



GOETHE NEWS AND NOTES

XV.1 SPRING 1994

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you will have noticed from your dues letter, there have been some adjustments in the leadership of the society. In December Fred Amrine informed me he was unable to continue as Executive Secretary due to the pressure of his other commitments. At the request of the Executive Committee, Meredith Lee kindly agreed to become Executive Secretary, and Gail Hart to finish Meredith's term as Secretary-Treasurer. On behalf of the Executive Committee and, I trust, the membership of the Society, I would like to thank Fred for serving as Executive Secretary and for all his work in that position to expand the activities of the Society. I would also like to thank Gail Hart for finishing Meredith's term as Secretary-Treasurer. And finally I would like to thank Meredith Lee for her generous service to the Society as founding Secretary-Treasurer. I don't know how many of you realize the extent to which Meredith as the author and keeper of our by-laws holds everything together. We can all be grateful indeed that she will continue her service to the Society as Executive Secretary.

While I am in the thanking mode, let me also take the opportunity to thank the members of our nominating committee, Jill Kowalik, Arnd Bohm and Simon Richter, for preparing the slate of officers you will find below in this newsletter.

Jane K. Brown
President
April 12, 1994

NOMINEES FOR NEW OFFICERS

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.

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.

Based on a discussion of election procedures at the 1991 Business Meeting, the membership is invited to consider additional nominations. Names may be forwarded to the Executive Secretary until September 1. Ballots will be sent with the Fall issue of the Newsletter, and the results announced at the business meeting for 1994 in San Diego.

**CALL FOR PAPERS AT THE 1995 ASECS
CONFERENCE IN TUCSON**

The Goethe Society Session at the 1995 ASECS conference in Tucson, entitled "The Other Goethe," is being organized by Eric Williams, Texas A & M University. In addition, Wilfried Malsch, University of Massachusetts, has proposed a seminar on "Problems in Goethe's >Faust<-Poetry." Calls for papers for both sessions are attached.

**FROM THE EDITOR OF THE GOETHE
YEARBOOK**

Goethe Yearbook, Volume VII has gone off to the publisher and should be out this fall. Its contents are as follows:

Barbara Becker-Cantarino: Witch and Infanticide: Imaging the Female in *Faust I*

Ursula Mahlendorf: The Mystery of Mignon: Object Relations, Abandonment, Child Abuse and Narrative Structure

Astrida Orle Tantilillo: Deficit Spending and Fiscal Restraint: Balancing the Budget in *Die Wahlverwandtschaften*

Hans J. Rindisbacher: Procurator or Procreator: Goethe's *Unterhaltungen* as Ironic Genre Praxis

Rainer Hillenbrand: Das Denkmal der Lust: Amor und die Musen in Goethes 13. Römischer Elegie

William J. Lillyman: The Question of the Autonomy of Art: The Origins of Goethe's Classicism and French Eighteenth-Century Neoclassical Architectural Theory

Y. A. Elsayge: "Helle" und "Hölle": Zur Rolle der Dichtung in *Wilhelm Meisters Wanderjahre*

Herbert Rowland: Autotextuality in Wieland: The Presence of *Oberon* in

Klelia und Sinibald

Katharina von Hammerstein: "Unsere Dichterin Mereau" als Frau der "Goethezeit" zu Liebe und Revolution

Regine Otto: Briefe des Urfreundes (previously unpublished letters by Karl Ludwig von Knebel)

John A. McCarthy: Emerson, Goethe und die Deutschen

Ehrhard Bahr: Vaclav Havel's Faust Drama *Temptation* (1985): Or, the Challenge of Influence

Stuart Atkins: Review Essay: Evaluating a *Faust* Translation. On the Occasion of Martin Greenberg's Version of *Part One*

Markus Winkler: Review Essay: Anmerkungen zu den Aufklärungs- und Goethezeit-Bänden der *Dictionary of Literary Biography*

Book Reviews

I invite submissions for Volume VIII.

Thomas P. Saine
Editor

IN MEMORIAM

Friedrich Sengle (1909-1994)

**CALL FOR PAPERS AT THE
SOUTHEASTERN ASECS**

"Goethe's Historical Imagination" is the topic of the GSNA session at the Southeastern ASECS in Mobile, Alabama. A call for papers is attached.

A REMINDER

Gail K. Hart, our Secretary-Treasurer, would like to remind members who have not paid their dues for 1994 to do so at their earliest convenience.

A NOTE FROM THE NEW EDITOR

In the four years that Frederick Amrine served as Executive Secretary he not only expanded the society's activities by reaching out to the regional societies affiliated with the MLA and ASECS and by encouraging members to initiate programs, but he also edited Goethe News and Notes with a special flair. I am sure that I speak for all the members in thanking him for his work. The newsletter will continue on the schedule that has been established, appearing twice-yearly, in the fall and spring. Please address all submissions and inquiries to the Executive Secretary at the address below. The deadline for the Fall issue will be October 1. 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.

Meredith Lee
Executive Secretary

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.

OFFICERS OF THE GOETHE SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

President: Jane K. Brown, Department of Germanics, DH-30, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. (206) 543-4580 (o); (206) 524-4966 (h).

Vice-President: Ehrhard Bahr, Department of Germanic Languages, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1539. (313) 825-3955 (o); (213) 825-9754 (fax).

Secretary-Treasurer: Gail K. Hart, Department of German, University of California, Irvine, CA 92717. (714) 856-6406 (o); Email: GKHART@UCI.EDU.

Director-at-Large: Jeffrey Sammons, Germanic Languages and Literatures, Yale University, P. O. Box 18A Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520. (203) 432-0711 (o); (203) 865-0335 (h).

Director-at-Large: Dennis Mahoney, Department of German and Russian, University of Vermont, Burlington VT 05405. (802) 656-3430 (o).

Editor of the Yearbook: Thomas P. Saine, Department of German, University of California, Irvine, CA 92717. (714) 856-6406 (o); Email: TPSAINE@uci.edu.

Executive Secretary: Meredith Lee, German Department, University of California, Irvine, CA 92717. (714) 856-6406 (o); (714) 836-7970 (h); Email: MALEE@uci.edu.

CALL FOR PAPERS

GOETHE'S HISTORICAL IMAGINATION

Session of the Goethe Society of North America at the Southeastern ASECS in
Mobile, AL (University of South Alabama), 15-19 February 1995

The GSNA is inviting proposals for papers addressing Goethe and history or historiography. Topics may include Goethe's historical consciousness and imagination, his treatment of historical sources, the representation of history in his writings (fictional or otherwise), his perspective on and subsequent treatment of contemporary historical events, his public office, and his relationship to other authors preoccupied with representing history. All papers should be presented in English.

Please send proposals *along with an updated curriculum vitae* to:

Burkhard Henke
Department of German and Russian
Davidson College
Davidson, NC 28036
phone: (704) 892-2267
e-mail: buhenke@davidson.edu

Deadline: 31 August 1994

Note: Four travel awards in the amount of \$500 each are available to graduate students writing on any topic in the eighteenth century. Please submit papers by September 15 to

John Swearingen, Chair
Department of English
University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL 36688



The Goethe Society of North America

Call for Papers

Papers are invited for presentation at the XXVIth Annual Meeting of the
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
Tucson, Arizona
April 5-9, 1995

The Other Goethe

Were Goethe's creative explorations or his creative drive subjected to inner censors? Has Goethe's poet laureate status censored or diverted in any way critical writing about him? What was, or is, excluded, forgotten, neglected, denied or suppressed in his work?

Papers of any methodological persuasion dealing with these questions or any Other dimension of Goethe's work or its critical reception are invited. Topics might include: the alterity of the feminine or the political; the anxiety of influence from an other (or Other); an other side of Goethe's Weimar Olympianism or his *Entsagung*.

Papers in English with German
or English quotations.
Please send titles and one-page
abstracts by August 1, 1994 to:

Eric Williams
Dept. of Modern and Classical Languages
Texas A & M University
College Station, Texas 77843-4238
U.S.A
Fax: (409) 845-6421
Email: EBW5065@tamsun.tamu.edu



UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
AMHERST

Germanic Languages and Literatures

Herter Hall
Box 33925
Amherst, MA 01003-3925
(413) 545-2350

CALL FOR PAPERS

Seminar Proposal for the ASECS 26th Annual Meeting in Tucson, AZ, April 5-9, 1995:

Problems in Goethe's >Faust<-Poetry

Requested are only those topics or problems which are worthy of new inquiry and perspectives, e.g., "evil", "Devil's Sabbath" (unpublished) in "Walpurgisnacht", "women and femininity", "money", "technology", "alienation from nature", etc. The discussion will interrelate the selected topics. Therefore perspectives within your topic which relate to other topics are welcome.

Please send abstracts (ca. 1 to 1 1/2 pages) by August, 26th, 1994, at the latest, to Wilfried Malsch (Dept. of Germanic Lang. & Lit., UMass, Amherst, MA 01003-3925; fax: (413) 545-3205