D.C. Discussion Group
The topic for the 1990 MLA Anglo-Irish Discussion Group in Washington D.C. is "Authority and the Canon in Irish Studies." Discussion will center on experimental canon arrangements, the role of the university in canon formation, and the conventional and the unconventional. Papers or proposals should be submitted by March 30 to Cheryl Herr, N134 Oakdale, University of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242.

ACIS Research Report
Members interested in submitting material for the next ACIS Research Report should send it to Yvette Jayson Sencer, Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27th Street, New York N.Y. 10001, by June 15. An index card should be used for each entry in literature and history, with your name on each card.

Museum Gains Donation
The new Irish American Heritage Museum has received a donation of $1000 from the American Irish Association of Westchester County. The Irish American Heritage Museum is located jointly in East Durham, New York, and at the College of St. Rose in Albany. Actively under renovation, the 1850s East Durham farmhouse is being prepared for an opening this summer. For more information, write to the Museum at 19 Clinton Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12207.

Irish Universities at Seven
Ireland is to have two new universities, one in Limerick and the other in Dublin, the Minister for Education, Mary O'Rourke, recently announced. The National Institute for Higher Education in Limerick will become the University of Limerick while the NIHE in Dublin would also become a fully fledged university.

For Rent
Family-size house for rent in Blackrock, Dublin, for July and August. Five bedrooms, front and back gardens, 3/4 hour by bus from city center. Reasonable rent to suitable tenant. Other rentals include a house in Kerry for a year and another house in Dublin for the summer. Write to Michael Kenneally, Department of English, Marianopolis College, 3880 Cote des Negres, Montreal, Que. H3H 1W1 Canada.

BC-NEH Library Grant
Boston College recently received a $700 million challenge grant from the NEH to build the humanities holdings and found a scholar-in-residence program tied to the library’s Irish Collection. BC must raise $2.8 million over the next four years.

Among the attendees at the IACI Awards luncheon (see next page) in Dublin were (left to right) poet Thomas Kinsella, Irish language author Alan Titley, Irish American Cultural Institute CEO John P. Walsh, poet Seamus Heaney, and IACI administrator Patrick Long.
John Hewitt
Summer School

The second John Hewitt Summer School is accepting applications for this summer's sessions. The School will explore aspects of John Hewitt's interest in regionalism and cultural and political topics arising out of that interest. Lecturers and writers include Paul Arthur, Mary Beckett, Tom Clyde, Cahal Dallat, Gerald Dawe, T.P. Flanagan, John Wilson Foster, Alasdair Gray, Seamus Heaney, Tom Nairn, Grégoire Ó Duíll, Britta Olinger, Frank Ormsby, and George Watson. For information, write to the Director, John Hewitt International Summer School, The Post Office, Carnlough, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Simmons Appointment

James Simmons has been appointed writer-in-residence at Queen's University of Belfast to the post previously held by John Hewitt, William Wiser, Graham Reid, and Medbh McGuckian.

Love of Language

Ann Keane's Face and Body Clinic in New York has the following copy in her advertisement: "In New York, even the best skins err and go blair." It's come to this.

Use of Language

William Safire's column in the New York Times Magazine (6 Nov. 1988) notes that Joyce's Ulysses was the first use of the word damn-all: "Proud possessor of damnall," and again in his 1934 poem "An Epilogue to Ibsen's 'Ghosts'."

Obituaries

- John Unterecker, 66, poet and ACIS member, University of Hawaii.
- Michael Scott, 83, actor and architect of the Irish Pavilion at the 1939 World's Fair and the modern Abbey Theatre, Dublin.
- Stewart Parker, 47, playwright. Author of Spokesong and others. London.

Correction

John Messenger of Ohio State University writes the following: "In the just-received ACIS NEWSLETTER on p. 3 titled "Recently Published" there are two errors. THE IRISH COUNTRYMAN was done by Conrad Arnsberg — a classic — and has been out of print for several years until Waveland Press, Inc. republished it. Sheffield Publishing Company has just done my INIS BEAG REVISITED: THE ANTHROPOLOGIST AS OBSERVERPARTICIPATOR, which isn't mentioned. Waveland republished my INIS BEAG: ISLE OF IRELAND in 1983."

Abbey Theatre
School of Drama

The first full-time Abbey Theatre School of Drama will open in September 1989. There are fifteen vacancies for overseas students to do study abroad. In rare cases, they will accept a student for the full three-year diploma course. For further information, write to Vincent Dowling, Artistic Director, Abbey Theatre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1.

IACI Awards

$63,000

The Irish American Cultural Institute announced grants and awards totalling $63,000 in ceremonies at Dublin's Shelbourne Hotel. Among the recipients of the Butler Award was Seamus Heaney ($10,000), who accepted the award on behalf of The Field Day Anthology of Irish Literature, a comprehensive project for which publication plans are well advanced. A second Butler Award was shared by novelist Francis Stuart and short story writer Alan Titley. Other awards went to Thomas Kinsella, Nuala Ni Dhomnaill and Michael Hartnett. An additional poetry award was shared by Derek Mahon and Máire Mhac an tSaoi.