

masa bulletin

MASA MEETING FOR 1969 is in St. Louis, March 28 and 29. Father Martin Hasting, S.J., is in charge of the program, which will take place in the St. Louis University Student Union. October's executive committee meeting brought forth an avalanche of audacious program possibilities; Father Hasting will sort and investigate them, and make details known through Professor Hauptmann. MASA spring meetings are famously fruitful and pleasurable; it's to plan to attend.

SUPSCRIPTIONS are up by more than 50% since the last volume, but *masj* is still in economic hot water. This pretty new format costs; Congressional tightwadity has made the funds which help underwrite the *Journal* tough to come by. More circulation is the answer. Please continue to bug your colleagues to subscribe; please continue to adopt appropriate issues for classroom use.

A GALA JOINT MEETING with the ASA of Minnesota and the Dakotas is in the books for 1970. The Joint in which we'll do a good part of the Meeting is something called the Bohemian Cafe in Omaha, Nebraska. Your trusty editorial board and executive committee researched it carefully in October, and report plump dumplings and stellar beer. MASA and the ASA of Minnesota and the Dakotas

share a member, Elmer Suderman, who is currently their president, and one of the masterminds of the project. Wayne Wheeler will be in charge of program and local arrangements. It is hard to see how anything could go wrong under such guidance. Many MASA types, moreover, have long wanted to see in action such Minnesota North Stars as Joseph Kwiat and Mary Turpie. Practically the whole spectrum of American Studies philosophy is represented in the two regions, from "American Studies is a good way to train literature people," and, "American Studies is a good way to train historians," to, "American Studies is a branch of cultural anthropology," "American Studies is where you interrelate," and, "American Studies is where you do your thing."

CATCH SOCIETY: Robert Canary informs us of the organization of the Catch Society of America; its first meeting is at the December, 1968, MLA. It's to have a journal. Canary says the man to write for information is Malcolm Nelson, English, State University College of New York at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York.

MASA ARCHIVES now exist; appropriate documents have been deposited in the new Kenneth L. Spencer Memorial Library at the University of Kansas. A MASA history, hopefully, will be forthcoming.