I. Departmental Affairs

A. Staff Changes

Kenneth G. McCarty, Jr. returned to his duties as Assistant Professor of History in September, 1966. He has completed all of the requirements for the doctorate except the writing of the dissertation which he expects to finish during 1966.

Edward H. Moseley, Associate Professor of History, assumed his duties in June, 1965. The department is now able to expand the course offerings in Latin American history. Courses in ABC Powers, Mexico, and Caribbean are being offered for the first time this year.

Edgar H. Sessions, Instructor in History, resigned during the spring quarter, 1965, to take a position in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mrs. Jewell L. Vincent, Instructor in History, resigned at the end of spring quarter, 1965.

Arthur H. De Rosier Jr., Professor of History, resigned at the end of spring quarter, 1965, to accept a position at the University of Oklahoma.

Robert A. Brent received a Fulbright Award as a Visiting Lecturer in the University of the Philippines in Manila for the academic year 1965-1966. Dr. Brent will resume his teaching duties in the department in June, 1966. His address until then is T-1448 Maromag Street, University of Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.

Miss Willery Jackson, Associate Professor of History since 1940, will retire at the end of the summer quarter, 1966.

B. Association Activities


   John E. Gonzales attended this meeting as departmental representative.

Professors Davis, Fike, Gonzales, Scarborough, and Robinson and several graduate alumni attended this meeting.


All members of the department attended this meeting. Miss Willery Jackson, President William D. McCain, and John E. Gonzales attended the Board of Directors meeting. At the Friday morning meeting William S. Coker (M.A., 1962) read a paper entitled "Pat Harrison - Strategy for Victory." At the dinner meeting on Friday evening, President McCain read a paper entitled "The Papers of Theodore G. Bilbo." At the Saturday morning session Professor DeRosier read a paper entitled "William Dunbar: A Product of the Eighteenth Century Scottish Renaissance." President McCain was elected Vice-President of the organization.

II. The Faculty

A. Personal Notes and Publication Activities

Professor William K. Scarborough’s monograph entitled The Overseer: Plantation Management in the Old South is scheduled for publication by the Louisiana State University Press in April, 1966.

Faculty members in the department have been regular contributors to The Southern Quarterly:


Fike, Claude E., "Aspects of the New American Recognition Policy Toward Russia Following World War I," The Southern Quarterly, IV (October, 1965), 1 - 16.


John E. Gonzales is editor of The Journal of Mississippi History, and Kenneth G. McCarty, Jr. serves as assistant editor of the same publication.

Faculty members in the department have been regular contributors to The Journal of Mississippi History:


The following article has just been published:


B. Faculty Seminar

During the winter quarter, 1965, Professor DeRosier read a paper at the faculty seminar. At the spring seminar W. H. Calcott, Professor Emeritus of History in the University of South Carolina, read a paper. Professor Calcott was the keynote speaker for Scope VIII.

Professors Gonzales and Scarborough will be the speakers at the winter and spring seminars in 1966.

III. Physical Plant Changes:

During the spring quarter, 1965, the department moved to temporary quarters in House "Q" (the frame dwelling between the
new Education and Psychology Building and the Home Economics Building. Work is proceeding slowly on the renovation of College Hall and the construction of the Annex. History classes are being taught in the College Auditorium and any available rooms in other classroom buildings. History is "on the road."

IV. Graduate Students

A. Drew Gunnells completed the requirements for the Master of Arts degree during the summer quarter, 1965. His thesis directed by Professor Brent was "The Presidential Aspirations of Henry Clay."

Harry Benson completed the requirements for the Master of Arts degree during the winter quarter, 1965–1966. His thesis directed by Professor Robinson was "The Role of the Battle Crusier in British Naval Policy 1904–1945."

B. The following students hold graduate fellowships or assistantships or part time instructor positions for this current school year:

Brooks, Nolan, B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1965.

Donohue, Mrs. Susan Brown, B.A., Millsaps College, 1956.


Dunn, Mrs. Margaret Carter, B.A., University of Southern Mississippi, 1965.


Fillingim, Raymond, B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1962.


Haltom, Mrs. Margaret, B.S. Mississippi State College for Women, 1961.


Mallette, Kenneth, B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1965.


Moore, Warner, B.S., University of Southern Mississippi, 1964.
Mourning, Mrs. Beverly, A.B., University of Missouri, 1949.

Sansing, David, B.A., Mississippi College, 1956.  
M.A., Mississippi College, 1959.


Stone, James, B.A., University of Southern Mississippi, 1965.

Wallace, John, B.A., University of Southern Mississippi, 1953.  
M.A., University of Southern Mississippi, 1954.


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


D. Organizations

Officers of Pi Gamma Mu, 1965-1966:
President, Sammy Davis
Vice President, Melvin Jones
Faculty Secretary - Treasurer, Leon A. Wilber
Faculty Advisor, Louis Dixon

Officers of Phi Alpha Theta, Theta Kappa Chapter, 1965-1966:
President, Charles Smith
Vice President, Earl Webb
Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Carter Dunn
Treasurer, George Burson
Historian, Mrs. Mabel Donavan
Faculty Advisors, Robert L. Robinson and Terry Harper

At the joint spring banquet of Pi Gamma Mu and Phi Alpha Theta, Professor Raymond Stearns of the Department of History of the University of Illinois was the speaker. He also addressed a student convocation while on campus.

E. Personal Notes

William S. Coker (62) received his doctorate in history from the University of Oklahoma in June, 1965. He was visiting professor of history during the summer session at
Kansas State University. He is now engaged on a two-year project of writing history for the Air Force and is located in Montgomery, Alabama. His address is 2537 College Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36106.

Carl L. Little (61) is teaching at Middle Georgia College at Cochran and the University of Georgia Extension at Warner Robins.

Captain Russell W. Ramsey (63) is stationed in Vietnam. His address is HHC, 1st BN. (ABN, 8th Cab.), 1st Cav. Div. (Air Mobile), APO, San Francisco, California, 96490.

Robert F. Couch (60) is now teaching in the Jefferson Davis Junior College Branch of the Gulf Coast Junior College District.

Ralph J. Rogers (63) is now teaching at William Carey College.

Edgar H. Sessions (62) is now Registrar at Chattanooga State Technical Institute in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Jimmie Evans (60) is teaching in the Meridian Junior College.

Kenneth G. McCarty (58) returned to his position on the faculty of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Archie Strahan (62) spent the summer of 1965 in Europe on a study grant.

Glenn H. Woods, Jr. (62) has retired from the Army and is now teaching.

Drew Gunnells (65) is pastor of Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mrs. Jewell Vincent (62) is a doctoral candidate in history at Louisiana State University.

F. Editorial Comments

The editor would appreciate very much hearing from all former students. Particularly he would like some information from you to include in the personal notes section of this newsletter.

Miss Willery Jackson, Associate Professor of History and a member of this department since 1940, will retire at the end of the 1966 summer session. The editor is certain that she would appreciate hearing from all of her former students.
Also recently published is the following article: