

## 1982 Annual Meeting

### From Buffalo Steaks to Barbacoa Tacos: Epicurean Confessions of Four Fallen Academics

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They still show the Grand Champion bull of the National Western Stock Show in the lobby of Denver's stately Brown Palace Hotel.<sup>1</sup> It is possible to find a restaurant or two which specializes in buffalo meat, venison, rattlesnake and

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\*The authors all once were academics of "substantial promise" (their own assessment) but have foresaken universities for alternative careers as staff members of the National Conference of State Legislatures in Denver. They claim considerable gastronomic experience: "We eat lunch in the seedier downtown restaurants three to four times a week. We take our wives to one of the more elegant restaurants at least once a month. Together we have run meetings in Denver for over 5000 people over the past five years and have had to answer the question, 'where's a good restaurant?' from a least 4000 of them." They admit to a combined weight in the neighborhood of 750 pounds.

<sup>1</sup>None of us is absolutely certain about the veracity of this statement. However, because we have all left academics, we feel less constrained by such irritants as the scientific method. We like the way this first sentence sounds, though, and have decided to keep it. We revert to the joys of empiricism in all of the restaurant reviews which follow.

other western specialities.<sup>2</sup> But the dance hall cowboys sport Calvin Klein jeans and \$200 Tony Lama boots, drink Tequila Sunrises, and during the day trade penny stocks on 17th street. The Brown Palace, inspiration for John Portman's Hyatts, has been joined downtown by uninspiring steel and glass skyscrapers which are testimonials to the city's preeminence as an energy and regional center for the West.

Denver is a new western city that has grown both up and out. The out, the sprawl, came first, extending west to such mountain and foothill communities as Boulder, Evergreen and Golden, reaching east to the gargantuan bedroom community of Aurora that many swear topographically and geographically really is in Kansas, and running nearly 50 miles from north to south along the Valley Highway (I-25).

The up, the downtown skyscraper boom, is a more recent phenomenon. For the past four or five years, downtown Denver has served as the nesting ground for a large number of great western construction cranes. The buildings they have helped construct mostly look like public housing projects of the 1950s and wear exteriors of brushed aluminum and tinted glass and Colorado native playdough. These office buildings, some new hotels and the new Denver Center for the Performing Arts are helping to revitalize the downtown area, so we probably should not be so critical. We simply wish some of that construction money had been spent on architectural design.

One of Denver's most distinguishing

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<sup>2</sup>*The Buckhorn Exchange* and *The Fort* in Denver and *The Greenbriar* North of Boulder are in this category.

characteristics is that there are few native Denverites. In an escalation reminiscent of a *Mad* magazine sequence, Colorado cars have been sprouting bumper stickers which identify their drivers as "Natives," "Aliens," "Semi-Natives," "Artisans" or "Don't Care." Although most residents are undoubtedly in the latter category, the fact that they are also mostly transplanted from somewhere else (mostly "back East") has a substantial effect on the city.

One effect is the lack of identity or loyalty that Denver's residents feel for the city. Ask a new acquaintance where he or she is from, and you likely will not hear about current residence (say, Aurora, Lakewood, or Boulder), rather you will hear "Ohio," "Arkansas," or "St. Louis." Ask about sports loyalties and you may hear about the Broncos or Nuggets, but you are just as likely to hear about the fortunes of an eastern city's football, basketball or baseball team.<sup>3</sup> Ask about politics and you may hear about Colorado Governor Lamm or Denver Mayor McNichols, but you may also hear about the New York gubernatorial race or a bit of gossip from the Pennsylvania legislature.

The multiple loyalties surely help to explain the schizophrenic quality of Colorado politics. One of Colorado's U.S. Senators, Gary Hart, was George McGovern's campaign manager in 1972, won his Senate seat in 1974, was one of the few liberal Democratic senators to survive the massacre of 1980, and now is touted by *Esquire* magazine and much of the rest of the national (i.e., Eastern) press as a leader of the neo-liberals and a possible presidential candidate in 1984. The other U.S. Senator, Bill Armstrong, is a Republican who has been a resident of

Colorado for over 20 years, served in the Colorado legislature prior to winning his senate seat in 1978, and is an outspoken proponent of several conservative causes, including a balanced federal budget. Governor Dick Lamm originally gained national attention when, as a member of the legislature, he led the campaign to keep the 1976 Winter Olympics out of Colorado. First elected governor in 1974, Lamm has had to contend with a legislature entirely controlled by the Republican party in all but two of his eight years as governor.

While staying at the Hilton, you will be near the center of the state's and city's political activity. The state Capitol, at Colfax Avenue and Lincoln Street, is only a couple of blocks away and looks down and across to the Denver city hall. The Capitol, in particular, is worthy of a visit for its classical architecture and for the restoration work done on the old Supreme Court chamber, now a committee hearing room. Also nearby are the Denver Mint and the Art Museum.

The Capitol area serves as the southeastern boundary of downtown. Downtown runs southeast to northwest along 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Streets to "lower downtown"—Larimer, Market and Blake Streets.

### The Restaurants: Introduction

Denver's restaurants reflect the city's rapid growth and location. The restaurant population has doubled or tripled in the past five years, with much of the early growth concentrated in the suburbs but with many new ones now opening downtown. With the exception of Mexican and Chinese fare, there is no indigenous ethnic cuisine. But as the number of restaurants has grown, so has the variety. For example, there are now restaurants with Moroccan, Indian, Greek, German, Thai, East European and Irish specialities. Within broad categories, there is considerable variety in styles, particularly among the Chinese, French and Italian restaurants.

Five years ago, most of Denver's best restaurants were also the most expensive. Although this is still largely true, it is

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<sup>3</sup>Denver's cultural activities are fairly rich and diverse but lack one indispensable component—a major league baseball team. This has had a significant effect on our own summer travel schedules (for example, staying an extra day in Baltimore to catch the Orioles and Red Sox) and finds several of us waiting for sundown so we can begin twisting radio dials searching for Jack Buck, Vince Scully and Harry Caray.

possible to eat lunch and dinner relatively inexpensively and well. Do not expect the number and variety of restaurants to match San Francisco, New York or Chicago. But pick carefully and you should not be disappointed.

We hope that your careful choosing will be helped by our suggestions. If you decide to strike out on your own, keep in mind that Calvin Trillin's general advice about restaurants is particularly applicable to Denver: never eat in a restaurant that is over a hundred feet off the ground nor in one that has a "waitress wanted" sign in the window. To that we would add: be skeptical about any restaurant that claims veal oscar to be one of its best dishes, do not place too much faith in Denver newspaper or magazine reviews (they usually are too charitable), avoid seafood in any restaurant more than one hundred miles from the ocean, and exercise the social scientist's right to ask questions when a friend suggests that you simply must try rocky mountain oysters on your trip to Denver.

### **Our Favorites (Modestly Suggested as Denver's Four Best)**

*Tante Louise*, 4900 E. Colfax Avenue, 355-4488. There used to be just three good French restaurants in town. There are many additions to the list now, but *Tante Louise*, one of the original three, has maintained its position among the best in Denver. The decor is unpretentious, the service is normally not stuffy, and the prices are somewhat lower than its competitors. Veal dishes, such as veal moutarde and veal medallions jerusalem, are especially good. This is one of a few restaurants in Denver where you may ignore the 100-mile seafood axiom. Two of us have conducted a nationwide search for the perfect sweetbreads and find those at *Tante Louis* to be among the best we have tried. Reservations required; a \$6 cab ride. Expensive.

*Cafe Franco*, 2160 S. Holly Street, 759-2276. *Cafe Franco*, a 15-20 minute ride from downtown, is by far the best northern Italian restaurant in town and worth the trip. The proprietor, *Franco Grasselli*, is a tall Roman who likely will

seat you and may prepare your entree or dessert at your table. The sauces are light and interesting, particularly for such veal dishes as *francesca*, *scaloppine royale* and *siciliana*. The best pasta dish may be one that does not appear on the menu—*fettuccine verde al gorgonzola*. Expensive.

*Cafe Giovanni*, 1515 Market Street, 825-6555. *Cafe Giovanni* is worth a walk to lower downtown just to see how a nineteenth-century meat packing plant has been transformed into one of Denver's most striking restaurants. The food is striking, too, as evidenced by *Esquire's* calling it one of the 100 best new restaurants in the country. Both the lunch and dinner menus change four times a year, so it is risky to single out favorite dishes which may be gone in September. One of the best luncheon dishes, cheese and spinach soufflé, seems to transcend the menu change. One warning: service sometimes is excruciatingly slow. Reservations required for lunch and dinner. Expensive.

*Dudley's*, 1120 East 6th Avenue, 744-8634. After opening in 1978, *Dudley's* assumed an uncontested position as Denver's best restaurant. There has been an ownership change within the last year or so, but the food is still of very high quality. Even less pretentious than *Tante Louise*, this 48-seat restaurant features French nouvelle cuisine with light, imaginative sauces in unusual combinations with appetizers and entrees. All ingredients are market fresh, so the menu, usually limited to five or six entrees each evening, changes daily. Reservations required. Very Expensive.

### **Where the Politicians Eat**

Although the legislature probably will not be in session in September,<sup>4</sup> it should be

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<sup>4</sup>The Colorado legislature has no constitutional limit on its session length. In the even-numbered years, though, the legislature can consider only the budget and items on the governor's "call." The even-year session is known as the short session because the legislature is usually finished earlier than in the odd-numbered years.

possible to encounter a politician or two in restaurants and watering holes not too far from the APSA convention hotel. The two favorite restaurants of the Capitol crowd are *The Quorum* and *Le Profil*. Both are particularly popular with legislators, agency directors and lobbyists at lunch. Both are expensive for lunch and dinner (thus, the presence and popularity of lobbyists), but both offer good, if not great, continental cuisine.

*Quorum*, 233 East Colfax Avenue, 861-8686. Directly across from the northside of the Capitol, the Quorum, with its chandeliers and red velvet trim, is opulent and stuffy. Its proprietor, Pierre Wolfe, has been part of the Denver restaurant scene for over twenty years and, with local radio and television shows, is something of a guru, or at least elder statesman, of the Denver restaurant community. The offerings are consistently good, but the wine list is outrageously over-priced. Reservations recommended. Very expensive.

*Le Profil*, 1560 Sherman Street, 839-1704. Some of the political clientele of this restaurant insist on calling it "The Profile," but because they frequent it as much as they do, the owners and staff are not likely to object. A half-block from the Capitol, *Le Profil* claims to be the oldest French restaurant in Denver. Its offerings are traditional, its service dignified. Duck is a speciality, as is beef wellington. Reservations recommended. Expensive.

*The Denver Tea Room*, The Denver Dry Goods Co., fifth floor, 16th and California Streets, 534-2111. This bustling, high-ceilinged lunch spot in a department store is a favorite of Denver Mayor McNichols, but we eat there anyway. Many of the maternal waitresses have worked there for over twenty years and deliver (sometimes toss) good, no-frills American food to your table. Don't be discouraged by the lines once you get off the Tea Room Express elevator. They move quickly, particularly for groups of three or four. Inexpensive.

*The Library*, 800 S. Colorado Blvd. 757-7868. Out near Denver's most heavily populated singles community, there is a restaurant that has enjoyed a

good reputation for well over a decade. In addition to the occasional politicians who gather for conversation with the owner and the best hor d'oeuvres in town, this restaurant has three very strong points. When the owner can find it, *The Library* offers superb roast leg of lamb, with second helpings available upon request. Second, in order to entice you into ordering a good bottle of wine, you can sample from a very good selection of American wines at the wine tasting bar. And, when the scallops are fresh, they are very good. Expensive.

### **Breakfast Within Walking Distance of the Hotel**

*The San Marco Room*, Brown Palace Hotel, 17th and Tremont, 825-3111. For those who like elegant breakfasts, this is perhaps the one Denver eating experience that should not be missed. The staff of the San Marco Room pamper you with coffee from polished silver pots and offer a wide variety of standard breakfast items: omelettes, waffles, and fresh fruits. However, if you want corned beef hash, eggs benedict, kippered herring, pan-fried trout or a bowl of mush (yes, its true) with syrup, you can find them all on the menu. The food is always prepared just right and the service is excellent. Expensive.

*The Market*, 1445 Larimer Street, 534-5140. The menu here is small and emphasizes croissants, pastries and coffees. It is well worth the walk down to Larimer Square to sip a cup of espresso or cappuccino, eat freshly baked croissants, and read the newspaper. It's not breakfast on the Left Bank, but it will do for Denver. Inexpensive.

*The Eggshell*, 1520 Blake Street, 623-7555. Although you can find all the staples for a fine breakfast at the Eggshell (such as good omelettes and waffles), you can also get very good and filling frittatas, a spicy egg dish called the Rojo Caliente Mama, or the Morning Star (hash browns covered with melted cheddar cheese and two basted eggs). It is crowded for both breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive.

*Bagel Nosh*, 1630 Welton, 892-6881.

They have tried to make this like a chic New York deli, even down to the occasionally surly service. There are lots of combinations of things that they put on huge, fresh bagels, but you can order satisfying fare (such as pastrami and scrambled eggs) without the bagels as well. Moderate.

*Cafe Promenade*, 1430 Larimer Street, 893-2692. Most people in Denver do not know that Cafe Promenade serves breakfast. Those who go there find huge, freshly baked croissants (filled with butter, sugar and a touch of cinammon), large danish pastries, fresh bowls of strawberries and cream, and all the espresso or cappucino that they can handle. The waiters come from all over the world, except Denver. Moderate.

**Lunch and Dinner Restaurants within Walking Distance of the Hotel, More Formal**

*Le Central*, 112 E. 8th Ave., 863-8094. It is a long walk, but if you go past the Capitol on Lincoln St. to 8th Ave., you will find a pleasant French bistro which calls itself the "affordable French restaurant." Its menu, posted on a few blackboards scattered around the two dining rooms, changes nightly. Its entrees sometimes are of uneven quality, but the soups, lamb stew and fresh fish are almost always well-prepared. Moderate.

*Berardi and Sons*, 1525 Blake Street, 623-7648. If you want a good, ordinary Italian restaurant that serves thick, creamy sauce on regular pasta, then don't go to Berardi's. This place specializes in homemade fettucini, homemade marinara sauce, and homemade linguini. You can also get spicy chicken and rabbit dishes prepared from the lesser-known Abruzzi cuisine. The food is very good, the portions are generous, the service attentive. But be careful with the pasta, because it sometimes comes to your table lukewarm. Moderate.

*Manhattan Cafe*, 1620 Market Street, 893-0951. This restaurant is one of the more popular in lower downtown. While the menu is not particularly awe-inspiring

(steaks, veal, seafood and poultry), the dishes are almost always savory. This restaurant also offers one of the more comfortable dining settings in Denver. It even reminds you of the mid-town bars and grills in Manhattan. Expensive.

*The Broker*, 821 17th Street, 893-5065. If you grow tired of the hot air at the convention and want to go to a restaurant where the pretentiousness leans toward the financial community, The Broker is a fine pick. After having your drinks inside a bank-vault bar, you can have dinner in pretty classy surroundings with folks who fancy themselves as Denver's financial tycoons. The American fare is not out of the ordinary, but the bowl of cold shrimp may be the best deal in appetizers around. Expensive.

*The Ship's Tavern*, The Brown Palace Hotel, 17th and Tremont, 825-3111. You can sometimes find a good meal in a hotel. While you probably will not want to return to the Brown's San Marco Room for dinner, you might want to come to the Ship's Tavern for a round of drinks and partake of some very good sandwiches or the prime rib. It will be a crowded and somewhat noisy dinner, but the beef is usually good and it is one of the better bars in downtown. Expensive.

*Cafe Promenade*, 1430 Larimer St., 893-2692. This continental restaurant has become something of a landmark with Denver's theatre and symphony highhatters. Veal and duck are usually particularly good. Although the portions are often small, the gargantuan owner compensates with his friendliness. This is not a place for an evening of quiet, uninterrupted dining. It is usually crowded and bustling. Very expensive.

*The Bombay Club*, 1128 Grant Street, 837-1571. Denver has no Indian restaurants of the quality of those in Washington or New York, but the Bombay Club can fulfill a craving for Tandoori barbeque or curry. The cabaret upstairs has jazz and original comedy. A short cab ride or a long 20 minute walk from downtown. Moderate to expensive.

*Marlowe's*, 16th and Glenarm. This is a noisy, two-tiered restaurant which specializes in steaks and chops and

whose clientele is mostly people looking for a singles place who are too tired to drive to Glendale, their usual haunt. There are lots of staff, but service is unpredictable. Expensive.

*Union Station*, 17th and Blake Streets, 623-5806. Situated in lower downtown about 12 blocks from the hotel, the Union Station is Denver's ancient (in terms of Denver history) railroad depot. The restaurant and Caboose bar probably generate as much traffic today as the railroads do. The spartan atmosphere is softened by linen tablecloths, cut flowers and other touches reminiscent of old railroad dining cars. Specialties include excellent burgers and the mufuletta sandwich at lunch and gumbo and creole cooking at lunch and dinner. Moderate for lunch, expensive for dinner.

### **Casual Eating and Watering Holes within Walking Distance of the Hotel**

*The Wazee Lounge and Supper Club*, 15th and Wazee Streets, 623-9518. Our favorite spot for a long lunch over a pitcher of beer (Pabst, Heineken, and Watney's on tap) or an after-work drink. The food is not fancy—burgers and sandwiches, pizza in the evening only—but it is good. A 15 minute walk from the hotel, beyond lower downtown. Keep going underneath the viaduct, along the warehouses, because that is the sign that you are getting close. Inexpensive.

*The Sportsman*, 623 15th Street, 534-9841. The normal conventioneer would never walk into an unprepossessingly looking bar close to the Hilton on one of Denver's seedier downtown streets with the misleading name of The Sportsman. But this atmosphere-less bar run by a Greek family has the best Tex-Mex food in downtown Denver. While rubbing (or bending) elbows with printers and reporters from the Denver *Post* (just across the street), try the sour cream flauta, the chicken enchilada plate, or the chili rellenos. There is a Sportsman II on 17th Street, but it is a bit more expensive, more crowded, and more serious. Inexpensive.

*Casa de Manuel*, 2010 Larimer Street, 629-6864. The aficionado of true Mex-

ican food unfettered by microwaves and Yank expectations of what Mexican cooking is can find a rare treat a 15 minute walk from the Hilton. The only trouble is that the walk will require stepping over winos, dodging panhandlers and turning down fenced goods along the way. As long as you do it in daylight and take a friend, the neighborhood is nothing to worry about and the food is extraordinary. Especially good are the barbacoa tacos and the "wet" (smothered in green chilis) burritos. Inexpensive.

*Duffy's Shamrock Restaurant and Bar*, 1635 Court Place, 534-4935. Hot roast beef sandwiches, corned beef, instant no-nonsense service at an Irish bar just a block or two from the hotel. Good evening watering hole. Inexpensive.

*Besants*, 11th and Lincoln Streets, 830-2407. A new restaurant just outside the downtown area but within a 15 minute walk, Besants is a casual, moderately priced restaurant where you can get anything from hamburgers to veal and where the appetizers are particularly good. Moderate.

*Copperfields*, 500 W. Colfax, 825-1227. This is a dark, pleasant and intimate restaurant not far from the hotel near the Denver Mint, the Art Museum and City Hall. Hamburgers and steak sandwiches are the best bet at lunch. Moderate.

*Gordy's Lounge*, 927 15th Street (15th and Curtis), 534-9234. Homemade soup and generous sourdough bread sandwiches are the only fare at this small bar, but they are good and the prices cannot be beat anyplace. Inexpensive.

### **Mexican**

Denver has a wide variety of Mexican restaurants, as you might expect in an area where Hispanics form the largest single ethnic grouping. Among these places, Casa de Manuel, discussed previously, stands out. There are others located not too far from downtown. *La Loma* (2527 W. 26th Avenue, 433-8300) has recently moved into the expanded quarters, a sign of its success. The atmosphere is very pleasant, the food good. The *Chili Pepper* (2150

Bryant Street, 433-8406) is in the same neighborhood, both just across the Speer Blvd. Viaduct to the northwest of downtown. Both have good margaritas and decent food. *Las Delicias* (439 East 19th Avenue, 839-5675) is a nine-block walk east from the Hilton and provides a good, inexpensive meal. If you want a different atmosphere, seek out the *Riviera* in south Denver (4301 E. Kentucky, 758-9719). "The Riv" is sort of a Mexican roadhouse with a pool table in the main bar-dining room, an outdoor patio area and lots to drink.

### **Oriental**

The number of good Chinese restaurants and the variety of regional cuisines available have increased rapidly in recent years. However, many of the better Chinese restaurants are located some distance from downtown. The *Dragon Palace* (5071 S. Syracuse, 779-9022) is a long, expensive cab-ride away. It is an elegant place in the southeast area of the city. It has an extensive menu emphasizing Szechwan style with consistently good food; try the scallion pancakes. *The Panda* (6400 E. Yale, 759-3915) is a newcomer which has quickly developed an enthusiastic following and is thought by some to be the best Chinese restaurant in Denver. Food and service are normally top-notch. We recommend the Hunan beef. In the downtown area, *Antonio Tsai* (Larimer Square, 893-2089) is the fanciest Chinese place in town, serving Szechwan-Hunanese food. The food and service are variable. Antonio Tsai himself has moved around the block to the *Ming Palace* (1410 Market Street, 825-5584) which features a buffet luncheon. No list of Denver Chinese restaurants would be complete without noting a longtime Cantonese establishment: *The Lotus Room* (W. 9th Avenue and Speer Blvd., 534-5918) located in a VFW Post a ten minute walk from the Hilton.

Those seeking Japanese cuisine should visit Sakura Square (19th Street between Lawrence and Larimer). The *Akebono* (629-0744) has long been a favorite, and has been joined by *Kyoto* (572-3441). Both feature traditional

Japanese fare. *Chada Thai* (408 E. 20th Avenue, 861-7246) very capably presents the dishes of Thailand within walking distance of downtown. It is not fancy, but good and inexpensive.

### **Eating Boulder-Style, Without the Hassle of Getting There**

Want to try one of those trendy Colorado fern bars where the beautiful people gather? Denver has a number of copies of the Boulder originals. The best of them are *Govnr's Park* (yes, it is right by the Governor's mansion), *Zach's* (hold the sprouts), and *Rick's Cafe* (whose solar energy design drew President Carter as a diner). All are a short cab ride away. Do not enter without knowing your sign. Really. Govnr's Park (672 Logan Street, 831-8605); Zach's (1480 Humboldt Street, 831-0870); Rick's Cafe (80 S. Madison Street, 399-4448).

### **Entertainment and Unusual Restaurants**

One or two restaurants in town, because of the unusual food they serve, are an evening's entertainment in themselves and it is possible to find good, live entertainment of the traditional variety around as well.

*Mataam Fez*, 4609 E. Colfax Avenue, 399-9282. Denver's most unusual eating experience is a \$6 cab ride from downtown. Be prepared to sit on pillows on the floor, eat everything with your fingers, and have scented water sprinkled on your hands and face to cleanse you after the meal. The lemon chicken is wonderful and the lamb with lemon and artichokes may be the best lamb dish in Denver. The genial and charming owner will be glad to talk Middle Eastern politics with you by the hour. Expensive.

*The Buckhorn Exchange*, 1000 Osage Street, 534-9505. This is the best of several restaurants serving western specialties—steak and buffalo—and it is a good place for old-time Denver atmosphere. It is a short cab ride. Moderate.

Live music offered around Denver tends toward country and western and jazz,

with a bit of folk music scattered about. We suggest that you call to find out what exactly is in store in each place or that you find a copy of "Westword," a free bi-weekly tabloid which offers a good calendar of Denver events. Try *Shotgun Willie's (Glendale)*, the *Olympic Saloon and Dance Hall (Boulder)*, the *Zanza-bar (East Denver)*, or the *Draft Horse Saloon (southeast Denver)* for country and western music. You should find jazz at the *Bombay Club* (see review), *Basin's Up (Larimer Square)*, and the *Cabaret (15th and Larimer)*. The Queen City Jazz Band, which specializes in ragtime, appears at *Zeno's (14th and Arapahoe)* on Fridays and Saturdays. The best bet for folk music and bluegrass is the *Monastery (11th and Speer)*.

### Outside of Denver

Within an hour or so of Denver is some of the country's most majestic scenery and a few of the area's better restaurants. If you have a car and some time, you should consider ending a day of sightseeing at one of these. *La France*, a relative of Denver's *Le Central*, is close to Lake Dillon and just 10-15 minutes west of the Eisenhower Tunnel. Toward Rocky Mountain National Park, between Lyons and Estes Park on U.S. 36, is *La Chaumiere* which is reputed by some to be the best restaurant in Colorado. The best East European food in the state is found at the *Old Prague Inn*, an hour-and-a-quarter north of Denver in Hygiene. Watching the sun set over the mountains as you drive north on the plains is a joy in itself and the food, though sometimes uneven, definitely is worth the drive. □

### Hotel Rates Lowered For Annual Meeting

Accommodations for APSA members at the Denver Hilton and Marriott Hotel-City Center are available at substantially reduced rates, according to Convention Coordinator Eloise French.

The rates of these two official Annual Meeting hotels are \$42 for a single and \$54 for a double. The Annual Meeting

will be held in Denver from September 2-5. A hotel reservation form is available at the back of this issue of *PS*.

### Roommate Matching

At the request of APSA's Committee on the Status of Women, the Association will offer a new roommate matching service for APSA members who would like to share the cost of a room with someone else.

On the basis of information supplied by registrants for this service, APSA will match members according to their schedules and interests.

To participate, members should fill out the two forms entitled, "Application for Roommate Matching Service" and "Application for Hotel Reservation," in the back of this issue of *PS*. The expected date and time of arrival and departure must be clearly indicated in the space provided on the hotel reservation form.

These two completed forms, along with a resume or vita, should be sent to APSA's National Office (*not* to the hotel).

As soon as reservations with the hotel are confirmed, APSA will notify applicants that a room has been reserved and will provide the name of the roommate.

Once the applicants receive a room confirmation from APSA, they are responsible for any hotel costs incurred. Any subsequent changes in plans should be coordinated directly with the specified roommate and the hotel.

Requests for the roommate matching service should be received no later than July 1. □

### Plenary Sessions Promise Lively Debate

In addition to the scholarly panels, book exhibits, and receptions, three plenary sessions will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at the Annual Meeting in Denver.

Charles O. Jones of the University of Virginia will chair a special panel on the Reagan presidency and the 1982 elec-