

## Notes

### Announcing Pynchon Conference

Thomas Pynchon: Schizophrenia & Social Control  
University of Warwick, England  
19–20 November, 1994

The conference is designed to be of use to scholars working within the traditional field of Pynchon criticism. At the same time, we hope to create a space for innovative approaches to both Pynchon and the themes in his work. Of particular interest are papers focusing on narratives of disintegration, Pynchon and chaos theory, Pynchon and cyberpunk, French/Continental philosophy and the thematics of schizophrenia as applied to Pynchon, or more specifically the work of Gilles Deleuze and Pynchon. Innovative essays on *The Crying of Lot 49* will be considered, although the conference is designed to highlight Pynchon's other novels. To propose a paper, send an abstract (300 words) and a title. Notification of speakers will be made on 1 September.

We hope to collect the conference papers and publish them in *PLI: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy*. We are also considering a bootleg tape of the proceedings and perhaps an underground video.

Registration fee: students, £5; non-students, £20.

For more information about attending the conference, or to propose a paper, contact:

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## Press Release:

Thomas Pynchon to be Published by Henry Holt and Company  
New York, NY, April 20, 1994

Bruno A. Quinson, President and CEO of Henry Holt and Company, Inc., announced today that Holt will publish the next novel by Thomas Pynchon. It is a hard/soft deal with the paperback to be published by Owl Books, Holt's trade paperback division. . . . The untitled new novel is expected in 1996.

"Holt has strengthened its fiction program over the last five years, capped by Robert Olen Butler's winning of the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain*," noted Quinson. "Thomas Pynchon's new novel extends our efforts to continue to publish great fiction. I couldn't be more delighted."

"Thomas Pynchon is the preeminent writer of his generation," added William Strachan, Associate Publisher and Editor in Chief of Henry Holt. "It will be a great honor to publish his novel."

Pynchon's editor, Ray Roberts, has recently joined Henry Holt. He published Pynchon's last two books at Little, Brown and Co.