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**SCE NEWS AND NOTICES
FALL 1985**

NEWS FROM SCE HEADQUARTERS

This fall marks the tenth year of SCE's existence. The Society was formed as a not-for-profit corporation under New York State Law on December 28, 1976. During this decade SCE has changed dramatically and now several emendations of its bylaws which the Board of Directors have suggested and which require your approval need to be brought to your attention.

Listed below are the relevant sections of the bylaws with the emendations recommended by the board in brackets:

1. Terms of office for the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) [change to seven (7)] regular directors, with vote, as follows: three directors, to serve for terms of four (4) years; three directors to serve for terms of two (2) [change to four (4)] years, elected after a two year interval; and the Managing Editor of Speculative Letters [change to the Executive Director], to serve by appointment of the directors for such terms as they deem appropriate, but not less than a period of three (3) years.

2. The Selection of Officers

The Board of Directors shall select and

appoint the following officers of the Society, from the membership of the Society who will become members of the Board of Directors ex officio:

(1) A President, to serve for a term of one (1) [change to three (3)] years; [add: a scholar who has made a significant contribution to literary theory and whom the Society wishes to honor.]

[Delete:

A Vice-President, to serve for a term of two (2) years; A Secretary-Treasurer, to serve for a term of two (2) years, who will report to the board on the financial status of SCE.]

[Add:

The Board of Directors will select and appoint an Administrative Committee, the majority of which shall reside in the vicinity of the Society's home office, including but not restricted to the following to be appointed from the membership.

An Executive Director who will chair the Administrative Committee.

A Business Secretary

A Recording Secretary

A Special Projects Secretary

An Executive Secretary

The Administrative Committee shall serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

3. Business

[Add: The Board of Directors shall approve a budget for the coming year at each meeting.]

4. Outdated references

Change "Speculative Letters," the name proposed for SCE's journal in 1976, to "the Journal of the Society" and "SCE Reports" to "SCE's News and Notices."

These four amendments must "be approved by 2/3 of the membership" which can "be conducted by mail or through the pages of the journal of the Society; and results of balloting shall be communicated by similar means." (Bylaws A6, c & d). On December 29th. 1983, The Board agreed that the approval of amendments to the bylaws would not have to require a "positive" vote returned in the mail, but could be counted by "negative" votes returned in the mail. In other words, once announced, an amendment would be considered approved by 2/3 of the membership if less than 1/3 of the membership cast a negative vote by mail whether or not votes from 2/3 of the membership were received by mail. If, as member, you find these amendments problematic, you should write to me expressing your opinion with as many signatures of other members as you can collect.

Let me also mention that several SCE offices will come open on December 31, 1986--those of the president and three directors. If you wish to nominate a candidate for these offices, please write to me or to any of the members of the board (see inside cover). For your information--

Candidates must be members in good standing of the Society.

NOMINATIONS

(a) Announcements that nominations are open will be conveyed to members through the pages

of SCE's journal, or through other means as directed by the Election Committee.

(b) Nominations must be submitted with the signed authorization of the nominee, supported by the Society.

(c) A brief resume or curriculum vitae must be submitted with a letter of nomination, signed by the nominee and at least one other member of the Society.

(d) Any nominee judged ineligible by the Election Committee will be informed in writing; and may appeal to the Board of Directors, if he or she so desires.

(e) Nominations must be received at least 90 days of the Annual Meeting.

As we begin our second decade, I would like once again to encourage all the members to become active participants in SCE.

James J. Sosnoski
Executive Director, SCE

UPCOMING SCE EVENTS

November 8
SCE's MMLA Sessions:
St. Louis, MI

Friday (9:00 am)
THIRD WORLD THEORIZING
Coordinator: Barbara Harlow, Cornell University

"From Nationalism to National Culture:

Intellectuals and Social Responsibility in
Postcolonial Africa," by Neil Lazarus, Louisiana
State Univ./Shreveport

"Indigenous Third World Cultural Criticism(s):
Against Hegemony or a New Hegemony?," by Mary
Layoun, Univ. of Wisconsin/Madison

"If You Don't See the Enemy, Do You Shoot at the
Trees?: Edward Glissant's La Relation," by
Marilyn Jimenez, Hobart & William Smith Colleges

Friday (10:45 am)

STRATEGIES FOR A DICTIONARY OF CRITICISM AND
THEORY

Coordinator: James J. Sosnoski, Miami University

Panel Discussion: Ralph Cohen, University of
Virginia; Steve Nimis, Miami University; Ruth
Rosenberg, Kingsborough Community College;
Edward Tomarken, Miami University; R. L.
Wadsworth, Jr., Miami University

December 27-30
SCE's MLA Sessions
Chicago, IL

THE VOCABULARIES OF CRITICISM AND THEORY
(VOCAT) I (#433)
Saturday, Dec. 29, noon
Gold Coast, WT -- Hyatt

Speakers: Ralph Cohen, Richard Spuler, Edward
Tomarken

THE VOCABULARIES OF CRITICISM AND THEORY
(VOCAT) II (#479)

Saturday, Dec. 29, 1:45 pm
Gold Coast, WT -- Hyatt

Speakers: David Nordloh, Ruth Rosenberg, David
Vander Meulen, R. L. Wadsworth, Jr.

SCE BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, Dec. 29, 5:15 pm
Atlanta, WT -- Hyatt

SCE'S VOCAT EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, Dec. 30, noon
Wright, WT -- Hyatt

January 10-12, 1986
Miami University
Oxford, OH

MEETING ON THE VOCAT PROJECT
R. L. Wadsworth, Jr., Project Director, Miami
University

PANELISTS
Ralph Cohen, University of Virginia
Martin Dillon, OCLC
Steve Nimis, Miami University
David J. Nordloh, Indiana University
Richard Spuler, Univ. of Houston
Ruth Rosenberg, Kingsborough Community College,
CUNY
James Sosnoski, Miami University
Edward Tomarken, Miami University
David Vander Meulen, University of Virginia

April 18-21, 1986
Annual Meeting of the GRIP project
Carnegie-Mellon University
Pittsburgh, PA

CLIO'S CONSCIENCE EXAMINED:
REFLECTIONS ON THE HISTORY OF THE LANGUAGE
DISCIPLINES

Participants to be announced
SEE "Of Note" for call for papers

FORTHCOMING IN Critical Exchange

Believe it or not CEx 15 is in press:

"The Institutionalization & Professionalization of
Literary Studies"

STANLEY FISH
RICHARD OHMANN
DAVID SHUMWAY
SAMUEL WEBER

CEx 18

Fall, 1985

"The Work of EDWARD SAID"
Edited by David Shumway

CEx 19

Winter, 1986

"The VOCAT Project"
Edited by Steve Nimis

CEx 20

Fall, 1986

"The Work of GERALD GRAFF"
Edited by Patricia Harkin

IN THE SPIRIT OF EXCHANGE:

A call for suggestions for future CEx issues
and MLA or regional programs!!

(Write to James J. Sosnoski, SCE P.O. Box 475,
Oxford, OH 45056)

Of Note:

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPANTS:

"Clio's Conscience Examined:
Reflections on the History of the Language
Disciplines"

The Conference will consider recent histories of
criticism and other forms of doing histories of
literary studies as a discipline that should or
might be undertaken. Papers should be either
theoretical or historical.

Send papers, abstracts or inquiries to
David Shumway
Department of English
Schenley Park
Carnegie-Mellon University
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Deadline: JANUARY 15, 1986

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victor A. Kramer, a member of SCE at Georgia State
University, recently edited American Critics at
Work: Examinations of Contemporary Literary
Theories (available through The Whitston
Publishing Company, P. O. Box 958, Troy, New York
12181). "One of the goals of the collection is to
illustrate the varieties of methodologies which
contemporary literary critics and theorists
employ.

James Phelan, a member of SCE at Ohio State, is the coordinator for the Sixth Annual Conference in the Humanities, "Narrative Poetics," which is being put on with the cooperation of the Society for the Study of Narrative Literature and Eastern Michigan University. Major speakers include J. Hillis Miller, Shoshana Felman, Wayne Booth, Teresa de Lauretis and Seymour Chatman. The purpose of the conference is to bring students of narrative working on different problems and in different critical traditions together for three days of critical exchange. The conference will take place at Ohio State on April 10-12, 1986. For further information write to Jim (English, OU, 164 West 17th. Ave., Columbus, OH 43210-1370 or call him at 614-422-6669).

Gregory S. Jay, an SCE member at the University of South Carolina, would like to announce that the Dictionary of Literary Biography series is now preparing a volume on Modern American Critics. It will consist of substantive essays evaluating the careers of some sixty critics since 1900. Potential contributors interested in writing an essay for the volume should contact him care of the Department of English, University of South Carolina, SC 29208.

SCE CALENDAR

November 7-9: SCE's MMLA Sessions
December 29-30: SCE's MLA Sessions
January 10-12: VOCAT MEETING
January 15: deadline for papers, abstracts for GRIP conference
April 18-21: GRIP Conference--"Clio's Conscience Examined"

REMINDER

GIVE AN SCE MEMBERSHIP FORM TO A FRIEND

SCE News & Notices

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 1986. Memberships 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

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