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NOTES IN BRIEF

Women in GDR Literature

Ulrike Wheeler recently completed a master thesis at Purdue University titled Women in GDR Literature: Analysis and Translation of Four Short Stories About Single Mothers. The thesis contains four short stories translated by Ulrike Wheeler.

"Candida" by Christa Müller

"Sibylle N." by Irina Liebmann

"Kuckucksreife auf der Insel" by Waltraut Lewin

"Der hilfreiche Rabe" by Maria Seidemann

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE

19th Annual Internationaler Hochschulferienkurs für Germanistik in Halle an der Saale

The 19th annual Internationaler Hochschulferienkurs für Germanistik in Halle an der Saale took place from the 5th to the 25th of July, 1987. Thirty different countries were represented by more than 120 participants who were housed in a "Studentenheim" of the Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle-Wittenberg. Professors, assistants, and students of the university served as course directors, "Lektoren," and "Betreuer," and various faculties of the university provided the majority of the guest speakers and lecturers. This report will focus on the daily lessons and discussion groups, guest speakers and readings, excursions, and miscellaneous social activities.

The daily lessons began at 8:15 a.m. In addition to literary topics (e.g. Prometheus in literature and art, text analysis of excerpts from Helga Königsdorf's Hochzeit in Pizunda, Jugendsprache der DDR as exemplified by Ulrich Plenzdorf's Die neuen Leiden des jungen W., the role of Halle in literature), there were "Sprach- und Phonetikübungen" concentrating on problem areas of the German language for non-native speakers. Selected lessons dealt with methodology of teaching German as a foreign language with consideration of "Sprach- und Lernspiele," use of