Eoin McKiernan to Retire
After twenty years at the helm, Dr. Eoin McKiernan, founder and president of the Irish American Cultural Institute, is stepping down as executive director. The IACI has a search committee for a person to succeed Dr. McKiernan. Interested parties may contact: Thomas Rosensteel, attorney, 325 South Sixth Street, St. Charles, IL 60174.

IASAIL Conference
The 1984 annual conference of the International Association for the Study of Anglo-Irish Literature (IASAIL) will be held on July 16-19 in Austria. The theme will be "Literary Crosscurrents, Ireland, England and the World." Registration forms may be obtained from: Dr. Wolfgang Zach, English Dept., Graz University, Heinrichstrasse 26, A-8010 Graz, Austria.

Annaghmakerrig Birthday
The Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig celebrated its second anniversary in October with the publication of a newsletter. Titled "The Annaghmakerrig Gazebo," the four-page newsletter recapped some of the Centre's achievements. In 1982, more than 200 guests from a wide range of disciplines used the facilities of the Centre to write plays, books and poems and to plan projects and art exhibitions. For non-Irish citizens and/or residents, the Centre charges IR£500 per month, although the director, Bernard Loughlin, stated that they are seeking to build up a fund from which grants to overseas applicants could be offered. Write him at the Centre, Newbliss, Co. Monaghan, Ireland.

MLA 1984 Convention
Members interested in participating in an ACIS session at the 1984 MLA Convention in Washington D.C. should send proposals for papers and suggestions for panel topics to Mary Helen Thuente, Dept. of English, Indiana Univ.-Purdue Univ., Fort Wayne IN 46805, by 1 February 1984.

Somerville and Ross Remembered
A festival to honor Edith Oenone Somerville and Violet Martin Ross is being planned for 5-9 September 1984 in Castletownshend, Co. Cork, Ireland. Write to Somerville and Ross Committee, Irish Tourist Board, Skibbereen, Co. Cork.

Bargain Days at Altman's
Altman's department store in New York City ran an ad in the New York Times (11/5) for a Charles Dickens letter, dated May 3, 1860, which accepted for publication a John O'Donnell poem. O'Donnell was an Irish poet who became editor of the weekly Universal Party. Price: a mere $950. Didn't know that O'Donnell was worth that much. The same ad had an Elizabeth Bowen letter for $35.

Book Reviewers Needed
The Irish Literary Supplement editors remind ACIS members that new book reviewers are always needed. Those interested should send a 3 x 5 card with their name and address and their area of interest to: 114 Paula Blvd., Selden, New York 11784. Reviewers in Canada should contact the Canadian editor, Michael Kenneally, at Marianopolis College, 3880 Cote Des Neiges, Montreal, Quebec H3H 1W1. Reviewers in Ireland should contact Richard Kearney at 75 Pembroke Cottages, Donnybrook, Dublin 4. The spring 1984 number of the ILS will be sent to all ACIS members who have paid their 1984 dues.

Modern Irish Criticism Journal
Michael Kenneally is asking for essays of criticism on post-World War II Irish writers which will be published in a new journal of modern Irish criticism. Essays should be about 25-30 pages in length, double-spaced typed, and should pertain strictly to the subject of modern Irish writing. Publication and payment details will be forthcoming. Write him at: English Department, Marianopolis College, 3880 Cote Des Neiges, Montreal, Quebec H3H 1W1, Canada.

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Balance as of September 15, 1982

- Plus dues received $7,074.02
- Plus sale of membership list 2,400.00
- Plus sale of Ireland Fund Subsidy to Guide 180.00
- Plus Irish Tourist Board Subsidy to Guide 2,000.00
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- Plus Valparaiso University (1981) 1,750.00
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- Fall Conference Subsidies 1982 and 1983 $3,350.00
- New England Conference, Univ. of Mass. 250.00
- Mid-Atlantic Conference, Lafayette 100.00
- S.E.A.C. at James Madison Univ. 600.00
- Other Subsidies
  - Univ. of Vermont 66.00
  - Irish Language Committee 150.00
- National Conference, Ohio Dominican, Spring 1983
  - Ohio Dominican
  - Local Guests 500.00
  - Local Guests 94.75
- Transportation Subsidy for Speakers
  - Exhibit, Shipping Costs 369.50
- A.C.I.S. Newsletter Expenses
  - Univ. of Miami (1981-82) 2,021.00
  - Dec. 1982 and Mar. 1983 printing and postage 1,343.64
- Guide to Irish Studies, 2nd Edition
  - A.C.I.S. Election Expenses 542.55
- A.C.I.S. Research Report 4,700.00
- Incorporation Costs 192.00
- Stationary, Labels and Postage 113.50
- Executive Committee Telephone Expenses 120.00
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- Bank Charges 151.85

Total Expenses $12,410.78

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Submitted by Catherine B. Shannon, treasurer

From the Times

An intensely dedicated American professor of linguistics was on a study tour of Conamara. Towards the end of his visit, fascinated by the Irish way of life, he was in a pub one night drinking with an elderly Gaeltacht speaker.

The professor asked: "Is there any Irish word equivalent to the Spanish word mensajero?"

The native speaker pondered for a while and replied: "I’m afraid there’s nothing in the Gaelic that expresses the same sense of immediacy and urgency."

Irish Times, 28 May 1983

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Travel Free* to the Convention
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Next year's annual ACIS convention will be in Wake Forest, North Carolina, on May 3-5, 1984. As part of an effort to save money as well as to have some fun, a group of new ACIS members are renting a full car on AMTRAK. A minimum of 15 fares will reduce the regular AMTRAK round-trip by 25%, down to $131 at present rates. (By comparison, flights from N.Y. to Winston-Salem are about $500; from Boston about $280; and from Chicago about $130!) Forty-four fares will give us a full car to ourselves. With a full car, we will get our free ticket* which will be awarded in the time-honored draw-the-name-out-of-a-hat tradition. For every 20 tickets after that, there will be another free ticket* awarded. The train will leave Manhattan's Penn Station on Wednesday, May 2, at 2:30 p.m., and will arrive in Greensboro, N.C., around midnight. Dillon Johnson, organizer of the conference, will greet us at the station with transportation to the hotel and either a cell phone or church choir, whichever is available. The conference will begin the following afternoon (Thursday), thereby ensuring rest for all of us. The return trip will arrive back in Penn Station around noon, Sunday, May 6. AMTRAK has agreed to provide us with a separate lounge at Penn Station on May 2, and we expect there to be a free bar in the lounge to fortify us for the journey.

The train will have complete dining facilities as well as a cafe car, and it will have a checked baggage (2 carry-on's and 3 more up to 150 lbs.). If there is enough interest for a full car, it will be separated into smoking and non-smoking sections. The train will make stops in New Jersey at Newark and Trenton; at Philadelphia, Pa.; Wilmington, De.; Baltimore, Md.; Washington, D.C.; and in Virginia at Alexandria, Manassas, Culpepper, Charlottesville, Monroe, Lynchburg, and Danville. Members may board the train at any of these stops, but they will not be eligible for the group-fare ticket. Instead, they should purchase the Excursion fare which is 15% off the regular coach discount and the conductor to direct them to the ACIS car (the one with the tattered-tricolor).

As is well known, airline fares into New York are substantially lower than fares for similar or shorter distances. Members may find it cheaper to fly into N.Y. and board the AMTRAK rather than to negotiate the several stops it may entail to fly to Wake Forest. Those arriving at LaGuardia Airport (preferred) or JFK on the day of departure should arrive by noon to go for transportation to Penn Station. New York-area ACIS members will assist those arriving by air.

Those interested should formally contact Robert Lowery, editor of the ACIS newsletter, at 114 Paula Blvd., Selden, N.Y. 11784, as soon as possible. It is expected that the fare will have to be paid in full (by March 1). Follow-up detailed instructions will be sent before the departure date. Additional information and an update will be published in the April issue of the Newsletter.

Xerox and/or detach and send to: 114 Paula Blvd., Selden, NY 11784.

- I sign up now, I'll send you a check before March 1.
- I'll be flying into C.J. JFK (or LaGuardia airport, please) and will need transportation.
- I might be interested and will let you know later.
- I live in the New York area and can help with transportation.

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