

CSANA NEWS

The CSANA business meeting was held this year on March 27 in Ottawa, Canada, where the annual meeting of the Association was being held in conjunction with the North American Celtic Congress sponsored by the University of Ottawa. The following items transacted by the Association will be of interest to the membership:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for new officers for 1987-89 will be Dorothy Africa, Eric Hamp, and Joseph Nagy. Members wishing to communicate suggestions to the committee are advised to write them directly. The current officers (1985-87) are: Pres. Daniel F. Melia (Berkeley) V-Pres. Patrick K. Ford (UCLA) Sec'y. Ann Matonis (Temple) Treas. Edgar Slotkin (Cincinnati) At-large Annalee Rehjon (Berkeley)

ANNUAL DUES: As of May 1, 1987 (next year), the annual dues will be \$15.00 for institutions and individuals, and \$5.00 for 'self-described students. As of that time, the annual CSANA bibliography will be mailed free of charge to all paid-up members of CSANA.

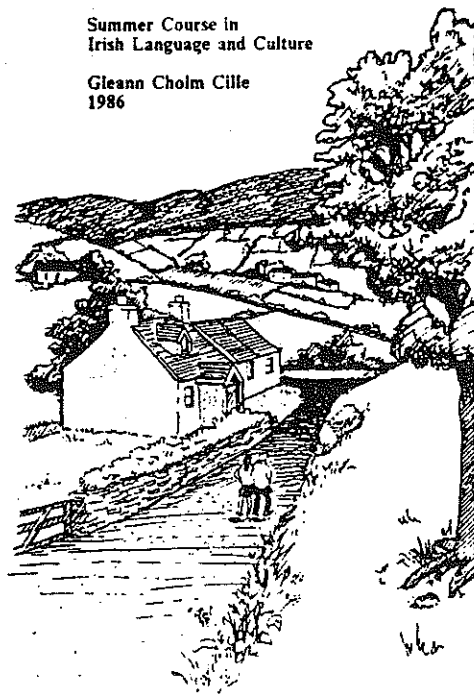
CSANA BIBLIOGRAPHY: see above paragraph.

1987 ANNUAL MEETING: the 1987 annual meeting of CSANA will be held at the University of Cincinnati on March 20, 21, 22. The SEMINAR TOPIC for that meeting will be the poetry of Somhairle Mac Lean; details forthcoming in the November issue of the Newsletter.

Oideas Gael

Summer Course in
Irish Language and Culture

Gleann Cholm Cille
1986



Enquiries to:

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IRELAND

EMAIN MACHA

The latest word we have to report from the effort to preserve Navan Fort from further encroachment by Navan Quarries is, unfortunately, not very recent. The editor received a report from the "Friends of Navan" late last fall. The report indicated that the public inquiry conducted before the Department of Environment through representatives of the Planning Service and the Historic Monuments Branch had come to a conclusion in October of last year. Among the witnesses on behalf of preservation of the site were Barry Cunliffe, Professor of European Archaeology at Oxford, Francis John Byrne, Professor of Early Irish History at UC Dublin, and Proinsias Mac Cana, Senior Professor at the Dublin Institute. The Planning Appeals commissioners who held the inquiry are now writing up their report and will make recommendations, which will be forwarded to the Department of the Environment, where it will ultimately be considered by the Minister of the Environment. The entire process could take from six months to a year (as of late last fall). The "Friends of Navan" wish us to know that their case could not have been prosecuted with the financial assistance of those who contributed to the cause.

NEW CHAIR Stanford University

Celticists will welcome the news that Stanford University has begun a program in Celtic Studies, thanks to a generous gift from Wallace and Grace Connolly of Atherton, CA. At present, the Connolly Chair is reserved for a visiting professor, who, it is hoped, will begin to generate an interest in the discipline there. During spring quarter, 1986, courses in Old Irish and Celtic cultures and literatures are being offered, and there is a series of public lectures as well. We all look forward to the day when the Connolly Chair will find a permanent occupant and Stanford will begin to contribute to the growth of our discipline in North America.

PURSUANT

To the above news, the editor of this newsletter wishes to express his regrets for any perceived (on the part of the readership) lack of news or other evidence of inattentiveness (on his part) in the current issue of the newsletter. He has been engaged as the first Connolly Visiting Professor of Celtic at Stanford and his usual lines of communication with the world of Celtic scholarship have been temporarily interrupted.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Education in Ireland

CREDIT COURSE FOR EDUCATORS JUNE 26 -- JULY 21, 1986.

PLANET

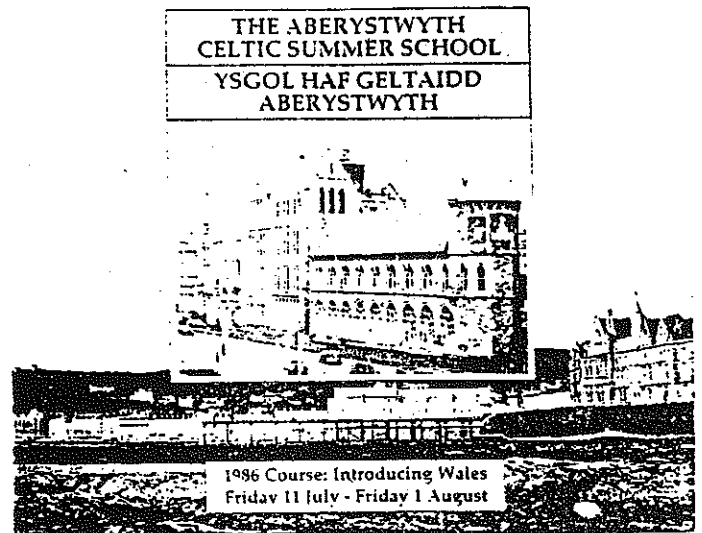
Planet: The Welsh Internationalist, which some of you may remember from the 1970s and which discontinued publication in 1979, has been re-launched. It started publication again in 1985 under a grant from the Welsh Arts Council, but it needs at least 2,000 subscribers and buyers to continue. Planet takes the whole of Wales, geographically and linguistically, as its subject, and it publishes its articles in English. Its new editors state that "we are of course interested in the traditional literary forms--poems, short stories, contributed articles--and welcome submitted material; we shall also be glad to hear of any research you may be doing . . . in particular we invite women--who have been under-represented in the literary world--to approach us with contributions or ideas. Subscriptions and queries to: P. O. Box 44/Blwch Post 44 Aberystwyth Dyfed Wales/Cymru UK

SCHOOL OF IRISH STUDIES 1986/87

Open to all overseas students in their third university year and in good academic standing in their home universities. Transferable credit courses in Irish archaeology, folklore and mythology, language, and medieval studies. Application deadline for Fall Semester, 1986, is June; the deadline for Spring Semester, 1987, is November.

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Thomas Prior House
Merrion Road
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4

INTRODUCING WALES



THE ABERYSTWYTH
CELTIC SUMMER SCHOOL
YSGOL HAF GELTAIDD
ABERYSTWYTH

1986 Course: Introducing Wales
Friday 11 July - Friday 1 August

THE ABERYSTWYTH CELTIC SUMMER SCHOOL

Introducing Wales is the title of the 1986 summer school course offered by the University of Wales, Aberystwyth in conjunction with the Institute of Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies and the National Library of Wales. The course will run from Friday, July 11, to Friday, August 1, and will consist of two lectures each morning, tutorials and seminars in the afternoons, and WLPAN intensive Welsh language instruction in the evenings. There will also be excursions and other activities. The fee, inclusive of board, residence, tuition, visits, and full use of academic and sporting facilities is £650. Further information may be had from the Director of Studies, Dr. Roy Stephens University College of Wales 9 Marine Terrace Aberystwyth, Dyfed

LAST CHANCE

ENCOUNTER IRELAND

CREDIT PROGRAM AT TRINITY COLLEGE
SUMMER 1986



The Encounter Ireland Program is open to all full time students, graduate or undergraduate, attending a U.S. college or university. Applicants must be registered for the academic year 1985/86.

DEADLINE 6 June 1986

Contact:

CIEE
205 East 42nd Street
New York
NY 10017
(212) 661-1450

This is your last chance to be included in the Inventory of Scholars or the Inventory of Institutions doing work in Celtic Studies. As you know, the international inventories were commissioned by UNESCO and are being compiled by Professor MacAulay at Aberdeen. The American respondent is your editor. If you have not been contacted, or if you ignored the first two requests, you may still be included by sending the following information for scholar:

Name, Institution, Department, Address, Telephone number, Fields of interest.

for institution:

Name, Address, Relevant department(s), Telephone number(s), Courses taught (regular or irregular or on demand), Degrees (if any), Interdepartmental relevance of courses.

Send the information to Professor Patrick K. Ford, Department of English, University of California, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. You will receive a copy of the American inventory of both institutions and scholars in return for your cooperation.

DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 1986.

NOTES/QUERIES

Your editor would like to know where in Dio Cassius' History he tells the story of Julia Augusta and the Caledonian wife of Argemoxus. Nora Chadwick refers to this confrontation on p. 55 of her book The Celts. The Celtic woman says, quoting Chadwick, "We fulfil the demands of nature in a much better way than do you Roman women; for we consort openly with the best men, whereas you let yourselves be debauched in secret by the vilest!" Dio's work, some of it excerpted or epitomized, is edited and translated in nine volumes in the Loeb series.

SAOGHAL NA GAIDHLIG

An extensive course in Scottish Gaelic is being organized for the coming summer at Hector's Point, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. The course is designed to provide students with conversational and reading skills in this modern Celtic language, along with a detailed introduction to a living Gaelic culture. Hector's Point is situated beside the village of Iona on the shores of the Bras d'Or Lake in Cape Breton Island, the home of North America's only remaining Gaidhealtachd.

The four week language programme will be taught and supervised by Dr. John Shaw. The main emphasis will be on a regional perspective using the locally available materials and resources which exist in abundance and quality in this active Gaelic-speaking community. The course will include some 4-5 hours per day of classroom instruction along with individual tutorial workshops. Classroom instruction will be supplemented by lectures on various aspects of Scottish Gaelic culture (Gaelic song, storytelling, instrumental music, dialects) by local researchers and visiting Gaelic scholars.

Students will also have access to instruction and facilities at the neighboring Nova Scotia Highland Village, a forty-acre site which for twenty-five years has served both Nova Scotians and outside visitors as a living representation of the Highland Gael in Nova Scotia. For information, contact:

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Glendale, Nova Scotia
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BRIDGES, ETC.

It is not now nor will it ever be the intention of this newsletter to provide advertising for a commercial enterprise. However, from time to time, when activities of genuine cultural interest to Celticists comes to our attention, we shall be pleased to pass the news along to our readership, even though the activity be commercial. So we are pleased to inform you of the publication of a new bilingual journal, An Droichead. The second issue (Autumn/Winter '85) is accompanied by a cassette of the issue "spoken in the three major dialects." It is available from Irish Books and Media, 683 Osceola Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105 or Keshcarrigan Bookshop, 90 West Broadway, NY 10007.

GOGYNFEIRDD

The inaugural project of the staff of the Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies at Aberystwyth is to be the editing and publication of all the work of the *Gogynfeirdd* or Poets of the Princes, namely the court poets of the period 1130-1283. Professor J. E. Caerwyn Williams is Honorary Advisory Editor for the project, which will be undertaken by the staff as a team. They are: Morfudd M. Owen, Senior Research Fellow; Nerys Ann Jones, Research Fellow; Ann Parry Owen, Research Fellow; Peredur Lynch, Research Assistant; and Llinos M. Young, Secretary. It is anticipated that this project will occupy the Centre's first five years.

The Centre aims at conducting and sponsoring research in three fields of Welsh and Celtic scholarship: literature, history and language. It plans to arrange lectures, seminars, and colloquia and to provide a meeting place for Celtic scholars from all over the world.

The Centre would be grateful for information regarding research and other work being carried on at other Research Institutes and University departments with similar interests.

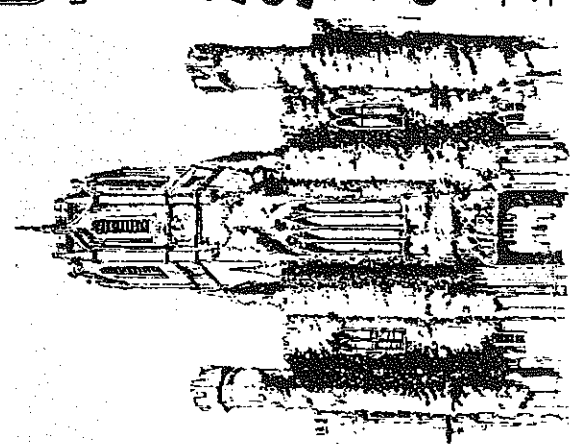
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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GALWAY, IRELAND

SUMMER
SCHOOL
1986

Credit Courses in Irish Studies

JUNE 23 - JULY 28, 1986



BY-LAWS CHANGE:

NOTA BENE

The following changes in the by-laws were proposed by the executive committee at the 1986 annual meeting. Proposed new wording is underlined:

Vice President, who shall edit and mail the CSANA newsletter

Secretary-Treasurer, whose responsibilities shall include keeping the accounts of the organization; receiving and disbursing all payments to the organization; maintaining a bank account for these purposes; making periodic and annual reports to the Executive Committee and governmental agencies; soliciting membership and membership renewals; keeping membership records; reporting to the Executive Committee on the state of enrollment; maintaining the mailing list; handling correspondence for CSANA not dealt

with by the President, and keeping records of the the minutes of Executive Committee and Annual meetings. Minute keeping functions may, however, be delegated to another member of the Executive Committee at the Secretary-Treasurer's discretion.

Secretary: delete.

At-Large Officers: shall be two in number.

The (paid) membership is hereby asked to vote aye or nay on these proposed changes. Send your vote to the Secretary:
Dr. Ann Matonis
Dept. of English
Temple University
Humanities Building
Broad and Montgomery Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Check the appropriate box: PAID MEMBERS ONLY

Yes, I approve the changes in wording of the by-laws as indicated above.

No, I do NOT approve the changes in wording of the by-laws as indicated above.

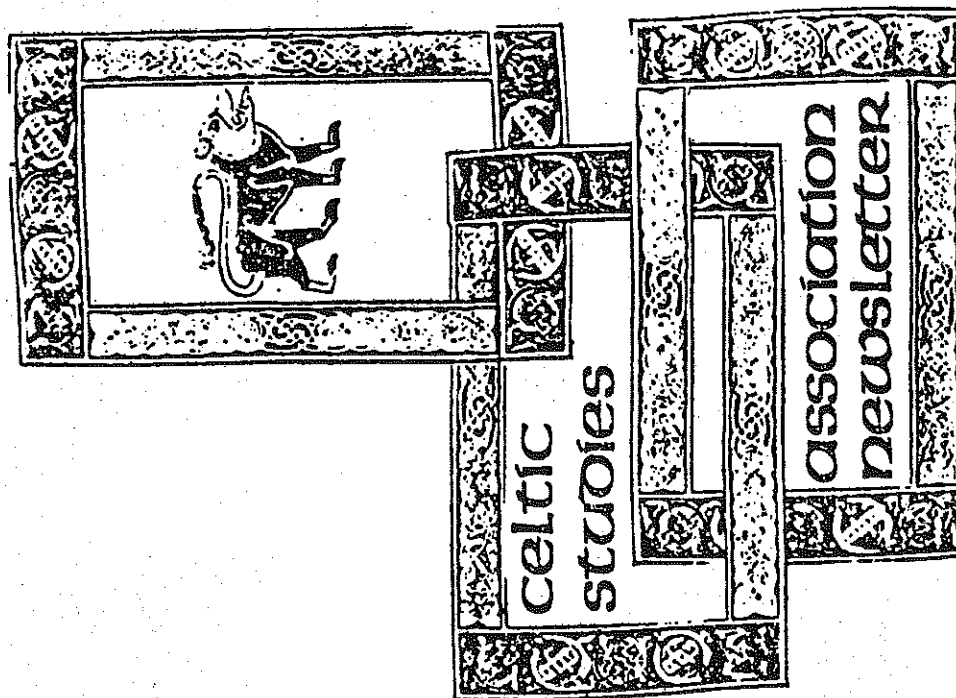
(signed)

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Celtic Studies Association of North America is open to anyone with a serious interest in Celtic Studies. Dues are still only \$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 1985-86 as of this mailing. Dues should be sent to:
Professor Edgar M. Slotkin
Department of English
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Celtic Studies Association Newsletter is published twice yearly, in Spring and Fall. The Fall, 1986 number will appear at Samhain (November 1). The editor invites news and notes and other comments from the membership. Send what you will to Professor Patrick K. Ford, Department of English, University of California, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024.



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