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REGIONAL MEETINGS: CALLS FOR PAPERS

Rocky Mountain Region
In association with RMMLA, Oct. 27–29; Colorado Springs, Colorado College.

April 1 is the deadline for abstracts or papers to the meeting chair, Felice Coles, 5540 Creekstone Dr. #2, Missoula MT 59802.

ADS Regional Secretary 1993–94: Grant W. Smith, English #25, Eastern Washington Univ., Cheney WA 99004.

Membership in RMMLA is $20 regular, $10 student. Write RMMLA Executive Director Charles G. Davis, Interdisciplinary Humanities, Boise State Univ., Boise ID 83725; phone (800) 824-7017 ext 1199 or (208) 385-1199, fax (208) 385-1247.


South Central Region
In association with SCMLA, Nov. 10–12; New Orleans, Clarion Hotel.

March 15 is the deadline for abstracts to the meeting chair, Delma McLeod-Porter, Dept. of Languages, McNeese State Univ., Lake Charles, LA 70609-2655; phone (318) 475-5326.

ADS Regional Secretary 1994–95: 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 Executive Director Katherine Kelly, Dept. of English, Texas A&M Univ., College Station TX 77843-4227; phone (409) 845-7041.

Midwest Region
In association with MMLA, Nov. 11–13; Chicago, Palmer House Hilton.

March 28 is the deadline for 1- to 2-page proposals to the meeting chair, Joan Livingston-Webber, Department of English, 60th and Dodge, University of Nebraska, Omaha NE 68182. E-mail ASCII proposals to: webber@unomaha.edu.

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.

Future meetings: 1995 Nov. 2–4 St. Louis; Marriott Pavilion; 1996 Nov. 7–9 Minneapolis, Marriott City Center.

South Atlantic Region
In association with SMLA, Nov. 11–13; Baltimore, Omni Inner Harbor.

May 1 is the deadline for abstracts to the meeting chair, Crawford Feagin, 2312 North Upton St., Arlington VA 22207. Presenters must be members of both SMLA and ADS, and are limited to one paper at SMLA.

ADS Regional Secretary 1994–95: Natalie Maynor, Dept. of English, Mississippi State Univ., Drawer E, Mississippi State MS 39762; e-mail maynor@ra.msstate.edu. Nominating Committee: Walt Wolfram, North Carolina State Univ.; Ellen Johnson, Univ. of Georgia; Bethany Dumas, chair, Univ. of Tennessee.


NWave at Stanford, October
This year’s NWave conference (see Page 5, item 6) will be held Oct. 20–23 at Stanford. ADS session organizer is President John Baugh, School of Education, Stanford University, Stanford CA 94305-3096, e-mail john.baugh@forsythe.stanford.edu. Conference organizer is John Rickford, e-mail rickford@csl.stanford.edu. Watch the next newsletter for further information.

ADS at LSA, Next January
Proposals are invited for presentations at an ADS session, or for a whole ADS program, at the Linguistic Society of America meeting in New Orleans, January 5–8, 1995. Send them to the Executive Secretary (address on cover) by March 21.

Proposals are WELCOME from all ADS members.

ANNUAL MEETING 1994
San Diego • December 27-30
CALL FOR PAPERS
Deadline for abstracts: March 21

Continuing in the NAFTA spirit, where last December ADS met in Canada, so now we plan to meet close by the border of Mexico. Just as French dialects were of special interest in Canada, so Hispanic dialects will be of special interest in southern California, but as usual, papers on all aspects of dialectology and af the English language in North America are welcome. Send abstracts to Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf (address on cover) by March 21. 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 Le Meridien) 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.

As usual, the site of our Annual Meeting is the best in (or out) of town. This time it is Le Meridien San Diego at Coronado. Special room rate Dec. 26-Jan. 1: $95 for king, double-double, or studio villa. (Rate extends three days before and after these central dates.) Phone (619) 435-3000 for reservations; ask for the American Dialect Society rate. You might want to reserve early. We think we have enough rooms set aside, but last year in Toronto we filled the block and late callers were unable to get our special rate. For more information and a brochure on the hotel, ask the Executive Secretary.

Information Superhighway Leads Words of 1993

In spirited discussion and vigorous voting Dec. 29, at the ADS annual meeting in Toronto, members and friends chose information superhighway (a John and Adele Algeo nomination) as the word or phrase best typifying the year 1993.

Other winners:
Most useful: thing premodified by a noun, e.g. a baseball thing, a poetry-reading thing.
Most unnecessary: mosaic culture to describe a heterogeneous, multicultural society.
Most likely to succeed: quotative like with a form of be to indicate speech or thought.
Most outrageous: whirlpooling assault of a female by a group, usually male, in a swimming pool while they churn the water as a distraction.
Most amazing: cybersex sexual stimulation by computer transmitted stimuli.
Most imaginative: McJob a generic, unstimulating, low-paying job taken for lack of better opportunities.
Most euphemistic: street builder homeless person who constructs a shanty.
Most unpronounceable: Jurassosaurus nedegoapeferkimorum a new dinosaur.

Information Superhighway Leads Words of 1993

What about 1994? You can send nominations to the Algeos at PO Box 270, Wheaton IL 60189-0270 or to David Barnhart at PO Box 247, Cold Spring, NY 10516.
April 21: Baugh to Missouri  
For Tamony Lecture

John Baugh, ADS president and professor of education, linguistics and anthropology at Stanford, will present the ninth annual Peter Tamony Memorial Lecture on American Language at the University of Missouri, Columbia at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, April 21.

“The Evolution of African American English and Its Educational Consequences” will be his topic.

The talk will be held, as always, in Ellis Library, home of the vast files on slang and colloquialisms collected by Tamony in San Francisco during his long life. The collection will be on display at the reception that follows the talk.

A recent addition to the WHMC is the College and University Slang (CUSS) Study conducted at Brown Univ. in 1968.

For further information phone Nancy Lankford or Randy Roberts at (314) 882-6028 or write Western Historical Manuscript Collection, 23 Ellis Library, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia MO 65201.

Nov.: PC at NCTE, Orlando

“Politically correct” language is the topic for an ADS-sponsored session at the annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of English to be held in Orlando, Florida November 18–21. Chair Dennis Baron has arranged for presentations by Harvey Daniels, National-Lewis Univ., and Vivian Davis, Eastfield Coll.

But there is still some room for presenters and officers (vice chair, recorder-reactor). If you are interested, get in touch promptly with Baron at Dept. of English, Univ. of Illinois, 608 South Wright St., Urbana IL 61801; phone (217) 333-2392, fax (217) 333-4321, e-mail debaron@uiuc.edu.

For information on NCTE membership and meetings, write NCTE, 1111 W. Kenyon Road, Urbana, Illinois 61801-1096; phone (217) 328-3870, fax (217) 328-0977.

April 21: New York University Reflects on Sir William

The Division of Libraries at New York University will sponsor a one-day symposium, “Sir William Jones: Scholarly Reflections,” Thursday, April 21 on the bicentenary of his death. Speakers will include Garland Cannon, Texas A&M Univ.; O.P. Kejariwal, All-India Radio; Kenneth A.R. Kennedy, Cornell Univ.; David Kopf, Univ. of Minnesota; W.P. Lehmann, Univ. of Texas at Austin; James C. Oldham, Georgetown Univ. Law Center; R.H. Robins, Univ. of London, and Rosane Rocher, Univ. of Pennsylvania.

For further information and to make reservations, contact Reina Schratter at (212) 998-6909.

ADS Business Meeting

The chief business of the Society is always conducted in the open Executive Council meeting. But there is an official Annual Business Meeting too, and it was duly held Dec. 30, 1993, with only a dozen members present, all of whom had attended the Council meeting the day before. Cynthia Bernstein (Auburn Univ.) was duly elected to a four-year term on the Executive Council, as proposed by the Nominating Committee.

Georgia Is Wired

William A. Kretzschmar, Jr. announced at the ADS Annual Meeting that an electronic archive of linguistic materials (an anonymous FTP site) is being established at the University of Georgia. For information contact him at billk@hyde.park.uga.edu.

Lexicalendar Dates Wanted

A calendar showing birth and death dates of lexicographers and other notable lexicographic events is being compiled by dictionary editor David Barnhart. He would welcome additional names and dates. Write him at PO Box 247, Cold Spring NY 10516; phone (914) 265-2822.
Acts of the Executive Council, December 1993

The chief business of the Society is conducted by the Executive Council, and as usual the Council meeting at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1993, overlooking Toronto from the 32nd floor of the Four Seasons Hotel, was open to all members and well attended.

Present from the Executive Council were President John Baugh, Vice President Larry Davis, Past President Mike Linn, Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf, ACLS delegate Ron Butters, and members at large Dennis Preston and Silke Van Ness. Others attending were Richard Bailey, David Barnhart, Charles Carson, Frederic Cassidy, Lurline Coltharp, Wayne Glowka, Danny Long, Virginia McDavid, and Randy Roberts.

American Speech

1. The Council solved the problem of succession for American Speech by appointing Connie Eble (Univ. of North Carolina) Editor beginning 1996, after a transition year as Consulting Editor in 1995. Ronald Butters (Duke Univ.) will then become General Editor of ADS Publications, with oversight over both American Speech and PADS, as well as Editor of PADS, taking over from interim editor Allan Metcalf. At that time, Charles Carson, who is already Managing Editor for both American Speech and PADS, will become Managing Editor of ADS Publications. The office of publication will remain with the General Editor and Managing Editor at Duke University, which generously supports us with both staff and facilities.

Carson reported 51 submissions to American Speech in 1993, 45 percent of which were accepted, down from 54 percent in 1992; they are trying to reduce the backlog. It now takes about a year and a half from the original submission to publication.

Appointments

2. American Speech advisory board for three-year terms, as recommended by Editor Ronald Butters: Wladyslaw Cichocki (Univ. of New Brunswick), Connie Eble (Univ. of North Carolina—to be replaced in 1995 when she becomes Consulting Editor), Michael Montgomery (Univ. of South Carolina), and Kathryn Riley (Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth). (At the time of the Council meeting, only Montgomery had been named. The other three were appointed in early January by President Baugh, as agreed at the meeting.)

3. Regional secretaries for two-year terms 1994–95: Northeast, Silke Van Ness (State Univ. of New York, Albany), new appointment; South Atlantic, Natalie Maynor (Mississippi State Univ.), new appointment recommended by Cynthia Bernstein as her successor (with the Council’s appreciation to Bernstein); South Central, Charles B. Martin (Univ. of North Texas), reappointment.

4. To revive and chair the Non-English Dialects Committee: Scott Baird (Trinity Univ., San Antonio). Other members for that committee: Wayne Glowka and Pekka Hirvonen. (See page 10.)


Meetings

6. A letter from Michael Montgomery explained the difficulties he encountered as chair of the “ADS Session” at the recent annual NWAVE conference in Ottawa. “It would be my wish that we could have a more substantial and active role in future NWAVE conferences and that a prior and continuing understanding could be developed between the two groups,” he wrote. “This would be complicated by the fact that NWAVE does not have an organizational structure with policies, a constitution, etc.” No permanent resolution of the difficulties was determined, but for the immediate future that won’t be a problem: the 1994 NWAVE will be at Stanford, organized by Baugh, and in 1995 it will be at Duke, where Butters can organize our session.  

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Where to Meet after 1995? A Committee Will Recommend

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7. We can’t go on meeting like this! Or can we? That was the question asked in the mailing to members in the fall and examined at length by the Council here. The problem is that we have equally strong ties with both MLA and LSA. There were 54 questionnaires with preference for MLA, 53 with preference for LSA, 21 wishing something else entirely, and 21 from members who had no interest in attending an annual meeting. (Since then nearly 40 additional questionnaires have come in, maintaining the division: 10 for MLA, 13 for LSA, 3 for something else, 12 for none.)

Discussion was lengthy, cordial, and thoughtful, exploring the gamut of possibilities, none of them a fully happy solution. It was observed that our closest ties may be with NWAVE, which would be the hardest to collaborate with, for reasons expressed in item 6 (page 5). Eventually the Council decided:

- to have a more public ADS presence and more active recruitment at NWAVE.
- to meet with MLA in San Diego in 1994 (already decided) and in Chicago in 1995 (rather than go with LSA, which would take us to San Diego for the second straight year).
- to ask a special committee to review future alternatives and make a recommendation at the next Council meeting. This committee will scrutinize the comments as well as the preferences on the questionnaires, and will reach its conclusions this summer—so they can be reported in the September newsletter. Meanwhile, further comments and suggestions from members will be welcome. Chair of the committee is Lawrence Davis, English Dept., Wichita State Univ., Wichita KS 67260-0014; other members are William Kretzschmar, Michael Linn, Virginia McDavid, and Allan Metcalf. The committee was also given the charge of developing what Baugh called “a linked strategy on membership outreach.”

8. Danny Long reported hopes he and Fumio Inoue have for a joint international symposium with the Dialectological Society of Japan.

9. Appointment of a chair for the ADS session at the NCTE convention, Nov. 18–21, 1994, Orlando, Florida, was left open. (Now see page 4.)

10. Appointment of a chair for the ADS session at the LSA annual meeting, January 5–8, 1995, New Orleans, was left open. (See page 2.)

11. At Dennis Preston’s request, John Baugh was asked to inquire into the possibility of ADS presence at the meetings of the American Association for Applied Linguistics (now with TESOL).

12. David Barnhart was asked to inquire into the possibility of ADS presence at the annual spring meeting of the International Linguistic Association.

Financial

13. A review of ADS financial records was conducted by the Jacksonville, Illinois form of Zumbahlen, Eyth & Surratt, Certified Public Accountants. The secretary was instructed to arrange with Zumbahlen, Eyth & Surratt for future annual reports.

14. Budget adopted for 1994:

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Honouring Murray Kinloch

By Jack Chambers, Univ. of Toronto

(Remarks at ADS Annual Luncheon, Toronto, Dec. 30, 1993)

Welcome to Toronto (as one of the few local sons), a place of culinary delights—linguistic delights too: sign in window of Chinese restaurant on Spadina right now—impeccably spelled [with Chinese syntax]—SEE YOU / SPADINA 331/ STREET ACROSS MOVE.

How Murray Kinloch would have loved that!

It is a pleasure and privilege for me, but of course bittersweet. In honouring Murray Kinloch as he so deserves, we will inevitably realize how much we miss him.

Many of you will know very well that Murray would be appalled if we grew solemn as we honour him. He would be appalled, come to think of it, that we were honouring him at all. He was always the most thoughtful, solicitous man—a real gentle man.

In any joint effort, his first suggestion was always that he go uncredited. When that didn't work, he always insisted that his name be last, whatever the circumstances. It was like a code of honour with him—it was evidently something he was obliged to do.

I always assumed it was his British military training that instilled that in him. And maybe it was. He had a military bearing.

That military bearing may have saved his life in the 1970s. Rex Wilson loved to tell the story about Murray and his wife Jean venturing onto the ice floes in order to protest the harvesting of seal pups. They approached three large, Jurassic men with clubs and Murray shouted: "Sir, if you strike that pup I shall take that stick from you and hit you with it." The men stared and started toward him, but Murray held his ground, and they just swore and retreated.

Murray’s blazer carried a regimental crest. He came to maturity during World War II. He was born in 1923, and he attended St. Andrew’s University in the war years. He graduated in Classics in 1944, presumably as an officer trainee in the reserves. He then served in the armed forces for some years and returned to university afterwards, earning his Ph.D. in Old English at St. Andrew’s in 1956.

He arrived in New Brunswick in 1959 to teach Old and Middle English at the university. Like so many of his generation, Murray became not only the custodian of Beowulf and Caedmon in his department, but the token language man in a corridor of litterati. Wally Avis played the same role at Royal Military College, and Rex Wilson at Western, Murray Wanamaker at Winnipeg, Harry Scargill at Alberta, and Bob Gregg at UBC. They gravitated toward one another and eventually became the core of the Canadian Linguistics Association with kindred spirits in modern language departments and Quebec universities.

I was lucky enough to get to know Murray very well, in spite of distance and the differences in our predilections and our ages. He was 15 years older than me. I first met him around 1971 or 2 at a Linguistic Association meeting. By then I already knew his great crony, Rex Wilson. Even though I had read Chomsky and, indeed, in those years, taught transformational syntax, I passed muster because at conferences I stayed up as late as they did talking about language with them.

I got to know Murray even better when we were named to the first board of directors of the Strathy Language Unit at Queen’s University. The Strathy Unit was founded by a bequest that carried with it a mission to provide a usage guide for Canadian English. Clint Lougheed was the first director, and on that first board Murray represented the east, Henry Warkentyne represented the west, and I represented the middle.

For the five years or so in the mid-1980s when we all came together at the annual board meetings in the Kingston spring, the
days were businesslike and ruly, and the evenings were recreational and comradely. After each day at the conference table, we dined well and the four of us repaired to Murray’s room. The smoke thickened and the gin evaporated as the hours went by, and I could fantasize that I was an interloper in the Highlanders’ officers’ mess.

Except that the talk was always about language—about who said what, and exactly what that vowel was, and whether some feature was ultimately Hibernian or not.

And one topic that always came up because I was ungracious enough to bring it up every year was Canadian Raising in Fredericton, New Brunswick. For years, I’d been saying—and others too—that Canadian Raising was a feature of inland urban Canadian English from Kingston and Ottawa westwards—leaving the Atlantic coast out of consideration. I knew it was there, in Fredericton, to some extent, and Murray annually assured me that it was there to every extent—it was a feature of Fredericton English exactly as it was a feature of, say, Toronto English.

So give us some evidence, I would say, throwing down the gauntlet. And this, of course, was where our predilections diverged. I wanted him to do some urban dialectology—some social dialectology, with middle class and working class men and women. But he felt uncomfortable with that. He was a careful observer, and an impeccable scholar—a bibliographer and lexicographer, a collector of regionalisms and an orderly, thorough collator. He had gone into the field, but ruraly. Urban fieldwork was not to his taste. I’m sure he felt—quite rightly—that I shouldn’t press him toward it.

Henry Warkentyne, whose work is about midway between Murray’s and mine, always took Murray’s side. You don’t necessarily have to count tokens, he said. You do if you want to know what’s going on, I said. And so it went.

Since Murray’s sudden death of heart failure last August, I have often thought, not only of the (slightly barbed) pleasure we took from each other’s company but also of the fundamental professional differences that nurtured it. Those differences not only characterized Murray and me, but in a general, more interesting way characterize our profession—as a basic split among members of the American Dialect Society, indeed among the people in this room.

Ultimately the token-counters will prevail—not just in the Society but, I believe, in linguistics at large. Computerization makes vast databases manageable for the first time, and only quantitative methods can reveal their structure.

Linguistics in the broadest sense has gone through more than 30 years where, for our most influential colleagues, data counted for very little. Dazzled by Chomsky—probably the most brilliant individual ever to call himself a linguist—we have seen a procession of his disciples worrying at unconscionable length about a few idiosyncratic syntactic structures that could only be of interest to their classmates.

That will surely not attract good scholars much longer. Chomsky is now 65. For the last 20 years, he has done his best to tell people that his generative enterprise is properly a minority enterprise. It was never intended, he has always said, for the mainstream. He is now promoting it as a “minimalist program.”

In the next two or three years, we will begin to hear people saying in all sincerity, “Isn’t it astounding what Chomsky accomplished with almost no real data? Isn’t it remarkable how deeply he saw into language with only his intuitions to guide him?”

The token-counters will prevail—presumably in some evolved form that we cannot envision now, though it is almost certainly out there somewhere even now.

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Honouring Murray Kinloch: Canadian Raising in Fredericton

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I now know that Murray Kinloch knew that. About a month after we got the news of his death, I received an envelope in the mail from Jim Black, the editor of Linguistica Atlantica, the journal of the Atlantic Provinces Linguistic Association that Murray helped to found. Jim asked me if I would look over the enclosed manuscript and see what could be done with it. It was a draft of an article by Murray and his M.A. student Ismail, and it was called “Canadian Raising in Fredericton, New Brunswick: a Sociolinguistic Survey.” And it is a study of the raising of /aw/ before tautosyllabic voiceless consonants by young Frederictonians and old ones, males and females, educated and uneducated.

The article shows, of course, that Canadian Raising exists as hardily in Fredericton as it does in inland urban accents. And it also shows, for the first time in any study—so characteristic of Murray’s care—that the working class speakers tend to have a slightly higher onset on their raised diphthongs than do their educated (MC) counterparts. So now the rest of us must go back to our data and see if our subjects do that too.

So he remains with us, Murray does, in the writings he left behind.

And he remains with us, of course, as a memorable character—for those of us who knew him, unforgettable. His memory brings us joy. We are pleased to honour him today.

And so I would ask you to rise and take up any container of liquid before you—it should rightly have been gin—as I offer a toast in his honour:

To Murray Kinloch, Past President of the American Dialect Society, gentleman and scholar, Rest in Peace.

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The full text is also available on-line via anonymous FTP at burgundy.oah.indiana.edu [156.56.25.10] in the ACLS subdirectory.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR '95

With biennial cycling of officers, this is the busy year for the Nominating Committee (Thomas Creswell, chair; Michael D. Linn, and elected member Donald M. Lance). To be proposed are a Vice President 1995-96 who will succeed to the presidency in the subsequent biennium; a member of the Executive Council 1995-98, and a member of the Nominating Committee 1995-96. If you have suggestions, send them to any member of the committee or the Executive Secretary.

As usual, three students will be awarded four-year Presidential Honorary Memberships in recognition of their accomplishments and encouragement of their interest in our field. If you have a deserving student (graduate or undergraduate), send a letter of nomination, with attachments as appropriate, to President John Baugh, School of Education, Stanford Univ., Stanford CA 94305-3096.
Gordon R. Wood 1913–1993

By Donald M. Lance
University of Missouri, Columbia

Gordon R. Wood was one of the first dialectologists to use the computer for data analysis. In 1957-58, with financial support from the University of Chattanooga and the Modern Language Association, and with the assistance of colleagues in nine colleges and universities in the South, Wood mailed 3000 mimeographed questionnaires to informants in eight states (FL, GA, AL, MA, TN, LA, AR, OK), receiving responses from over 1000 individuals. He reported the results of his survey in conference papers and articles and in Vocabulary Change: A Study of Variation in Regional Words in Eight of the Southern States (Southern Illinois University Press, 1971).

Wood was born February 27, 1913, in Charleston WV and died October 4, 1993, in Collinsville IL. He received his A.B. degree from Davidson College in 1935, M.A. from Duke University in 1937, and Ph.D. from Princeton in 1941. That fall he was appointed instructor at Appalachian State Teachers College, and was drafted into the U.S. Army on April 1. Because he could read four European languages and speak three, he was assigned as a translator in the Supreme Headquarters of the Armed Forces of Europe (SHAFE).

At the end of the war (1945-46) he served as an administrator and instructor at Biarritz American University, established by SHAFE for American service personnel stationed in Europe. Subsequently, he held professorial positions at Davidson College (1946-49), University of Chattanooga (1949-63), and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (1963 until retirement in 1980).


Gordon's hobbies included photography and gardening, particularly flowers. He is survived by his wife Sara (Peel) Wood; his son Reid, a professor of art at Elyria College in Ohio; and two grandsons.

Invitation to a Committee: Non-English Dialects

The moribund ADS Committee on Non-English Dialects, established years ago by Einar Haugen, has been revived by the appointment of Scott Baird as chair. (See page 5, item 4.) Any ADS member is invited to join the committee. Write Baird at English Dept., Trinity Univ., 715 Stadium Drive, San Antonio TX 78712-7200; phone or fax (512) 736-7579; e-mail sbaird@trinity.edu.

In his letter accepting the appointment, Baird wrote:

"Initially, I will keep members of the committee corresponding with me and with each other. . . . From that fermentation, I intend to steer the committee towards addressing a definition of what we mean by 'Non-English Dialects.' I most definitely have a bias toward an expansive and inclusive definition: European and non-European language varieties found in definable speech communities in the United States; emerging pidgins or established creoles; dying languages, however those are defined; American Indian languages; and American sign language. . . .

"ADS can, indeed, provide a 'forum' for a discussion of language change theory that is not only creative, but accessible to a diverse membership."
Clarence Barnhart 1900–1993

By Arthur J. Bronstein
Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Linguistics
University of California, Berkeley

Clarence Barnhart, known to many of us in this society as the dean of American lexicography, died October 24 in Peekskill/N.Y. after a short illness. All of us who grew up with dictionaries in use since the 1930s have been influenced by his exceptional contribution to the field of lexicography. I do not believe there is a dictionary editor or major staff member of any dictionary house in the country who has not been influenced by this lexicographical giant.

Clarence’s career started when he was still in graduate school at the University of Chicago during the early 1930s, where he was studying under Leonard Bloomfield, Edward Sapir, and the editor of the Dictionary of American English, Sir William Craigie. He entered lexicography at the very time linguistics was in ferment, a period when the tenets of traditional linguistic study and practice were being challenged by the newly developing approach that was called structural linguistics. These new approaches of this rapidly developing “science of linguistics” were providing new insights into the study of syntax, semantics, morphology, phonetics and phonology and were being taught in the major universities of the country. They were to be tapped by this budding lexicographer in his very first position as an editor for Scott, Foresman, when Clarence was hired to work on what was to become known as The Thorndike-Barnhart Dictionaries.

Edward L. Thorndike, a professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, had been developing at the same time an innovative approach to language learning and vocabulary development. And with his colleague, Irving Lorge, he had just completed a study, “A Semantic Count of English Words,” which Barnhart called “the first . . . to apply statistical methods to the making of dictionar-
and understandable definitions of the numerous technical terms that were entering and being used in the spoken and written (memos and memos!!) vocabularies of the military. Neither privates, sergeants, nor generals could take the risk of misunderstanding each other—knowing that one source of victory had to be the ability to communicate with each other and their allies. For that effort (the Dictionary was completed in 1944) Clarence was awarded the War Department Certificate of Appreciation.

With that project behind him Clarence was asked by the publishers at Random House to consider editing a new college dictionary. His reputation was now such that Bennett Cerf, the president of the company, wrote that he wanted to approach “the best lexicographer in the United States” for that task. Clarence was not one to deny the accolade and accepted the assignment. He did so, we were told later, after forewarning his publishing superiors of how he would plan to approach that task. (That meant considerable investment of money, sufficient space and approval of hiring a large, competent staff.)

Clarence wanted that projected dictionary to be based not only on the latest lexicographical information, but on the very latest linguistic scholarship. By now descriptive-structural linguistics had gone through numerous developments since Bloomfield’s groundbreaking volume on Language in 1933. And the war years had provided some linguists with opportunities (in the Army Specialized Training Program at numerous colleges throughout the country) to develop language learning techniques never tried before on such a large scale with so many different spoken languages. His first task (after gathering a staff of assistants, some of whom he had worked with before) was to assemble an Editorial Advisory Committee of eminent linguists to advise and work with him. They were, alphabetically, B. Bloch, L. Bloomfield, C.C. Fries, W.C. Greet, I. Lorge, and K. Malone. Malone headed a subcommittee of other distinguished linguists on etymologies; M. Hanley was asked to head the subgroup on synonyms and antonyms; W.C. Greet headed pronunciation; A.C. Baugh supervised the group on Usage Levels and Dialect Distribution. Their “assistants” included such scholars as Z. Harris, R. Hall, Sir W. Craigie, M. Mathews, and A.W. Read! A roster of such distinguished contributors to the developing linguistics discipline (in addition to about 200 specialists-consultants from Anatomy to Zoology) was a lexicographical innovation not tried before on such a scale.

And to make the Dictionary even more special and useful, the ACD sought and printed as part of its introductory matter five essays: “Selection of Entries and Definitions” by Irving Lorge; “Pronunciation” by Cabell Greet; “Treatment of Etymologies” by Kemp Malone; “Usage Levels and Dialect Distribution” by Charles Fries; “British and American Usage” by Allen W. Read. Barnhart’s lexicographical approach with the ACD was to influence every dictionary editor in the country since. No small accomplishment!

To the list of the dictionaries noted above must be added others which Clarence edited, as his career continued to develop: The New Century Cyclopedia of Names (co-edited with William Halsey), 1954; The New Century Handbook of English Literature, 1956; Let’s Read: A Linguistic Approach (a compilation of Leonard Bloomfield’s papers on reading theory), 1961; The World Book Encyclopedia Dictionary (co-edited with his son Robert Barnhart), 1963; The Barnhart Dictionary of New Words Since 1963; 1973; The Second Barnhart Dictionary of New English, 1980; The Barnhart Dictionary Companion (a current quarterly, since January 1982, co-edited with his son David Barnhart as managing editor and
Clarence Barnhart: Man Working

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published by D. Barhant’s Lexik House). It’s admittedly a staggering list of works he leaves behind!

All of the above tells us about a phenomenal, innovative lexicographer; but there were so many other facets to this man, some of which should be mentioned. He was an active participant in (and contributor to) a number of scholarly-professional associations: NCTE, ADS, LSA, MLA, DSNA, ILA, and the American Name Society, of which he was a past president.

He was the model “boss” to work for and surely the hardest working man I have ever met. I recall when I first joined the ACD staff (evenings and weekends when I wasn’t teaching at Queens College) as a consultant on American English pronunciation—how Allan Hubbell and I would try to leave the office later than Clarence. It was never possible. He stayed later than and arrived before any others—no matter how early we arrived—always at his desk or asking questions at yours! Yet he never seemed tired, irritable, grouchy. He was a pleasure to have as a superior—encouraging, understanding, demanding—expecting

Slang Book: It’s a Doozy


Lighter will be heavier than any previous work on American slang. The three volumes will include 300,000 dated citations from 8000 sources, tracing each sense from its earliest use. An extensive introduction discusses the development of slang in England and America, the reasons slang is used, attitudes toward slang, and the ways slang spreads.

and getting the best you could give. The challenge to work harder and do better made it all a real pleasure.

Clarence was a giant in his profession, a father-model for two sons who have already joined the ranks of successful, contributing lexicographers. And a person of whom one was indeed proud to be a colleague. To say “He will be missed” is hardly a sufficient “Goodbye,” but oh so true!

1990 Bamberg Publication

Four years ago the University of Bamberg and Wolfgang Viereck hosted an International Congress of Dialectologists. It was the seventh in the triennial “Methods” series. Now the proceedings of the Bamberg conference, edited by Viereck, are being published by Franz Steiner Verlag (Birkenwaldstr. 44, W-7000 Stuttgart 10, Germany):

Vol. 1: Plenary lectures, papers on computational data processing, dialect structure and dialect classification. xxxviii + 524 pages. Already published as Beiheft 74 of the Zeitschrift für Dialektologie und Linguistik.

Vol. 2: Papers on historical dialectology, linguistic change, linguistic atlases and dictionaries.

Vol. 3: Papers on regional variation, colloquial and standard languages.

Vol. 4: Papers on sociolinguistic variation, bilingualism, multilingualism, language contact and language comparison, dialect use, and attitudes towards linguistic varieties.

New Dialect Journal

Dialectologia et Geolinguistica, journal of the International Society for Dialectology and Geolinguistics, began publication last year. Its editor is Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Viereck, Lehrstuhl für Englische Sprachwissenschaft und Mediävistik, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, Postfach 1549, W-8600 Bamberg, Germany. The lead article in the first issue is “The Significance of New Dialects” by ADS member Fumio Inoue.
New Books by ADS Members


Kelsie B. Harder and Mary Smallman. Claims to Name: Toponyms of St. Lawrence County (New York). North County Books (18 Irving Place, Utica NY 13501). 265 pages. $25 hardcover, $15 softcover plus $2.25 postage and handling. Contains more than 4000 names, including origins of all roads, streams, lakes, ponds, hills, mountains, school districts, cemeteries, towns, villages and hamlets.

At Last: Our Teaching Book


It’s the work of our Committee on Teaching and many ADS members, begun almost a decade ago (NADS Sept. ’84: 12; Jan. ’87: 6).
## Financial Report for 1992

### RECEIPTS

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### BANK BALANCES DECEMBER 31

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*Does not include $16,211.19 repaid from and $3,963.39 transferred to Kurath Fund, the latter to be repaid from Kurath Fund earnings. The Hans Kurath Fund for the Linguistic Atlas, administered in trust by ADS, supports Linguistic Atlas work at the University of Georgia. Since the Kurath Fund is invested primarily in mutual funds, bills are paid out of ADS general funds and then reimbursed, with interest, from mutual fund sales or dividends.
More on the Legality of Surreptitious Recording: An Invitation

Following the publication of *PADS* 76 (*Legal and Ethical Issues in Surreptitious Recording*), Tom Murray and Carmin Ross-Murray received more than 50 letters from linguists asking for more specific information regarding certain aspects of the legality of recording speech data surreptitiously. Those questions, as well as a good deal of subsequent legislation (at the state level) and case law (at the state and federal levels), have prompted Murray and Ross-Murray to prepare an updated, expanded essay—again for publication in *PADS*—in which the legality of surreptitious recording by linguists and other social scientists will once more be considered.

Currently, Murray and Ross-Murray plan to include the following topics in the new essay: (1) a brief summary of the legislation and case law presented in *PADS* 76, focusing on the crucial years 1968-88; (2) federal case law since 1988; (3) state legislation and case law since 1988; (4) answers to questions posed by colleagues; (5) the legality of surreptitious recording in Canada; (6) the legality of surreptitious video recording; and (7) speculations on the future of surreptitious recording as a legal means of gathering speech data.

Harvard Offers *DARE* To Go with Your Index

Now that ADS members have copies of the Index (*PADS* 77) to the Dictionary of American Regional English, the publisher of *DARE* again is making the dictionary itself available to members at a special price—20 percent off.

Volume 1 (Introduction and A–C) is just $59, marked down from $73.50. Volume 2 (D–H) is just $56. With each volume, add $3.50 for shipping.

To order, simply write Sales Dept., Harvard University Press, 79 Garden St., Cambridge MA 02138-9983. Specify the American Dialect Society special price. Enclose your check, or charge to your Visa or MasterCard.

Because the authors want this new essay to be as comprehensive as possible, and not overlook any needs or desires of any member of the ADS, they hereby invite any questions or comments on any facet of the topic at hand. If the proposed table of contents overlooks something important, let them know. If you have a specific question or comment on surreptitious recording and its legal use as a methodological tool, communicate it to them.

But don’t tarry: in order to produce the new issue of *PADS* in a timely fashion, Murray and Ross-Murray must have your written comments, questions, and/or suggestions no later than July 1, 1994, at this address: Professor Tom Murray, Dept. of English, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-0701.

All correspondence will be gratefully acknowledged. Anyone having a comment or question on the ethics of surreptitious recording—especially on the philosophy of situational ethics as a means of justifying the practice, as described in *PADS* 76—is also invited to write, though the new essay will be based primarily on legal facts rather than on philosophical convictions of “right” and “wrong.”

*DARE* in the Classroom

By Joan Hall

A reviewer suggested that “DARE consider the feasibility of publishing a small guide or manual, especially one suitable for secondary school teachers, that explores ways of integrating DARE into the language arts curriculum.”

Is there anyone who has used *DARE* in the classroom who would be interested in working on such a guide? We would be happy to collaborate and provide examples if someone else were to take the ball and run.

If this sounds like your next project, contact Fred Cassidy or Joan Hall at DARE, 6125 Helen White Hall, 600 N. Park St., Madison WI 53706.