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Message To The Academy

Recently it was my pleasure to visit a history department in a university outside Ohio. The school is state-supported, with students from rural and urban backgrounds who consider college to be primarily a training ground for future employment. The administration, locked simultaneously in two on-going struggles--with state legislators for appropriations and with a powerful union on campus over the budget--preaches a Darwinian ethic to the faculty. Those departments which cannot attract students will starve. In this atmosphere, five years ago the history faculty were becoming an endangered species. Enrollment in history courses were falling steadily. Deans were talking about firing tenured faculty. But today the department is flourishing. The way in which these historians responded to that challenge is heartening to those of us who look ahead to the 1980s with some fear and trembling.

The most fundamental and most successful reform came in the survey course. History was not required for any degree given at the university; it was only one of several options in a social science requirement for the BA. The history department therefore could not rely on a requirement to support its fading upper-division offerings. Nor could it hope to institute a reform in requirements, given the lack of support for such a move from the administration, not to mention active opposition from other departments. Lacking this easy solution, the historians chose to make their Western Civilization survey an attractive elective for non-majors, in hopes of filling up the survey sections and later drawing more students into the upper-division courses. The survey was altered radically, from a traditional three-hour course to a two-hour lecture with a one-hour "satellite" section on a related special topic of the professor's choice. Satellite courses have been given on Nazi Germany, great leaders, the family, the history of medicine, and the Holocaust. Satellites run eight weeks of the fifteen week semester. A student may take the satellite as part of his survey or separately, as an elective. Since one group of satellites begins well into the semester, a student who has dropped a course elsewhere may drop in to a satellite. Thus the department cleverly combined in these satellite courses two features that made them attractive electives: appealing subject matter and flexible scheduling.

The students responded enthusiastically and enrollments rose. Western Civ lost its stodgy reputation and the upper-division



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President
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courses grew. Shortly after the reform in the survey, the department followed up with the institution of a course in American popular culture at the upper level, generically titled and offered on various topics ranging from "The Thirties" to "Popular Literature." They also introduced a course on film history with a varying, topical content. The department then augmented these structural reforms with wide publicity for its offerings on campus and in the larger community, where historians are active in local history projects and in a speaking program for gifted high-school students. The result has been the drawing into history of students who might otherwise never have taken a course in the department. A year after the department initiated these reforms, 25 percent of graduates had had one history course; in two years that figure grew to 35 percent.

The increased enrollments were not bought at the price of intellectual shabbiness. Although the titles are jazzy, the content and requirements are rigorous--sometimes too rigorous for students who drift in expecting fun and games. The cost has been an increased work load, borne disproportionately by the Europeans who teach the survey. The satellite courses change every semester, and they require considerably more time than the one-hour load compensates. Because of this, faculty have had to give their pet upper-courses less often, a loss they regret, even though they admit that their pet courses were not drawing well before the changes. The faculty also have no time for research and little time even for reflection.

But the benefits, as they perceive them, have been greater than the losses. The administration is no longer muttering about retrenchment. Equally important, the faculty have shaken themselves out of the lethargy that plagues tenured-in and middle-aged departments. Revitalizing the curriculum has revitalized them, and sharing burdens and accomplishments has renewed a sense of common commitment. The historians like one another and like their students. They have earned for themselves a reputation as good teachers. Morale is high. Instead of beleaguered, these people feel that they are dealing successfully with the chronic crisis in the liberal arts. Their solution was to attract students into their classrooms by improving their teaching. In the process, students and faculty alike have benefitted.

Academy Business

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY APRIL 24, 1981

The Executive Council met in room 10 of the Center for Tomorrow, at 4 P.M. Present were Pollitt, President; Steffel; Clements; Jones; Hodges; Hartje; Aeschbacher and Richard Ortquist, chairman of the Teaching Awards committee.

The minutes of the Fall meeting of the Council were approved as circulated.

The Treasurers report, circulated at the meeting, was approved. In remarks, the Treasurer indicated that he would find it necessary to increase expenses for secretarial help, probably in the \$300 to \$600 range next year.

Possible meeting places for the 1982 spring meeting were considered. Copies of rough notes on possible location were distributed. After discussion it was moved that the invitation of the Ohio Historical Society to meet in its facilities next year be accepted, and that the invitation from Ohio Wesleyan University to host the meeting be accepted for 1983, if this was agreeable to Ohio Wesleyan. Carried.

Proposed constitutional changes were discussed and they were approved for submission to the membership.

Professor Ortquist reported on the activities of the Teaching Awards committee as it had successfully launched the program. In the report he discussed the desirability of getting more nominations from smaller institutions, commented on the completeness and adequacy of the nominating dossiers that had been received; the committee's feeling that several nominations made should probably be repeated; and his satisfaction with the way the committee had functioned. He recommended that there should be a carryover member or members for the committee. The report was accepted.

The report of the Publications Award Committee was considered. It pointed out the increasing burden of the job as the committee had to consider more than 20 books this year; books of a wide diversity in subject and approach, and books of high literary, research and composition standards. The report made no recommendations; but suggested making more than award; dividing the committee into subcommittees for preliminary screening; and, making the rules for the competition more specific in regard to what was eligible for the award. The report was accepted and the President is discussing some possible alterations in the program with the chairman of the committee for next year.

Professor Steffel reported for the Standards committee. Primarily he discussed a proposal for a Junior Academy of History designed to complement and make more effective the History Day program. The committee was encouraged to pursue this proposal further.

Resolutions supporting the NHPRC were approved to be proposed to the Business Meeting.

Action was taken to award Life memberships to persons who were awarded at this meeting, or in the past had received, Distinguished Service Awards.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Aeschbacher,
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY APRIL 25, 1981

The meeting was called to order by President Pollitt, University of Cincinnati, at 1:20 P.M. on April 25, 1981. The President recognized Professor Ivan M. Tribe of Rio Grande College for his outstanding success in interesting his students in the Academy and bringing them to the Annual meetings; and Professor Emeritus Paul I. Miller of Hiram College. Professor Miller was President of the Academy in 1958-59. Presently he lives out of the state, and was attending his first meeting in a number of years.

The Secretary-Treasurer's financial report was received.

Professor Richard Crofts of Toledo was called upon to introduce the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Two of the recipients, Robert Twyman of Bowling Green State University and Carl G. Klopfenstein of Heidelberg College were present to receive their awards. Arthur Steele of the University of Toledo was not able to attend the meeting because of a conflict, and received his award in absentia. President Pollitt announced that the Council had voted to present life memberships to these and former Distinguished Service Award winners.

William Rock of Bowling Green reported for the Publications Award committee. He commented on the increasing difficulty of service on that committee as the number of entries this year had included twenty-one books on widely diverse topics. The award went to Allan K. Wildman of Ohio State University for his book, **The End of the Russian Imperial Army: The Old Army and the Soldier's Revolt (March-April 1917)**. The committee also gave special notice to Charles C. Alexander of Ohio University for his book, **Here the Country Lies: Nationalism and the Arts in Twentieth Century America**.

Richard Ortquist of Wittenberg University reported for the Teaching Award Committee, an award presented for the first time this year. He commended the fine nominees that the committee had considered; and presented the award to Lawrence S. Kaplan of Kent State University.

A series of needed changes in the constitution had been called to people's attention by the publication of the constitution in the Autumn 1980 Newsletter. (Changes introduced and adopted follow the Minutes.)

The Executive Council had considered a number of resolutions dealing with the loss of federal agencies designed to assist in the study of history. Two resolutions were presented to the Academy membership. After discussion and amendment two resolutions were adopted, as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

The membership of the Ohio Academy of History, meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on April 25, urges the Congress to appropriate funds equal to the amount available to the National Historical Publications and Records Administration for FY 1981, for FY 1982, taking into account increases caused by inflation. We remind you that this very modest federal program has had beneficial effects in developing programs in all parts of the country that have been of great use in protecting our documentary heritage.

The membership of the Ohio Academy of History, meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on April 25, urges the Congress to re-authorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The Commission has existed since 1934, and has carried on a beneficial and effective program in publishing, and since 1974 in assisting in preserving essential parts of our national heritage.

The nominating committee, chaired by David Fahey of Miami, had reported early in the meeting, and after counting the ballots reported the results of the election for 1982 as follows: President, Barbara Clements, University of Akron; Vice President, Taylor Stults, Muskingum College; Secretary-Treasurer, W. D. Aeschbacher, University of Cincinnati; elected member to Council, Sharon Bannister, Findlay College.

With the end of the business session, the President introduced Professor Clements who delivered a witty, perceptive and provocative paper on women leaders in the Russian Revolution entitled, "Who Was Ninotchka?"

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Aeschbacher,
Secretary

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

Article III, Section 1: Memberships shall be open to persons engaged in teaching, doing research, or otherwise interested in history. (Shortens and simplifies qualifications for membership.)

Section 4: Students in good standing may become student members of the Academy. (Delete after "good standing", "working for advanced degrees in history.")
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Article IV, Section 1: The officers, elected by active members in attendance at the annual meeting, shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Editor of the Newsletter. (Adds "Editor of the Newsletter.")

Section 4: There shall be an Executive Council consisting of the President, Vice President, retiring president, Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the Newsletter, plus six additional members, elected for three-year terms, two to be elected each year. The nominating committee shall nominate at least two persons for each elected position on the Executive Council. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor. (Adds three elected members and Editor of Newsletter.)

Section 6: The Executive Council has the authority to (1) conduct the affairs of the Academy; (2) Assist and advise the President; (3) Determine the amounts of membership dues; (4) Determine the number, size and function of committee; (5) Authorize the President to appoint other officers as it feels necessary to conduct the affairs of the Academy. (Deletes "including an editor of the Academy Newsletter.")

Article VI, Section 6: There shall be a committee on Historical Societies and Archives, pursuant to an agreement between the Academy and the Society of Ohio Archivists, establishing a committee jointly. The Academy President will appoint three members to this committee, each member to be appointed for a three-year term. It shall be the duty and responsibility of this committee to consider, observe, receive reports on and investigate the standards of historical societies and archives in the state with particular regard for programs, methods and procedures, qualifications, working conditions and salaries. The committee shall report from time to time to the President and the Academy. (Clarifies the composition of the make-up of the committee.)

OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY TREASURER'S REPORT January 1-June 30, 1981

Balance on hand January 1, 1981		\$3665.92
RECEIPTS		
Memberships		1207.00
Regular	524.00	
Joint	677.00	
Student	6.00	
Annual Meeting		1854.00
Registration	600.00	
Meals	670.00	
Book Sale	534.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
Other		90.45
Interest	90.45	
Total		\$3151.45
DISBURSEMENTS		
Newsletter		450.00
Annual Meeting		1566.65
Secretaries Office		731.98
Printing	249.39	
Postage, Phone, Supplies	231.27	
Student Help	217.32	
Other	34.00	
Total		\$2748.63
Balance on hand June 30, 1981		4044.97
Savings Account		4044.97
Checking Account		9.82
Petty Cash		13.95
Balance		\$4068.74

OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY COMMITTEES FOR 1981-82

Executive Committee

Barbara Evans Clements (Akron), President
Taylor Stults (Muskingum), Vice President
Ronald L. Pollitt (Cincinnati), Past President
W. D. Aeschbacher (Cincinnati), Secretary-Treasurer
R. Vladimir Steffel (OSU-Marion), 1979-82
Robert H. Jones (Akron), 1980-83
Sharon Bannister (Findlay) 1981-84

Distinguished Service Award

Arnold Schrier (Cincinnati), Chair
George Knepper (Akron)
Richard Smith (Ohio Wesleyan)

Historical Societies and Archives

SOA Members

James Geary (Kent State), 1982
John Grabowski (Western Reserve), 1983

OAH Members

Carl M. Becker (Wright State), 1982
Richard J. Wright (Bowling Green), 1983
Laura Chace (Cincinnati Historical Society), 1984

Nominating

Cynthia Behrman (Wittenberg), Chair
 Kenneth Davison (Heidelberg)
 Bernard Sternsher (Bowling Green)

Program

Marcella Barton (Rio Grande), Chair
 Taylor Stults (Muskingum), ex officio
 Richard Harvey (Ohio U)
 Thomas Sakmyster (Cincinnati)
 Michael Starr (Hiram)

Publication

Albert Hayden (Wittenberg), Chair
 H. Roger Grant (Akron)
 John Kirby (Denison)
 Leila Rupp (Ohio State)

Standards

R. Vladimir Steffel (OSU-Marion), Chair, 1983
 Charles C. Alexander (Ohio U), 1982
 Lois Scharf (John Carroll), 1982
 Kenneth Goings (Wooster), 1983
 Richard Crofts (Toledo), 1984
 Mary Kay Howard (John Carroll), 1984

Teaching Award

Robert Shimp (Ohio Wesleyan), Chair
 Barbara Clements (Akron), ex officio
 James Hodges (Wooster)
 Harry Lupold (Lakeland Community)
 Gerald Newman (Kent State)

Historian

G. Wallace Chessman (Denison)

Newsletter Editor

Stuart R. Givens (Bowling Green)

Local Arrangements

Gary Ness

ACADEMY COMMITTEE REQUESTS**Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee invites recommendations for the office of Vice President and members of the Executive Council. Please send names and supporting statements to Cynthia Behrman, Department of History, Wittenberg University, Springfield 45501.

Program Committee

The committee solicits either individual or session proposals for the annual meeting of the OAH to be held April 16-17, 1982. The deadline for submitting proposals is November 16, 1981. Address all enquiries and proposals to Marcella Barton, OAH Program Chair, Liberal Arts Department, Rio Grande College, Rio Grande 45674 (614-245-5353).

Publications Award Committee

The committee is open for nominations for the April 1982 award. Books on any historical subject published during year 1981 by active members of the Academy are eligible for consideration.

Nominations should be made in writing and arrangements made with publishers to have copies of works nominated sent directly to each member of the committee. Books are evaluated on the basis of four general criteria: (1) significance of the work in its field of specialization and for historical knowledge in general; (2) conceptualization; (3) quality of research and professional standards of excellence; and (4) readability.

Questions and nominations should be directed to Albert Hayden, OAH Publication Award Chair, Dept. of History, Wittenberg University - Springfield 45501.

Standards Committee

The Standards Committee calls the attention of the Academy to HISTORY DAY which will be held on May 17, 1982. The program is one worthy of our support. The committee points out that where the program has been instituted, students and teachers have been enthused about it. The committee urges all members to enquire whether a program is being actively carried out in their area, and, if not, to try to encourage its promotion. Anyone and/or department interested should contact David C. Twining, The Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland 44106 (Tel. 216-721-5722).

Teaching Award Committee

The Teaching Award Committee invites nominations for the Academy's second annual award for teaching excellence in history to be presented at the April, 1982, meeting. The following guidelines should be observed in making nominations: (1) all educators in Ohio and active members of the Ohio Academy of History, regardless of whether they are affiliated with a university, college, historical society, library, archive, or museum, are eligible for the award and will receive equal consideration; (2) no institution can nominate **more than one** of its members in any given year; (3) each nomination should be accompanied by a formal letter of nomination from an official of the institution -- this may be anyone from the nominee's immediate superior to the head of the institution; (4) each nomination should include at least a current curriculum vita and as much supporting material in the form of letters from students, colleagues, superiors, etc., as may seem appropriate and that this material should be submitted in **duplicate** to the chairman of the teaching award committee; (5) addresses and telephone numbers of those supporting a nomination should be included with the materials so that the committee can easily seek further information if it seems necessary; (6) inasmuch as the committee does not have hard and fast criteria to apply to each nomination, the **truly outstanding** characteristics of the educator should be highlighted to help the committee differentiate between good teaching and the rarity that is excellence.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, January 4, 1982. Please address all questions and nominations to Robert E. Shimp, Department of History, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware 43015. (Tel. 614-369-4431)

Spring Meeting

APRIL 16-17

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ACADEMY AWARDS' WINNERS - 1981

The Publications Award for the best book by an Academy member published during 1980 was given to ALLAN K. WILDMAN of Ohio State University for his book **The End of the Russian Imperial Army: The Old Army and the Soldier's Revolt, March-April, 1917**. The committee also made special notice of CHARLES G. ALEXANDER'S, Ohio University, **Here the Country Lies: Nationalism and the Arts in Twentieth Century America**.

Three long time and dedicated members of the OAH were awarded Distinguished Service Awards. They were CARL G. KLOPFENSTEIN, Heidelberg College, who served as President in 1975-76 and prior to that as Secretary-Treasurer, ARTHUR R. STEELE, Univ. of Toledo - Emeritus, who toiled for several years as Secretary-Treasurer, and ROBERT W. TWYMAN, Bowling Green, President in 1969-70.

The first Distinguished Teaching Award was bestowed upon another active member of the Academy. LAWRENCE S. KAPLAN, Kent State, was named the recipient. He served as President in 1976-77.

FALL MEETING

The University of Cincinnati invites all members of the Ohio Academy of History to the Fall Meeting which will be held on Friday, October 9 at the Faculty Center.

University President Henry Winkler will speak following the dinner on the subject "The State of the Historical Profession." Additionally, tours of the new Central Library will be conducted by Sally Neely, Social Science Bibliographer, at 4:45 and 5:30 p.m. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. For further information contact Arnold Schrier, Dept. of History, U.C., Cincinnati 45221.

Around and About the Profession

NEW RESEARCH SOURCES

Using a quarter of a million dollar bequest from John Hyde Gehrung, The Western Reserve Historical Society has made a major acquisition. WRHS has become only the third repository in the country for the United States Federal Population Census Schedules dating from 1790 to 1900. The Schedules consist of more than ten thousand rolls of microfilm and are ready for use starting this month.

A broadcast recording collection of the "Golden Age of Radio" from station WLW in Cincinnati is now available at both the King Library at Miami University and the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus. The collection originally on glass and metal discs is in the form of 275 large tape reels and covers broadcasts from 1936 to 1964.

The Great Lakes Collection of the Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green announces two major acquisitions. Henry Barkhausen of Anna, Illinois has given a collection of shipping photographs, books, and documents valued at thirty thousand dollars. The collection includes over 1200 photographs of a variety of ships mostly of the 1870-1900 period and a number of rare books.

A \$14,280 grant from the Maritime Preservations Grants Program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation has made possible the beginning of a microfilm and indexing project of some 17,000 to 20,000 architectural ship drawings. The drawings are primarily from the archives of the American Ship Building Company in Lorain and the Great Lakes Historical

Society in Vermillion. The earliest drawing dates from 1867. The project when completed will add appreciably to research materials available about the Great Lakes.

OHIOANA BOOK AWARDS

At a luncheon meeting on October 31 at the Fawcett Center the Ohioana Library Association will present its annual Book Awards. The award in the category of history will go to Allan R. Millett for his book **Semper Fidelis** (Macmillan) which is a history of the United States Marine Corps. In the category of biography the winners will be Lucy Shelton Caswell and George A. Loomis, Jr. for **Billy Ireland** (OSU Libraries), a study of the work and influence of the political cartoonist of the **Columbus Dispatch** from 1898 to 1935.

NEW PROJECTS

A new Ohio historic preservation office has opened in Hardin County located on the campus of Ohio Northern University. Funding for the office comes from a \$7,264 federal grant and a \$3,500 contribution from the Kenton City Council. In order to explain the role of the office and to train volunteers to help in local survey work three workshops will be held.

Four people are involved in the operation. Ellen Denney, History Department of ONU, will oversee students involved in the program while Mary Ann Brown, Regional Preservation Officer, will serve as Project Director. Becky Neville of Kenton is the Local Preservation-Coordinator and Susan Chesser of Ada is the Assistant Preservationist.

The Center for Archival Collections at BGSU has received a \$39,381 NEH Grant to fund a Women's Studies Archives Project. The main goal of the project is to locate and acquire women's records within the nineteen county region of Northwest Ohio. Once acquired the materials will be processed and made available for research on the role of women in the development of that region in Ohio.

FOREIGN STUDY

As noted in the Spring Newsletter several schools in Ohio held study tours during the past Summer. One not noted in that issue was that of Timothy Runyan of Cleveland State University. The tour, which spent six weeks in Great Britain, is a biennial event centered at Royal Holloway College, University of London.

Publications

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

Studies in the American Jewish Experience edited by JACOB R. MARCUS and ABRAHAM J. PECK has been published in Cincinnati. Also printed is Volume 2 of JACOB R. MARCUS'S **The American Jewish Woman: A Documentary History**.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Vol. XLIII, No. 2 of **The Historian** carried LAWRENCE J. FRIEDMAN'S article "Historical Topics Sometimes Run Dry: The State of Abolitionist Studies."

Two articles by RONALD E. SEAVOY have appeared recently. They are "Population Pressure and Land Use Change: From Tree Crops to Sawah in Northwestern Kalimantan, Indonesia," in the **Singapore Journal of Topical Geography** - Vol. 1, and "Slope Stability of the Ifugao Rice Terraces: Banue, Philippines," in the **Philippine Geographical Journal** -Vol. 34.

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FRANK KAFKER has edited **Notable Encyclopedias of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries: Nine Predecessors of the Encyclopedia** under the sponsorship of Taylor Institution, Oxford, England. The University of Tennessee Press has published **Suburb: Neighborhood and Community in Forrest Park, Ohio, 1935-1976** by ZANE L. MILLER.

Hebrew Union College

A book and two articles by JONATHAN D. SARNA have appeared this year. Holmes and Meier published his book **Jacksonian Jew: The Two Worlds of Mordecai Noah**. Volume 71:3 of **Commentary** carried "Anti-Semitism and American History," and in June the **Journal of American History** Vol. 68 contained "The American Jewish Response to Nineteenth-Century Christian Missions."

HIRAM COLLEGE

Central European History - Vol. XII, No. 4 has printed ROLAND LAYTON's "Kurt Ludecke and I Knew Hitler: An Evaluation." JOHN STRASSBURGER has had two articles in recent journals. They were: "Our Unhappy Purchase: The West Jersey Society, Lewis Morris and Jersey Lands, 1703-36" in **New Jersey History**, and "Teaching Architectural History" in **Forum for Liberal Education**.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Books by five different members of the History Department have appeared during the last year. They are: JAMES B. GIDNEY (with Philip Weeks), **Subjugation and Dishonor: A Brief History of the Travail of the Native Americans; A Community of Interests: NATO and the Military Assistance Program, 1948-1951** by LAWRENCE KAPLAN; HENRY B. LEONARD, **The Open Gates: The Protest Against the Movement to Restrict European Immigration, 1896-1924; Varieties and Problems of Twentieth Century Socialism** by LOUIS PATRIS (with Jack Ray Thomas); and YEH-CHIEN WANG's **The Development of Money and Banking in China, 1644-1937**.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

F. GILBERT CHAN has been editor and coeditor of three books published this year. They are **Nationalism in East Asia: An Annotated Bibliography, China's Foreign Relations, and Chinese Communist Politics**. This past Spring there appeared in English and seven foreign editions **Harper's World of the New Testament** written by EDWIN M. YAMAUCHI.

Not just history is written in History departments as PETER W. WILLIAMS recently published **Popular Religion in America: Symbolic Change and the Modernization Process in Historical Perspective** (Prentice-Hall) attests.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Forthcoming this year are two books by OWU faculty. The American Philosophical Society will publish **Pavia and Rome, A History of the Relationship Between the Lombard Monarchy and the Papacy During the Eighth Century** by JAN HALLENBACK and ANNA MACIAS's **Against All Odds: The Feminist Movement in Mexico to 1940**.

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Two books and an article by three different departmental

members have been published during the past year. Greenwood Press has reprinted ALFRED A. CAVE's **Jacksonian Democracy and the Historian**, and UT Press has issued **The American West: Essays in Honor of W. Eugene Hollon** edited by RONALD LORA. The **Pacific Historical Review** in May carried an article by CHARLES DE BENEDETTI entitled "The American Peace Movement and Asia, 1941-1961."

WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The WRHS has recently published **Make No Little Plans: Architectural Drawings from the Collections of the Cuyahoga County Archives and the Western Reserve Historical Society** by MICHAEL G. LAWRENCE.

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

Scheduled to appear later this year from Garland Publishers is **Depression Politics in Michigan, 1929-1933** by RICHARD T. ORTQUIST.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

JAMES P. RONDA is co-editor with HENRY W. BOWDEN of **John Eliot's Indian Dialogues: A Study in Cultural Interaction**.

AWARDS, GRANTS, LEAVES, HONORS, AND OFFICES

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

From September to mid-January 1982 LAWRENCE J. FRIEDMAN will be studying the history of mental health as a Menninger Foundation Fellow. Spring Quarter will find BERNARD STERNISHER on a Professional Development Leave.

Four members of the department have received awards during the past year. DAVID C. ROLLER and ROBERT W. TWYMAN were named winners of the "Founders Award" of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society for their work **The Encyclopedia of Southern History** (LSUP). The work was also cited by **Choice** as one of the "outstanding books for 1980-81." STUART R. GIVENS was the faculty recipient of the First Hollis A. Moore, Jr. Award for Outstanding Service to the University. Selected as "Faculty Member of the Year" by the Union Activities Organization was RONALD E. SEAVOY.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

JAMES LAUX was awarded the 1981 George Rieveschl Award by the university for excellence in scholarly work. A Senior Research Fellowship from the American Institute of Indian Studies and a Fulbright-Hays Research Fellowship will enable BARBARA N. RAMUSACK to carry on research in India on her project "Sisters Not Adversaries: Cooperation between Indian and Foreign Women, 1900-1950." GUIDO RUGGIERO has been invited as a NEH Fellow to spend the 1981-82 academic year as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

Two faculty from Raymond Walters College were involved in special projects this summer. HARRIETTE FLORY worked in England at the PRO on the question of England and the League of Nations. Her work was made possible by a travel grant from the English Speaking Union. The Moulder's Union invited JAMES CEBULA to teach an intensive Labor History Seminar at West Virginia University during June.

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

HARRY LANGWORTHY will be on research leave during the Fall and Winter Quarters.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Research leaves have been granted to ROBERT P. SWIERENGA for Fall, 1981 and to KENNETH CALKINS for the Spring of 1982.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Various grants were received by three Miami faculty. JACK TEMPLE KIRBY held a \$2200 Grant-in Aid from the ACLS for research on Southern country people during the period 1920 to 1960. MICHAEL MC CORMICK had a NEH Fellowship which enabled him to attend a seminar at Wayne State on American labor history from 1930-1980. Finally, BRUCE MENNING was awarded a Miami University Faculty Research Community Fellowship which he used to continue his work on Russian military history.

Leaves have been granted to MAX WELBORN for the Fall, 1981 to forward his work on Proust; to RICHARD JELLISON during the Spring of 1982 to continue his study of the 19th century American scientist, E.G. Squier; to DWIGHT L. SMITH also in the Spring to work on a French Canadian historiography; and, to MAYNARD W. SWANSON so that he might teach and do research at the University of Natal in Durban.

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

An extension of leave through the next academic year has been granted to MARINA TALMACHEVA. University Summer Faculty Fellowships were granted to CHARLES DE BENEDETTI and GERALD THOMPSON. DeBenedetti used his grant to continue work on his concern with the anti-war movement in America from 1961 to 1975. Thompson used the time to work on the Colorado gold rush of 1862-63.

WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MICHAEL G. LAWRENCE had the Western Reserve Award of the Western Reserve Architectural Historians bestowed upon him for his book *Make No Little Plans: Architectural Drawings from the Collections of the Cuyahoga County Archives and the Western Reserve Historical Society*.

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

CYNTHIA F. BEHRMAN attended a NEH Summer Seminar at Columbia University during June on the topic of "The Political Culture of Modern Britain, 1870 to the Present." She will also be on leave during the Winter Term, 1982. ROBERT S. CUTLER has been granted a leave for the 1981-1982 academic year.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND RESIGNATIONS

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

GARY R. HESS has been appointed Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The new Chair has asked JACK R. THOMAS to serve as Graduate Advisor and THOMAS R. KNOX as Undergraduate Advisor.

Two new appointments have been made with the naming of W. JEFFREY WELSH as Instructor at the Firelands Campus and JILL GATES SMITH as Field Specialist for the Women's Studies Archives Project in the Center for Archival Collections.

One promotion occurred this year with the elevation of KENNETH F. KIPLE to Professor.

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

THOMAS MAROUKIS was promoted to Professor effective this year. He continues to serve as Coordinator of the Ethnic Studies Program at Capital.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

GENE D. LEWIS has been appointed Acting Head of the department to serve in place of ROGER DANIELS who stepped down after serving a five year term.

Two promotions are effective September 1st. They are JOHN K. ALEXANDER to Professor and ANN TWINAM to Associate Professor.

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

RICHARD THOMAS, formerly with Michigan State University, has been appointed Associate Professor. He will teach courses in Black History and continue research in the field of Black labor history. THOMAS F. CAMPBELL has been named Principal Director of the Cleveland Heritage historical research project.

HIRAM COLLEGE

Two part-time faculty have been named to serve during the coming year. DARYL REVOLDT will teach courses in 19th century American history and ANN WARREN in medieval.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

KENNETH CALKINS on the Kent Campus has been promoted to Professor and JOHN LE BRUN on the Salem Campus to Associate.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

W. SHERMAN JACKSON has been appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Negro History*. EDWIN M. YAMAUCHI has been named to a similar post for *Fides et Historia*.

MURIEL BLAISDELL will assume her duties as Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies (Western College Program). Her area of specialization is the history of science. JUANITA KRUSE and DAVID MOORE will serve as part time Instructors during the current academic year.

JOYCE GOLDBERG has resigned to accept a position at the University of Vermont.

FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 9

University of Cincinnati

OHIO UNIVERSITY

A. COMPTON REEVES has been promoted to Professor and PHYLLIS F. FIELD to Associate.

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

The place of Marina Talmacheva for the year will be filled by THEODORE NATSOULAS.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

WILLIAM WALKER III has been appointed Visiting Assistant Professor in modern American history for the 1981-82 year.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

OLIVER MASUKA has been employed as the replacement for LAWRENCE AMADI. His specialty is African history.

RETIREMENT

The ranks of distinguished historians who have retired has been enhanced by four more individuals. After forty six continuous years of service to Cleveland State University and its parent institution, Fenn College, MAJOR B. JENKS has retired. Jenks joined the Faculty of Fenn in 1936 after completing his doctoral work at Cornell. At one point he was virtually the history faculty. His dedication and abilities took him into administrative work as Department Chairman, Registrar, Secretary of the Faculty, and from 1942 to 1968 Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The past fifteen years he has served as Assistant to the President where he continued to help shape the university he had served ably for so long.

After thirty five years DAVID JENNINGS has retired from the faculty of Ohio Wesleyan University. He was renowned for his outstanding teaching in the areas of U.S. foreign policy and the 20th century. That talent brought him in 1965 the University's Distinguished Teaching Award. In recent years he devoted much of his time to writing a History of Ohio, 1919-1945 for the Ohio Historical Society and to teaching Canadian history. He as a co-founder of the American Scholars Canadian Studies Conference.

Although he has retired earlier, the Western Reserve Historical Society in June held a special ceremony to recognize the contribution of former Executive Director MEREDITH B. COLKET, Jr. He served as Executive Director for twenty three years during which time WRHS grew to become one of the most comprehensive regional historical societies in the country. He helped to bring into being the Hale Farm and Village and the Frederick C. Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum, and was instrumental in the acquisition of the Nelson Sanford House and "Loughurst," which is one of the oldest standing houses in the Western Reserve.

Youngstown State University owes much to the thirty three years of service that MORRIS SLAVIN has given to it. Slavin came to the United States from his native Russia. He began teaching at Youngstown shortly after receiving his baccalaureate degree. He developed an interest in the French Revolution and completed his doctorate in that area and during his years of teaching wrote a number of articles concerning it.

CLIO'S CORNER**COLLEGIANS LOOK AT THE PAST**

More student musings offered up to Clio in the name of history.

- Adolph Hitler was a violent anti-semanticist.
- My imagination exhausts me when I think of all the common everyday items and appliances that we have in modern times that the stone age people had to do without.
- William Walling, an area civic leader, investigated the situation out of concerned curiosity and became incensed by what he saw.
- Tom Paine followed Adam Smith's principle from his book "Birth of Nations" regarding the role of government in the economy.
- Eisenstein in his film shows how cruel and abusive the Russians can be, but also shows they can be beat because he has the sailors and townspeople as the heroes in the end. (This brought to mind the way George Gobbels used propaganda to unite the Nazis during WW II.
- To sound a contemporary note - Out West things were happening too - the West was being torn up and mined, farmed and grazed on by all kinds of people.
- Instead of from a student this might have been a quote from W.E.B. DuBois - Booker T. Washington made a speech to the Atlantic Cotton Growers Convention, known as the Atlantic Compromise.
- The Hyde Park Agreement included Land Lot Lease. The leasing of Canadian soil to the U.S. for army and naval bases.
- The exam question read - Spinoza: "Neither to praise nor to condemn but to understand." Discuss Middle Americans' reactions to change in the 1960's and 1970's in the light of this statement. Upon turning in his exam, a student asked, "I would like to read more about Middle Americans. Can you give me the titles of some books or articles by Spinoza?"

In the spirit of Clio's Corner the rules that appear below were composed by William Barker, retired Business Librarian at BGSU.

Rules for Aspiring Authors*

1. Don't use no double negatives.
 2. Make each pronoun agree with their antecedent.
 3. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
 4. About those sentence fragments.
 5. When dangling, you must watch your participles.
 6. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
 7. Just between you and I, case is important too.
 8. Don't write run-on sentences with several unassociated thought in a complicated sentence structure which is hard to read and understand.
 9. Don't use commas, which aren't needed.
 10. Try not to ever split infinitives.
 11. Its important to use apostrophe's right.
 12. Proofread your writing to see if you any words out.
 13. Correct speling in essential.
 14. A preposition is a poor word to end a sentence with.
- *True scholars will prefer Strunk, William, Jr. and E.B. White, **The Elements of Style.**

ASK A COLLEAGUE TO JOIN

CALENDAR

Sept. 26: Annual Meeting of the Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Historical Center, Columbus.

October 4: Western Reserve Historical Society Meeting. Speaker - Gary Ness, Director of OHS. Frederick C. Crawford, of the Board of WHRS. will be honored on his 90th birthday.

October 9: Fall Meeting of Ohio Academy of History at University of Cincinnati.

October 10: Midwest Medieval Conference at OSU. Contact: J.J. Contreni, Dept. of Hist., Purdue, W. Lafayette, 47907.

October 12-14: 15th Annual Duquesne Hist. Forum in Pittsburgh. Contact: S.B. Vardy, D.U., Dept. of Hist., Pittsburgh, 15219.

October 22-24: Biennial Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States at Michigan State University. Contact: Marc VanWormer, Conf. Consultant, Life Long Educ. Programs, 47 Kellogg Center, MSU, E. Lansing, 48824.

October 24-25: Midwest Meeting of the Conference on British Studies at Northwestern Univ. Will be held in conjunction with the NACBS. Contact: Thomas W. Heyck, Hist. Dept., Northwestern Univ., Evanston. 60201.

February 12, 1982: Ninth Annual Lincoln Symposium in Springfield, Ill, Contact: Roger D. Bridges, Ch. Symposium Comm., Abraham Lincoln Assoc., Old State Capitol, Springfield, 62706.

March 25-27: "Generations - The Family in American Life: A Dialogue with the Community." An interdisciplinary conference sponsored by IUPUI Center for American Studies. Contact: Warren French, IUPUI at Indianapolis, 46202.

April 30-May 1: Midwest Victorian Studies Association Meeting at Ohio State University. Theme - Victorian Humor. Contact: Frederick Kirchoff, Dept. of Eng., IUPUI at Fort Wayne, 46805.

PERSPECTIVES

Lewis W. Spitz in a recent issue of *The Stanford Observer* made the following comments concerning the state of liberal education.

"We are up against two things. First is overspecialization. I admire science and engineering, and some of our students from those disciplines are among our brightest people, but they should not exclude everything else from a young person's mind.

In their zeal to become employable, students should not cast aside the opportunity to become educated as well.

What a terrible world it would be if those who command the heights of technocracy—who are capable of blowing us all to bits, or polluting our globe, or splicing genes to make new forms of life—know only exponential curves and printouts and test tubes.

All we ask is that they leave a window open to the wider world of humanity.

The second peril is trivia, the junk food of education. This is another example of Gresham's Law, where the bad drives out the good.

For the past ten years Stanford has taken a wrong turn. Now we are getting back on the right track. Who knows, perhaps soon it will no longer be a cause of mockery when graduating seniors are welcomed 'into the company of educated people.'

At present we and other universities graduate men and women who are ignorant of the past, unaware of the realities of the present, and ill-equipped for the future.

American higher education can be compared to a spaniel which sniffs at every tree in the forest.

Robert Hutchins put it more elegantly when he wrote that 'higher learning in America has developed a broad urbanity, an all-engulfing tolerance, which finds it easy to be hospitable to everything except conviction; and genuine conviction, which must not be confused with intolerance, is one of the crying needs of our age.'

Students are encouraged to abandon the study of human history, to ignore the languages of their great cultural and trading allies; to ignore, in other words, most of the world in real terms.

They are seceding from the human race.

Many claims are made by our contemporaries for the zoomorphic or somatic view of man: many applications are made by the social scientists of the machine model and of cybernetics; and there is so much talk of clonal reproduction and fabricated man that 1984 seems dreadfully close.

Andre Malraux believes that Western Civilization is beginning to doubt its own credentials. Henry Petoit, another cultural pessimist, declares that 'we are living in Rome in the age of the barbarians.'

This reminds me that one of the striking facts I noticed while I was associate dean...was that professors of the humanities, perhaps because they are more sensitive than others to the hostility that surrounds us all, tend to lose faith in our cause. Perhaps it comes from mid-life-crisis or battle fatigue.

We humanists must never forget that the humanities are the thread upon which the moral and spiritual life of our civilization depends.

Historians in particular seem to be going through a peculiar malaise. These masters of the millenia are anxious lest their discipline follow Sanskrit and the classics onto the list of endangered species.

This pathogeny, however, is subject to diagnosis, and fortunately responds to treatment.

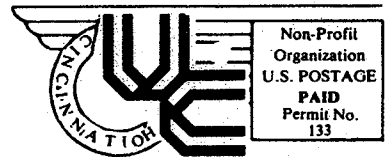
Universities tend to mirror the society around them. Ours is a society suffering from amnesia, drifting along in a state of mind which Kierkegaard once referred to as 'a kind of historical forgetfulness.'

The loss of history, the collective memory of mankind, means a loss of identity.

At Stanford the malaise has run its full course, and the time is right for reform and renewal - a sort of second Reformation.

Since, for better or worse, trends seem to begin in California and sweep around the Western World, what is happening here in history may possibly prove to be of more than local interest. The message is positive and the mood optimistic."

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