

Scrinium '96

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Secretary's Report

The single most important even of the year since the Montreal meeting is the loss of SSHRCC funding. In November we started preparing the application for a grant, but were advised in very direct terms by the Council that our application would be rejected, and that there was no point in applying for funding. The reason was that the Council, trying to absorb its budget cuts, had decided to stop funding annual meetings of societies, and since our meeting coincided with the Learned Societies Congress, the application would be rejected. I notified all the participants of the lack of funding, and fortunately most of them were able to come despite this. We had invited David Bell of Memorial to be one of the plenary speakers, and he withdrew, but promised to take part in 1997, when the meeting is in St John's. The lack of funding from SSHRCC means that the Society will have to find other ways of funding travel, either through a surcharge on registration fees, which would raise enough money to help defray travel expenses for graduate students and underemployed members; or a fundraising campaign. Renewals were a little less enthusiastic in 1995 than they were in 1996, and this is reflected in our current balance sheet. Hopefully this is not a trend for the future. I have just had help checking all the subscription addresses, and will be mailing out a reminder of unpaid dues for 1995-96, as well as an invitation to renew membership for 1996-97. Regular members should encourage graduate students in all areas of medieval studies to become members.

Society Dinner

Professor Ernesto Virgulti has made reservations for a society dinner to take place at the end of our meeting, at The Kiely House Inn and Restaurant in Niagara-on-the-Lake from 6:00 p.m. The cost is only \$28.00, with wine or other beverages extra. Anyone attending the Brock meeting who would like to take part in what we hope will be an annual event should write to Professor Virgulti, enclosing a cheque made payable to the society or to him personally. You can also write to the Secretary, but at a different address from the normal one: c/o R. Schipper, RR4 Waterford, Ontario. We will need a minimum of 25 to make it worthwhile.

Call for Papers for 1997

The executive would at this time like to issue a preliminary call for papers for the 1997 meeting of the Society, to be held at Memorial University, St John's, Newfoundland. We are particularly keen to see proposals for special sessions, and welcome papers and proposals in both official languages. Please send abstracts or written proposals either to the president (Joanne Norman, Dept of English, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Que) or the Secretary

(W. Schipper, Dept of English, Memorial University, St John's, Nfld).

New items for the next Newsletter

We hope to produce several issues of the Newsletter in the coming year, and would urge members to submit any information about new publications, awards, etc to the Secretary, who will forward them to the editor of the Newspaper. Keep notices as brief as possible.

Minutes of Montreal AGM

Present: D. Wurtele (Carleton); Egmond Lee (Calgary); Brenda Hosington (Montréal); Carol Harvey (Winnipeg); Jane Toswell (Western); Cameron Louis (Regina); Sharon Collingwood (Western); Richard Green (Western); Hartwig Mayer (Toronto); Stephen Steele (SFU); Louis D. Stephens (Ottawa); Eric Reiter (McGill); Shannon McSheffrey (Concordia); Jacqueline Murray (Windsor); Linda Spears (Champlain College); Walter Goffart (Toronto); Julie Allen (Toronto); James Weldon (Laurier); Murray Evans (Winnipeg); Glenn Burger (U of Alberta); Carol Everest (King's Univ. College); Joanne Norman (Bishop's); Margaret Wade Labarge (Carleton); Joanne Findon (York); Beverly Kennedy (Marianopolis); Mary Rogers (Guelph)

11:20 Meeting called to order (Hans Runte in the Chair)

I. Agenda approved

II. Minutes Approved (Labarge/Mayer)

III. Business arising

Language problem: suggestion to have sessions in both official languages, and to circulate the minutes and the call for papers in both languages; also to seek contact with the Association québécoise de médiévistes.

IV. New Business

1. Humanities Federation of Canada: the secretary reported that the Federation charges membership on a per member basis, which would amount to annual fees of approximately \$2000. One member pointed out that the HFC is probably going to disappear in the near future, or to merge with the SFC. It was decided to postpone any action on this until the future is clearer.

2. The secretary is proposing to develop a World Wide Web site for the society that will include, among other things, the newsletter and a membership list. The proposal was approved (Norman/Labarge), with the proviso that approval of individual members be solicited.

3. Joint membership fees: the members concluded after some discussion that the principle was a good one, but that the administration of such a scheme might prove to be difficult.

4. Florilegium: D. Wurtele, editor of Florilegium, reported on the current state of the journal, and issues associated with it, including financial problems, circulation, costs of production, and the need to retain its international quality. The society will need to explore with Florilegium just exactly what the nature of their association will be.

5. The problem of the Newsletter was discussed at some length, and the role of the Vice-President in its production. A change in present arrangements

would necessitate a change in the constitution. No conclusion was reached on this issue.

6. Translation of society documents: Since we are a national association, it is important to make all documents available in both languages. Joanne Norman is prepared to assist with this, and the Executive will explore means of doing this as inexpensively as possible.

VI. Reports

1. Egmond Lee (Calgary) gave a special report on the Canadian Academic Center in Italy, founded in 1978. The Center can provide letters of introduction, and hosts the Canadian Mediterranean Institute and the Canada Academy in Italy.
2. President's Report (Runte): The president thanked the local organizers (Faith Wallis and

Brenda Hosington) for their work in arranging the Montreal meeting.

3. Nominating committee (Toswell/Labarge): Because of the resignation of the Vice-President, a variation of normal procedures was required. Hans Runte has agreed to serve an additional year as president. In addition Schipper has agreed to continue serving as Secretary-Treasurer. The committee proposed the following additional slate: Vice-President, Joanne Norman; new executive directors: Walter Goffart, Saraph Westphall, and Jennifer Forbes (student). Ernesto Virgulti was nominated as liaison to the Quebec Society of Medievalists.

VII. Motion to Adjourn (Weldon/Murray)

Agenda for Brock AGM

An agenda for the annual meeting will be prepared for distribution at the meeting, and copies will be circulated to members not attending with the annual call for renewals.

Programme for the Brock Meeting

28 May 1996

9:00-12:00 Registration

10:00-12:00

I. Chaucer. Chair: TBA [C 403]

Margaret Jennings (St Joseph's College). "As Austyn Bit?": Chaucer's Ironic Use of Augustine."

Martin Blum (UBC). "Gender Trouble in Chaucer's *Man of Law's Tale*."

Judith Deitch (Toronto). "Chaucer Looks East: Orientalism and the *Man of Law's Tale*."

Irene Zadnik (Memorial). "Chaucer's 'Povre Parson' and Clergy in 15th-Century London"

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00-6:00 Augustine and Augustinianisms 400-1600: Historical, Anthropological, Literary and Theological Perspectives. Augustin et les augustinismes 400-1600: Perspectives littéraires, historiques, anthropologiques et théologiques

[Joint session with the Canadian Society of Renaissance Studies and The Canadian Society of Patristic Studies; organisé conjointement par La société canadienne d'études de la Renaissance et L'association canadienne des études patristiques]

1:15/13h15 Walther Hannam, Classics (Dalhousie). "Nodo Unitatis et Caritatis": The Structure and Argument of Augustine's *De doctrina christiana*"

1:45/13h45 Teresa Pierre, Centre for Medieval Studies (Toronto). "The Body of the Evidence: New Interpretations of Augustine's Anthropology"

2:15/14h15 Daniel Pourchot, théologie (Université de Montréal). "Le patrimoine augustinien dans la Réforme luthérienne"

2:45/14h45 Pause/Break

3:00/15h00 Catherine Conybeare Centre for Medieval Studies (Toronto). "Augustine and the Opacity of Language"

3:30/15h30 Ian McAdam, English (Lethbridge). "The Augustinian Background of *Dr Faustus* and *The Tempest*"

4:00/16h00 James Dale, English (McMaster). "Augustine and Donne: The *Confessions* and the *Divine Poems*"

4:30/16h30 General Discussion / Discussion générale

29 May 1996

9:15-11:15 a.m.

I. Religion and Violence in the Lives of Late Medieval Women Organizer: Shannon McSheffrey (Concordia); Chair: Kathryn Ann Taglia (UNBC) [C 403]

Becky R. Lee (Toronto). "The Churching of Women: A Window onto Medieval Perceptions of Women."

Lindsay Bryan (Toronto). "'Scandle Is Heued Sunne': The Function of the *Other* Deadly Sin."

Sharon Wright (Toronto). "Women and Violence in Late Medieval Lincolnshire."

II. French Literature I. Chair: TBA [C 404]

Carol J. Harvey (Winnipeg). "From Folktale to Romance: *The Handless Maiden* and *La Manekine*"

Aileen MacDonald (Memorial). "A Refusal to be silence or to sing for any joy that love might bring: a study of 'Per ioi que d'amor m'avegna'."

Minnette Gaudet (Western). "The Clerk as Lover: Machaut's *Dit de l'alerion* and the Clerk/Knight Debate."

11:30-12:30 a.m. Plenary session [C 406]

Chair: W. Schipper (Memorial)

Sheila Delany (SFU). "Afterlife of Medieval Genre: The All-Female Legendary and Modern Politics".

12:30-2:00 Lunch

2:00-4:00

I. Aspects du lexique au moyen âge. Organizer and Chair: Brian Merrilees (Toronto) [C 403]

Pierre Boglioni (Montréal). "*Populus, vulgus* et termes apparentés chez Thomas Aquin"

Brian Merrilees (Toronto). "Firmin Le Ver et les acquis de la lexicographie française au moyen âge"
Jean Shaw (Toronto). "From manuscript to print: the bilingual dictionary"

II. Literature I. Chair: TBA [C 404]

Angela Kelly (Western). "Transformative Utterance in Cynewulf's *Juliana*."
Peter Auksi (London). "The Biblical Roots of Medieval Humanism."
James F.G. Weldon (Wilfrid Laurier). "Scripture, Music, and Dame Study's Curriculum in *Piers Plowman*."

4:15-5:15

Annual General Meeting [C406]

30 May, 1996

9:30-10:30 Plenary Session [C 406]

Chair: Hans Runte (Dalhousie)

Serge Lusignan (Montreal). "Le thème de la *translatio studii*: les rapports entre l'Université de Paris et les rois de France au Moyen Age."

10:45-12:30

I. Literature II. Chair: TBA [C 403]

S.L. Collingwood (Western). "*L'Enfant qui fu remis au soleil*: filiation d'un conte folklorique."
Kathryn Ann Taglia (UNBC). "'On Account of Scandal...': Relations Between Children and Priests and Religious."
Ernesto Virgulti, "The Parable of the Three Rings: From Etienne de Bourbon to Boccaccio"

II. Literature III [C 404]

Hartwig Mayer (Toronto). "Ovid as a Secondary Source for Herbort of Fritzlar's *Liet von Troie*."
Michael Treschow (Okanagan). "Chaucerian and Wyclifian Realism".
Richard Hillman (Western). "Subject to Change: Discourse and Identity in *The Testament of Cresseid*."

12:30-2:00 Lunch

2:00-4:00 Lists and Repetitions in Medieval French Poetry / Listes et Répétitions dans la poésie médiévale française. Organizer and Chair: Laurence de Looze (Western) [C 403]

Madeleine Jeay (McMaster). "Classer/penser? Le principe de l'inventaire dans la poésie du XIIIe au XIVe siècles."

Minette Gaudet (Western). "Machaut's Repetition: Signification as Enigma"

Laurence de Looze (Western), Respondent.

6:00-9:30 Society Dinner
