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Annual Conference

The annual meeting of The American Conference for Irish Studies will be held at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, April 26-28, 1990. More information will be mailed to all paid-up ACIS members shortly.

Conference Site Sought

ACIS is presently looking for a site for its 1991 conference. Write to James Donnelly, ACIS President, with suggestions (see address at left).

Correction

Last issue's reference to Dufour Editions in the U.S. in the last ACIS newsletter was misleading. Irish Book Sales has two distributors in the U.S.: Irish Books & Media and Dufour Editions. Dufour Editions concentrates on the library and trade market, and Irish Books & Media concentrates on the gift and craft outlets and also a large mailing operation. The editor apologizes.

Awards and Prizes

- The Irish American Cultural Institute, publishers of *Eire-Ireland*, has announced the establishment of a cash prize of \$500, to be known as the "Four Masters Award," which will be given annually to honor the outstanding historical essay treating Irish or Irish-American themes to appear in *Eire-Ireland* in the preceding year. The first award, given for articles in Volume XXIV (1989), will be presented in March 1990.

- The winner of the second annual Irish language short story competition, sponsored by Irish Books & Graphics (90 West Broadway, NYC 10007), was Sean Gillen of the Bronx, N.Y. The prize was \$100. For rules of entry, contact Irish Books & Graphics (212-962-4237).

- The New York History Roundtable has announced a John O'Connor Award for the best graduate work on any aspect of the experience of the Irish in New York City and vicinity. The work should be primarily historical, but work done in related disciplines will also be considered. The award is made possible by an endowment from the New York-based Irish Institute, one of whose founders was John O'Connor. For more information and requirements, write to the New York Irish History Roundtable, P.O. Box 2087, Church Mission Station, New York, N.Y. 10007.

Irish Studies Chair at BC

Boston College has announced the creation of a new position: the Burns Library Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies. This chair, endowed by the Burns Foundation of San Francisco, will provide the University with an opportunity to enrich its intellectual life by bringing a distinguished scholar, writer or artist to the John J. Burns Library of Rare Books and Special Collections. The chair will be offered yearly to a person who has made significant contributions to the Irish cultural and/or intellectual life, and who will use the Special Irish Collection at the Burns Library for her or his own research. The duties of the scholar will be to teach one Irish Studies course per semester and to deliver two public lectures per semester, or part thereof. Inquiries should be made to Dr. Robert O'Neill, Burns Librarian, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167.

Irish Maps at L of C

An exhibition of maps of Ireland will go on display at the Library of Congress beginning February 7, 1990, until approximately July 1. Entitled "Maps of the Emerald Isle," the exhibit will include 65 historical and modern maps and atlases of Ireland. The exhibit will be displayed in the corridor outside of the Geography and Map Division Reading Room located in Room B-01 of the James Madison Memorial Building, 1st and Independence Avenue S.E., Washington D.C. 20540 (tele. 202-707-8540)

Conferences and Summer Schools

- "Irish Culture and Politics," University of Notre Dame, March 23-24, 1990. Speakers include Michael Carey, Seamus Deane, Paul Muldoon, Robert O'Driscoll.
- A semester abroad at The Irish-American College, Galway. Write to Dr. Michael C. Conolly, Irish-American College, c/o St. Joseph's College, Windham, ME 04062.
- Semester in Irish Studies at University College Dublin. Sponsored by Irish Studies Program, Stonehill College, N. Easton, MA 02357.

In Memoriam

JAMES S. DONNELLY, SR.,
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CAIS Conference

The annual conference of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies, hosted by the Celtic Studies Program at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, meets from March 7-10, 1990. The theme of the conference is "Ireland 1690-1990: Making Irish History." For more information, contact Ann Dooley, at Celtic Studies, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto, Ont. Canada M5S 1J4.

NACBS Endowment Award

In 1985, the North American Conference on British Studies Council created the annual Dissertation Year Fellowship to be awarded to exceptional doctoral students whose research in the U.K. was essential to the completion of their dissertations. Last November, the NACBS established the Endowment Fund Committee, which was charged with raising \$100,000 over two years. The graduate students of ACIS members may be interested in this award, which has sometimes gone to students working in Irish Studies. For information on either the award or contributing to the endowment, write to Professor Howard A. Nenner, NACBS Treasurer, Dept. of History, Sith College, Northampton MA 01063. All gifts are tax deductible.

Research Grants

The British Council, in conjunction with the Ulster Museum, the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, and the Ulster-American Folk Park in Northern Ireland has announced the launch of the "Research Attachments at Northern Ireland Museums Scheme," designed to award 6-12 month fellowships at these museums to American researchers. The British Council's contribution will comprise the following: Round-trip air fare, baggage allowance, stipend of 367 pounds per month, arrival and departure allowance, and medical insurance. For more information, write to Carmel McGill, Northern Ireland Cultural Exchanges Officer, The British Council, The British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington D.C. 20008.

Yeats Summer School

August 11-15, 1990. Lectures, Seminars: Yeats, Synge, Contemporary Irish Writing, Folklore, Politics. Poetry Workshops: McGuckian, Muldoon. Readings: Heaney, McGuckian, Muldoon, Paulin. Drama Workshop, Production: Worth. Lecturers included: Adams, Foster, Harlow, Said. Cost 220 pounds. Write Wynne, Yeats Society, Douglas Hyde Bridge, Sligo, Ireland.

Journalism History

A British, Canadian, and European Interest Group was formed at a recent meeting of the American Journalism Historians Association. It hopes to bring together AJHA members with an interest in this area of study. For more information write to Professor James D. Startt, History dept. Valparaiso Univ., Valparaiso IN 46383.

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The first awards of three ACIS book prizes will be made in 1990, in accord with a decision taken at the 1989 conference in Syracuse. Prizes of \$500 each will be offered in three categories, and the competitions will be judged by three committees, each consisting of five ACIS members specially chosen by the Executive Committee.

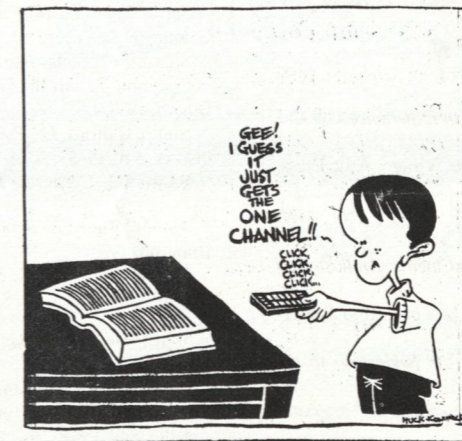
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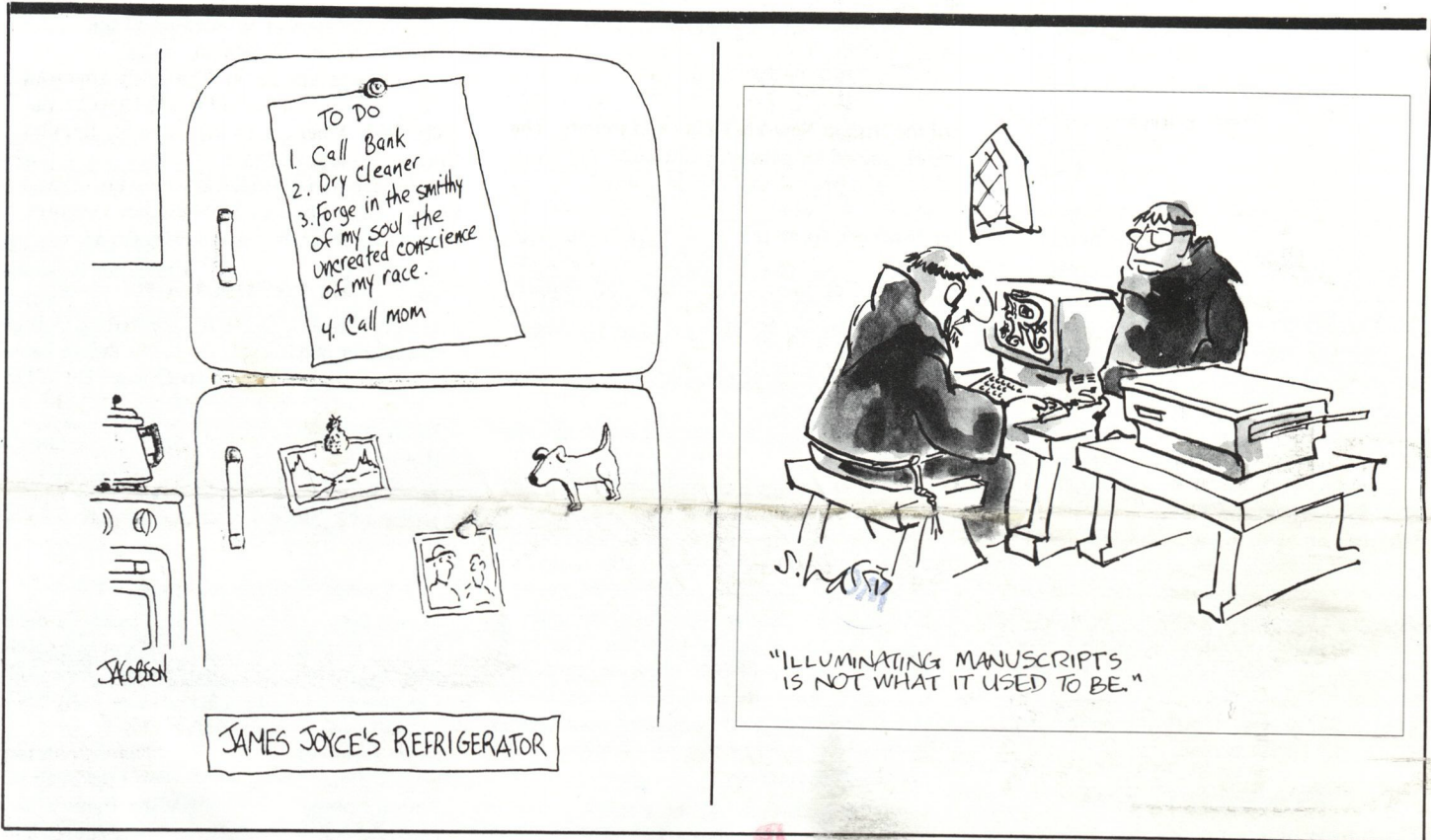
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