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About Our Graduates

The department maintains a file on our graduates, but it is not complete. We would appreciate your keeping us informed, not only of your current mailing address, but also of what you are doing now. We are mentioning below activities of some graduates we have recently heard from; we would like to mention you in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Dr. Richard G. Anderson, '64, is professor of history in Bloomsburg State College, Pennsylvania.

C. David Dalton, '80, M.A. '82, is working on his doctoral program at the University of Kentucky.

Dalton and Sue Lynn Stone Arnold have completed their master's degrees recently. She was recently appointed archivist at Cumberland College in Tennessee, and has received a national grant to help with putting the collection in shape.

Tim Cantrell, '67, (Madisonville Community College) represents the community college on the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees.

Walter Hixon, M.A. '81, has passed his Ph.D. qualifying exams at the University of Colorado and is working on his dissertation. He has published articles in the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society and the Journal of Historical Studies. He has been awarded a grant from the Institute for the Study of World Politics, and will use this grant for dissertation research on George Kennan. Hixon will be working on the Kennan Collection at Princeton University this summer.

A. Y. Lloyd, '26, is the current president of the Kentucky Historical Society.

Dr. Oscar Page, '62, is academic vice-president of Lander College, Greenwood, South Carolina.

Dr. J. Crawford Crowe Retires

Professor J. Crawford Crowe, former head of the Department of History, retired from University service on June 30, 1982.

Crowe came here from Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, and succeeded Dr. James H. Poteet as department head in 1966. In 1972 he was named university archivist, a post he held until returning to teaching in the department in 1981.

A native of Ohio County, Ky., Crawford holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Western, and the doctorate from Vanderbilt University. A specialist in Kentucky history, Crawford's classes, both on and off campus, always were popular. He has done much to develop the resources of the Kentucky Library, and through this work and his numerous speeches on his favorite subject, he is well-known throughout the state.

We wish for Crawford and Sara many years of happy retirement.

Former Department Head Dies

We report the death of James H. Poteet, on April 22, 1984, with a sense of real personal loss. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have been associated with him during the years when he was head of the history department remember him as a fine scholar, a fair supervisor, and, especially, as a delightful travelling companion on the automobile journeys which we made to attend professional meetings.

Dr. Poteet began his career at Western in 1931, after having held teaching positions at Washington and Lee, Louisiana Tech, and Concord College. He was head of the department here from 1954 until his retirement in 1966.

A native of Franklin County, Va., he received his preparatory school training at Fork Union (Va.) Military School, his bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond, a master's from Columbia University, and his doctoral degree from The Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Poteet was a scholarly man, a world traveller, a charming conversationalist, a true and loyal friend.

He was, in the finest sense of the term, a true Southern gentleman. We shall miss him.
Phy Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta, the international honor society in history, is represented at Western by the Eta Pi chapter, which was activated in May 1960. In 1983-84 there were about 40 members who for initiation were required to have at least 12 hours in history with a 3.1 grade-point average and an overall average of 3.0.

Officers were President Alan Gibson, Vice-president Mary Ann Lindsey, Secretary-Treasurer Christy Spurlock and Historian Nathan Yoder. Richard Stone has served as faculty advisor since August, 1982.

The chapter's activities have been varied. At three meetings this year faculty members Charles Bussey, Marlon Lucas, and Francis Thompson gave presentations based upon their own current research interests. Vicki Slocum, winner of the Thomas D. Clark award for the best undergraduate student paper in Kentucky in 1983, presented her study to the chapter. Two chapter members delivered papers at the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference in Lexington on April 7. The chapter also had a slide presentation based upon the joint History-and-Photojournalism British Study Tour conducted in the summer of 1983 by the WKU international programs office. The high points of the year, of course, were the annual Christmas party and the April banquet, where the history department's A.M. Stickles award and Robert Cochran awards were presented. Keynoting the 1984 banquet on April 13 was Milton M. Klein of the University of Tennessee who discussed "The Quiet Bicentennial: The Coming Celebration of the Two Hundredth Birthday of the Federal Constitution."

Although primarily an honor society, the Eta Pi chapter is ready to undertake any appropriate activity that will enrich the college experience of its student members.

Department Enrollment

The figures given here indicate the number of history majors and minors, and the number of history and government majors for the years shown:

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Master's degrees were awarded to five persons in 1982, none in 1983, and three in 1984.

Professor Baker in Taiwan

Professor Jim Baker has recently returned from Taiwan where he was Senior Fulbright Lecturer in American Studies. He was located primarily in Taipei and taught at two institutions: Tamkang University's Institute of American Studies, and Fu Jean Catholic University's graduate program in Western history. Most of his teaching and research were done at Tamkang.

In addition to his regular class lectures, Baker had many opportunities to speak and make contact with scholars. He was an associate member of the prestigious Academia Sinica and gave special lectures there. He also spoke many times before social and service clubs. The presidential election campaign, he said, was the most-often requested subject for his addresses. Commenting on his experiences Jim said, "I made a lot of friends in the academic community, and I have been invited back for visits ranging from a couple of weeks to a year. China is the place for older people. You seem to be better respected the older you are. I told my friends... that I would spend what is left of my younger years in America, where we worship youth, and then retire to China, where they worship age. Thus, the best of both worlds."

With the Faculty

Members of the department continue their tradition of involvement in professional activities and University and community public service. The faculty, while maintaining their full teaching commitments, have served on dozens of college and University committees, as professional consultants, and have published extensively. Since publication of the last Newsletter they have produced six books, 25 articles, more than 50 book reviews, and have read papers or made speeches before some 40 groups.

Professor Jim Baker has just returned from a year's assignment as Senior Fulbright Lecturer in American Studies, assigned to Taiwan. An account of his work there appears elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Professor Jim Bennett was in England briefly this spring where, in addition to absorbing the culture of London, he did research on the activities of John Ledyard, the American adventurer who sailed with Captain Cook.

Professor Carol Crowe-Carraco, in addition to meeting the needs of her rapidly-growing family, served as chairperson of the Kentucky Law Day program, conducted a dozen teacher workshops, was consultant to the NEH project "William Shakespeare: The Man and His Times," and lectured to several groups on such diverse subjects as Bowling Green and Kentucky history, and the Renaissance Church in England.

Professor Drew Harrington, director of the master of arts in education (history major and minor)
program, has assumed an additional responsibility: he is host of "About the Author," an interview program on local cable television. He received a faculty summer research grant in 1983.

**Professor Lowell H. Harrison** continues his busy schedule of research, writing, and speaking. His "Governors of Confederate Kentucky" in 1982 was selected as the best article appearing in the 1981 volume of The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society. Harrison was on sabbatical during the spring, 1984, semester to work on his history of Western Kentucky University. He has spoken recently to the state meeting of Junior Historians, the Governor's Scholars meeting at Centre College, the Kentucky-Tennessee American Studies Association, and the Louisville Civil War Round Table. He has been appointed by Governor Martha L. Collins to another term on the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

**Professor Carlton Jackson**'s travels have resulted in the recently-published *Hounds of the Road*, a social history of the Greyhound Bus Company. His *The Dreadful Month*, concerned with tragic coal mine disasters, was published in 1982. He has been book review editor of the Bowling Green Daily News for the last two years. Perhaps his most memorable service to the department, however, is his annual spring party at his Butler County plantation, which has become one of our great traditions.

**Professor Marion B. Lucas** received a grant from the Kentucky Historical Society to continue his research and writing on the "History of Kentucky Blacks Before 1891." Recently he served as a consultant to James Reston, Jr. for an article in *New Yorker* magazine. His University service includes membership in the Faculty Regent's Advisory Committee, the Parking and Traffic Committee, and the Departmental Curriculum Committee.

**Professor John D. Minton**, former WKU president and currently vice president for student affairs, finds time in his demanding schedule to chair the University Athletic Committee, serve as a director of the Bowling Green-Warren Chamber of Commerce, and to teach courses in the department.

The indefatigable **Professor Fred Murphy** continues a multitude of University and departmental chores. Currently he is a member of the executive committee of the Faculty Senate, the Academic Council's Academic Requirements and Regulations Committee, the University Honors Committee, chair of the Senate's Committee on Faculty Status and Welfare, and director of the Honors Program in History. He directed the most recent departmental self-study.

**Professor Richard V. Salisbury**, our Latin American specialist, was Senior Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Costa Rica in the spring and fall of 1982. He also has lectured in Panama and Honduras, and was a lecturer for the United States Information Agency in Chile, Bolivia, and Mexico. While in Bolivia he appeared several times on national radio and television programs. In addition to this he continues to publish articles and to speak before local groups, and he finds time for a vigorous program of running.

*Kentucky Fighting Men, 1861-1945,* **Professor Richard Stone**'s current publication, was published by the University Press of Kentucky in 1982. Stone was faculty leader in history for a WKU British study tour during the summer of 1983. He continues to serve as faculty advisor to Eta Pi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.
Professor Jack W. Thacker, our modern European historian, continues to do his usual fine job as editor of the Faculty Research Bulletin. During the past year he was chairman of the "Standard 6" Committee of the departmental self-study. Always a voracious reader, Jack contributes many book reviews to scholarly journals and to Professor Jackson's book page in the Bowling Green Daily News.

Professor Francis H. "Jim" Thompson is responsible for the department's highly successful history contest, which annually brings to the campus several hundred high school and junior high school students with an interest in history. In 1983 Jim received a summer research grant to complete research on Joel and Arthur Spingarn. He is a regular contributor of book reviews to both journals and newspapers.

Department Head Richard L. Troutman is continuing the preparation of his manuscript based upon the Browder diaries, with a publication date tentatively set for 1985. The diaries have been the subject of a number of presentations to church groups, local historical societies, and literary organizations.

Professor Richard Weigel received a promotion in the spring of 1984. Richard serves as chairman of the Faculty Senate and was a member of the search committee for the vice president for academic affairs. He was the recipient of a Mellon Grant in 1982 for study at Vanderbilt University and in the same year presented a paper, "Roman Colonial Commissioners and Prior Service," at the American Philological Association. He read a paper, "The Duplication of Temples of Juno Regina," at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South at Williamsburg, Va., in April, 1984.

Associate Professor Charles J. Bussey, much of whose work is in the field of American studies, is acting head of the department during the summer, 1984, session. His articles have appeared recently in the Louisville Courier-Journal, and he has given papers at the American Culture Association meetings in Wichita, Kan. in April, 1983, and in Toronto, Canada, in 1984.

Department Welcomes Vice President

The Department extends a warm welcome to Dr. Robert V. Haynes, Western's new Vice President for Academic Affairs. In addition to his administrative position, Dr. Haynes will hold the rank of Professor in the Department of History.

Associate Professor Paul B. Cook continues as assistant to the president and director of the budget. Much of his time is devoted to serving on the boards of the Medical Center at Bowling Green and of Junior Achievement.

Associate Professor Helen Crocker continues to teach her classes in Kentucky history with zest and enthusiasm. Helen is in great demand as a speaker on Kentucky history, and annually appears before diverse groups throughout the state.

Associate Professor George A. Dillingham is chairman of the Social Studies Committee of the University's Student Fair. Recently he has been involved in implementing a pilot reading and study program for students in Western Civilization classes. His interest in the relationship of art and music to politics in 19th century Europe is a continuing subject of research.

Associate Professor David D. Lee received a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1983 and in the same year was appointed to the Kentucky Humanities Council. His article, "The Politics of Less: The Trials of Herbert Hoover and Jimmy Carter," appeared in the spring, 1983 issue of Presidential Studies Quarterly. He also has received a Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association Award and a faculty research grant. This summer David is one of a group of Kentucky and Tennessee scholars traveling and studying in Yugoslavia. Most of his time there will be spent at the University of Sarajevo.

Kate Born continues to divide her time and considerable energies between teaching part-time here and operating her plantation in Alabama.