



GOETHE NEWS AND NOTES

XV.2 FALL 1994

GSNA EVENTS AT THE 1994 MLA CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GSNA

Tuesday, 27 December 1994
7- 8:15 p.m., Cunningham Room C,
Hyatt Regency
Jane K. Brown, presiding

1. Reading and approval of the minutes of the last Business Meeting.
2. President's Report, by Jane K. Brown.
3. Treasurer's Report, by Gail K. Hart
4. Election Results, by Jill Kowalik.
5. Executive Secretary's Report, by Meredith Lee.
6. Yearbook Editor's Report, by Thomas P. Saine.
7. New business.

Please note the time and place of the business meeting. The MLA Program will not list this meeting within the regularly scheduled sessions.

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PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE GSNA

Thursday, 29 December
10:15 - 11:30 a.m.
Cunningham Room A & B, Hyatt
Regency

FAMILY CONFIGURATIONS IN GOETHE'S WORKS

Karl J. Fink, St. Olaf College,
presiding

1. "Ganz der deine zu sein":
Private Bliss and Public Power in
Goethe's *Götz*
**John A. McCarthy, Vanderbilt
University**
2. The Reconfiguration of the
Family in *Die Wahlverwandtschaften*
**Astrida Orle Tantilillo, University
of Chicago**
3. Deconstructing the Bourgeois:
Experimenting with the Postmodern
Family in *Wilhelm Meisters
Lehrjahre*
**Nicholas Vazsonyi, University of
California, Los Angeles**

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CASH BAR ARRANGED BY THE GOETHE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Thursday, 29 December
5:15 - 6:30 p.m.
Manchester Ballroom I, Hyatt
Regency

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

As announced in the last newsletter, the Nominating Committee -- Jill Kowalik (chair), Arnd Bohm, and Simon Richter-- has nominated the following candidates for election as officers of the Goethe Society of North America for a three-year term 1995-97:

Vice-President: Ben Bennett, Professor, University of Virginia

Secretary-Treasurer: Todd Kontje, Assoc. Professor, University of California, San Diego

Directors-at-Large: (2 to be elected)
Scott H. Abbott, Assoc. Professor, Brigham Young University

Jens Kruse, Assoc. Professor and Assoc. Dean, Wellesley College

Waltraud Maierhofer, Asst. Professor, University of Iowa

Irmgard Wagner, Professor, George Mason University

All have agreed to stand for election. No additional nominations were received by the Executive Secretary by the September 1 deadline. The current **Vice-President Ehrhard Bahr** will automatically accede to the Presidency. The Editor of the Yearbook and the Executive Secretary are appointed by the officers of the Society for five-year terms.

A ballot is enclosed with this newsletter. Please return your ballots by December 19 to:

Jill Kowalik
Chair, Nominating Committee, GSNA
2181 El Cajonita Drive
La Habra Heights, CA 90631

Election results will be announced at the business meeting in San Diego.

MINUTES OF THE 1994 BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Goethe Society of North America was held on Wednesday, December 29, 1993, in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Secretary-Treasurer Meredith Lee. The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed and approved.

Because the president and other officers were not able to attend -- among the officers only Secretary-Treasurer Lee and Director-at-Large Jeffrey Sammons were able to attend -- it was announced that the work of the Executive Committee will be done by correspondence this year and that those in attendance could offer suggestions for next year's topic, but that no final determination could be made at the meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer announced that Executive Secretary Fred Amrine had resigned after four years of service. Sec. Treasurer Lee reported that, pending formal approval by the Executive Committee, she will assume the duties of the Executive Secretary for the remaining two years of Fred Amrine's term and that Gail Hart of UC Irvine will assume the duties of Secretary-Treasurer for the remaining of her (Lee's) term. Other suggestions are welcome. None were made at the meeting itself.

The Treasurer's Report was circulated and discussed. Secretary-Treasurer Lee noted that last year's MLA expenses were high because New York is expensive and because the German Dept. at UC Irvine must now split expenses with the Society because of reduced budget appropriations. The cocktail party was charged to the Society because it is difficult to run expenditures related to liquor consumption through UCI accounting. The department will cover other expenses. The Report was

accepted.

There was brief follow-up discussion of last year's discussion of new MLA regulations affecting allied organizations and of the possibility of moving the meeting-party-session to the conference of another organization such as GSA or ASECS. Secretary-Treasurer Lee opined that it is probably best for now to continue to meet at the MLA because more people attend that convention. There was general agreement.

The Secretary-Treasurer then asked for proposals for next year's session topic and mentioned the topic for last year's (canceled) business meeting presentation, "Electronic Goethe," as a possibility. Professor Becker-Cantarino proposed a session on Goethe's admirers and epigones which could include the topic of friendship, but exclude love interests. Professor Fink suggested the topic of families in Goethe's works, including family configurations and family relations.

Lee announced that the Society will provide mailing labels to members wishing to advertise and solicit paper proposals for related sessions at regional conferences.

Professor Becker-Cantarino asked for proposals for the German Studies Association convention, the deadline for which is in February 1994.

The meeting concluded at 3:53 p.m.

Gail K. Hart
for *Meredith Lee, Secretary-Treasurer*

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**LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 1995 ASECS
CONFERENCE IN TUCSON**

The Goethe Society Session at the 1995 ASECS conference in Tucson, April 5-9, will be chaired by **Eric Williams, Texas A & M University.**

THE OTHER GOETHE

Hidden Aspects of Goethe's Theory of Colors: A Deleuzian Reading of Goethe and its Relevance for Feminist Art Criticism.

Beate Allert, Purdue University

Political Confessions in Goethe's Fabular Poems.

Karen Pagel, University of Kansas

Goethean Entsagung: Not the Great Solution it's Cracked up to be.

Julie D. Prandi, Illinois Wesleyan University

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Wilfried Malsch, University of Massachusetts, will be chairing a special seminar on *Faust*.

PROBLEMS IN GOETHE'S FAUST POETRY

"Betrug war alles, Lug und Schein": "Auerbachs Keller in Leipzig" and Divine Comedy.

Arnd Bohm, Carleton University

Sexuality and "The Witch's Kitchen."
Barbara Becker-Cantarino, Ohio State University

Feminine Endings as another "Gretchenfrage": What happened to the the Female Body?

Kristina von Held, University of Massachusetts

Motherhood and Mothers in Goethe's *Faust*.

Deirdre Vincent, Trinity College



FROM THE EDITOR
OF THE GOETHE YEARBOOK

Volume seven of the *Goethe Yearbook* appeared at the beginning of October and was mailed to all GSNA members who had paid their dues as of that time. If you have not yet received the *Yearbook*, it is probably because you did not rush to pay dues. This can, of course, easily be rectified.

We are considering some projects which would appear as special issues of the *Yearbook*. Camden House, our publisher, has already expressed great interest in the possibility of bringing out a photo-mechanical reprint of Erna Merker's 1954 facing-pages edition of the two versions of *Die Leiden des jungen Werthers*, and if we can secure the rights from the original publisher (the Akademie-Verlag) this might appear in 1995.

At this time I am inviting submissions to be considered for inclusion in volume eight of the *Goethe Yearbook*. The *Yearbook* is open to papers on any aspect or author of the "Goethezeit," not just on Goethe. In contrast to many other publications, there is no stringent limit on the length of papers that can be considered. We adhere more or less to the Chicago Manual of Style rather than to the MLA Style Sheet.

Thomas P. Saine
Editor

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS 1995-96

The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University, offers short-term fellowships to support visiting scholars. Application deadline is January 15, 1995. Interested parties should contact the Coordinator of Fellowship Programs, Robert Babcock, at (203) 432-2968/ fax (203) 432-4047.

GSNA AT THE SOUTHEASTERN ASECS

"Goethe's Historical Imagination" is the topic of the GSNA session at the Southeastern ASECS in Mobile, Alabama. 15-19 February 1995.

Burkhard Henke, Davidson College, Chair.

Imagining Constitutional History:
Goethe's Götze von Berlichingen.
Horst Lange, University of Virginia

Walter Scott's Romantic Concept of
History as a Reference Point for
Goethe's Position on Historical Writing,
and Vice Versa.
Peter Höyng, University of Tennessee

The End of an Age: Goethe, Faust, and
Sardanapalus.
Charles Grair, Wichita State University

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS

Hans-Wolf Jäger has edited an early 18th-century travel account: Hermann Post. *Tagebuch seiner Reise in den Jahren 1716-1718*. Edited with introduction and commentary by Hans-Wolf Jäger and an essay by Heikki Solin. Bremen: Edition Temmen, 1993.

GOETHE DISSERTATIONS

Nicholas Vazsonyi completed his dissertation in June, 1993 and has accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Vanderbilt University. His thesis is entitled "Anatomy of a 'Breakthrough': Georg Lukac's Goethe Reception and Concurrent Accommodation of Stalinism." Advisor: Ehrhard Bahr, UCLA.

**9TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
ON THE ENLIGHTENMENT
23-29 JULY 1995
MÜNSTER, GERMANY**

For information, contact: Prof. Dr.
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Germany

THE GOETHE LIBRARY

Princeton University Press is the new
distributor of the twelve volumes of the
English Goethe edition edited by Victor
Lange, Eric Blackall, and Cyrus Hamlin.
Volumes 1-6 are now available in
paperback.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the Spring issue of
Goethe News and Notes is April 15. I
would like to continue the practice of
listing any significant publications on
Goethe by GSNA members, as well as any
dissertations on Goethe in progress, and
would be grateful to receive such
information regularly from you.

Members are encouraged to propose
special sessions at regional meetings of
the MLA and ASECS. Contact me for
assistance with publicity and mailing
lists.

Meredith Lee
Executive Secretary

PRIZES AND AWARDS

**AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY
STUDIES**

1994-95 LOUIS GOTTSCHALK PRIZE

Awarded for an outstanding historical or
critical study on the eighteenth
century. Nomination Deadline: November
15, 1994 (by publisher)

1995 CLIFFORD PRIZE

Awarded for the article judged to be an
outstanding study of some aspect of
eighteenth-century culture that is
interesting to any eighteenth-century
specialist, regardless of discipline.
Nomination Deadline: January 1, 1995

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4065

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

Books in any field of English or another
modern language or literature:

- 1994 JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL PRIZE**
- 1994 MLA PRIZE FOR A FIRST BOOK**
- 1994 MLA PRIZE FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS**
- 1992-94 MLA PRIZE FOR A SCHOLARLY
EDITION**
- 1993-94 MORTON N. CHOSEN AWARD FOR AN
EDITION OF LETTERS**
- 1993-94 SCAGLIONE PRIZE FOR LITERARY
TRANSLATION**

Germanic languages and literatures:
**1994-95 SCAGLIONE PRIZE FOR GERMANIC
STUDIES**

Nomination Deadline: May 1, 1995 for
most prizes, Lowell Prize (March 1,
1995) and Germanic Studies (May 1, 1996)
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DUES SCHEDULE

The dues for membership in the Goethe Society of North America are as follows:

active members	\$20
senior members	\$30
members paying in DM	DM 50
patrons	\$100
emeriti	\$10
students	\$10
institutions	\$30

Dues are payable in each calendar year. For further information, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer.