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CALLS FOR PAPERS: 1987 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting in association with RMMLA, Oct. 15-17, Spokane, Washington. *March 15* is the deadline for abstracts to the meeting chair, Robert Hausmann, Linguistics, Univ. of Montana, Missoula MT 59812. (ADS Regional Secretary 1987-88: Grant W. Smith, English Dept., Eastern Washington Univ., Cheney WA 99004.)

Membership in RMMLA ($12 individual, $8 student) is required. Write RMMLA Executive Director Charles G. Davis, Dept. of English, Boise State Univ., Boise ID 83725; phone (208) 385-3426.

Future meeting: 1988 Las Cruces, N.M.

South Central Regional Meeting in association with SCMLA, Oct. 29-31; Houston, Westin Galleria Hotel. *March 15* is the deadline for submitting papers plus 100-word abstracts to the meeting chair, Merrell Knighten, English Dept., Louisiana State Univ.-Shreveport, 8515 Youree Drive, Shreveport LA 71115; phone (318) 797-5211. (ADS Regional Secretary 1986-87: Scott Baird, English Dept., Trinity Univ., 715 Stadium Dr., San Antonio TX 78285; phone [512] 736-7536.)

Membership in SCMLA ($15 regular, $5 student) is required. Write SCMLA Executive Director Paul A. Parrish, English Dept., Texas A&M Univ., College Station TX 77843; phone (409) 845-7041.


Midwest Regional Meeting in association with MMLA, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12; Columbus, Ohio, Hyatt Regency Hotel. *April 1* is the deadline for abstracts to the meeting chair, Lawrence Davis, Dept. of English, Ball State Univ., Muncie IN 47306. (ADS Regional Secretary 1987-88: Donald W. Larmouth, Communication Processes, Univ. of Wisconsin, Green Bay WI 54302.)

Membership in MMLA ($15 full and associate professors, $12 other faculty, $8 students) is required. Write MMLA, 423 English/Philosophy Bldg., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242; phone (319) 335-0331.

Future meetings: 1988 St. Louis, Marriott’s Pavilion Hotel; 1989 Minneapolis.

South Atlantic Regional Meeting in association with SAMLA, early November; Atlanta. *April 15* is the deadline for papers to the meeting chair, Bettie Horne, Humanities Division, Campus Box 6010, Landier Coll., Greenwood, SC 29646; phone (803) 229-8265. Since no restrictive theme has been announced, papers on a variety of topics are encouraged. (ADS Regional Secretary 1986-87: Jeutonne P. Brewer, English Dept., Univ. of North Carolina, Greensboro NC 27412.)

Membership in SAMLA ($12 individual, $5 student) is required. Write SAMLA, 120 Dey Hall 014A, Box 4, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC 27514; phone (919) 962-7165.

CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS

**Presidential Honorary Memberships**

President Richard W. Bailey will appoint his first cohort of three students as Presidential Honorary Members for 1988-1991. The complimentary memberships are intended to encourage outstanding students to be active in our field and in the Society.

Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. To nominate a student, simply send a letter explaining your candidate’s virtues to Bailey at the Dept. of English Language and Literature, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI 48104. Samples of the student’s work and other supporting materials may be attached. Deadline for nominations is *August 1*.

**Executive Council Member**

Only one new ADS officer is to be proposed by the Nominating Committee this year: a member of the Executive Council for 1988-91. If you have suggestions, send them to A. Murray Kinloch, English Dept., Univ. of New Brunswick, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3, Canada. He chairs the Nominating Committee by virtue of being Previous Past President. Other members of the committee are Past President Thomas L. Clark and elected member Mary R. Miller.
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

You are cordially invited to propose a paper for the

ADS Annual Meeting 1987
DECEMBER 27-30
SAN FRANCISCO

Options: As in past years, those who present papers at the 1987 ADS Annual Meeting will have a choice of three venues:
1. An independent meeting all day Wednesday, December 30 at a site to be chosen (probably a hotel where members may stay at special rates).
2. At the Modern Language Association meeting, Hilton, Hyatt Union Square, and Ramada Renaissance hotels. Speakers must be MLA members by April 1 and must pay MLA registration fees.
3. At the Linguistic Society of America meeting, Hyatt Embarcadero. Speakers and audience need not be LSA members, but must pay LSA registration fees.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: MARCH 20

Send abstracts to Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf (address on cover). You are encouraged to make a proposal even if you do not have a topic fully developed. Topic choice is unrestricted, but special sessions are being planned on the U.S. English movement and on San Franciscan Peter Tamony, and papers related to those topics will be welcome. Program chair is Vice President Thomas Creswell.

Please specify your preference of MLA, LSA, or the independent meeting. If you have no strong preference, let the committee assign you a place. Also indicate audio-visual equipment you will need.
**SUMMER MEETINGS 1987**

1. **With DSNA, Philadelphia**

   Call for papers: March 20 is the deadline for abstracts (250-350 words) for the biennial meeting of the Dictionary Society of North America at St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, June 5 and 6.

   For ADS-sponsored sessions at the meeting, send abstracts to Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf (address on cover). Program chair is ADS President Richard W. Bailey.

   For DSNA sessions, send abstracts to the conference organizer, John C. Traupman, Chairman, Dept. of Classics, St. Joseph’s Univ., 5600 City Ave., Philadelphia PA 19131; phone (215) 879-7579.

   Registration fee will be $15.

   Housing will be available in a dormitory at $22 single, $19 per person double; two rooms share a bathroom with two showers. The Holiday Inn a mile and a half away charges $55 for a single, $61 for a double.

   Tours: If there is sufficient interest, tours can be arranged for spouses: on Friday, a bus tour to Atlantic City casinos; on Saturday, a half-day sightseeing of Philadelphia or Valley Forge.

2. **With Methods VI, Wales**

   The University College of North Wales will host the Sixth International Conference on Methods in Dialectology August 3-8. As in the past, ADS is a sponsor of the conference.

   The deadline for proposals was in December.

   Conference organizer: Alan Thomas, Dept. of Linguistics, University College of North Wales, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DG, Wales, U.K.; phone (0248) 351151, ext. 466.

   The May Newsletter will provide full programs and information on housing, registration, and amenities.

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**ON ONE TANK OF GAS**

*By Mary Ritchie Key*  
*Chair, Centennial Committee*

   The Voyager made history around the world with few resources and much volunteer help. The spirit of the team members, their belief in their project, and the enthusiasm of each volunteer in his or her particular place in the venture was what carried it off.

   With the same elements of energy that make for success, we can celebrate the Centennial of the American Dialect Society in 1989. At the Annual Meeting, the chairs of the Centennial Committees were confirmed as follows:

   - Publications: John Algeo  
   - Centennial History: Audrey R. Duckert  
   - National Archive: Mary R. Miller  
   - Cambridge Celebration: David K. Barnhart  
   - DARE Celebration: Joan Hall  
   - Regional Conferences: Thomas L. Clark  
   - English in the Americas: Garland Cannon  
   - Teaching about Dialects: Donald M. Lance  
   - Atlas and Dictionary: Roger J. Steiner  
   - Sister Organizations: Connie C. Eble  
   - Dialect Research in Other Countries: William Ritchie Key and William G. Moulton  
   - Publicity: William Kretzschmar  
   - Documentaries: Donna Christian  
   - Research: Dennis R. Preston  
   - Life Membership: Lurline H. Coltharp  
   - Finance: Allan Metcalf

   The committees are largely autonomous, but in order to suggest ideas and give support, we welcome interaction among the committees and all the membership. Feel free to contact any of us to generate new ideas.

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**NEW CHAIR FOR NEW WORDS**

   John Algeo (Univ. of Georgia) will assume the chair of the ADS’ New Words Committee this year; Mary Gray Porter (Univ. of Alabama) will continue on the committee as vice chair. The committee prepares the “Among the New Words” column for American Speech.
FIRST REPORT FROM THE CENTENNIAL PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

(Planning for the ADS' centennial two years hence is underway. To give an idea of the possibilities, we reprint here the first report of the Centennial Publications Committee. As it says at the end, suggestions are welcome; we are still at the brainstorming stage.)

By John Algeo

January 1, 1987

Our committee appears to have a fairly open-ended charge. As I understand it, we are to assist in refereeing and arranging for the publication of any proceedings that grow out of the celebratory meetings for the centennial of 1989 and to encourage such other publications as may be appropriate. We are to be as helpful as we can without getting in anybody's way.

The meetings in which we might have a fostering interest include these:

1. The annual ADS meeting of 1988 [in New Orleans], which will open the centennial year. Appropriate papers from this meeting might be published before the end of 1989.

2. A special meeting at Harvard, where the ADS was formed. This may be the summer ADS meeting of 1989. If the texts of the papers for this meeting were done early, it might be possible to get them published by the end of the centennial year.

3. A joint ADS-NWAV meeting.

4. An ADS section at NCTE.

5. The annual ADS meeting of 1989, which will close the centennial year.

Depending on timing, a selection of papers from various of these (and possibly other) meetings might be considered for publication. Other publication projects in which our committee has, or might have, an interest include the following:

6. Commemorative issues of American Speech and PADS. These might consist of papers from meetings like those of 1-5 above (especially for AS) and of other publication projects like those that follow (especially for PADS).

7. Audrey Duckett's history of the ADS. Since this will be the cynosure of our centennial publications, we want to lend Audrey whatever support—moral or otherwise—we can.

8. Tom Clark's collection of papers from the regional secretaries on dialect study in the various regions.

9. An anthology of articles from Dialect Notes and PADS, showing what dialectologists have been up to for the past century.

10. An anthology of articles from American Speech.

11. The subject index to AS (if it is not completed earlier). The contents (author, title, page numbers) of all volumes up to the present year have been entered on a computer disk. The operating program was changed in 1986, so a fair amount of donkey-work cleanup is needed and is now being done. With the assistance of Jim McMillan and others, subject descriptors are being assigned to all articles. The first four volumes are completed and computerized.


13. A monograph describing dialect methodology and results since 1889, focusing on changes in techniques and the utilization (or underutilization) of the results.

14. A look forward to the future. This might be a paper from one of the sessions in 1-5, or a concluding chapter in a work like the history (7) or a methods monograph (13).

15. A Centennial Award Book. A work published in the centennial year might be chosen for recognition as an outstanding example of dialect study.

All of these suggestions may not be realized, of course—we are brainstorming a wish list at this point—and others are welcome. Comments, warnings, additions are all invited. (Write to: John Algeo, 220 Cedar Creek Drive, Athens, GA 30605.)

WANTED—Information on the history and development of capitalization of proper nouns and of criteria for dividing nouns into proper and common subcategories. Robert Wachal, Linguistics Dept., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.
COMMITTEE ON TEACHING REPORTS BOOK WORK
By Donald M. Lance

During the past year the only activity of the Committee has been continued efforts to publish an ADS-sponsored volume on teaching about language variation. The volume will be co-edited by Wayne Glowka and Donald Lance, with the former as primary editor. We received only two proposals in response to our notice in the September 1984 NADS and only nine more in response to our further soliciting in 1985. After the 1985 meeting in Chicago, we received enough proposals covering a variety of topics so that we could send a specific prospectus to a publisher.

In 1984 we had sent a preliminary inquiry to MLA to see whether they would be interested in publishing such a volume in the Options for Teaching Series. Officials at MLA expressed interest and requested a detailed prospectus. On June 3 we sent the prospectus, admitting that we recognized that there were gaps—notably in teaching about ethnic vernacular dialects (especially “Black English”) and English pidgins and creoles. The reviewers were very supportive but indicated that they would not be interested in the volume unless we could fill the gaps. In the meantime, we began making direct solicitations of individuals who have the experience and research background to write on these topics. At each stage in the process, we have informed proposers of the progress to date, or lack thereof.

On August 6, after receiving additional proposals, we submitted a revised prospectus to MLA. On October 20, Joseph Gibaldi wrote to Professor Glowka informing us that the reviewers had responded and that he had forwarded the prospectus and reviewers’ reports to the MLA Committee on Teaching and Related Professional Activities “for preliminary action.”

The prospectus lists a preface by Wayne Glowka (“Language Variation: An Unavoidable Subject”); a historical overview of the teaching of American English, by Harold B. Allen; and essays divided into five (tentative) sections:

Part 1: Initiating the Uninitiated
Part 2: Students as Colleagues
Part 3: Standard and Non-Standard
Part 4: Language History
Part 5: Special Topics

To date, we have received about 35 proposals from linguists in the United States and Canada; six of the proposals have been followed up by completed papers. Since the book has not been put in final form yet, anyone who has not yet sent in a proposal but would like to do so may send one to Wayne Glowka, Department of English and Speech, Georgia College, Milledgeville GA 31061, with a copy to Donald M. Lance, Department of English, University of Missouri, Columbia MO 65211. Proposals should be two pages in length; the articles should be 7-10 double-spaced pages in manuscript form, plus bibliography and other paraphernalia.
FIRST ADS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARDS ANNOUNCED

At the 1986 Annual Luncheon in a compact fireside room at Danon's on the Park in New York City, fifty ADS members and guests heard President Thomas Clark announce the Society's first seven recipients of Distinguished Scholar Awards for significant lifetime achievement in dialect study. They are: Harold Allen, E. Bagby Atwood, Margaret Bryant, Frederic Cassidy, Hans Kurath, Raven I. McDavid, Jr., and Allen Walker Read.

Names of proposed Distinguished Scholars were presented to the ADS Executive Council with appropriate encomia. Three of the statements are given here; the rest will appear in future issues.

Frederic G. Cassidy

To generations of students of English throughout North America, Frederic Cassidy is best known for the texts he published on Old English and the history of Modern English. However, his greatest contributions to scholarship lie in the field of modern English dialectology, for which the Society is seeking to honor him on this occasion. The name of Frederic G. Cassidy will, for all time and above all else, be associated with two milestones in the history of the American Dialect Society. The first is celebrated by his work on Jamaican English, culminating in his *Dictionary of Jamaican English*. The second, now nearing completion, is the *Dictionary of American Regional English*, which represents the fulfillment of a century-old dream.

One of the express aims of the American Dialect Society since its inception in 1889 has been the production of a dictionary of regional and local speech of the United States. Despite urgings from such notables as Mead, Long and Craigie, as well as special conferences devoted to this theme, no real progress was made until 1963 when Frederic Cassidy took up the gauntlet with his famous declaration: "The time to begin the Dictionary of the American Dialect Society is now."

In a very short time afterwards, the project was launched with Frederic Cassidy as Editor-in-Chief. Faithful to his earlier commitment, the first volume was published in 1985; another is expected before the centennial of the Society in 1989. It is without question that the crowning achievement of the first centenary of the American Dialect Society is the production of *DARE*, the credit for which belongs to Fred Cassidy.

Frederic Cassidy is one of that rare breed of scholars who excel in all aspects of their field. He is the complete dialectologist, from fieldworker to editor-in-chief. It is noteworthy that his dictionaries are based on field research which he has personally carried out or directed. Whether he is drinking beer in a Pennsylvania bar or participating in the John Canoe dance, Fred always gets his data. The American Dialect Society is extremely fortunate to be able to count Frederic G. Cassidy amongst its members.

—Henry Warkentyne

Raven I. McDavid, Jr.

It hardly seems necessary to justify to members of the American Dialect Society the recommendation that Raven I. McDavid, Jr. be honored posthumously by being formally and officially designated as a Distinguished Scholar. His work, his writings, and his influence in dialect studies are so widely known, admired and respected that there can be no doubt of his distinction nor of the high quality of his scholarship, nor of the appropriateness of his being named as one of the first Distinguished Scholars of the American Dialect Society.

For the record, however, here is a brief list of some of the highlights of his long and distinguished career.

*The Linguistic Atlas Project:* From 1946 to 1955, under the direction of Hans Kurath, Professor McDavid completed 550 Atlas informant interviews in some 225 communities. In 1964, McDavid was appointed Editor of the Linguistic Atlas, of the Middle and South Atlantic States. In 1975, upon the death of Albert Marckwardt, McDavid was appointed Editor of the Linguistic Atlas of the North Central States. McDavid’s student, Lee A. Pederson, is currently editor of the Linguistic Atlas of the Gulf States.

*Publications—Articles and Reviews:* Over a greater than forty-year span, 1939 to 1985, Raven I. McDavid, Jr. published over 400 articles and
reviews in journals and books published both in the United States and in a number of European countries. His first article in *American Speech* appeared in 1939. Many of his articles have been anthologized.


Ed., *The American Language* by H.L. Mencken, 1963. (McDavid added new material and updated Mencken's work along with condensing the original three volumes into a single volume.)

(With William M. Austin.) *Communication Barriers to the Culturally Deprived*, 1966.


**Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa.

President, American Dialect Society, 1967-68.

Fulbright Professorships in Germany and Scandinavia.

United States Information Service Lectureship at a number of German universities, culminating in an address to the Gesellschaft für Amerikastudien, Berlin, 1970.

Numerous invitational lectureships at American, British, and Continental European universities.

Honorary degrees: Furman University (his undergraduate college), Duke University (where he took his doctorate with a dissertation on John Milton), The Sorbonne.


Professor McDavid was still vitally active in dialect study and lexicography at the time of his death in 1984. In addition to his active participation in the editing of LAMSAS and LANCS, he was serving as major consultant on usage and dialect labeling in the development of a forthcoming new edition of the Random House Dictionary.

—*Thomas Creswell*

**Allen Walker Read**

Professor of English, Emeritus, Columbia University, Allen Walker Read has for nearly five decades been a model among scholars whose interests center on the English language, particularly on American English.

While his good health and abundant vitality over a long career have contributed to the extent of Read's achievements, it is quite significant, I think, that Read's work has followed a deliberate pattern, so that his writings, as he himself has expressed it, represent "a considered, integrated program of research on the theme of the interrelationship between language and the circumstances of social life."

"I regard myself as a student of human culture using language as the chief material of my research," Read wrote in the preface to his 1965 bibliography, in which he noted that the point of his work has been "to engage unremittingly in close scrutiny and constructive analysis of our cultural heritage ... always tackling problems of significance and social value."

Professor Read has carried on his program with a grace that belies the scope and brilliance of his accomplishments. The articles—well over 200 of them now, the topics ranging over Americanisms, taboo and euphemism, graffiti, semiotics, place names—are probably most telling to the members of the American Dialect Society. In addition, Professor Read has done important editorial work on several dictionaries, notably the Dictionary of American English, the American College Dictionary and the Random House Dictionary. He has also done much research for a Dictionary of Britisms, his own project.

A number of honors have come to Professor Read, early among them a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford. A charter member of the Dictionary Society of North America, Read was elected its first president. In 1982 he received an honorary doctorate from Indiana State University, where the DSNA was founded. He received another honorary doctorate from the University of Northern Iowa in 1985. He also has served both as secretary and as president of ADS.

For the breadth of his scholarship, for its
thoroughness, magnitude, and humanness, Allen Walker Read is a worthy candidate for the Distinguished Scholar Award of the American Dialect Society.

—Marvin Carmony

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Spring 1987

Summer 1987 (tentative)

Future Issues

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH
The Southern English Newsletter has made its appearance in Issue No. 4, Winter 1986. In its eight pages it lists the 24 articles on language in the forthcoming Encyclopedia of Southern Culture (University of North Carolina Press), reviews five books ranging from DARE to Roy Wilder’s You All Spoken Here, has memorial notices for Raven I. McDavid, Jr. and Patricia Jones-Jackson, and a brief polemic by Ch.-J. N. Bailey on the notion of “standard” American English.

Copies are free from the editor: Michael Montgomery, Dept. of English, Univ. of South Carolina, Columbia SC 29208.

ACTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
With Lurline Coltharp’s expansive suite high in the New York Marriott Marquis as venue, the 1986 ADS Executive Council meeting (always an open one, though you have to ask the Executive Secretary for the location) attracted attendance of 19, the same number as the year before, but this time much more comfortably situated. Eight of the nine Council members were present; President Clark presided.

The Council:
1. Approved appointments to the American Speech advisory committee 1987-89: Salikoko Mufwene, Lee Pederson, Fred R. Shapiro, Deborah Tannen.

2. Approved reappointments of regional secretaries and standing committees, with one change mentioned on page 4.

3. Appointed Mary R. Miller to a one-year term on the Executive Council, filling the vacancy created by Thomas Creswell’s election as vice president.

4. Appointed program chairs for meetings as announced elsewhere in this issue; appointed Ronald Butters to arrange ADS participation in the 1989 NWAV meeting at Duke University.

5. Passed resolutions authorizing sale of stocks held by the Kurath Fund (in order to purchase shares of mutual funds, following the advice of a professional counselor).

6. Approved the budget for 1987 given on page 12.

7. Approved Distinguished Scholar Awards for seven ADS members (see page 7) on the recommendation of a committee headed by Edward Callary.

8. Discussed plans for publication of the Margaret Bryant proverb collection under editorship of Wolfgang Mieder, Kelsie Harder and Stewart Kingsbury; and appointed Richard Bailey as liaison with the editors.

9. Heard Editor Ronald Butters’ report on American Speech—“a healthy backlog without a glut”—and possible future publication changes; appointed John Algeo to chair a committee to evaluate possible changes; expressed appreciation
for Duke University’s continuing handsome support of editorial operations.

10. Discussed at length and with approbation Mary Ritchie Key’s report on centennial committees and plans (see pages 4 and 5).

**AMAZING ‘AMERICAN TONGUES’**

The audio-visual star of the ADS Annual Meeting 1986 was Louis Alvarez and Andrew Kolker’s “American Tongues,” a 56-minute video with enough material for a semester’s worth of discussion about varieties of American English and speakers’ attitudes toward them. Gesture and social interaction make the visual as relevant as the aural; it shows language being used to communicate. Compact, fast-moving, good humored (but not trivial), it is more than a match for the 9 hours of MacNeil’s “Story of English.”

NEH funded it, and Frederic Cassidy, Raven McDavid and Walt Wolfram advised.

You can purchase it for $250 or rent for $85 (plus $10 shipping) from Center for New American Media, 524 Broadway 2nd Floor, New York NY 10012; phone (212) 925-5665.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Language and Society Division**

**Modern Language Association**

December 27-30, 1987

San Francisco

1987 theme: Language and Ethnicity.

March 10 is the deadline to send abstracts to Patricia C. Nichols, Dept. of English, San José State Univ., San José CA 95192.

All participants must be members of MLA by April 1. Membership fees range from $10 to $105 annually, depending on salary; write MLA, 10 Astor Place, New York NY 10003-6981; phone (212) 475-9500.

**NEW BOOKS BY ADS MEMBERS**


FRANK PARKER. *Linguistics for Non-Linguists*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1986. x + 239 pp. Designed to familiarize students in introductory classes with the basics of generative grammar, it begins with a chapter on pragmatics, then turns to semantics, syntax, morphology, phonology, language variation, language acquisition, and the neurology of language.
Odd scheduling was the nemesis of our conjoint meeting with the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association this past October in Denver. The permanent sections of RMMLA are rotated from day to day and from hour to hour in order to share the preferred time slots from year to year among the different groups. It is much too rational and democratic to lend any sense of ritual or permanency to our affairs.

This year the wheel of fortune placed the English Linguistics section at the very beginning of the convention on Thursday afternoon and the ADS conjoint section at the very end on Saturday afternoon. This big spread between our meeting times capitalized on the worst possible time slots of the convention to reduce drastically our shared audience with the Linguistics section as well as the usual drop-in attendance. The Linguistics section actually had near normal attendance of 13. However, our section on Saturday struggled to attract even five of the “fit though few.” From 23 blessed attendees of yesteryear, a high point for our faith within RMMLA, we were reduced by the mechanistic and, of course, diabolical rotation scheme to a stern remnant of five loyal saints.

A different kind of scheduling problem even prevented one of our presenters from attending. Marianna Di Paolo, who was to have reported on her excellent and continuing study of speech patterns in the Salt Lake Valley, discovered a conflict with the NWAV conference at Stanford. With only two papers and a small group, our session proceeded leisurely and more casually than usual. Carolyn O’Heam’s paper, abstracted in \textit{NADS} 18.3, analyzed the instances of Labov’s “negative concord” in seven Middle English sermon texts from four differing dialect areas (none from the Southwest). Her tentative conclusions include 1) early signs of the disuse and disappearance of negative concord, i.e. long before the 18th century, and 2) that Chaucer’s dialect, as represented by the Parson’s Tale, may not be the most representative of English dialects in his own time.

Robert Hausmann in his paper “Professors Who Speak Like Children” strummed a few chords of irony and satire. He purported discussing serious problems in the learning of English, such as the large vocabulary and the monomorphemic use of borrowed words. In fact, he regaled us with a survey of malapropisms and other verbal blunders of his colleagues at the University of Montana. Obviously, Henry Higgins had grounds to complain about academics as well as flower girls.

We elected Prof. Hausmann as our program chair for next year, and all five of us adjourned to a nearby pub where we continued our discussions for some time. For 1987 we will be meeting in Spokane, Wash., Oct. 15-17. There our ADS regional secretary will also be serving as RMMLA convention host, and he hopes to secure a better time slot for the ADS meeting and to extend to each ADS member a special greeting.

\textbf{MEMBERSHIP GROWS AGAIN}

For at least the fifth consecutive year (records are hazy before that), ADS membership increased last year, to a total of 880.

As before, the increase was in individual members, not institutions. The total number of individuals was 591 at the end of 1986, up from 566 the year before. Institutional members numbered 289, down negligibly from the 294 of the previous year.

Back at the end of 1981, by way of contrast, there were only 428 individual members but 281 institutional ones.

The differential increase in types of membership is due in part to the Executive Secretary’s policy of concentrating recruitment efforts on individuals. When PADS is finally officially up to date, it will be time to push for more institutional memberships. Meanwhile, the arrears are too much of a liability for a library recruiting campaign.

Of the individual members at the end of 1986, 39 were Life Members (14 more than the year before!), 26 were students (including a dozen Presidential Honorary Members), and 13 were officially Emeritus—paying no dues and receiving only the Newsletter.

Last year 63 new members joined ADS, compared with 67 in 1985, 93 in 1984, and 56 in 1983.
OXFORD PRESS SEeks DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAN ENGLISH CENTER

Oxford University Press is looking for one good person to direct its projected Washington Center for the OED. April 3 is the recently extended deadline to respond to the following announcement, which has appeared in the Chronicle of Higher Education and the MLA Job Information List:

"To complement the work of its lexicographers in Britain, OUP is establishing a Center for North American English in Washington, D.C. to undertake lexicographical research on North American English. The product of that research will be incorporated into revised editions of the Oxford English Dictionary.

"Principal tasks of the director will be: to build a team of lexicographers and support staff; to direct and participate in the lexicographical research of the center, the writing of new entries for the OED, and the revision of existing entries; to cooperate with scholarly dictionary projects under way in North America and with the scholarly community in general.

"Candidates should have a doctorate in a relevant discipline (English language, linguistics, modern languages or classics); sound knowledge of the history of English, both in Britain and North America; administrative and organizational efficiency, and good interpersonal skills.

Kenneth Wright of OUP emphasized one final qualification: "Previous lexicographical experience would be an advantage."

"Salary range: up to equivalent of professorial level, depending on qualifications and experience.

"Please write with c.v., stating date of availability, to Kenneth Wright, Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016."

ADS BUDGET FOR 1987

INCOME

Dues..................................................... $17,000
Interest.................................................. 2,800
Royalties.................................................. 500
Miscellaneous............................................ 200
Total................................................. $20,500

EXPENSES

Publications
American Speech, Vol. 62.......................... $8,000
PADS No. 73........................................ 3,800
Newsletter, Vol. 19 (incl. postage)........... 2,200
Total publications cost.......................... $14,000

Operations
Methods VI.............................................. $500
ACLS dues.............................................. 400
National Humanities Alliance................... 300
Executive Secretary travel.................... 2,500
Annual Meetings.................................. 500
Postage.................................................. 350
Telephone.............................................. 150
Office expenses...................................... 100
Miscellaneous printing........................... 200
Bank charges.......................................... 30
Surety bond for Exec. Sec....................... 100
Miscellaneous........................................ 100
Total operating expenses...................... $5,530

Total regular expenses........................... $19,530
Special allocation for computer................ 10,000
Total expenses....................................... $29,530
## FINANCIAL REPORT 1986

### RECEIPTS

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<td>Dues net.</td>
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### EXPENSES

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### BANK BALANCES DECEMBER 31

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REPORT OF THE MIDWEST REGION 1986

By Donald Larmouth, Midwest Regional Secretary

The 1986 Midwest Regional Meeting was convened by Prof. Michael Miller of Chicago State University on 6 November 1986 at the Hilton in Chicago. The program began with an invited presentation on statistical methods in dialectology by Prof. Dennis Girard of the program in Science and Environmental Change at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Prof. Girard reviewed some of the statistical methods for data analysis which have appeared in *American Speech* and other publications and suggested several alternative approaches, including log-linear models as well as refined chi-square analysis. He also provided several comments on computerized statistical packages and an annotated bibliography of sources on statistical methods.

Several other papers also focused on statistical analysis, including Prof. Charles Houck's paper on multidimensional scaling, which he applied to suggest that the Northern/Midland dialect boundary in Iowa might well be drawn further south than it appears in *LAUM*. This was followed by a presentation by Prof. Robert Wachal of the University of Iowa, who discussed the applications of inverse factor analysis in looking at stylistic features in fifty 1,000-word interviews, suggesting that this strategy could also be productively applied in dialect variation. After a short break, Profs. Virginia McDavid and Michael Linn discussed the possible applications of numerical taxonomy (cluster analysis), discriminant analysis, and logistic regression analysis in the LANCS materials, drawing examples from previous work with *LAUM* records.

James Alexander's presentation showed that occlusion of /θ/ to [d] is a widespread phenomenon, occurring in several dialects of American English as well as several other languages, while Walter Edwards' paper examined the semantics of preverbal *don* in Guyanese Creole and Black English to show that there are important differences between these two forms, even though they also converge semantically in a perfective sense.

The program was concluded with a paper by Daniel Kies, who suggested that functional load was a possible explanation for several consonant changes in Black English (including final consonant weakening, substitution of [n] for [ŋ], substitution of alveolar stops for interdental fricatives, and metathesis as in *ask*).

In one of the shortest business meetings on record, the members unanimously elected Prof. Lawrence Davis of Ball State University chair of the 1987 Midwest Regional Meeting and recommended the reappointment of Donald Larmouth to another term as Midwest Regional Secretary. Several members then adjourned to Don Roth's River Plaza restaurant for further discussion. There was general agreement that this program was notable for papers of very high quality and interest, even though attendance (15) was a bit less than usual.

ADS GETS NEW LIFE

Thanks to Ronald Butters' persuasive pitch on the back page of *NADS 18.3*, or to the incitement of the U.S. tax reform law—or maybe just to their own generosity and good will, 15 ADS members became Life Members in the past year, most of them in the few months at the end of 1986.


They not only provide the Society with augmented endowment (totaling $6,000 over the past year), but they also relieve the Secretary and themselves of the otherwise Sisyphean labor of handling dues notices and checks every year. It is especially convenient for absent-minded members who are never sure whether they have paid or not.

So if you can find $400, send it in with your next dues notice and it will last a lifetime—a lifetime of attending to more important matters than dues.
NEW BOOKS BY ADS MEMBERS

If you have recently published a book, send pertinent information to Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf (address on cover), and we'll mention it here.

REINHOLD AMAN. Bayrisch-österreichisches Schimpfwörterbuch. Munich: Goldmann, 1986. 206 pp. DM 8.80 paperback. Originally published 1973 in hardcover by Süddeutscher Verlag. This dictionary of Bavarian and Austrian terms of abuse contains 2,500 entries presented in a transcription system developed by Aman for these unwritten dialects, showing gender, plural, definition, etymology, and many usage examples. Also an extensive introduction to psychological, literary, linguistic and dialectological matters.

MORTON BENSON, Evelyn Benson, and Robert Ilson. The BBI Combinatory Dictionary of English: A Guide to Word Combinations. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 1986. xxxvi + 286 pp. $10 paperbound, $20 hardbound. In a methodical manner, this dictionary gives the major lexical and grammatical combinations of English, while showing differences between American and British usage. Many neologisms are included in the approximately 14,000 headwords and 75,000 collocations and phrases. The BBI will be of interest to foreign learners as well as native speakers of English. ISBN 0-915027-81-X (paper), -80-1 (hardb.).

MORTON BENSON, Evelyn Benson, and Robert Ilson. The Lexicographic Description of English. Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins, 1986. xiii + 275 pp. $37. Designed to help lexicographers compile better dictionaries of English. The authors provide a detailed study of lexical and grammatical differences between American and British English. They offer a solution to the vexing problem of how to treat General American and British RP pronunciation in the same dictionary with the help of a simplified transcription for which any typewriter keyboard can be adapted. Also included is a description of principles concerning the treatment of fixed grammatical and lexical collocations. ISBN 90-272-3014-5.

Norbert Boretzky, WERNER ENNINGER and Thomas Stolz, eds. Akten des 2. Essener Kolloquiums über Kreolensprachen und Sprachkontakte. Studienverlag Dr. N. Brockmeyer, Querenburger Höhe 281, D-4630 Bochum, West Germany, 1986. 311 pp. DM 39.80. Proceedings of the second Essen Colloquium on Creole Languages and Language Contact held Nov. 29-30, 1985. Contributions by Norbert Boretzky (Bochum), Werner Enninger (Essen), Manfred Görlich (Kön), Lilith Haynes (Essen), Marlis Hellinger (Hannover), Philippe Maurer (Zürich), Peter Mühlhäusler (Oxford), Helma Pasch (Kön), Pieter Seuren (Nijmegen), Thomas Stolz (Bochum), Sarah Thomason (Pittsburgh) and Henning Wode (Kiel). ISBN 3-88339-524-2. (Proceedings of the third colloquium, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1986, are in preparation.)


Marcia Farr and HARVEY DANIELS. Language Diversity and Writing Instruction. ERIC and the National Council of Teachers of English (1111 Kenyon Rd., Urbana IL 61801), 1986. 99 pp. $9.75 paperbound. Offers a theoretical framework and practical suggestions for teaching writing to high school students who are native speakers of nonstandard English dialects. Reviews linguistic findings on language variation, dialects, cultural differences, bidialectism, and dialect interference; then discusses 15 key factors associated with effective writing instruction. ISBN 0-8141-2659-6.
FILL THE DOOTSY FOR DARE, NO. 25

The last list of queries brought in some useful responses—for which all due thanks. Persevere in virtue! As before, please send your communication to Professor Frederic G. Cassidy, *Dictionary of American Regional English*, 6123 Helen White Hall, Madison, WI 53706.

**dash**—a dog of mixed breed. We have it once from an old South Carolina farmer (white). If this is not an individualism or a name, what’s the semantics of it?

**dog on wood**—a kind of tag game, reported from Ohio, 1890. Is it still being played? How is it played?

**domino**—reported from El Paso, TX, by a middle-aged rancher in answer to our Question AA28: a joking expression used by women to say that another is going to have a baby. No further evidence. What does it mean in this context?

**double-pen(ned) cabin or house**—reported from GA, AL, MS. We are uncertain about the space between the attached cabins or houses: is it separately roofed, floored, open, or enclosed as in a shotgun house?

**dusty miller**—a type of white moth which appears dusted with flour, like a miller’s clothes. We have quotes only from 1908 and 1911. Surely this is current still? More evidence would be welcome.

**filer**—one response only, from Raleigh, NC, a middle-aged woman: “a horse-drawn plow used to hill tobacco.” Further evidence would be welcome. Is the implement still known?

**fill the dootsy**—from Brooklyn, NY, a middle-aged man, answering our question A10, “What are you doing?” “Nothing in particular—I’m just ____.” His reply: “I’m just fill-the-dooptying.” Evidently, killing time. But dootsy is new to us, as also the phrase.

**find rest**—to die. One example from a “folk” novel. Is it really a folk expression (where? when?) or is it an example of “literary” folk speech? Is it regularly used in a known community?

**higdom**—a spicy side dish of chopped pickle and ketchup. Reported from Lafayette, NY, and Wellsboro, PA. A peculiar word but apparently genuine. Confirmation of the form and explanation of the source would be helpful.

**huddler**—a type of hunting dog which *huddles* game in some way. But in what way? Our examples come from KY, TN, NC. Appalachians, this looks like one for you.

**hull over**—one example NECO, 1967. Local garage folk do not know the term. What, exactly, does it mean? How widespread is it? “After these batteries have been hulled over a few times, we throw them away.”

**jellybean**—a favorable though light (unserious) nickname or epithet for a dandy, a boy/girl friend—even for a type of haircut and for sharp-pointed (men’s) shoes. Mainly TX but also South.

CASSIDY GOES RUSSELLING IN TEXAS

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23, 1986, *DARE* received the David H. Russell Award, and Fred Cassidy a standing ovation, at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English in San Antonio.

The Russell Award is given annually by NCTE for a recently published work of scholarship or research in language, literature, rhetoric, or pedagogy and learning.

Presenting the award, James S. Davis of NCTE branded it in the highest terms: “an immense scholarly achievement and a tremendous resource for those within and beyond our profession.” He allowed that it was “an idiomatic mine for anyone who treasures language.”

*DARE* and Cassidy, he said, “model attitudes toward the language which should inform our profession at all levels.”

In the two decades since the Russell Award was inaugurated, five ADS members have roped it in: William Labov, Raven I. McDavid, Jr., Albert H. Marckwardt, Harold B. Allen, and now Cassidy.