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SECTION I
ASSOCIATION NEWS

The 1995 Conference

The 1995 Annual Conference of the Association will be September 21-24 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Chicago. Rooms for participants of the GSA Conference will be at the special rate of \$99 per night for a single room, and \$119 for a double room. Because this is a popular downtown hotel, we will need to surrender all rooms not reserved by our participants by the official cut-off date. Therefore, members are urged to reserve their rooms as soon as they definitely know that they are attending. You may reserve rooms now, upon receipt of this Newsletter, and the Association advises this. Additionally, this will be a large conference, and we are seeking to make alternative arrangements at other hotels in the area when our block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency has been exhausted. Therefore, those who wish to be in the Conference Main Hotel should also have this reason to book early. To reserve a room, call the Hyatt Regency in Chicago at 312-565-1234, and be certain to mention that you are participating in the German Studies Association Annual Conference.

This rate is only available to participants in the Association Conference, and is a special rate for this time of year in Chicago. The Conference Program will be distributed, as usual, in August. In the meantime, the Program will be available on H-German (see subscription information to H-German in Section III of the Newsletter). This will make the Program instantly available to H-German subscribers in North America and Europe, and also elsewhere, of course. The Association urges early booking of hotel rooms to avoid the cut-off date.

Elections

The annual ballot of the Association is enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter. Members are also urged to participate in the Association elections by returning the ballot before the due date. This is your Association, and participation in the elections ensures close contact between the Executive Committee and the membership.

Publications

In November, all members for 1994 received a special issue of GSR, *Totalitäre Herrschaft - Totalitäres Erbe*. In May, all members will receive another special issue, *Germany's New Politics*. The Association is grateful to the German Information Center and the Presse- und Informationsamt of the Bundesregierung for support towards the publication of *Germany's New Politics*. Members of Congress will also be receiving a copy. Additional copies of the November special issue may be ordered from the Association at \$10, including shipping. Members for 1995 can order the November special issue as well. Orders of more than ten copies receive a discount of \$2 per copy.

Germany's New Politics is edited by David P. Conradt, Gerald R. Kleinfeld, George Romoser, and Christian Sjøe. With fourteen chapters, the book analyzes the 1994 Bundestag elections, the political parties, the campaigns and campaign themes, the media, the special situations in the new federal states, women in politics, the economy, challenges for Germany in foreign policy, voting preferences and who voted for which parties, and the changes in German politics since unification. There are also charts on elections and voting patterns. It is designed to be also useful for courses in German and comparative politics, German studies and German culture studies, and modern German history. The book is also being published simultaneously by Berghahn Books in order to provide even greater circulation and to simplify distribution. Additional copies of *Germany's New Politics* and orders for textbook use in courses can be placed with Berghahn Books (see back cover of this Newsletter). We had hoped to have the book out by late February, but it was delayed until May, making it not available for the beginning of the Spring Semester. We apologize for the delay, but it is now available. The copy members receive as a special issue is printed by the Association. The copies available for sale and distribution afterward and for textbook use are printed by Berghahn Books. The *only* difference is the cover and front matter. Otherwise, the books are identical.

Berghahn Books also announces a new series, *Modern German Studies*, and we will endeavor to include books on history, literature, politics, culture studies, and various aspects of German Studies in the new series. The series will bring out *Beyond 1989: Re-Reading German Literature Since 1945*, edited by Keith Bullivant, in 1996. Inquiries about manuscripts for the series should be sent to the Series Editor, and I will be developing series policy with Berghahn Books. The objective is to offer additional opportunities for excellent publications in German Studies.

German Studies Guidelines Committee

The German Studies Association published *Guidelines for German Studies Curricula in Colleges and Universities* in 1987. Many developments have taken place since then, and there is a consensus that we should try to bring the Guidelines up to date. The *Guidelines* handbook is also out of print. Accordingly, and following a discussion and approval of the project by the Executive Committee, President Jennifer Michaels (German, Grinnell College) has appointed a special committee structure to write new guidelines. The structure consists of a larger committee to provide input, information, and proposals and to gather and analyze materials, and a smaller committee to coordinate the process, organize and develop the guidelines, and to draft the actual wording. This Association Committee structure was used to prepare the original guidelines, and is designed to maximize input from the membership. In addition, the Association will hold special sessions at each Annual Conference, so that members may personally discuss various concepts and ideas. Members who wish to communicate with the Committee and offer ideas and suggestions are invited to do so. The Committee will print drafts in the Newsletter, and members will be invited to respond. Overall Chair of this GSA Committee is Patricia Herminghouse (German, University of Rochester). The Committee is beginning its work immediately.

The *Guidelines* will continue to stress learning the German language and the multi- and interdisciplinary goals of the Association. The Committee welcomes input from members.

Future Conferences

The 1996 Conference of the Association will be held in Seattle, Washington. The 1997 Conference will be in Washington, D.C., and the 1998 Conference will be in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hotels have been booked for these cities, and rates are now fixed for us. Some sites proposed are still under consideration for 1999, but other site suggestions are welcome. We try to choose the best possible site according to the By-Laws, and to the wishes of the membership. It is important to understand that we cannot always meet downtown, as we are in 1995. This is because downtown hotels are normally quite expensive, and our meeting month does not afford flexibility in price, because it is high season for most hotels. We are too large for

small hotels, and not large enough to “take over” a maximum-size hotel. The number of sessions depends upon the number of meeting rooms available, and these are most easily selected at hotels that are not downtown. Since we must always turn down a considerable number of session and paper proposals, many of them of very good quality, we do want to have a good number of meeting rooms available. We also seek a safe conference site.

German Studies Review

GSA and GSR thank Wayne M. Senner, who leaves us as Book Review Editor this summer. Senner received a large NEH grant. Wayne Senner has built the Book Review section and the *Review's* contacts with book publishers to be the broadest and most comprehensive in the profession. We are all grateful for his dedication and for the many, many long hours he spent. A section involving books from more than one discipline is complicated, and it is even more so since each of the disciplines has its own history, methodology, and format.

Members should continue to send their materials to the GSR office, and the Book Review Section will complete its move to another university later on in the summer. We will endeavor to keep everything flowing over the summer with no interruption, but hope that you will bear with us as the materials, files, and books are moved. By Fall, everything should be in place, and matters should resume with dispatch. For those members who have not been added to the database, it is important to make certain that you are on the database once the Book Review Section has been moved. Appropriate forms will be provided at the Annual Conference.

The journal and Association office has noted an increase in people who have called our office and ask that we return their long distance telephone call. This happens periodically. Please understand that we cannot return long distance calls, because of the prohibitive costs involved. While we can accept that you may have tried two or three times, and missed me by accident each time, or I was on the phone, do follow the advice of our staff as to when it is best to call. I do not want anyone to think that I have simply decided not to return *their* call, and a student office helper might have mistakenly taken down a number, but we simply *can't*. On manuscripts, if you call to find out the status of a manuscript submitted, please understand that I do *not* react negatively to inquiries. It is perfectly fine to call and inquire if we have had your

manuscript for a while. On the other hand, we cannot give preliminary indications of whether it is likely/unlikely to be accepted before the readers' reports are all in. I do try to nudge readers regularly and I do understand about tenure and promotion decisions. If it sometimes seems to take a while, one good point is that *GSR* has always managed to run without a backlog, expanding the size of the journal to fit the number of manuscripts accepted, so that publication always follows within less than a year of acceptance.

SECTION II

OTHER CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Fifty Years after Nuremberg: Human Rights and the Rule of Law

An international and interdisciplinary conference on the topic of human rights since Nuremberg will be held at the University of Connecticut in October 1996 to celebrate the opening of the Senator Thomas J Dodd Archives and Research Center. Main themes include: The Nuremberg Trials: Collective and Individual Responsibility in Historical and Comparative Perspective; The Emergence of Human Rights as a Transnational Political Issue; and Race, Ethnicity and Gender: Human Rights and Law. Proposals for roundtables, panels and individual papers from all fields and countries are welcome. Please direct inquiries to: Professor Henry Kirsch, Dept. of Political Science U-24, The University of Connecticut, 341 Mansfield Road, Storrs, CT 06269-1024. Fax: (203) 486-3347. E-mail: henryk@uconnvm.uconn.edu

University of Colorado Hosts Symposium

The University of Colorado at Boulder will sponsor a German Studies Symposium entitled "1994-1995: The Changing Faces of German Studies," from 19-21 October 1995. For information please call Adrian Del Caro, Dept. of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Colorado at Boulder - (303) 492-7404.

Symposium Commemorates Else Lasker-Schüler

The "International and Intersiplinary Else Lasker-Schüler Symposium in Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of her Death" will occur October 20-21, 1995, at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Interested parties should contact: Ernst Schürer, Department of German, S-334 Burrowes Building, University Park, PA 16802. Tel: (814) 863-7488. Fax: (814) 865-5482.

Who's 'We'?
The Identity Dispute in the New German State
Five years after Unification

The Twenty-first New Hampshire Symposium, will be held at the World Fellowship Center near Conway, NH from June 21-28, 1995. The week-long, multi-disciplinary conference will concern itself with the various forms East German identity has taken since unification, the factors that influence and shape it, and the political, social and cultural implications for the integration of the East German population into the Federal Republic and the European Union. In addition, one day of the conference will be devoted to an informational workshop on archives, research institutes, and other research resources, and to an exchange of information about present and future research projects.

Social scientists, Germanists, specialists in the media and non-literary arts, and others with expertise in the former GDR and developments since unification are invited to participate. Seminar topics include: issues of regional, national and European identity; relationship to the state; economic issues affecting identity; social factors influencing or reflecting identity; identity-building institutions; and literature and the arts as an expression and source of identity.

For information regarding location, travel arrangements, and conference registration, contact W. Christoph Schmauch, World Fellowship Center, Conway, NH 03818. Tel: (603) 356-5208. Fax: (603) 356-5252.

“Germany 1989-1995: Reappraisal and Reconstruction”

The Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst is sponsoring this conference on recent German history from June 1-4, 1995, at the University of British Columbia. Meeting organizer John Conway, UBC Department of History, may be contacted for further information. Tel: (604) 822-2561. Fax: (604) 822-6658.

Memory and Historical Method

GSA members are invited to submit proposals and abstracts for the workshop on “Memory and Historical Method,” to be held in conjunction with the with the Fifth

Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, August 19-24, in Utecht, The Netherlands. (The conference's general theme is "Memory and History: European Identity at the Millenium." It seeks to explore the relationships between memory and history in light of older views and newer trends, in order to assess their implications for the practice of history.)

Abstracts of 150-200 words should reach the workshop chair and the co-chairs of the conference by 31 October, 1995. Between seven and twelve proposals can be accepted. Completed papers, not to exceed 3000 words, should reach the workshop and conference chairs no later than 31 May 1996.

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1995 Annual Meeting of the AATG

In conjunction with the *Internationaler Deutschlehrerverband Regionaltagung* the American Association of Teachers of German will hold its annual meeting August 4-8 on the campus of Stanford University, Stanford, CA. Preregistration will be accepted through June 30. To obtain registration forms write to AATG, 112 Haddontowne Court #104, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, USA or Tel: (609) 795-5553 or Fax: (609) 795-9398.

SECTION III

PROFESSIONAL NEWS AND EVENTS

Foreign Language Teaching Assistants

In conjunction with the Pedagogical Exchange Service in Germany and the Fulbright Commissions in Germany and Austria, the Institute of International Education is coordinating the placement of native German speakers in secondary schools and colleges to enrich language departments throughout the United States. Assistanships are tailored to fit the needs of participating institutions. Interested institutions may obtain more information by contacting: Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program, Placement and Special Services, Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017-3580. Tel: (202) 984-5494.

H-German

A Daily Electronic Forum for Historians of Germany

In April 1994, H-German began regular service to historians of Germany throughout the world. H-German is an electronic newsletter that takes advantage of e-mail links on the Internet to maintain contact between scholars and teachers on items of professional interest. Already H-German has nearly 300 members in Germany, the United States, Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, Italy, and other countries. Membership is currently free, and H-German welcomes members in such related disciplines as literature, political science, sociology, and others who are interested in the German past.

H-German is part of a much larger consortium of e-mail lists called H-Net. Sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago, Michigan State University, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, H-Net links scholars throughout the world with 43 "lists," as the electronic newsletters are often called. There are currently over 15,000 subscribers in over 50 countries.

To join H-German, you need only an e-mail account accessible either through the

Internet or Bitnet systems. Most universities and colleges provide faculty and graduate students with one of these two means of communicating electronically. Major on-line services such as CompuServe, Prodigy, America On Line, and Delphi also offer electronic mailboxes via the Internet.

To subscribe to H-German, send a normal e-mail message to the address listserv@uicvm.uic.edu (from the Internet) or listserv@uicvm (from Bitnet). The message should have only the following words in the text of the message, where you would normally put the body of your mail:

sub h-german your name, your school

Once you've sent the subscription message, one of the two moderators of H-German will contact you with a brief form to fill out and return electronically. H-German is using these forms to compile a membership directory that will one day be made available to its members, and it also uses the form to remind would-be subscribers that H-German is a scholarly list, not open to the general Internet public. Return the completed questionnaire, and the moderators will add you to the list. Then you will receive messages automatically and can post messages for the entire group.

The moderators read all messages to ensure they meet the scholarly purposes of the list before sending them out. This process prevents the proliferation of junk mail so often found on unmoderated electronic lists. The moderators of H-German are Dan Rogers, Assistant Professor of History, University of South Alabama (drogers@jaguar1.usouthal.edu) and Norman Goda, Assistant Professor of History, University of Maine at Presque Isle (goda@polaris.umpi.maine.edu).

H-German also has an **editorial board** that monitors the list, makes suggestions for improvement, and adjudicates any disputes between the moderators and subscribers. The current editorial board consists of:

Gerhard L. Weinberg, University of North Carolina, Chair
 Dolores Augustine, St. Johns University
 Dewey Browder, Austin Peay State University
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H-German publishes a wide variety of information, much of which is sent in by its subscribers. Quite often, these are queries about research or teaching materials. List members with a question write, those with some knowledge of the subject respond, and in the process the entire list benefits from seeing the exchange of information and ideas. H-German posts announcements of conferences and calls for papers, as well as news and information that interest anyone in the world doing German history. Our more ambitious plans see us posting reports on conference sessions, syllabi for courses in German history, and guides to archives and sources.

All our postings are archived in files easily searched through your e-mail account, and we place files of special interest on our fileserver and gopher for quick access.

For further information on H-German, write one of the moderators at the addresses above. For more on the H-Net project and the 43 lists it sponsors, write H-Net@uicvm.uic.edu.

New Series in German Studies

The University of Alberta, in conjunction with the DAAD, has begun publication of *Occasional Papers in German Studies*. The publication focuses on the dissemination of interdisciplinary scholarship in German language, literature, history, politics, sociology, philosophy, art, music, and other related fields. It intends to provide the springboard for a refereed journal specializing in works by Canadian, American, and German scholars. Interested persons may contact one of the co-editors for more information:

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Concordia College Offers Tribute to Hildegard von Bingen

Concordia Language Villages announce a college level humanities course available to participants in its language immersion programs this summer. Entitled *Scivias* after twelfth century writings of Hildegard von Bingen, this interdisciplinary course will focus on four topics: the role of the individual in society, the individual and language, art and culture, and the individual and the state. Information regarding any of Concordia College's language programs may be obtained by calling 1-800-222-4750 (outside Minnesota), 1-800-247-1044 (inside Minnesota), or via Internet: CLVOFFICE@VILLAGE.CORD.EDU

SECTION IV

COMPUTERS

Hardware and Software

Windows 95

At this writing, all sorts of rumors have been floating about the latest upgrade to Windows. One has it that the long-announced program is really vaporware (not even near finished). We all know that Microsoft would have released it already if it were finished, so it is not. Yes, there are problems, known in the industry as “bugs.” Some parts have been rumored not to work yet, and nobody knows what the final features will be. The people who have tested earlier releases say that the final product will be “Mac-like.” This is supposed to be praise. In the meantime, Vobis, Germany’s biggest distributor of computers, has apparently announced that it will no longer automatically bundle Windows with its PCs, but will give purchasers a choice between Microsoft’s program and IBM’s OS/2 Warp. Generally, it seems clear that the current Windows shell is not a happy alternative, and that there is a real need for an upgrade. Two important elements that users want are a good shell (what you see on the screen when you turn the computer on, and what you work from as a kind of “home” base), and “plug-and-play,” the ability to plug various addenda on to your computer and have them work without a lot of reconfiguring on your part. One of those addenda might be a spare hard disk, or a new printer, and so on. For heavy users, the real additional benefit would be the ability to run at 32 bit levels. We will just have to see, and I, for one, will not speculate at this point.

Sidekick for Windows

Sidekick 2.0 is a new, updated version of an old and popular organizer. It sells for \$49 list price, and less on the discount market, which makes it a good buy. When he left Borland, Philippe Kahn bought this and made it the startup product of his new Starfish Software Company, but the Borland label is still on the package and the disk. It has an attractive interface, and offers a low-power way to manage your day, week, and month. It does not take up much space on your hard disk, and does not cost much to buy, which makes it attractive when compared with higher-power

products. The calendar allows you to schedule overlapping appointments, and you can choose any time, rather than just 15-minute intervals. It doubles as an address book, and can import a good number of different data bases. Searching is a strong feature. It should be reasonably successful. Generally, people use these products to schedule appointments, and allow themselves to know what is going on with their lives. Appointments that can be printed out are also good for tax purposes, especially when you keep records of trips to Europe, and to the GSA Conference.

Pentia

Intel seems to have gotten all of the bugs out of its Pentium processors, and has flooded the market with a lot of them at low prices and various speeds. Some run hotter than others, some use more energy than others. Competitors of Intel have also begun introducing "586" chips, which are their brands of Pentium processors. They are expected to be 100% compatible with Pentium. If you are buying a PC at this stage, you should probably buy a Pentium or a 486/DX266mh. Nothing slower is a good buy, unless you get a screaming deal. Full systems at this stage would include 8mb memory at least, 500mb hard disk, a color monitor, and a CD-ROM drive. This should cost less than \$2000. Even in Germany, where prices are dropping to United States levels. You do not want 8mb for a Pentium now. You really want at least 12mb of memory, and preferably more. The memory use is skyrocketing. Get the biggest hard drive you can afford. Programs will take a lot of room.

The P6, successor to the Pentium, will be introduced by Intel towards the end of 1995. We do not know price, but it will be initially expensive, as they always are. At the same time, clone-makers will try their versions, and Pentia will get less expensive.

Again, I always warn against buying more than you need. If you will only do word processing, take any upgrade with more than a grain of salt. Prices are getting lower for high-level machines, so that you can really fly with good software products on excellent hardware. Remember to get a big hard drive.

Multiple-Platform Items

Multiple-platform items are items that can either be used on a Mac or a PC, or come as either Mac or PC versions.

NEC Color Monitors

NEC has two new superb color monitors that will work either with PCs or Macs. They are the XE15 (15 inches) and the XE17(17 inches). Both conform to Swedish standards for emissions, meaning that they are easy on the eyes. These are the brightest monitors I have ever seen, and are so much better than the Nokia, that the Nokia factory representative walked away when I asked her about the NEC. She said that she didn't want to say anything. Put them side by side, and you will see. Both monitors have front digital controls, allowing you to set them on the screen like a VCR, but easier. The controls allow you to select the language you want to use in setting the monitor, and both have German as well as English. The monitors come with a screen saver that puts it to sleep. When you move the mouse or hit a key, a voice exclaims "I'm waking up now," and the monitor awakens. There is no distortion, and the color is bright and even from side to side. They are capable of multiple resolution levels, and that can be selected from the computer if you have a Mac. If you have a PC, whether or not you can select the highest level of resolution depends upon the quality of your graphics card. Diamond Stealth graphics card users, for example, should check to see if they have the latest version, including the latest version of the driver. They are being sold with two tower speakers by NEC as a bonus giveaway. Good. Since the speakers are so bad that NEC cannot sell them, they might as well give them away. They look nice, but one really buys speakers these days for sound, not looks.

Centennia

This is one of the greatest inventions since sliced bread. It is a map program and is available in either PC or Mac versions. When you load it, a map of Europe at some time from 1000 to 1995 appears on your screen. You can print it on to paper, or even on to a transparency for overhead projection. If you have a color printer, this is great. At the top of the screen, the year for the map is indicated. There are + and - buttons. As you click, the map date adds or subtracts tenths of a year. When it does, the map changes. As I said, it moves from the year 1000 to 1995 in increments of a tenth of a year. You can make it change faster, and stop, of course. You can print it at any date. You can "zoom" in on Germany or on anything and blow up that section of the image, printing that. In the upper right corner of the screen, there is a picture of a page. If you click on that, a description of important events of that year appears. If you are just clicking on the map date, headlines scroll across the bottom of the screen as the years change, and indicate what important events are occurring.

It is a great teaching aid, and you can make excellent overhead maps from it. Centennia sells for \$89, and you should rush to order it immediately from Clockwork Software, P.O. Box 148036, Chicago, IL 60614, USA. They do not seem to answer their e-mail regularly, so mail or telephone is more certain. Call them at 312-281-3132 and mention our *Newsletter*. It won't get you a discount, but they may send us word of upgrades when they appear. The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis requires it as standard course material for students. Remember, it is available for PC or Mac, so specify which. Is the manual easy to understand? I don't know. I didn't read it. I just loaded Centennia on my Mac and it came on the screen, and everything seemed so obvious, that I never had to read the manual. Just click on plus or minus, and the year goes forward or backward, click on print, click on the magnifying glass obviously means zoom in, and so on. Maybe, I will read the manual when I get around to it. Speak of being simple to use.

Using presentation software, you can import the map and use it as background for overlaying with print, and with objects. This is a great help for classroom projection.

Paper Port

Whee! Is this great? I have read reviews of this, and can't wait to try it. It looks like about 2 inches by four inches by 14 inches. In other words, a long, thin, box. You plug it into your computer (Paper Port comes in either a Mac or a PC version), and slide a piece of paper (say a newspaper or magazine article) into the slot. There is no on/off switch. As soon as it detects a piece of paper in the slot, it turns on. What happens then? The darndest thing. It digitizes (scans) the article and sends it to your computer. You can then either save it as an item, or use OCR software (optical character reader), which turns the picture into word processing text, and save it as text on your word processor. Voila! You have scanned the text into your hard disk, where you can look for it later under any search system and use it for your research. How much? List price \$399, street price \$349, software included.

Now, you would not want to send in little, crinkled-up pieces of paper, but something that won't get caught inside. Still, you could always xerox a small piece of paper onto a full sheet, and there you are. Now, you can get a full-fledged scanner for \$500-\$1000, with all sorts of additional capabilities, but this is certainly a really good space-saver for your desktop. It fits between the monitor and your computer tower, or behind the computer until you need it. The ads show it sitting between the

keyboard and the computer. It is *that* small. What will they think of next? It is manufactured by a company called Visioneer.

One reminder about scanning software. On accuracy, 98% is bad. And, 90% is awful. Remember that 98% means that two characters out of every one hundred are incorrectly scanned. How many words are one hundred characters? Oh, say one line. Omigosh! One wrong character *per line*! Think of the proof-reading. So, watch out whenever you buy scanning software, and stick with 99% accuracy or better.

Epson's New Color Ink-Jet

Here's a new ink jet printer that is available for Mac or PC and prints excellent color. It prints at 360 dots per square inch (dpi), but can print at 720 dpi using Epson's special coated paper. Now, 720 is absolutely gorgeous. What is the catch? There are two catches. First, the coated paper is available only from Epson, and it costs \$20 per 200 sheets. Second, you cannot get it in legal size, which would print German DIN A4 approximately. Start adding up \$20 for 200 sheets, and you see what I mean. How fast does it print? Walk up to the local store and do some shopping while you are waiting for a single page to come through. You will be back in plenty of time. Well, it isn't that bad, but it just seems so. If you do not use the coated paper, it prints at 360 dpi. The positive about this printer is that it costs slightly over \$500 and prints beautiful color. The negative is that it is slow, and the 720 dpi requires expensive coated paper. It is a class act. Good construction, good printer. Just slow. Then, all color ink jets are slow.

H-P, CANON, ETC.

Hewlett-Packard has a raft of printers available in their ink jet stable. They have nothing at 720 dpi in a price like the Epson, but they have 300X300, 600X300, and 360 dpi. As you note, the higher the dpi, the sharper the image. Canon's new printer, which Canon also builds for Apple, and is sold by Apple as one of their Stylewriters (you can't see any difference), is a really nice 360 dpi color ink jet. On these color models, you do want to weigh a number of different features. Remember, a single ink cartridge means that you have to replace the whole cartridge if you run out of one color. Also, it is good to have a black cartridge, rather than to rely on black out of mixed colors. The latter always comes out a variation of brown. You have to weigh convenience, price, price of replacement cartridges (if a single cartridge with

multiple colors costs less than one refill of one color for another printer, you haven't saved any money by going with the multiple cartridge printer), paper loading, speed, compatibility with your computer, ease of use. Do not forget to weigh quality into the bargain.

Telekom Goes Electronic!

Isn't competition great! Don't ask Deutsche Telekom. After they discovered that they had a federal government ministry official on their Board of Directors since going "private," and had to get rid of him to much public embarrassment, Telekom is looking around like a rather bloated guard dog and discovering that there are poachers in the formerly monopolistic turf. What to do now that they are legally there? Ignore them and lose the business? Try to pretend that Telekom knows best and that good Germans don't need these foreign-provided services? Having been absolutely secure under Bundespost edicts that nobody could own a modem without having a second telephone line that was specially-rated (and specially-overpriced) as modem quality, so that too many non-businesses (read ordinary people) didn't buy modems and subscribe to on-line services like Compuserve, Telekom is feeling the pinch. Compuserve sits in Munich, and offers e-mail from your home office or study as well as the latest news from the U.S.A. and France, not to mention Great Britain and Australia, plus all kinds of service and wonderful goodies. All for the low price of less than DM 19 per month. Oh, you can run up a larger bill by ordering special items on Compuserve, but it is sweet to the eye. This was manageable for a while, because not too many people knew about it, and Compuserve doesn't market its service heavily in Germany. But, help! Amerika Online is coming!! Gather the Volkswagens in a circle!

Terrified by the transatlantic onslaught that appears to be on the horizon, Telekom is launching its own on-line service in a real hurry. Sign up a partnership with America Online or Prodigy, or something!! In any case, Germans will finally find competition nudging Telekom to offer them the Infobahn. Will Deutsche Post cooperate? Will Telekom use its huge bulk to block others? Will rates go down? Tune in to the continuing story of the dawn of the twenty-first century on us all, and see.

But, who is there already? Who has invaded the German shores even before? Aha, it is Dan Rogers, intrepid GSA-member (see story elsewhere in this *Newsletter*), co-editor of the GSA-partner **H-German**. The German history network has already

crossed the Atlantic and is available on e-mail to university people across united Germany and in Austria, too. A regular give-and-take among scholars has made us the envy of Bundestag deputies, who can't even get on. H-German recently had a discussion on the independence of the German Historical Institute, and a lively interaction on historical sources and texts. Its discussions are helpful to scholarship and to teaching. Alas, there seems to be an opinion from its German subscribers that they are mostly under-45. Those over 45, so the younger academics offered, seem not to want to get on. A generation gap on the internet! Learn from this issue how to sign on to H-German. Get the GSA Chicago Conference Program before anybody in your Department!

Macs

Mac Goes Windows

You have heard of Windows on a Mac through using special software called SoftWindows. And, you have heard that it may not be too fast, so you are not interested? Let us revisit the issue. Apple, and several third party producers, are all offering a new slide-in board for many Macs. What's on the board? An Intel 486DX2/66 mh microprocessor and support chips. Hmm. What does it do? Well, if you hold down the command key and hit return, your monitor screen dims for a second and - Voila! - Windows appears, and you are in Windows. Real Windows. You Mac is now a 486. Just go ahead, and do it. Do you have a floppy disk drive? Of course. It is now a PC disk drive. Do you have a CD-ROM drive? Well, it now runs PC-CDs. You can highlight something and copy, switch to Mac, and paste. Or vice versa. Just as if it were all one machine. *It is* one machine. How much does it cost? \$700. Well, that is a lot. But, it is cheaper than a 486. And, you now have two computers. It works on the Powermac 6100, and on some other Centris and Quadra models. Great new little invention. How do you print? Same way. It will print on the normal Mac printer, so no need to install a new printer.

Windows on Mac Without Anything Extra?

No. Yes? Well, try System 7.5 on any Mac. What does this do? Well, let us say that you are at the office and a friend has a PC. She/he comes by and gives you a disk, asking that you look at the file he/she has on it, make some corrections, and give it back. The colleague points out that it is in Word Perfect for Windows 6.0 and thanks

you if you can do it overnight. Sure, you say. Suddenly, the colleague is hesitant. But, "don't you have a Mac?" "Yes," you reply, "but no problem." You go to your Mac, pop in the PC disk, and open your Word Perfect for the Mac program or your Microsoft Word for the Mac program. Meanwhile, the PC disk is sitting there on your screen. Asking your word processor to open a file, you select the file on your friend's disk. Miraculously, Mac opens the file in your Mac word processor. It is perfectly there. You read it, make corrections, and go to the save menu. You select Word Perfect 6.0 for Windows as the format from the available list of file formats you are offered for selection, and eject the disk. Then, you walk over to your friend's office, and hand the colleague the disk. "How did you do that?" "Simple. I have a Mac."

Scene Two. You have a Mac and an inexpensive printer. The Department office has a fancy laser printer, but it is DOS/Windows. You want to send out a very good and clear copy of your manuscript. What to do? You simply place a PC-formatted disk into the floppy drive of your System 7.5 Mac (Or, use System 7.5 and format it as a PC disk. To do that, just use the "erase" command, and choose PC as the format of choice.). Then, go to the file menu and choose "save as." When the screen changes to the "save as" screen, pull down the menu of choices for what to save it as. Pick a PC word processor. Any one that the Department has. Say, Word Perfect for DOS or for Windows, or Microsoft Word for Windows, or whatever. Save the file on the floppy disk. Take the disk to the Department and ask them to print it. Since it is a PC file on a PC disk, it is all very PC (= piece of cake).

Will Mac Survive?

It seems so. It does everything most scholars need, and easier than a PC. It is slightly more expensive, because Apple doesn't know how to market its products, and never has. How they can take a product that has a lower-cost processor and produce a more expensive machine is beyond me. It is certainly easier to learn and to use than a PC, even one with Windows. It takes about an hour or less to learn how to use a Mac. I've taught people the basics of word processing, including footnotes, in about twenty minutes. It has umlauts in all programs without any "modules," because they are built into the computer itself. About the only advantage Windows has is that it has x-mal more programs than Mac. Since Mac has only about 9% of the overall market, any programmer who has a smart idea does it on Windows. Mac comes around as a kind of added thought. Oh, 9% is a lot, and people don't throw it away so often (Lotus does. It makes no software for the Mac.) But, it is not that big a

market niche. As I wrote earlier, the biggest hype Microsoft can offer for Windows 95 is that it will be more Mac-like. Well, Mac is supposedly readying Copland, and other advanced operating systems that will be even better than 7.5 and.... Well, they will not be able to create a landslide for them either. I am convinced of that. Therefore, the best chance for Apple seems to be the clonemakers that they are signing on to make clones of Macs, using the MacOS (operating system), and Apple's proprietary inside info. These people have to make a better and cheaper Mac to survive. And, they have to market it. So, they may finally get something going. Who knows? They will wind up pushing Apple to do more and better. In any case, Mac will obviously be here for a considerably long while, and may even crawl up to 15% of the total market share. That's enough. Mercedes is not as big as GM and doesn't need to be to make a profit and be useful. Maybe that is not a good example, because Mac is no Mercedes, and Apple does make manufacturing mistakes. What mistakes? How about putting a 40mh bus inside a 66mh Powermac computer? Why would you DO such a thing? Anyway, that is the rumor of what they did. Argh! In any case, my point is that computers are getting to be more powerful and have more programs than academics need or want. Ultimately, we need computers to do what we want. It is not really necessary to get one that can design jet aircraft and analyze wind tunnel codes. That is why some people are perfectly happy with their 286s or their MacSEs.

Word Perfect 3.1 for the Mac

This is a stellar program. It is also dirt cheap. You can buy it in a box called *Word Perfect Student Essentials* by mail order for \$84.95 from Mac's Place at 1-800-881-3090, or wherever you normally buy software. It comes as Version 3.1 and installs as such on older Macs, or self-detects whether you have a PowerMac, and then installs automatically the PowerMac version. It also comes complete with language modules for German, French, and Spanish, with automatic hyphenation in each of the languages, Random House's Dictionary and Thesaurus, Grammatik grammar checker, Document Experts (a utility to create class schedules, term papers, resumes, etc.), 100 Bitstream fonts, and a golf game. Why get Microsoft Word 6.0? I haven't the foggiest idea. WP runs faster than W6, and W6 will not even run on a Mac slower than 68040 at 33mh. Even on a Quadra, it will crawl. WP runs rings around it. It has an intuitive interface, lots of interesting and excellent features, and was the real hit booth at the latest Macworld Expo. You can paste somebody else's spreadsheets in it, just like M6 uses Excel. You can use Excel, or even try Delta Graph Pro 3, which is a class act. WP has charting, graphing, importing of graphics,

spell check in German, bunch of fonts, and excellent footnoting and endnoting. You can use your own styles, or try the program called *Endnote* as an add-on. WP is now owned by Novell, and their techies were helpful on the phone as I called to check up on them and ask a mock question. Not a long wait. I have been running W5.1a on my Mac, but will have to learn a new program if I upgrade to W6, which is not an upgrade on W5.1a, but simply W6 for Windows ported to the Mac. Therefore, it loses the Mac interface, and all the Mac screens, forsaking them to be a duplicate of WfWindows. Since this means that I would have to do that (I already use WfWindows on my PC), I'm not sure I want to. There are things I like a Mac for. If I want to use WfWindows, I'll turn on my PC. Don't need to use a slower version on a Mac. I think that Microsoft is doing this to help kill Mac, which doesn't use its operating system and will not use Windows 95. Mac needs to defend itself somehow, but its executives don't know how, and are expecting somebody to help. Novell seems to have taken the bit(stream). WP is a real contender, and has a bundle of great features for a terrific price that you do not have to go to the University bookstore for. Did I say 100 free fonts? Hmmm.

Anyway, the language modules are there not to teach it to learn German (all Macs have German, French, and Spanish accents built in to the computer, so they are in all programs on the same keys), but to do hyphens automatically, etc. Another interesting point of WP over W6 is that you can install it to use only 9mb of your hard disk. If you also install the Thesaurus, that takes another 10mb. On the other hand, W6 takes up 33mb of the hard disk.

SECTION V
GRANTS AND STIPENDS

**Council for International Exchange of Scholars
Announces Funding Opportunities**

The CIES invites applications for Lecturing/Research Awards, Junior Research Awards, and Travel-Only Awards. Up to twelve full-time **Lecturing/Research Awards** will be granted based on academic excellence and potential to benefit academic communities in the U.S. and Germany. While applications from all fields are welcome, scholars in American studies, German studies, the humanities, and social sciences are particularly encouraged to apply. Applicants are expected to have several years of experience beyond the doctorate and are advised to arrange affiliation with a German university. Grants cover three to ten months, summers excluded, beginning 9/96.

Ten month **Junior Research Awards** are available for scholars who have received the Ph.D. within approximately the last 5 years, especially those with projects involving institutions in eastern Germany or those willing to be affiliated with such institutions.

The Fulbright commission in Bonn is sponsoring up to 11 international round-trip airline tickets. While these **Travel-Only Awards** may be awarded to recipients of other lecture and research grants, applications will not be accepted for attendance at meetings or conferences, or for summer research or study.

Information regarding these and other CIES opportunities may be obtained by contacting Richard Pettit, (202) 686-6240, we4@ciesnet.cies.org or Christina Borgeest, (202) 686-6244, we7@ciesnet.cies.org.

Fulbright German Studies Seminar 1996

The Fulbright German Studies Seminar has been scheduled for four weeks during June and July 1996. This seminar is excellent for members of the German Studies Association, and members should read this announcement carefully.

Meetings will be held in Bonn, Berlin, and other cities throughout Germany, including some in eastern Germany. Participants in the interdisciplinary program will have a unique opportunity to participate in a well-established, highly acclaimed intensive program tailored to the needs and interests of American academics and designed to expose them to a broad spectrum of current culture and society. They will also meet and confer with leading figures from business, government, parliament, labor, the press, education, and the church. In sum, they will have the chance to catch up on the momentous changes that have occurred recently in Germany.

Up to 25 awards are available. Award benefits include: **round trip air transportation**; per diem allowances for meals, lodging, local travel and incidental expenses; and the opportunity to stay in Europe after the seminar to pursue an individual project. Program sponsors regret that spouses and dependents cannot be accommodated.

The program is designed for college teachers of German language and literature, history, political science, and other humanities and social sciences related to the seminar topics. The seminar is focused on teaching; applicants need not be prominent researchers.

Eligibility criteria: United States citizen; US college, university, or community college faculty member, PhD. PhD. candidacy, or equivalent experience; language facility for a program conducted entirely in German.

A detailed announcement and application instructions are available by writing Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden Street, N.W., Suite 5M, Box F-GERS, Washington, DC 20008-3009; by calling (202) 686-6244; or via Internet: we7@ciesnet.cies.org

Deadline: November 1, 1995.

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Application deadline: November 1, 1995.

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SECTION VI

German Studies Association Election

GSA Nominations for the Executive Committee 1995

Candidates for the Executive Committee, Position I

Germanistik

JOHN McCARTHY

Education: Ph.D. SUNY Buffalo

Teaching Experience: Vanderbilt University, 1991-present; University of Pennsylvania 1972-88.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Numerous awards, including DAAD Summer Stipends, Senior Fulbright Fellowship, ACLS Travel Grant, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Travel Award, GSA Book Prize 1989-90; Vice President of the Lessing Society (1993-95).

Publications: *Crossing Boundaries: A Theory and History of Essayistic Writing in German (1680-1815)*; *C.M. Wieland: The Man and His Works*; *Fantasy and Reality: An Epistemological Approach to Wieland*; Co-author of *Christoph Martin Wieland: Epoche-Werk-Wirkung*; Co-editor of *C.M. Wieland: Critical Essays*; *Aufnahme, Weitergabe*; *Literarische Impulse um Lessing und Goethe*; *Zensur und Kultur: Zwische Weimarer Klassik und Weimarer Republik*; numerous articles and book chapters.

GSA: Book Prize 1989-90; Program Committee Member, 1994; 4 GSA presentations; organized and chaired numerous sessions at GSA Conventions.

KARIN WURST

Education: Ph.D. Ohio State University

Teaching Experience: Michigan State University, 1988-present; University of Arkansas, 1986-88.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Numerous research and travel grants from Michigan State University and the University of Arkansas.

Publications: *Familiale Liebe ist die wahre Gewalt: Zur Repräsentation der Familie in Lessings dramatischem Werk*; editor of *JMR Lenz als Alternative? Positionsanalysen zum 200. Todestag; Frau und Drama im achtzehnten Jahrhundert*; nine journal articles and book chapters; numerous articles in reference works.

GSA: Member of Program Committee, 1995; 11 book reviews in *GSR*; 7 GSA presentations & 1 commentary.

Candidates for the Executive Committee, Position II

History

ELISABETH DOMANSKI

Education: Ph.D. Ruhr-Universität Bochum

Teaching Experience: University of Indiana, Bloomington, 1994-present; University of Washington, Seattle; DAAD Professor, Washington University, St. Louis, 1988-90;

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: DAAD Visiting Professor, 1988-90; Consultant for stage productions (Washington, D.C.; New York); Editorial Board, *Schriftenreihe des Archivs der deutschen Jugendbewegung*; Board of Directors, Institut zur Erforschung der Europäischen Arbeiterbewegung.

Publications: Co-author of study guide, *Bürgerliche Gesellschaft in Deutschland*; 14 articles and book chapters; 3 co-authored articles; program notes for theatrical productions and texts for portfolios of artwork.

GSA: 1 paper; 1 commentary.

ROBERT GELLATELY

Education: Ph.D. London School of Economics and Political Science

Teaching Experience: Huron College, 1976-present; Cornell University, 1975-76.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Humboldt Fellow; numerous grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Publications: *The Gestapo and German Society: Enforcing Racial Policy 1933-45*; *The Politics of Economic Despair: Shopkeepers and German Politics, 1890-1914*, 19 articles and book chapters.

GSA: Program Committee Member, 1995; 2 presentations at GSA meetings; article in *GSR*.

Candidates for the Executive Committee, Position III**Political Science****JAMES SPERLING**

Education: Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara

Teaching Experience: University of Akron, 1987-Present; Michigan State, 1985-87; Davidson College, 1984-85

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Fulbright

Publications: Editor of 2 books; 6 articles, 12 book chapters

GSA: Member of Program Committee, 1995; 5 presentations at GSA meetings.

GARY L. GEIPEL

Education: Ph.D. Columbia University

Professional Experience: Research Specialist on Germany ; Conference Coordinator for German Projects, Hudson Institute, Center for Central European and Eurasian Studies, Indianapolis, 1989- present. Adjunct faculty member, Butler University, 1993-present.

Honors, Fellowships, Offices: Chicago Council of Foreign Relations Young Leaders Program in Berlin, Budapest, and Warsaw; Deutsch-Amerikanischer Arbeitskreis; American Council of Learned Societies Advanced Graduate Fellowship; Herbert H. Lehman Fellowship in International Relations and President's Fellowship at Columbia University.

Publications: Numerous articles in such journals as *Business Week*, the *International Herald Tribune*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.; numerous book reviews in academic journals; editor, *Germany in a New Era* (Indianapolis: Hudson Institute, 1993) and *The Future of Germany* (Indianapolis: Hudson Institute, 1990); reports and book chapters.

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