ALS First Annual Conference
Minneapolis, MN, September 22-24, 1995

Friday, September 22

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Panel: A Remarkable Flowering: The University of Minnesota Humanities Program, 1950-65. Discussion, talks and readings will feature some of the original participants in the program, including former director Ralph Ross and former faculty and students. Moderator: Norman Fruman (Minnesota).

7:30 p.m.

Welcoming remarks by President Ricardo Quinones. Introduction of the keynote speaker by Thomas Clayton (Minnesota).

“Author, Author!” - Keynote address by Bernard Knox, Director Emeritus of the Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard.

Saturday, September 23

9:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.


Roger Shattuck (Boston University): “A Reciprocating Engine—like Proust.”

Rosanna Warren (Boston University): “Alcaics in Exile: Auden’s ‘In Memory of Sigmund Freud.’”

Sven Birkerts (poet and critic): “Reading and Depth of Field.”
Robert Alter (UC, Berkeley): “Reading for Style in Dickens.”

12:00 noon. Buffet Luncheon

1:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Panel: Dante and the Western Canon.

Introduction by Patricia Sloane (CUNY).

Ricardo Quinones (Claremont McKenna): “The ‘Scandal of the Inferno’ in an Age of Atrocity.”

Paul Cantor (Virginia): “The Uncanonical Dante: The Divine Comedy and Islamic Philosophy.”

Steven Botterill (UC, Berkeley): “Dante’s Poetics of the Sacred Word.”

Robert Pinsky (Boston University): “A Contemporary Translation of Dante’s Inferno.”

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. General membership meeting: plans and strategies, organization.

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:30 p.m. Banquet

Stanley Crouch: “Mr. Bellow, Mr. Sammler, and Mr. Crouch. Art and Society on our Planet.”

Introduction by Avrom Fleishman (Johns Hopkins).

Sunday, September 24

9:00 - 11:15 a.m. Panel: Poet and Critic. Introduction by Frank R. Cunningham (South Dakota).

Poems read by poets John Hollander (Yale) and Mark Strand (Johns
Hopkins); criticism by Charles Berger (Utah) and Eleanor Cook (Toronto); responses by the poets.

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Reflections on the Convention.
Introduction by Helen Killoran (Ohio University, Lancaster).
Commentaries by Lee Rust Brown (Utah) and John Ellis (UC, Santa Cruz)