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Call for Papers- the AIS will hold its 13th annual conference October, 1991 in St. Paul, MN. Hosted by Bemidji State University, the focus on Interdisciplinary Models of Change and Transformation.

Incorporating Sciences in a Liberal Arts Education, an attempt to teach science as a liberal art, by Hays Cummins and Chris Myers, School of IDS, Miami University.

Creating an IDS Major: Interdisciplinary Process in a State University Setting. In 1972, Appalachian State University launched a living-learning program, called Watauga College, on an experimental basis, by Jay Wentworth, IDS, Appalachian State University.

#### News in Brief:

- The Program of the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics at the University of Illinois to sponsor a conference on "Changing Cultural Values and the Role of the University," April, 1991.
- The School of Continuing and Alternative Learning at George Mason University will hold its ninth annual conference on Non-traditional/interdisciplinary Programs at Virginia Beach.
- The Society for Literature and Science to hold its annual conference October 1991 in Montreal on the theme "Science and Literature: Beyond Cultural Construction."

Speaking for the Humanities: American Council for Learned Societies Occasional Paper #7, 1989. Debates about culture and anarchy are once again occurring in the humanities, and scholars engaging with each other and the general public in a "battle of the books."

Job Opening: The American Studies committee at University of California at Santa Cruz seeks one or two ladder-rank faculty with strong interdisciplinary training in historical and socio-cultural analysis.

### Volume 13, Number 2, May, 1991

Science Technology, and Interdisciplinary Research, by Julie Klein.

The National Research Council has issued a number of publications on the program.

Review of *R&D Management*, special issue on "Interdisciplinary Studies." Alan Pearson and Sidney Epton (eds.) Review by Bob Harbort, Computer Science Department, Southern College of Technology.

Content of an Interdisciplinary Major: Linking Disciplines at a State University, by Jay Wentworth, Interdisciplinary Studies, Appalachian State University

#### News in Brief:

- The Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Program to hold annual conference October 1992 at Duke University on the theme "Science and Technology in the Liberal Arts."

- The focus of the spring Society for Health and Human Values national meeting will be stories in all genres and will be held in Tampa at the Hyatt Regency and Tampa General Hospital in May 1992.
- The spring 1990 special issue of *The Weaver* is devoted to "Technology and the Social Sciences."
- The inaugural conference of a Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology to be held in August 1991 on the theme "Establishing Dynamical Systems Theory in Psychology."

The AIS Bookshelf: *Divided Knowledge: Across Disciplines, Across Cultures.*, (eds) Easton & Schelling. Collection of essays based on presentations made at a May 1988 symposium is being cosponsored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Contributed by Julie Thompson Klein, Wayne State University.

Interdisciplinary Studies at Warren Wilson College, by Spencer A. McWilliams, Warren Wilson College. The College Mission Statement indicates that it practices "an *integrated* triad of intellectual study, useful and productive work, and service to others beyond the campus community"

### Volume 13, Number 3, October, 1991

*Systematic Pluralism*- John Hospers and James E. Ford (eds) *The Monist* 73:3 (July 1990). Special issue. Reviewed by Thomas Benson.

AIS Bookshelf: *Chaos Bound : Orderly Disorder in Contemporary Literature and Science.* by N. Katherine Hayles. (for persons interested in nineteenth and twentieth-century literature, researches in nonlinear dynamics, and others concerned with the relation between science and culture. Article by Julie Thompson Klein , Wayne State University.

*Rebirth of Value -Meditations on Beauty, Ecology, Religion, and Education.* by Frederick Turner. Turner offers a sustained analysis of the problematic status of values in contemporary society and proposes a revisioning of the very concept of value. Reviewed by William Garrett.

### News in Brief:

- The Society of the Advancement of Socio-economics to hold fourth annual meeting in March 1992 at the University of California in Irvine.
- The National Association for Science, Technology, and Society to hold its seventh annual Technology Literacy Conference February 1992 at Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia.
- The Canadian Society for the Study of European Ideas to hold inaugural meeting May 1992 in conjunction with the Learned Societies Conference at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Canada.
- The National Association for Humanities Education issued call for papers for special issue of quarterly journal *Interdisciplinary Humanities* on "Music: The lost Dimension of the Humanities?"
- The International Society for Ecological Economics seeks papers for second meeting to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, August 1992.
- Lists of Ph.D. programs in Economics or Political Economy that are sympathetic to environmental or social justice concerns listed in The Newsletter #2 (December 1990) of the International Society for Ecological Economics.
- The International Christian Studies Association issued a call for papers for the Third World Congress on "The Unity of the Arts and Sciences: Pathways to God's Creation?" in Pasadena, CA, August 1992. 11th annual conferences on the Freshman Year Experience: "Small College" November 1991 in Mystic, CT; Annual Meeting" February 1992 in Columbia, SC; "Teaching" April 1992 in Kansas City, MO; "Science and Technology Education" June 1992 in Worcester, MA.

## Volume 13, Number 4, December, 1991

Reply to Benson by Paul Durbin who very much appreciated Benson's philosophical clarification of integrative studies/interdisciplinarity in this review of the special issue of *The Monist* devoted to systematic pluralism in philosophy (*AIS Newsletter 13:3, October 1991*).

Study in Depth- "Task Force Report on Interdisciplinary Studies," 1990 volume of *Issues in Integrative Studies*.

Review of Great Ideas: Conversations between Past and Present, by Thomas Klein, Bruce Edwards, Thomas Wymer, a textbook whose function is to trace the development of ideas and their impact on all aspects of culture, past and present. Review by Paul Ciholas.

### News in Brief:

- Thank you to Michael Field, his staff, colleagues, and administrators for memorable conference in October in Minnesota.
- The Canadian Society of the Study of European Ideas issued a call for papers for second annual meeting, May 27-28, 1992 in Charlottetown, P.E.I.
- The International Society for the Study of European Ideas calling for papers for third annual conference, August 1992, at Aalborg University in Denmark on the theme "European Integration and the European Mind: Cultural Hegemony or Dialogue of Cultures."
- The Society for Literature and Science invites proposals for papers and sessions on the theme "Nature and Culture" for annual conference. *Science and Education*, a new publication of interest to interdisciplinarians will appear in January 1992. Publishing contributions from history, philosophy and sociology of science and mathematics.

AIS ARTS Network- outcome of the 1991 AIS conference in St. Paul, Minnesota when the new network of individuals interested in the integrated arts was formed.

AIS Philosophy Network- met at St. Paul conference to select a project to work on prior to the Pomona conference in November.

AAC Affiliation- The Association for Integrative Studies been accepted as an Affiliate of the Association of American Colleges.

AIS Officers- Election of officers of the Association for Integrative Studies elected for 1991-92 in October.

AIS Bookshelf: by Bryan Turner, "The Interdisciplinary Curriculum from Social Medicine to Postmodernism," *Sociology of Health and Illness* considers four examples of interdisciplinary perspective linked to the medical curriculum: social medicine, sociology of health and illness, interdisciplinary research centers, and the larger historical and social transformation of modern societies through postmodernism. Hedi Bel Habib's book *Towards a Paradigmatic Approach to Interdisciplinarity in the Behavioral and Medical Sciences*, is a book which seeks an ethnobiophenomenological model for understanding "Schizophrenia" and related psychotic disorder. Review by Frank Prerost

AIS Constitution- amended to replace the office of Secretary-Treasurer with an Executive Director.

MIT Summer Programs- weeklong seminars in the humanities and social sciences will be taught by MIT faculty on campus in Cambridge, MA.

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