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Calls for Papers: Fall 2002 ADS Regions

Rocky Mountain

In association with RMMLA, Oct. 10–12; Scottsdale, Arizona, Chaparral Suites Resort Hotel.

March 1 is the deadline for 300-word abstracts. Papers dealing with any aspect of the dialects of English or other languages spoken in the U.S. will be considered. Please send one copy if submitting through e-mail, or send two abstracts by regular mail (one with the author's name, one anonymous) to the meeting chair, **Mary Morzinski**, Dept. of English, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse WI 54601; morzinsk.mary@uwlax.edu.

ADS Regional Secretary 2002-2003: **Mary E. Morzinski**.

Membership in RMMLA is \$30 individual, \$20 student. Write RMMLA, Washington State Univ., P.O. Box 642610, Pullman WA 99164-2610; rmmla@rmmla.wsu.edu; <http://rmmla.wsu.edu/rmmla/>; phone (509) 335-4198; fax (509) 335-6635 ext. 54198.

Future meeting: 2003 Oct. 9–11 Missoula, Montana, Holiday Inn Parkside.

Midwest

In association with MMLA, Nov. 8–10; Minneapolis, Marriott City Center.

March 1 is the deadline for submitting 250-word abstracts on any topic to the meeting chair, **Beth Lee Simon**, Dept. of English and Linguistics, IPFW, Fort Wayne IN 46805-1499; phone (219) 481-6761; fax (219) 481-6985; simon@ipfw.edu. E-mail submissions are preferred.

ADS Regional Secretary 2002-2003: **Beth Lee Simon**.

Membership in MMLA is \$35 full and associate professors, \$30 assistant professors and school teachers, \$20 adjunct and part-time faculty, \$15 students. Write MMLA, 302 English-Philosophy Bldg., U. of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242-1408; phone (319) 335-0331; mmla@uiowa.edu; www.uiowa.edu/~mmla/.

Future meetings: 2003 Chicago; 2004 St. Louis; 2005 Minneapolis.

South Central

In association with SCMLA, Oct. 31–Nov. 2; Austin, Texas, Omni Austin Downtown Hotel.

February 1 is the deadline for submitting either full papers or 500-word abstracts on any topic to the meeting chair, **Shelisa Theus**, Dept. of English, Louisiana State Univ.-Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge LA 70803; theusshelisa@hotmail.com.

ADS Regional Secretary 2002-2003: **Michael R. Dressman**, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Houston-Downtown, One Main Street, Houston TX 77002; phone (713) 221-8009; dressmanm@uhd.edu.

Membership in SCMLA is \$30 full professors, \$25 associate and assistant professors, \$20 instructors and students. Write SCMLA Membership Secretary, Texas A&M Univ., Dept. of English, College Station TX 77843-4227; phone (979) 845-7041; fax (979) 862-2292; www-english.tamu.edu/scmla/; scmla@tamu.edu.

Future Meeting: 2003 Hot Springs, Arkansas.

South Atlantic

In association with SAMLA, Nov. 15–17; Baltimore, Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel.

March 31 is the deadline for submitting 500-word abstracts (including bibliography, if needed) on the topic of "Variation Within and Across Dialects" to the meeting chair, **Crawford Feagin**, Englische Seminar, Universität Zürich, Plattenstrasse 47, CH 8032, Zürich, Switzerland; feagin@erols.com. E-mail submissions are preferred; please allow two weeks for postal mail.

ADS Regional Secretary 2002-2003: **Michael Picone**, Dept. of Romance Languages and Classics, Univ. of Alabama, Box 870246, Tuscaloosa AL 35406-0246; mpicone@bama.ua.edu.

Membership in SAMLA is \$40 individual (\$30 first year), \$25 graduate student/adjunct/emeritus. Write SAMLA, Georgia State Univ., University Plaza, Atlanta GA 30303-3083; phone (404) 651-2693; www.samla.org; samla@samla.org.

Future meetings: 2003 Nov. 6–8 Atlanta, Marriott Marquis; 2004 Nov. 12–14 Roanoke, Virginia, Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center; 2005 Nov. 4–6 Atlanta, Sheraton Colony Square.

First Call for Papers: Atlanta, January 2003

Along with our host the Linguistic Society of America, ADS invades the South next January, setting up camp January 2 through 5 at the Atlanta Hilton, 255 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303. Yankee dollars will go far; LSA has arranged for rooms at the rate of \$69 and \$79. You can even reserve your room now: call toll free 1-800-HILTONS and request the group rate for the Linguistic Society.

Monday, August 12 is our deadline for proposals. Please note the following specifications: Abstracts should be 150–300 words long. Send them by e-mail to Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf at AAllan@aol.com. Or, if you wish to use the postal service, send four copies of the abstract, with your name on an accompanying letter but not on the abstract, to Allan Metcalf, English Dept., MacMurray College, Jacksonville Illinois 62650-2590. Sessions on special topics are encouraged, but an abstract must be submitted for each speaker and abstracts will be judged individually, not collectively.

If you want an audiotape player, you must request it with your proposal. We will provide an overhead projector for all speakers; no need to request that. All other AV equipment is very costly, so please be prepared to do without it.

Proposals will be judged anonymously by a committee of ADS vice president and program chair **Michael Montgomery** and two colleagues. If your proposal is accepted, you'll be asked for an abstract of no more than 200 words for the LSA program.

As usual, we'll have a luncheon, a Bring-Your-Own-Book exhibit and reception, and a vote on Words of the Year. You can send WOTY nominations any time to New Words Committee Chair **Wayne Glowka**, Dept. of English and Speech, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville GA 31061, wglowka@mail.gcsu.edu.; or to **David Barnhart**, PO Box 2018, Hyde Park NY 12538, Barnhart@highlands.com. See Page 5 for a report on our recent vote for words of 2001.

Future LSA-ADS meetings: 2004 Jan. 8–11 Boston, Sheraton. Likely future venues: 2005 Los Angeles or San Francisco; 2006 Houston; 2007 New York; 2008 Chicago.

Call for ADS at MLA

March 20 is the deadline for proposals for papers for ADS sessions at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association in New York City, Dec. 27–30. The suggested topic is perceptual dialectology, but abstracts on other topics will be considered too.

Send abstracts to ADS program chair **Michael Adams**, Albright College, MAdams1448@aol.com.

Language & Society at MLA

March 15 is the deadline for proposals for the Division of Language and Society at MLA. Special interest in minority languages and language varieties, linguistic variety and its representation in literature and popular media, language legislation and linguistic rights, but any appropriate topic will be considered.

Send topic and brief abstract to **Dennis Baron**, debaron@uiuc.edu, or Department of English, Univ. of Illinois, 608 S. Wright St., Urbana IL 61801.

Committee Invites Nominations

This year the ADS Nominating Committee has a triple duty: proposing nominees for vice president (succeeding to the presidency after two years), the Executive Council (a four-year term), and the Nominating Committee itself (a two-year term).

The Council is the governing body of the Society, meeting annually at the time of the ADS Annual Meeting (see next page). The candidates for vice president and Executive Council should be dedicated and effective members of the Society, of course, but they also need to be willing and able to attend the annual meeting without subvention from ADS.

Suggestions of possible candidates are welcome. Send them to the committee chair, past ADS president **Walt Wolfram**, English Department, North Carolina State University, Box 8105, Raleigh NC 27695-8105, wolfram@social.chass.ncsu.edu. Or communicate with the other members of the committee: **Ronald Butters**, RonButters@aol.com, or **Joan Houston Hall**, jdhall@facstaff.wisc.edu.

ADS to Sponsor Instructor at Linguistic Institute 2003

Unlike the federal government, the American Dialect Society had the pleasing experience of a modest budget surplus in 2001, enabling the Executive Council to be modestly more generous in support of worthy causes for 2002. The surplus came in the form of substantially increased net income from our arrangement with Duke University Press.

President **Dennis Preston** presided; six members of the Executive Council were able to attend, and six other ADS members joined in the customary open meeting of the Council, this year in the windowless Golden Gate Room of the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, San Francisco, on the morning of January 4, 2002. Weather in the Southeast prevented some of the regulars from attending.

The Council did this:

1. Allocated \$3500 in support of a faculty member at the 2003 Linguistic Institute of the Linguistic Society of America, to be held at Michigan State University June 30–August 8, 2003. The money will pay for a stipend, travel expenses, and living costs. The instructor is to have interests “consonant with the mission statement of ADS” and will be appointed by the director of the Institute (coincidentally, Dennis Preston).

The generosity was emboldened by a relatively large payment of \$19,247 from Duke University Press to ADS for fiscal year 2000–01. Previous years’ payments had been much less, and with the extra costs for issues of *PADS* it remains to be seen how much there will be for 2001–02.

A committee consisting of Preston, **Connie Eble**, and **Ronald Butters** is to investigate possible ADS sponsorship of a professorship at subsequent Linguistic Institutes. In 2005, Harvard and MIT will host the Institute.

2. Heard a report from editor **Connie Eble** on *American Speech*: Submissions are down, perhaps because books are now required for tenure and people are putting their eggs in the book basket.

3. Heard editor **Ronald Butters**’ report on *PADS*. We can look forward to a thick volume of articles on the history of American English by **Allen Walker Read**, edited by **Richard W. Bailey** (No. 86 for 2001, to be mailed in April 2002); **Clare**

Dannenberg’s *Sociolinguistic Constructs of Ethnic Identity: The Syntactic Delineation of Lumbee English* (No. 87 for 2002), and two numbers in 2003, including the once-every-twenty-years *Needed Research in American English*, edited by Preston.

Since our contract with Duke calls for only one *PADS* a year, we’ll pay extra for the extras, as we will for the extra pages in the Read volume.

4. Decided that the Index to the *Dictionary of American Regional English*, Volume 4, will not be an issue of *PADS* but will have the customary financial support of ADS. A committee consisting of **Joan Hall**, **Ronald Butters**, and **Allan Metcalf** is to determine the optimal mode of publication for the Index and recommend that to the full Council.

5. Raised dues from the current \$40 a year to \$50, starting in 2003. Student dues will remain at \$25.

6. Appointed **Anne Curzan** (U. of Washington) to chair the Teaching Committee.

7. Reappointed **Mary Morzinski** (U. of Wisconsin-La Crosse) to a new two-year term 2002–03 as Rocky Mountain Regional Secretary.

8. Reappointed **Michael Linn** (U. of Minnesota, Duluth) for a three-year term 2002–04 as trustee of the Hans Kurath Fund for the Linguistic Atlas, as recommended by Editor William A. Kretzschmar, Jr. The two other trustees are **Lawrence M. Davis** (Wichita State U., term ending 2002) and **Lee Pederson** (Emory U., term ending 2003).

9. Appointed to three-year terms on the *American Speech* advisory board, as recommended by editor Connie Eble: **Robert Bayley** (U. of Texas, San Antonio), **Barbara Johnstone** (Carnegie Mellon U.), **Salikoko Mufwene** (U. of Chicago), and **Nancy Niedzielski** (Rice U.).

10. Reappointed **Michael Adams** (Albright Coll.) to organize our sessions at the Modern Language Association, in New York City Dec. 27–30, 2002. For future years, other volunteers will be welcome.

11. Approved a grant of \$500 in support of the annual NWAV conference, to be held at Stanford in October this year.

12. Approved a grant of \$500 in support of the Methods XI conference in Joensuu, Finland, August 5–9 this year.

September 11 Attacks Overwhelm 2001 Voting

Dominating the American Dialect Society choices for words of the year 2001 were words for the terrorist attacks of September 11, as the attacks themselves dominated the conversation of Americans after that date.

In San Francisco January 4, members and friends of the society voted "9-11" or "September 11" in its various written and spoken forms—including "9/11," "9.11," "nine-one-one" and "nine-eleven"—as the word (or in this case, expression) of the year. In the final show of hands there were 29 votes for "9-11," 10 for "burka," the garment worn by Muslim women in Afghanistan and elsewhere; 5 for "homeland" as in "homeland security"; 4 for "theoterrorism," attacks on civilians for a religious purpose; 4 for "misunderestimate," President Bush's coinage; and 2 for "ground zero," the site of the collapsed World Trade Towers after the attack.

Since 1990, the society has chosen words of the year at its annual meeting. They are words that are new or newly prominent, reflecting the concerns and conversations of speakers of American English during the preceding year. All voting is open by show of hands, and participants are invited to speak for or against particular choices before the vote.

In the eight categories leading to the final vote on words of the year, post-9-11 terms were likewise dominant.

These were the winners, with approximate votes for each:

1. *Most outrageous*: "assoline" (44) methane used as fuel. Other candidates: "burka blue" (11) the color of the head-to-toe garment worn by some Afghan women. Preliminary vote "assoline" (23), "burka blue" (15), "Osamaniac" (10) woman sexually attracted to Osama bin Laden, "cuddle puddle" (3) pile of Ecstasy users on the floor.

2. *Most euphemistic*: "daisy cutter" (45) large bomb that explodes a few feet above the ground. Others: "women of cover" (9) Bushism for Muslim women who wear traditional dress, "sneakers-up" (1) a dot-com that goes belly-up.

3. *Most likely to succeed*: "9-11" (50). Others: "weaponize" (10) adapt anthrax, shoes, etc. for use as a weapon, "ground zero" (5) site of the collapsed

World Trade Center towers, "pop-under" (3) Internet ad appearing under the main browser window.

4. *Most useful* (tie): "facial profiling" (29) scanning video "fingerprints" to identify terrorists and criminals, and "second-hand speech" (28) cell phone conversations heard by others in public places. Others in preliminary votes: "linguistic profiling" (15) using language clues to identify a person's ethnicity and other characteristics, "theoterrorism" (9), "weapons-grade" (4) potent as in weapons-grade salsa, "annoyicon" (3) logo in bottom corner of a TV screen, "overconnectedness" (3) being connected everywhere all the time, "debris surge" or "debris storm" (1) spread of debris from a collapsing building, "to table" (1) to staff an informational table.

5. *Most creative*: "shuicide bomber" (26) terrorist with bomb in shoes. Others: "orthorexia nervosa" (11) obsession with eating the right foods, "second-hand speech" (8), "_so_September 10" (5) petty or oblivious to possible danger, "Netwallah" (3) website administrator, "assoline" (1).

6. *Most unnecessary*: "impeachment nostalgia" (27) longing for the superficial news of the Clinton era. Others: "the terrorists will have already won if—" (15), "E.C." (15) emotionally correct as in properly responding to tragedy. Preliminary vote "desk rage" (2) tantrum in the office.

7. *Least likely to succeed*: "Osamaniac" (50). Others: "dot-orging" (4) changing employment from a dot-com to a nonprofit dot-org, "interruptible" (0) an energy customer allowing interruption of service for a lower rate.

There was one additional special category this year:

8. *Most inspirational*: "Let's roll!" (unanimous) the words of Todd Beamer on United Flight 93 before the attack that foiled the hijackers on September 11, words later repeated by President Bush and put into a song by Neil Young.

The next words of the year vote, for the year 2002, will take place in Atlanta January 3, 2003, at the society's annual meeting. Nominations are welcome; send them to **Wayne Glowka** (see Page 3).

Previous years' winners and stories are on the ADS website, www.americandialect.org.

Our Delegate Reports on ACLS in Philadelphia

The American Dialect Society has been a member of the American Council of Learned Societies since 1963. Our delegate's report on the 2001 annual meeting was written long ago; we at last have room for it here.

By Joan Hall

The ACLS meeting in Philadelphia on May 4–5 was, as always, a stimulating mixture of presentations and reactions, of listening and discussing.

Much of the discussion this time—formal and informal—surrounded the charges in Nicholson Baker's recent book, *Double Fold: Libraries and the Assault on Paper*, in which he excoriates the library profession for “demonizing old paper” and destroying books and newspapers after microfilming them.

Baker's book, which has been characterized as a jeremaid, lambastes librarians, research libraries, foundations, NEH, and especially the Library of Congress. He attacks the notions that old books are necessarily fragile, that microfilms are adequate substitutes, and that issues of space have required the wholesale miniaturizing of collections. He is particularly harsh in describing the “disbinding” of sources to make them easier to film, followed by the pulping or sale of the spine-split volumes.

Representatives from the Association of Research Libraries criticized Baker's purposeful misrepresentations of the history of library preservation and his ad hominem attacks on colleagues and their institutions. But they also welcomed the exposure Baker has given to concerns about preservation and to the need for substantial additional funding to adequately address the problems.

This year's member program focused on “Phases of the Humanist's Academic Career,” with signifi-

cant attention given to the immediate post-tenure period, during which the isolation phenomenon and new departmental service burdens often lead to a major decline in scholarship. (The ACLS Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowships for Recently Tenured Scholars were established specifically to offer relief for such problems. If any ADS members would like more information on these fellowships, please feel free to e-mail me.)

The public program highlighted some notable projects directed by “Electronic Humanists.” They are the William Blake Archive (<www.blakearchive.org>) directed by Morris Eaves, the Digital Design Collection Project at the Museum of Modern Art (no URL available), and the absolutely stunning Civil War project directed by Edward L. Ayers, the Valley of the Shadow Project (<jefferson.village.virginia.edu/vshadow2/>). Do take a look at this one!

The annual Haskins Lecture, “A Life of Learning,” was delivered by Harvard Professor of English and American Literature, Helen Vendler. Eschewing the usual chronological format, she divided her commentary into “chapters” with such tantalizing titles as “Intensities,” “Impediments,” and “Furtherances.” Through them, she provided glimpses of her childhood (during which she learned Spanish, French, and Italian from her father and gained a love of poetry from her mother), her experiences in the Catholic school system, her beginnings as a mathematician, and her evolution as a literary critic.

As a delightful bit of lagniappe, Harvard University Press provided copies of Ms. Vendler's recent book, *The Art of Shakespeare's Sonnets*, which she graciously inscribed for each of us.

Additions to Directory

This list includes a few members who were inadvertently omitted from the directory in the September issue, as well as some new ones. Apologies to the former and welcome to the latter.

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Cliches, Anglo-Saxons, African Americans, &c: Our New Books

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

John Algeo, editor. *The Cambridge History of the English Language, Volume VI: English in North America*. Cambridge University Press, December 2001. Hardback \$120. ISBN 0521264790. This volume traces developments in orthography and punctuation, phonology and morphology, syntax, lexis and semantics, regional and social variation, and the literary language. Includes essays by Michael Montgomery on British and Irish Antecedents; Fred Cassidy and Joan Hall on Americanisms; Jonathan Lighter on Slang; Lee Pederson on Dialects; Sali Mufwene on African-American English; Ron Butters on Grammatical Structure; Ed Finegan on Usage, and Richard Bailey on American English Abroad.

Christine Ammer. *Facts on File Dictionary of Cliches*. Facts on File/Checkmark Books, October 2001. 488 pages. Hardcover \$45, ISBN 0-8160-4356-6; paperback \$17.95, ISBN 0-8160-4357-4. A compendium of more than 3,500 cliches, giving their meaning, origin, and early and present-day usage.

Eugene Green. *Anglo-Saxon Audiences*. Peter Lang Publishing, August 2001. Berkeley Insights in Linguistics and Semiotics 44. Hardcover \$55.95. ISBN 0-8204-45509. Using modern textual analysis, including functional grammar, speech act analysis, and semiotics, this book reveals how kings, councilors, and homilists tried to engage and to direct the minds of Anglo-Saxon communicants and how poets invited their audiences to consider the minds of others as well as their own. This book focuses on legal codes promulgated from the ninth to the eleventh centuries, the homilies of Aelfric and Wulfstan, *Beowulf*, the *Battle of Maldon*, *Deor*, and two elegies. Anglo-Saxon audiences welcomed texts focused on future time, a perspective that challenged them to reflect on diverse patterns of thought.

Barbara Hill Hudson. *African American Female Speech Communities: Varieties of Talk*. Bergin & Garvey, 2001. 256 pages. \$64.95. ISBN 0-89789-506-1. The book describes how some female African

American writers use the language of African American female characters to reflect their membership in various speech communities. Materials used for this text include slave narratives, novels, short stories, diaries, plays, and autobiographies.

Kenzo Kihara, editor. *Sanseido's Concise English-Japanese Dictionary*, 13th ed. November 2001. 1616 pages. Yen 3200+ 5% tax. This pocket-sized English-Japanese dictionary was first published in 1922. The updated edition is comprehensive with approximately 130,000 headwords.

Erin McKean. *VERBATIM: From the Bawdy to the Sublime, the Best Writing on Language for Word Lovers, Grammar Mavens, and Armchair Linguists*. Harcourt/Harvest Books, October 2001. 372 pages. \$14. ISBN 015601209X. A collection of pieces from *VERBATIM: The Language Quarterly*, including articles by ADS members Jesse Sheidlower and Gerald Cohen, and the late Frederic Cassidy.

Salikoko S. Mufwene. *The Ecology of Language Evolution*. Cambridge U. Press, September 2001. 274 pages. Including 3 line diagrams, 7 maps, and 6 tables. Hardcover \$59.95, ISBN 0-521-79138-3; paperback \$21.95, ISBN 0-521-79475-7. This major new work explores the development of creoles and other new languages, focusing on the conceptual and methodological issues they raise for genetic linguistics. The book surveys a wide range of examples of changes in the structure, function, and vitality of languages and suggests that similar ecologies have played the same kinds of roles in all cases of language evolution.

Laurence Urdang. *The Timetables of American History*, Millennial (3rd) Edition. Simon and Schuster, November 2001. 544 pages. Large format (8-1/2" x 11") paperback \$23. ISBN 0743202619. This book not only chronicles what was occurring in America in terms of politics, the arts, science, and technology, but relates them to simultaneous developments throughout the rest of the world. From breakthroughs in science to breakdowns in international relations, from the heroes who mastered the playing fields to masterpieces of art and literature, it provides a comprehensive account of the march of civilization.

Five Students Honored with Presidential Memberships

At the annual meeting in January, ADS President **Dennis Preston** announced his award of Presidential Honorary Memberships 2002–2005. This time five students were honored:

Erica Benson, a doctoral candidate at Michigan State University, nominated by Preston, is a specialist in Ohio English. She has presented papers on the *fish-feesh* problem and also worked on the perception of dialect varieties in the state.

Kimberly Emmons, a doctoral candidate at the University of Washington, nominated by Anne Curzan, has worked extensively in critical discourse analysis applied to women's and mental health issues, the latter the subject of her dissertation. She has also received special recognition for her teaching.

Lauren Hall-Lew, a student at the University of Arizona, nominated by Malcah Yaeger-Dror, has done extensive work on contraction and intonation in American English negative sentences and is planning comparative work on other languages (e.g., Mandarin). She is currently at work on negation in Kennedy-family English.

Lisa Cohen Minnick, a doctoral candidate at the University of Georgia, nominated by William Kretschmar, took the lead in making the LAMSAS African-American and Turner Gullah data available on the web. She is completing a dissertation on American literary dialect and has already presented and published papers in that area.

Benjamin Torbert, a doctoral candidate at Duke University, nominated by both Ron Butters and Walt Wolfram, has participated in fieldwork and dissemination productions in North Carolina language variation and has contributed substantially to our understanding of Lumbee English through his research, presentations, and publications.

Every year the ADS president awards three Presidential Honorary Memberships. This time the president was so overwhelmed with outstanding candidates that he made five awards.

He will make three more (*three*, Dennis!) for the coming year.

Any member may nominate a graduate or undergraduate student for next year's Presidential Honor-

ary Memberships. All that is needed is a letter of recommendation, although supporting material is also welcome.

The four-year complimentary memberships are intended to encourage interest and participation in our field by outstanding students.

Send nominations to president **Dennis Preston**, preston@pilot.msu.edu, or Dept. of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing MI 48824.

OEDitor to Talk Tamony

Jesse Sheidlower, North American editor for the *Oxford English Dictionary*, will speak on "The Future of American Slang in the *OED*" in the 17th annual Peter Tamony Memorial Lecture on American Language at the University of Missouri, Columbia on Thursday, March 14.

His talk will be in Ellis Auditorium at 3:45 p.m. The traditional reception will follow at the nearby Western Historical Manuscript Collection, 23 Ellis Library.

The lecture commemorates the gift to the University of the extensive collection of citations of American slang by San Franciscan Peter Tamony (1902–1985). Sheidlower will make some references to *OED* use of material from the Tamony Collection.

From 1991 to 1999, Sheidlower was an editor for the Random House Reference Department and was project editor for the *Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang*.

DARE Readies P's and Q's

Editor Joan Hall of the *Dictionary of American Regional English* reports: "We sent P and Q to the typographers on January 24; R and the first half of S will go within three weeks, with publication still anticipated late in 2002."

Cassidy Articles Invited

American Speech is still accepting manuscripts on topics pertinent to Fred Cassidy's interests for the Winter 2002 issue. Send three paper copies to Charles Carson, Managing Editor, American Dialect Society Publications, Duke University, Box 90018, Durham, NC 27708-0018 by March 25.