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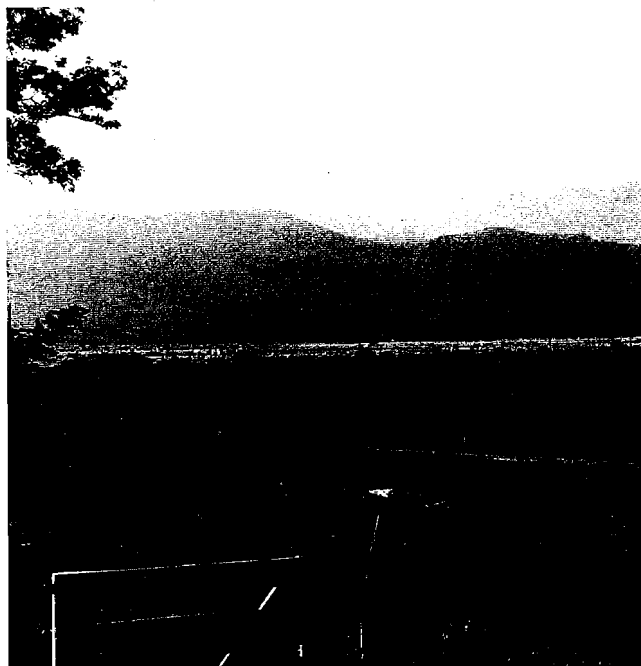
Our 1984 Convention will convene at Deep Springs on June 14th. Meeting at Deep Springs adds, of course, very considerably to the cost of convention, but successive generations of Telluriders have found that it offers a great many compensating benefits. A convention at Deep Springs is an occasion to extend and renew our ties with our sister institution. It is a reminder of our common institutional origins and of our shared educational philosophies. It is a chance to look beyond the organizational housekeeping that normally occupies so much of convention and reflect on our larger purposes.

This has turned out to be a particularly appropriate year for such a break from our usual preoccupations. A great many of the tasks and challenges of recent years will have been substantially resolved, while our strengthened finances—along with the possibility of significant outside funding—may allow us to start thinking about major new ventures for the first time in almost two decades.

For one thing, this will be the first convention in several years that can confine its discussion of our office "transition" to congratulatory retrospectives. Nan Stalnaker, who replaced Carol Locke as administrative director last November, has adapted to her new responsibilities with remarkable deftness and equally remarkable speed. By December she had essentially completed her own transition from gathering advice and explanation about her duties from Association officers to reminding those officers—ever so tactfully—about their own duties. I am sure she will be making her mark on the Association, in both administration and diplomacy, for many years to come. In the meantime, Peggy Walbridge, who served as full-time assistant from August 1982 (and rendered invaluable assistance as acting administrative director during the crucial weeks of transition last fall) has decided to leave the Association to resume her graduate studies in history. To replace her, Nan is hiring a secretarial assistant on a three-quarter time basis and a computer specialist on a one-quarter time basis, at approximately the same overall cost.

Not even the "electronic office transition" will require much discussion at this convention. The Xerox 820-II, which Carol Locke arranged to lease from Cornell last year, continues to serve our needs very well. Periodic visits from Paul Patterson (TA 73), an experienced hand at business programming, have helped to extend applications of the computer to routine office operations and Nan believes that, with a regular paid consultant for this work, we can expect to teach more and more old office tricks to our new electronic servant. As for the old dog, I am delighted to report that Nan managed to sell off our original, bug-ridden computer equipment for a substantial sum—providing a face-saving close to an overly long, embarrassing chapter.

Our ambitious efforts to renovate Telluride House will also afford more occasion for self-congratulation than protracted deliberation at this convention. More than half the amount pledged in our recent renovations campaign has now been collected and half of the projected work on the house completed. With the convention meeting on the West Coast, our con-



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tractors can work straight along from the close of Cornell's spring semester to the start of the TASP's, finishing renovations of the kitchen, the dining room and the Dutch. In the meantime, this convention will be spared the temptation of kibbitzing work in progress. We can leave it to the 1985 Convention to debate the esthetics of the overall result.

Without meaning to preempt CBE or abuse my status as an Ithaca area member, I think I can also report that this convention is likely to be spared extensive debates about blurbing, preferment standards and other too hardy perennials. The House does seem to be spoiling, however, for a debate about a few standards of personal conduct for Branchmembers that have not really been adequately discussed (it now appears) since the late 1960s. I will not preempt the "further horizons" committee, either, by speculating about proposals for new projects that have not yet entirely jelled. But I think we can lay groundwork at this convention for some very exciting new undertakings. Finally, in place of the usual maudlin resignation ceremonies, this convention has been promised the honor of conferring certificates of graduation on two of our most distinguished recent members—Mr. Robert Dawidoff (TA 68) and Mr. Nathan Tarcov (TA 68).

In sum, the 1984 Convention ought to convene in very good spirits, draw inspiration from its very romantic setting—and put on a very good show for its hosts at Deep Springs.

—*Jeremy Rabkin*, President

Telluride Association Convention

June 14-17, 1984

Deep Springs, California

On Reading TASPlifications 1984

Most of the index cards have been cleaned up from behind chairs and under books. The library has again become a sleepy room on the House periphery. TASPlifications Officer Boerger has now turned her attention to interviewing as the long, indeed, monumental task of reading and reviewing TASPlifications draws to a close.

The number of applications received remains at the high level (around 1100) reached each of the past two years. Applicants were enticed by a combination of a lively brochure, and a complement of timely and interesting TASP's. This year's programs share a particular "Nunnian" quality. None are exclusively academic: each seeks to view academic problems and issues (political theory, the novel, technology, and creativity) in the light of society and its problems.

Professors Harry Shaw of Cornell and Michael Harper of Scripps College will take up the question of whether novelists can really know the truth about society or represent it in their works. Through the novels of Eliot, Pynchon, Tolstoy, Mann, and the criticism of Lionel Trilling, the seminar will explore ways in which major novelists have imagined life in society, and the extent to which novels can shape our perception of social reality.

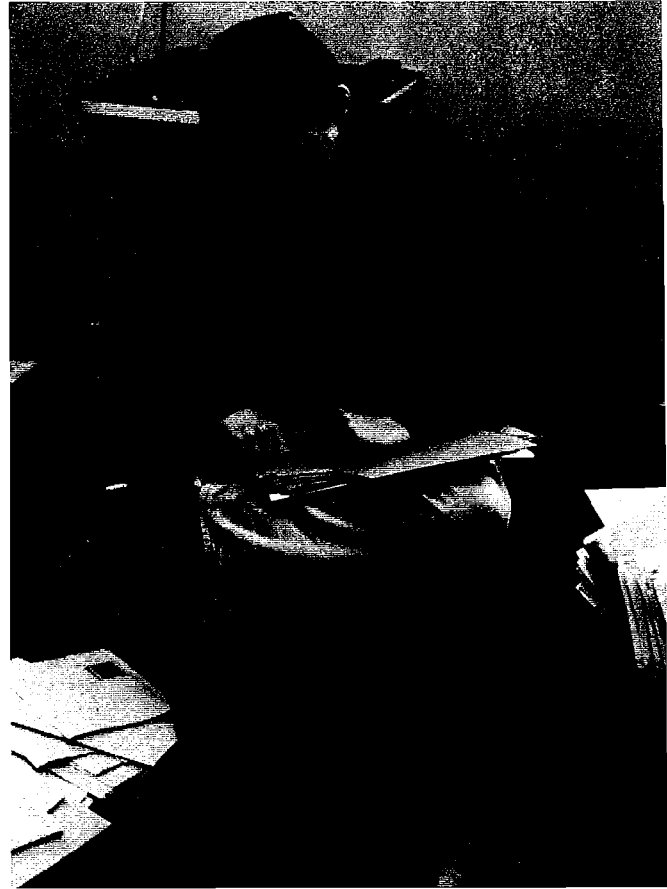
The Cornell II program will feature Cornell professors Pat Leeds and Werner Dannhauser (CBG71), and will discuss the tension between America's ideals and political reality. Readings will include Aristotle's *Politics*, *The Federalist Papers*, Calhoun's *Disquisition*, the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, and McConnell's *Private Power in American Democracy*.

Professors William Moomaw and Thomas Jorling of Williams College will lead the program there on "Technology, the Environment and Human Society" which will study the "intensifying debate about the moral, political, sociological and aesthetic consequences of (technology's) ability to alter our lives and world." Topics will include toxic waste, acid rain and recombinant DNA.

The Deep Springs program, a departure from the previous few years, will discuss the ways in which the symbolic codes of culture (language, religion, literature, fashion) both constrain and foster human creativity. It will be led by Elizabeth Coville and Van Dusenbury of University of Chicago, and Professors Smith of California State University, Fresno, and Newtown of Deep Springs.

Stephanie Weigmann will be staying in the Valley this summer as the Telluride representative. Housemembers Kurt Gilson and Karen Amano will serve as Cornell factota. Nick Pinter and Alyssa Bernstein will serve as their Williams counterparts.

Reading through TASPlifications was a rather interesting task (at least in retrospect). Our applicants covered the range of interests, views, styles and backgrounds. Some were brief, but eloquent in their reasoning ("I just like to read because I like to.") while some spoke with more sophistication, such as the applicant who, in describing his career plans, admitted that "the transpirations leading to my decision to become an ophthalmologist were encountered in a nebulous era, but, upon inciteful research, the selection of the occupation appears a most sage one indeed . . .". Some were ambitious in their learning objectives ("I would also like to understand as fully as possible such ideas as truth, love, hate, peace, justice, loyalty, beauty, and God.") while others displayed a refreshing pragmatism in regard to the limits of intellectual potency, such as the applicant who noted that "a dockworker has no need to know who succeeded Vespasian as Emperor of Rome, indeed, such superfluous information may even confuse him."



*Rebecca Boerger, opening one of the
550 TASPlifications that arrived on February 6.*

Applicant's reflections on Deep Springs provided a wealth of interesting commentary. One candidate told us that "if not in the classroom, I would be at the top of the heap in the milking parlour," while another lauded the program because it provides a much needed "manhood ordeal". There was some confusion over the location of the fourth program; applications were received for both "Deep Creek" and "Big Springs".

To get through the applications on time, the House enlisted, and received, the reading services of Pat O'Connor, Paul Patterson and Alyssa Bernstein. They sat through many long nights along with the blankets, coffee cups, glasses, dishes, ashtrays, index cards and housemembers that filled the library from February first to February last.

There was considerable discussion this year over TASPlification judging standards. As an organization whose purpose is defined by collective interpretation and collective clarification of its rather vague founding documents, Telluride's and Telluriders' determination of policies and criteria regarding admission of students to its programs is the most basic of decisions. There was a good deal of talk over what we want in a TASP'er. Some felt that we were mainly looking for intellectual spark and curiosity—intellectuals in whom Telluride can develop a certain sense of responsibility. Some felt that we should be looking for some further quality—effectiveness in using opportunities available, indicating an aspiration and capacity for future leadership. The ability of the House and the TASP's to develop such capacity was discussed, and some attempt was made to get at the terms we were discussing.

The applications themselves provoked both thought and conversation. Some provided thoughtful and coherent arguments. Some were provocative in other ways—the mercenary pragmatism that presented itself in many applications was duly noted and talked about, while several statements of careless racism

helped spark the increase in discussion of these issues this semester.

Application reading was, above all, wearying. The effort involved in reading, evaluating and maintaining objectivity was considerable. Reading drew the House together, both physically and as a community. TASPlications provided a common burden, a common reading base, a common question of values. This disparate House has rarely been closer together than in the long nights reading, talking, laughing and working together in the library.

Bob Jerrard finished the last card for the last application some time ago. The applications now stand in several boxes on the office floor. Officer Boerger told me near the beginning of the process that the reason she gave up a class, and several hours a night for TASPlications is because it is here that Telluride can really affect people's lives—it is here that Telluride reaches out and touches the wider world. Some TASPers elect to stay with Telluride, but if the polls speak true, all are better off for the experience. It was with this spirit that the board set up the coming TASPers, and this conviction that pushed the House through the reading of 1984's TASPlications.

—Mike Millette



Elina Haavio-Mannila

Spring Faculty Guests

JEAN HAKES

On many afternoons during the long dreary passage to spring, residents of Telluride House have enjoyed the lovely, rich voice of Jean Hakes at practice in the striped room. Jean, who is Professor of Music and head of the voice department at the Conservatory of Music of Brooklyn College, has made regular pilgrimages to Telluride House to teach, perform, study and "to be with the students and to be refreshed by them." The occasion for her latest visit is a fellowship to study French baroque performance practice in a project with Professor John Hsu, of the Music Department and Edward Morris, Professor of Romance Studies. She spent the other portion of her leave doing research on vibrato at the VA Hospital in San Francisco. Jean ended her Cornell visit with a performance of French baroque music, to illustrate Professor Hsu's theory of how poetry and musical syntax were related in the performances of the period. As usual, Jean's singing was as radiant as her smile. About Telluride, Jean says simply, "I would rather be here than anywhere" which makes her the perfect guest.



Jean Hakes

ELINA HAAVIO-MANNILA

"A new level of life," is Elina Haavio-Mannila's description of her present stay at Telluride House. Elina, an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Helsinki, has spent the past two months here at Cornell lecturing, attending classes, and working on a book on *Family and Work* in Finland, Sweden, Norway, and West Germany.

In Helsinki, Elina teaches courses in family sociology and women's studies, her areas of speciality, as well as general sociology. She began her prolific publishing career in this vein with a 1968 book, *Finnish Woman and Man*. Presently, she is studying changes in family relationships resulting from the provision by the state of many services previously provided by women without pay. In the welfare state "invisible women's work" is becoming more visible (though it is still low paid). She is also working on debunking the myth of the workplace as an impersonal sphere separate from the emotional family sphere. Her work, which will be included in a general text on *Changes in the Life Patterns in Families in Europe*, reflects on resulting changes in marital cohesiveness.

Sociology is very much a family affair for Elina; her daughter, two sisters and a brother are all sociologists (her grandchild's future is as of yet undetermined). Her son is a graduate student in computer science. Though she is eager to rejoin her family, Elina is sorry to be leaving Telluride House ("life is very pleasant here"). "The experience of the intergenerational friendliness at Telluride House between faculty and student has been particularly rewarding," she told this reporter. After her enjoyable visit, I am sure that most housemembers agree.

—Mike Millette

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Deep Springs Conventions: 1926-84

Deep Springs Conventions seem to have a special place in the history of Telluride and the hearts of its Associates. Without exception, each of the past seven "valley" conventions has provided a context for serious consideration of the relationship between the Association and Deep Springs and has provided an opportunity for Telluriders to participate in the "spirit of Deep Springs". Just as important, it has familiarized the community of Deep Springs with both the members and the workings of their Ithaca counterpart.

Telluriders and Deep Springers alike have a tendency nowadays to imagine an idyllic period, sometime in the 'early days', when relations between the Association and Deep Springs were not as tenuous and strained as they have been of late. As a result, both sides view current relations as a minor deviation, nothing that the right amount of interaction and understanding won't cure. The minutes of the first Deep Springs Convention reveal, however, that even in the early days the siblings had their differences. A remark by President Irvine in 1926 might have been lifted out of recent minutes: "Much of the future of Deep Springs and Telluride Association depends on a mutual and sympathetic understanding of the problems facing the two organizations . . . Too often these men [Deep Springers] are refused membership by our convention. I am not advocating the adoption of lower standards for entrance into the Telluride Association, but I do suggest it might be possible to minimize differences of opinion by closer cooperation." The Trustees of Deep Springs expressed the same concerns and submitted a resolution to Convention expressing their desire to have the positions of Director of Deep Springs and Chancellor of Telluride Association filled by the same man.

In 1929, the Association was still looking for someone to fill

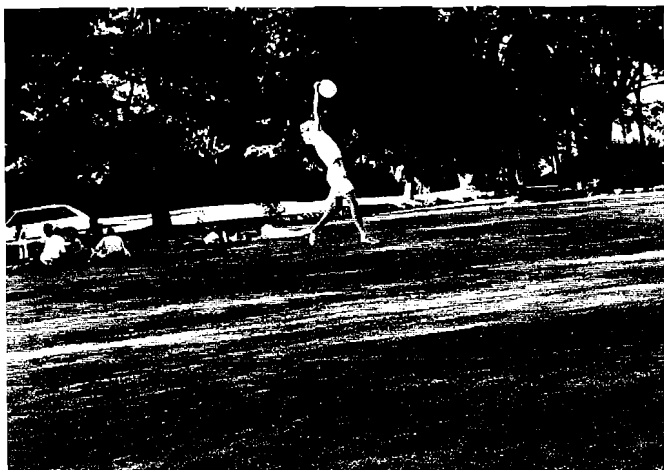
the role of Director-Chancellor and relations were in no better shape than when Convention had convened in the valley three years before. "It is saddening," lamented President Davis, "that the Association has so failed to exercise a dynamic influence at Deep Springs that men of the latter institution do not always seek Association membership or that the success of Deep Springs has been so questionable that some Association members would care to abandon the enterprise and establish for the Association an institution more in consonance with their own views."

The Great Depression and WWII had come and gone before Convention was to return to Deep Springs in 1948. There is little talk of DS-TA relations in the minutes of that year and, other than the President's opening remarks about renewing acquaintance and familiarizing students at Deep Springs with the operation of the Association, it is hard to believe the event took place outside of Ithaca. The House and the Association were full of Deep Springs alumni and everything suggests that relations were convivial.

At the 1954 Convention, a different atmosphere began to emerge, one that would come to dominate the Association's western conventions. On the one hand, Chancellor E.M. Johnson painted the convention as "a joyous homecoming, a journey of sentimental import that will renew and confirm many of the moral and spiritual values we hold," while President Gatje argued, as if in defense of having the convention at Deep Springs to begin with, "Our relations with Deep Springs in the past few years have been characterized by an excess of sound and fury and an absence of patience and understanding on both sides . . . If we renew the interest and understanding with which Telluride is observed by its friends at Deep Springs, our long trek will indeed have been very worthwhile." The recognition of the woeful erosion of relations, alongside the feeling of spiritual renewal and kinship, became the motifs of all of Telluride's subsequent trips to the valley. At the 1954 Convention, the Association appropriated \$10,000 to Deep Springs in "reaffirmation of the bonds of common interest and support between the two Nunn institutions."



Dave Brown, DS80 CB83 and Kurt Gilson, DS80 CB83, in their Deep Springs days.



Ultimate Frisbee at Deep Springs

Attempts to bring the two institutions closer together surfaced again in 1961 when Convention acted favorably on an initiative made by the Deep Springs Trustees to create a joint committee to "explore the possibilities of integrating efforts . . . in areas of mutual interest and common purpose." It was at this convention that the President of the Association, Charles Christenson, first highlighted the changing character of Telluride House, focusing on the small number of branchmembers with primary branch (Deep Springs) experience and on the increasing reliance on the Summer Program as a source of well-qualified candidates for preferment. "The decline in the Deep Springs influence in Cornell Branch and in the Association has not resulted from a choice made by us," he pointed out, "although I realize that there are those outside the Association who think otherwise." It is interesting to note that just as the Association was making its meetings at Deep Springs a regular occurrence, the waning influence of Deep Springs in the Cornell Branch and the Association was causing concern among those Association members who appreciated the 'leavening effect' the presence of Deep Springs alumni had on the House. This was also the convention which discussed and decided to continue the House's self-initiated experiment in coeducation. In more ways than one the character of the House and the Association was changing.

The 1968 Convention is in a category all its own; in many ways it was a high-water mark in recent Telluride history. Few Deep Springers were in Cornell Branch and none were preferred that year, indicating that ties between the two were little more than institutional or spiritual. Telluride was making a serious effort to remedy that situation. Attempts to create a Deep Springs-Telluride forum were realized, plans were made to begin a Deep Springs TASP the following year, and the Association did much in the way of helping Deep Springs recruit students and faculty. Activity was high in other arenas as well: Berkeley Branch was in full swing and the possibility of establishing another branch at Howard was being considered. It looked to some as though a new era had dawned on Telluride.

The eight years which passed before the next Deep Spring Convention brought many of the hopes and projects of the '68 Convention to a painful end. The poor financial situation of the Association, among other factors, caused Berkeley Branch to close and imposed severe financial limitations on the Association's other projects. There was no longer a TASP at Deep Springs, and the expectation that Telluride's efforts to help Deep Springs would attract Deep Springers to the House and lead to greater cooperation had been severely disappointed. In fact, relations between Deep Springers and Telluride had deteriorated significantly, giving rise to no small amount of soul-searching discussion which, according to the post-convention Newsletter, "succeeded in conveying a sense of compatibility

between the two institutions based on much more than what some have regarded as the accident of a common heritage." Many members of the Deep Springs community were on hand for an open meeting which addressed the "mutual misunderstandings and bad conscience" as well as the "many palpable differences" existing between Deep Springs and Telluride, specifically Cornell Branch. The air seemed to have been cleared and the ground prepared for a new beginning.

There was no immediate turnaround after Convention, however, though with two former Telluride Presidents serving as Deep Springs Presidents, a series of successful Deep Springs TASPs and the increasing presence of Deep Springs alumni at the House, have led recently to a degree of understanding and appreciation that has not existed for many years. This June's convention will provide an opportunity to deepen this understanding and extend the areas of cooperation. It is unfortunate, however, that few members of the Deep Springs community are likely to be on hand because most will be on break.

Although the Deep Springs conventions held semi-regularly over the past few decades have not succeeded in preventing Deep Springs and Telluride from growing further and further apart, they have kept alive the desire to overcome the differences between the two. They bring home the fact that the two institutions are separate but complementary parts of the same grand vision. Nunn's life-work culminated in Deep Springs, where many Deep Springers believe he succeeded most completely in putting into practice his educational philosophy. Yet, few who have attended Deep Springs Conventions would say that this is what most endears the valley to them. The quiet grandeur of the desert with its proverbial voice, the sweet aroma of freshly mown alfalfa, bucking under the hot sun, and working-up hearty high-altitude appetites: these seem to be the memories Telluriders take with them over the pass. No doubt the same will be true this year.

—Kurt Gilson, DS80 CB83



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Looking Back: The 1970-71 House, part two

The 1970-71 Telluride House recommended to Convention a reexamination of "antiquated" procedures, sparking the hottest convention issue of that year. House Association members initiated a movement to eliminate blurbs and referment debates, arguing that "... the quality of Branch life depends on a common sense of purpose and dedication to the community much more than on marginal increments on the average intelligence or gregariousness of the membership." The addition by convention of a phrase stating that "renewal shall not be denied to referees who have satisfactorily performed their duties towards the branch and association," largely separated the blurbing process from the issue of referment, and accomplished much of the intent of the house's agitation on the issue.

Richard Cottam in the Fall, and Tim Greening in the Spring, presided over an efficient house at housemeetings that rarely exceeded an hour and a half. Steve Sestanovich, and Joel Schwartz each served two terms on ADCOM, both being members of a notably large and active class, the juniors of that year. The efforts to make housemeeting a less than restrictive event included Freshman Rabkin's "Personals Freezer Consumption Champ" and "Dixie Cup King" awards, as well as Richard Cottam's full birthday party, held in the midst of Officer and Committee Reports. Major issues of the year, aside from those mentioned, were the proposed sale of the house's copy of the *Complete Samuel Johnson*, and various skirmishes on the outskirts of the Personals Empire (ice cream and liquor).

Housemembers were certainly a cohesive lot, with friendships spanning not only the usual disciplinary, ideological and "core-fringe" categories, to encompass roommates, and totally unclassifiable associations. All gathered for lunch daily for extremely productive conversation. Many courses were taken in common; underclassmen received a good deal of guidance in their selections. The house fielded teams in volleyball and broomstick polo. The eight member "women's program" was firmly integrated into house life, though the low ratio of women to men necessitated the services of a "Pimpcom" to obtain partners for all to the Orientation Square Dance. House parties, especially in the Fall, were superior events. The Orientation Party featured the singing duo of David Epstein and Tom Dolliver playing "Telluride Row" and scenes of house life. The Christmas party, a truly elegant evening was staged for the house and faculty by Ruth Seligson. The punch at all parties was enhanced considerably by Andrew Herkovic's addition of chunks of dry ice which turned calm and fruity seas into steaming and bubbling stews. The tree-trimming party was marked by a gingerbread ornament contest, and an exchange of gifts between house men and women. The women's toboggan was used many times that rather snowy winter.

The one month stay of Riverrun, a band led by grad student Tom Darter, was another spark of life in the fall. Throughout the month of October, the band practiced daily before dinner in the dining room. The band, influenced by the Grateful Dead and Creedence Clearwater Revival, went on to be quite successful on the Ithaca circuit, and was followed by a devoted Telluride group as they played at Telluride and Fraternity parties.

No description of the year would be complete without mention of the spectacular succession of five cooks through the kitchen. The house went from a nine-fingered cook who brandished knives at branchmembers (September) to Mr. Sunne Dae (Sunny Day) who roomed his dog in the cook's quarters and ran for Mayor of Ithaca. After this show, convention chose to condole with, rather than condemn the house on its employee relations.

Seniors Tim Greening and Arthur Melzer continued their

studies on Woodrow Wilson fellowships. Also leaving were senior Robert Kraynak, Graduate student Margaret Calderon (medieval studies), junior Stephanie Seremetis (biology) and John Burkett (economics), all for further study in their fields. Seremetis also served as a Student Trustee during the year.

Left were three outstanding classes, including the exceptional freshmen. Don Reeves would publish his book, *Tales of a Processed Brother*, early the next year. A mentor in the project, Robert Dawidoff, along with Vic Baris and Phil Blair, all living in Ithaca at the time, provided a strong non-house Telluride Association presence. Four other freshmen decided to apply to the Association, and at convention, Ruth Seligson, Jeremy Rabkin, Henry Higuera and Frank Fukuyama were accepted, giving the house of '70-'71 a strong voice in Telluride's leadership to this day.

—Mike Millette

Seniors' Plans

David McQuaid and Alyssa Bernstein have both received Mellon Fellowships. David plans to use his to study the history of Russia and Eastern Europe at Michigan. Alyssa will study philosophy at Harvard or Princeton, but if she receives a Fulbright, she may study Hebrew literature in Israel for a year first.

Tony Sebok was awarded the Telluride-Lincoln Fellowship and plans to study political philosophy at Oxford.

Karen Amano will enroll in an MFA acting program, perhaps at UC-San Diego.

Josh Leonard would like to do research for a small public agency in New York City or Washington.

Lloyd Garten plans to pursue a graduate degree in Soviet studies at Columbia, but he may work for a few years first. He is considering military service, government work, or foreign service.

Steve Valk also plans to work for a while before starting graduate school in film at NYU. He would like to explore independent filmmaking in Hollywood.

In Memoriam

James S. Mansfield, M.D. sent word to Telluride of the death in May, 1983 of JOHN R. JOHNSON, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Cornell. Professor Johnson was a Cornell Branch guest in 1928-29. Dr. Mansfield writes: "I majored in chemistry in 1926-28, and elected Professor Johnson's 12-hour course in organic chemistry instead of the 6-hour "premedical" course. I found him to be the finest science teacher I ever had. He would lecture for an hour, and cover the blackboard three times, giving us more in that hour than any other teacher could in three. I recommended him as a candidate for Cornell Branch guest, and was delighted that he came."

ROBERT P. JOYCE, DS20 TA22, a former high-ranking Foreign Service officer who had been a member of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff, died of a stroke February 8 in London. Mr. Joyce served in the Foreign Service in a number of places, including, La Paz, Panama, Paris, and Rio de Janeiro. In his last post he was Consul General in Genoa, Italy. He retired in 1962. He is survived by his wife, Jane Chase Joyce.

We have received word of the sudden death in early March of Sue Pope from pneumonia at Deep Springs. Sue was Assistant to the Deep Springs Fund-Raising Committee and is survived by her husband and three children.

TDC Report

Fundraising efforts this year have built on the excellent foundation inherited from last year's extraordinary House Renovations Drive. Including the original challenge gift of \$60,000 pledged by eight alumni, the drive had by the end of this February received almost \$153,000 in pledges and gifts. Nicely on schedule, approximately two-thirds of this amount has already been collected. The rest is expected by autumn of 1985.

The performance of non-renovations giving has been equally encouraging. Last year at this time, only \$13,000 (exclusive of giving for Renovations and the summer programs) had been donated to Telluride. This year to date, \$18,000 has been received. This is still not quite equal to the level of general giving that had been reached in the years before the special renovations drive, but it is at least movement in the right direction.

Thus far, the TASP Challenge Campaign has been extremely successful, thanks to the energetic work of ex-TDC chieftain Nancy Glazener. The campaign has received \$1,850 in pledges from TASP Challengers. The summer program campaign goal is \$8,000.

If the campaign is as successful as hoped, perhaps Telluride can begin to restore some of the "frills" to the programs that have over the years been stripped away. The excursions to Stratford, Ontario, travel funds for needy TASPers, and more generous faculty and factotum salaries are examples that come to mind.

The success of the special renovations drive and the TASP challenge campaign demonstrate the confidence of our alumni in the worth of Telluride's two major projects—Cornell Branch and the summer programs. If the present strong giving trend continues—and the U.S. economy stays strong—Telluride Association should be able to free itself over the next few years from a preoccupation with paring "frills" in order to concentrate on augmenting the quality of its programs. It may not even be too visionary to entertain hopes of expanding the Telluride programs. With all due respect to the educational benefits of practicing frugality, the latter concerns, for quality and expansion, are more worthy of our attention—and more likely over the years to inspire our energies. —*Rhoda Rabkin*, Chairman, TDC

TASP Alumni News

■ *Marina Hsieh*, SP77, is doing economic development analysis for California's Lt. Governor McCarthy, putting off law school for the present.

■ *Anne MacKinnon*, SP73, and her husband, Christopher Stone, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Stone MacKinnon, on November 19, 1983. Emma is named after her great-great aunt and after Emma Goldman.

■ *Patricia Madsen*, SP66, was sworn in as a judge of Denver County Court as the first judicial selection of the Honorable Federico Pena, Mayor of Denver.

■ *Michael Mattis*, SP77, is married to Judy Hochberg and is living in Palo Alto, CA; he is a graduate student in physics and his wife is in linguistics.

■ *Philip E. Ross*, SP72, is living in Israel, serving as the Assistant Editorial Editor of the *Israel Economist*, a monthly publication. He also does free-lance work.

News from Alumni and Friends

■ *Chris Breiseth*, CB58 TA59, formerly President of Deep Springs, has accepted the presidency of Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, beginning July 1, 1984. Wilkes College, founded by Bucknell in 1933, is a four-year liberal arts college with about 1,900 students. Chris will be the fourth president of the College. He and his wife will be moving to Wilkes-Barre in June. Chris writes: "Each of us in the family is ambivalent about leaving Springfield so soon after returning from Deep Springs. We have had a wonderfully warm welcome here after our three years in California. But we are all excited about the opportunities ahead. Jane and I had a wonderful three days in Wilkes-Barre earlier this month and were drawn to the college and to the surrounding Wyoming Valley of northeastern Pennsylvania."

■ *Dennis Clark*, DS69 CB72 TA73, writes that he is living in Idaho Falls and working at the Idaho National Engineering Lab as a welding engineer.

■ *Barber Conable, Jr.*, CB46 TA47, after serving 20 years in Congress is planning to retire at the end of this Congressional session. Representative Conable, a Republican from Rochester, is the ranking Minority member of the House Ways and Means Committee. In an editorial, called "The Conable Conscience", *The New York Times* quoted Charles Rangel, the Manhattan Democrat, as saying that Conable has been "one of the hardest-working, most respected, most articulate people around." *The Times* noted Conable's reputation as a fiscal conservative, but pointed out that he was a "pragmatist" with a sensitivity to judge issues on non-doctrinaire grounds.

■ *Henry Higuera*, SP69 CB70 TA71, and Marilyn Douville were married on December 30, 1983, in Sanford, Michigan. The couple lives in Annapolis, Maryland, where they both teach at St. John's College.

■ *Ralph Johnson*, SPF77 & 81, was awarded the Christian Bauss Award, one of three Phi Beta Kappa book awards given annually since the 1950's. Johnson, professor of classics and comparative literature at the University of Chicago, received the award for his book *The Idea of Lyric: Lyric Modes in Ancient Modes and Modern Poetry*, published by the University of California Press.

■ *Andrea Kavalier*, SP73 CB74 TA76, and *Michael Atkin*, CB78, were married on the 13th of November, at the Columbia Club in New York City. The couple lives in London.

■ *Rebecca Luzadis*, CB81 TA82, and Joshua Schwarz were married in the striped room at Telluride House on 13th August 1983, the last prerenovation function of the House. Both are doing graduate study at Cornell's ILR school. Rebecca is working on her PhD on pension and patterns of retirement; Josh's PhD is on collective bargaining.

■ *Rhoda Rabkin*, SP70 CB71 TA73, and *Jeremy Rabkin*, SP69 CB70 TA71, announce the birth of a son, Ariel Shemaiah, April 3, 1984 in Ithaca.

■ *Pepper Trail*, CB72 TA73, received his PhD in Neurobiology and Behavior from Cornell University in October. Currently he has a postdoctoral fellowship with the Smithsonian Institution in Panama. Pepper has an article in the December '83 issue of the *National Geographic* titled "Cock-of-the-Rock: Jungle Dandy."

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