THE annual meeting of the American Committee for Irish Studies will be held at Boston College on May 8-11, 1986. The theme of the conference will be "Politics and the Arts in Ireland." Proposals for individual papers or panels should be sent by January 1, 1986, to Adele Dalsimer and Kevin O'Neill, Irish Studies Program, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167.

25th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE
The ACIS annual (and this time, 25th anniversary) conference will be held in Dublin, June 29-July 4, 1987. Co-hosts and chairs are Austin Reilly, University College Dublin, and Sean J. White, School of Irish Studies, Dublin. The academic program on which they are working in consultation with the advisory board from the ACIS Executive Committee (the discipline representatives and president and vice-president of ACIS) will be finalized at the Boston conference in May 1986. Please note separate invitations for panels and papers. Suggestions for panels and papers should be sent to the co-chairs at the School of Irish Studies, Thomas Prior House, Merrion Road, Dublin 4, Ireland.

The social program will include State and college receptions, a theater evening at the Abbey, garden party, field trip, and 25th anniversary banquet. A week's post-conference program in Ireland with rented car will also be offered.

Note: ACIS members who are willing to travel further may be interested in the IASAIL conference which will begin at the University of Caen, France, on July 13, under the chair of Jacqueline Genet. For paper submissions contact her at the University of Caen, Esplanade de la Paix, 14032 Caen, France.

ACIS — MLA
The joint ACIS-MLA session will be held in Chicago during the MLA conference. Speakers on Sunday, December 29 (3:30-4:45, Burnham, Hyatt) include Edgar M. Branch, Robert Butler, and Dennis Flynn (on James T. Farrell). On Monday, December 30 (10:15-11:30, Hong Kong, Hyatt), speakers will include Johann Norstedt, Joseph Browne, Susan Fisher Miller, Robert Rhodes, and Robert Tracy (on William Trevor).

There will be an ACIS cocktail party in Robert Rhodes's room at the Hyatt on December 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; this follows the Farrell session. The party will be sponsored by The Smith Publishers, who are just releasing a collection of lectures given by Farrell entitled *Hearing Out James T. Farrell*.

The 1986 ACIS-MLA session will be held with the theme of "Catholicism and the Anglo-Irish" and "Recent Criticism and Literature." Proposals for papers should be sent before January 31, 1986, to Dillon Johnston, English Dept., Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem NC 27109.

ACIS — AHA
Blanche Touhill will host a cocktail party on Saturday, December 28, at her room at the AHA convention hotel, the New York Marriott Marquis, from 5-7 p.m.

NEW ARCHIVIST AT STONY BROOK
Arthur F. Sniffen has been appointed archivist for the William Butler Yeats Microfilmed Manuscripts Collection in the Department of Special Collections in the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He will be responsible for the processing and cataloguing of the collection of more than 80,000 pages of manuscripts and letters of the Irish playwright and poet.

Mr. Sniffen, who assisted with work on the Jacob J. Javits Collection at Stony Brook this past summer, is a native of Long Island who resides in Huntington Station, New York. He is a graduate of the New York University Archives Program and a former manager of New York Telephone.

REMINDER: Proposals for papers for the Annual Conference must be in by January 1.
An Important Notice About Your Dues
A New Dues Structure Now in Place

Individual dues notices were mailed to continuing members of ACIS in late November. Continuing members are defined as those who paid their 1985 dues before September 1, 1985, and who received the full benefits of membership in the 1985 calendar year. New members who joined ACIS on or after September 1, 1985 have already paid dues for the 1985-86 academic year, and thus no dues notice will be sent to them until early before the start of the 1986-87 academic year.

In accordance with an Executive Committee decision passed at the Tacoma conference and subsequently unanimously ratified by the membership at the same conference, continuing members are now being asked to pay amounts which cover the twenty-month period from January 1, 1986 through August 31, 1987. Although there has been no increase in the annual dues rates, higher amounts are being requested of continuing members in the current notice in order to take account of the longer period during which benefits will be extended. The result of this procedure will be that by September 1987 all ACIS members will be paying dues on an academic-year basis.

For the period from January 1986 through August 1987, continuing members are asked to pay one of the amounts listed at the side of this article in accordance with their status. ACIS urges continuing members to respond to the dues notice by February 15, 1986.

RENUEWAL RATES
FOR ACIS MEMBERS
January 1986 — August 1987
U.S. Residents:
Regular $21.00
Student $17.25
Retiree $17.25
Joint $31.50
Foreign Residents:
Canada $22.50
All others $27.00
Please try to renew your membership no later than January 15 (U.S. and Canada; ASAP elsewhere).

DUES RATES
FOR NEW MEMBERS
1985-86 Academic Year
U.S. Residents:
Regular $14.00
Student $11.50
Retiree $11.50
Joint $21.00
Foreign Residents:
Canada $15.00
All others $18.00
Checks (U.S. dollars, payable on a U.S. bank) should be made payable to "ACIS" and sent to: Professor James S. Donnelly Jr., Department of History, University of Wisconsin, 455 North Park Street, Madison WI 53706.

The Executive Board Wishes The Members of The American Committee for Irish Studies A Prosperous and Happy Holiday Season. Peace.

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