

History Department Newsletter

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New Faculty Join Department

The History Department is pleased to welcome several new members into its family. JEFF BORTZ was appointed to the department as an incoming assistant professor to head up the department's program in Latin American studies. Jeff earned both his undergraduate and graduate degress at UCLA; he was awarded the Ph.D. in history in 1984. He joins the department with a long list of accomplishments and experience. He has authored three books and co-authored two others on labor issues in modern Mexico. From 1973 to 1984, Jeff lived and worked in Mexico City, teaching history courses at the National University of Mexico. During this period, he also served as an advisor on labor affairs to the Mexican Labor Ministry and to PEMEX, the state-owned oil company. Most recently, he worked as the academic coordinator of the Mexico Program and visiting associate professor at UCLA. Jeff moves to Boone with his wife, Josie, and their two cats. He is an avid swimmer and enjoys country music. One of his first cultural activities after moving to Boone was attending a Doc Watson concert. Jeff was born and reared in Los Angeles and his move to Boone has been quite a change in scenery. He privately admits, however, that the change of pace has been a good one and continues to marvel at the scenic beauty of the High Country.

JOHN WILLIAMS comes to the department through the office of Director of Appalachian Studies. John succeeds the position held by the late Dr. Carl Ross and the History Department feels fortunate that once again a historian was chosen for this important position. Concurrent with his position in Appalachian Studies, John was offered status as a full professor in the department and gladly agreed to teach a regular course and remain active in departmental affairs. He comes to Appalachian from Washington, D.C. where he served for the past year as a consultant for the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Prior to that, John held positions as the director of the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission and as Assistant Director of the Division of Research Programs for the National Endowment of the Humanities. His teaching experience includes faculty positions at West Virginia University (1972-1982), University of Illinois (1971-72), University of Notre Dame (1966-71), and Yale University (1965-66). He earned his Ph.D. at Yale (1966) where he worked with the distinguished

historian C. Vann Woodward. John has published two books on West Virginia history as well as a long list of articles for scholarly publications. He notes that one of the primary reasons for his interest in Appalachian was a desire to return to an academic environment which would offer him the opportunity to again teach in the classroom. John anticipates that he will adjust well to Boone, noting that the winters are actually warmer than what he grew accustomed to in West Virginia.

In addition, two persons have joined the department on terminal contracts at the rank of Lecturer for the coming year. Their primary responsibility will be to teach world civilization. JANET HUTCHISON recently completed her Ph.D. from the University of Delaware. She comes to Boone after a year of teaching at UNC-Asheville. Her dissertation ("American Housing, Gender, and the Better Homes Movement, 1922-1935") investigates the political and social consequences of the Hooversupported, nationwide housing program to improve living standards for middle class Americans. Prior to attending the University of Delaware, Janet conducted field work in archaeology and historic preservation for the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resourses. She grew up in Pennsylvania near the Maryland and Delaware borders and first came to North Carolina for her undergraduate degree in history at Duke. Janet is excited about living in the Boone area since she considers herself a backpacking and hiking enthusiast.

SCOTT JESSEE also joins the department with a recently completed Ph.D., having worked in medieval history at the University of Minnesota, Scott brings to the department a number of years of teaching experience. He has taught history courses at Florida State, the University of Minnesota, and, most recently, at Hamline University. In addition, he has worked extensively in archival management over the past decade at both the University of Minnesota and with the Minnesota Historical Society. Though he moved to Boone after a fairly lengthy stay in the frigid North, Scott feels relatively at home now. He grew up in neighboring Virginia and his father originally hailed from Bristol, Tennessee; Scott still has relatives in nearby Elizabethton. Even so, he has found some necessary adjustment to life in western North Carolina. The hardest-though he admits the beneficial aspects of it—has been the "aerobic" walk back to his apartment from his courses on campus.

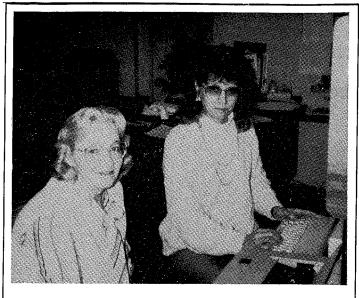
From the Chairman

In many respects, the 1988-89 academic year was a difficult one for the faculty of this department. As reported in the Newsletter last year, we began with the untimely death of Carl Ross in the opening days of fall semester. Dr. Ross was one of the stalwarts of this department and his loss left a large, unfilled gap. This was followed in quick succession by a heart attack and major surgery for Charles Blackburn and, by mid year, major cardiac surgery for Raymond Pulley. The result was that the department had to carry on for the full year without some of its most important faculty members. The faculty, as you might expect, came together in support of their colleagues and we were able to regroup and complete the year successfully. I am happy to report that Drs. Blackburn and Pulley are now restored to good health and are back full time. If there is a "silver lining" to all this, it may be that we all came out of the experience with a heightened appreciation of one another as colleagues and friends.

In all other respects the department had a good year. Our enrollments continue to rise, as does the number of undergraduate majors and graduate students. There has been a notable increase in the number of majors who plan to make teaching and education a career. This may be attributable in part to the increasing concern here in North Carolina to improve the quality of our schools. With the attendant publicity and better funding, students are finding renewed interest in careers in public education. From our perspective, we want to be sure that our program will meet the needs of these future teachers. Consequently we are examining our curriculum for possible revision. I invite those of you in education, or those of you who have an interest in public education, to comment on this matter. Any suggestions you may have regarding curricular revision, or related subjects, will be considered and appreciated.

Speaking of appreciation, the smooth functioning of a department this size depends upon many variables, but the most important is the staff. A departmental office can be a maelstrom of activity, with telephones ringing constantly, students with countless questions, and faculty with "must have immediately" items! To work effectively in this environment takes a special spirit and a special kind of commitment. In this respect, the History Department is particularly fortunate. Evelyn Shepherd and Brenda Greene are the very best. They are thoughtful, thorough, and-despite provocation to the contrary-unfailingly polite. Both have been here longer than most faculty and know intimately the workings of our department and the University. They contribute in the most meaningful way to the success of our instructional program, as well as to many projects that we undertake. Those of you who came through our program as students and had occasion to come to the History Office seeking guidance or direction will agree that we are fortunate to have Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Greene to keep things running smoothly. From my perspective, I could not do without them.

Dr. George Antone



Evelyn Shepherd and Brenda Green

Japan Center Established

Under the coordination of Dr. Dorothea Martin, the Japan Center-West has been established at Appalachian to promote the study and knowledge of Japanese language, history, economy and culture. The center's objective will be carried out through a program of academic courses, cultural events, and educational projects. The Japan Center-West, created by the University's Asian Studies faculty, was the third center opened under the N.C. Japan Center Program at N.C. State University. Previous centers were established at East Carolina University and Guilford College. A fourth center was recently opened at UNC-Charlotte.

The Japan Center-West is housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, but is open to all colleges on campus. Curriculum goals include establishing a Japanese language study, examining Japanese literature, and developing conversational language courses that could meet the needs of business students, university administrators, and the community. Dr. Martin plans to develop Japanese history courses and work on creating modules on Japan that can be used in a variety of subject areas such as political science or international business.

Already active, the Japan Center-West held a workshop for public school teachers on September 14 and 15, 1989. The intensive workshop, funded by a grant from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, was geared toward helping teachers incorporate the study of Japan into their social studies curriculum. Teachers were given the basics—sample teaching plans, kits of authentic Japanese items, and background—so that they can comfortably teach Japanese history, geography, society, and culture without having to do extensive research. In addition, the center is supporting a learning alliance for workshop participants and plans to visit classrooms in the Appalachian service area to present materials to students and teachers.

Other events are in the planning stages. Japanese businessmen from across North Carolina will be invited to visit the campus and participate in special events. Dr. Martin also hopes to organize a "Japan Week" with forums and discussions of issues such as trade, the military, and the impact of Japanese business on the United States.

The N. C. Japan Center provided partial funding for the establishment of the Japan Center-West. In addition, Dr. Martin received a grant from the Japan Foundation for the purchase of English language books on Japan. Further funding from other organizations is also expected.

For more information, contact Dr. Dorothea Martin, Department of History, Appalachian State University.

Raymond Pulley Named I. G. Greer Professor

At a ceremony at the Broyhill Inn on October 11, 1989, Dr. Raymond Pulley was named the I. G. Greer Professor of History for the period extending from 1989 to 1991. Dr. Pulley joined the department in 1973 and since then has consistently made a valuable contribution to its growth. Among the most important of those contributions was Raymond's tireless efforts at getting the History Department Computer Lab started in 1983-84.

Dr. Pulley's appointment as I. G. Greer Professor also marks his resignation as head of Appalachian's Computer Training Center, a position he has held since 1985. He is excited about his return to fulltime work with his colleagues in the department. The I. G. Greer appointment will also give him resources and increased opportunities for research. Though Raymond's early research interest centered on the Progressive era, he is now embarking on research in his new love—the use of computer technology in history. He plans to spend his time preparing for a course on "Information Technology in American History," which would trace the use of technology from the invention of the telegraph in the mid-19th century to the present explosion in computer literacy. He anticipates that this work will also lead to the development of a student reader on the topic to be used alongside U.S. History survey courses.

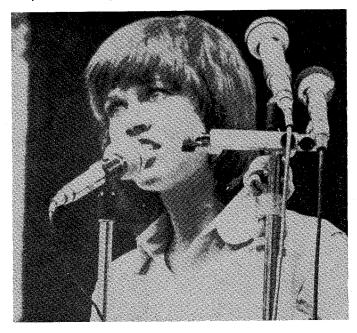


Dr. Raymond Pulley, the new I.G. Greer Professor of History

Dr. Pulley's acceptance address featured personal remarks about how he, as a young undergraduate, became interested in history. The theme emphasized his own love of history and recognition of its value in life. Analyzing the progression of the discipline over the years since those undergraduate days,he concluded that historians need to recommit themselves to teaching students and reaching a broader audience with their work. He also called for greater relevance and cooperation within the discipline.

Do You Remember When?

Nineteen years ago this November, Jane Fonda came to town. Addressing an audience of 3500 in Appalachian's Varsity Gymnasium, she urged students to become politically aware, exercise "student power," oppose President Nixon's Vietnamization policy, support veterans who were speaking out against the war, and demonstrate against ROTC programs on college campuses. The title of her talk was "Alternatives," and Fonda's suggested alternative was socialism which she advocated as a step towards a system without governments.



Activist Jane Speaks to the Appalachian community

Fonda's visit was especially controversial because she came directly from a short stay in jail in Cleveland where customs officials had confiscated 105 vials of pills from her luggage (later discovered to be nothing but vitamin pills). Her arrival in Boone focused the attention of both the national media and the State Bureau of Investigation on Appalachian State University.

The history department was closely associated with her visit because a young history professor, Dr. George Antone, was codirector of Appalachian's Community and Popular Programs lecture series. Dr. Antone met the activist actress at the airport, escorted her to campus and community events, and lodged her in his home in Teaberry Hills where he and his wife hosted a reception in her honor. Consequently, the actress's visit passed into the permanent folklore of the History Department.

Faculty members who attended the 1970 lecture recalled the unauthorized (and uncensored) speech by her traveling compa-

nion, Griff Ellison (who later became a leader in the veteran's movement against the war), and the erroneous report in the national press that half the audience walked out. Actually only about seventy-five people left in protest during the actress's opening statement and another six hundred left before the end of the question and answer session. Hindsight suggests that, from the bulk of those who did leave, Jane suffered from nothing other than the typical student response when an event extends beyond the anticipated timeslot.

Some faculty also remembered the actress's glamour and the depth of her commitment to the antiwar cause. Most, however, reminisced about the reception at the Antone's house following her lecture when Miss Fonda closeted herself in the back bedroom with students and left the adults to speculate about what might be taking place. The ever resourceful Appalachian faculty responded by peeking out the windows at the SBI agents and theorizing about the probable effects of megavitamin therapy as they eyed the actress's large leather case of pills. And a grand time was had by all!

Several members of the department explained to this reporter that while other history departments were concerned with where George Washington had slept, the Appalachian historians remembered that "when Jane Fonda came to town, she slept at George's house."

History Club

The Appalachian History Club was busy this past year. At the helm were Sherri Ashley (President), Lana Brooks (Vice-President), Karla Woggon (Secretary/Treasurer), and Will Martin (Historian). Fall Semester began with an Open House for majors in the History Department. It was followed by the annual History Picnic at Price Park on September 14 where faculty once again unsuccessfully tried to defeat the majors in volleyball. Later in the semester, the History Club co-sponsored trips to the Ramesses II Exhibit in Charlotte and to Washington, D.C. to explore career options and possibilities in



The History Club cooking chicken hours before Hurricane Hugo heads toward the mountains

What's New in History

In a recent discussion between Dr. George Antone, Chair of the Appalachian State University Department of History and CLIO, noted muse of history, the World Civilization topic was raised. Here are excerpts from this discussion.

CLIO: Well, George (Clio is on a first name basis with the Chair), I'm interested in what you're doing to make the World Civilization course more accessible to the students at Appalachian.
GEORGE: (in a distinctive New England clip) We're requiring it.

CLIO: Uh, yes. That certainly assures their access to it, but it doesn't mean they know or learn it. What are you doing to achieve this goal?

GEORGE: Now that's a tougher question. As you know, history is not every student's most loved course. Yet, it is imperative that all students learn not only how to examine critically the past, but also how to articulate how that past has influenced their world today.

CLIO: Exactly. These people are the history makers of tomorrow.

GEORGE: Right. The record they leave behind will determine how future generations perceive this culture. That is one reason we feel all students need to be exposed not only to the skills and techniques promoted by the study of history, but also to the content of the past. So we've taken great steps to insure that students have an opportunity to learn about our discipline.

CLIO: Like what?

GEORGE: We've tried to keep class sizes down to 35 so that class discussions are manageable and students can come to know their professor. We have our best faculty teach this course. Their enthusiasm and skill makes a tremendous difference, but they each have tough and demanding criteria. That's one reason students have a tough time with the course.

CLIO: Is there any assistance available to students who want to do better? GEORGE: Oh, yes. We have a number of ways students can receive help. First of all, they have the faculty member as well as fellow classmates. Second, the university has free tutoring available to any student who requests it. Third, the department has study resources both in printed and audio-visual form. Most of these items are in the Study Lab area which is a fourth way we assist students-by having an in-house study area where assistance can be received. Finally, we've implemented a new program called SI. CLIO: SI? What is that?

GEORGE: An "intensive tutorial" program. We have four graduate assistants assigned to four "master teachers." The graduate assistants attend class, take notes, read assignments and then hold

three hour-long review sessions each week. There are lots of benefits with this program. Students in World Civilization receive assistance from successful students. This really helps. Graduate assistants have an opportunity to prepare notes for when they will teach World Civilization and learn teaching techniques from some of the department's best faculty.

CLIO: Is it working?

GEORGE: Yes. Last fall we had 100 students (out of 239 eligible) participants. The average SI participant's grade was 2.43 while the average grade for students eligible to participate, but didn't, was a 2.0. Importantly, only six percent of the SI student group failed the course while 11.5 percent of those who didn't attend failed.

CLIO: Now that's interesting. How about spring semester?

GEORGE: We continued to see positive results. Fewer students participated (57 out of 183) and there was a much smaller grade difference between SI and non-SI participants (2.16 compared to 2.10). However, no one in SI failed history while six percent of those eligible to participate, but didn't, failed. We are looking for greater success this year.

CLIO: Well, George, it's good to see that your department is open to "new things" in history. See you next year! the Federal Government. The History Club also presented a series of films including "Clan of the Cave Bear," "Ben Hur," and "Aquirre," sponsored a "free lunch" for History majors in October, and in November held a potluck Thanksgiving Dinner for faculty and students.

Spring semester turned out to be just as busy. Among other things, the History Club sponsored information workshops on resume writing, student teaching, internships, and applying to graduate school. In addition, members heard stimulating presentations by Dr. Raymond Betts of the University of Kentucky on "The Frontier in History," by Appalachian history professor Dr. Michael Wade on "Twilight of an Era: Energy and American Civilization," and by history major Susan Faircloth on "Nicaragua in 1988," a report on her summer in this beleagued Latin American country. The school year ended with yet another History Picnic at Price Park, this time prepared by history major Mark Brock and featuring his famous Georgiastyle barbecued chicken.

Rennie Brantz History Club Advisor

Graduate School Report Card

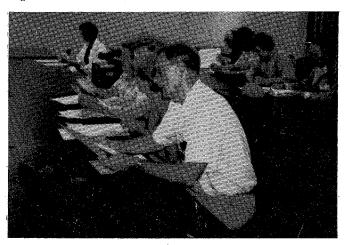
The future of graduate study in history at Appalachian continues to look promising. A new Master's Degree Track in Public History (described in last year's Newsletter) is in place, scholarship and assistantship awards have increased in size and number, and more applications are being received from very well-qualified students. Graduate assistants now fill a variety of roles, the most recent of which is participation in the new "Supplemental Instruction Program." Under this program, some entering students prepare to take on a teaching assistantship in their second year of study by doing an apprenticeship in the World Civilization program during their first year. While becoming familiar with the World Civilization program, they assume responsibility for providing out-of-class instruction to undergraduates in the development of learning skills. (See related article)

For many years the department has been successful in attracting graduate students of diverse talents and experience, and 1989 was no exception. The new students (with previously earned degrees) are Kenneth Chauvin (B.A., History and Art History, Blackburn College), Devon Davis (B.A., History, Lamar University), Thelbert Dowdy (B.A., Social Sciences, Western Carolina University), Michelle Kilbourne-Minor (B.A., Journalism, University of Georgia), William Koch (B.A., English, Appalachian State University), Teresa Lyle (B.A. History, Appalachian State University; M.A., English, North Carolina State University), David McGee (B.A., History, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill); Jonathan Miller (B.A., History, Lenoir-Rhyne College), Patricia Nunn (B.S., History and Secondary Education, Appalachian State University), Robert Overland (B.A., History and Anthropology, Wake Forest University), Frank Tepper (B.A., History, Dartmouth College; LL.B, University of Miami, Fla.), and Phillip Townsend (B.A., Religious Studies, Gardner-Webb College)



Newport '89

Since 1981 when Dr. George Antone initiated a cooperative program between Appalachian State and Salve Regina College in his hometown of Newport, Rhode Island, interest in the program has grown. Students from the two colleges spend five weeks each summer studying and learning together in the splendor of Salve Regina's campus which occupies several mansions along Newport's famed Cliff Walk. Over the past nine years, the program has offered a variety of classes in American history, literature, sailing, the expressive arts and the natural sciences. Due to popular demand, programs for adult learners were added, and there are now five one-week institutes for adults wishing to study the history, architecture, literature, and flora of New England.



Adult learners at Newport, 1989

Three members of the History Department participated in the 1989 program. Dr. Tim Silver taught a course in Colonial American history in the undergraduate curriculum. Dr. Bettie Bond offered a course on the Gilded Age in the college program and led architectural tours of Newport for the adult learner's program. Dr. Antone served as administrator of both programs. Each of the three has wonderful tales about the joys of teaching in a residential program with all New England for a laboratory.

Dr. Silver's class ranged farthest afield. In studying the social history of colonial New England, students focused on four communities: Plymouth, Salem, Boston and Newport. Field trips to Plymouth Plantation and to Salem were particularly rewarding. Dr. Silver reported that some of the best writing in the course came from the student's criticisms of the Salem Witchcraft Museum and their recommendations for improving it. When asked why the program was successful, he noted that the close contact fostered by the field trips, the group meals, and the residential setting were especially conducive to a positive learning experience.

Dr. Bettie Bond's Gilded Age class used the mansions, museums, and libraries of Newport as a laboratory. Her classes visited the "summer cottages" built by the Vanderbilts, Lorillards, Astors and other nineteenth century millionaires, walked the cliffs above Narragansett Bay, and explored the rich architectural tradition of Newport. Dr. Bond was especially pleased to have several of the students from North Carolina's teaching fellows program in her class. She says that it's good for future teachers to live in a town that has three hundred and fifty

years of architecture and good for them to learn that "Yankees are people, too."

Dr. Antone cites the inter-generational contacts between college students and adult learners as one of the unexpected bonuses of the summer program. When the adult program was added in 1984, little thought was given to student-adult interaction, but he now feels that "the conversation and interaction between the two generations at meals" is the best part of the program. Indeed, the program has become so successful that Antone must limit the number of adult learners to thirty per week. Competition for spaces is fierce, and people are encouraged to apply early. Information on the Newport Program is available through the Alumni Affairs Office or through the History Department.



History and Newport: What a life!

The Search for Simeon Patout by Michael Wade

This year, I was fortunate enough to be awarded the annual Appalachian Board of Trustees Travel Grant to research the French origins of Pierre Simeon Patout, who arrived in Louisiana in 1829 and established a sugar plantation which has since become the largest manufacturer of raw sugar in Louisiana. I had found much detail about Patout's plantation and the four subsequent generations of Patouts who have operated the business since Simeon's death in 1847. But there was only scant, mostly undocumented information about the founder, save for the approximate location from which he emigrated.

Family members said that he was a vintner who owned considerable tracts of land about 80 kilometers east of Paris. Patout's initial business dealings in Louisiana clearly suggest that he was not the stereotypical immigrant who arrived with little more than a few personal possessions. But what exactly did he have and how did he acquire it? And if he was a person of some means, however modest, then why leave France? The answer, if they existed at all, could only be found in France. The Trustees' Travel Grant helped to finance the search for those answers.

My wife, Rose Anna, and I flew to Paris in late June. Investigations at the Bibliotheque Nationale, in the Sine et Marne Departmental Archives, and in various village mairies (archives) produced much new information about Simeon Patout and his relations. Rose Anna kept the expedition organized and Patrice Markiewicz, the Director of Development for the French firm Publique Histoire, arranged interviews with village residents and with the President and Secretary of the local historical society in Ussy sur Marne. These talks added important details about local history and a file of 18th and 19th century land transactions which had been donated by a local farmer.

Most of the material gathered has yet to be translated, but some preliminary conclusions are already possible. The picture of Simeon Patout that emerges from the documents is of an intelligent, hard-working, and ambitious young man who aimed to advance his economic and social standing. Early documents describe him as a "manoevrier," a farm laborer with some land of his own. In 1816, he married Marie Louise Morel, an affluent widow nine years his senior, becoming a "cultivateur," or farmer, and a "vigneron," or winemaker, in the process. She bore him eight children (only three survived infancy) prior to her death in 1823. Still other documents refer to him as a "marchand des bois" (wood merchant) and a "marchand de porc" (pork merchant).

As to the reasons for leaving France, the family thought that it was perhaps because of his Bonapartist sympathies or because of difficulties regarding the legality of his second marriage. No evidence was found to indicate that the government noticed Patout's politics. His marriage to Appoline Fournier in 1827 was duly approved by the appropriate authorities and by both sets of parents. The documents and Seine et Marne local histories suggested a probable reason for his final departure in 1828, and a visit to Molien, where the Patout home once stood, confirmed it. A man with a vision of great wealth, Simeon Patout had exhausted the possibilities for advancement in his tiny hamlet.



As we stood that Saturday mornig on the site of the Patout homeplace, looking out over the countryside and talking with Bernard Oudard, the current owner and a Patout relative, we were able to finally see what Simeon Patout must have seen following his first wife's death. There was little chance of consolidating his various plots of land into an efficient whole, and Seine et Marne wines were being supplanted by the superior product of the Champagne district. On the other hand, the rich lands and the rapidly expanding sugar industry of French-speaking south Louisiana offered seemingly limitless opportunities for a Frenchman with a young bride and a growing family. In the late fall of 1828, Simeon and Appoline Patout and their children boarded the Crescent at Le Havre, destination New Orleans and a new life.

Special Speakers in History

Another interesting and informative year of History Department speakers was ushered in by Tim Silver and Peter Petschauer with a discussion on writing history as historians. The most immediate question was simply how one finds the time to write as a professional historian. Participation was enthusiastic.

On the international scene the Department hosted several speakers from Central America. Ramon Velasquez Nazar, Director of the Instituto de Investigaciones Socio-Economicas of Honduras, presented several talks on the economic crisis in Honduras and the quest for peace in Central America. A former head of the Christian Democratic Party and of the National College of Economists, Licenciado Velasquez, challenged the students he addressed to consider the necessity of fundamental reforms in Central America. Dr. Carlos Araya Pochet and Sr. Guillermo Arquedes of the National University of Costa Rica also visited our campus to conclude an agreement on faculty exchanges. Their luncheon with the History Department gave us an opportunity to discuss research and teaching opportunities in Costa Rica.

Closer to home, Dr. Daniel Hoffman of the Political Science Department of Johnson C. Smith University, discussed his research on censorship and First Amendment rights during the American Civil War. Milly Barbee talked with members of the department about the resources available to students and faculty at the Burke County Historical Society. She also discussed the Society's internship program and its Quaker Meadows project. Bill Billingsley, a former Appalachian student now a Ph.D. candidate at Irvine, delivered a well received talk on the "North Carolina Speaker Ban Law of 1963."

The History Department itself provided speakers to round out our program for last year. Charles Blackburn discussed the Bradley Report on higher education while Rennie Brantz and Joni Petschauer reported on their work on supplemental instruction.



Medieval Society Formed

Last year saw the formation of a new history-related club—the Medieval Society. The club held lectures as well as free films for students and faculty interested in medieval history. The club also sponsored members to attend the Medieval Colloquium at Sewanee University last. That event was both educational and a lot of fun for the members who went. The society kicked off this year with a showing of "The Name of the Rose" on October 18. The Medieval Society currently meets every other Wednesday night at 7:00 pm in Whitener Hall.

Alumni, We Hear You!

In response to our plea in last year's Newsletter, many of you let us know where you were working and what was happening in your world. We're glad to pass that information along to your Appalachian history family. If you did not respond last year, take time to write this year. We'll be listening.

This is what we learned from you:

Dalene G. Bailey (MA, '74) retired from the U.S. Army in November, after 24 years of service. He is now an occupational analyst for Allen Corporation in Hampton, VA. He and his wife, Carrol, now reside at: 128 Mattaponi Tr.

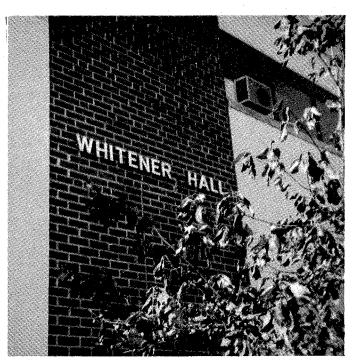
Williamsburg, VA 23185

W. C. Blankenship, Jr. (B.S., '72) has been an agent for the past 14 years with State Farm Insurance. Since 1985, he has also served as Chairman of the Board of Citizens Bank of Tazewell in Tazewell, VA. He and his wife, Chiquita, may be reached at:

North Tazewell, VA 24630

Linda Jean Curry (formerly Petrea, M.A., '83) is a Lecturer at Texas A&M where she is pursuing her Ph.D. in the History of Education. Her address is: 4309 College Main

#13 Bryan, TX 77801



Home, Sweet Home?

Marsha Hawkins Davis (B.S., '70) is a credit analyst for Barclays American Corporation in Charlotte. She now has a son (Eric) who is a sophomore at Appalachian. Her home address is: 3144M Central Ave

Charlotte, NC 28205

William Steven King (Steve, B.S., '77) served as an officer in the U.S. Army for eight years after his graduation from Appalachian. Assignments took him to Fort Bragg, NC., Fort Knox, KY, and Mainz, West Germany. After leaving the Army, he entered seminary at Southeastern Baptist Theological

Seminary in Wake Forest, NC and served as pastor of the Macon Baptist Church in Macon, NC. Steve completed the M.Div. in December, 1988 and he and his wife, Paula, are now Southern Baptist missionaries to San Pedro, Argentina. Steve may be reached through his permanent address at:

5916 Hickory Grove Rd. Greensboro, NC 27410

Robert S. Martin (Bob, B.S., '88) is now employed as a loan officer with the State Employees' Credit Union in Sylva, NC. His address is: P.O. Box 2095

Sylva, NC 28775

Scott Alexander Oxford (B.S.,80) earned his M.Div. in 1987 from The School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN and was subsequently ordained to the priesthood of the Episcopal Church. He currently serves as Rector at St. Mary's and St. Paul's, two small churches in Burke County, NC. He and his wife, Mickie, have a 3 year old daughter named Caroline. Their address is: 119 Crestview Ln

Morganton, NC 28655

William Thomas Stallings (B.S., '75) is now a Security Officer Supervisor for Bramalea Pacific in Oakland, California. He is also a Licensed Vocational Nurse for the State of California. He and his wife, Beverly, live at: 1812 Washington Ave

#102 San Leandro, CA 94577



History students - nobody does it better!

James Wilson Stegall (B.S., '80) is a captain in the U.S. Army and recently completed an M.A. in Latin American Studies at the University of Florida to prepare for service as a Foreign Area Officer in Latin America. He is currently attending the Chilean Armed Forces College. The most recent address for he and his wife, Olivia, was: 608 NW 101 Terrace

Gainesville, FL 32607

Thomas Paul Tetterton (B.S., '83) and his wife, Elizabeth, celebrated the birth of a daughter, Laura Corzine (Carrie), on September 22, 1988. He works in Product Support Sales at Rimtrax Corporation in Newton, NC. His home address is: 309 3rd Ave NW

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Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta, the International History Honor Society, is alive and well. Membership of the Omicron Phi Chapter here at Appalachian has continued to grow over the last year, and future growth is expected. The chapter has been quite active, holding meetings for both initiations and presentations on various topics by faculty members.

On April 1, 1989 the Omicron Phi Chapter attended the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at East Carolina University. Three members of the chapter gave papers, all of which were excellent. The papers included "Chretien de Troyes" 'Le Chevalier de la Charrette': The Story of Lancelot and What's-her-name," by Stacy Gounaris; "Rethinking the Anti-Metaphysics of Empiricism," by Jonathan York; and "Women Missionaries in China: The Story of Peggy Spur Gilman," by Karla Woggon. Mr. York's paper was voted as best graduate paper at the conference. Congratulations, once again, to Jonathan York and a well done to Ms. Gounaris and Ms. Woggon.

Finally, the Omicron Phi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta would like to welcome our new faculty advisor, Dr. Dorothea Martin, and wish the best of luck to Mark Vickrey as he continues his graduate studies at the University of Virginia.

Thomas Howell

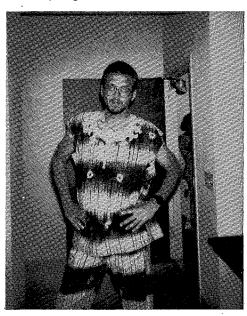
Faculty Notes

RENNIE BRANTZ made several scholarly presentations over the past academic year. On February 21 he presented a paper entitled "Partnerships in Learning: New Strategies for Old Courses" to the Freshman Year Experience National Conference at the University of South Carolina. On April 4, he spoke to the Phi Gamma Mu honors society at Appalachian on "The Development of Higher Education in the U.S." Then on April 17, he made a presentation to the history department at UNC-Asheville on "The European Cultural Revolt at the Jahrhundertwende." In addition, Rennie spoke to two Appalachian alumni rallies (Raleigh and Boone). He also published "German-American Friendship: The Carl Schurz Vereiningung, 1926-1942" in The International Review of History (May 1989) and completed biographical essays on Walter Ulbricht and Fritz Lang for inclusion in Salem Press's Great Lives of the Twentieth Century. Dr. Brantz continues to work on a monograph entitled "Anton Erkelenz and German Politics, 1900-1933," chair the Undergraduate Advisement Committee in the History Department, serve on the University's Task Force on Undergraduate Education, and advise the History Club.

GLORIA FITZGIBBON resigned from the department following the 1988-89 academic year to accept a position as Acting Assistant Professor of History at Wake Forest University. Her husband teaches on the faculty at Wake and Gloria accepted the opportunity in order to keep her family closer together. She reports that while she feels she made the right decision for her family, she misses the students and departmental colleagues with whom she had developed friendships over the past year.

SILVIA FORGUS spent a fruitful and exciting year traveling in the USA and Canada and conducting research. She participated in two seminars sponsored by the Russian and East European Studies Center at the University of Illinois for the Research Associates. The seminars dealt with issues of censorship in the Soviet Union and ethnic issues in Eastern Europe. In Canada, Silvia interviewed visitors from Soviet Estonia and researched Soviet nationalities in the Estonian Archives in Toronto. She will present her paper on "National Movements in the Estonian SSR" at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in November 1989. Dr. Forgus also made presentations in local primary and secondary schools on Soviet culture and perestroika in the Soviet Union.

JAMES R. GOFF's Fields White Unto Harvest: Charles F. Parham and the Missionary Origins of Pentecostalism was released in December 1988 by the University of Arkansas Press. During this past year, he delivered a paper entitled "Charles Parham's Endtime Revival: The Eschatological Expectations of Tongue Speech in Early Pentecostalism" at the 18th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies held in Lexington, Kentucky on November 10-12, 1988. In addition, Jim conducted a session entitled "Separation of Powers: The Creation of a Tradition" at a workshop for 11th grade Social Studies teachers held in Wilkesboro in October 1988. The workshop was sponsored by the North Carolina Commission on the Celebration of the Bicentennial of the American Constitution. Over the summer, he was invited to participate as guest speaker at the dedication of a town hall historical mural being presented to the town of Falcon, North Carolina and also to discuss his research and teaching activities at the biennial meeting of the Ministers' Spouses Luncheon of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church held in Dunn, North Carolina. As a history coordinator of the APP program, Dr. Goff made regular visits to and occasionally served as a guest speaker in the advanced history courses at West Caldwell, South Caldwell, and Davie County High Schools.



Dr. Silver models his new image at Newport, 1989:

SHELDON HANFT was promoted to Professor in 1988. His article "Mordecai's Female Academy" appeared in American Jewish History, September 1989 and he is contributing eight entries to Ronald Fitze, ed., Historical Dictionary of Tudor England, 1485-1603 to be published by Greenwood Press in 1990. Sheldon also served as chairman of the B.H. Levy Student Essay Prize Committee and as the program chairman for the 1989 Southern

Jewish Historical Society annual meeting held November 3-6, 1989 in Charleston. He was elected for another two-year term on the Executive Board of the SJHS and contributed several book reviews to *History: Review of New Books*.

SCOTT JESSEE defended his dissertation, "Robert the Burgundian, an 11th Century Angevin Noble" and received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. In addition, Scott's article, "Monks, Monasteries and Manuscripts: Archival Sources for 11th Century France," was accepted for publication in American Archivist.

THOMAS K. KEEFE spent much of his summer in England and France researching the Angevin Conquest of Normandy and making a pilgrimage to Angevin sites along the Loire Valley, including Chinon (where Henry II died) and Fontevrault (where Henry II, Richard I, and Eleanor are buried). His article, "Counting Those Who Count: a Computer-Assisted Analysis of Charter-Witness Lists from the First Year of the Reign of King Richard I, 1189-1190," will appear this fall in the inaugural issue of The Haskins Society Journal published in England by the Hambledon Press. This past May, Tom organized a session on twelfth-century royal acta for the 24th International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan. While at the Congress Tom also chaired a session on "Regnal Demands on Ecclesiastical Barons and Women in the Pipe Rolls, 1158-1220" and contributed a paper entitled "Place-Date Distribution of Royal Charters and the Historical Geography of Patronage Strategies at the Court of King Henry II Plantagenet." In October he will chair a session on "The Problem of Medieval Biography Re-examined" for The Carolinas Symposium on British Studies in Charlotte and present the John Ben Snow Foundation Book Prize (as committee chair) at the North American Conference on British Studies annual convention in Chicago. Dr. Keefe continues work on the Angevin chapter for The New Cambridge Medieval History and his negotiations with Longman Ltd. for a book on the Plantagenets, now titled Henry II: The Politics of Success. He was recently elected Vice-Chairman of the Graduate Council at Appalachian and will take over the duties of Chair of the Graduate Council in 1990.

DOROTHEA MARTIN sat on a panel discussing the use of Asian literature in the classroom at the January 1989 Association of Asian Studies Southeast regional meeting. She also made a presentation on "The Creation of Patriarchy as an Organizing Theme for a World Civilization Course" at a special conference on "Profiles of Women Hidden from History" at UNC Charlotte March 3-4, 1989. On October 13, 1989, Dorothea served as commentator on a paper by Dr. Robert Gowen ("Sugar-coated Racism: Hawaii and Japanese Immigration—the Dole Years, 1900-1903") at the annual meeting of the Association of Historians in North Carolina. Dr. Martin's manuscript The Making of a Sino-Marxist World View: Perceptions and Interpretations of World History in the People's Republic of China was accepted for publication by M. E. Sharp, Inc. for their East Gate series and she is currently working on an article for the new Journal of World History on ideological conflicts between the writing of world history and Chinese history in the People's Republic of China. On campus, she has been busy with directing the activities of the newly-established N.C. Japan Center-West.

PETER PETSCHAUER enjoyed an Off-Campus Scholarly Assignment this past spring semester as a part of his I. G. Greer Distinguished Professorship. He reports that the assignment gave him the opportunity to complete a number of projects "which had lingered with me for some time." Among his accomplishments were completion of a World Civilization topical

text entitled The Language of History; A Topical Approach to World Civilization. This text is scheduled for December publication by Kendall-Hunt. In addition, Peter completed "Childrearing Modes in Flux: An Historian's Reflections" for The Journal of Psychohistory and delivered a paper at the Psychohistorical Forum in New York City this past March. He also worked on several other projects for upcoming publications and spoke (in German) at the Deutsche Psychohistoriker Gesellschaft in Frankfurt in April 1989. Dr. Petschauer's long-awaited book The Education of German Women in the Eighteenth Century was released in October by Edwin Mellen Press.

Also as part of the professorship, Peter traveled in Europe for three months. While in Europe with his wife Joni, he was able to finish collecting material for three upcoming essays and then subsequently shared part of the research in talks at the International Psychohistorical Association in Washington, DC in mid-June 1988, at the Duquesne History Forum, Pittsburgh, PA in October 1988, and to faculty and students at Ramapo Gollege, NJ in March 1989. He admitted officially that "No, we did not work the entire time we were in Europe; we also enjoyed a splendid vacation in Strasbourg, Lugano, San Remo and the Dolomites."

On campus, Dr. Petschauer continues to serve as the coordinator of Russian, Soviet and East European Studies, on the Faculty Senate, and on the Committee to Internationalize the Curriculum. This past year, he also helped on the committees to establish interdisciplinary studies concentrations in Children's Studies and the Russian, Soviet and East European studies. Outside of the University, he serves on the executive committee of the East Central/American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies and remains a Research Associate of the Psychohistory.

TIMOTHY SILVER attended a conference this past February on teaching history sponsored by Pan American University. There he read his now infamous paper "Animals and History: The Possum and Southern Civilization." In March he gave an encore performance at the Catawba Valley Historical Society's monthly meeting. As the weather warmed, Tim left the South to teach a course titled "The Social History of Colonial New England" in the History Department's Newport Program. While there he, his wife Sharon, and several Appalachian students managed to see the Red Sox lose to Texas. Tim's book on the environmental history of the colonial South is due out in February, 1990.

STEPHEN SIMON's article "In Search of a World History Textbook" appeared in the spring 1989 issue of the World History Bulletin. His work "Women Who Pleaded Causes Before the Roman Magistrates" is forthcoming in The Classical Bulletin. This fall Steve will be reading a paper entitled "The Metaphysical Reality of the Polis" at the Duquesne History Forum and is making a presentation on the heritage of the Hudson steam engine at the Toy Train Museum in York, Pennsylvania. His reviews of Anton Powell's Athens and Sparta and Elias J. Bickerman's The Jews in the Greek Age appeared in the spring 1989 issue of History, Reviews of New Books.

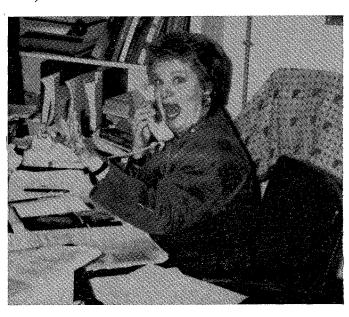
EDWIN SOUTHERN published "Archives and Automation: A Look at the Future" in the North Carolina Archivist (Spring, 1988) and "The Dragon of Certification and Other Modern Monsters" in The Curator: the Newsletter of Appalachian Regional Collections. Ed also presented the keynote address to the fall meeting of the Society of North Carolina Archivists, which met in October, 1989 at Duke University. His address was entitled "Automation and the Document: The Implications of the Computer Revolution for Archivists, Historians, and Society."

LILLIAN TRETTIN resigned from the department following the 1988-89 academic year for personal reasons. The most important of those reasons arrived on July 8, 1989—a healthy baby boy named Kyle. Lillian now resides with her husband, Carl, and their two sons in Raleigh where she is working on a revised manuscript draft from her dissertation.

MICHAEL WADE was awarded the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees Travel Grant and conducted research in various French archives this past summer. Six of his biographical sketches appeared in the Dictionary of Louisiana Biography published by the Louisiana Historical Association. He also published reviews of John Heitmann's The Modernization of the Louisiana Sugar Industry in Louisiana History, Dethloff and Pusateri's American Business History in The Public Historian, and Durwood Dunn's Cade's Cove in the North Carolina Historical Review. In February, Mike read "Twilight of an Era: Energy and American Culture" at the 10th Annual Meadows Foundation/Pan American University History Teaching Conference at South Padre Island, Texas. The next month he read "Justice Denied: Appoline Patout vs. the United States, 1864-1916" at the Centennial Meeting of the Louisiana Historical Association in Baton Rouge. At that meeting, Dr. Wade was appointed to the Publications Committee of the Association.

ALLEN WELLS has accepted a position on the faculty at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. In November 1989, he returned to our campus and spoke to the Appalachian community on "The Political Crisis in Mexico" as a part of the Special Forum Series.

JIM WINDERS was appointed director of the New York Loft for the fall 1989 semester. While serving as resident director, he is completing revisions of his book Gender, Theory, and the Canon: From Intellectual History to Cultural Criticism to be published in 1990 by The University of Wisconsin Press. He is also at work, with Melissa Barth and Tom McLaughlin of Appalachian's English Department, on a book called Reading for Difference: Texts on Gender, Race, and Class that will be published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich in 1990 or 1991. Jim's article "Politics of Gender and Temporality in Beyond the Pleasure Principle" was published in Critical Exchange 25 (Spring, 1988) and, this past summer, he completed five articles for publication in the Historical Dictionary of the French Fourth and Fifth Republics (forthcoming from Greenwood Press).



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