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the Daughters of Beatrice: women in fantasy



the 17th Mythopoeic Conference

commemorating the Charles Williams' centennial

August 8-11, 1986

california state university: long beach

call for papers

The Conference Theme is meant to explore the role of female characters in fantasy literature, particularly the type Charles Williams called the "Beatrician Figure," the inspirer of imagination. Williams discussed this type in his book on Dante called The Figure of Beatrice. We hope to explore the development of female characters in the evolving genre of fantasy. Papers on various aspects of Charles Williams' works in light of the 100th anniversary of his birth are also encouraged. Papers dealing with other authors and topics are welcome.

Papers will be given orally, with 30 to 50 minutes allotted for the presentation, allowing the rest of the hour for questions and discussion generated by the paper. Authors are encouraged to attend and personally present their papers. Arrangements may be made for the papers to be read in absentia.

A brief description of the intended paper should be sent as soon as possible.

events

Mythopoeic Conferences are a very special blend of the best points of academic conferences and science fiction and fantasy conventions, resulting in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere conducive to many forms of creative expression and stimulating intellectual interchange. Besides papers, there will be panels, films, an art show, an auction, drama, music, a masquerade, dealers' room, and banquet. The Committee welcomes further suggestions and participation.

cost

The total room and meals package, includes three nights (double occupancy), nine meals (Friday dinner to Monday lunch, including the banquet), and registration is \$100 (\$85 if paid at Mythcon XVI). Prices may go up after Dec. 31, 1985. (Single rooms available on request at a slightly higher price.)

Registration, if paid at Mythcon XVI, is \$15; after that, it is \$20 until May 15; \$25 until July 25; and may be higher at the door.

17th annual mythopoeic conference
c/o prof. peter lowentroun
macintosh humanities building room 619
california state university
long beach, ca 90840

Sixteenth Annual Mythopoeic Conference

July 26-29, 1985 Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois
Guests of Honor: Patricia McKillip, Peter Schakel
Theme: A Kinship of Dancers

Interplay in the lives and works of
C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Charles Williams
Mythcon XVI P.O. Box A3120 Chicago, IL 60690

PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY

USEFUL INFORMATION (DON'T SKIP THIS)

The Schedule is filled to overflowing with events, often with four different program events to choose from at the same time. Because of this, the Conference will begin with papers and panels at 2 PM on Friday. Plan to arrive early. Registration will open at 9 AM on Friday. The Wade Collection will be open from 9 AM to 5 PM on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday.

There will be a picnic on the College lawn (included in the meal package) on Friday at 5 PM. The Procession and Opening Ceremonies will begin at 8 AM on Saturday, including the Guest of Honor Speech by Peter Schakel. "The Masque of the Silmarilis" by Sarah Beach will be presented before lunch. The Masquerade and Concert will be Saturday evening. Patricia McKillip's Guest of Honor Speech will be given at the Banquet on Sunday, followed by the Mythopoeic Fantasy and Scholarship Awards, and English Country Dancing. The Conference will conclude with Closing Ceremonies and lunch on Monday. Of course this brief summary does not include all the many papers, panels and other presentations scheduled.

AN URGENT NOTE

Sleeping rooms, meal tickets, and banquet tickets are all limited in quantity! The dining hall will be ordering food in advance based on our pre-registration; since we are the last conference of the season, they will not have a large surplus available to accommodate hordes of at-the-door registrants. Therefore, please register as soon as possible to guarantee that there will be food and a bed waiting for you! Also, there is an absolute limit of 250 people in the dining hall for the Sunday banquet, awards, and guest of honor speech. Banquet tickets are included in the meal package price, or can be reserved separately in advance.

WHAT TO BRING

While each of the buildings we're in is air-conditioned, Wheaton in late July is hot (80's and possibly 90's) and humid, with a possibility of rain. Fantasy or medieval costumes will naturally be welcome; don't forget that there is a masquerade, which will be an excellent opportunity to display those costumes. Other things to remember include banners (for the opening procession), poetry to read, music to sing and instruments to play (for the Bardic circles), books (to get autographed) and money for the dealer's room and art auction!

1. A reminder: all sleeping rooms are air-conditioned and contain bunk beds. Bathrooms are shared by adjoining rooms. Single occupancy rate is \$15 additional. If you do not specify a roommate and do not pay the single rate, you will be assigned a roommate of the same sex.

2. Free campus parking will be available in specially-marked lots.

3. Anyone who will be arriving early and wants to stay on campus on Wednesday the 24th or Thursday the 25th must write to us in advance, as other groups are using the dorm space then. There will be a charge of \$12.50 for each additional night. Write to Jim Schleich c/o Mythcon.

4. The deadline to reserve your room and meals is July 1. If you do not pre-register by July 1, we cannot guarantee that room and board will be available for you at the conference.

5. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not allowed in campus facilities.

6. For information on child care and children's rates, please write us.

7. Medical problems, dietary restrictions, handicaps: let us know now. We'll do everything we can to accommodate you.

8. Tennis courts, volleyball, ping-pong, billiards, and swimming are available. There is a nominal charge for use of the pool.

THERE AND BACK AGAIN

Anyone who needs a ride from O'Hare airport, the bus terminal, or the train station should write immediately giving arrival and departure details. We can't guarantee rides to anyone, but we'll try, and first priority will be given to those writing us no later than three weeks before the conference. Write Mia McDavid c/o Mythcon XVI.

O'Hare Airport

If you contact us in advance, we may be able to pick you up. If not, take a cab (expensive) or use the following limos:

1. Airtran O'Hare: 5:15am-9pm only, you must call 24 hours in advance for a reservation (1-800-851-0200)

and must specify you are with Mythcon at Wheaton campus. After you arrive and have your luggage, call 1-800-972-0500. Cost: \$8.50.

2. DuKane limo: 24 hours by reservation only. 312-293-1171. \$18.50 first person, \$5 each additional; 50% surcharge if pickup is between 10:30pm and 5:00am.

Midway Airport

Mythcon will not be able to do pickups from Midway. Use Airtran O'Hare (see above) or a cab (very expensive).

Bus and Train

These will drop you off in the Loop, and you must either take a Chicago & Northwestern train or a cab (very expensive). C&N trains do not run as often as you might like; call 312-836-7000 to find out the most convenient train to Wheaton. The C&N station is at Madison and Canal Streets, one block north of the Amtrak station.

Automobile

Take I-294 to the East-West Tollway (Route 5); take the tollway west and exit at Wheaton-Naperville; go north on Naperville Road (past Route 38, Roosevelt Road) until it dead-ends; turn right (east) one block to Washington Street; turn left (north) onto Washington and go to Harrison (Washington jogs at one point -- don't panic!). Turn right on Harrison; Fischer Hall (your home for Mythcon) is at 600 E. Harrison.

YOU CAN HELP

The best way to enjoy a Mythopoeic Conference is to participate as fully as possible. Wear a costume, exhibit in the art show, make a banner -- there are so many possibilities! We especially hope for a good turnout in the masquerade.

Do you play an instrument, sing, or make music as part of a group? We are looking for musicians to perform in the exhibit hall and as part of other events. Let us know if you can participate.

An important way to help is to volunteer to work with us. Mythcon XVI is being run entirely by volunteers. We need people in the Chicagoland area to

help us in advance of the conference, and people from everywhere to help onsite. Volunteers are needed for registration, programming, masquerade, security, and a number of other areas. No experience is necessary.

The Wade Collection at Wheaton College is the largest collection of material by and about the Inklings and their associates: C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, Dorothy L. Sayers, G.K. Chesterton, and George MacDonald. Virtually all of the published materials by these authors are present, even those which first appeared in obscure periodicals. The holdings include original letters, drawings, articles, and a variety of miscellanea.

Researchers please note: due to the large number of people expected to attend and the very limited size of the study area, The Wade will not be available for research during Mythcon XVI. If you want to do research while in Chicago, you should write the Wade (c/o Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL 60187) in advance and plan to arrive early or stay late.

REGISTRATION FORM

Yes! I want to attend Mythopoeic Conference XVI!

I've enclosed \$31.50. I'll be taking the room and board package (\$110) at the door. I understand this includes my banquet ticket.

I've enclosed \$31.50. I'll be commuting to campus each day and will be taking my meals off-campus. I will be paying the \$21 facilities fee at the door.

As a commuter, I enclose \$12 to reserve a banquet ticket.

Please check any applicable items:

☐ Quiet wing
☐ I want to volunteer
☐ Artist
 Rooming with: _____
 Adjoining room with: _____

Please make registration checks payable to Mythcon XVI.

At the door, room and board or the facilities fee may be paid by Visa/Master Card.

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