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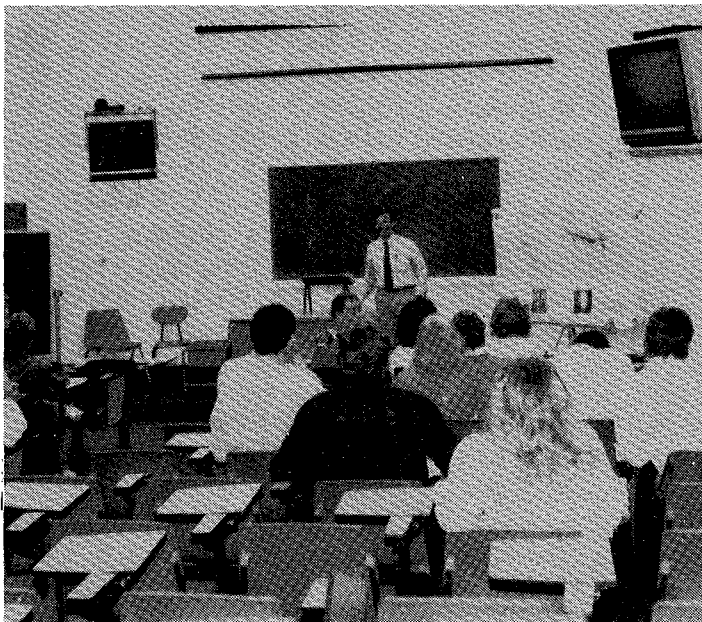
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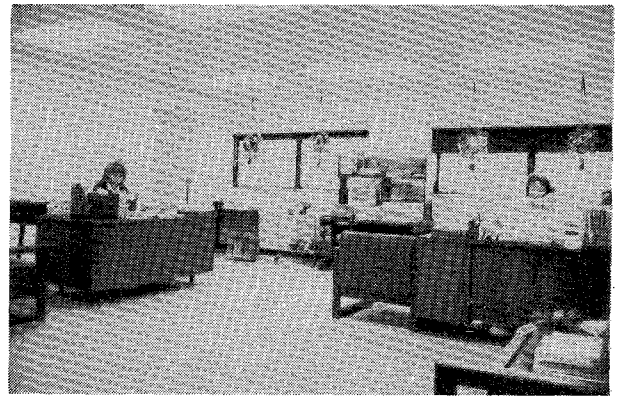
Fall 1986

A YEAR OF GROWTH

The current academic year is one in which the History Department has experienced exceptional growth. The tremendous increase in the freshman class has facilitated the



hiring of many new permanent and temporary faculty. The faculty changes came amidst a flurry of activity which created new classrooms and seminar rooms as well as modification in the History Department office to make Whitener Hall a more flexible teaching facility. Among the supplemental programs this year are a Friday film series, lectures and seminars and expanded History Club activities. Visit Whitener to meet the new faculty, see the changes and become part of the excitement.



(above) Brenda Greene and Evelyn Shepherd at work in the new history office.

(left) Dr. Don Saunders teaching in new classroom.

PROFESSOR EUGENE DROZDOWSKI RETIRES

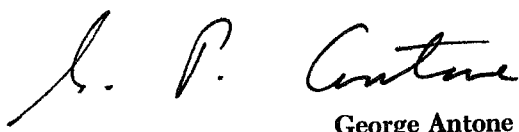
On Friday, September 26, 1986 the members of the History Department gathered at the Broyhill Center to express their sentiments on the occasion of Dr. Drozdowski's retirement. At the dinner it was noted that he came to Boone in 1961 when the school had about 3000 students. He came here from Kent State University while engaged in completing his doctoral dissertation at Duke University on the career of Edward M. Stanton, President Lincoln's Secretary of War. It was noted that he completed the thesis about the time Appalachian began awarding the bachelor degree and that he was tenured in 1965, the year preceding the fire which destroyed the old Administration building.

During his career at Appalachian Dr. Drozdowski studied, wrote about and taught the Civil War and reconstruction era, themes in cultural and intellectual history, and American historiography. Many of these interests were reflected in his volume of *Readings in the Cultural and Intellectual History of the United States* published in 1972 by Scott, Foresman, Inc. His dedication to teaching as well as scholarship was reflected in the comments made at the dinner by former students, colleagues and friends. He and his family have relocated to Durham where he will continue to pursue his studies of the broad issues to which he has devoted his career.

EXCELLENCE IN HISTORY

Some years ago this department established an account with the ASU Development Office to fund a program that we have designated "Excellence in History." The purpose of the account was to provide funds over and above those provided by state funding to support and encourage scholarship by students and faculty in history. Over the years the fund has grown to the point where we may now begin to use the income to provide scholarships for students majoring in history and research grants to graduate students and faculty. While the amount we expect to provide will not be large, we do expect it will be sufficient to encourage that margin of excellence we are seeking.

I know that many of you contribute to ASU on a regular basis and I am asking that you consider designating your gift for the History Department. In doing this your contribution will be added to the Department's endowment account and will increase the amount that will be available to us to support our programs. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.



George Antone

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

ASU has received considerable national recognition recently. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Appalachian as one of the top ten comprehensive universities in the south. In addition, the May issue of *Money* magazine ranked Appalachian as one of the ten up-and-coming public institutions of higher learning in the United States. We were singled out for our solid undergraduate educational program, and the History Department was mentioned specifically as one of the University's strengths.

NEW COURSES FOR SPRING SEMESTER 1987

Each semester the History Department offers new special topics courses that are not listed in the catalog. The following courses will be offered spring semester; more information on each will be available in the Undergraduate Advisement Office during preregistration.

- History 3530 World War II (Dr. J. Jackson)
- History 3531 Latin American Revolutions (Dr. A. Wells & Dr. J. Boyer)
- History 3532 Archives and Records Management (Dr. E. Southern)
- History 3510 The New History and Early Modern Europe (Dr. P. Petschauer) (an advanced honors course)

NEW FACES IN THE DEPARTMENT

This fall semester History has added two new permanent faculty members and welcomed several other new people to handle the burgeoning freshman load in the World Civilizations courses.

One of the permanent positions is an Adjunct Professorship in History to Dr. Gilbert Edwin Southern, Jr. Dr. Southern's main responsibilities are as Director of the Office of Records Management and the University Archives but he has expressed delight with his association with the History Department and will be offering a course in Archives and Records in the Spring semester. He may also be teaching a section of World Civilization in the Fall of 1987, a prospect he looks forward to as a strong supporter of the importance of tackling the "big picture" in history. Dr. Southern comes to ASU from Duke University where he was assistant University Archivist from 1980-1986.

The other new permanent faculty addition is Dr. Dorothea Martin whose speciality is in East Asian history with a focus on China. She will be offering the Modern China course in the Spring semester and plans to develop new courses in Japanese history for future inclusion as regular course offerings. Dr. Martin is a 1985 graduate of the University of Hawaii, but, as with Dr. Southern, is a Tar Heel by birth (in fact, they are both from High Point!)

Other new faces around the Department are those helping to carry the extra load of students in World Civ. These include Mr. Jim Goff, Mr. Charles Lieberman, Dr. Carl Pletsch, and Dr. Ira Read. The familiar face of Renee Boughman is back this semester, also helping with the World Civilization overload.

CHINESE GRADUATE STUDENT

The Department has a record number of new graduate students this year, but none come from so far away to study at ASU as does Mr. Li Zhonghua. A native of the city of Dalian in Northeastern China, Mr. Li comes to us from our

sister school, the Northeast University of Technology, where he works in the Foreign Affairs office, helping to smooth out the problems faced by foreign exchange faculty and students. While in this capacity, he became acquainted with ASU faculty members who encouraged him to pursue his keen interest in American history. When asked how someone trained in languages became attracted to history he admitted that history was his main interest in high school. But when it came time to take the college entrance examinations, on the advice of a teacher, he took the exam to study English instead of the one in the humanities. He passed this exam and went on to study at Dalian Foreign Language Institute where he concentrated in American and British literature. While there, he continued to read a lot of history in the hope of some day using his language skills as a tool to pursue his love of history.

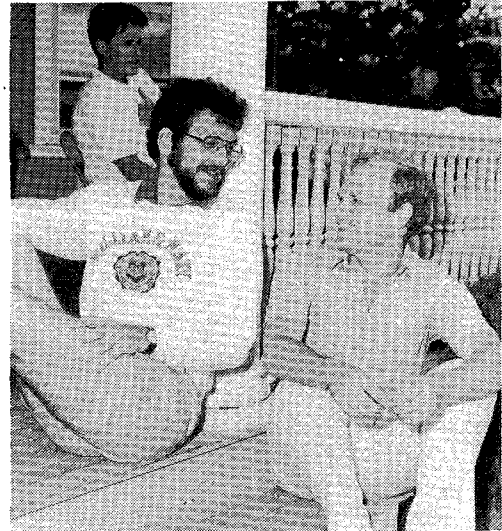
Having only been in his new job for 2 years (he graduated from Dalian Foreign Language Institute in 1984), the 24-year-old Li had little hope of studying abroad so soon. Encouraged by ASU faculty, however, Mr. Li applied as an independent student and asked for financial help through the History Department that was able to provide him with the small stipend of a teaching assistant. With the further help of his work unit in China, that provided money for air travel to Boone last May for an interview and again this Fall, and the kindness of Dr. Bowkley in the Chemistry Department, who is providing the hospitality of his home, Mr. Li has now settled into the routine of the semester. When asked how he likes Boone and if he is homesick, he replied: "Boone is a quiet town in a beautiful environment. A good place to study. I'm a little bit homesick, but I've been away from my family for several years, so I don't miss them too much." On the issue of cultural shock, he explained that he had read about and studied American society for so long that it is much as he had expected.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION SEMINAR SERIES

Two History Department members, Charles Blackburn and Jeff Boyer (also in anthropology) are participating in a four part seminar series on the American Revolution and the U.S. constitution. Sponsored by ASU and the North Carolina Humanities Committee, this series is organized for both high school teachers and the general public. Alan Hauser (philosophy and religion Chair and Series organizer) initiated the round of events on September 20 with his presentation "The American Experiment and the Age of Enlightenment." On October 11, Jeff Boyer compared the American Revolution to subsequent revolutions in the hemisphere. On October 25, Bill Ward (English) lectured on American literature during the revolutionary period. On November 8, Charles Blackburn made his presentation on "The Constitutional Question." In each of these Saturday sessions (Belk Library Room 053), the formal presentations are followed by small group and wrap-up discussions.

SUMMER IN NEWPORT

The Department again sponsored and organized a four week summer program in Newport, Rhode Island. This is the sixth year for the program, and it was by any measure a success. Thirty-two undergraduates were there for the full four weeks and 132 adult learners participated in the program for one or more weeks. One of the four weeks was reserved for ASU alumni, who arrived in the ASU bus directly from Boone and were led by Barbara Poovey and Wayne Clawson.



Dr. Tim Silver & Terry Kelchner, a history major at ASU, relax on the porch.

Faculty for the program included Tim Silver from the History Department, John Bond from Biology, Joe Murphy from the College of Education, Janice Whitener from Home Economics, Rogers Whitener from the English Department.

The program included courses in history, literature, botany, architecture and for the first time, a video production course taught by Joe Murphy. Joe and his students produced some excellent footage and this has been edited into two video programs on the Newport summer. Students went on field trips throughout southern New England, and got as far as Maine on one "unauthorized" jaunt. Seven of the undergraduates in the program served internships with either the Preservation Society of Newport County, or the Newport Historical Society. In either case these students gained valuable career experience in a rather unique setting.

Another Joe involved in the program is the famous Joe Miller of Boone. Joe is famous (infamous?) for many things, but in this case it is for his talent as a watercolorist. For the first two weeks of the program Joe taught the techniques and practices of watercolor painting in the adult learner program. The course was immensely popular and inspired some budding artists among our participants. Joe is tentatively planning to be back next summer to repeat the course.

The program for 1987 will be expanded to five weeks, from May 31 to July 4 and will include a variety of courses. We will offer for the first time a five week course in sailing for undergraduates that will include classroom and on-water instruction. The course will be taught by a qualified



Founders Hall at Salve Regina College, Newport

instructor from Newport and we will have the full use of a twenty-eight-foot boat. The adult learning program will operate in five, one-week segments, and will include courses and tours of the Newport area. Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact the Department of History to be placed on the mailing list to receive the program brochure and application.

ASU BUILDINGS SURVEY PROJECT

The ASU Buildings Survey Project is a comprehensive study documenting each building on campus in individual historic structures reports. Using National Register of Historic Places guidelines, buildings are read for architectural style, building techniques, alterations, and overall condition. In addition, historical research is conducted to determine building and alteration dates, chain of title, architects, suppliers, funding, etc., as well as significant events or persons associated with the building. A biographical sketch of the person(s) for whom each building was named, including their role in North Carolina education and involvement with ASU, is an integral part of each report. Documentary and current photographs, maps, and measured drawings are also included in each report. Structures to be completed this year include the Dougherty House, Faculty Housing, Chapell-Wilson, Founders' Hall, the Gragg House, Smith-Wright Hall, and Dougherty Library. The project is being conducted by the Department of History with support from the ASU Foundation, Inc.

GRADUATE STUDIES, 1986-87

We have had a good year in recruiting with twelve new full-time and five part-time students. The new full-time students are Sally Brewster, Lance Merklein, and Jonathan York from Appalachian; Julie Chason and Ed Taylor from Mars Hill College (they will be joined by Sean Bowles in January); Erich Staib from the University of Arkansas; Joel Berrier from Berea College; Rose Coley from Wake Forest; Henry Stamm from Rice University; Lynn Bates from Carson-Newman College; Kathy Klutz from UNC Chapel Hill; and Li Zhonghua from the People's Republic of China. The new part-time students are Kim Teague, Sam Oxford, and David Osmer from ASU; John Spicer from Wake Forest and Paul Van Gilder from Davidson and ASU.

The Department will be conducting a self-study of the graduate program this fall, and we shall be reviewed by the Organization of American Historians. As questionnaires come to you the graduate alumni(ae), we hope that you will give them your time and return them to us. They are most helpful to us. Dr. Richard Haunton will report on both of these activities next fall.

If any of you would like information on the graduate program, please let me know.

Stephen Simon

CAREER WORKSHOP

Last fall, the Department conducted a workshop on November 2 entitled "Career Opportunities in Public and Applied History." Dr. Michael Wade delivered a most interesting presentation on career opportunities in the field of public and applied history. Along with Dr. Wade, Dr. Charles Watkins and Ms. Diane Barefoot, both of the Department, conducted a very stimulating discussion on what an individual does in public and applied history. Numerous questions were asked by the audience which was made up of an equal number of undergraduates and alumni(ae). If any of you are interested in this field of history, contact Dr. Michael Wade of the department.

ASU HISTORY CLUB REPORT

The ASU History Club continued its active schedule throughout the 1985-86 academic year. Officers for the year were Lance Merklein (President) and John Cox (Vice-President); Rennie Brantz served as Faculty Adviser. During the Fall Semester the History club sponsored talks by Drs. Michael Wade ("Sugar Tramp"), and David White ("The Four Fingers of the 'Iron Fist': Palestine Under the Thumb of Israel"); hosted a wildly successful "Revolutions Party" at Camp Broadstone; and initiated a Friday Afternoon Film Series. In the Spring Semester the Club heard presentations by Andy Rector ("International Peace Movement Today"), Dr. Jim Winders ("Avant'Garde Music"), and Dr. Gerhard Weinberg ("Reflections on World War II Leadership"); sponsored another Friday Afternoon Film Series. Officers and members were pleased to learn that the ASU History Club was voted one of three most outstanding student organizations (out of 90 plus) on campus for the year.

R. Brantz

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

Pauline Pope Bandy, ('38), 454 Tyler St., Williamsburg, Va. 23185, married Dr. William Anderson on February 14, 1986.

Vincent Anthony DeRiggi ('71), 151 Cross Road, Oakdale, N.Y. 11769, is teaching European culture studies and sociology at Brentwood High School. He is also assistant coach of the varsity football team and coach of the LaCrosse team.

Michael Joseph Dobrogosz ('83) (M.A. '85, Colorado State U.), 2649 Redcoat Dr., Alexandria, Va. 22303, is Head Curator at the Lyceum in Alexandria.

William Mark Harvey ('83), has completed the qualifications for the Certified Advertising Specialist designation and is self-employed in Roebuck, S.C. 29376.

Ben Thomas Lawson, Jr., ('82), is Annual Fund Director at Appalachian State University.

Michael Mack Petersen ('75), 6928 Rollingridge Dr., Charlotte, N.C. 28211, is Building/Construction Supervisor for John Crosland Homes.

Joseph H. Roberts, Jr. ('84), P.O. Box 513, Wise, Va. 24293, is a seaman in the U.S. Navy.

John Howard Saylor ('74), 3425 Trolley Line Road, Aiken, S.C. 29801, is a Mental Health Counselor for the Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center.

Jay R. Stafford ('79), HHB 2-83FA, APO, N.Y. 09455, is a Captain in the U.S. Army. He says it is nice being on the frontier of freedom.

FACULTY NOTES...

Bettie Bond is on leave this year finishing her doctorate at UNC-Greensboro. Her dissertation topic is "The American China Trade, 1784-1844."

Jeff Boyer's recent research: the article "Capitalism, Campesinos and Calories in Southern Honduras", forthcoming in the book *Directions in the Anthropological Study of Latin America: A Reassessment*, is to be published by the State University of New York Press.

He will be writing a paper "Too much labor, too little land: a year's study of nine peasant families in Southern Honduras" for the SECOLAS meeting in April, 1987. He expects to publish this in a co-edited volume on Southern Honduras with anthropologist Billie DeWalt, University of Kentucky.

Rennie Brantz continued work on his monograph entitled "Anton Erkelenz and the Weimar Republic," delivered a lecture to APP history students from three high schools at West Caldwell High School entitled "The Nazi Era: The Myth and Reality," and participated in Bradley University's Berlin Seminar (June 6-26).

James R. Goff, Jr., Ph.D. candidate, University of Arkansas, is completing his dissertation, "Daddy Parham - The Story of Pentecostalism and the Apostolic Faith," to be approved sometime in early 1987. The thesis offers a reconstructed view of pentecostal origins in light of recent scholarship. It is essentially biographical, tracing the rise of pentecostal theology through the obscure Kansas evangelist Charles Fox Parham. He also examines the social and cultural roots of the movement.

Related to this work, he is contributing four articles to the *Dictionary of American Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements* edited by Gary McGee and Stanley M. Burgess, Zondervan Publishing House, scheduled for publication in late 1987.

Sheldon Hanft is working on a *History of the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Community* to be published by the Judaica Institute of Duke University in October, 1987. He is continuing his work with the Carolinas Symposium on British Studies which was held at A.S.U. on October 18 & 19. He has also been elected to the Executive Board of the Carolinas Symposium and the Southern Jewish Historical Society which will feature one of his articles in its Fall, 1986 *Newsletter*.

Peter Petschauer's *Afers. Gedanken zur Geschichte* came out this Spring and is selling particularly well in the Dolomite region (of Northern Italy) for which it was written. His "Children of Afers" came out this Spring in *The Journal of Psychohistory* and the paper on the fierce discussions regarding women's education in eighteenth-century Germany is now in press with *Central European History*. The book on *The Education of Women in Eighteenth-Century Germany* is now with a publisher in New York.

This Fall he presented papers at the Duquesne History Forum in Pittsburg and the East Central American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies at Fredericksburg; both presentations developed a gender freer view of female activities in eighteenth-century Germany. This coming Spring, he is to speak in Cincinnati at the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies regarding female educators in eighteenth-century Germany and at the International Psychohistorical Conference in New York regarding female body images at the same place and time. With Lance Merklin, one of the graduate students in the department, he has additionally begun the preparation and entering of data for a major family reconstitution of the village of Afers.

He was elected vice-president of the EC/ASECS and to the executive board of the International Psychohistorical Conference and he continues to work with the faculty seminars and luncheons.

Carl A. Ross is editing the proceedings of the 1986 Appalachian Studies Conference.

Dr. Donald B. Saunders had an off-campus scholarly assignment during Spring Semester 1986 which allowed him to intern part-time with the UNC General Administration. He worked under Dr. Roy Carroll, former chairman of the ASU History Department, now Vice-President for Planning in the General Administration. In addition, Dr. Saunders participated in a graduate seminar on the UNC-CH campus, taught by Prof. Samuel R. Williamson, on European International Relations, 1870-1914. Closer to home, he has agreed to prepare a historical sketch of the Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock, to be published in connection with the church's one hundredth anniversary in July 1987.

Tim Silver's book, *A New Face on the Countryside: Indians and Colonists in the Southeastern Forest, 1500-1800*, has been accepted by Cambridge University Press. He will also be reading papers at the American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting in Charleston, S.C. and the Duke Conference on Global Environmental History at Duke University.

Stephen Simon has completed his new edition of Samuel Speed's 1684 translation of Valerius Maximus' *Factorum ac dictorum memorabilium libri IX*. The work is being reviewed for publication. He has begun a new translation of Sextus Aurelius Victor's *De Caesaribus*. His book review of B.A. Marshall's *A Historical Commentary on Asconius* appeared in the October 1986 issue of the *American Historical Review*. Last November, Dr. Simon sponsored a workshop for the department on career opportunities in public and applied history. Finally, he made a presentation entitled "The Value of a Humanities Education in Today's World" before the spring installation ceremony of Pi Gamma Mu on campus.

Michael Wade completed his 3rd summer of research on the history of Enterprise Plantation. His article, "The M.A. Patout History Project," was published in the October 1985 edition of *Institute News* (North Carolina Institute of Applied History) and reprinted in the *Attakapas Gazette* (Spring 1986). His "Farm Dorm Boys: The Origins of the NYA Resident Training Program" was the lead article in the most recent issue of *Louisiana History* (Spring 1986) and "Creole Forty-niner: Simeon Patout and the California Gold Rush," appeared in the Fall 1986 issue of the *Attakapas Gazette*. Wade also wrote several biographical sketches for the forthcoming *Dictionary of Louisiana Biography* and has been editing Daniel Morthimer Williams' recollections of his childhood in late 19th century west Texas.

Last fall, Wade chaired the session on "Southern Socio-Economic History: Three Episodes" at the Duquesne History Forum in Pittsburgh. He also spoke to history majors from ASU and other schools about "Careers in Public History." He is currently serving as Chairman of the National Council on Public History's Curriculum and Training

Committee. This committee's chief responsibility is to produce a "Guide to Continuing Education for Public Historians." In addition, Wade serves as a columnist for the *NCPH Newsletter*. In November, he will present his paper, "The Planter as Plaintiff: M.A. Patout and the Law, 1829-1907" at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Allen Wells' article, "Summer of Discontent: Economic Rivalry Among Elite Factions in Late Porfirian Yucatan," will be published in the next issue of the *Journal of Latin American Studies*, 18:2 (November, 1986). He is currently at work on a book length manuscript, *Summer of Discontent, Seasons of Upheaval: Elite Politics and Rural Rebellion in Yucatan, 1890-1915*. The book will be published by the University of New Mexico Press sometime before the turn of the century. Several previously published articles were translated into Spanish and published in book form: *Yucatan y la International Harvester* (Merida, Mexico: Editores Maldonado, 1986). Finally, Wells was awarded an American Philosophical Society fellowship to conduct research in Mexico in 1986.

Jim Winders, on off-campus scholarly assignment during the Fall, 1986 semester, is writing a book to be called "Gender, Text, Discourse, and the Canon: From Intellectual History to Cultural Criticism." This fall he published essay reviews of two books: *The Complete Letters of Sigmund Freud to Wilhelm Fliess, 1887-1904*, ed. Jeffrey Masson (Harvard University Press, 1985) and Gilbert Sorrentino's *Something Said: Essays* (San Francisco: North Point Press, 1985) in *Magill's Literary Annual 1986* (Salem Press). His article "Poststructuralist Theory, Praxis, and the Intellectual" was published in *Contemporary Literature* (Spring, 1986). This summer (1986) he received a full tuition fellowship from Dartmouth College to participate in the School of Criticism and Theory at Dartmouth. On October 4, 1986 he presented his paper "Politics of Gender and Temporality in *Beyond the Pleasure Principle*" to the 11th Annual Conference of the European Studies Association at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

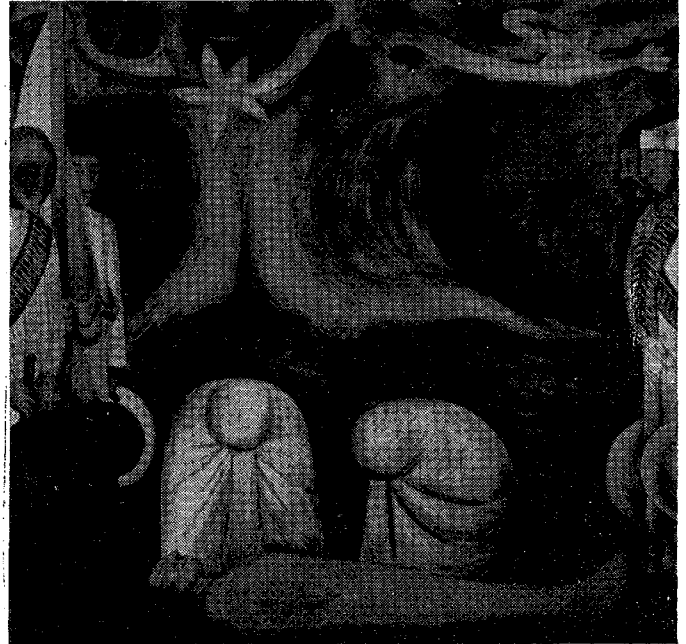
DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA

The History Department gave active support to a campus-wide debate held September 9 on the question: Should the ASU Foundation divest its holdings in South Africa? Prof. Allen Wells was the forum organizer and Prof. Winston Kinsey provided a context for the debaters with a brief but substantive overview of South African history. The debate was well attended and the issues raised continue to be a central topic of discussion and concern on campus.

MEXICAN FORUM, MEXICAN RESEARCH

This fall the History Department, with the support of economics, anthropology, political science and International Studies, is sponsoring a three part lecture series entitled "Mexico at the Crossroads: A Crisis of Confidence." On September 30, economist Jeffery Brannon (University of Texas/El Paso) spoke on the Mexican Debt Crisis; on October 28, historian Enrique Semi (UNAM/Mexico City) lectured on the future of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI); on November 10, anthropologist Billie DeWalt (University of Kentucky) will analyze Mexico's growing agricultural crisis.

This timely lecture series has been organized by Assoc. Prof. Allen Wells, himself a Mexican specialist. His revised dissertation was published last year as *Yucatan's Gilded Age: Haciendas, Henequen and International Harvester, 1860-1915*. Currently Prof. Wells is coauthoring another book on Yucatan—focusing on episodes of rural rebellion and on elite politics prior to and during the onset of the Mexican Revolution (1890-1915). The primary data sources are local records of criminal court cases of civic disturbances and outright rebellions. Wells and Prof. Gilbert Joseph (UNC/Chapel Hill) are attempting to unravel how the Yucatecan oligarchy kept rural protest from destroying its power base while the rest of Mexico was in the midst of a tumultuous revolution.



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