California Talk
To Close Season
For Associates

A TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY advocate of peace and education will be the topic for the History Associates' final luncheon lecture of the 1993-94 year on Friday, June 17, as Pasadena City College Prof. Kay Wiler Dabelow describes the career of California activist Alice Park.

One of a generation of women who moved into the public arena in the decades before World War I, Alice Park came to have statewide impact by working as a volunteer behind the scenes at the same time that others were making headlines in the campaign for women's suffrage.

Dabelow began studying Park's career almost three decades ago as a graduate student in history at UCSB. Described as "one of the longest-running graduate students at UCSB" by her mentor, Associates President Dick Oglesby, Dabelow has made the reformer the subject of a wide-ranging inquiry into the impact of the Progressive Movement in California.

"Alice Park was a fascinating lady," Oglesby said. "She and other women, like continued on page 6

Associates Collect
$20,000 For Awards

The UCSB HISTORY Associates set another record this year with a total of $20,000 raised for graduate student support.

"The amount has increased every year," President Dick Oglesby said. "Just a few years ago we were ecstatic about raising half this amount."

A good portion of that money was handed out at the Department's annual awards ceremony on May 26.

Rick Barton (Hollister), previously announced as winner of the Mayberry Prize for outstanding graduate student, walked off with the William H. Ellison Prize for best graduate paper for his study of "Rural Anger in Medieval France," written for Prof. Farmer.

There was a tie for the Stuart Bernath Prize for best undergraduate paper. The prize was shared by Marc Eagle, who wrote "Early Muslim Seafaring in the Mediterranean with a Look at the Emirate of Crete" for Prof. Humphreys, and Jim Emmons, whose study, "More than Simple Rhetoric: The Variae of Cassiodorus as a Source for the Kingdom of the Ostrogoths" was written for Prof. Drake.

Three students were selected to receive the first Robert Kelley Fellowships, created this year to recognize achievement in the fields of U.S. Intellectual History, History of Public Policy, and Public History. They are Beverly Bastian (Brownlee), Betty Koed (Graham) and Keith Zahnis (Graham).

The Dick Cook Fellowship for outstanding performance in research, teaching and service went to Alicia Rodriguez (Harris), and the Phil Powell Prize for the best graduate student in Latin American history went to Joe Cotter (Rock).

Valery Garrett (Graham) won the Re-Entry Woman's Fellowship funded by JoBeth and Don Van Gelder.

Three students received Eames Frost Fellowships for research in ancient, medieval, and early modern European history. They are Elizabeth Dingeser (Drake), Douglas Lumsden (Russell) and David Schmidt (McGee).

Seven History Associates Fellowships were awarded this year to Robert Bauman (Kalman), Jamee Brown (Harris), Erik Ching (Rock), Thomas Cardoza (Talbott), Robert Jenks (Graham), Maureen McEnroe (Gollin) and Keith Zahnis (Graham).

"These prizes are an opportunity to recognize all of the great talent in our graduate program," History Chair Sears McGee said. "They do an enormous amount of good."

McGee added that in the current bleak budget situation the support from the History Associates was like "a vote of confidence."
They Were ‘Down And Out,’ But NOT Homeless

BY CATHY RUDOLPH

PROFESSOR SHARON Farmer, speaking at the History Associates luncheon meeting May 25th, showed that being "Down and Out and Female in 13th Century France” was not quite as bad as one might think.

Describing herself as a medieval social historian (not the boring 70s statistical kind, but one interested in the everyday lives of everyday people), Farmer began by describing the difficulties inherent in locating information about poor, largely illiterate groups. Despite their large numbers, the poverty of such individuals makes them all but invisible; their lives are not reflected in the historian’s traditional sources, such as tax rolls and property records.

Farmer was able to glean some insight into the lives of poor, working-class women of this period through the testimony of witnesses to miracles attributed to King Louis IX of France in the cathedral at St. Denis outside Paris. The testimonies were collected by Church officials investigating Louis’ eligibility for sainthood. Though few of the original 300 or so documents remain, a French summary of them provided Farmer a rich resource.

Citing specific case histories, Farmer determined that common, working-class women from poor neighborhoods along the right bank of the Seine in Paris had two main sources of support and solidarity outside of the family. One of those was the hostel or boarding house, which provided poor single working women room and board at affordable prices, but also provided emotional and sometimes financial support in case of illness or injury. It would appear that the hostels themselves could be a sort of family, or community, which offered some shield from adversity. The other was the neighborhood or parish which provided, through individuals and through institutions such as hospitals for the poor, similar means of support.

Farmer’s research indicates that marriage was no guarantee of security for working-class women. She cited cases of abandonment when wives and mothers, because of illness, were no longer able to contribute to the family, though she also explained that poverty may have played a major role in such cases. Placing a wife in a charity hospital at least guaranteed her free meals, and wives were allowed to return home once they were

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The Lean, Mean History Team

AFTER A LENGTHY search, the History Department has found someone to fill the Public History/Graduate admissions staff position vacated by Dana Spoonerow last December.

The new staffer is Janet Stone, a veteran with extensive experience in both government and private industry.

“We are very excited about this appointment,” History MSO Maria Perez said. “Janet really stood out in the selection process as someone who can take charge of this position and run with it.”

The appointment comes none too soon to suit Graduate Secretary Darcy Ritzau. “I know we’re supposed to do more with less,” Darcy said. “But a program as large as ours really needs more than one person regularly assigned to it.”

Having Janet to help process the 150-200 applications for graduate admissions that the Department receives every year will free the 21-year veteran to devote more attention to the more than 100 students currently enrolled in the program.

Jan’s primary duties will be with the Public History Program, where she is putting to work skills learned not just in her previous jobs but also through extensive community involvement. With three sons (ages 17, 15 and 5), Jan has become involved in the Omega Boys Club, The Boys Club, and the Endowment for Youth, among other organizations.

“I like being involved in all aspects of a project,” she said. “That’s the biggest difference between this job and my previous positions.”

Those positions include five years with the U. S. Air Force and some dozen years with the federal government, as well as another five years in the oil industry.
Awards and Achievements

Like a certain TV bunny, they just keep coming and coming and coming.

Fred Logevall’s article, "The Swedish-American Conflict over Vietnam," which appeared in the Summer 1993 issue of Diplomatic History, has won the Stuart Bernath Prize from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. The award is for the best scholarly article in the field by an author within ten years of receiving the PhD. Logevall considers the award almost as important as the birth of daughter Emma Rose last April. (Baby and mother Debbie are both fine.)

Keith Gallagher has received a $3,500 research grant from the Irish American Cultural Institute for a project tentatively titled “Irish Traditions, American Soil: The Working-Class Irish of Nevada’s Comstock Lode,” the only award in 1994 that went to a pre-doctoral applicant. Another $2,000 grant came from the All-UC Group in Economic History for a study of "Labor Politics and Nevada’s Fiscal Crisis." Advisers for the first project were Zaragoza Vargas and Mary Furner, and for the second Elliot Brownlee.

Albert Lindemann has been named Director of the Humanities Computing Facility in South Hall, which is the prime computing center for all humanities departments in the College of Letters and Science.

Jack Talbott has allowed a way maybe he can provide information on the three grants he received for his study of “Mind Wounds: War and Psychic Injury, 1860-1920” after all. One, from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Program in Peace and International Cooperation, provides for a year off from teaching and support for travel to libraries and archives in the United States and Europe. Another from the Rockefeller Archive Center will support research at the Rockefeller Archive on shell shock in the American Expeditionary Force in World War I. The third is from the U.C. Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation and also will support travel to research collections.

Speaking of travel, 25 graduate students received grants from the Graduate Division to support travel for research or to give papers at scholarly conferences.

The most unusual was a block grant to five Public History students to travel to different wineries for their group project. They are Sarah Case, Victor Geraci, Susal Goldstein, Rick Ryba and Beverly Schwartzberg. All are being supervised by Prof. Graham.

Also among the awardees were Rom Morgan (Cline), Monica Orozco (Cline), and Malihe Maghazieh.

Phi Alpha Theta Chapter Revives; Plans Active ’94–’95 Year

BY RADHA PATEL

Announcing the resurrection of UCSB’s Phi Alpha Theta.

For those of you who haven’t heard yet, Phi Alpha Theta (a historical honor society for grads and undergrads) has reorganized itself over the past two quarters.

Calvin Gladin was the first president for the Winter and Spring quarters, under the advisorship of Prof. Ken Mowre. Jennifer O’Brien was vice president; Diane Ranaldi, secretary; Darryl Mutton, treasurer; Radha Patel, historian.

Due to the long absence of

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CATHY RUDOLPH was chosen to lead the History Associates in 1994-95 at the final board meeting of the academic year last month. She succeeds Dick Oglesby, whose two-year term ended this spring.

At the same meeting, the Board confirmed the appointment of Santa Barbara City College Prof. John Eggler to the seat vacated earlier this year by Joe Finnegan.

Rudolph, who currently works as Director of Research for the Santa Barbara Trust for Historical Preservation, has ties to UCSB that go back to its first year on the Goleta site, in 1954-55, which was also her own freshman year.

After raising a family, she returned to UCSB in 1983 to finish her BA degree, the went on to do a Master's degree degree as well, finishing in 1989.

"If memory serves me, the library (or the pretty Mediterranean portion of it) was the only permanent building on campus when I started," she recalled. "There sure have been a lot of changes!"

Eggler's ties with UCSB are equally strong, with BA and MA degrees in Latin American and African history. He has been at SBCC since 1970, and currently is chair of the History Department.

"We are delighted that John was willing to join the Board," outgoing President Dick Oglesby said. "It is a way of making sure that the strong ties that we have always had with SBCC will continue."

Rudolph becomes the fourth president of the History Associates. Greg de Roulhac took over from founding President Dick Cook in 1990, and was succeeded by Oglesby in 1992.

"I'm filling some pretty large shoes," Rudolph said. "It's exciting, but I'm going to need a lot of help."

ASSOCIATES FELLOWSHIPS PAY OFF FOR ERIK CHING AND STACEY ROBERTS

Two recent recipients of History Associates Fellowships have demonstrated once again how a little "seed money" can go a long way.

Stacey Roberts, who received an Associates Fellowship for 1993-94, has been appointed to a tenure-track position at Bradley University in Illinois, where she will teach women's history and serve as director of the Women's Studies Program.

And Erik Ching, one of the recipients of this year's awards, has also won a prestigious Beveridge grant from the Research Division of the American Historical Association.

Roberts, who has been one of the Department's "lead" teaching assistants for the past three years, is completing a dissertation on "Parker Pillsbury, Anti-slavery Apostle: Religion and Gender in Nineteenth-Century U.S. Radicalism."

Her supervisor is Prof. Pat Cohen.

While a grad student, Roberts has also held a Graduate Humanities Research Assistantship, a Department Dissertation Fellowship and a General Affiliates Graduate Dissertation Fellowship.

Ching, who is being supervised by Prof. David Rock, will use the Beveridge award to conduct research on his dissertation, "A 'Land of Coffee Planters'? The Social Origins of Power in Two El Salvadoran Departments, Sonsonate and San Vicente, 1920-1935."

He was one of only 17 students nationwide to receive a grant, and the only one at a university west of the Mississippi. Other recipients, selected from a pool of 90 applicants, come from Rutgers, the University of North Carolina, Princeton, Yale and Michigan.

He has also received a Humanities Research Travel Grant from the Graduate Division.

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Not really. But, alas, in this age of conspiracy theorists and sensation junkies, "a good time was had by one and all" just ain't gonna cut it.

So let your imagination run wild, and just suppose there was a children's contest, and what would have happened if . . .

(Meanwhile, "going-on-6" Kate Bergstrom hit a home run!)

Megan Burns tries to sneak in non-regulation ball.

Francine Graves tries to sneak husband Greg past judges. He's just a big baby!

James Burns loosens up daughter Megan as mother Renée grips bard.

Doug Dodd and David and Deb Kennedy ignore advice of Alicia Rodriguez (back to camera) and show faces.
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able to contribute to household finances again.
Despite these sources of solidarity, Farmer pointed out, many poor

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Santa Barbara's own Pearl Chase, added a whole new facet to Progressivism by concentrating on social and cultural issues instead of political reform.

Reservations for the luncheon, which will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 1111 E. Cabrillo Blvd., can be made by phoning the UCSB Office of Community Relations (805) 893-4388. Tickets are $13 for members and $16 for non-members.

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