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## NOTES IN BRIEF

### CONTEMPORARY GRAPHIC ART OF THE GDR

During the week of the International Symposium on the GDR (June 19-27, 1981) a number of contemporary graphic artists had their works on display. Some of the artists included: Wolf E. Biermann, Carlfriedrich Claus, Fritz Cremer, Hermann Glöckner, Werner Tübke and Max Uhlig. The exhibit was made possible by a Youth Grant of the National Endowment for the Humanities to Ingrid Fenz, University of Michigan, and the generosity of the GDR artists.

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### KANT'S "ALPHABET" AVAILABLE

"M. Alphabet of GDR Literature", the lecture delivered by Hermann Kant during his 1979 tour of the United States, has been translated and annotated by Robert J. Elkins and Armand E. Singer of West Virginia University. Copies of the brochure are available for \$2.00 for single copies or \$1.50 each for multiple copies (two or more). Checks should be made to the WVU Foundation and sent to the Department of Foreign Languages, Chitwood Hall, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, 26506.

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### SCHÖNSTE BÜCHER DER DDR Des JAHRES 1980

Anlässlich der Internationalen Leipziger Buchmesse (März 1980) wurden 46 Bücher aus 22 Verlagen als die "schönsten Bücher der DDR" von Albert Kapr (Leipzig) und Horst Kunze (Berlin) ausgezeichnet. Diesmal waren der Eulenspiegel Verlag, der Kinderbuchverlag und der Urania-Verlag besonders erfolgreich. Einige Titel sind zu erwähnen: Uwe Kants "Wie Janek eine Geschichte holen ging", "Berlin--Eine Kulturgeschichte in Bildern und Dokumenten" (Gustav Kiepenheuer Verlag), "Begegnung mit dem Menschen" (Urania-Verlag) und Kleists "Michael Kohlhaas" mit Barlach-Illustration (Aufbau Verlag).

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### NEUES aus der WEZEL-FORSCHUNG

Vor ca. 20 Jahren entdeckte die Germanistik einen grossen Autor des 19. Jhdts. wieder, der bis dahin grösstenteils missverstanden, ein durchaus unverdientes Dornröschen-dasein gefristet hatte. Inzwischen ist es allenthalben sehr lebhaft um ihn geworden. Besonders Wezels Heimatstadt Sondershausen/Thür. hat sich seiner angenommen. Seit 10 Jahren fungiert dort ein Arbeitskreis, der in ca. 30 Veranstaltungen und Vorträgen Wezel ins rechte Licht gerückt hat und weiterhin aktiv zu bleiben verspricht.

Am des Autors Geburtstag am 31. Okt. 1980 erschien auf Initiative dieses Arbeitskreises im Selbstverlag eine hübsch aufgemachte, illustrierte Broschüre mit 5 bemerkenswerten Aufsätzen namhafter Germanisten und des Vorsitzenden des Arbeitskreises, Karl-Heinz Meyer. Da das sehr interessante Heft nicht im Buchhandel erhältlich ist, bittet der Rez. im Auftrag des Wezel-Arbeitskreises um Einzelbestellungen, auch für Bibliotheken. Die Bestellung werden an den Arbeitskreis in Sondershausen weitergeleitet. Der Betrag von US \$2.50 (Scheck zahlbar an Albert R. Schmitt) wird erheben an Albert R. Schmitt, Dept. of German, Box E, Brown Univ., Providence, RI. 02912

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## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

### The Marranos of East Germany The Rebirth of Sociology

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### Socialism and Emancipation: Reality for GDR Women as Experienced and Reflected in Literature

The work will explore gains and contradictions in the situation of women in the GDR today on the basis of legal, social, and economic provisions in their favor, and will then look at the reflection of this situation in literature, both through a historical survey of the portrayal of women in GDR prose, and in particular as seen in prose written by young women writers over the last five or seven years.

Unpublished Manuscripts:

"Socialist Emancipation: The Women's Movement in the GDR", forthcoming in: Women's Studies International Quarterly, vol. 5, # 1.

"Women in the GDR: Reality Experienced and Reflected", paper submitted to Feminist Studies.

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Application deadline: November 1, 1981

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