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RENOVATION OF
CHERRY HALL COMPLETED

We are very happy to announce that the renovation of Cherry Hall has been completed and the History Department returned home shortly after the beginning of the 1974-75 school year. We are again located on the second floor where renovation did not involve major structural changes but did facilitate a better utilization of available space. Some classrooms were reduced in size to provide space for seminar rooms. Adequate space is still available for our present undergraduate programs and prospective growth in the near future.

Although Cherry Hall is one of the oldest buildings on campus, the architectural design of the building and the high quality of materials used in its initial construction make it one of Western's most beautiful and serviceable structures. Furthermore, its position on the top of the hill overlooking the city and surrounding areas makes it one of Western's most prominent buildings—a very fitting place for the History Department.

We now have an elevator. So, either ride or walk up the steps and visit us on the second floor of Cherry Hall. The History Department office is located directly opposite the elevator and near the stairway. Faculty offices and classrooms are nearby.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A limited number of graduate assistantships are available to students of demonstrated ability. Recipients assist faculty members in research and other professional activities. Stipends range upward from $1,800, depending upon qualifications and duties assigned; out-of-state assistants will have that portion of their fees awarded as a scholarship. The History Department presently employs six graduate assistants.

Inquiries regarding assistantships and request for application forms should be addressed directly to the Graduate College, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101.

Financial assistance is also available through the Director of Student Financial Aid, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101.

HISTORY CONTEST FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Western hosted the first annual history contest for secondary school students on April 24, 1974. 275 students from 35 different schools participated. Objective and subjective tests were given in American and World history. (continued on back page)
DISTINGUISHED LECTURER 
IN HISTORY SERIES

On February 12, 1975, the Department initiated an annual Distinguished Lecturer in History series. Dr. Frank Vandiver, educator, historian, author, and Provost of Rice University was the first guest lecturer for this annual event. Dr. Vandiver is one of the nation's foremost military historians and an authority on Southern history.

Arrangements for Dr. Vandiver's visit to the Western campus were made by Dr. Richard Stone, Dr. James Bennett, and Dr. Carol Crowe. Dr. Vandiver's talk entitled "Jefferson Davis: Strong President" presented a new interpretation of the President of the Confederacy that was well received by an audience of over 325 students, faculty, and guests. Dr. Vandiver quickly established rapport with his listeners by his command of the subject and his enthusiastic presentation. A lively question and answer period followed his lecture.

During his visit, Dr. Vandiver met with members of Phi Alpha Theta for an informal discussion of history and historians.

It is a significant truth that in times of uncertainty people turn to history for answers. By the same reasoning, those who study history in relatively serene times are prepared for the problems that stem from feelings of political, social, or economic insecurity. This new Distinguished Lecturer in History series is only one of the ways by which the History Department strives to acquaint students with various interpretations of pertinent historical problems.

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Dr. Fred Murphy, chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reports only a few changes in our course offerings since the last issue of the Newsletter. Only one new upper-division course has been added. However, the Department, by means of special courses, is making an effort to reach out beyond the campus to provide an educational experience for people living in Bowling Green and surrounding communities.

Mr. Charles Bussey will teach a two-semester course on the History of Science beginning with the fall semester of 1975. This particular field of study is relatively new, having emerged largely since World War II. Development of the course at Western is partially the result of encouragement from the school of science and technology. The course is designed to explain the historical development of science and to create an awareness of the interrelations between science and society.

The department offered a newspaper course entitled "The American Dream" for which two hours of non-minor and non-major credit are given. The course was developed by San Diego California State University on a grant from the Exxon Foundation. It consisted of sixteen lectures by outstanding American scholars which were published in the Sunday edition of the Park City Daily News. Dr. Richard Stone, who administered the course, reports that his students ranged in age from twenty to over sixty.

As a part of its contribution to the Bicentennial Celebration, Dr. Lowell Harrison taught a non-credit course on the American Revolution in the past fall term. This special course was offered to provide an objective understanding of the founding of the nation, the course of the War, and the effects of the Revolution upon the development of the United States. There were no prerequisites for the course, and the general public as well as Western faculty, staff and students were invited to enroll. Senior citizens (65 or over) and members of the Western community were enrolled free of charge while others paid a small registration fee. Three hours of CEU (Continuing Education Unit) were granted upon completion of the course. Hopefully similar courses will be offered in the future.

Dr. Drew Harrington coordinated the 1974 Humanities Semester at Western which was established by a grant from the National endowment for the Humanities. Results of that program are now being studied and evaluated. Hopefully the grant will be extended and enlarged and the Humanities Program will become a permanent part of Western's educational program.

The History Department Curriculum Committee has approved a new course to be offered for the first time in the fall of 1975 entitled "Topics in History" for which there are no prerequisites. This addition to the History curriculum will enable the department to provide a historical background for issues that are of current interest to students. "Watergate", "Relations between England and Ireland", and "The Arab-Israeli Dispute" are three of the many topics being considered. This new course reflects the new techniques and approaches that have recently been accepted in higher education. "Topics in History" will reinforce and supplement courses already taught in the department.

The History Department is one of the departments of the University which regularly offers courses through the Extended Campus program. These courses are usually taught by regular members of the departmental faculty and include both graduate and undergraduate offerings.

Currently the department is offering four courses through Extended Campus: "The United States since 1865" at Glasgow; "The United States Before 1865" at Louisville; "Western Civilization Since 1648" at Eagle University at Ft. Campbell; and a "Seminar in European History" at Owensboro. Approximately 70 students are enrolled in courses at the four extended campus locations.

Extended campus courses are organized on a demand basis. Approximately 20 students are needed for an undergraduate course and 15 students are required for a graduate level course. Students interested in having a course taught at a particular location should contact the History Department (phone 745-3841) or the Office of Extended Campus Programs (phone 745-3041), Western Kentucky University.

The Department Hosts the Second Annual Conference On the Teaching of History and Plans for a Third

On Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, 1974, History teachers from Kentucky converged on the Western campus for the Second Annual Conference on the Teaching of History. The conference met in Western's new and beautiful Dero Downing University Center. The theme of the conference centered around revolutions that have brought significant changes in the world community. The conference opened with an informal reception at five o'clock Friday, November 15, which was followed by a dinner. After dinner Dr. Maurice East from the Patterson
School of Diplomacy at the University of Kentucky gave an audiovisual presentation entitled "Revolutions in Emerging Nations." On Saturday, November 16, following an informal coffee hour in which history teachers engaged in pleasant conversations and fellowship, lectures were given on the historiography of three revolutions. Dr. Lowell Harrison discussed the American Revolution; Dr. Jack Thacker, the French Revolution; and Mr. John Bratcher, the Russian Revolution.

Dr. Edward Kearny, the after-luncheon speaker delivered an address on "The Second American Revolution: Craine Britton Revisited." In the afternoon Dr. Robert Melville and Dr. George Dillingham, Jr., discussed "Revolutions as a Phase Elective." Plans are now being made for the 1975 Conference. These conferences are open to anyone who wishes to attend, and if you have not yet attended our annual conference, we invite you to attend this year. When plans are complete, notice will be mailed to all Kentucky schools. If you fail to receive one, or desire additional information, please write to Dr. Francis Thompson of the History Department under whose leadership the conferences are conducted.

PHI ALPHA THETA

Western's Eta Pi Chapter of the National Honorary History Society continues to be active. The newly elected officers for the 1974-75 school year are President, Russell Harris; Vice-President, Fred Westbrook; Secretary-Treasurer, Susie Vincent; and historian, David Hocker. Twenty-seven new members were initiated into Eta Pi on October 14, 1974. In addition to its regular meetings the local chapter conducted a debate on the topic "The New Left Historians" in November 1974. A special meeting was called in February 1975 at which the chapter's members met and chatted with Dr. Frank VANDERER, noted historian, educator, author and Provost of Rice University.

Plans for this year include the publication of The Student Researcher, a journal of historical papers written by Western students, publication of a booklist containing a list of books recommended for various history courses taught at Western, and a spring banquet.

The Phi Alpha Theta spring banquet is the social highlight of the year for the History Department. It provides a wonderful informal opportunity for faculty, students and alumni to get together for a good meal, an enlightening talk by a specialist in a field of current historical interest and lively conversations with old friends and acquaintances. This year's spring banquet will be held at the Ramada Inn on April 21. The guest speaker will be ARIEL KEREM, ISRAELI Vice-Consul Affairs for the Midwest. His topic will be "Israel-Between Peace and War." Reservations and tickets can be obtained from Susie Vincent, Secretary-Treasurer, Eta Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, History Department, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101.

Delegates from Eta Pi, Western's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, will participate in two Regional conferences of Phi Alpha Theta in 1975. Two members of our chapter will read papers at the Tennessee regional conference to be held at Middle Tennessee State University April 5, 1975. One paper will be delivered to the Kentucky Regional Conference which is hosted this year by the University of Louisville on April 12. The names of students involved and the title of their papers were not available at the time this Newsletter was published. Western's participation in these conferences is by invitation and reflects the high quality of scholarship possessed by members of Phi Alpha Theta.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

While we shiver in sixty-eight degrees at Western Dr. Lowell Harrison basks in the warm sunshine on the other side of the World--Australia. He is researching the role of Australia in the American Civil War. Dr. Carlton Jackson is developing an American Studies program in Pakistan on a Fulbright grant, and Dr. James Baker is engaged in historical research in Italy. All other members of the faculty are conducting classes as usual.

Dr. Richard Stone received a five hundred dollar grant from the Faculty Research Committee to further his studies of "A History of the Kentucky Militia, 1775-1976." The results of his research will be published in book form as part of the Kentucky Bicentennial Celebration.

Helen Crocker was elected to a two-year term to serve on the Historical Commission of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Her oral presentation "Steamboating on the Green and Barren Rivers" is in great demand from civic clubs in Kentucky. Within the past four months she has delivered her lecture to eight civic clubs. Her book The Green River will be published by the University of Kentucky Press in 1976. ...

Dr. Harrison published several articles since the last edition of our Newsletter:


Dr. Carol Crowe is writing a Kentucky Bicentennial Bookshelf selection The Big Sandy that is scheduled for publication by the University of Kentucky Press in the spring of 1976. Dr. Crowe's book is a social, political, and economic study of Eastern Kentucky. It is the culmination of her studies of the culture of the Big Sandy Valley as a microcosm of national fluvial developments which she considers a mirror of much of the history of Kentucky.

Dr. Richard Troutman received a nine hundred dollar grant from the Faculty Research Committee for the purpose of editing the diaries of George Richard Browder, a Methodist circuit rider and presiding elder who lived near Russellville, Kentucky. Fifteen diaries are extant covering the period 1852-1886 and providing a rich source of information on south-central Kentucky. Dr. Troutman has been granted a sabbatical leave during the summer of 1975 for the purpose of preparing the diaries for publication.

Several members of the faculty were promoted last year. They are: Paul Kramer to Assistant Professor; Helen Crocker to Assistant Professor; Drew Harrington to Associate Professor and Marion B. Lucas to full Professor.
NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

More than 300 alumni returned the informational cards contained in our last newsletter. We appreciate those responses. In order to bring our records up to date so that we may keep in touch with each other we are again including a self-addressed postage free card. If you did not return the last card, or if you have new information about yourself, please complete this one and drop it in the mail. We especially appreciated those cards mailed from foreign countries which required additional postage.

Some enlightening statistics were derived from the information supplied by our alumni. By percentages those responses indicate the following occupational categories:

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These statistics also show that 23 percent of our alumni received an advanced degree with 8 percent achieving the doctorate. Space does not permit us to report on all the alumni who returned these cards, but a number are listed below. Others will be published in the future. Be patient, your time is coming.

Dr. Hugh H. Ayer, (48) received his doctorate from Indiana University in 1957 and has been the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of history at North Texas State University, in Denton, Texas, since 1969.

Mr. Carl L. Matthews, (51) is superintendent of the West Point, Kentucky schools. As a member of the Comparative and International Education Council, Carl has attended educational seminars in Budapest, Bucharest, Moscow, and Siberia where he presented the Western Talisman to the various delegations.

Mr. J. E. DeSager, (34) is presently Director of Personnel and Training for the Kentucky Department for Human Resources in Frankfort, Kentucky. He has had a distinguished career in economics and labor relations in Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, and Georgia.

George B. Simpson, (51) received his LLB degree from the University of Kentucky in 1954 and now practices law in Sturgis, Kentucky. He is also Commissioner of the Workman's Compensation Board.

W. Durwood Smith, Jr., (65) went into business for himself and now owns and operates the Indiana (Pa.) Chemical Supply Company and J. Prager Supplies Company. He was named outstanding J.C. in 1972 and Small Business Man of the Year in 1973.

First Lt. Thomas Batts, (71) is stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska. He was recently awarded the Army commendation medal for meritorious service.

Dr. William H. Wroten, (41) is Chairman of the History Department and Director of the Graduate School at Salisbury State College, Salisbury, Maryland.

Mr. Jack Thompson, (29) received his Masters degree at the University of Louisville in 1938. He retired after serving thirty-nine years in the Kentucky school system as a teacher, basketball coach, and principal. He now manages the Lakeside Swim Club in Louisville.

Dr. John L. Gordon, Jr., (63) is presently a member of the History Department at Richmond, Va., where he also serves as Coordinator of Graduate Studies in History. Gordon received his Doctorate from Vanderbilt University in 1972.

Mr. Norman D. Lane, (59) received his law degree from the University of Tennessee and now practices law in Nashville. He is Vice-President of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association and is a member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Dr. William L. Matthews, Jr., (41) received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Kentucky in 1956, and his Master's of Law (1940) and Doctor of Judicial Science (1950) from the University of Michigan. He has served on the faculty of the University of Kentucky since 1949 and was Dean of Law school from 1956 to 1971. He was the Alumni Distinguished Professor, University of Kentucky in 1974.

William H. Natcher, (30) has served in the United States House of Representatives since 1953. Congressman Natcher has the unique distinction of never having missed a roll call vote in the house during these twenty-two years. Mr. Natcher is chairman of the Committee for the District of Columbia Budget, and a senior member of the following committees: Labor, Health, Education and Welfare; Appropriations; and Agricultural, Dry Minerals and Consumer Protection.

Dr. Richard G. Anderson, (64) is Professor of History at Bloomsburg State College, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Dr. Anderson was awarded a merit citation and named the Distinguished Faculty Member in 1974. He is the director of the Bloomsburg State College History Conference and is listed in the Directory of American Scholars.

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and awards were made in each category.

The first place trophy was awarded to Ricky Dale Calhoun of Trigg County in the American history category for junior high school students. Pat Vejr of Franklin-Simpson won the second place trophy. In the American history category for senior high school students Howard W. Stephen of Owensboro high school won the first place trophy, and Richard C. Daugherty of Bremen received the trophy for second place. In the World history category for Senior high school students, the first place trophy was awarded to J. Steven Becker from Oldham High School, and Gregory Cloyd from St. Mary's High School won the second place trophy. The top five percent in each category were awarded silver medals and the next ten percent received bronze medals. A total of forty medals were awarded.

The competition was so keen in all categories that only a minor detail determined the recipients of awards. For that reason those who did not receive an award should be proud of their achievement in these highly competitive tests. You know the old saying "If at first you don't succeed..." Well, we are doing it again this year and early preparations are in order.

The contest will be conducted this year on April 25. Categories will be the same as last year and similar awards will be made. Any high school student is eligible to compete and high school history teachers are encouraged to bring their students to Western for a day of competition, fun, association with other history students from various Kentucky schools, and a view of the Western campus. A lounge and activities are planned for group sponsors while students are participating in the tests.