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All Your Friends Will Be in Boston for the Annual ACIS Conference May 8-11. See you there!

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EASTER WEEK PLAY
Among the features at the ACIS Annual Conference at Boston College, May 8-11, will be a performance of T.H. Nally's play, The Spaniel of Abu. Nally's play was scheduled to be presented in the site of the Easter Rising, but the Abbey closed and the play seemingly disappeared. Adele Dalster, co-director of the Irish Studies program at Boston College, found the players' play for the play while doing research at the National Library, Dublin, and put it into publishable form. The play had its premier at Boston College on February 20 under the direction of Tommaso MacAnna. It will performed again especially for ACIS members during the conference.

27TH YEATS SUMMER SCHOOL
This year's Yeats International Summer School will be held August 10-22 in Sligo. Among those invited to speak and discuss works by W.B. Yeats is Norman Jeffares. A new feature of the School will be a weekly panel on the first of Yeats's personal poems; the second on literature and politics in Ireland since Yeats. Pessimine will include Cissie Crissie O'Brien, Mary Holland, Seamus Deane, and Elizabeth Cullingford. There will be a poetry workshop conducted by Dermot Morgan and readings at the Hawk's Well Theatre by Alastair McBain, Daniel Car, Fred Skot, and Des Finbar.

NORTHERN IRELAND REPORT
The Office of the New York City Comptroller has released a report on the employment practices and employment of American companies operating in Northern Ireland. The report was requested by the trustees of the New York City pension systems. The report, which Paul O'Dwyer described as the most definitive and extensive report on the kind of Northern Ireland, is available from Harkness Industries, Office of the Comptroller, Municipal Building, New York, NY 10007. You won't be surprised by the report's findings.

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IRELAND SUMMER PROGRAMS DIRECTORY
Updated as of March 1985, the directory contains comprehensive information about courses, prices, details of credits, available accommodations, campus (athletic, homeosty, etc.), extracurricular activities, etc. It is available from the publishers (inside Ireland, Rockwood, Stocking Lane, Babylonia, Dublin 16 for $7.50; US$12 airmail; Canadian $10; $16 airmail).

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY OFFERS SUMMER PROGRAMS AT TRINITY
Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, is offering English literature, history and literature this summer at Trinity College, Dublin, from June 28 to July 25. Cost is $2095, which includes tuition, round trip airfare between Norfolk and Dublin, accommodations, program travel, and some meals. Write their Center for International Programs.

ANOTHER PROGRAM AT TRINITY
UST has announced a summer program in Irish Studies at Trinity College, Dublin. Students may take courses in literature, history, politics, and society. The program includes homestay and travel. The course director is Terence Brown, University College, Oxford, New York 10017.

CHRONICLES FACULTY F0L
Perhaps you participated in the Chronicle of Higher Education's poll. Here are some of the results, as found in the December 18, 1985 issue: 36% are between the ages of 50 and 59, the largest group; 73% are male; 93% are white; 65% are Protestant; 34% are Catholic; 50% are professors; 10% have tenure; 32% have published no articles in professional journals; 20% have not published a single book; 24% are currently doing research which will lead to publication, and 52% would consider a different job offer. So would I.

ANNUAL MEETING INVITATION
ACIS is now accepting proposals for the 1985 annual conference. Contact Robert Rhodes, President, English Dept., SUNY at Cortland, Cortland NY 13045.

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An Appreciation

The times are changing, goes the old song. And ACISers will begin to see some changes if they attend a few conferences. ACIS is literally undergoing a face-lift. Since May 1985, there have been over 500 new members recruited into the organization. That's nearly a 100% increase in membership in less than twelve months. Some are mature faculty who have heard of us in the past but never took the time to join. Others are young, fresh faces on the tenure track, just starting out. They don't know anyone and you won't know them. But they're looking at the organization with an eye to staying a long time and playing a role in its operation. All new members need encouragement. ACIS doesn't meet that often, and it takes time to get to know everyone. It behooves all of us to welcome these new members with a smile and a handshake whenever you see them. Introduce them to one or more people, and, who knows? they may find they went to the same school, shared the same feelings, or other things that will create a mutual bond.

The credit for this astounding increase in membership goes to the ACIS treasurer, Jim Donnelly, Jr. Almost singlehandedly, he has compiled mailing lists and organizing mailing campaigns. As one would expect from reading his articles and books, the recruitment campaign has been orderly and methodical, as a good historian often is. Recruitment campaigns are rarely inspirational; they require a lot of donkey-work, and less dedicated members would have given up after a few hundred successes, content that they did their bit for the cause. But the end is not in sight, and don't be surprised if the old guard is outnumbered one day (it probably already is; most members have been in ACIS less than five years).

So, when you see a new face at the conferences, thank Jim Donnelly. And, remember, you're also a new face to that person.

Make Your Way to Boston

For the May 8-11 Conference

By Any Means Possible!

Conference details are being mailed to all members from Boston College. If you don't receive yours by April 15, write or call Adele Dalsimer or Kevin O'Neill, Irish Studies Program, Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA 02167.

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