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Blake Studies and American Blake Foundation

The journal *Blake Studies*, edited by Kay and Roger Easson, and their American Blake Foundation have a new address: Department of English, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee 38152.

Adelphi Blake Festival (with T-Shirts)

The Blake Festival that was held at Adelphi University in Garden City, New York, from 19 March until 29 May included a number of events (see reproduction). A catalogue is forthcoming. T-shirts are probably still available. They are silk-screened with Blake's autograph ("William Blake one who is very much delighted . . ."), in colors white, yellow, blue, red, royal, and brown, sizes small, medium, large, and extra-large, $5 each + .50 for shipping. Write Erica Doctorow, Head, Fine Arts Library, Adelphi, Garden City, New York 11530.

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five of the "separate plates" listed by Keynes: the portraits of Wilson Lowry and Lavater, Morning Amusement and Evening Amusement (both in black), and Joseph of Arimathea among the Rooks of Albion, second state, touched with wash. For further details see Charles Ryskamp, "A Blake Discovery," TLS, 14 January 1977, pp. 40-41.

1978 MLA Seminar

Unfortunately, the Modern Language Association has rejected Anne Mellor's petition for a Blake seminar this December because there were not enough panelists committed by a certain date in advance. Therefore Mellor requests that prospective participants in the seminar for December 1978 send her an abstract and a copy of their proposed papers by October of this year.

The topic is "Blake's Self-Portraits," broadly conceived to include Blake's imagery in his poetry and art of himself as poet, painter, illustrator, and print-maker; his conceptions of the creative process, the self, masculinity (as opposed to femininity); his use of autobiographical materials; etc. Write to Anne Mellor, English Department, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305.