

1985 ANNUAL MEETING: CALL FOR PAPERS

The Annual Meeting of CSANA will be held in Berkeley, California in conjunction with the meeting of the California Celtic Colloquium on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 22-24, 1985 under the auspices of the University of California. Papers may be on any aspect of Celtic studies and should be no more than 20 minutes in length. Proposals for papers, with a one-page synopsis, should be sent by 31 December to the local arrangements and program chair:

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In addition to individual papers, the organizers will welcome proposals for other kinds of presentations.

An announcement of the meeting with travel and lodging information will be sent to the entire CSANA membership in late January. The local committee will be happy to answer particular queries before then as best we can. It is to be hoped that the present low air fares will continue to obtain in March. In addition to the usual expensive hotels, we hope to arrange a network of sleeping-bag space for impoverished graduate students. If you belong to a faculty club, it might be worth your while to inquire about reciprocal arrangements with the UC, Berkeley Faculty Club or Women's Faculty Club. The rooms are not much cheaper than in hotels, but they are nice and actually on the campus.

SEMINAR

The text for the annual seminar will be the new edition of the Bee Laws: *Bechbretha*, ed. by Thomas Charles-Edwards and Fergus Kelly (Dublin: Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 1983. [ISBN 0 901282 73 1]). The book is available directly from the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 10 Burlington Road, Dublin 4, Ireland, or through any reputable book seller. The text of the Bee Laws (from TCD MS H2 15A) can also be found (with glosses) in D.A. Binchy, *Corpus Juris Hibernici*, vol.2, pp. 444-457.

CSANA NEWS

In addition to being a fictitious person residing in Washington, D.C., CSANA has now received tax-exempt status from the IRS. In the words of President Radner, "People may now feel free to donate their excess income to us at year's end, remember us in their wills, pay double the membership fee out of sheer (though slightly self-interested) generosity, etc."

BIBLIOGRAPHY

There was extensive discussion at the business meeting following the 1983 Annual Meeting of CSANA concerning the problems created for Celticists by the new format of the *MLA Bibliography*. The membership resolved to continue, for the time being, to participate in the *MLA Bibliography* under the new section head, Prof. James Blake. It was further resolved that CSANA should begin to prepare an independent bibliography for 1983 to be ready in time for the 1985 meeting, with the following staff:

Head	Ann Matonis
Gaulish, Celtiberian	Lionel Joseph
Old & Middle Irish	Marilyn Gerriets; Edgar Slotkin
Modern Irish	Philip O'Leary
Scottish Gaelic	Kenneth Nilson
Welsh	Catherine McKenna
Breton	Lois Kuter; Alexei Kondratiev

FUTURE MEETINGS

At the 1983 Annual Meeting, Prof. Gordon MacLennan extended an invitation for CSANA to meet at the University of Ottawa in March 1986 in conjunction with a North American Celtic Congress. Other proposals for the sites of future meetings were the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, American University, and the University of Cincinnati.

COLLOQUIUM ON THE HENGERDD

On June 26-28 1984, a first-of-its-kind gathering was held at the National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth. Entitled "Colloquium on the Hengerdd, with special reference to the Book of Aneirin under the auspices of the National Library of Wales and the Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies," it brought together approximately 50 scholars with research and teaching interests in the field of Welsh Poetry. There were eight invited papers, discussion periods, and a plenary session. The eight speakers and their papers were:

- David Dumville, "Problems of Historicity"
 Daniel Huws, "The Aneirin Corpus: the later manuscripts"
 Kathryn Klar, "What are Gorchanau?"
 Brendan O Hehir, "What is the Gododdin?"
 Eve Sweetser, "Line-Structure and Rhan-Structure: Metrical Units of the Gododdin Corpus"
 Jenny Rowland, "Genres"
 Marged Haycock, "Metrics"
 John Koch, "Linguistic Considerations"

A special feature of the Colloquium was the presence in the Library of the Book of Aneirin itself, on loan from the Cardiff Library. The discussions, both formal and informal, were lively and enlightening, and gave a great sense of optimism for the future of the study of Welsh poetry. A publication to include all of the papers presented is projected for late 1984 or early 1985.

The only note of sadness in the week was the death of Professor Sir Idris Foster on 18 June. Professor Foster had in recent years served as Vice-President of the National Library of Wales, and was to have been President of the Colloquium.

—Kathryn Klar Mealiffe

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MLA Celtic Section Program

The Discussion Group in Celtic will devote its meeting to the topic, "Mythological Themes in Medieval Celtic Literature." Prof. Joseph F. Nagy will preside. Papers scheduled are:

- "The Evolution of Raven Imagery in Early Celtic Literature," Maria Tymoczko, Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst.
 "The Eye and the Arm," R. Mark Scowcroft, Univ. of Virginia.
 "The 'Prose Poetry' in the Red Book of Clanranald," Edgar M. Slotkin, Univ. of Cincinnati.

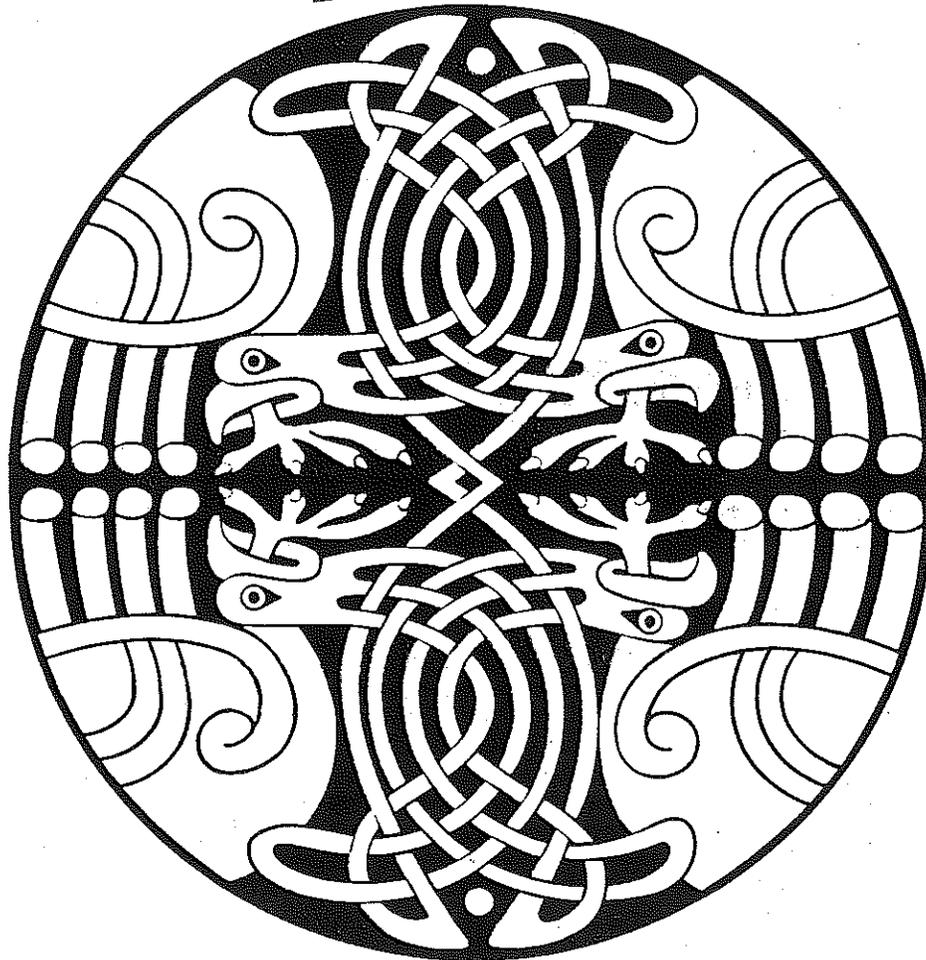
A.C.I.S. NEWS

Plans are afoot to form a western regional division of ACIS as a parallel to the existing New England, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest divisions. An organizational meeting will be held at the next ACIS annual meeting 25-27 April in Tacoma, WA. For information write to Prof. James L. Allen, Department of English, University of Hawaii at Hilo, 1400 Kapiolani St., Hilo, Hawaii 96720.

ERRATA

Prof. Katharine T. Loesch of the University of Illinois at Chicago, a long-time member of CSANA, asks that readers of her article on "Welsh Bardic Poetry" in the collection, *Performance of Literature in Historical Perspective*, edited by David W. Thompson (Lanham, MD: Univ. Press of America, 1983) be aware that major editorial changes were made without informing her. Interested readers should request the extensive errata sheet from the publisher.

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The Seventh Annual University of California Celtic Studies Conference in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Celtic Studies Association of North America will be held **March 22-24, 1985**, on the Berkeley campus.

Papers may be on any aspect of Celtic Studies and should be no more than twenty minutes in length. Proposals for papers, with a one-page synopsis, should be sent by December 31 to:

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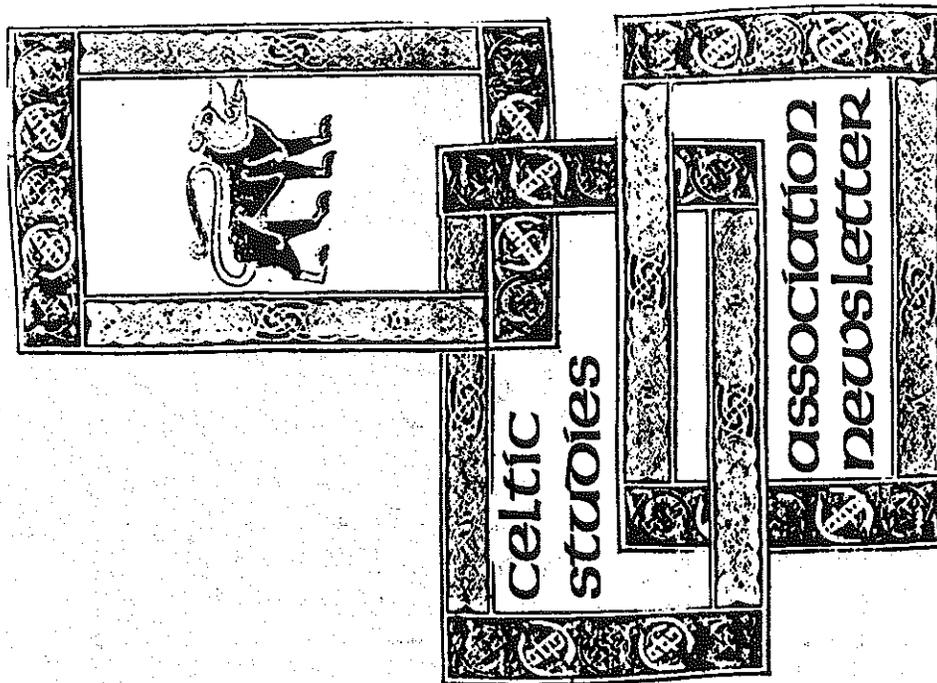
MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Celtic Studies Association of North America is open to anyone with a serious interest in Celtic Studies. Dues are \$5.00 per year, payable as of May 1. The letter "N" on your mailing label indicates that the treasurer had not received your dues for 1984-85 as of 1 October 1984. Dues should be sent to:

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EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue of the Newsletter represents both 1984 issues. The lack of a Bealtaine number is largely owing to the usual combination of overwork and sloth on the editor's part, for which he is truly repentant. Contributing factors, however, include a broken ankle and the impending arrival of Daniel Thomas Melia, born 12 August 1984, whose birth I shamelessly misuse my editorial authority to announce here.



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