, who has a son currently attending Cornell, has concentrated on urban affairs. Until 1976 a partner in an urban consulting firm in New Haven, he is now Executive Director and General Counsel of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and has held positions as a visiting professor at Yale and Columbia Law Schools. His extensive community activities include membership in the National League of Cities and the New Haven Federation of Musicians.

Curt Karplus recently wrote to tell us that he is now Assistant Director of the California Continuing Education of the Bar, a nonprofit organization which provides programs and publications for California's 73,000 practicing lawyers.

Jacob Sheinkman, a Cornell Trustee, holds the highly responsible (and visible) position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Amalgamated Textile and Clothing Workers union.

Robert Gatje was editor of the Newsletter in 1950-51. That same year he was awarded a Fulbright to study at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London. From this distinguished start, Gatje has gone on to become a senior member of Marcel Breuer Associates, of New York and The World. A Trustee of Deep Springs and a frequent visitor to Cornell Branch, Gatje's taste and expertise have generously contributed to the Branch in various episodes of redecoration. He has also designed houses for some of his Telluride friends, including John Mellor and Erik Pell. Gatje was ADSTA's first president.

Consistently active in Telluride affairs and known in both business and academic circles is Charles Christenson. Professor and Chairman of the Doctoral Program at Harvard Business School, Christenson is official Treasurer of Telluride Association and a valued consultant to the Board of Custodians. Both he and Gatje are past presidents of the Association.

Meredith "Flash" Gourdine accounts for the athletic prestige of the house of 1950-51; he won a silver medal in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. As president of the New Jersey-based Energy Innovations, Inc., Gourdine has done significant work in the development of electrogasdynamics. He has served on the Cornell Board of Trustees and was inducted into the Cornell Hall of Fame. The College of Engineering has established in his name a scholarship fund which benefits minority students of outstanding ability.

Other scientists in the House were Alan Galson and Michael Cohen. Alan Galson is Director of Galson Technical Services in Syracuse, a firm which provides industrial hygiene and other services to industry. Michael Cohen, House president in the fall of 1950, is now a professor of physics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Among those who went from Cornell to medical school are James Bostwick, winner of the Burr Award in 1951, who has a medical practice in California; Donald Reis, member of the faculty at Cornell Medical School, who participated in the 1974 Alumni Weekend discussion on the Biology of Mental Illness; and David Werdegar, member of the Faculty of Medicine, U.C. at San Francisco. Werdegar's particular interests have been preventive and family medicine. He pioneered the U.C. Home Care Program, which provides health care and rehabilitative services to the chronically ill.

Playing to Win

Roger Baldwin, while serving in the army, developed what he described as "a phenomenal interest in gambling", which led him to the joint authorship of the book Playing Blackjack to Win. Shortly after publication of the book, Roger was made a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, joined the Allstate Insurance Company, and disappeared from our sight. Information, anyone? Baldwin was one of the four seniors elected to Phi Beta Kappa that year, helping the Branch to maintain the highest undergraduate average of all university
The 1950-51 House continued from page 5 residences. The others were Helmut Bonheim, Donald Lam- mers, and Morton Weinstein. Bonheim went on to win a Fulbright to Austria, and now teaches at the University of Cologne. Lammers, House VP in 1951 and now sometime TASP interviewer, teaches history at Michigan State in Lansing.

The 1950-51 House also produced one anthropologist and one businessman. Richard Patch is a professor of anthropology at SUNY Buffalo, has done extensive fieldwork in Central and South America, and is on the National Academy of Sciences Latin American Science Board. Charles Lem, formerly of NY Life Insurance, is now with Hoff and Lem, Financial Planning and Consulting Services in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Lincoln Exchange Program began in 1951. Its first incumbent at Cornell Branch was Peter Parker, now with British Railways in London. A lively contributor to House life, Parker was a theatre buff, having spent a summer touring this country with the Oxford Players in a production of King Lear. Kamol Janleka, the first Telluride-Cornell joint fellowship recipient from Thailand, returned to his country as an agricultural economist, a field in which he is still active as teacher and consultant. He is expected to return to the U.S. this spring for a visit with a daughter, who lives in Connecticut.

That year Chancellor Johnson complained of the social ineptitude of many Housemembers and lamented their failure to take advantage of the “open opportunity for social and cultural leadership” offered by Delta Upsilon, the neighboring fraternity—an exhortation which would evoke both amusement and horror from most current Housemembers. An aspect of the social life which would further surprise many current Branchmembers was the six-month experiment prohibiting alcohol. Although the fall term was filled with frequent “social occasions,” as drinking expeditions were called, the prohibition was lifted on February 26th by a vote of 25-5-1. Article 4, Section 9 of the By-Laws was thus changed to read, “The Branch shall hold its members responsible for gentlemanly conduct at all times, and shall expect similar conduct of its guests.”

As for the as-yet unmentioned elements of the photo of the 1950-51 House, the Midjo paintings, the minutes of March 5, 1951 read, “It was agreed to return the Midjo paintings to the attic . . .” Over the last thirty years they have reemerged. They now decorate the library. They continue to elicit frequent outside enquiries about the artist and his work, and the 1980-81 minutes will show that they still spark discussion on the House floor.

—Amy Nestor

Deep Springs Reunion

Would you like to go to Deep Springs for a stimulating few days over Labor Day weekend? The Alumni of Deep Springs and Telluride Association (ADSTA), and the faculty and students at Deep Springs, are co-sponsoring this reunion for alumni of the Numidian institutions.

The purpose of the weekend is not only to renew ties with old friends and with Deep Springs, but also to join in looking at the opportunities facing Deep Springs in the time ahead. The highlight of the weekend will be a Symposium on International Affairs, featuring several TA and DS alumni who are in this field.

Recreation in and about Deep Springs Valley, both organized and unorganized, will also be a major attraction. Families are encouraged to come and participate.

A more detailed schedule of events for the reunion will be available following the meeting of the planning committee in May.

If you are interested in going to Deep Springs Labor Day weekend, 1981, please clip the form below and mail it to Dean Chris Breiseth, Deep Springs College, via Dyer, Nevada 89010.

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Name: ........................................
Address: ..................................................
Phone Number: ......................................

☐ Yes, I do plan to attend the ADSTA reunion at Deep Springs.
☐ I may be able to attend the reunion.
☐ My participation is doubtful, but keep me on the mailing list just the same.

TASP Alumni News

- Jonathan Rivo, SP64, and his wife Joanne report the birth of a daughter Bennett Jessica on October 28, 1980. Both he and his wife are assistant professors of psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.
- Carol Lee, SP71, writes that she is graduating from law school this June and will be clerking for Judge J. Skelly Wright of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit next year.
- Carl Kay, SP73, writes: “I am currently trying to work at my craft of hand book printing while trying to learn about and survive in the business world.” Carl presently runs Firefly Press at 26 Hingham Street, Cambridge, MA. His press specializes in publishing hand crafted books and translations. He also prints wedding announcements.
- Molly (Margaret) Miller, SP75, writes: “I graduated with distinction from Swarthmore College in June, 1980, in biology and have moved to Massachusetts. I spent last summer in Woods Hole teaching Science-is-Fun courses for children—fun for adults too. I started graduate school in September at MIT as an NSF fellow. I’m in a Ph.D. program in biological oceanography run by MIT and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. I would love to hear from Cremona ’75 TASPers.” Molly’s address: 3 Chauncy Street, #15, Cambridge, MA 02138.
- Nora Moore, SP77, married Bret Hess in Provo, Utah, on April 24th.

1981 TASP CHALLENGE COMMITTEE

David Balabon, SP72 CB73 TA75
Charles Bazerman, SP62 CB63
Thomas Christina, SP72 CB73 TA75
Eleanor Cranz, parent
Russell Donnelly, SP71 CB72 TA74
Stephen Fix, CB74 TA75
Willy Garten, parent
Jay Mann, SP74 CB75 TA77
Aviva Orenstein, SP76 CB77 TA79
Nathan Tarcov, SP63 CB64 TA65
News from Alumni and Friends

Sam Levering, CB27 TA29, and his wife Miriam were recently featured in the Friends Committee on National Legislation Newsletter for their extensive work in helping shape the Law of the Sea Treaty, which supporters hope will be signed this year.

Bertil Peterson, DS39 CB42 TA46, and his wife Jean travelled to Sweden, Norway, and Denmark in 1979 and Ireland in 1980. He is presently counsel to Sweden in Buffalo. He and his wife practice law and live in Hamburg, NY.

Richard Cornelison, DS43 CB44, started Condor Company three years ago to manufacture energy-saving instruments and equipment. The firm is best known for the "Chimingard" thermometer for wood stoves which Dick invented.

Samuel R. Pierce, Jr., CB47, a New York City lawyer and Cornell trustee, has become Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Reagan administration. Pierce, who graduated from the Cornell Law School, previously held government posts in the Eisenhower and Nixon administrations.

Gordon Davidson, CB51 TA53, is vice chairman with Austin Kiplinger, CB37 TA38, of the group leading the development of a new building for performing arts at Cornell.

Robert Fortune, CB52 TA54, writes: "As you may know, I worked side by side with Bill van den Heuvel, DS46 CB48 TA48, during most of my three years in Geneva as International Health Attache. We left for Alaska again in August, 1980. I am now doing full time clinical work in family practice at my old hospital, where I was hospital director for six years. This is something I had planned to do even before my excursion into diplomacy. In a way I have come full circle, since I am again making field trips to the native villages in the remote parts of Alaska."

"Nudes, Metanudes, and Real People," an exhibit of photographs by Arnold Henderson, SP55 CB56 TA58, was at the Rutgers Gallery in Utica, New York during the month of March.

Herbert Y. Meltzer, CB57 TA58, professor of psychiatry at the University of Chicago's medical school, received the Daniel Efron Award from the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology. It is given annually to someone under 45 for achievement in the field of neuropsychopharmacology. Herb is mainly working in the biology of schizophrenia and depression.

R. Peter Mogilnicki, SP57 CB58 TA59, and his wife Nancy write that they are enjoying rural life in West Lebanon, New Hampshire. Both are involved in practicing medicine and raising beef cattle. Daughter Katrina is now 3 years old, and a second child is expected in May.

Paul D. Wolfowitz, SP60 CB61 TA62, has been named Director of Policy Planning in the Reagan State Department. According to the New York Times, he played a central role in supporting the Reagan Administration's early verbal offensive against the Soviet Union and has rapidly become a key aide to Secretary Haig. Paul was a Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary in the Carter Administration and a specialist on strategic arms limitation talks at the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Nina Tolkoff Rubin, CB61, a nephrologist, is busy teaching at Harvard Medical School, doing clinical research, being medical director of the hemodialysis and transplant unit at Massachusetts General Hospital, and keeping up with her family.

Glen Kaufman, DS65, has accepted a position with Royal Sluis, a Dutch seed company. He will be based in Enkhuizen, Holland for two to four years before returning to the United States.

Born: Tristan Noel Swanson to Eric Swanson, DS65 BB68 TA69, and his wife Devon Hodges on December 18, 1980.

Grace Yarrow Mansfield

Grace Yarrow Mansfield, wife of Harvey Mansfield, DS21 TA23 CB25, died of a heart attack February 5, 1981. She would have been 74 the next day. She was the sister of C. H. "Mike" Yarrow, DS25 CB28 TA28, and the connecting link between two DS-TA families. Her family requests that gifts in her memory be made to Deep Springs College.

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May, 1981
Three Alumni Speak

Three Deep Springs alumni, Ralph Kleps, DS32 CB35 TA35, Bill Allen, DS42, and Mark Cannon, DS44, participated in the fourth Seminar on the Administration of Justice, sponsored by the Brookings Institution in Williamsburg, Virginia, March 6 through 8. Kleps, a counselor on law and court management in San Francisco after a career of service with each of the three branches of the California government, spoke on legislation allowing litigants and their lawyer to challenge without giving a reason to the federal judge assigned to a case and thus get another judge; California has had what Kleps described as unhappy experience with a comparable process. Allen, a Washington, D.C., lawyer, spoke on the impact of regulatory reform on the federal courts. Cannon, who is administrative assistant to Chief Justice Burger, summed up on the Chief Justice’s behalf at the close of the seminar. Cannon played a significant part in devising the idea of the Seminar and putting it into practice. Since 1978, Brookings has brought together members of the federal judiciary, including the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, and other high officials of the Department of Justice, and members of the judiciary committees of the House and Senate and their staffs for a weekend in Williamsburg each year to consider problems relating to the courts and the administration of justice.