Thirty Years of History
At UCSB

The six stalwarts pictured at the right had a lot to smile about in 1959. They were the founding members, so to speak, of the UCSB History Department, which had just broken off from the old Social Studies Department and had successfully completed its first year as an independent discipline.

With a firm commitment to excellence, the six—Otey Scruggs, Phil Powell, Russ Buchanan, Bob Kelley, and Wilbur Jacobs—were even then making plans to turn UCSB’s Department into one of the finest in the nation. Within four years they had produced UCSB’s first Ph.D. and begun a steady buildup that led to a sevenfold increase in faculty and a nationally distinguished Department that includes 11 Guggenheim Fellows, five Wilson Fellows and six Fellows of distinguished scholarly (Please see THIRTY YEARS, p. 4)

Then...

The first faculty of the UCSB History Department in 1959: (l. to r.) Profs. Otey M. Scruggs, C. Warren Hollister, Philip W. Powell, A. Russell Buchanan, Robert L. Kelley, and Wilbur R. Jacobs.

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Students Recognized For Excellence At Awards Ceremony

Elizabeth Ann McCormick, a member of the Senior Honors Seminar with an overall Grade Point Average of 3.87, was named as the winner of this year’s Buchanan Award at the History Department’s annual Awards Ceremony.

Ms. McCormick is the 16th student to win the award, which was established by the Alumni Association to commemorate Prof. Buchanan’s outstanding teaching and service to students during his career at UCSB. It is given to the student selected by a faculty committee as the outstanding graduating senior in History.

The winner of the Buchanan Prize receives a plaque and a cash stipend from the Alumni Association.

Ms. McCormick also received the annual Stuart L. Bernath Prize, named after a History major who died in 1970, which is given to the best undergraduate paper in History. Ms. McCormick won the prize for a paper on Ann Conway that she wrote for Prof. McGee.

The Ellison Prize, which goes to the outstanding graduate student paper, was given to Lois Huey with a paper written for Prof. Russell, “The Office of Queenship in the Central Middle Ages.”

Continuing a practice begun last year, History Associates President Dick Cook presented a check for $50 from the History Associates to the winners of the Bernath and Ellison prizes.

The Richard Kent Mayberry Prize, given to the graduate student judged to have the finest overall record in the Department in teaching and scholarship, went this year to Michael Burger, a student of Prof. Hollister. This award is named after a graduate student who died unexpectedly while working on a Ph.D. degree in medieval history.

The first Wilbur Jacobs Prize was presented this year. The prize, set up on the occasion of Prof. Jacob’s retirement last year, honors the outstanding graduate student in Prof. Jacobs’ fields of Colonial, Native American, and Frontier history.

The first recipient was Michael Mullin, who is completing a dissertation on “Frontier Diplomacy and the Origins of America’s Indian Policy.” He is currently teaching at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The annual J. Bruce Anderson Prize, created to recognize achievement in innovative teaching, went to Mark Smith, a student of Prof. Drake. Smith, who is finishing his Ph.D. this year, was recognized for his work on computer instruction in History. He has accepted a position at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

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Ten History Students Join Phi Beta Kappa

Ten History majors were selected this year for admission into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest collegiate honor society. This is the largest number ever selected in a single year, according to Department Chair Hal Drake.

Drake attributed the increase to the greater number of History majors who now take foreign languages.

“Phi Beta Kappa has a requirement that candidates must have reached the intermediate level in at least one foreign language,” Drake said. “In the past, we have had excellent majors fail to qualify because they had not met this requirement.”

A total of 59 students were selected for entry to Phi Beta Kappa this year, out of more than 3,000 graduating seniors.

The 10 History majors selected are: Michael Barth, Jay Blossom, Steve Corbin, Amy Messinger, Steven Nelson, Kevin Nibbe, Jason Sardina, Louis Spinks, David Tipton, and Elizabeth Zumwalt.

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GOODBYE, KELETSO!

Prof. Keletso Atkins (center), who came to UCSB two years ago to teach Southern African history, has accepted an appointment to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is shown here with Historia editor Greg deReydelouhac (left) and Associates President Dick Cook following their recent talk to the History Associates on the history of the African National Congress. Goodbye, Keletso. We will miss you.

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I think our 1988-89 year has been a good one: six lectures, one field trip, and a panel discussion. We owe the professors in the History Department a big vote of thanks. They work very hard on their lectures and take time out of busy schedules to share their knowledge with us.

Associates Fellowship

We are concentrating our efforts right now on a fund to help our History graduate students with their expenses. Our new History Associates Fellowship will pay fees for one quarter.

You always hear about how the costs of a college education are going up so fast, and these fees are a good example. They were about $600 a quarter when we started this fellowship just two months ago, but they are going up to over $700 next year.

But just deciding to do this has already done some good. The Dean of the Graduate Division, Prof. David Simonette, promised to match up to three fellowships a year as soon as he heard of our decision. That means for every $350 we raise, Dean Simonette will kick in another $350.

We’re not expecting many $350 donations, but we hope all our members will plan to give something. Any donation from $10 up will be most welcome. And don’t forget: to use an old gambling term, “10 will get you 20”!

Next Year

Plans for next year are already underway. Professor Lindemann has already agreed to give us a talk on the history of anti-Semitism from a book that he is writing, and Prof. Brownlee will speak on his book about the income tax.

Board members have asked me to get Prof. Hollister to talk on medieval history, Prof. Cohen on women’s history, and Prof. Nash on environmental history. If you have any favorites, let me know.

In only two years, we have grown to almost 250 members, we have raised some scholarship money, and we have been recognized by the Chancellor. Other departments at UCSB are setting up their own Associates because of our success.

We appreciate your active membership, and hope you will all be back next fall. Bring some friends.

See you then.

Dick Cook
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Kirker Explains Rapid Influence of ‘Monterey Style’

By Joseph Finnegan

The Larkin House in Monterey, progenitor of the distinctive “Monterey Style” of architecture, owes its rapid spread to the close interrelationships that bound early California families, Prof. Harold Kirker told the History Associates luncheon audience last month.

Built by the American consul in Monterey in 1835 for his bride, Rachel, the Larkin House was a relatively simple structure with broad eaves, a wide veranda and evenly spaced windows and doors. It was a significant improvement over the simple adobe structures built until that time and reflected Rachel Larkin’s desire to introduce some of the comforts of homes in her native Massachusetts, according to Prof. Kirker.

Masterpiece

Unlike these one-story structures, the Larkin House—which Prof. Kirker called “the acknowledged masterpiece of the Monterey style”—was a wood-frame, two-story house whose wide verandas and four-foot eaves protected walls made of sun-dried bricks from the rain.

“This protective device gave to the traditional American hipped roof the exaggerated rake that is one of the characteristics of the Monterey style,” Prof. Kirker explained. “The originality of the structure resulted from the necessity to adapt eastern American building forms to immediate material requirements.”

Within ten years, he said, the style had spread to almost every inhabited part of California, which at the time was still a Mexican province.

General Guadalupe Vallejo.

“The chief element in this acceptance was Gen. Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo,” Prof. Kirker said. “Almost all of the houses built in that period were built by people who were in some way related to or connected with the Vallejo family. Larkin himself was related to the general through his half-brother, who had married the general’s sister.”

A teacher for more than 30 years, Prof. Kirker is the author of four books on California and New England architecture. During his career, he has held Fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Student Seeks Native American History Club

By BURRIS DeBENNING, JR.

As a student with Native American ancestry, I see an important need to foster academic, ethnic, and cultural interest in Native American History.

Two weeks ago I asked several people in the American Indian Component of the E.O.P. if they were interested in starting an American Indian Student Historical Association. The response was quite good from all, and a few students said they would like to be a part of organization and planning.

If this idea can be put into effect, the new association would be open to all students and staff, whether history is their major or not. Currently, I am simply attempting to generate interest.

This article is not an invitation per se, rather a kind of survey to stimulate and student faculty input. Once underway, the club would provide speakers, cultural events, socials, and other activities, perhaps some off-campus.

If you would like to participate in any way, please contact me at 968-3611.

Department. Warren Hollister and Bob Kelley—just sprouts in those days—have put together internationally famous programs in Medieval history and Public history, and continue to set the pace for the rest of the Department.

The 147 Seniors who will graduate this year have made their own mark for distinction. Nine completed the Department’s Senior Honors Thesis program (the largest number ever), and 10 were taken into Phi Beta Kappa, also a record. Another 51 qualified for membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honorary. Ann DeLaura, a double major in History and Renaissance Studies, was selected to receive a coveted Mellon Fellowship.

Congratulations to our 30th class of History graduates:


Melissa Marie Bell, Kirk Allen Birmingham, Raymond Jackson Blair, Andrea Lee Blumberg, Alan M. Braun, Gregory Thomas Brown, Eric Dean Bruce, William Henry Newel Bryant, Jr., Enrique Buelna, Jr., Janine Kirsten Bukowski.

Heidi Lee Burch, Daniel Anthony Campbell, James Owen Campbell, Jr., James Compton Carlson, Robert Edward Carnes, II, Michael John Carroll, Jaime Claudio Castellanos, Paula Earleen Cathcart, Tammy Michelle Chatkin, Gladys Cisneros.


Elean Mary Falahae, Scott Brian Fooks, Megan Lee Freitas, Martin John Funk, Kent Koji Furuoka, Daniel Christopher Garcia.

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Is Your Name Here?

Donations for the new History Associates Fellowship have started to come in. According to Associates President Dick Cook, sufficient funds have been received to insure that at least one Associates Fellowship will be awarded next year.

The Downhold Club

The most unexpected contribution came from The Downhold Club, a group of current and former news correspondents for United Press International.

The contribution reflects a desire by UPI correspondents to support a project by “one of our own,” according to a letter from the Executive Committee. (“Their own” refers to Prof. Harold Drake, currently History Department chair, who worked for UPI in Los Angeles before seeking honest employment.)

The club takes its name from a venerable UPI practice of reminding worldwide bureaus of the need to “hold down” expenses. According to UPI lore, the wire service’s sharp-eyed bookkeepers created the word “downhold” because it was cheaper to send one word in a cable or telegram where charges were assessed on a per-word basis.

“It was perfect training for learning how to cope with University of California administrators,” Prof. Drake said of the practice.

Other Contributions

Other donations received as of press time have come from: Ruth Beach, Santa Barbara; Kathleen Brewster, Santa Barbara; Al Clark, Carpinteria; Dick Cook, Carpinteria; Mary Louise Days, Santa Barbara; J. Gregoire de Roulhae, Santa Barbara; Hal Drake, Santa Barbara; Joseph Finnegan, Carpinteria; Frank Frost, Santa Barbara; Jarrell Jackman, Santa Barbara; J. Marletto, Houston; Kathy Rudolph, Santa Barbara; Douglas Schmidt, Santa Barbara.

Matching Funds

The History Associates Fellowship was created to cover graduate student fees, which currently run about $600 a quarter and are scheduled to go over $700 next year. The Associates have secured a pledge from Graduate Dean David Simonette to provide matching funds for up to five Fellowships a year.

“We don’t expect many people to contribute money for a whole Fellowship,” Associates President Dick Cook said. “What we expect is to get enough $10, $20, or $50 donations to allow us to make some awards and also start building an endowment for future awards.”

“Working together, we can make an important contribution to the

Prof. Rock Receives Guggenheim

Prof. David Rock has become the most recent member of the History Department to be awarded a prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship.

A specialist in modern Argentine history, Prof. Rock won the Fellowship to study “The Authoritarian Right in Argentina from the late Nineteenth Century to the 1980s,” the subject of a book he is writing for University of Texas Press.

“The authoritarians remain a strong force in Argentina’s politics,” Prof. Rock explains. “My research attempts to analyze the origins and development of the Right, which has long been one of the key obstacles to the formation of a functioning representative democracy.”

Prof. Rock was one of 198 Fellows selected in the annual competition this year, out of more than 3,000 applicants. He is the eleventh member of the History faculty to receive Guggenheim recognition. Previous recipients include Profs. Lawrence Badash, Alex DeConde, Otis Graham, Alfred Gollin, Warren Hollister, Immanuel Hsu, Robert Kelley, Harold Kirker, Joachim Remak, and Jeffrey Russell.

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Steven Donald Gifford, Diane Sue Gohl, Sean Fitzgerald Greening, Laura Jean Griswell.


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Comings & Goings

“Squire” Robert Collins will live in his newly acquired cottage near Oxford, England, this summer and fall while working on his new book, “Thunder on the Nile,” for which he received a Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. While abroad, he plans to take one or more trips to the Nile and Sudan, the subject of his research.

Associates President Dick Cook travelled to the Cook Islands this Spring, but he says he didn’t find a single relative, “not even a kissing cousin.”

Congratulations to Prof. Stephen Hay, who is taking early retirement this year after 23 years at UCSB. Prof. Hay, who will continue to teach one quarter a year for the next three years, decided to scale back his teaching in order to devote more time to three book-length manuscripts on which he is working.

Prof. Roderick Nash, who recently returned from a trip to South Africa where he studied the national parks as a guest of the South African government, has just published “The Rights of Nature: A History of Environmental Ethics” with University of Wisconsin Press.

The newest mother in the Department is Prof. Nancy Gallagher, who returned from Peru Spring term with an adopted daughter, Lisa.

Prof. Hector Lindo-Fuentes plans to spend most of next year in his native El Salvador.

UCSB’s unofficial “campus” in Phalassarna, Crete, will come alive again this summer when Prof. Frank Frost leads a student team to excavate the ancient site. The home base of a notorious pirate band, Phalassarna was destroyed by the Romans in the first century B.C.

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Sandra Anne Leventhal, Laurie Elizabeth Lipman, Katherine Corinne Lyon, Jennifer Mary MacSwain, Maria Madrid-Garcia, Anna Claire Marie Mahoney, Kimberlee Danielle Manning, Stephen J. Marmion, Linda Joyce Martinez, Vaughn Alan Masthoff.

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Julie Ann Ruopp, Luis Salcedo, Jr., Douglas Murray Satre, Sonja E. Seiltsmo, Craig Donald Shewfelt, Carolyn Smith Skelton, Janet Elizabeth Slatery, Louis Joseph Sparks, Tyler Wesley Sparks, Daniel Hans Spiegelberg.


Timothy Harold Vorn Steeg, Dean Weinrich, Gregory Scott Wells, William Michael Wilson, III, Dana Dale Winston, Thomas Fitzgerald Zimmerman, Elizabeth Howard Zumwalt.