VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Orrin A. Cocomorel

Thanks to Drs. Neil McMillen and John Gonzales the departmental newsletter has been resuscitated. I promise that from now on we will do a better job of keeping in touch with you. Since our last issue several years ago, the department has gone through many personnel changes. As you can see from the section on “News of the Faculty,” the department has grown markedly over the last few years. “Old timers” Bowers, Gonzales, Guice, Harper, McCarty, McMillen, Scarborough, and Stanfield, all of whom are still doing their usual excellent job, have been joined by “newcomers” from outstanding institutions who are carrying on the department’s tradition of good teaching and solid scholarship.

The good teaching of several of our faculty members has been recognized by the university with Excellence in Teaching Awards granted on the basis of university-wide competition. Drs. Scarborough, McCarty, and, most recently, Dr. Guice have been given such well deserved recognition. In the area of scholarship our faculty has been very productive, as you can see from the section in this newsletter reporting on their accomplishments. The most noteworthy achievement, of course, belongs to Dr. McMillen who won the 1990 Bancroft Prize in American history, the most coveted after the Pulitzer, for his book Dark Journey: Black Mississippians in the Age of Jim Crow.

After ten years of outstanding leadership, Dr. William K. Scarborough gave up the chairmanship in 1990 to return to full time teaching and research. As chair he distinguished himself for his commitment to academic excellence, devotion to the department, and superb managerial skills. We owe him an immense debt of gratitude.

Those of you who had the pleasure of taking one of his classes will be happy to know that he has lost none of the fire that made his courses among the most popular on campus. Free of administrative responsibilities, he has turned some of his energy to the pursuit of two new passions — golf and North Carolina basketball. Nothing would please him more than a set of golf clubs painted Carolina blue.

Enrollment in our undergraduate and graduate programs has grown substantially over the last several years. We now have 222 undergraduate majors and 46 graduate students, including 10 part time. Most students are still native Mississippians, although a growing number of them come from states as distant as California and Washington and from such exotic countries as Japan and China. Nearly half of the undergraduates plan to become social studies teachers; the rest will follow the path taken by most of you — graduate school, law school, business, banking, and a slew of other professions. Our last survey of graduates conducted in 1991 gave us a fascinating insight into the variety of professions you have selected. I take great pleasure in informing students who ask “what can I do with history” that based on what we know of our graduates they can do most anything.

Since becoming chairman I have learned that it is mandatory to suggest to graduates that they think of their alma mater when feelings of generosity strike. Should that happen, please consider contributing to our scholarship fund which is intended to assist financially deserving undergraduates and, at the same time, honor a faculty member who has devoted his life to USM and the department — Dr. John E. Gonzales. We could think of no better monument to his nearly fifty years of distinguished service than a scholarship bearing his name.

Please keep in touch with us. We are always glad to hear from you. We will try to mail another newsletter by the end of the current academic year.

JAY PASCAL ANGLIN (1930-1992)

There is a small portrait of England’s Queen Elizabeth I left in the department by Jay Anglin’s daughters as a reminder of Jay as a wonderful colleague for twenty-three years (1969-1992). You may remember the portrait that hung on the entrance wall for the last few years. Jay was devoted to the research, writing, and teaching of Tudor history.


Jay is survived by two daughters - Sylvie (a University of South Carolina graduate) and Julie (a Columbia University graduate). Jay was very proud of their accomplishments.

Jay came to us from Northeast Louisiana University after three years teaching there. He had earned a B.A. from Louisiana State University and a Ph.D. from University of California at Los Angeles. While at UCLA on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, he spent two years researching in Britain. Together with his four years Air Forces service Jay spent six years of his adult life in Britain. He willed his tremendous research collection gathered there to the Huntington Library.

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NEWS OF THE FACULTY

L. MARGARET BARNETT (Ph.D., Columbia University, 1982), a British native, came to USM in 1987. She is a specialist in the economic and social history of Modern Western Europe and the author of British Food Policy During the First World War (1985). She is currently at work on a book-length manuscript entitled “Herbert Hoover and his Scientific Advisers During World War One.”

RICHARD BOWERS (Ph.D., Mississippi State University, 1965), who specializes in Medieval England, has taught at USM for nearly thirty years. His more recent work includes a festschrift honoring Harold S. Nollgrove: Seven Studies in Medieval English History (1983).


ORAZIO A. CICCARELLI (Ph.D., University of Florida, 1969) became Department chair in 1990. He recently published “Fascism and Politics in Peru during the Benavides regime,” Hispanic American Historical Review (1990) and is currently completing a book on Italian-Peruvian relations since 1861.


MARY BETH FARRELL (M.A., University of Southern Mississippi, 1986), Instructor of History, advises Education history majors who expect to teach and supervises student teaching.

JOHN EDMOND GONZALES (Ph.D., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 1957), the senior faculty member at USM, the McCain Professor of History, and Distinguished University Professor of History, has taught at the University since 1945. In 1992, after thirty years of distinguished service, he retired as editor of the Journal of Mississippi History but remains active in the classroom. Since 1985, the Department has annually recognized an outstanding undergraduate with the John E. Gonzales Major Award. In 1992, John was initiated as an honorary member of the Golden Key Society.


GLENN T. HARPER (Ph.D., Duke University, 1963) has been Dean of the College of Liberal Arts since 1983. He continues to work on his study of the Spanish Revolution (1865-1875).

KENNETH G. MCCARTY (Ph.D., Duke University, 1970) became the editor of the Journal of Mississippi History in 1992. He trails only Dr. Gonzales in years of service to the Department.

NEIL R. MCMILLEN (Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, 1969) recently published Dark Journey: Black Mississippians in the Age of Jim Crow (1989), which won the Bancroft Prize in American History for 1990. He is currently writing the sequel, a study of Afro-Mississippians during the Great Depression and World War II.

JEAN-MARC OPPENHEIM (Ph.D, Columbia University, 1991), an Egyptian native has taught at USM as Visiting Assistant Professor. He is a specialist in Imperialism and Colonialism, with a focus on the Middle East and North Africa. His book, Twilight of a Colonial Ethos: The Alexandrian Sporting Club, 1890-1956, will be published in 1994.
JAMES J. SADKOVICH (Ph.D., the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1982), an Associate Professor who joined the Department in 1991, specializes in Eastern European and military history. His publications include Italian Support for Croatian Separatism (1987) and Reevaluating Major Naval Combatants of World War II (1990).

WILLIAM K. SCARBOROUGH (Ph.D., the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill 1962) won the Jules and Frances Landry Award in 1989 for his publication of his three-volume edition of The Diary of Edmund Ruffin (1972-1989). His current research centers on a study of plantation dynasties in the Old South. Professor Scarborough served as Department Chair from 1980 to 1990.

JOHN RAY SKATES (Ph.D., Mississippi State University, 1966), on leave from this Department since 1991, has been Professor of Military History and Strategy at Maxwell Air Force Base. His book-length manuscript, "Operation Downfall: The Invasion of Japan," is nearing completion.

JAMES PATTERSON SMITH (Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, 1984) joined the Department in 1991 as our representative at USM's Gulf Park Campus. He specializes in Modern British and European History; his recently published monograph, Civil Virtue: Cato's Letters, the Founding Fathers, and the New Mississippi (1992), has been widely used by participants in Mississippi Humanities Council public forums. During the summer of 1993 he went to London to complete the research for a book on Gladstone's colonial policy.

ANDREW L. STEIN (Ph.D., Indiana University, 1992) taught at USM during 1992-1993 as Visiting Assistant Professor of History. He specializes in Modern European Intellectual History and is writing a book-length manuscript entitled "A World of Excess: Georges Battaille and the French Avant-Garde in the Twenties and Thirties."

YOU LI SUN (Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1988) joined the Department in 1989. An Associate Professor; he specializes in Modern Chinese History and American-Asian Relations. His book, China and the Origins of the Pacific War, 1931-1941, appeared in 1993. His current research includes a history of Chinese public opinion during the 1930s.

MARJORIE SPRUILL WHEELER (Ph.D., the University of Virginia, 1990) has taught for the Department since 1985 and currently serves as Director of the University Forum. An Associate Professor, she specializes in American Women's History. Her book, New Women of the New South: The Leaders of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the Southern States, was published in 1993. She is also the editor of two forthcoming publications: a book of essays on the woman suffrage movement in Tennessee, and a reprint edition of Mary Johnston's Hogar.


BARBARA A. BETTS (BA '84) plans to study toward the Master of Library Science degree and to work in historical collections preservation.

MARTHA RIGBY BILLS (MA '71), Commander, United States Navy, is currently CO of the Navy Recruiting District in Richmond, Virginia. She earned an MA at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and is in June 1990.

JAMES R. BISHOP (MA '79, Ph.D. '88) teaches at Holmes Community College at Ridgeland.

BRADLEY G. BOND (BA '85, MA '87) was recently awarded the Ph.D. degree by Louisiana State University, where he was a T. Harry Williams Fellow.

ROBERT W. BURNS (BS '38), after a brief career in teaching, joined the service in 1939; he retired from the Air Force in 1970 as a Major General.

DEBRA SPangler BUSH (BS '85), counselor at Seminary Attendance Center, was named Teacher of the Year for Mississippi's Third Congressional District.

TAMELA CAMP JAMES (BS '88, MS '92) has worked as a substitute teacher in Hattiesburg.

EDDIE L. CARNES (MA '66) is a book salesman, who sends his regards to Professor McCarty.

FRANK CARLTON (BA '57) is District Attorney for the 4th Judicial District, Greenville, Mississippi.

JERRY CAUSEY (MA '78), a USM "ABD," is now employed as a Training and Development Specialist by the US Postal Service in Birmingham.

MICHAEL W. CLARK (BS '72) has worked as teacher and administrator in the public schools of West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana since graduating from USM; in 1984 and again in 1988 he was elected to the St. Francisville Town Council.

TRUDY LUMPKIN CLARK (BS '72) is an attorney in Miami, Florida.

WILLIAM S. COKER (MA '62), a Professor of History at the University of West Florida, has published widely in his field; his book (with Thomas D. Watson), Indian Traders of the Southeastern Spanish Borderlands (1960) won the Rembert W. Patrick Prize and the Phi Alpha Theta Prize for 1986. He recently retired.

DEBORAH COLEGGIAL (BS '81, MA '90) was for seven years a Junior High School teacher in Ocean Springs, and has taught part-time at the Jefferson Davis Campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

DONNA MCDANIEL COONEY-KREBS (BS '82) is employed as a paralegal assistant in Pascagoula.

KEN DANIELS (BA '67) is recently retired after twenty-five years of teaching in Mississippi public schools; he is currently employed in a Hattiesburg business firm.

ALUMNI NOTES

THOMAS E. ALEXANDER, III (BS '60), lives in Metairie, La., where he is in insurance and financial services.

VERNON E. ALFORD (BS '73), after working in banking for 15 years, is now self-employed in a mortgage and leasing business.

ALBERT L. ALLEN (BS '34, MA '57) retired from the Hattiesburg Post Office in 1972.

GALE ANDERSON (BS '51, MA '56) has retired from teaching and preaching and now devotes his time to writing his church and family history.

LEROY P. AUSTIN (BS '47), is retired from the US Army since 1963 and from a second career as school teacher in Florida since 1976.

JOHN P. BACON, JR. (BS '60, MA '67), Professor Emeritus at State Tech of Memphis, is President of the Tennessee Chapter, Eighth Air Force Historical Society and a board member of the Memphis Chapter of the Air Force Association.

ALTON G. BANKSTON (BS '63), taught for a number of years at Hardin Central High School and Biloxi High School; since 1970 he has operated Bankston Paint, which has three locations and 17 employees. He has been active in civic, business, and professional affairs on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.
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WILLIAM K. SCARBOROUGH (Ph.D., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill 1962) has been heavily engaged in archival research at libraries from Washington, D.C. to Austin, TX for his forthcoming study of the elite slaveholders of the Old South. Spin-offs from this research include a prize-winning article in the JOURNAL OF MISSISSIPPI HISTORY; a presentation on the Role of the Planter Elite During the Civil War, delivered to eight civic and professional groups including the Mississippi Historical Society and the Civil War Round Tables of Jackson, MS and Dallas, TX; and a paper presented to the St. George Tucker Society in Atlanta. The second printing of Vol. II of the Ruffin Diary was issued by L.S.U. Press in December, 1994.
JOHN A. DORSA (BS '70), after earning a MLS, works as a librarian in San Antonio.

JAMES R. DUNGAN (BS '52) is currently Senior Director, Facilities Resources Management, the Pennsylvania State University.

MARGARET CARTER DUNN (BS '65, MA '71) has taught history in the public school system of Hattiesburg for more than twenty years; she recently completed a term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society.

DONALD W. B. DRAPEAU (BA '62) after a career in college teaching (European History and Economic History at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Temple University, and the University of Illinois-Urbana) entered the world of business and, since 1978, has been president of Drapeau & Co., Inc., a Chicago trading firm.

LOUIS ELIAS, JR. (BS '65), after completing advanced degrees at USM and Ole Miss, has served as an administrator at our Pork Park campus, as Harrison County Development Commissioner, and as Civil Service Commissioner for the city of Long Beach. He is the author of The History of Gulf Park College for Women (1985).

MARTHA ANNE LOHNER ELLIOTT (BS '87) practices law in Mandeville, La.

DONALD D. FAIRLEY (BS '65) taught and coached in the public school system of Ocean Springs for 26 years and is now principal of Ocean Springs Junior High.

SAM FARRIS (BS '51) is a Hattiesburg attorney who fondly remembers Dr. Porter Fortune, the "best history teacher in the world."

WILLIAM H. FINLEY (BS '73; MS '75), having completed a doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction at Memphis State, teaches school in Bartlett, Tenn.

KIRK FORD, JR. (MA '71; Ph.D. '80), a Professor of History at Mississippi College, has published Resistance and Revolution: The OSS in the Yugoslav Resistance, 1943-1945 (1992).

PAUL M. FRANKE, JR. (BS '61), Harrison County attorney, is a Commissioner on the Mississippi State Port Authority and has been active over the years in legal and civic affairs on the Gulf Coast.

HOWARD FREEMAN, JR., M.D. (BS '50), psychiatrist, neurologist, and one-time Navy chaplain, practices neurobehavioral medicine in Madison, Miss.

CAROLYN CALDWELL GARNER (BS '63), after raising a family, has returned to teaching History and Government in the Roanoke area.

CLYDE H. GARNER ('60), principal at Raleigh (Miss.) Middle School: continues to "push history activities" at his school.

LUCIEN MARION GEX, III (BS '82) lives in Waveland.

STAN GIPSON (BS '81) is a claims representative for Elko Corporation of Alabama and Marion County deputy sheriff.

JEWE M. GRAFTON (BS '33) has retired after 45 years of teaching.

DREW J. GUNNELLS, JR. (MA '66) remains active in Rotary International and has been pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church for more than two decades.

MARCUS C. HAMMACK (BS '82) worked for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for five years; since 1987 he was a freelance consultant in the field of historical preservation. He is deceased.

PATSY BURT HARALSON (BS '37), wife of a prominent Hattiesburg attorney, now deceased, lives in Hattiesburg, enjoying her retired life.

BOB HARMON (BS '66), after completing a Ph.D. in Education, is employed as a high school principal in Pontotoc.

J. K. HEGWOOD (BS '50) lives in Waynesboro.

KAREN GIBBS HERBERT (BS '73) teaches at St. John High School in Gulfport, where she chaired the Social Studies Department from 1976 to 1991.

MICHAEL C. HILL (BS '71) now practices law in Newport Beach, California.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS HERRIN ('87) practices law with a firm in Meridian.

ALLEN G. HOLDER, III (BS '64) is a partner in the Mutual Insurance Agency of Jackson.

DAVID M. ISHIEE (BS '85) practices law in Pascagoula.

BOB H. JENNINGS (BS '52) lives in Ventura County, California; he is retired as Principal of Adult Education in the Conejo Unified School District, but continues his service on the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Oxnard Harbor District.

ALLEN C. JONES (BS '58), retired in 1990 after serving as teacher, counselor, and administrator in the Pascagoula school system.

MARJORIE W. JORDAN (Ph.D. '72) has recently retired from the Department of History at Jackson State University.

SAMUEL P. KALAGIAN (BA '61), a retired Army colonel and former USM "Bootstrapper," sells real estate in Enterprise, Alabama.

JOHN R. KEMP (MA '73) is director of university relations and publications at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond.

FLORENCE S. KERNER (MA '59) has retired after 36 years of teaching history in Bogalusa and New Orleans.

RUTH B. LAMBERT (BS '75, MS '78) currently is chair of the Social Studies Department, Lawrence County High School.

JAMES N. LANSING (BS '70) has served in the United States Army.

ROBERT L. LENNON, SR. (BS '59) practices law.

LUTHER D. LEWIS, JR. (BS '72) is "semi-retired" and lives in Panama City, Florida.

HUGH D. LITTLE (BS '52, MS '74), now retired, worked as a basketball coach, principal, and County Supervisor of Education in Meridian and Lauderdale County.

BERNADETTE KUEHN LOFTEN (Ph.D. '71) is Professor Emerita of History and Chair Emerita of the Division of Social Sciences, Middle Georgia College.

STEVEN J. MACDONALD (BA '69) for twenty-five years has been a stock broker with Prudential Securities Inc.

CAROLYN MAGEE (MS '91) lives on the Gulf Coast, where she is employed as a teacher.

PAT MCGINNIS (MS '75) is now a program analyst with the US Treasury Department in San Francisco.

LARRY JOE MALLEY (BA '61, MA '62), Bootlegger Emeritus, MSC, now lives with his wife and gouty toes in Durham, NC, where he is director of the Duke University Press.

BILL MARTIN (MA '67, Ph.D. '82), who for twenty-five years has been employed at Florida Community College at Jacksonville, is currently Associate Vice President.

ROBERT H. MATHIS (BS '54, MS '59) continues as Chair of the Department of History at Lambuth University.

ROBERT T. MILLS (BA '61) died recently at the age of 53: he practiced law in Moss Point and served as city judge, city attorney and judge of the Circuit Court, 19th Judicial District.

FRANK MISURELLY (BS '67), after service as teacher, vice principal and principal, is currently Associate for the Public Services Division in the public school system of Syracuses, New York.

H. EDWARD MORREN (BS '51) is a retired pastor (Presbyterian Church, USA) who lives in Fair Haven, Vermont.

WYATT S. MOULDS (BS '75, MS '77) is an Instructor of History and Political Science at Jones County Junior College.

ANN BARRINEAU MURRAY (BS '61) has taught history in secondary schools and lives in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

HAROLD W. NEEDHAM (BS '56) has retired from the Sergeant-at-Arms Office of the US Senate.

DAVID W. NICHOLSON (BS '54, MS '58) recently retired as Chair of the Mathematics, Natural and Social Sciences Division at Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Florida.
JACK PORTER ODEN (BS '64), after earning the Ph.D. degree at Mississippi State University, teaches history and political science at Enterprise State Junior College, Enterprise, Alabama.

LLOYD PARNELL (BS '57, MS '58) has retired after 22 years of teaching at Livingston University, Livingston, Alabama.

GERALD K. PATTON JR. (MA '84) is a Senior Master Sergeant assigned to Dover Air Force Base.

CLARK PEARSON (BS '58) currently manages a J.C. Penney Store in Memphis, Tennessee.

CARNES S. PERSONS (BS '59) has a Ph.D. in Counseling and Guidance from USM and serves as a psychologist in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Biloxi.

ROBERT D. PETERS (MS '74) has a Specialist Degree in Administrative Leadership and now serves as principal at Custer High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was named Principal of the Year in 1991.

MENDEL L. ZECHRIS PETERSON (BS '98), author and underwater exploration consultant, has retired himself since 1984 by lecturing on cruise ships and appraising antiques; he lives in McLean, Virginia.

PETER J. PIKUL, JR. (BS '71) is principal at Warren Central Junior High in Vicksburg.

MORAN M. (Randy) POPE, III (BA '73) practices law in Hattiesburg and remains active in USM alumni affairs.

J.W. POPE (BS '70) has retired from the US military.

GILBERT H. PRINCE, JR. (BS '89), pastor and also student at Duke University Divinity School, lives in Harnett County, North Carolina.

WAYNE PYE (MA '83) currently serves as Director of Admissions here at USM.

ROBERT HAROLD RAY, SR. (BS '73) is a communications specialist employed by the US Air Force in the UK.

GEOSE RUSTER (BS '71, M,Ed. '74) is a counselor at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

PAUL H. REUTER, JR. (MA '69, Ph.D. '79) teaches at Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham.

LAMAR REYNOLDS (BS '66) is the Claims Manager for St. Paul Companies in Jackson who never misses a USM football game.

JAMES A. RILEY (BS 50) retired as an insurance consultant and moved to Hattiesburg in 1982; he and his wife devote much of their retirement energy to supporting the McCain Library.

R. JACK ROGERS (BS '62, MS '63) lives in Biloxi following his retirement as Associate Dean at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jefferson Davis Campus.

DONALD C. ROTH (BS '63) has retired from the Air Force Reserve as a Brigadier General and currently serves as manager of procurement at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula.

ROXANNE RUSSELL (BA '78) is a programmer-analyst for Cubic Defense in Gulfport.

MERLE A. SANDSTROM (BS '62) now lives in Deer Lodge, Montana.

JOHN "NEWT" SATCHER (BS '67) practices law in Heidelberg, Mississippi.

JOSEPHINE H. SCHULTZ (MA '61) has taught Latin American history at St. Mary's University in San Antonio since August 1970. She continues to investigate Mexican and Spanish Borderlands topics.

PHYLLIS SEYFARTH (MS '80) lives in Hattiesburg; her husband teaches at USM.

AMENDA SHOEMACK--NETTO (MS '87) is Editor of the Mississippi Oral History Program at USM.

JERRY SHOEMACK (BS '60, MS '70) is Director of Support Services for Vestavia Hills City Board of Education in Birmingham.

WALTER PATTON SHOWS (BS '72, MS '78) was Outstanding Teacher of the Year for Simpson County in 1988; he has taught at Mendenhall Junior High since 1972.

CHARLES R. SHOWS (BS '52, MS '54), is retired after teaching for more than 25 years at the Jefferson Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

OTIS ELMORDER SIKES (BS '51), who earned a doctoral degree at Mississippi State University, was a counselor at Carthage High School until his retirement in 1990.

ALVIN L. SMITH (BS '69), after working as a teacher and school administrator for a dozen years, is now district manager for ALFA Insurance Co.

JANE AINSWORTH SMITH (BS '69, MS '74) has taught social science at Copiah-Lincoln Community College since 1974.

JARON F. SMITH (BS '38) retired in 1979, after working for four decades as teacher, coach, forester, and self-employed businessman.

LISA M. SMITH (BA '89) has recently completed the requirements for an MA in English Literature at Purdue University.

MICHAEL L. SMITH (MS '77), since retirement from the USAF, has earned advanced degrees and now teaches social work at Southwest Texas State University.

WILLIAM SPADE (BS '63) is Director of Marketing and Corporate Relations for NOVA University School of Business in Fort Lauderdale.

DAVID L. STAFFORD (BA '60) recently retired as Procurement and Production Officer at the Redstone Arsenal; he currently works for Tec-Masters, Inc. of Huntsville.

JEANNE E. STEWART (BS '84) is now the Director of the Neshoba County Library.

DAVID H. STOCKSTILL (BS '64) recently retired from Hancock High School, where he taught history since 1966.

CHARLES L. SULLIVAN (MA '64, MS '69) continues as chair of Social Studies at the Perkins Campus of MGCCC; he has written several books and video films and remains active in Standford's Mississippi Battery Reenactment Unit.

JERRY GLENN SULLIVAN (MA '64) also holds the Ph.D. degree in Political Science and an MA in Criminal Justice; he now teaches at Draughon's Junior College in Memphis and reports that he has "written several books published under someone else's name."

AUDREY SINGLETY SWILYEE (BS '41) retired in 1971, after teaching for 30 years.

BARBARA ASHLEY TAYLOR (BS '33) has retired after teaching at Smithville High School for more than thirty years.

AARON DAVID THEAD (BS '66) holds the MS degree in Psychology from Oklahoma State; since 1968 he has worked in rehabilitation services for the state of Florida.

W. JAMIE TREST, JR. (BA '68) earned an MBA at USM and is now employed as a Product Planning Specialist for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Michigan.

ALLAN TROSLAND (BS '65), after working as a teacher and FBI Special Agent and Supervisor, is now employed by VISA International.

JESSIE L. TAYLOR (BS '71, MS '78) has been a teacher and administrator in the school systems of Wayne and Greene counties for more than twenty years.

REESE H. TUCKER (BS '61) has retired, but continues to fly as a professional pilot in Chester, Virginia.

JANIE FULTON TURNBULL (BS '63) has left teaching to work as a free lance writer.

RICHARD H. YOUNG (BS '69) practices law in Brandon.

DONNA MINTY RE VAN SLYKE (BS '67) teaches history at Hinds Community College.

LEONARD VAN SLYK (BS '66), who practices law in Jackson, was included in the 1991-1992 edition of Best Lawyers in America.

JOHN E. WALLACE (BA '53, MA '54, Ph.D. '69) has retired from USM's Gulf Park campus; he continues to travel widely and remains active in numerous civic organizations.

GAIL HILL WATSON (BA '63) is the librarian at Franklin County South Junior High School in Cowan, Tennessee.

SALVADOR WELLS (BS '78, MA '81, Ph.D. '87) teaches history at Pearl River Community College.
GRADUATE STUDENTS

The graduate program has experienced dramatic growth during recent years, the number of students in residence rising from 20 in 1988-89 to 46 in 1992-93. At the same time, financial support in the form of graduate assistantships, work-study grants, and funds generated by external grants has shown a similar increase. It is anticipated that during academic year 1993-94, 24 graduate students will receive stipends totaling $111,000. The graduate program has also become more diverse, including students from China, Japan, and Great Britain, as well as a growing proportion of African-Americans.

Theta-Kappa Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta remains quite active, sponsoring fall and spring picnics at Paul B. Johnson state park and holding an annual awards banquet. In addition, members have repeatedly earned recognition for their scholarship at regional conferences of the Society. In recognition of the continuing excellence of our graduate students, the Department, in 1985, established a Phi Alpha Theta Graduate History Award, to be presented annually to the individual deemed most outstanding by members of the graduate faculty.

A. Graduate Degrees Awarded,
August 1985-May 1993

1. Doctor of Philosophy
   Samuel James WELLS, "Chickasaw Mixed Bloods and the Advent of Removal" (Aug. 1987; Guice)

   Howard William FROMAN, "Francesco Crispi and the Creation of Modern Italy" (Aug. 1991; Ciccarelli)

2. Master of Philosophy and Specialist

3. Master of Arts
   1985: Sean Farrell (Dual Lib. Science), Bernard Gautier, Sue L. Rodriguez
   1986: Anne Brady Baxter, Mary Beth Farrell, Jeffrey R. Kresge
   1987: Bradley Ginn Bond, Lillian Williams
   1989: Carolyn Jasper, Patricia McFarland, Todd McGraw
   1990: Joan Sue Clemens (Dual Lib. Science)
   1991: Kenneth E. Camel, Mark E. Gunn, Freddie McNabb III, Stephen E. Wedding
   1993: Norman Rowe, Kemin Zhang (Dual Lib. Science) Curtis Austin, Patrick O’Connor, James Kelly, Michael Vaughn

4. Master of Science
   1985: Stanley Mark Burrell, John P. Switzer
   1986: David Karen French, Linda K. Murphy
   1987: Andrew English, Amendia Shoemake-Netto
   1988: William Buchanan, Reid S. Derr
   1989: Lena Bryant Travis
   1990: Debbie Colegial, Dan Seaboldt, Phoebe M. Woolbright
   1991: Carolyn Magee
   1992: Tamela Camp James, Monica Foil Strain
   1993: Michael David

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PHI ALPHA THETA AT USM

Phi Alpha Theta, the International History Honors Society, chartered its Theta-Kappa chapter in April 1962, when USM was still known as Mississippi Southern College. Every Spring since then a number of USM history majors and graduate students receive letters congratulating them on their achievements in history and inviting them to join the ranks of Phi Alpha Theta. All told, some 577 students have been included into the society through Theta-Kappa chapter.

Phi Alpha Theta is an honors society dedicated to "the promotion of the study of history." Chapter activities include: "Brown Bag Seminars" featuring presentations by faculty members and students on various topics; "Movie nights," where members gather off campus to watch and discuss movies with historical themes; and the presentation of student papers at the Mississippi Regional conference, where Theta-Kappa members get a chance to polish their public speaking skills and to meet members of other chapters.

One recent Theta-Kappa seminar presentation led by Jeff Nesbitt dealt with medieval heraldry and armorly. Another student-led seminar was a debate on whether Christopher Columbus should be lionized. Faculty members have also presented papers and led discussions on topics ranging from World War I British military history to the current situation in Eastern Europe.

These academically oriented activities are only a part of the chapter's yearly events. Theta-Kappa chapter annually sponsors three social gatherings. The Fall picnic opens the school year and gives members a chance to get together and enjoy a day of volleyball, Bocce ball, and grilled hamburgers and take a break from studies and research. The highlight of the picnic is a faculty-student volleyball game with such department luminaries as Dr. William "Spike" Scarborough, Dr. Andrew "Wild Man" West and Dr. Chuck "Block 'em" Bolton challenging the students in a take-no-prisoners match.

First semester activities end with the chapter Christmas party. This annual event is held at the house of Sean and Mary Beth Farrell, two of the chapter's most supportive alumni.

Spring semester is a busy time for everyone, but the Spring Initiation dinner is always eagerly anticipated. In addition to inducting new members at the dinner, the chapter and department present awards to the best freshman history student, best graduating history senior, best USM Gulf Park history student, and best history graduate student. A "Dress-up" occasion, the dinner ends chapter activities for the year and signals the departure of some Theta-Kappa members as they leave Southern for the world beyond College Hall.

A new addition to chapter activities, The Historical Perspective is a newsletter now nine issues old. The Perspective passes information and items of interest along to members, faculty, and history students.

Although Theta-Kappa membership changes and fluctuates each year, the chapter is a strong and visible part of the history program at USM. After more than three decades, an invitation to the society remains a highly desirable cachet for many serious undergraduates, stirring them to excel. Some students may see membership in Phi Alpha Theta as just one more entry on a job or graduate school application, but many others view society membership in a different light. These neophyte historians look at their inclusion into the ranks of Phi Alpha Theta as sign of their admission into the profession they have chosen for their life's work. Clio, the Muse of History, is surely proud of them.

ORAL HISTORY AT USM

Since its establishment in 1971, the Mississippi Oral History Program (MOHP) has recorded over 1100 interviews covering various aspects of Mississippi's recent past: politics and government, organized labor, civil rights, ethnic history, agriculture, journalism, art, athletics, natural disasters, and general culture. Nearly five hundred of these interviews have been transcribed and deposited in the university's William D. McCain Library and Archives and are available for use by researchers.

During the past two years, the MOHP has worked on a major project involving the history of the John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County. We received a two-year, $100,000 grant from NASA to help the south Mississippi space facility document their history through the preservation of archival resources and the collection of oral histories. Twenty-five interviews were conducted with various individuals associated with the Stennis Space Center. In addition to this project, the MOHP has recently completed interviews on a wide variety of other topics, including the history of mental health care in Mississippi, the International Women's Year Conference of 1977, the labor movement, the history of Hattiesburg, the CCC in Mississippi, and the Mississippi legislature during the 1950s.

Among other activities of the MOHP, we are developing a subject index to the completed oral histories. When finished in 1994, this index will make the oral history collection more accessible to researchers. Also, in an effort to encourage the use of oral sources in historical research, the Department of History will offer a new course on oral history.