

# POETRY PILOT

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## 1985-86 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PRIZES 150th PRIZE ESTABLISHED

This issue of Poetry Pilot is devoted to this year's winners in the College and University Poetry Prize Program of The Academy of American Poets. A glance at the prizes listed inside will show the variety of schools -- small and large, public and private, from all parts of the United States -- that participate in our program. 121 schools have reported in time to be listed in this special issue; the remainder will be listed in September.

This past spring, we passed a notable milestone when our 150th College Prize was established at Bradley University, in Illinois. Thirteen other schools joined our program during the course of the year: Seton Hall University, in New Jersey; Berea College, in Kentucky; Rockford College, in Illinois; Rice University, in Texas; Temple University, in Philadelphia; Valdosta State College, in Georgia; Oregon State University; Mercer University, in Georgia; Northern Michigan University; Sweet Briar College, in Virginia; Cameron University, in Oklahoma; the University of New Orleans; and Portland State University, in Oregon.

Seven of the prizes are now endowed in perpetuity: the University of Pennsylvania; Vassar College, in New York; Connecticut College; the University of Illinois, Urbana; Wells College, in New York; Wesleyan College, in Georgia; and the College of Wooster, in Ohio.

### A Note to our Readers

Is your college or university among the distinguished schools that annually offer an Academy-sponsored prize? If not, and if you would be interested in helping to establish such a prize, we would be pleased to forward information about our requirements. Please write to the College and University Prize Program care of the Academy.

Agnes Scott College - 5 Contestants

"The Janef Preston Poetry Prize"

DONOR: Agnes Scott College

WINNER: Dorothy Coffin Sussman for 5 poems

JUDGE: Michael Harper

University of Alabama - 15 Contestants

"The Hill Kohn Prize"

DONOR: Society for the Fine Arts, University of Alabama

WINNER: Joseph P. Forsthoffer for a group of poems

JUDGE: Gjertrud Schnackenberg

Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University - 15 Contestants

DONOR: Anonymous

WINNER: Dale Rogers for "I am Man"

JUDGES: Barbara Jones, Richard Fabacher, Lisa Minor, Audrey L. Vinson

Amherst College - 15 Contestants

DONOR: Dr. G. Armour Craig

WINNER: Jill Stauffer for 3 poems

JUDGES: Howell Chickering, Andrea Rushing, Eve K. Sedgwick

University of Arizona - 60 Contestants

DONOR: University of Arizona

WINNER: Karen Brennan for a group of poems

JUDGE: Ellen Bryant Voigt

Univeristy of Arkansas - 14 Contestants

"Academy of American Poets Prize"

DONOR: Anonymous

WINNER: Gail Regier for a group of poems

JUDGE: Daniel Weissbort

Auburn University - 38 Contestants

DONOR: Auburn University

WINNER: David Scott Ward for "Winter Find"

JUDGE: Susan Ludvigson

Barnard College - 11 Contestants

"The Alumnae Poets Prize"

DONOR: Mary Gordon, Ruth M. Kivette, Janice Thaddeus, Dorothy Weinberger

WINNER: Lori Stevens for "Skeletons" and other poems

JUDGES: Joy Chute, Celeste Schneck, William Sharpe, Janice Thaddeus

Beloit College - 21 Contestants

"The Hart Crane and Alice Crane Williams Memorial"

DONOR: Loring Williams Estate

WINNER: John Cassels for 3 poems

JUDGE: Ron Wallace

Berea College - 19 Contestants

DONOR: Mr. Harvey T. Lyon

WINNER: Christopher R. Bays for a group of poems

JUDGES: William J. Schafer, Thomas Kreider, Richard Sears