VASTA Presents
Clyde Vinson Scholarship Award
by Barbara Adrian

It was with great pleasure that the Clyde Vinson Scholarship Award Committee awarded Clare Hane $500.00 and a year's membership to VASTA. Nominated by Linda Gates, she writes, "Clare is currently a Master of Arts candidate in the joint Theatre Voice program shared between Northwestern University and The Central School of Speech and Drama in London." Clare's strong linguistic background includes a BA in Japanese Studies from Earlham College. Clare's goal is to be a theatre voice teacher and a director. In the meantime, Clare takes her responsibilities as one of the premier candidates for this degree very seriously stating that "part of my work as a student at Northwestern ... is to raise voice's profile through the work I do with the directors and actors here. My hope is that the work I can do will help publicize Northwestern's program in Theatre Voice and establish a good reputation for our work in this program's first few years."

After serving as the head of this scholarship committee since its inception in 1993, Dennis Carlo Patella is stepping down and the new chair is Mary Irwin, North Carolina School of the Arts. Dennis Carlo and Barbara Adrian will remain on the committee. We are looking for additional committee members and would welcome volunteers bringing new input and ideas for fundraising that will ensure the survival of this scholarship into the 21st century.

The work we do and the scholarship we bestow is in honor of Clyde Vinson, a voice and speech teacher and trainer whose work spanned a wide range of interests that mixed rigorous scholarship with Buddhism, contemporary actor training, and transpersonal psychology. His gentle, personal work gave him a strong following of students who were with him until his death from AIDS in 1989.

We need your nomination for future recipients! The criteria for nomination is an individual who is presently in early or pre-career training and shows outstanding potential in our field. Please forward indications of your interest in serving on this committee and your nominations to: Mary Irwin, North Carolina School of the Arts, 200 Waughtown St., P.O. Box 12189, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 27117. H: 910-765-6460 O: 910-770-3234.

Nominations Sought for
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Next summer at the VASTA conference in San Antonio the Clyde Vinson Scholarship will be presented to an outstanding young professional (five years experience or less) or pre-professional in the field. Next year's award will be a $500.00 check to be used to further an individual's training. The honor includes a one year's membership to VASTA, and the registration fee for this year's conference. The winner is expected to attend the San Antonio conference.

Nominations for this award must be made in writing by a VASTA member and upon receipt of this letter an application form will be sent to the applicant. A submission of some creative work and/or evidence of scholarship will be part of the application. Minorities are encouraged to apply. Correspondence should be addressed to:

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