

SCE NEWS AND NOTICES
Fall, 1983

NEWS FROM SCE HEADQUARTERS

I am very pleased to inform SCE members that beginning with this issue of SCE News and Notices Sallie R. Wadsworth, who has recently agreed to serve as SCE's Administrative Associate, will take over as its editor. Sallie will handle all correspondence regarding membership, upcoming events and news and notices for the newsletter. She will also coordinate the regional SCE meetings and edit SCE N&N. In addition, she will handle SCE's finances. No organization can be effective without sound administration and SCE is genuinely fortunate to have obtained Sallie's services.

I am also pleased to report that the membership has accepted the nominations for the Board of Directors announced in SCE N&N's spring issue. The newly elected Board members are David Bleich, Indiana University, Paul Bove, University of Pittsburgh and Jeffrey Peck, University of Washington, Seattle. They will serve four-year terms, beginning January 1, 1984.

James J. Sosnoski
Executive Director, SCE

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After a provocative SCE Conference at Indiana University and GRIP Sessions at SAMLA in Atlanta and at MMLA in Minneapolis, SCE looks forward to MLA in New York (December 27-30) and the installation of Professor Ralph Cohen, University of Virginia, as President of SCE for 1984-85. Professor Cohen will deliver a brief Address which will be followed by a "cash bar" reception for him at which the newly elected members of the Board will be introduced to the membership.

RECEPTION FOR SCE'S PRESIDENT

Wednesday, 28 December

5:15-6:45 p.m., Rhinelander South, Hilton

We hope that all of SCE members attending MLA will be present at the installation of Professor Cohen as President and at the various SCE sessions (see below).

Schedule of SCE MLA Meetings

New York, December 27-30

TUESDAY EVENING, 27 DECEMBER

#58. HAS DEPARTMENTALIZATION FOSTERED NATIONAL TRADITIONS OF LITERARY THEORY?

9:00-10:15 p.m., Diplomat, Sheraton

Jeffrey Peck, Univ. of Washington (Seattle) has organized a session around the problem of the relationship between departmentalization and literary theory. Patricia Harkin, Denison Univ., will chair the session; Karlis

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Racevskis, Wright State Univ., David Shumway, Miami Univ., and Jeffrey Peck will present papers.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 28 DECEMBER

#237 THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION AND PROFESSIONALIZATION OF LITERARY STUDIES

1:45-3:00 p.m., Gramercy B, Hilton

David Shumway, Miami University, has organized and will chair a session in which Stanley Fish, Johns Hopkins Univ., will present a position paper, to which Samuel Weber, Johns Hopkins Univ., and Richard Ohmann, Wesleyan, will respond. [The proceedings of this session will be edited by Prof. Shumway and published in CEX #15.]

#301 RECEPTION ARRANGED BY THE SOCIETY FOR CRITICAL EXCHANGE

5:15-6:45 p.m., Rhinelander South, Hilton

Professor Ralph Cohen will be installed as president of SCE during the reception.

THURSDAY NOON, 29 DECEMBER

#445 THE DISCIPLINE OF LITERARY STUDIES IN AMERICA: A NEW PROJECT FOR COLLECTIVE INQUIRY

12:00 noon-1:15 p.m., Rhinelander South, Hilton

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Program arranged by the MLA Department of English Programs.

Henry Schmidt, Ohio State Univ., and Jonathan Arac, Univ. of Illinois-Chicago, have organized a session on collective inquiry in literary study. Henry Schmidt will chair the session.

PANELISTS:

Jonathan Arac, Univ. of Illinois-Chicago
"Is the History of Scholarship a Counterdisciplinary Practice?"
Patricia Harkin, Denison Univ.
"The GRIP Project: An Overview"
James J. Sosnoski, Miami Univ.
"Critical Protocols"
Paul A. Bove, Univ. of Pittsburgh
"The Theory of Collective Research"

SCE'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

5:15 p.m., Room 537, Hilton

SCE's business meeting is open to the membership.

THURSDAY EVENING, 29 DECEMBER

#588. TEACHING LITERARY CRITICISM: PROBLEMS OF AUTHORITY

7:15-8:30 p.m., Sutton South, Hilton

Sandor Goodhart, Univ. of Michigan, and Leroy Searle, Univ. of Washington (Seattle)

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have organized this session. Professor Goodhart will chair the session and Professors Searle, Vincent Leitch (Mercer Univ.) and Hazard Adams (Univ. of Washington, Seattle) will make presentations. [Format: panel; no papers; discussion of set of questions circulated in advance; drafts of answers will be circulated prior to the meeting but not read.]

FRIDAY MORNING, 30 DECEMBER

10:15-11:30 a.m., Rendezvous, Hilton

Program arranged by the Association of Departments of English.

#660. THE ROLE OF AUTHORITY IN THE LITERARY PROFESSION: A PANEL DISCUSSION
Phyllis Franklin, MLA & ADE, and Britton Harwood, Miami Univ., have organized a session in which administrators, editors and officers of professional societies whose policies and decisions shape literary studies will address themselves to the issues in the GRIP project.

PANELISTS: Phyllis Franklin, Director, Association of Departments of English; Richard Hendrix, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education; Florence Howe, State Univ. Coll. of New York, Old Westbury; William D. Schaefer, Univ. of California, Los Angeles; Malcolm G. Scully, Senior Editor, Chronicle of Higher Education; James J. Sosnoski, Miami University, Ohio; George Winchester

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Stone, Jr., Emeritus, New York University.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE

#376. THE FATE OF PLEASURE

10:15 a.m.-12:00 noon, Grand Ballroom West,
Hilton

A Forum. Presiding Kathleen Woodward, Univ.
of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Speakers: Leo Bersani, Univ. of California,
Berkeley; Christopher Butler, Christ Church
Coll., Oxford Univ.; Jane Gallop, Miami Univ.,
Ohio; Ihab Hassan, Univ. of Wisconsin,
Milwaukee; Richard Poirier, Rutgers Univ., New
Brunswick.

There are three coordinated workshops for this
forum: #489 "General Discussion," Murray
Schwartz, presiding, Thursday, 29 Dec.,
1:45-3:00, Murray Hill, Hilton; #582 "The
Discourse of Feminism," Cynthia Chase,
presiding, Mary Lydon, presentor, Thursday,
7:15-8:30, Room 529, Hilton; #635 "Ideology,
Kitsch, and Pleasure," Evan Watkins,
presiding, Matei Calinescu, Gerhard Hoffmann
and Tania Modleski, panelists.

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UPCOMING SCE EVENTS

April 27, 28
A Symposium with
JACQUES DERRIDA
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio

Spring
A Symposium with
EDWARD SAID
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio

Spring
A Conference on
GRIP related issues
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

For information on these events write to
Sallie R. Wadsworth, Administrative Associate,
SCE, P.O. Box 475, Oxford, Ohio, 45056.

FORTHCOMING IN Critical Exchange

CEx 15
"The Institutionalization
& Professionalization
of Literary Studies"
STANLEY FISH
RICHARD OHMANN
DAVID SHUMWAY
SAMUEL WEBER

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CEX 16
A Special Issue
on
"The work of
Wulfgang Kullmann,"
a noted Homerist

We are also projecting
an issue on
The work of
EDWARD SAID

Of Note:

THE FOUNDATIONS OF
CRITICAL PLURALISM
March 22-24, 1984
Univ. of Nebraska
Lincoln

Cosponsored by Critical Inquiry
Wayne Booth Kenneth Burke Donald Cushman
Arthur Efron Bruce Erlich Stanley Fish
Richard McKeon Andrew J. Reck Hayden White

Two papers may be chosen from submitted
manuscripts. Sample topics: critical
pluralism and the arts, the pluralism of one
or a number of philosophers of critics, the
fallacy of critical pluralism, critical
pluralism from other perspectives. [Deadline:

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15 December 1983. Send manuscripts to James
E. Ford, Department of English, University of
Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588]

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PARAGRAPH

The Journal of MCTG

"The MCTG arose out of a need for
theoretically-minded people in French, in this
country [England], to get support and
stimulation from one another, as we all work
in Departments which are at best indifferent
to our interests." [WRITE Felicity Baker,
Dept. of French Lang. & Lit., University
College London, Gower Street London WC1E 6BT,
LONDON, ENGLAND for further information.]

WORKS AND DAYS

Works and Days, coedited by David Downing,
Eastern Illinois University, and Brian
Caraher, Indiana University, will publish
essays which critically explore, often from
multidisciplinary approaches, the relations
between the arts and their socio-historical
and socio-cultural contexts. Subscribers,
prospective contributors and the curious and
encouraged to correspond with the Editors,
Works and Days, Department of English,
Coleman Hall, Room 304, Eastern Illinois
University, Charleston, Illinois 61920. [The
Editors welcome abstracts of or proposals for
articles, which will be responded to
immediately.]

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Issue 33 of Mississippi Review has just been published. To obtain a copy, please send \$4.50 to Mississippi Review, Southern Station, Box 5144, Hattiesburg, MS 39406. Mississippi Review publishes three issues a year. Subscriptions are \$10. While in the past the journal has published fiction and poetry, in the future they will be interested in publishing literary theory as well. They are particularly interested in translations of significant articles in literary criticism. Submissions or inquiries should be sent to Robert Brinkley, Associate Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCE is pleased to announce that Randolph L. Wadsworth Jr. has been appointed Associate Editor of Critical Exchange.

SCE DEADLINES

Feb. 1: Information for Spring issue of SCE N&N due

REMINDER

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Any correspondence concerning SCE News & Notices should be sent to Sallie R. Wadsworth, SCE N&N, The Society for Critical Exchange, P. O. Box 475, Oxford, Ohio 45056. We will be happy to announce events, sessions, projects and information of interest to SCE members in this newsletter. SCE N&N is published by The Society for Critical Exchange.

MEMBERSHIPS

You will find enclosed a membership form for 1984. Memberships will now coincide with the calendar year and entitle members to the issues of CEx published during that calendar year, SCE News and Notices, and other communications concerning research in progress, conferences . . .

Please fill out the membership form and return it promptly to help us reduce the cost of mailing.

Note: UNDER THE OLD RULES, THOSE WHO JOINED SCE FROM JULY 1 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1983, WERE AUTOMATICALLY MADE MEMBERS FOR 1984. THIS HAS PROVED CONFUSING. UNDER THE NEW RULE, MEMBERSHIP COINCIDES WITH THE CALENDAR YEAR.

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP, JUST SEND MONEY; IT WILL
BE WELL USED.

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