When discussing Chaucer, Professor Ellis distributes copies of p. 9 and p.67 of the EETS Margery Kempe. The first passage, according to Professor Ellis, "reminds students of the Wife of Bath in terms of social arrogance (clothing, pride, and intransigence). The second...shows the side of pilgrimages not represented in Alice's wide experience. None of this sounds very relevant, but actually students remember and refer to Margery Kempe all semester" (my underlining).

My thanks to Joan Gibson and Deborah Ellis for taking the time to send their views to "Commentary." Readers are encouraged to send in reactions to these comments, to my question in the last "Commentary" (copies available from me if you haven't got yours anymore), or to raise still other issues of interest. "Commentary" is designed to be a forum for the exchange of ideas, so send them in! Write to: Thelma S. Fenster, Medieval Studies Center, Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. 10458.

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