

North East Association for Learning Laboratories

NEWS & NOTES
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The President's Column
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NEALL '97 PROPOSALS:

We welcome members to submit proposals for the delayed NEALL 97 as outlined elsewhere in this Newsletter. This Spring's Conference, March 14-16, will be hosted by Michael Jones at Swarthmore College. We hope to be able to explore their new computer-based language lab as well as see demonstrations from our broad membership from our region and beyond.

Our annual conferences have become an important opportunity for both lab staff and language faculty to see first hand new programs and equipment being used within the teaching of foreign language. Please plan to join your colleagues from the North East.

VENDOR COORDINATOR NEEDED:

For NEALL '97 we also need a volunteer to help organize and coordinate vendor contributions to the conference. If you have good contacts (or would like to develop some) with vendors, please contact me at Temple University.

ROBERT HENDERSON MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION:

Most of you may have already heard the sad news this past July with the death of our IALL President, Robert Henderson. Robert was the second NEALL President when our regional group was first getting organized. I was able to attend a Memorial Service held for Dr. Henderson at the Heinz Memorial Chapel at the University of Pittsburgh on September 18th. It was attended by several hundred colleagues and friends from that campus, his home town of Beaver Falls and various friends from NEALL and IALL.

Robert Henderson contributed much to his profession and to our own organizations. I attended the IALL Summer Meetings in Victoria British Columbia as we prepared for the upcoming FLEAT III to be held there August 12 - 16. Robert conducted these many sessions to move the Association along on its development of programs as well as details for the upcoming conference held in cooperation with the Language Lab Association of Japan. His skills in managing and gentle style of communicating with his colleagues and friends will be sorely missed.

The NEALL Board has decided to contribute \$250 to the Robert T. Henderson Memorial Scholarship being established at the University of Pittsburgh. If any individuals who knew and loved Bob would like to contribute to the Fund, you may send checks made out to the "University of Pittsburgh" and indicate on your check "To the Henderson Fund". Mail it to:

University of Pittsburgh
Office of Instructional Advancement
331 Craig Hall, 200 S. Craig Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
Attention: Nancy Misialek

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR NEALL PRESIDENT ELECT

This past September, our duly elected President Elect, Virginia Lewis, left Haverford College to take a new position back in her native Texas. We must now elect a new President Elect before our NEALL97 Meeting at Swarthmore.

Please send along your nominations for a new President Elect to me by December 5th. We will then send out a Ballot in the next Newsletter for your votes. This will be only a one year term as President Elect to complete Virginia's term, with the office of President to begin in 1998. Duties involve representing NEALL on the IALL Council and attending summer meetings as well as the IALL summer conferences (held alternate summers). The other duties involve organizing our annual NEALL Conferences in conjunction with the host college. If you or someone you believe could serve in this capacity, contact me by December 5th.

If you, or someone you would like to recommend, can serve in this capacity, contact me by December 5th.

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FLEAT III AND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Plans for FLEAT III are well underway at the University of Victoria. Jointly sponsored by IALL and the Language Lab of Japan (LLJ), this is the first FLEAT to be held outside Japan.

The campus and scenery is magnificent, and generally cool in August. For information on FLEAT III, including the Call for Proposals, as well as on the Victoria tourist area, point your WEB Browser to <http://web.uvic.ca/hrd/fleat3>, or email fleat3@uvic.ca, or mail:

FLEAT3, Language Center
PO Box 3045
University of Victoria
Victoria, BC Canada V8W 3P4

And join your NEALL and IALL colleagues in Canada this August!

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Swarthmore College Language Resource Center

[Michael Jones](#)

With help from the Culpeper Foundation, Swarthmore College has opened a new state-of-the-art Language Resource Center. The lab combines a Sony 9000 system with computer and video equipment in a space designed for teaching and independent work. It was installed in the middle of February 1996 and we've worked out the technical kinks and gotten faculty and students up to speed.

The language faculty have been fully committed to the Resource Center. They were integral to the design of the facility and invested weeks of time in a series of workshops this summer and again this fall. They've used the time to learn about the equipment, evaluate software and explore a number of authoring systems. Spanish, German and French faculty who had the

opportunity to attend the Mellon Technology Workshop this summer have hit the ground running with projects they developed for their classes in Middlebury. They've shared their knowledge with colleagues and been the impetus for an effort to collaborate more closely with faculty at Bryn Mawr and Haverford. We're working to identify projects we can develop together and share among the schools.

It's been an exciting time at Swarthmore and we look forward to welcoming you in person when we host NEALL this Spring. For now stop by and visit at www.swarthmore.edu/Humanities/langlab. Let me also take a minute to plug Clicnet, Carole Netter's index of francophone resources at www.swarthmore.edu/Humanities/clicnet.