

# BIBLIO-NOTES

## NEWSLETTER OF THE ACRL ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE DISCUSSION GROUP ISSUE #15, FALL 1989

### Midwinter Meeting Information Chicago

The general meeting for the Discussion Group at Midwinter ALA is Monday, January 8, from 9-11 AM. The first hour will be devoted to business. The agenda will include:

- 1) 1990 Program--Scott Stebelman
- 2) 1991 Program--Loss Pequeno  
Glazier
- 3) Humanities Bibliography--  
Scott Stebelman
- 4) Progress on Publication of 1989  
Program Papers--Scott Stebelman
- 5) MLA News--Elaine Franco
- 6) New Business

The second hour will be a continuation of the discussion topic, "Major Literary Reference Tools," which was introduced at our Dallas meeting. Candace Benefiel will facilitate the discussion.

### Election of Steering Committee

We will be holding the annual election of new Steering Committee members after our Midwinter meeting. Members of the Steering Committee up for election are: Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary, and three members-at-large. If you would like to run

for any of these positions, write to one of the following Members-At-Large:

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Responsibilities for each position are enumerated in Article IV of the Discussion Group Bylaws.

To be a member of the Steering Committee, you must also have personal membership in ACRL. You should also plan to attend both ALA Midwinter and Summer Conference meetings.

Nominations must be received by January 8.

## Call for Articles

Although Biblio-Notes' primary function is to report decisions made by the Discussion Group, we welcome short articles from our members. Areas of primary interest to our readers include collection development, database searching, user education, reference work, and acquisitions and cataloging issues, as they relate to the field of English and American Literature. Inquiries should be directed to:

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## MINUTES OF EALDG DALLAS MEETING

The ACRL English and American Literature Discussion Group met on 25 June 1989 from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Dallas Convention Center. There was a panel discussion of "The Nature of Literary Scholarship." The panelists and their topics were: Harrison T. Meserole, "Introduction: the Nature of Literary Research"; Eric Carpenter, "Interdisciplinary Research and its Role in Literary Analysis"; Richard Heinzkill, "The Canon and Collection Building"; and Marianne Gaunt, "Machine-Readable Literary Texts." Lorraine Jean presided at the business meeting which followed.

## New Officers Announced

Scott Stebelman (George Washington University) becomes the Chair for 1989-1990. Other elected officers are Loss Glazier (SUNY/Buffalo), Vice Chair/ Chair Elect; Betty Day (University of Maryland-College Park), Secretary; and Members-at-Large of the Steering Committee, Candace Benefiel

(Texas A&M University); Robert Melton (University of Kansas); and Rosamund Putzel (Rutgers University).

## Biblio-Notes

Candace Benefiel will assume the editorship of *BIBLIO-NOTES* for the next two years.

## By-Laws

Lorraine Jean announced that the ballots received to date from the members of the discussion group overwhelmingly support the proposed by-laws changes. The amended by-laws of the English and American Literature Discussion Group will be submitted to the ACRL Office.

## 1990 Program

Scott Stebelman has completed the initial planning for the discussion group's meeting in Chicago. The topic to be discussed is "Methods for Assessing Literary Collections." Commitments have been received from the following speakers: Mark Sandler, "The RLG Conspectus as a Tool;" John Budd, "Using Retrospective Bibliographies in Selection;" Susan Steinberg, "Developing Current Acquisitions Profiles for Literature;" Maureen Pasteen, "Identifying Institutional Priorities."

## 1991 Program

Loss Glazier invites anyone with ideas for the program to contact him. There will be further discussion of the 1991 program at Mid-Winter.

## Liaison Reports

RLG English and American Literature Bibliographers (Loss Glazier): The conclu-

sion of the assessment of access to theatrical materials is that these materials are elusive. A report has also just been issued concerning the availability of gay and lesbian literature in libraries. According to the study that was undertaken, these materials are being well covered. Other topics/projects being considered by this group: establishing a core list of American authors in translation to be collected; machine-readable texts; building a cooperative list of critical journals in literature.

MLA: Scott Stebelman reported that Elaine Franco, member of the discussion group, has been appointed to the newly established MLA Bibliography advisory board. Ilene Nelson reminded members of MLA that the Association in calling for members to evaluate software and other technologically related materials and projects.

RASD: Lorraine Jean announced that EALDG will co-sponsor a program in Chicago with the RASD History Section's Bibliography Committee. The topic will be the use of bibliographies. The panelists will include a reference librarian, a graduate student, a researcher, and a publisher.

### **Publishing Opportunities**

Richard Spoo, editor of the *JAMES JOYCE QUARTERLY*, is looking for persons interested in volunteering as bibliographers for the journal.

The *INDEX TO REVIEWS OF BIBLIOGRAPHICAL PUBLICATIONS* needs new contributors. Participation essentially consists of scanning 10-12 journals for book reviews of bibliographies dealing with literature.

### **Proposed Bibliographic Project**

Scott Stebelman introduced his proposal for a bibliography on the topic of the manner in which humanities scholars conduct research. There was discussion of the suggested title. There was also debate about

the amount of appropriate material available. The conclusion was that the project is worthwhile whether it ends up as a book or as an article. A suggestion was made that a request for pertinent citations be made in *BIBLIO-NOTES* and *LITERARY RESEARCH*. Those in attendance formally approved sponsorship of the project by the English and American Literature Discussion Group. Scott will approach other appropriate groups and solicit their participation.

Ilene Nelson, Secretary

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

This issue, as you may have noticed, starts a new look for *Biblio-Notes*. I welcome suggestions for changes in future issues, and any questions or comments concerning *Biblio-Notes* are welcome. My address is listed below, or send material to Scott Stebelman, whose address is on page 2. I look forward to hearing from you.

See you in Chicago!

Candace R. Benefiel

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