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REGIONAL MEETINGS

South Central Regional Meeting

In association with SCMLA, Oct. 14-16; Austin, Texas, Driskill Hotel.

March 15 is the deadline for abstracts to the ADS meeting chair: **Delma McLeod-Porter**, Dept. of Languages, McNeese State Univ., Lake Charles LA 70609; office phone (318) 475-5337, home (318) 439-8654.

ADS Regional Secretary 1992-93: **Charles B. Martin**, Dept. of English, Univ. of North Texas, P.O. Box 13827, Denton TX 76203-3827; phone (817) 565-2149.

Membership in SCMLA is \$20 full professors, \$15 associate and assistant professors, \$10 instructors and students. Write SCMLA, Dept. of English, Texas A&M Univ., College Station TX 77843-4227; phone (409) 845-7041.

Future meeting: 1994 New Orleans.

Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting

In association with RMMLA, October; Denver, Metropolitan State College.

March 15 is the deadline for abstracts or papers to ADS Regional Secretary **Grant W. Smith**, English Dept., Eastern Washington Univ., Cheney WA 99004; phone (509) 359-6023, home (509) 235-6066.

Membership in RMMLA is \$20 regular, \$10 student. Write RMMLA Executive Director **Charles G. Davis**, Dept. of English, Boise State Univ., Boise ID 83725; phone (208) 385-1199.

Future meetings: 1994 Colorado Springs, Colorado Coll.; 1995 Spokane, Eastern Washington Univ.

Midwest Regional Meeting

In association with MMLA, Nov. 4-6; Minneapolis, Hyatt Regency on Nicollet Mall.

April 1 is the deadline for abstracts to the meeting chair, **Thomas E. Murray**, Dept. of English, Kansas State Univ., Denison Hall, Manhattan KS 66506-0701; phone (913) 532-6716. He also chairs the American Name Society session at MMLA and will consider proposals for that.

ADS Regional Secretary 1993-94: **Michael I. Miller**, Associate Provost, Chicago State Univ., 95th

St. at King Drive, Chicago IL 60628-1598; phone (312) 995-3608.

Membership in MMLA is \$20 full and associate professors, \$15 other faculty, \$10 students. Write MMLA, 302 English/Philosophy Bldg., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242-1408; phone (319) 335-0331.

Future meetings: 1994 Nov. 11-13 Chicago, Palmer House; 1995 Nov. 2-4 St. Louis, Marriott Pavilion.

South Atlantic Regional Meeting

In association with SAMLA, Nov. 4-6; Atlanta, Hyatt Regency Peachtree Center.

May 1 is the deadline for abstracts to the ADS meeting chair: **Walt Wolfram**, Dept. of English, North Carolina State Univ., Raleigh NC 27695-8105. Presenters must be members of both SAMLA and ADS. Presenters are limited to one paper at the SAMLA meeting.

ADS Regional Secretary 1992-93: **Cynthia Bernstein**, Dept. of English, 9030 Haley Center, Auburn Univ., Auburn University AL 36849-5203; phone (205) 844-9072.

Membership in SAMLA is \$15 for individuals. Write SAMLA, Drawer 6109, University Station, Tuscaloosa AL 35486-6109; phone (205) 348-9067.

Future meetings: 1994 Nov. 11-13 Baltimore, Omni Inner Harbor; 1995 Nov. 3-5 Atlanta, Marriott Marquis; 1996 Nov. 8-10 Savannah, Radisson; 1997 Atlanta.

Japan Regional Meeting

No, Japan is not a region of the United States or Canada! But two of the two dozen ADS members who live in Japan are considering plans for an ADS meeting in that region of the world. It might be in association with a meeting of the Japanese Linguistic Society. Place and date have not yet been determined.

To offer suggestions, propose a paper, or get further information, write **Fumio Inoue**, Tokyo Univ. of Foreign Studies, 4-51-21, Nishigahara 4-chome, Kita-ku, Tokyo 114; or **Danny Long**, Apt. 4, Futabaso, 3-14-1-4 Hanjo, Mino-shi, Osaka 562.

Proposals are
WELCOME
from all ADS
members.

ANNUAL MEETING 1993

Toronto • December 27-30

CALL FOR PAPERS

Meet friends and
colleagues in
one of the world's
great hotels.

Deadline for abstracts: March 22

Following the Modern Language Association outside the boundaries of the United States for the first time, the ADS meeting at the **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** in Toronto will continue our recent emphasis on international connections in dialectology, this year with a particularly Canadian theme. Program chair **Lawrence Davis** is arranging sessions and speakers on Canadian French and English.

But our Annual Meeting is as usual open to papers in the full range of our field. If you have an idea on any topic, send it to Executive Secretary **Allan Metcalf** (address on cover) by **March 22**. You are encouraged to make a proposal even if you do not have a paper fully developed.

Please specify whether you prefer our independent sessions at the Four Seasons or our one session at MLA (which requires MLA membership by April 1 as well as MLA registration), and whether you need audio-visual equipment.

Following our tradition of providing only the best accommodations, ADS will be housed at what one guidebook says is among the best two dozen hotels in the world. Subsequent issues will have more details, but here we will simply say that rooms will be available at a mere *\$95 Canadian per night*—or \$115 Cdn for a suite. If you'd like to make your reservation now, call toll-free (800) 332-3442 in the United States, (800) 268-6282 in Canada, (416) 445-5031 in Toronto. Ask for the American Dialect Society rates.

Calls for Other MLA Sessions

Lexicography Discussion Group. Suggested topic: What's *Not* in the Dictionary. By March 15 send proposals to program chair **Allan Metcalf** (address on cover).

Linguistic Approaches to Literature. Topic: The Second Person. Send proposals to **Cynthia Bernstein**, Dept. of English, 9030 Haley Center, Auburn Univ., Auburn University AL 36849-5203; phone (205) 844-9072.

Present-Day English. Topic: International Perspectives on Present-Day English Language. By March 22 send a one-page abstract to program chair **Kathy Riley**, Dept. of Composition, Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth MN 55812.

ADS at LSA, Next January

Meanwhile, ADS continues to sponsor sessions at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America as well. On January 6-9, 1994, LSA meets at the Sheraton in Boston.

Your proposals for a talk, or a whole program, are welcome. Send them to the Executive Secretary (address on cover) by the March 22 deadline.

Future LSA meeting: Jan. 5-8, 1995, New Orleans. ADS deadline for proposals: *March 21, 1994*.

ADS Annual Meeting 1994

In association with the Modern Language Association of America, Dec. 27-30, San Diego.

ADS deadline for proposals: *March 21, 1994*.

April in Auburn: LAVIS Takes A Second Look at the South

Twelve years after the first one, a second conference on Language Variety in the South will be held at Auburn University, Alabama, April 1-3, in association with the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics.

ADS is a sponsor of LAVIS, along with the National Science Foundation, the John and Mary Franklin Foundation, SECOL, and Auburn University. ADS members are invited to attend.

The conference begins with a retrospective by **Michael Montgomery**, Univ. of South Carolina, and closes with a prospective by **Guy Bailey**, Oklahoma State Univ. Montgomery and Bailey organized the 1981 conference and edited the volume of papers from that conference: *Language Variety in the South* (Univ. of Alabama Press, 1986).

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

8:30-10:00

Welcoming remarks, President Muse; A retrospective, **Michael Montgomery**.

10:15-12:15

Panel on mapping and methods: **William Kretschmar**, Univ. of Georgia; **John Kirk**, Queen's Univ., Belfast; **Guy Bailey**; **Tom Wikle**, Oklahoma State Univ.

1:15-3:15

Papers on social and spatial variables:

"Geographical Influence on Lexical Choice: Changes in the 20th Century," **Ellen Johnson**, Univ. of Georgia.

"An Ethnolinguistic Approach to the Study of Rural Southern African-American Vernacular English," **Patricia Cukor-Avila**, Univ. of Michigan.

"Spatial Variation in an Urban Context," **Lori Sand**, Oklahoma State Univ.

"The Role of Social Processes in Language Variation and Change," **Jan Tillery**, Oklahoma State Univ.

3:30-5:30

Panel on the *Dictionary of American Regional English*: **Fred Cassidy**, **Joan Hall**, and **Luanne von Schneidmesser**, *DARE*; **Allan Metcalf**, MacMurray Coll.; **John Algeo**, Univ. of Georgia.

7:30

Keynote address, **William Labov**.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

8:00-10:00

Papers on African-American English—Evidence from ex-slave recordings and letters:

"The Evolution of *Ain't* in Black English Vernacular," **Natalie Maynor**, Mississippi State Univ.

"Challenges and Problems of Recorded Slave Interviews," **Jeutonne Brewer**, Univ. of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"Mid-19th Century African-American Speech," **Sharon Paparone** and **Janet Fuller**, Univ. of South Carolina.

10:15-12:15

Panel on African-American vernacular: **John Baugh**, Stanford Univ.; **John Rickford**, Stanford Univ.; **Walt Wolfram**, North Carolina State Univ.; **J.L. Dillard**, Shawnee State Univ.

1:15-3:15

Papers on Romance language contact:

"Code-switching and Loss of Inflection in Louisiana French," **Michael Picone**, Univ. of Alabama.

"Some Aspects of Decreolization in the Louisiana Creole Verb," **Kevin J. Rottet**, Indiana Univ., Bloomington.

"A Study of Language Contact: Subject Pronouns in the Spanish of Mexican-Americans in Houston, Texas," **Sandra Baumel-Schreffler**, Univ. of Houston.

"Variation in Tejano English: Evidence for Variable Lexical Phonology," **Robert Bayley**, Univ. of Texas, San Antonio.

3:30-5:30

Panel on language contact: **Edgar Schneider**, Univ. Regensburg; **Salikoko Mufwene**, Univ. of Chicago; **Michael Montgomery**, Univ. of South Carolina; **Ron Butters**, Duke Univ.

7:30

Keynote address, **Crawford Feagin**.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

8:30-10:00

Papers on the influence of African-American English:

"An Early Representation of African-American English," **Marianne Cooley**, Univ. of Houston.

"Gonzales' Gullah: What It May Tell Us about

LAVIS Sessions (Cont.), Satellite Coverage

Variation," **Katherine Mille**, Univ. of North Carolina, Greensboro.

"The African Substratum in American English: Evidence from Plural Formation in Upcountry Lower Southern," **Michael Miller**, Chicago State U. 10:15-12:15

Panel on Southern narrative: **Barbara Johnstone**, Texas A&M Univ.; **Wayne Flynt**, Auburn Univ.; **Bert Hitchcock**, Auburn Univ.; **Steve Gresham**, Auburn Univ.

1:15-3:15 session A

Papers on discourse and social meaning:

"Speaking Maps and Talking Worlds: Adolescent Language Usage in a New South Community," **Boyd H. Davis**, Univ. of North Carolina, Charlotte.

"Social Meaning in Southern Speech: An Integrative Discourse Analysis of the Use of Address Terms," **Catherine Davies**, Univ. of Alabama.

"Linguistics and Music: Southern Speech Characteristics in the Narratives of Hank Williams' Luke the Drifter Recordings," **Thomas Wilmeth**, Concordia Univ.

"That Muddy Mississippi of Falsehood Called History: Southern Rhetoric, Science, Semantics and Ecology from DeSoto to Gore," **Joan Weatherly**, Memphis State Univ.

1:15-3:15 session B

Papers on phonological variation:

"Rule Ordering in the Phonology of Alabama-Georgia Consonants," **William Taylor**, Talladega Coll.

"Pronunciation Variation in Coastal North Carolina," **Bruce Southard**, East Carolina Univ.

"Hypercorrection of 'flat i,'" **Glenn Blank**, Dallas.

"Evidence and Argument in the Development of Prenasal /z/ → /d/," **Natalie Estes**, North Carolina State Univ.

3:30-5:00 session A

Papers on language and group identity:

"Solidarity Cues in New Orleans English," **Felice Coles**, Univ. of Utah.

"Cajun English Vernacular," **Ann Martin Scott**, **Sherri Condon**, and **Deany Charamie**, Univ. of Southwestern Louisiana.

"Ethnic Identity, Americanization, and Survival of the Mother Tongue: The First vs. Second Generation of Professional Chinese in Memphis," **Marvin Ching**, Memphis State Univ.

3:30-5:00 session B

Papers on regional diffusion:

"Phonology of Ozark Folk Speech," **Bethany Dumas**, Univ. of Tennessee.

"The Search for a Linguistic Mason-Dixon Line," **Timothy C. Frazer**, Western Illinois Univ.

"The Southern Base in Missouri Dialect," **Donald Lance**, Univ. of Missouri.

5:15-6:30

A prospective, **Guy Bailey**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration is \$25, covering all LAVIS and SECOL activities. Send a check, payable to Auburn University, to **Cynthia Bernstein**, Chair, LAVIS Committee, Dept. of English, Auburn University, Alabama 36849-5203. (On a separate piece of paper, print your name and affiliation as you would like them to appear on your badge.) Other members of the organizing committee are **Thomas Nunnally** and **Robin Sabino**. Telephone (205) 844-4620, fax (205) 844-2378, e-mail lavis@ducvax.auburn.edu or LAVIS@AUDUCVAX.BITNET.

Hotel rooms are available at the site of the meeting, the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center. Mention the conference to get the special room rate of \$66 (plus 8 percent tax) for up to four occupants. *March 1* is the deadline for reservations: phone (800) 2AUBURN or (205) 821-8200; fax (205) 826-8746; write 241 S. College St., Auburn AL 36830-5400.

Labov Live Via Satellite

The keynote address by **William Labov** of the University of Pennsylvania will be broadcast live by satellite. The cost of downlink, including taping privileges, is only \$65. To make arrangements contact **Rick Alekna**, program director for instructional telecommunications at Auburn, at (800) 572-1684 or (205) 844-3112, or e-mail ricka@uce.auburn.edu.

A videotape of this talk will later be made available for \$85. Some of the panel presentations will also be videotaped.

Abrahams to Talk on Tamany At 8th Tamony Talk, April 22

Roger Abrahams of the University of Pennsylvania will deliver the eighth annual Peter Tamony Memorial Lecture at the University of Missouri, Columbia, on the afternoon of Thursday, April 22.

His topic is "The Sons of St. Tamany and the Creation of an American Identity: Invented Traditions and an American Way of Speaking."

Abrahams is well known in both linguistics and folklore. His most recent book is *Singing the Masters: The Emergence of African-American Culture in the Plantation South* (New York: Pantheon, 1992).

For further information write Nancy Lankford or Randy Roberts, Western Historical Manuscript Collection, 23 Ellis Library, University of Missouri, Columbia MO 56201, phone (314) 882-6028.

Old Saws' New Home in Columbia

The ADS proverbs, collected by Margaret Bryant and computerized by Stuart Kingsbury for use in the recent *Dictionary of American Proverbs* (Oxford, 1991), have now been permanently archived and are available for use at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

The approximately 150,000 slips cite proverbs, proverbial expressions, proverbial comparisons, superstitions, weather signs, Wellerisms and similar materials, collected throughout the United States and Canada under Bryant's supervision as chair of the ADS Committee on Proverbial Sayings from 1944 to 1985. (See her *Proverbs and How to Collect Them*, PADS 4, 1945.)

The WHMC welcomes additional materials relating to the ADS proverbs. Correspondence, slips and other materials which may be in the possession of the original collectors or their descendants are particularly solicited. For further information contact Nancy Lankford or Randy Roberts at the address above.

**COMING IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:
ALLEN WALKER READ'S TALK
AT THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON
WITH THE BEST SHORT STORY
OF 1931**

Call for Papers: ADS at AILA

AUGUST 8-14, AMSTERDAM

AILA, World Congress of Applied Linguistics.

March 15 is the deadline for proposals for 10-minute papers to ADS liaison Paul Gilmer, American Embassy The Hague, PSC 71 Box 1000, APO AE 09715. Local address: American Embassy, Lange Voorhout 102, 2514EJ The Hague, Netherlands; phone (31)-70-310-9209, fax (31) 70-356-1262. ADS has been allocated an hour for a session, allowing for four papers plus discussion.

Kindred Meetings 1993

April 26-29, Budapest

First Congress of the International Society for Dialectology and Geolinguistics.

Write the Organizing Committee of First SIDG Congress, ELTE, BTK, Piarista köz 1, Budapest 1052, Hungary; phone (36) 1 118 0966; fax (36) 1 118 5699.

May 24-26, Las Vegas

Dictionary Society of North America, biennial meeting. Also the ADS Summer Meeting. (Full program will appear in the May newsletter.)

Write Thomas L. Clark, English Dept., Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas NV 89154-5011; bitnet tlc@nevada2, internet tlc@nevada.edu.

To join DSNA, send \$20 (\$25 overseas) to Secretary-Treasurer Louis T. Milic, DSNA, RT-936/937, Cleveland State University, 1983 East 24 Street, Cleveland OH 44115-2403; phone (216) 687-4830 or 3953; fax (216) 687-9366; e-mail R0097@csuohio.

July 20-24, Chicago

Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States: 20th Annual Forum, University of Illinois, Chicago. Write Ruth M. Brend, 3363 Burbank Dr., Ann Arbor MI 48105; phone (313) 665-2787; e-mail usersx6j@umichum.

September 8-11, El Paso, Texas

Western Geographic Names Conference.

At the historic Westin Paso del Norte Hotel; in association with the University of Texas at El Paso. ADS Liaison: Lurline H. Coltharp, 4263 Ridgecrest, El Paso TX 79902.

Acts of the Executive Council in Manhattan, December '92

Once a year, members of the American Dialect Society gather not only to report to each other their findings in their field of mutual interest, not only to make new friendships and renew old ones over a Guinness or a bottle of sparkling water, but also to arrange the affairs of the Society for maximum efficacy in furthering our mutual aim, the study of the English language in North America, and of other languages influencing it or influenced by it. (In that regard, we have become increasingly aware that the study of dialects anywhere in the world is relevant to the study of dialects here.)

The principal agent in arranging our affairs is the nine-member Executive Council. By recent tradition, when the Executive Council meets to take action on behalf of the Society, every member is encouraged to attend and participate—and perhaps to volunteer to organize a meeting or join a committee.

So it was in a cozy second-floor meeting room of the Fitzpatrick Manhattan on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1992, when the Council met with coffee and Mrs. Field's cookies. Vice President (and President-elect) **John Baugh** was unable to attend, because of his wife's illness, but the other eight members of the Council were on hand. They mingled around the conference table with 15 additional ADS members. Discussion was universal, and all votes turned out to be unanimous.

Michael Linn, who in his terms as vice president and president has broadened the Society's view to dialects world wide, presided over the session that began at 10:20 a.m. and ended two hours later. Council and friends took these actions:

1. Appointed **Ronald Butters** editor of *PADS* starting 1996 and **Allan Metcalf** for the three years 1993-95, thanking **Dennis Baron** for his seven years of service as editor of the journal. (See p. 12).

2. Authorized **William Kretzschmar** to enter into negotiations with the University of Georgia towards a contract giving the Linguistic Atlas materials permanent residency in the library there. The final contract will be returned to the Council for approval.

3. Approved the gift of the original ADS proverb files, collected by **Margaret Bryant** and later com-

puterized by **Stewart Kingsbury** for the *Dictionary of American Proverbs* (Oxford U.P., 1991), to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri, Columbia. (See p. 6.) The usual reserve clause applies: If WHMC should ever tire of the collection or make it inaccessible, ADS can have it back.

4. Appointed **Charles F. Meyer** chair of the Usage Committee at the recommendation of the previous chair, **Michael Montgomery**.

5. Appointed **Cynthia Bernstein** and **Tim Frazer** to the *American Speech* advisory committee, as recommended by editor **Ronald Butters**.

6. Reappointed **Michael I. Miller** to a two-year term as Midwest Regional Secretary and **Grant W. Smith** to a two-year term as Rocky Mountain Regional Secretary.

7. Appointed **Ellen Johnson** as assistant editor of the *Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States*, and reappointed **Lawrence M. Davis** as trustee of the Kurath Fund that supports Atlas work, as recommended by *LAMSAS* editor **William Kretzschmar**.

8. Endorsed both the Dictionary Society meeting, May 24-26, and Methods VIII, August 3-7, as ADS summer meetings for 1993. (See pp. 6, 12.)

9. Appointed **James Stalker** to chair an ADS session at the NCTE convention in Pittsburgh, Nov. 19-22. (See p. 9.)

10. Endorsed efforts by **Garland Cannon** and **Fumio Inoue** to organize a 1994 conference in Honolulu or Japan, on Japanese and English languages in contact.

11. Asked **Connie Eble** to look into the possibility of an ADS session at the August 1994 LACUS meeting in Vancouver.

12. Appointed **Michael Montgomery** as ADS liaison for the NWAVE conference in Ottawa in October 1993.

13. Authorized **Fumio Inoue** and **Daniel Long** to organize an ADS regional meeting in Japan. (See p. 2.)

14. Approved an increase in annual dues to \$30, student dues to \$15, and life membership to \$600, starting 1994.

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Executive Council (Cont.) Appoints Planning Committee

15. Approved the following budget for 1993:

EXPECTED INCOME

Dues	\$20,000
Interest.....	3,000
Gifts, royalties and miscellaneous	1,000
Total income	\$24,000

EXPECTED EXPENSES

American Speech	\$8,000
PADS, two numbers	6,000
Newsletter	3,000
Executive Secretary travel	1,500
Office expenses, including computer	2,000
ACLS and NHA dues	730
Annual Meeting expenses	500
American Speech computer expenses	1,000
Total expenses	\$22,730

16. Again instructed the executive secretary to have a formal audit of the financial records. (Arrangements have since been made with the Jacksonville, Ill. firm of Zumbahlen, Eyth & Surratt for an audit this May.)

17. Heard from **Ronald Butters** and **Charles Carson** concerning *American Speech*. The Society's computer equipment has been upgraded: a Macintosh IICI, with peripherals, some new software, and 8 mb of RAM. This will also benefit the processing of *PADS 78* and *79* at the *American Speech* offices. From September 1991 to September 1992, there were 63 submissions to the journal; 57 percent were accepted, 33 percent rejected, 9 percent returned for revision and 2 percent withdrawn. A vote of appreciation for the editors was approved unanimously.

18. At **Dennis Preston's** suggestion, established a long-range planning committee, particularly to consider the venue for the annual meeting. Plans for 1993 in Toronto and 1994 in San Diego with MLA are already under way, but after that the location is open. Preston suggested holding the annual meeting with the Linguistic Society. Others proposed NWAV, though that is just a meeting rather than an organization and might resist advance planning. A summer meeting and a meeting independent of any other group were also proposed. Others on the committee are **Michael Linn**, **Lawrence Davis**, **David Barnhart** and **Connie Eble**. President **Baugh** was

authorized to appoint additional members to the committee. If you are interested, get in touch with him or the Executive Secretary.

After hearing **Jiro Nagase** express **Takeshi Sibata's** greetings and regret that he could not attend owing to illness, the meeting adjourned.

Annual Meeting: Elections

The ADS Annual Meeting took place the next morning in the mirrored dining room of the Atrium Club. Chief business was unanimous election of nominees **Lawrence M. Davis** (Wichita State) as vice president 1993-94, **Silke Van Ness** (SUNY Albany) as Executive Council member 1993-96, and **Donald M. Lance** (Missouri, Columbia) as member of the Nominating Committee for 1993-94.

At **Richard Bailey's** motion, the body unanimously approved a resolution thanking outgoing president **Michael Linn** for his international initiatives in our annual meeting programs.

Presidential Honors for '93, '94

Every year the president of the American Dialect Society appoints three students to four-year Presidential Honorary Memberships. Any outstanding student, graduate or undergraduate, may be nominated by any ADS member. Send a letter of nomination (together with supporting materials, if you wish) to President **John Baugh**, School of Education, Stanford University, Stanford CA 94305-3096.

At the 1992 annual meeting, President **Michael Linn** announced his selection for the tenth class of honorees: **Vera Horvath** and **Dawn Montague** of Ball State University, both nominated by **Lawrence Davis**, and **Jody Bailey-Teulon** of Louisiana State University, nominated by **Frank Parker**.

Name on South Carolina Chair

Where **Claude Henry Neuffer** once taught and conducted his journal *Names in South Carolina*, an endowed chair now bears his name. It is the **Claude H. Neuffer Chair Professorship** in Southern Studies. His widow and long-time public relationist **Irene LaBorde Neuffer** reports the naming and invites donations to the endowment, to be sent to the Development Office, 615 Byrnes Building, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC 29208.

Conclave of ADS Scholars Picks New Word of 1992—*Not!*

It's official—*Not!*

That exclamation was the Word of the Year 1992, chosen by sixty or seventy ADS members and friends on the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 29 in the spacious upper lounge of the Atrium Club in New York City, after bountiful nominations by David Barnhart and John and Adele Algeo, and spirited discussion from the floor.

Not!, a nomination from the floor, edged out *bubba*, *ethnic cleansing*, and *carjacking* for word of the year, the word (or phrase) deemed most characteristic of 1992. Its provenance is not so recent, as Jesse Sheidlower (Random House Reference, 201 East 50th St., New York 10022) points out in an unpublished paper, but it made its mark in American consciousness last year with the movie *Wayne's World*, and now it is found everywhere (not!).

These were the other winners:

Most original: *Franken-* 'genetically altered', with *emoticon* :!) 'typographical image sent by e-mail' the runner-up.

Most unnecessary: *gender feminism* 'belief that sex roles are social, not biological' followed by *new age beverage* 'a clear drink'.

Most outrageous: *ethnic cleansing* 'purging of ethnic minorities' followed by *Munchhausen's syn-*

The Origins of Dictionaries

Is Thomas Paikeday the enfant terrible or guardian angel of lexicography? He offers a seemingly unassailable argument for the latter in his discussion paper "Plagiarism, Hardcore and Softcore," where he sets out evidence that a certain dictionary claiming to be the only one "compiled, edited and produced in Canada" is in fact based on and two-thirds identical to the *Thorndike-Barnhart High School Dictionary*, published in Chicago.

And there just happens to be a *Penguin Canadian Dictionary* with "100 percent Canadian content"—compiled by Paikeday.

Copies of the discussion paper are available for \$1 (to cover postage) from him at 1776 Chalkdene Grove, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 2C3, Canada.

He also offers for sale (best offer) the *Compact OED*, 1991 printing of the 1989 edition, in near-mint condition.

drome by proxy 'illness fabricated to evoke sympathy for the care-giver'.

Most amazing: *Munchhausen's syndrome by proxy*.

Most useful: *grunge* (clothing), winner in a runoff with *bubba* 'conservative middle-class white Southern male' and *DRV* daily reference value (replacing *recommended daily allowance* of a food).

Most likely to succeed: *snail mail* or *s-mail* 'mail that is physically delivered, opposed to *e-mail*' followed by *carjacking* 'stealing an occupied car', *DRV*, and *medicide* 'medically assisted suicide'.

The Word for 1993

Will *Clintonomics* preoccupy the public this year? Will *wonks* muscle their way to the spotlight? Will states rush to pass *home alone* laws? Or will *cyberpunk* invade our lives (*Time*, February 8)?

Nobody knows yet, but we do know that on Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto, the word or phrase that says the most for 1993 will be crowned. Plan to be there to cast your vote.

And meanwhile, if you have nominations (or just plain word sightings), send them to our wordmasters: John Algeo, English Department, Park Hall, University of Georgia, Athens GA 30602; or David Barnhart, Lexik House, PO Box 247, Cold Spring NY 10516.

Taboo Again: ADS at NCTE

Last year's well-attended program on taboo language in the classroom (see the September newsletter, p. 7) has encouraged us to try a sequel at this year's annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in Pittsburgh, Nov. 19-22.

New participants are invited. If you are interested, please get in touch with the program chair no later than *March 15*: James C. Stalker, Dept. of English, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI 48824-1036; phone (517) 355-1781 or 336-7118; e-mail Stalker@msu.edu (internet) or Stalker@msu (bitnet).

For membership and convention information, write NCTE at 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801; phone (217) 328-3870.

On the Making of American English: LSA, Los Angeles

On January 8, the Cordoban Room of the Los Angeles Biltmore was filled for the afternoon's ADS-sponsored session at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. (Should LSA be the venue for ADS annual meetings after 1994? See item 18 of the Executive Council report, p. 8 in this issue.) This is the report of **Arthur Bronstein**, Univ. of California, Berkeley, who chaired the meeting:

"Four papers were presented on the topic, 'The Making of American English: Origin and History.' A special aspect of this ADS session, so carefully thought through by **Herb Penzl** who organized this program, was that each presentation was to be followed by prepared remarks by invited, prestigious discussants, each of whom had received a copy of the paper to be presented prior to the meeting. Such afforded carefully thought-through comments in the form of brief papers on the same subject under discussion. The end result of the experience provided those in attendance with the opportunity to hear a total of ten papers, all excellently delivered, making a most exciting three-hour session.

"The system that Herb Penzl arranged for this session might well be considered for other convention sessions at other times: papers, followed by prepared discussants' papers, followed by open comments from the floor. We are indebted to Herb for arranging such an exciting program. . . .

"The popularity of the session should be noted: there were over 60 people in attendance for most of the three-hour session. Each chair in the room was occupied, and a number of those present had to stand in the rear and side of the room. . . .

"**Daniel Brink's** (Univ. of Arizona) paper on "Is 17th-Century Elizabethan English Proto-American English?" was read by **Robert Stockwell** in Daniel's absence (he had to be in England). Stockwell and **Donka Minkova** of UCLA were the invited discussants."

Minkova and Stockwell summarized their comments as follows: "Of the three logical possibilities for the 'Making of American English': creolization, continuation of individual British varieties, and new differentiation, the creolization hypothesis is weakest and most untenable both on general theoretical

grounds, and in the face of available demographic information. The dialects of American English must be seen as the combined result of continuation of British varieties of English, independent developments, and renewed contact."

Returning to Bronstein's report:

"**Herbert Penzl's** (Univ. of California, Berkeley) paper on "The Evidence for Diglossia in American English (Until 1900)" was discussed by **Elizabeth Traugott** of Stanford University.

"**Alan S. Kaye** of California State University at Fullerton presented a paper on 'English Multiglossia.' Alan kindly accepted Herb Penzl's invitation to substitute (at the last moment) for **Julian Boyd** (U.C. Berkeley), who had to cancel his plans to attend. . . .

"**Joseph C. Finney** of Monterey, California, presented the final paper of the session on "The Phonology of Illinois American English in 1931-1933 as Analyzed by a Four- to Six-Year-Old Boy." Dr. Finney's paper was followed by three brief discussant papers, presented by **James D. McCawley** (Univ. of Chicago), **Jean Berko Gleason** (Boston Univ.) and **Charles Read** (Univ. of Wisconsin).

"Had you been with us you'd have been proud of the level of the presentations and the remarks of the discussants, all of whom complimented the ADS for their efforts. I need not convey to you that Herb Penzl deserves a special note of appreciation. . . ."

To which Penzl adds:

"Only a man with Arthur Bronstein's experience and skill could have chaired so successfully a *three-hour* session with papers, comments on them, and comments on the comments. . . .

"The LSA Handbook published short summaries of the papers by Brink, Penzl, and Finney. [So did *NADS* 24.3, Sept. 1992, p. 24—Ed.] Brink's paper also contained a detailed discussion of *Madame Knight's Journal* and its linguistic significance.

"Elizabeth Traugott questioned in her comments on my paper 1900 as the cut-off date for the disappearance of American regional dialects and the function of dialect in American poetry.

"Alan S. Kaye's paper concerned variation within American Standard English."

Our New Books: Slang, Spoonerisms, Apposition, Names

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

Irving Lewis Allen. *The City in Slang: New York Life and Popular Speech.* Oxford, 1993. 307 pp. A social and cultural history of the popular lexical and semantic response to urbanism. Discusses the social origins of more than a thousand items of popular speech concerning New York's gridiron street plan, neighborhoods, social divisions, nightlife, technological change, tall buildings, and social types. ISBN 0-19-507591-9.

Morton Benson. *Dictionary of Russian Personal Names*, 3rd edition. Cambridge Univ. Press. This edition makes use of research at the Russian Language Institute of the Academy of Sciences in Moscow.

Don Hauptman. *Cruel and Unusual Puns.* Dell, 1991. 137 pp. Paperback \$5.99. In the Intrepid Linguist Library series. Ten chapters replete with authoritative lore on transposition puns or spoonerisms. The numerous exemplars include Abraham Lincoln, Ira Gershwin and Sigmund Freud, as well as the Rev. William Archibald Spooner. ISBN 0-440-20850-5.

Charles F. Meyer. *Apposition in Contemporary English.* Cambridge Univ. Press, 1992. 166 pp. Hardbound £25. Analyzing British and American computer corpora of press reportage, fiction, learned writing and spontaneous conversation, Meyer argues that apposition is a grammatical relation realized by constructions having particular syntactic, semantic and pragmatic characteristics. ISBN 0-521-39475-9.

Frank Nuessel. *The Study of Names: A Guide to the Principles and Topics.* Greenwood Publishing Group (88 Post Road West, Box 5007, Westport CT 06881), November 1992. 176 pp. \$47.95. Illustrates underlying linguistic principles with numerous examples. Covers personal names, place names, acronyms, and brand and trade names, as well as designations for athletic teams, musical groups, and tropical storms, animal names, code names, and scientific nomenclature. With a glossary of terms, information on organizations and journals in the field, and a bibliography. ISBN 0-313-28356-7.

Carol Myers-Scotton. *Social Motivations for Codeswitching: Evidence from Africa.* Oxford: Clarendon Press, January 1993. 168 pp. £20. Using data mostly from conversations in Kenya, the author argues that speakers switch codes to negotiate a change in social distance. ISBN 0-19-823905-X.

Commemorating a Century of Research at a 20% Discount

Our 400-page volume, *American Dialect Research: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the American Dialect Society, 1889-1989*, edited by **Dennis R. Preston**, chair of the Centennial Research Committee, is to be published in April. At our recent annual meeting, the publisher offered a 20 percent discount off the \$29.95 paperback price: only \$23.96 (plus 6 percent tax for Pennsylvania residents) to those who ask for the conference discount. Write John Benjamins North America, 821 Bethlehem Pike, Philadelphia PA 19118; phone (215) 836-1200; fax (215) 836-1204. In hardcover the book is \$89 (sorry, no discount).

Containing all new material, this volume brings together current approaches to the study of language distribution and variation. It offers accounts of how questions are formulated and data is collected, stored and interpreted in the various traditions of research

of the ADS. Contributors are **Preston, W. Nelson Francis, Lee Pederson, Frederic G. Cassidy, Dennis Girard and Donald Larmouth, J.K. Chambers, John Baugh, Walt Wolfram, Gregory R. Guy, Shana Poplack, Guy Bailey, William M. O'Barr, Charles Briggs, and Michael D. Linn.**

A TAD Lexicon

The contributions of cartoonist T.A. Dorgan (TAD) to the English lexicon are presented in *A TAD Lexicon* by Leonard Zwilling (151 pages), volume 3 in the series *Etymology and Linguistic Principles* edited by Gerald Cohen. Copies are available for \$25 (checks payable to Etymology and Linguistic Principles) from Cohen at Foreign Languages, 236 H-SS, University of Missouri, Rolla MO 65401.

Zwilling is assistant editor and bibliographer for the *Dictionary of American Regional English*.

Methods VIII in Victoria: First and Last Call for Papers

At last it can be announced: The eighth International Conference on Dialectology will be held at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, Aug. 3-7.

February 15 is the official deadline for proposals, but some flexibility is possible. Telephone **James Arthurs** at (604) 721-7424; fax (604) 721-7423; e-mail linguist@uvvm.bitnet. The organizers encourage the use of e-mail.

Proposals are invited for papers (maximum 30 minutes, including discussion) on any aspect of dialectology or methods. Abstracts in English or French, no longer than one page, should be anonymous but accompanied by a page repeating the title and giving your name, affiliation, and address: preferably on a Macintosh or DOS diskette in WordPerfect or MS Word, alternatively in four paper copies. Send to Methods 93, Dept. of Linguistics, P.O. Box 3045, Victoria, B.C. V8W 3P4, Canada.

After Wales in 1987 and Bamberg in 1990, this year's conference returns Methods to its once-familiar Canadian venue. Those who attended Methods V in Victoria in 1984 remember the blooming English charm of the setting, as well as the congenial opportunities for leisurely fraternization and sororization. Registration, including a copy of the proceedings, is expected to be \$150 Cdn.

From the start, the main focus of the conferences has been on methods in dialectology—their development, application and assessment. Many of the papers therefore tend to be project reports, but submissions on any aspect of dialectology are welcome. In addition to papers, there will be a small number of special presentations, one or more panel discussions, a business meeting, and a manufacturers' demonstration and display.

Tell Your Teaching News

Another Teaching Newsletter is planned for the September *NADS*. Short reviews, teaching ideas, and other news are invited from you, your colleagues, and your students. (See the Sept. 1992 issue for ideas.) Write **Kathy Riley**, Dept. of Composition, Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth MN 55812 by July 15.

PADS Changes Editors

At our December meeting, following the recommendation of the editorial search committee, the Executive Council unanimously and enthusiastically appointed **Ronald Butters** of Duke University editor of our monograph series *PADS*. He starts in 1996 after he finishes as editor of *American Speech*.

For the three-year interim 1993-1995, Executive Secretary **Allan Metcalf** of MacMurray College will serve as editor. He takes over from **Dennis Baron** of the University of Illinois, who has served since 1985.

Although *PADS* has three issues awaiting publication (see below), it is not too soon to begin planning for more. Inquiries from authors as well as finished manuscripts are welcome. Send them to Metcalf at the address on the cover of this newsletter.

American Speech Search Continues

With the appointment of editors for *PADS*, the editorial search committee, chaired by **John Algeo**, has thus completed half its task. During 1993 it hopes to accomplish its other mission, to find someone to step in Butters' shoes as editor of *American Speech*, beginning with an apprentice year in 1995.

Because the search is continuing, additional suggestions and nominations are still welcome. Send them to John Algeo, English Dept., Park Hall, Univ. of Georgia, Athens GA 30602. Other committee members are **Richard Bailey** (Univ. of Michigan) and **Michael Linn** (Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth).

PADS Publication Plans

Spring 1993 will see publication of:

- *PADS 77, An Index by Region, Usage, and Etymology to the Dictionary of American Regional English, Volumes I and II.* (See story in *NADS*, Jan. 1991, p. 15.)

Charles Carson, managing editor of *American Speech*, is also serving as managing editor of *PADS* for two future issues still in production. They are:

- *PADS 78, Centennial Usage Studies*, edited by **Michael Montgomery** and **Greta Little**, a centennial project of the ADS Committee on Usage.

- *PADS 79, The Sounds of American English: Papers presented at a 1989 conference on the International Phonetic Alphabet*, edited by **Arthur J. Bronstein**. (See story in *NADS*, Jan. 1989, p. 4.)

QUESTIONNAIRE ON TEACHING ABOUT LANGUAGE VARIATION

To: American Dialect Society Members and Colleagues

From: Kathryn Riley
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The ADS Teaching Committee is updating a 1983 survey on teaching about variation in English.

If you regularly teach a course that covers dialects, sociolinguistics, or other areas of language variation, please fill out this questionnaire. If you have colleagues who teach such courses but are not members of ADS, or if your school offers more than one such course, please make copies of this questionnaire or write to me for additional copies.

When you mail in your questionnaire, we hope you will include copies of syllabi, paper assignments, or other information (including comments on what does and doesn't work) that might be useful to the Committee.

Please mail the questionnaire to me at the address listed above by September 1, 1993. Thank you for your help.

Name and address of person filling out this questionnaire:

1. Official title of the course: _____

In what department is the course taught? _____

If cross-listed, in which department(s)? _____

2. Level of the course (circle one symbol):
 FS (freshman-sophomore); UC (junior-senior); U&G (junior to graduate); G (graduate only).

3. Frequency of offering (circle one symbol):
 E (every term); Y (once a year); 2 (every other year); O (occasionally)

Institutional calendar (circle one symbol): S (semester); Q (quarter); T (trimester)

4. Average enrollment in the class when taught:

1-5 5-10 10-15 15-20 20-25 >25

5. Majors of the students in the class:

English Education	0-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
English Literature	0-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
English Language	0-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
Linguistics	0-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
Anthropology	0-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
Sociology	0-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
Other (please specify)	0-25%	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%

6. Which choice best describes most (>50%) students in the course:

- _____ They are required to take this specific course.
- _____ They are required to take coursework in a subject area (e.g., linguistics), and may use this course to meet that requirement.
- _____ They are taking the course as an elective.

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7. What portion of the course is devoted to language variation: All _____ Part _____

If "Part," what portion? (e.g., 4 of the 45 classes; 2 of the 10 weeks; etc.)
_____ of the _____

NOTE: In the remaining questions, please interpret "course" as "portion of the course devoted to language variation" if appropriate.

8. What percentage of the course is devoted to certain topics (circle one choice per topic):

Atlas studies in the U.S.	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
European atlas studies	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
Social class and language variation	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
Development of Standard English	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
Variation theories	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
Black English	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
Dictionaries	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
History of American English	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
Gender and language variation	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
Pidgins and creoles	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%
Other (please specify)	<10%	<25%	<50%	<75%	>75%

9. What sorts of activities are expected of the students, whether for a grade or not? (Choose as many as appropriate.) R (required); O (optional):

Administration of a standard questionnaire	R	O
Whose? _____		
Exercises using published atlases	R	O
Which one(s)? _____		
Research via student questionnaire	R	O
Field research (no questionnaire)	R	O
Library research paper	R	O
Periodic examination(s)	R	O
Final examination	R	O
Other (please describe)	R	O

10. Do you require your students to learn or use phonetic transcription? YES _____ NO _____

If so, which system?

Official IPA _____ Linguistic Atlas of U.S. & Canada _____ Trager-Smith _____
Modification of IPA/T-S _____ Whose modification? _____
System in Textbook _____ Which textbook? _____

11. Do you use a specific theoretical approach to language variation or dialect? YES NO

If so, which one or whose? _____

12. List the books, monographs, or articles used in the course the last time it was taught, or those used in the course that is now being taught. Circle R (Required), O (Optional), L (Library Reserve). You may answer this question by appending a separate list if you wish.

Author(s)	Title	Publication Date
R O L	_____	_____
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. PLEASE INCLUDE OTHER COMMENTS OR MATERIALS IF YOU WISH.