From the New Chairman

The Department of History is emerging as the most energetic, diverse, and professional faculty on the campus of the University. All members now have the Ph.D. Nearly all have publishing commitments for books in the near future. With the addition of four new members with degrees from UCLA, Indiana University, Colorado, and Vanderbilt, the faculty is more cosmopolitan than ever before.

However, the mere existence of such a department is not enough. The fact that we have such embryonic quality produces questions which we have not as yet answered. How can we make the people of Mississippi and the country aware of this excellence? What should the primary direction of the department be? Good undergraduate teaching? The production of graduate students? Publications? How can the members of the faculty best serve the people of Mississippi, who, after all, pay our salaries? In short, what long-range plans can be developed?

It is to these questions that we as alumni, students, and faculty must address ourselves in the next year. We have the quality—we must now keep it and give it direction.

JOHN R. SKATES

History in the Making

WILLIAM D. MC CAIN, President of the University, has recently announced the forthcoming publication of a two-volume co-operative history of Mississippi. Sponsored by the State of Mississippi, the Department of Archives and History, the Mississippi Historical Society, University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi, this project is under the editorial supervision of RICHARD A. MC LEMORE, WILLIAM D. MC CAIN, JOHN K. BETTERSWORTH, and PORTER L. FORTUNE, JR. Among the forty-six specialists invited to contribute chapters are four members of the department: JOHN E. GONZALES, NEIL R. MCMILLEN, and JOHN R. SKATES, WILLIAM K. SCARBOROUGH.

Also of interest to friends of the department is the forthcoming acquisition of the William Colmer papers by the University Library. A special project of President MC CAIN, this rich body of material is a welcome complement to the Theodore G. Bilbo papers already housed in the University Archives.

Recent Appointments

JOHN R. SKATES, an associate professor who specializes in recent American history, became department chairman in June, 1969....JAY P. ANGLIN, who graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles, came to the department from Northeast Louisiana State College in September, 1969.... JOHN GUICE, a recent graduate of the University of Colorado, also joined the department in September. A western specialist, assistant professor GUICE teaches colonial and western American history...NEIL R. MC MILLEN came to the department from Ball State University. A recent graduate of Vanderbilt University, this assistant professor specializes in the New South...PETER VON WAHLDE, an associate professor formerly of the University of Maine, is the department’s fourth new member. A graduate of Indiana University, he teaches Russian history...ORAZIO CICCARELLI, a Latin American specialist who graduated from the University of Florida, will join the department in September, 1970, as an assistant professor. He comes to us from Auburn University.
Former Faculty News and Whereabouts

Miss WILLERY JACKSON, Associate Professor Emerita, interrupted a busy retirement reading schedule to attend the Mississippi Historical Society meeting in the spring of 1970. She has plans for a leisurely cruise to Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires aboard a Norwegian freighter later in this year...WILLIAM COKER left the department in the spring of 1969 to assume a new position at the University of West Florida in Pensacola...WILLIAM F. LA FORGE was appointed Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Delta State College in July, 1969...SAMUEL A. LEWIS continues to teach at Perkinsion Junior College...EDWARD H. MOSELEY, associate professor at the University of Alabama, collaborated with Eugene R. Huck in the publication of Militarists, Merchants and Missionaries: United States Expansion in Middle America (University of Alabama Press, 1970). During the autumn of 1968 he read a paper entitled “Santiago Vidaurri, Hero of La Reforma” at the Southern Historical Association meeting. He is also the author of three recently published articles and is currently serving as program chairman for the Southeastern Conference of Latin American Studies...ARTHUR H. DE ROSIER, JR., now Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Professor of History at East Tennessee State University, has published two books: Through the South With a Union Soldier (Johnson City, Tennessee: Research Advisory Council of East Tennessee State University, 1969), and The Removal of the Choctaw Indians (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1970). His article, “An Early Exploration of the Arkansas Hot Springs,” appeared in the Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy during 1968...ROBERT L. ROBINSON, now an Associate Professor at the University of Houston...

Faculty Activity and Awards

JAY P. ANGLIN has recently completed study guides for Warren Easton’s two volume The Heritage of the Past (Holt, Rinehart and Winston). He is currently writing The Counter Reformation, a Berkshire Series monograph scheduled for publication next year...RICHARD BOWERS read a paper entitled “The English Wool Embargo, 1270-1274” at the spring, 1970, meeting of the Medieval Institute, Western Michigan University. He continues his book-length study of the Medieval English Wool Trade...In 1969 ROBERT BRENT published “The Myth of Separation of Power,” in The Southern Quarterly and “Mississippi and the Mexican War” in the Journal of Mississippi History. He has two additional articles on the politics of the 1850’s scheduled for publication this year in The Southern Quarterly. During the past year he also managed to complete his book-length manuscript, “Nicholas Philip Trist: Disobedient Diplomat”...J. TREADWELL DAVIS continues the research for his study of the relations among American Presbyterians. In addition to a busy schedule as educational consultant, he published “The Presbyterians and the Sectional Conflict” in the January, 1970, issue of The Southern Quarterly...Dean of Arts and Sciences CLAUDE E. FIKE, who continues to divide his time between instruction and administration, read a paper entitled “The Administration of Walter Leake” to the Mississippi Historical Society meeting in the spring of 1969. It was published in the February, 1970, issue of the Journal of Mississippi History. His article, “A Study of Henry VIII’s Reign,” will appear in The Southern Quarterly in October, 1970...William D. McCain Professor of History JOHN EDMOND GONZALES remains the editor of the recently-enlarged Journal of Mississippi History. Although engaged in the writing of a history of the University, he managed to review several books for professional journals and to publish two articles: “The Henry Stuart Foote Family: Some Genealogical Observations,” Louisiana Genealogical Register (September, 1969) and “Thirty Years of the Journal of Mississippi History (1939-1969),” Journal of Mississippi History (May, 1969). The latter was read at a March 1969 meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society. During 1969-1970 Professor GONZALES completed his second year as the Mississippi Representative on the Membership Committee of the Southern Historical Association...GLENN T. HARPER, who received a grant from the American Philosophical Society, plans to spend the summer in Madrid working on his study of the Spanish Revolution of 1868-1875. Meanwhile, he continues as Assistant Editor of The Southern Quarterly. During the past year he published “The Spanish Diary of Arthur Middleton,” an article in two parts, in The Southern Quarterly...JOHN GUICE read a paper in November, 1969, at the National Archives’ Conference on the History of the Territories. Entitled “Territorial Courts of the Far West—the Historians View,” it will be published by the National Archives sometime during 1970. He is also the author of “Moses Hallett—Territorial Justice,” an article which appeared in a recent issue of Colorado Magazine. Awarded an American Philosophical Society grant for the coming summer, he will continue his research on the territorial courts of Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming...KENNETH MC CARTY, assistant editor of the Journal of Mississippi History, successfully
defended his dissertation, "Stanley K. Hornbeck and the Far East, 1931-1941," to complete all requirements for his degree at Duke University. He plans to publish a career study of Hornbeck...NEIL R. MC MILLEN is currently completing "The Citizens' Council: A History of Organized Resistance to the Second Reconstruction," a book-length manuscript scheduled for publication by the University of Illinois Press in 1971. He is also the co-author of a Teachers' Manual (with Walter Hugins of San Francisco State University) published by Rand McNally in 1970. During 1969-1970 his book reviews appeared in Michigan History, Choice, and the Journal of Mississippi History...In addition to a busy schedule of political activities, WILLIAM K. SCARBOROUGH is preparing a three volume edition of The Diary of Edmund Ruffin, 1856-1865. To be published by the Louisiana State University Press, the first volume will appear in 1971. During the spring of 1970 he addressed the Jackson Civil War Round Table on the topic, "Planter Attitudes Toward the War Between the States" and read a paper entitled "Edmund Ruffin... to the Theta Kappa Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta...JOHN R. SKATES read a paper entitled "The Supreme Court Under the Constitution of 1817" at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society in 1970. In addition to his new duties as department chairman, he continues his work on a history of the Mississippi Supreme Court...PETER VON WHALDE is writing a history of the Russian army during its formative years, 1550-1850. His paper "Dmitri Milutin: Appraisals" appeared in Canadian Slavic Studies in 1969. He is also organizing a panel and writing a paper on Russian military history for the May, 1971, meeting of the Northeastern Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

Alumni: Activities and Whereabouts

JOHN P. BACON, JR. has been named associate professor and chairman of the Social Studies Department at the State Technical Institute at Memphis. He also serves as chairman for the Faculty Council and sponsor of the Upsilon Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa...The Reverend DALTON R. BURCH, JR. (M.A.'53), pastor of Westside Christian Church of New Orleans, was president of the Ministerial Union of New Orleans in 1968-69. He is currently serving as the president of the Greater New Orleans Federation of Churches...ROBERT F. COUCH (M.A.'60) remains in retirement on the Gulf Coast...CLAIRA LOPEZ CAMPBELL (M.A.'64) received the John T. Monroe grant from Tulane University, where she is now completing a doctorate. An expectant mother, her paper, "Negroes and Republican Politics in 1868," was read by proxy at the March, 1970, meeting of the Louisiana Historical convention in New Orleans...HELEN E. (WELSCH) HESS (M.A.'55) is now head of the history department at Washington Junior High in Bakersfield, California...DANIEL HOLCOMB (M.A.'57) received his Th.D. in January, 1969, from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He is now Assistant Professor of Religion at Oklahoma Baptist University...MARTHA BUIE HOLLINGSWORTH (M.A.'51) is the Guidance Department counselor and a social studies teacher at Natchez-Adams County High School in Natchez. She has recently delivered several addresses on topics of local history to southwestern Mississippi civic associations...LAWRENCE J. MALLEY (M.A.'66) has been promoted from Social Science Editor to executive editor of the College Department at Rand McNally and Company in Chicago. A notable humorist, he claims authorship of Threw a Glass, Darky: a Summer Day in Detroit, to be published by the Punch Press...WILLIAM MARTIN (M.A., '67) continues as instructor of history at Florida Junior College at Jacksonville...JAMES L. MONCRIEF (M.S., '59) resigned his post at Jefferson State Junior College to assume a position with the North Carolina State Department of Mental Health...WARNER I. MOORE, JR. (M.A.'68) passed his preliminary doctoral exams at the University of Alabama. A graduate teaching assistant, he is now writing a dissertation on the mercantile career of Henry Laurens...CHARLES G. ODOM (M.S.'51), the executive dean at Perkinson Junior College, is now in the all-but-dissertation stage of a doctorate in school administration at the University of Southern Mississippi...LLOYD G. PARNELL (M.S.'58) has been recently promoted from Director of the Livingston University, (Livingston, Alabama), Laboratory School to Chairman of the Division of Administration, Research, and Services. In August 1968 he received his Ed.D. from the University of Alabama...RUSSELL W. RAMSEY (M.A.'63) has resigned his commission in the United States Army to complete a doctorate in Latin American history at the University of Florida. A research associate in the University of Florida's Center for Latin American Studies, he is the author of Peasant Revolution, 1950-1954 (New York: Carlton Press, Inc.)
1969). EDGAR H. SESSIONS (M.S. '62) continues as director of the Chattanooga State Technical Institute. EUGENE A. WINK (M.A. '57), history instructor at Gulf Park College, is a member of the board of directors of the Mississippi Historical Society.

The Graduate Students


B. In August, 1969, the following students received the Ph. D. degree in the Department of History: DAVID SANSING whose dissertation title was "The Role of the Scalawag in Mississippi Reconstruction;" JOHN E. WALLACE whose dissertation title was "The Case of Otto Abetz;" and E. RUSS WILLIAMS whose dissertation was entitled "The Florida Parish Ellises and Louisiana Politics, 1820-1918." In April, 1970, CHARLES W. SMITH successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, "S. S. General Karl Wolff and the Surrender of the German Troops in Italk, 1945," to complete all requirements for the Ph.D. degree.