Fare Thee Well

NICOLAS CEAUSESCU TAUGHT ME ONE THING: don't hang around too long. Accordingly, this will be the last issue of the ACIS Newsletter that I will edit. The mantle is passed to the Milwaukee marvels, Thomas Hachey and Michael Gillespie, while I hope to enjoy in my newfound free time another Milwaukee marvel, Harley-Davidson.

When I took on the position of newsletter editor in 1982, it became the fifth publication I edited — simultaneously. Friends joked that I was setting up my own soviet of publications. (We used words like that back then.) Others wondered if I had some sort of neurotic compulsion to cripple myself at any early age. (It was an early age then.)

Now only one publication remains — the Irish Literary Supplement — which recently entered its ninth year. It has succeeded beyond initial expectations, and I believe it is destined to endure.

I am grateful to past ACIS executive committees for their toleration of my typographical experiments and for their non-interference; no editor could have had better bosses. Further thanks to those members who gave me wise counsel in ACIS matters. It kept the stress level down.

I hope to continue to play an active role in ACIS. Just wanted to say thanks for the last eight years. They've been fun.

ROBERT G. LOWERY

The Guard Changes

THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE ACIS Newsletter to be edited by Bob Lowery. After eight years of carrying this heavy responsibility, often almost single-handedly, Bob recently decided that he wished to be relieved of the editorship and so informed the Executive Committee.

Beginning in the Fall of 1990, the Newsletter will be produced at Marquette University in Milwaukee under the joint editorship of Michael Gillespie and Tom Hachey. In compliance with ACIS bylaws, this arrangement was recommended by the President and ratified by the Executive Committee. One of the advantages of the new arrangement is the balancing of disciplinary expertise in the persons of the co-editors, Tom being an historian and Michael a scholar of literature. In addition, Tom is currently editing another newsletter as the director of an institute at Marquette, so that the new team will have a firm command over the needed resources and techniques.

It is symbolic of the extraordinary job done by Bob Lowery on the Newsletter that two people are stepping in to take his place. Eight years is a long time to persevere in this kind of unsung work, and ACIS is unlikely to have again an editor with such longevity of dedicated service to our organization. But Bob's contribution is not to be measured by the length of his service alone. Year after year, he has worked with uncommon diligence and professional flair to give us a publication of which we can be proud. He has brought us important news, timely advice, stylish graphics, and lots of good humor, some arch and some impish. As blessed as ACIS is with dedicated servants, there are few who have outdone Bob Lowery in the calibre of his contribution. In extending to Bob the deep gratitude of ACIS for a job exceptionally well done, I know that I have the strong support of the entire membership.

JIM DONNELLY
President, ACIS
“Roundtable” Publishes Journal

The New York Irish History Roundtable has published volume four of its annual journal, *New York Irish History*. It contains over a dozen articles and other information related to the history of the Irish in New York. This year's issue contains articles on the Shamrock, New York's first Irish newspaper; on New York's Irish neighbors in Jersey City; on the Thanksgiving Day riot in 1920, during which 5000 Irish protested the display of the British flag on Fifth Avenue; on the response of the New York Irish community to new immigration during the 1980s; a photo essay on the Fermanagh Association; plus articles on genealogy and family history. For more information, call Angela Carter (212) 962-4237.

**Call for Articles**

*The New York Irish*, the first attempt to treat comprehensively the role of this ethnic group in New York City from the 17th century to the present, is commissioning essays. The book will be structured in the following sections: 1625-1783, 1783-1844, 1844-1877, 1877-1914, 1914-1945, 1945-1990. Each section will have a substantial introduction that reviews the major themes relevant to the period, followed by essays. *The New York Irish* is sponsored by the Irish Institute and the New York Irish History Roundtable. Editors are Ronald H. Bayor and Timothy J. Meager. Proposals for introductions and essays should be sent to Ronald H. Bayor, School of Social Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta GA 30332.

**Story, Lore and Song Workshops**

John Campbell, one of Ireland’s finest and best-known storytellers, will tour the U.S. this fall with Len Graham, traditional Irish vocalist. The duo will provide a contrasting program of story, song and lore from the North of Ireland. Their workshops are ideal for Irish studies, music and folklore courses as well as conferences and festivals. Their fees are said to be competitive. The tour schedule for September/October 1990 is currently being put together and slots are still open. For further information, contact Carmel McGill (202) 898-4277.

**Worth Hearing Again**

“Brennan also believes in ‘the age-old dream,’ as he puts it, that eventually no one anywhere will be denied his or her inherent dignity and rights. The dream, though always old, is never old, like the Poor Old Woman in Yeats’ play “Cathleen Ni Houlihan.” Brennan told me in his chambers at the Court one afternoon: ‘Did you see an old woman going down the path?’ asks Bridget. ’I did not,’ replies Patrick, who came into the house just after the old woman left it, ’but I saw a young girl and she had the walk of a queen.’ He smiled. ‘That passage has always meant a great deal to me. I’ve used it often over the last thirty years.’”

**PROFILE OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM BRENNAN**

*The New Yorker*, 12 March 1990

Finn Gallagher (left) with Michael Kenneally at the recent Canadian Association of Irish Studies conference in Toronto. Professor Gallagher replaces Professor Kenneally as CAIS president.

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