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Message to the Academy



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President - Ohio Academy of History

There are many reasons for members of this Academy to congratulate themselves for the successes they have achieved over the past generation. The long distinguished list of publications presented in the spring *Newsletter* reflects the scholarly accomplishments of Ohio historians. The variety and quality of the Academy's spring meetings attract contributors and informed audiences worthy of a national convention. Our future programs will be enriched by the permanent representation of the Ohio Historians' Media Group on the Program Committee. At the same time, the special spirit at the social meetings which characterized the Academy in its early years has not been lost; the fall gatherings around the state, with their absence of a formal program, continue to bring together in fellowship Ohioans interested in history, inside or outside the University.

The progressive growth of the Academy can be no better demonstrated than in the invitation for the President to serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Historical Society. The experience of my predecessor last year has made easy the path of his successors. It should not be overlooked that the Director of the Society is one of our own, with close ties to the Academy as a student at Kent State and Ohio State and as a faculty member at Ohio University. Whatever strains may have existed between Academy and Society in the

past have little relevance to the present; the scholarly direction now taken by *Ohio History* is an earnest of the future.

It is ironical that this self-congratulation in which I am indulging takes place at a time when professional teachers of history find it difficult to locate positions. This irony is compounded by the celebrations of this bicentennial year which have not taken into sufficient account the role of history in the education of young Americans. If our Academy is to prosper in the future, and if it deserves to prosper, it must exert such pressures as it can to awaken our public to the significance of our discipline and open opportunities for its practitioners to apply their talents. A glance at the committees of the Academy reveals at least its sensitivity to these problems: the Committee on Status of Women in the Historical Profession addresses itself to a widespread malaise in our society; the Committee of Standards continues to speak out on the role history should play as well as the role it does play in society.

In recognition of our efforts the newly formed National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of Historical Studies, chaired by Richard S. Kirkendall of the Organization of American Historians, has asked the Academy to promote its activities in Ohio. The purpose of the committee is to increase the demand for trained historians in various areas of employment both in the public and private sectors at local, state and national levels. It also seeks to advance historical studies generally, especially in schools, and to restore confidence in our discipline throughout society. These are ambitious as well as praiseworthy goals. As state coordinator the Academy may be in a position to accelerate its efforts and achieve results that benefit a larger constituency than our membership. In the meantime, the Committee can serve as a focus for our activities on behalf of our profession.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

April 23, 1976

The Executive Council met at 8:30 on April 23, 1976 at the Fawcett Center with all members present. The Council agreed, upon Prof. Lawrence Kaplan's motion, to accept the invitation of the University of Toledo to hold the fall 1976 meeting on its campus on October 8. Prof. Kaplan also broached the idea of holding the fall meeting in 1977 at Kent State University, but no official action was taken by the Council.

The Council approved the use of voting cards at the annual business meeting to identify paid-up members. Upon the recommendation of Prof. Virginia Platt, the Council expressed its official view that only members should be permitted to speak at the meeting, given the shortness of time available to transact business after the luncheon.

The Council approved the plan of the Secretary-Treasurer to mail a questionnaire to the At-Large members, to find out their

interests in history and in the Academy. The Council also approved the Treasurer's Report.

Prof. Emily Geer (Findlay College) appeared before the Council to report on the suggestions of the Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession, of which she is chairperson, with regard to part-time faculty. The Council voted unanimously to put before the membership the following two proposals:

1. That part-time faculty should be paid on a basis commensurate with the salaries received by full-time faculty.
2. That every effort should be made to improve the professional qualifications of persons hired for part-time positions.

In arriving at the text of these proposals the Council debated at some length the difference in requirements for part-time teachers as contrasted with full-time (e.g., absence of committee service and advising functions). Prof. Geer pointed out that some institutions are attempting to develop a point system with which to evaluate the relative responsibilities of part-time and full-time teachers. Prof. Platt, in moving to approve suggestion No. 1, said that it is important not to downgrade part-time employment in any fashion, and offered the term "commensurate with", included in the final text of the proposal, as the best way to describe the goal of equitable treatment for part-time teachers. At the same time, the term would take into account the differences in duties of part-time and full-time teachers. Present practices concerning part-time teachers, it was felt by the Council, in a great many cases do not provide salaries for them "commensurate with" those received by full-time personnel.

As for the second proposal, the Council called for better screening of part-time personnel, especially by full-time faculty, in order to get more qualified part-time teachers.

Prof. Geer also raised the question of possible tenure for part-time teachers (by accumulating years of service over a longer period than for full-time), or the opportunity to count part-time service toward tenure in case the person were later hired full-time. The council felt that this proposal needs more study and asked the committee to investigate its feasibility and to make further suggestions at a later meeting.

The Council, at the request of Council Member Taylor Stults, next turned its attention to the relationship of the new Ohio Historians' Media Group to the Academy. Upon the motion of Prof. Kaplan, the Council voted to direct the president to place a member of the Media Group on the program committee. It was understood in the Council that the Group should be permitted to have at least one session on the programs of each spring meeting. The Group should also have access to the Academy mailing list and receive "reasonable" financial support, interpreted to mean postage and other modest expenses related to the activities of the Group. The request of the Group to have a formal meeting or presentation at the annual fall meeting of the Academy was turned down by the Council, on the grounds that the membership has expressed its opinion in the past in favor of keeping the fall meeting a social affair. It was pointed out, however, that the Council has no objection to the host institution for the fall meeting scheduling a presentation of the Media Group in conjunction with the meeting, so long as it is not included in the official activities of the meeting, and does not conflict with the Academy's activities at the meeting.

The editor of *Ohio History*, Thomas Hartig, has requested the right to reproduce the logotype of the Ohio Academy of History (currently displayed on the *Newsletter*) on a column of Academy news in *Ohio History*. The Council gave permission, deciding on

use of the familiar symbol rather than a new logo suggested by Prof. Harold Oerter.

The Council, acting upon a request of Prof. Warren F. Kuehl, Chairman of the Publication Award Committee, that his committee be permitted to award an honorable mention, confirmed the decision of President Carl Klopfenstein not to accede to this request.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur R. Steele,
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Columbus, Ohio, April 24, 1976

Eased into a pleasant frame of mind by the hilarious "Confessions of a Would-Be Court Historian," incoming President Lawrence Kaplan's recollections of high secrecy and low comedy behind Pentagon walls, the Academy held a meeting marked by a minimum of controversy.

The Treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$2,810.68, was approved by the membership upon the motion of Prof. Ronald Pollitt, seconded by Prof. William Aeschbacher. Prof. Eugene Murdock, chairman of the Nominations Committee presented a slate of officers for 1976-1977. There being no nominations from the floor, the election produced the following result: President, Lawrence S. Kaplan (Kent State); Vice-President, G. Wallace Chessman (Denison); Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur R. Steele (Toledo); member of the Executive Council for a 3-year term, Harry Lupold (Lakeland Community College). Prof. Charles Ferroni (Ashland), Chairman of the Membership Committee, lamented the minimal response, in the form of new members, to his committee's extensive efforts to expand the rolls of the Academy.

William Aeschbacher (Cincinnati), Chairman of the Joint Ohio Academy of History - Society of Ohio Archivists Archives - Library Committee, announced that he would recommend to the Executive Council of the Academy that the two groups unite to hold their fall meetings and hold parallel sessions on the same dates and in the same city during the spring. Prof. Aeschbacher commended the editor of *Ohio History* for the quarterly's "new look," and Wright State University for its establishment of an M.A. program for the training of archival administrators. He also announced that the National Historical Public Records Commission, in conjunction with the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, is supposed to have money for records projects, though the money is not yet available. Prof. Aeschbacher further announced that Prof. George Knepper (Akron) has been appointed Ohio Academy of History advisor to the Survey Records Program.

Prof. Gary Hess (Bowling Green), chairman of the Standards Committee, reported that his committee, by a vote of 5 to 1, had opposed the measure referred to it last year asking the state legislature to provide for a compulsory course in United States history in public universities. Prof. Hess moved, seconded by Prof. Harold Oerter (Miami), that the Academy not go on record as supporting such legislation. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Emily Geer, chairperson of the Committee on Women in the Historical Profession, moved adoption of the two measures

which had been approved by the Executive Council the previous evening:

1. That part-time faculty should be paid on a basis commensurate with the salaries received by full-time faculty.

2. That every effort should be made to improve the professional qualifications of persons hired for part-time positions.

The first proposal, considered separately, drew the most comment of the meeting. Although there were questions as to the meaning of the word "commensurate," and calls for more data on salaries, the sentiment of most speakers seemed to favor the proposal. Prof. Paul McStallworth (Wright State) urged support, reminding the membership of the public's criticism of higher education, and not wanting the historical profession to be charged with "alienation" in accepting inadequate teachers. Prof. Robert Zangrando (Akron), characterizing part-time teachers as "victimized," warned against postponing the issue. In answer to Prof. Daniel Beaver (Cincinnati), who questioned whether the proposal was strong enough, Prof. Donna Van Raaphorst (Cuyahoga Community College) called it a step in the right direction. The measure carried by a show of hands. The second proposal did likewise with little discussion.

Prof. Virginia Platt (Bowling Green), seconded by Prof. Zangrando, moved that the two guidelines be sent to the chief administrative officer of each institution in Ohio. The proposal carried by voice vote.

The meeting culminated with the long-awaited announcement of award winners. Prof. Warren F. Kuehl (Akron), Chairman of the Publication Award Committee, announced the winner of the book award to be Prof. James M. Kittelson of Ohio State University for his study of *Wolfgang Capito: From Humanist to Reformer*. Prof. Kuehl commented on the high standards attained by the 17 works read by the committee and asked leave to give special mention to the runner-up, a biography of the Duke of Newcastle, by Prof. Reed Browning of Kenyon College.

Prof. G. Wallace Chessman, chairman of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, announced the selection of Prof. Thomas LeDuc (Oberlin) and Prof. John Hall Stewart (Case Western Reserve Emeritus) as recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, selections which met with strong approval of the membership, to judge by the applause given to each.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur R. Steele,
Secretary-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 1975-1976

INCOME

\$ 4,817.33

BALANCE ON HAND, April 24, 1975
(Including \$2,113.13 reserved for
Bicentennial Committee; net available for Ohio Academy, \$2,706.20)

Receipts, Spring 1975 Meeting

173 Registration & Lunch at \$5.50	951.50
92 Registration only at \$2.00	184.00
22 Luncheon only at \$3.50	77.00

Sale of Books	399.42	1,611.92
191 Memberships at \$4.00		764.00
15 Student Memberships at \$2.00		30.00
137 Joint Memberships with Ohio Historical Society at \$3.00		411.00
Bank Interest		196.23
Collected for remission to Columbus for 2 joint memberships		26.00
194 Dinners at \$6.50 (Fall Meeting)		1,261.00
TOTAL INCOME		9,117.48

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for Spring 1975 Meeting

Fawcett Center - Luncheons	617.50	
Room Charges	220.00	
Coffee & doughnuts	125.00	
Participant Charge	145.00	
Student Assistant Lunch Money	10.00	
Refunds of Registration-Luncheon Fees	22.00	
Stationery Supplies (Name tags, sign materials, cash box)	29.43	1,168.93
Zaner-Bloser (plaques)		116.52
Transmitted to Columbus for 2 joint Memberships		26.00
Secretary-Treasurer		200.00
Rapid Instant Printing		
Spring 1975 Newsletter	311.50	
Fall 1975 Newsletter	315.50	
Spring 1976 Newsletter	296.25	923.25
University of Toledo		
Roster of Professional Historians	778.50	
Printing program materials	92.40	870.90
Ohio Cold Type Company, envelopes		20.90
Address Stencils		5.33
Postage		27.97

Committee on the Bicentennial

Daniel Kraska, Research for Bicentennial Committee, 360 hours at \$4.50	1,620.00	
Dept. of History, Case Western Reserve University	45.50	1,665.50
Expenses for Fall Meeting at Western Reserve Historical Society		
Meals	1,042.20	
Service Personnel	90.00	
Printing and Mailing	146.30	
Name Tags	3.00	1,281.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

6,306.80

BALANCE ON HAND, April 22, 1976
(Including \$445.63 reserved for Bicentennial Committee; net available for Ohio Academy, \$2,365.05)

\$ 2,810.68

FISCAL YEAR, 1976-1977 to July 31, 1976

INCOME

BALANCE ON HAND, April 22, 1976		\$2,810.68
Receipts, Spring 1976 Meeting		
163 Registration and Luncheons at \$5.50	896.50	
42 Registration only at \$2.00	84.00	
17 Luncheons only at \$3.50	59.50	
Sale of Books	<u>318.12</u>	1,358.12
27 Memberships at \$4.00		108.00
2 Student memberships at \$2.00		4.00
Bank Interest		<u>39.53</u>
TOTAL INCOME, April 22-July 31, 1976		4,320.33

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures, Spring 1976 Meeting		
Fawcett Center - Luncheons	604.84	
Room Charges	180.00	
Coffee & Doughnuts	80.00	
Participant Charge	84.37	
Use of TV for session	15.00	
Refunded lunch payments	7.00	
Department of History, Heidelberg College, for printing book exhibit lists	16.25	
Stationery supplies - for signs, name tags, labels	28.20	
Department of History, Univ of Toledo, for phone calls	<u>22.78</u>	1,038.44
Secretary-Treasurer		200.00
Postage		5.98
Charles Ferroni, reimbursement for printing membership brochures		30.40
Zaner-Bloser (plaques)		<u>123.67</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, April 22-July 31, 1976		1,398.49
BALANCE ON HAND, July 31, 1976		\$ 2,921.84
(Including \$445.63 reserved for Bicentennial Committee; net available for Ohio Academy, \$2,476.21)		

SPRING MEETING
Ohio Academy
April 29-30
Fawcett Center
For Tomorrow
Columbus

OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY
COMMITTEES
1976-1977

* Italicized names are the chairpersons

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ex-Officio

Lawrence S. Kaplan (Kent), President
 G. Wallace Chessman (Denison), Vice President
 Arthur R. Steele (Toledo), Secretary-Treasurer
 Carl G. Klopfenstein (Heidelberg), Immediate Past President

Elected

Mary K. Howard (John Carroll) 1974-77
 Taylor Stults (Muskingum) 1975-78
 Harry Lupold (Lakeland Community) 1976-79

PROGRAM

Jacob Dorn (Wright State)*
 Philip N. Bebb (Ohio U.)
 Lorin Lee Cary (Toledo)
 Wilson Hoffman (Hiram)
 Donald Schilling (Denison)
 Jeanette E. Tuve (Cleveland State)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Erving E. Beauregard (Dayton)*
 Charles Chatfield (Wittenberg)
 Ronald Shaw (Miami)

COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN IN
HISTORICAL PROFESSION

Donna Van Raaphorst (Cuyahoga Community, West)*
 Tulia Hamilton (Ohio State)
 Marion Morton (John Carroll)
 Joan Reiss (Kent)
 Lois Sharf (Cleve. State; John Carroll)
 Susan Tamke (Bowling Green)
 Bob Zangrando (Akron)

STANDARDS

Richard Smith (Ohio Wesleyan)* 1975-78
 Randall Buchman (Defiance) 1975-78
 J. Austin Kerr (Ohio State) 1975-78
 Jack T. Kirby (Miami) 1975-78
 Sr. Mary Claude Rozman (Notre Dame) 1976-79
 Stephen Z. Starr (Cincinnati Historical S.) 1976-79

PUBLICATION AWARD

Alonzo L. Hamby (Ohio U.)*
 Thomas Hartig (OHS)
 Beth I. Lewis (Wooster)
 John Hubbell (Kent)
 Robert F. Smith (Toledo)

JOINT OAH-SOA ARCHIVES-LIBRARY

George W. Knepper (OAH) (Akron), 1974-77*
 William Bigglestone (SOA) (Oberlin) 1976-79
 David Kyvig (SOA) (Akron), 1975-78
 James H. O'Donnell, III (OAH) (Marietta), 1975-78
 Thomas H. Smith (OAH) (OHS), 1974-77
 Helen Slotkin (SOA) (Cincinnati) 1976-79

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Charles Ferroni (Ashland)*
 James Banks (Cuyahoga Community)
 Robert Boehm (Defiance)
 Donald Breen (Southview High School, Lorain)
 James P. Gidney (Kent)
 Albert A. Misenko (Wright Patterson)
 John E. Saffell (Mt. Union)
 Robert Shimp (Ohio Wesleyan)

NOMINATING

George H. Lobdell (Ohio U.)*
 Joseph May (Youngstown)
 Rubin Weston (Central State)

BICENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

[Ad Hoc]

Carl Ubbelohde (Case Western Reserve)*
 Lee Bennis, S.J. (Xavier)
 John Cary (Cleveland State)
 Don R. Gerlach (Akron)
 Robert Hartje (Wittenberg)
 Richard Jellison (Miami)
 James H. O'Donnell, III (Marietta)
 George J. Ruppel, S.M. (Dayton)
 David C. Skaggs (Bowling Green)

AROUND AND ABOUT THE PROFESSION



JAMES M. KITTELSON
 Of Ohio State University

James M. Kittelson of OSU received the Academy's publication award for the best book written by a member of the Academy and published in 1975. In his book *Wolfgang Capito: From Humanist to Reform*, Kittelson studied the classic problem of the relationship between humanism and the Reformation. The study of Capito, the author suggests, indicates that the legacy of humanism in the Reformation probably lay more in the realm of action than of formal ideas.

Dr. Kittelson said that winning the award was a "tremendous

honor." He added that he only wished "that my having won it didn't mean that others failed to do so."

SOVIET INSTITUTE

On June 30th John Carroll University held its 14th Annual Public Conference on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The 1976 conference theme was "Internal Difficulties of the Soviet Union with Emphasis on Economic, Religious, Human Rights, and Nationality Problems." The program chaired by Dr. Michael S. Pap consisted of three speakers. They were: Dr. Albert Parry of Colgate, Dr. Dennis J. Dunn of Southwest Texas State, and Dr. Walter Dushnyck, editor of *The Ukrainian Quarterly*.

BOWLING GREEN SURVEY**THE UTILITY OF HISTORY:**

**Student Perceptions and Evaluations of
History at Bowling Green State University**

The History Department, in conjunction with the University Division of General Studies, at Bowling Green State University completed an extensive self-study project this past spring. In response to the Department's request, BGSU students completed a survey questionnaire for the expressed purpose of gathering information on "why students take history courses, their attitudes toward history, and the kinds of approaches to history students would prefer." While attempting to answer more "practical" questions, the Department wanted to establish a wider context in which to interpret these answers. Therefore, a more "theoretical" dimension was also developed focusing on student perceptions of the usefulness of history and the general orientations students held toward college.

The general procedure used in the survey was to administer the survey questionnaire to a stratified random sample of BGSU undergraduates (freshmen, sophomores, and seniors), as well as all History majors; 67% of the History majors (N=76) and 42% of the random sample (N=234) completed questionnaires.

As a prelude to a final report, a "data digest" was prepared; its implications for curricular reform and pedagogy were discussed in a departmental meeting. It is anticipated that a comprehensive report will be available this fall; however, a number of pertinent findings already have been determined.

When students were asked what they thought were "the important things to get out of college," both History majors and the students selected at random rated items related to career preparation highest and those related to a social orientation lowest. Other orientations toward college included items related to concepts of learning and identity.

A list of 25 phrases, each of which described a possible "use" for studying history, was given to students; they were asked to indicate how useful they thought the study of history to be for each item, e.g. "analyzing trends in society." Majors gave substantially higher ratings (twice as high, or 20 percent points) for history as being useful for "thinking logically," "learning about self," "organizing knowledge," "good leisure-time reading," "all other learning," "increasing career possibilities," and "gaining new insights." Both groups of students rated the use of history for "becoming familiar with other societies" highest and "rapid career advancement" lowest.

A list of 36 possible courses was also proposed. Students were asked to indicate their interest in a course on a scale ranging from "would not be interested in" to "definitely would take." Most of the courses were posed as an attempt to gain some insight into the

type of course students would be interested in, e.g., contemporary, American, biographical, etc. In general, both majors and students in the random sample rated courses associated with "presidents and war" and the "contemporary" factors high and "social justice" and "methodology" low.

In the open-ended section of the questionnaire, students consistently registered comments suggesting that the professor makes the "difference" and that many negative attitudes toward History were carried over from high school. The predominant message from students was that, in comparison to other courses available to complete group requirements, History courses were difficult and time-consuming. While some students enjoyed this rigor and encouraged its continuance, many others leaned toward other courses because of it.

The data received in the survey was not unambiguous, but it did appear clearer than most gathered in similar surveys that depended upon student perception and evaluation. The teaching of history is in the midst of a number of cross currents, tensions, and contradictions. Students are career-oriented, yet history is not perceived as being useful or helpful to career preparation. History courses are difficult and demanding at a time when "good grades" are necessary for job and graduate school. Course evaluations "depend upon the professor"; students want contemporary courses or those that deal with epic struggles and "great persons"--please, leave the historiography to others. The non-major may not want sesame Street, but he/she certainly thinks history ought to be utilitarian and pragmatic.

James L. Litwin, who prepared the above summary, is Senior Staff Associate for Research and Evaluation in the University Division of General Studies at Bowling Green State University. A copy of the questionnaire and the final report may be requested from him c/o 26 Shatzel Hall, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, 43403.

CLEVELAND JEWISH ARCHIVES

The Western Reserve Historical Society has announced the establishment of the Cleveland Jewish Archives. The object of the Archives is to locate and preserve papers, records, and other sources bearing on the development and impact of the Jewish community in the greater Cleveland area. Initial three-year funding for the Archives in the amount of \$44,400 has been provided in memory of Rabbi Moses J. Gries and Leonard Ratner.

The size and multitudinous activities of the Cleveland Jewish community will make the Archives an important resource for scholars working in American Judaic and urban topics. The current greater Cleveland Jewish population of over 85,000 had its beginning in the 1830s. However, its most rapid growth was during the turn of the century when the city was the destination of thousands of immigrants. The various philanthropic and Zionist movements that generally responded to and accompanied this immigration were all active in Cleveland.

Anyone seeking further information about the Archives and its holdings are asked to contact the Archivist, Cleveland Jewish Archives, Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106.

OHIOANA CALENDAR

"Ethnic Groups of Ohio" is the theme for the 1977 edition of the Ohioana Year Book-Engagement Calendar. The 118 pages plus 28 illustrations is the work of many historians and authors of

Ohio. Copies of this award winning publication may be attained at \$2.75 per copy plus 12c tax and 25c mailing from the Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Association, 1105 Ohio Departments Building, Columbus, OH 43215.

AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND



ROBERT J. SMITH
Command Historian - Wright-Patterson AFB

The Air Force Logistics Command History office at Wright-Patterson AFB is composed of six historians and one archivist. The office is headed by a command historian who also supervises the history activities of the command's nine field organizations. The office attempts to compile sufficient information to enable the AFLC to make its management decisions. In addition, the office produces an annual history, special studies and monographs, and handles research inquiries from the Air Force, other government agencies, and individual scholars.

In July Robert J. Smith assumed the position of command historian at AFLC. He is the youngest person appointed to such a position by the Air Force since World War II. Smith has served in the historical branch of the Air Force for the past nine years and for three years prior to that was an archivist at the Eisenhower Library.

BICENTENNIAL NEWS AND EVENTS

While some of us along Lake Erie have enjoyed the visits of the Tall Ships, the passing of July 4th has slackened the pace of bicentennial events. There are still a few reminders of the activities of the past year.

BICENTENNIAL PHOTO CONTEST

OARBAC is sponsoring a photographic contest for pictures taken in Ohio during the 1976 calendar year. The pictures must reflect something of the spirit of the people and places of Ohio during the bicentennial celebration. The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers. Information on the contest is available from: Spirit of Ohio Bicentennial Contest, OARBAC, Ohio Historical Center, Columbus, OH 43211.

HISTORY DAY '76

During the late Winter and Spring eleven regional History Days were held throughout the state. On May 8 the winners of the regional contests met on Capital University campus for the final selections. The series of events were co-sponsored by the Academy and the Ohio Department of Education. The events were part of the Ohio College Bicentennial Program of OARBAC and were funded by grants from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, the George Gund Foundation, and the Columbus Foundation. The general reaction to both the quantity and quality of entries was very favorable.

BICENTENNIAL ETHNOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

During September and October, as part of the Western Reserve Historical Society's bicentennial exhibit, there will be a series of ethnographic exhibitions. The displays and programs will focus on the contributions of various nationality groups to the development of the United States. Information concerning these programs can be obtained from John Large, Jr., WRHS, Cleveland, OH 44106.

Various major projects of OARBAC are coming to fruition in the publication of a number of things. Now available at all major book outlets is *An Ohio Portrait* by former Academy President George Knepper of Akron University. The book is a 288 page pictorial history of Ohio with commentary.

Also soon to be available will be the scholastic conference papers from the conference on "Blacks in Ohio History." They will be available for \$2.00 plus postage and handling from the Business Office of the OHS, Ohio Historical Center, Columbus, Ohio 43211.

The fifth of the six major Bicentennial Conferences sponsored by OARBAC will be held October 30th at Case Western Reserve. The one day symposium is entitled "Toward an Urban Ohio." A \$6.00 fee covers registration and lunch. Make checks payable to OARBAC, and mail to Special Programs, Room 116 Baker Bldg., CWRU, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

New Courses and Programs

Amens seemed to be heard all through the profession to the sentiments expressed by Meg Greenfield in the February 2nd issue of *Newsweek*. Most of us would agree with her sentiments that "... in the reconstruction of American schooling that is going forward" that she "... would put properly taught history second on the list of goals to be achieved - right after literacy." As has been noted in this column many times, various schools are attempting to assure that "properly taught history" does occur. Among the latest approaches are:

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

A new course, History 101 - The Study of History, will be offered each quarter during the 1976-77 academic year. The course is designed to be a cornerstone of a student's general education. It will approach the study of history as a distinctive way of thinking. Through a variety of materials and problems, students will learn why it is important how the historian examines belief systems and behavioral patterns to explaining change through time, and how history links both the perspective and findings of other fields and disciplines.

FINDLAY COLLEGE

As a method to stimulate interest and broaden research for a seminar paper, Findlay College has added an oral history requirement to their Senior History Seminar. Each student must interview several persons familiar with the topic they have selected, in addition to the usual written documentation.

Students are familiarized with interview techniques either by assigning excerpts from collections of interview or by observing

an interviewer at work. Findlay has found that updating seminar papers by including oral interviews adds to the value of the traditional history seminar.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

This past year a Senior Colloquium for History majors was instituted. The course was designed to help them better understand the questions historians ask, how historians use evidence, and how they reach their conclusions. Participating faculty members approach the course through studying some problem or interest area in their specialty.

At the graduate level, the department has begun studying the establishment of joint MA programs with disciplines having interests complementary to history. They have also begun scheduling seminars in two quarter sequences in order to provide more time for researching and writing.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

In light of the increased interest in Canadian Studies, James G. Chastain developed and headed a Summer Study Abroad Project in Canada in conjunction with Laval University.

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

During the summer, Charles Glaab helped teach a course entitled "American Art and Literature as Social History." The course was built around the exhibition at the Toledo Museum of Art "Heritage and Horizons: American Painting, 1776-1976." Cooperating with Glaab were William Bottorff (English) and Marvin Felheim, Director of American Studies, University of Michigan plus several members of the museum staff. The course demonstrated how courses can be built around local or temporary happenings.

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

This Fall two new courses will be offered. One course, "The Antiwar Movement in American History," will be taught by Allan Spetter. The course will study the motivations of those Americans who have spoken out against the wars waged by their country. Special attention will be focused on the opposition to the creation of empire in 1898 and the isolationism of the 1930s.

The second course directed by Charles R. Berry will be a seminar on "Human Experience as Reflected in Film and Fiction." The approach will be largely biographical centering around such people as Joan of Arc, Martin Luther, and Emiliano Zapata. The perceptions of the meaning of these persons and their place in history will be examined through fiction, film, and history.

Awards, Grants, Leaves, Honors, and Offices

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

A year's leave of absence has been granted to JAMES F. RICHARDSON. Leaves for one quarter have been extended to JUNE K. BURTON and DANIEL NELSON for the Fall, and H. ROGER GRANT and DAVID E. KYVIG for the Winter.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

An ACLS Summer Grant was received by LAWRENCE FRIEDMAN to work on Gerrit Smith and abolitionism.

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

HILMAR GRIMM will be on leave for the first semester and interim of 1976-1977.

CINCINNATI BIBLE SEMINARY

A leave of absence for the Summer and Fall finds SHERWOOD SMITH on a preaching-teaching experience in the mission field.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

ZANE MILLER and HENRY SHAPIRO are the winners of the first Robert J. Low Award which recognizes significant contributions to innovation and improvement in undergraduate instruction. The award is for their efforts in the Laboratory of American Civilization.

In order to develop his course "Film as History - Europe", THOMAS SAKMYSTER was given a University Educational Council Grant.

W.D. AESCHBACHER, who is stepping down as Head, will have a year's leave of absence before assuming his duties as professor and University Archivist.

Leaves have been granted for the Fall Quarter to ZANE MILLER to continue his study of southern cities and to GUIDO RUGGIERO to finish up a book.

BARBARA RUMUSACK will be on leave both Fall and Winter Quarters to pursue research in India.

CLEVELAND STATE

Research grants have been awarded to two members of the department. MARK STOLARIK received an NEH Summer Stipend and a John Wendy Wasco Foundation Grant. He is using the grants to study the Slovak community in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. TIMOTHY RUNYON spent the summer in Britain doing research in medieval maritime history with the help of grants from the American Philosophical Society and CSU.

ROGER MANNING was the recipient of the Harlaxton Prize of *Aibion* and the University of Evansville for his article on "Patterns of Violence in Early Tudor Enclosure Riots."

Autumn Quarter will find ROBERT WHEELER on a leave of absence.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

ROBERTA ALEXANDER will spend the next year at Vanderbilt University on a NEH Fellowship in Residence for College Teachers. The time will be spent cooperating with other recipients on a study of the South since reconstruction. She also received a UD Summer Research Grant.

Other UD Summer Research Grants were given to PAT PALERMO for work on a book on Lincoln Steffens and to ALICE VINES to complete her research on Margaret Gladstone MacDonald.

RAY MARAS participated this Summer in a NEH Summer Seminar at the University of Illinois.

FINDLAY COLLEGE

Another year's leave has been extended to SHARON BANNISTER.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

AUGUST MEIER and ELLIOTT M. RUDWICK will spend the 1976-1977 academic year on Fellowships at the Center for Advance Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Summer grants for research aided BRUCE MENNING to work in Washington and W. SHERMAN JACKSON at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library at Austin.

Fall Semester will find JAY W. BAIRD on leave while Spring Semester THOMAS M. COAKLEY will be gone.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

From January to August 1977 JAMES BARTHOLOMEW will be a Fellow in the School of Historical Studies of the Institute

for Advanced Study, Princeton.

MANSEL G. BLACKFORD in conjunction with AUSTIN KERR and/or M. ROE SMITH has produced two films on the industrialization of the United States in the 19th Century.

PAUL BOWERS received a grant from both the George Gund Foundation and the Columbus Foundation for a study of the rhetoric of migration and settlement.

The Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching was bestowed upon ROBERT BREMNER. During the past Summer he had led an NEH Summer Seminar on "The History of Children in America."

JOHN C. BURNHAM held a National Library of Medicine Research Grant during the past academic year. During that year he lectured widely in the general areas of sexuality and psychotherapy within an historical context. During the Summer of 1976 he headed a NEH Seminar for Medical Practitioners.

An NEH Fellowship for Independent Study and Research was held by HAO CHANG during 1975-1976.

ROBERT CHAZAN is on leave during the coming year so that he may teach at Tel-Aviv University.

MICHAEL W. CURRAN'S book *The Contours of Russian History* (co-authored with David MacKenzie of UNC) is forthcoming from Dorsey Press. During the past year he has served as Co-Editor of *The USSR Today: Current Readings From The Soviet Press*, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

CARTER FINDLEY is a 1976-77 recipient of a Fellowship of the Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East of the ACLS and the SSRC.

Modern Strategies for Teaching the American Revolution, A Multi-Media Resource for Secondary School Teachers by PETER C. HOFFER, et al. has been recently published by the Ohio Historical Society.

JOSEPH H. LYNCH held a ACLS Fellowship during 1975-76. He used the leave to continue work on a project concerned with children and monasticism in medieval Europe.

JOHN A.M. ROTHNEY has begun a three-year term as Editor of *French Historical Studies*.

During Spring Quarter 1976 M. ROE SMITH was Visiting Professor of History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Summer 1976 found him as a Resident Scholar at the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation Center for Research in Regional Economic History.

RICHARD STITES is an IREX Alternate as a Senior Scholar Fellowship for Research in the USSR for 1976-77.

FREDERICK SNIDER was a recipient of a Fullbright Grant, and IREX Fellowship, and a University Research Grant for his project X "The Bohemian Nobility 1650-1850."

WARREN R. VAN TINE has been named a Co-Director of the Ohio Labor History Project sponsored by OSU, the Ohio AFL-CIO, the OHS, and the Ohio Network of Archives.

A Research Grant from the ACLS-SSRC Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East has been awarded to MARILYN WALDMAN for 1976.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

OU Research Grants were extended to CHARLES C. ALEXANDER, ALONZO L. HAMBY, and COMPTON REEVES.

DOUGLAS C. BAXTER spent the Summer on a fellowship attending the Colloquium on the New History at the City University of New York.

A leave of absence for the 1976-1977 academic year was granted to JOHN L. GADDIS so that he could accept the

position of Visiting Professor at the U.S. Naval War College.

JAMES G. CHASTAIN will spend the Fall Quarter in Germany on a Fulbright Research Fellowship and the Winter Quarter in Ottawa on a Canadian Studies Fellowship.

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

ROBERT FREEMAN SMITH was awarded the \$10,000 Tom L. Evans Research Grant of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute.

A Summer NEH Fellowship was enjoyed by CHARLES DE BENEDETTI.

COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

SUSANNE ROBERTS is a 1976-1977 Fellow in Residence at Harvard as a result of winning a NEH College Teachers Award. She will work under David Herlihy and participate in his seminar on "Social Experiences and Cultural Values in the Medieval World."

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

PEI HUANG and WILLIAM JENKINS received NEH Summer Grants. Huang is working on Chinese history and Jenkins on the history of the family.

Appointments, Promotions, and Resignations

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

GUY S. ALITTO has been named an Assistant Professor with a specialization in East Asian history. He replaces EARL J. MOTZ who resigned.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

On the main campus DAVID H. WEINBERG was promoted to Associate while JOSEPH B. AKE was named Assistant at the Firelands Campus.

CINCINNATI BIBLE SEMINARY

HAROLD R. FORD has resigned in order to accept the position of Professor of Church History at the Puget Sound College of the Bible.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

ROGER DANIELS, SUNY Fredonia, will become Head of the department in September. His specialization is in ethnic groups in the United States, specifically Japanese-American minorities.

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

Tenure with the rank of Associate Professor was given to DONALD RAMOS effective September 1.

LE ROY WILLIAMS has been appointed Instructor for the 1976-1977 academic year.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

The rank of Associate was extended to ROBERTA ALEXANDER.

FINDLAY COLLEGE

RICHARD KERN has been named Professor with specializations in early American and church history. His most recent publication is *John Winebrenner: 19th Century Reformer*.

A former instructor at Bluffton College, RICHARD HITE has been employed to teach during 1976-1977. His field is Russia.

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

Promoted to the rank of Professor was DONALD W. SMYTHE, S.J. while WALLACE J. KOSINSKI became an Associate.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

BARRETT L. BEER has been made a Professor and GEORGE D. BALSAMA and WILLIAM H. KENNY III have been raised to Associate.

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

J. PAUL MADDEN has been appointed to teach Modern Europe, Russia, and England in place of PAMELA MCKINSEY who resigned.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

F. GILBERT CHAN and JEFFREY P. KIMBALL were promoted to Associate Professor.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Two promotions were made this year. ROBERT CHAZAN rose to the rank of Professor and WARREN VAN TINE to that of Associate.

The list of new appointments for 1976 is comprised of: RICHARD SHIELDS, Asst. Prof., Newark Campus, TIMOTHY NUGENT, Visiting Asst. Prof., Columbus, and the following lecturers at Columbus - KAREN BLAIR, NELSON LICHTENSTEIN, MALCOLM MUIR, JR., RICHARD ROLLINS, and THOMAS WILLIAMS.

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Appointed Assistant Professor of Latin American History starting Winter Quarter is SUSAN E. RAMIREZ-HORTON. Two Visiting Assistant Professors are STEPHEN K. STOAN, Latin America-Fall, and DONALD S. SPENCER, U.S. 19th Century/Diplomatic-1976-1977.

Promoted to Professor were JOHN L. GADDIS and SUZANNE D. MIERS. Made Associates were DOUGLAS C. BAXTER and PHILLIP N. BEBB.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

JOHN J. MORRISON will replace ROBERT SHIMP as Visiting Assistant Professor during 1976-1977. His specialization is in the Tudor/Stuart period.

FALL MEETING
Ohio Academy
OCTOBER 8
University of Toledo

WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DAVID TWINING has been appointed Assistant to the Director of the Society. He has just completed two years as OARBAC College Program Coordinator.

COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

Newly appointed as Assistant Professor is KENNETH GOINGS whose fields are Afro-American and 19th Century United States.

W. A. HAYDEN SCHILLING has become a Professor.

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

Joining the department this Fall are PETER MARK as Assistant Professor in African History and DONALD SPIVEY, Instructor in the Afro-American field. HARRY STEIN will be Visiting Assistant Professor for 1976-1977 and will teach American History.

TSING YUAN has been raised to Associate.

CARL BECKER will serve for one year as Acting Chairman of the department.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

FREDERICK J. BLUE has become a Professor and GEORGE D. BEELEN an Associate.

Retirements

AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND

MARTIN J. MILLER, Jr. retired at the beginning of the year as Command Historian after having served some time in that capacity.

FINDLAY COLLEGE

Another individual whose retirement was missed in an earlier edition is WILFRED BLACK. He served for a number of years as a distinguished member of the Findlay College faculty. The Fall-1975 issue of *The Newsletter* carried a story of the pictures given to the college in his honor.

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

DONALD P. GAVIN has retired as Dean of the Graduate School and as a member of the Department of History. He does continue actively associated with John Carroll as Director of Institutional Planning.

RECENT TRENDS IN HISTORY CURRICULA AND PEDAGOGY: A Bibliographic Study

The CUE (Competency-based Undergraduate Education) Center at BGSU has announced the publication of *Recent Trends in History Curricula and Pedagogy: A Bibliographic Study* completed by Paul Cappuzzello, Mark Schlesinger, et al. The report consists of 517 cross-referenced, annotated entries and is divided into three parts: (1) A state-of-the-art analysis of major trends revealed by the bibliography; (2) the annotated bibliography itself; and (3) an addendum reading list. The work addresses subjects ranging from the role or relevance of history to specific innovative curricula and instructional methods. It covers the period from January 1970 through July 1975 and comprises books, monographs, yearbooks, dissertations, periodical literature, and unpublished materials.

For more information write CUE Project Publications, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, 43403.

JOB VACANCY

Miami University announces two positions effective August 1977. One position is for an Assistant Professor in U.S. Diplomatic History with the Ph.D. and substantial publications. The second slot is for a Visiting Assistant Professor in Recent U.S. History with the same qualifications. Anyone interested in the first job should contact Jack T. Kirby and for the second position Ronald E. Shaw, both of the History Department, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056.

Ohio State University announces an opening for 1977-78 of a position in Women's History. For details contact: Marvin Zahniser, Chairman - Dept. of History, 230 W. 17th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Deaths

The news of the death of GERTRUDE LAWRENCE came too late for the Spring *Newsletter*. Henry Whitney wrote of her that "Over some three decades, until her retirement in the early 1960's, she made a major contribution to the Department of History at Kent State - her alma mater. Countless students learned in classes given by this conscientious, effective, and kindly person. She is remembered with great affection by such colleagues as knew her in years past."

Word has been received of the recent death of WILLIAM F. McDONALD who taught a number of years at Ohio State in the field of Ancient History. He was 78 years old.

CLIO'S CORNER

Collegians Look at the Past

--A solution proposed for the population problem was to either have a war, or for the people to join together and not have such large families.

--In the interests of better understanding of the Islamic World you might note that one can learn about Allah and the profits through the angles or by going to Mecca, the whole city.

--In an election year it might be worth remembering that in 1932 the Communists put a candidate up for president named Foster. He was even more liberal than Franklin Roosevelt.

--The problems of poverty have been many, as noted by a student who said the poor women in Victorian times often resorted to prostitution in order to make both ends meet.

--In line with the Meg Greenfield concern for literacy might be found the statement that most of the freedmen couldn't read or right. They were illiterate.

--Current political oratory brings to mind the statement that William Jennings Bryan's closing statement was to the effect of silver thrones on a cross of gold.

--I bet many of you did not know that the evolutionary hypothesis drew the Catholic Church together and brought out the Immaculation of Mary.

--Sometimes great insights come from a student answer. One wrote some time ago that at the Olympic Games there would be parades, festivals, and all kinds of follies to go along with the games.

--One view of the Russian Revolution expressed ran that the outcome was terrible because there are still Russians living in this world. They should of all killed each other and then it would have been a happier outcome.

--By this point many of you might feel as a student did about a book; namely, that the writer used an extensive vocabulary throughout the book.

Calendar

Oct. 8-9: Fall Meeting of The Ohio Academy of History at University of Toledo. Contact: Arthur Steele, Dept. of History, Toledo, OH 43606.

Oct. 8-9: Conference on France in the 17th Century, dedicated to John B. Wolf, at Newberry Library, Chicago. Contact: Joseph Klaitis, Dept. of History, Oakland Univ., Rochester, MI 48063.

Oct. 9: Annual Ohioana Day at Fawcett Center - Columbus. Theme: Honoring Ohio authors, artists, and composers. Contact: Bernice Williams Foley, Director, The Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Assoc., 1105 Ohio Depts. Bldg., Columbus, OH 43215.

Oct. 30: Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference on

British Studies at Cleveland State Univ. Contact: Paul Johnson, Roosevelt Univ., 430 S. Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Ill., 60605.

Feb. 25-26: Business History Conference at Columbus. Program will include sessions on relationships between history of technology and history of business, and on recent developments in history of the large corporation. Contact: For proposing papers, etc. - Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Grad. School of B.A., Harvard, Boston, Mass. 02163. For program and registration materials - Fred Bateman, Grad. School of Bus., Indiana Univ., Bloomington, Ind. 47401.

April 29-30: Annual Meeting of The Ohio Academy of History at Fawcett Center - Columbus. Contact: To propose papers - Jacob Dorn, Wright State, Dayton, OH 45431.

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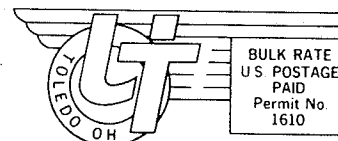
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