Summer 2015

UA68/8 History Alumni Newsletter

WKU History

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua_records

Part of the Higher Education Administration Commons, History Commons, Journalism Studies Commons, Mass Communication Commons, Organizational Communication Commons, and the Public Relations and Advertising Commons

Recommended Citation

http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc ua_records/4300

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in WKU Archives Records by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact topscholar@wku.edu.
UNIVERSITY, COURT, AND SLAVE:
HARRISON LECTURE TACKLES AN INTRIGUING ISSUE

This year's Distinguished Lecture Series in honor of Lowell Harrison featured Alfred Brophy, who is Judge John J. Parker Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law. On March 24 he addressed a crowded WKU auditorium on the subject "University, Court, and Slave: Pro-slavery Thought in Southern Colleges and the Coming of the Civil War."

Brophy received his A.B. from the University of Pennsylvania, his J.D. from Columbia and his Ph.D. from Harvard. His books include *Reconstructing the Dream: the Tulsa Riot of 1921* and *Reparations: Pro and Con.*
On March 28 WKU's History Department hosted the annual Kentucky Phi Alpha Theta Convention. In written and oral competitions two of our students, Emily Potts and Lucas Somers, won prizes.

This year's Phi Alpha Theta banquet was held on April 30 at the Cambridge Market. The guest speaker was Emily Baran, who both entertained and enlightened her audience of professors and history majors with her presentation, "Christian Cold War: Soviet Pentecostals in the American Embassy, Moscow."
Another Award
For Beth Plummer

After last year winning the Potter College award for research and writing, Beth this year won the award for advisement. She advises our graduate students and coordinates the graduate program in history. She is pictured on the right advising student Anna Young.

LEE MILLER
1965 HISTORY MAJOR AND ATHLETE
Celebrates Golden Anniversary of His Graduation

Lee Miller was a history major and football quarterback who in 1963 led WKU to its only undefeated season, including a victory at the Tangerine Bowl. He taught and coached in southern Indiana until retirement in 1999.

Lee today with his wife of 48 years Brenda Haynes Miller, former WKU cheerleader. His college image looks over his shoulder.

He continues his “second career” in real estate (farming and commercial) development. He is a fraternity brother of WKU President Gary Ransdell; he remembers fondly his teachers both in sports and history at WKU; and he has been a generous supporter of WKU. His email address is lm@twc.com.
George Dillingham
1938-2015

On May 28 we marked the death of one of our most beloved former professors, George A. Dillingham. He was a graduate of David Lipscomb and George Peabody, and he taught both in the College of Education and in the History Department at WKU for 34 years, retiring in 2002. In retirement he remained active in both social outreach and intellectual circles, directing the local chapter of MEALS INC. and participating in summer Chautauqua gatherings in New York. He is survived by his wife Mary, son Stephen, daughter Susan, and five grandchildren. Those of you who were his students and advisees may send your memories of and comments about him to janet.haynes@wku.edu.

A WORD FROM THE BOSS

Thank you so very much for all of your contributions to the History Department over the years. They may vary in size from a few dollars to many thousands of dollars, but they all count and collectively they enable us to support monthly meetings of our Civil War Roundtable, provide improved technology for our classrooms, and send undergraduate and graduate students to research collections or to present their work at professional meetings. Former Department Head Richard Troutman has performed yeoman service writing personal letters of thanks to donors, but please know that all of us appreciate your generosity and ongoing support of your academic home.