I. Greetings From:

Dr. William D. McCain, President

The plan of the Department of History to start the publication of an annual news letter is excellent. You may eventually find that you will want to issue such a publication more frequently. I know that I will appreciate reading the news which may be gathered and disseminated concerning the historians who have passed through our Department of History.

I have nothing of any special news value for your first issue. I assume that everyone knows that we intend to continue to strengthen and expand the Department of History, that we are working toward the final approval of the doctoral program in history, and that we are continuing to allocate money for purchases of historical materials for the Library.

Dr. John H. Allen, Dean of the University

I am happy for this opportunity to send greetings to all former graduate students in the Department of History. I hope each of you finds this means of communication rewarding in that you are stimulated to maintain your contacts with your Alma Mater. The growth of the graduate program on the campus has kept pace with that of the undergraduate programs. The total enrollment in the Graduate School for the 1964 Fall Quarter is 555 students. This represents a considerable increase over those of previous years. We expect to see this pattern continue. Your support and enthusiasm will be greatly appreciated as we continue our efforts to be a great university.

Dr. Claude E. Fike, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

It is a real pleasure for me to send greetings to former students and I extend to each of you the very best for the coming year as a colleague in the profession and as a personal friend. We are proud of the record you
are making and our History Department is enjoying
greater prestige every year thanks, in part, to your
own success in graduate schools and in the teaching
profession. We welcome hearing from you from time to
time and we would appreciate your helpful criticisms
and suggestions.

Dr. J. Treadwell Davis, Chairman, Department of History

I am grateful for this means of communication with
you and extending to you my very best and finest wishes
wherever you may be located. I hope that you have been
keeping up with the tremendous growth of our department.
Although we are growing in number, we also feel that
we are growing in scholarship and in effective teaching.
We are expecting great things from our Ph.D. program
and we believe that our good reputation is spreading
rapidly. Through this means I would like to extend to
you a special invitation to visit with us and talk over
the past, present and the future. It would be a pleasure
to see you. In the meantime, however, please accept my
best and finest wishes.

II. Departmental Affairs
A. Staff Changes

Richard I. Harper has been appointed Assistant
Professor of History. A native of Texas, Professor
Harper holds the B.A. degree from Rice University,
the M.A. degree from Emory University, and expects
to complete the dissertation for his doctorate at
Emory University this summer. He teaches courses
in ancient and medieval history.

Dr. Glenn T. Harper has been appointed Associate
Professor of History. A native of Alabama, Professor
Harper holds the B.A. degree from Furman University,
the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University.
He teaches courses in modern European history.

Dr. William K. Scarboughcough has been appointed
Associate Professor History. A native of Maryland,
Professor Scarbough holds the B.A. degree from
the University of North Carolina, the M.A. degree
from Cornell University and the Ph.D. from the
University of North Carolina. He was formerly a
member of the History Department at Millsaps College
in Jackson and Northeast Louisiana State College in
Monroe. He teaches courses in Southern and American
history.

Kenneth G. McCarty, Jr. has a leave of absence
for the 1964-1965 session! He is completing the
requirements for his doctorate this year at Duke
University!

Colonel Samuel Al Lewis resigned his position
as instructor in history in August, 1964, to accept
a similar position in the Perkinson Branch of the
Gulf Coast Junior College District.

B. In addition to the above, the following individuals
are members of the Department of History.
J. Treadwell Davis, Chairman, Ph.D., Vanderbilt
Robert A. Brent, Ph.D., University of Virginia
Arthur H. DeRosier, Ph.D., University of South
Carolina
Claude E. Fike, Ph.D., University of Illinois
John E. Gonzales, Ph.D., University of North
Carolina
Willery Jackson, M.A., pre-doctoral study, Columbia
University
William D. McCain, Ph.D., Duke University
Robert L. Robinson, M.A., University of Alabama,
pre-doctoral study, Columbia University and
Duke University
Edgar H. Sessions, M.S., University of Southern
Mississippi
Jewell L. Vincent, M.S., University of Southern
Mississippi, pre-doctoral study, Louisiana
State University

C. Association Activities
The faculty and graduate alumni participated
widely in national, regional, state and local histori-
cal association meetings during 1964.
1. American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.,
   December, 1964.
   Dr. Arthur H. DeRosier attended this meeting
   as departmental representative.
2. Mississippi Valley Historical Association, Cleveland,
   April, 1964.
   Dr. John E. Gonzales attended this meeting as
   departmental representative.
3. Southern Historical Association, Little Rock,
   All members of the department and several
   graduate alumni attended this meeting.
   Dr. Arthur H. DeRosier read a paper entitled
   "Choctaw Removal: Evolution of the Treaty of
   Dancing Rabbit Creek."
4. Mississippi Historical Society, Meridian, March, 1964
   All members of the department attended this meeting. Miss Willery Jackson, Dr. John E. Gonzales and Dr. William D. McCain attended the Board of Directors meeting. Dr. McCain presided at the dinner meeting on Friday evening.

III. The Faculty
   A. Personal Notes and Publication Activities
   Dr. Arthur H. DeRosier, Jr., received an American Philosophical Society grant and a University of Southern Mississippi research award which enabled him to engage in research on the youth of William Dunbar in Scotland and England during August, 1964. He did research in Edinburg, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Elgin, Scotland; also, Liverpool and London, England. He will read a paper entitled "William Dunbar: A Product of the Eighteenth Century Scottish Renaissance" based on this research at the 1965 spring meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society.

   Mr. Richard I. Harper joined the faculty after spending the 1963-64 session in Europe on a National Science Foundation Fellowship gathering material for his dissertation entitled "The Astronomical Works of Guillaume de St. Cloud."

   Dr. William K. Scarborough is engaged in further research and writing on his dissertation "Plantation Management in the Old South: The Overseer" to be published in 1965 by the Louisiana State University Press.

   Both The Southern Quarterly and The Journal of Mississippi History are edited by members of the Department of History. Dr. Arthur H. DeRosier, Jr. edits The Southern Quarterly, and Dr. John Gonzales is editor of The Journal of Mississippi History. Kenneth G. McCarty, Jr. is an assistant editor of the latter publication, and Dr. William D. McCain and Miss Willery Jackson are members of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society.

   Other recent recipients of University of Southern Mississippi research awards are Dr. Robert A. Brent for work on his manuscript "Disobedient Diplomat: A Biography of Nicholas P. Trist" and Robert L. Robinson for work on his dissertation entitled "British Trading Interests in West Africa, 1816-1830."
Many former history graduate students acquired their degrees when the departments of history and government were combined under the chairmanship of Dr. Leon A. Wilber. Beginning with the academic year 1962-1963, the departments were separated, and Dr. Wilber now is chairman of the renamed Department of Political Science and Dr. J. Treadwell Davis is chairman of the Department of History. Dr. Wilber continues to teach the Methods in Teaching of Social Studies course.

Beginning with the academic year 1963-1964, the School of Arts and Sciences became the College of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Claude E. Fike continues as Dean, a post he has had since the fall of 1961. Dean Fike continues to teach one course in the department, a junior-senior-graduate level course entitled "Cold War Issues."

B. Faculty Seminar

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Arthur H. DeRosier, Jr., a faculty seminar has been organized. This seminar will meet on a quarterly basis. The first meeting was held on February 5, 1965. Dr. DeRosier presented a paper entitled "Importance in Failure: Fenian Raids of 1866-1871." In April Dr. Raymond G. Stearns of the Department of History of the University of Illinois will be a visiting lecturer on the campus.

IV. Graduate Students

A. Degrees Granted

By checking the records in the registrar's office we found that the following people have received degrees involving graduate work in history since the establishment of the graduate school. In the early years the degrees were in the teaching of history program. As can be seen, there has been a steady increase in the number of students pursuing the Master of Arts degree in history rather than the Master of Science degree without thesis and language. The following list, we hope, is complete. If a name has been omitted, please notify the department, and we shall correct it in the next issue of this news letter.

Barker, C. Bishop, M.A. (1952)  Buchholtz, John T., M.S. (1959)
Burch, Dalton R., Jr., M.A. (1953)
Caldwell, Joan P., M.A. (1958)
Clark, Charles A., M.A. (1951)
Cobb, Lorena W., M.A. (1955)
Coker, William S., M.A. (1962)
Costley, William L., Jr., M.S. (1959)
Couch, Robert F., M.A. (1960)
Crawford, William F., M.A. (1952)
Curtis, Ferdinand P., M.A. (1952)
Deere, Kenneth D., M.S. (1960)
Evans, Jimmie, M.S. (1960)
Evans, John W., M.A. (1953)
Farris, Bobby N., M.S. (1964)
Gilly, Jack L., M.A. (1952)
Goodwin, Henry D., Jr., M.A. (1952)
Hemphill, Donald A., M.S. (1958)
Hodges, James R., M.A. (1955)
Holcomb, Daniel H., M.A. (1957)
Holder, Frank B., M.A. (1957)
Huff, Glen, M.A. (1956)
Hurt, Hubert O., M.A. (1954)
Jordan, Robert L., Jr., M.A. (1955)
Kerner, Florence S., M.S. (1959)
Lewis, Samuel, M.S. (1962)
Little, Carl L., M.S. (1961)
Lopez, Claire S., M.A. (1964)
Lott, William J., M.A. (1957)
Lucy, Herbert E., M.E. (1958)
Mason, Luther M., M.A. (1961)
Mathis, Robert H., M.A. (1959)
Mayfield, Blanche G., M.A. (1955)
McCarty, Kenneth G., M.A. (1958)
McCraw, Joseph Walter, M.A. (1957)
McKee, Edward P., M.S. (1961)
Mendenhall, Richard J., M.E. (1958)
Moncrief, James L., M.A. (1959)
Morris, Jay H., M.A. (1957)
Myers, William V., M.A. (1957)
Nicholson, David W., M.A. (1958)
Parnell, Lloyd G., M.S. (1958)
Patterson, Joel, M.A. (1952)
Pendergrass, William C., M.S. (1960)
Odom, Charles G., M.A. (1951)
Ramsey, Russell W., M.A. (1963)
Reel, Jerome V., Jr., M.A. (1961)
Reeves, Madge M., M.A. (1955)
Rogers, Ralph J., M.S. (1963)
Sessions, Edgar H., M.S. (1962)
Smith, Benjamin F., M.A. (1954)
Speights, Duris, Jr., M.A. (1963)
Thompson, James F., M.A. (1957)

B. Theses


Ralph Jackson Rogers, "The Legion and Mississippi: State Legislative Goals of the American Legion, Mississippi Department, 1944-1960," thesis directed by Dr. Robert A. Brent.


Bobby N. Farris, "The Unification Issue in the Methodist Church with Reactions in Mississippi." M.S. (1964), thesis directed by Dr. Arthur H. DeRosier, Jr.


C. The following graduate students have been admitted to candidacy for the M.A. degree, have finished all course work, and lack only the completion of the thesis and the final orals:

E. L. Carnes (Davis, major professor)
James Clark (DeRosier, major professor)
Drew Gunnells (Brent, major professor)
Walter Lowe (McCarty, major professor)
Lawrence J. Malley (Davis, major professor)
Samuel E. Rush (Gonzales, major professor)
Joseph Stevens (Davis, major professor)
William A. Ward (Gonzales, major professor)

D. Fellowships, 1964-1965
Twelve graduate fellowships or assistantships have been awarded for this current school year. Eight of
these students teach quiz sections as we now have two auditorium sections of the History 101-102 course. Two of these students grade papers for Dean Fike and two of the students are assigned as paper graders to other faculty members with large class enrollments.

Aycock, Clois, B.A., George Peabody College, 1956
Bacon, John, B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1960
Badger, Lois, B.A., William Carey College, 1964
Benson, Harry, B.A., Millsaps College, 1963
Dubay, Robert, B.A., University of South Florida, 1964
Eudy, John, B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1964
McCaslin, James, B.A., University of Southern Mississippi, 1964
Moore, Warner (Beginning winter quarter), B.S. University of Southern Mississippi, 1965
Patterson, Sally, B.A., University of Southern Mississippi, 1964
Kush, Samuel (Fall quarter only), B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1963
Reagan, Terry, B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1964
Smith, Charles, B.A., William Carey College, 1964

E. Organizations

Two honorary fraternities are supported by the department—Pi Gamma Mu (honorary social science fraternity chartered in 1954) and Phi Alpha Theta (honorary history fraternity chartered in 1962).

Officers of Pi Gamma Mu, 1964-1965:
President, Jesse Delia
Vice President, Caroline Dean
Faculty Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Leon A. Wilber
Faculty Advisor, Dr. John Edmond Gonzales

Officers of Phi Alpha Theta, Theta Kappa chapter, 1964-1965:
President, John Lee
Vice President, James W. McCaslin
Secretary, Mrs. Mary Montague
Treasurer, Terry Reagan
Historian, Mrs. Mabel Donavan
Faculty Advisors, Dr. Robert A. Brent and Mr. Robert L. Robinson

Theta Kappa chapter of Phi Alpha Theta was host for the state convention on April 3 and 4, 1964. Terry Reagan and Larry Malley, members of the Theta Kappa chapter, read papers at the meeting. Dr. Bell I. Wiley, Professor of History at Emory University and former chairman of the department of history at the University of Southern Mississippi, was the banquet speaker. Dr. Donald
B. Hoffman, national secretary-treasurer, also attended this meeting. Miss Willery Jackson, faculty advisor, was in charge of arrangements.

F. Graduate alumni in history have been regular contributors to The Southern Quarterly:


G. Personal Notes

Mary Elizabeth Alsworthy has joined the faculty of Pearl River Junior College and is also doing further graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi.

C. Bishop Barker is now in the real estate business in Hattiesburg.

S. David Buice is a doctoral student at the University of Oklahoma.

William S. Coker is engaged in the writing of his dissertation at the University of Oklahoma and expects to receive his doctorate at the commencement this June.

Robert F. Couch is chairman of the social studies department at the Perkinston Branch of the Gulf Coast Junior College District.

Samuel Lewis is an instructor at the Perkinston Branch of the Gulf Coast Junior College District.
Claira S. Lopez is a doctoral student at Tulane University.

Kenneth G. McCarty is an assistant professor of history at the University of Southern Mississippi and has a leave of absence during 1964-1965 to complete his doctorate at Duke University.

Neil E. McMillen is a doctoral student at Vanderbilt University.

Russell W. Ramsey is stationed at Fort Benning and is continuing his research and teaching duties also.

Jerome V. Fee is a doctoral candidate at Emory University and is teaching at Clemson College, South Carolina.

John A. Robertson has completed his course work for his doctorate at the University of Mississippi and is now teaching at Louisiana Tech at Ruston, Louisiana.

Josephine Schulte is a doctoral student at Loyola University in Chicago.

Edgar H. Sessions is office manager of the registrar's office at the University of Southern Mississippi and also instructor in history at the same institution.

Charles R. Shows teaches at Hattiesburg High School and is doing further work beyond the master's degree at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Duris Speights is now stationed at Camp Gordon in Augusta, Georgia.

Archie Strahan teaches at Holmes Junior College.

Maxie E. Sturgeon is a representative for Allyn-Bacon Publishing Company in this area.

Jerry Sullivan is working with his father in his law office and also teaches one class in history for the division of continuing education here at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Nancy Sullivan is teaching in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Eugene A. Wink is teaching at Gulf Park Junior College in Gulfport.
Jewell W. Vincent is an instructor in history at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Martha A. Buie teaches in Natchez, Mississippi.

John W. Evans is working on his doctorate in education at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Bobby N. Farris teaches in Robertsdale, Alabama.

Florence S. Kerner teaches in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

Herbert E. Lucy received his doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi and is now on the staff at Delta State College in Cleveland, Mississippi.

Albert Allen works for the United States Post Office in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Dallas Biggers works at the University Union at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Dalton Burch is Associate Minister of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Jimmie Evans teaches at Thames Junior High School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Daniel Holcomb is a doctoral student at the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky.

IV. Latest Departmental Developments

A. In March, 1965, the renovation of College Hall and the construction of an annex (having two lecture auditoriums) will begin. Until the construction and renovation is completed the history offices will be located in Honor House and classes will be taught in available rooms in other campus buildings. Removal of shrubbery around College Hall began on January 28.

B. Dr. Edward H. Moseley has been appointed Associate Professor of History, effective summer quarter of 1965. A native of Alabama, Professor Moseley holds the B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Alabama. He is a member of the faculty of Louisiana Tech in Ruston at the present time. Professor Moseley will teach courses in Latin American history, a field to be expanded by the department.

C. Please let the department have your suggestions, criticisms and comments regarding the news letter. Also please send us news to put in the next issue.

D. Dr. W. E. Callcott, Professor Emeritus of History in the University of South Carolina, will be the keynote speaker for Scope VIII on April 9. He will also conduct the history department seminar on April 8.