1990-91 GRADS

200 Seniors Win History Degrees

One hundred and seventeen seniors will receive bachelor's degrees in History next month at UCSB's annual Commencement ceremony. When five History of Public Policy majors and 69 seniors who finished their degrees since last summer are included, the total comes closer to 200.

"This is almost double the size of History classes that we were graduating just a few years ago," Department Chair Sears McGee said. "We have almost 600 majors right now—three times what it was five years ago."

Class Leaders

Leading this year's class are Irene Blance Seyer, winner of this year's Buchanan Award as Outstanding Graduating Senior in History, and two other members of the Department's Senior Honors Seminar—Carolyn Ann Edwards and Andrew Galt MacFarlane.

The other Spring graduates are:


Spring Grads


Joseph Mitchell Galland, Peter M. Georgas,

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The 1990-91 season of luncheon-lectures sponsored by the UCSB History Associates concludes May 21 with a talk by Dr. Jarrell Jackman, executive director of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation. Dr. Jackman's lecture, "Santa Barbara's Spanish Heritage: Romance and Reality," includes a slide presentation which, he promises, "will take us on a journey through the world of human foibles and folly."

Dr. Jackman, who was awarded his doctorate from UCSB in 1977, believes there is an ideological battle going on between historians and those antagonistic to the past. The battle takes place in what he describes as "this world of reductionism" in which the combatants are "romancers" and "realists." Or, as he puts it, there is "a perennial struggle between Don Quijote 'dreaming' and Sancho Panza 'telling it like it is.'"

Dr. Jackman plans to show slides that depict, in some cases wrongly, events in the area's history.

"I'll show slides of the painting of Cabrillo's landing in 1542 that's in the Santa Barbara Courthouse," he says. "It's a wonderful painting, but what I would call a romantic view of the past, because it shows Cabrillo landing on Santa Barbara's shore.

"There isn't a shred of evidence that he ever did it. He was on the islands in the Santa Barbara Channel and may well be buried on San Miguel—though a recent book says he

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President's Report

The History Associates are proud to extend our congratulations to the nearly 200 students who have been awarded degrees in History this year. For those of us who took our own degrees at UCSB, it is a real pleasure to welcome you to our ranks.

Perhaps it wouldn't be out of place to use this occasion to introduce ourselves to you. The History Associates started four years ago as a way to bring together people with a common interest in history. We sponsor a series of luncheon talks during the school year, and we raise funds to help maintain the excellent quality of UCSB's History Department.

We have well over 200 members, who pay annual dues (currently $25) to receive this newsletter and support our activities.

So far, we have created scholarship funds in the names of former faculty (Phil Powell, Wilbur Jacobs and Frank Frost), added cash stipends to departmental prizes (the Ellison, Bernath, and Buchanan awards), and created our own graduate award—the History Associates Fellowship. This year we will award five $600 graduate scholarships.

There is a lot more that we want to do, but all of the History Associates can be proud of this level of financial support that we have achieved in just a few brief years.

With the prospect of draconian cuts in UCSB's budget before us, groups like the History Associates will have to redouble our efforts to make sure that the programs that mean so much to us come through this current crisis intact. We hope you will consider joining our ranks. It is an excellent way to keep in touch with the Department.

Our last luncheon program of the year, which is being jointly hosted by the UCSB Affiliates, will be the conclusion of a year of very successful and enjoyable luncheon talks. Your Board is already working on next year's programs and the membership drive which will begin in September.

September will also find us without the capable services of our distinguished editor, Prof. Hal Drake, who is spending a year at the Annenberg Research Institute in Philadelphia. We are looking for volunteers with journalistic background or desk top publishing experience, or just plain old volunteers, to assist with the production of Historia. Please contact Helen in the History Department if you are so inclined (893-2993).

Best wishes to all for a very enjoyable summer.

Greg de Rouillac
President

Prof. SHARON FARMER
...President's Fellow

Prof. PATRICIA COHEN
...Women's Studies chair

Profs. Farmer and Cohen Win New Honors, Duties

Prof. Sharon Farmer has received a U.C. President's Research Fellowship and Prof. Patricia Cohen has been named to chair UCSB's Women's Studies Program.

A medieval social historian, Prof. Farmer was one of only two UCSB faculty to win a President's Fellowship. "These are intensely competitive awards," according to Dr. Barbara Harthom, assistant director of the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center. "I know of cases where proposals that won Guggenheims and NEHs were turned down for this one."

Prof. Farmer will spend the 1991-92 academic year in Paris conducting research on "an historical ethnography of artisans and laborers in 13th century Paris."

Prof. Cohen, whose courses on Women's history and American social history are among the most popular in the Department, will take over as chair of the interdisciplinary program on July 1.

"This will be an especially challenging year because of all the budget cuts," Prof. Cohen said. "New programs like ours are particularly vulnerable."

Prof. Cohen came to UCSB in 1977.

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until after the declared cease-fire. We struck upon an air field that was being levelled by combat engineers and were ordered to clear the bunker complexes surrounding it. Joes whipped out 9mm pistols and high-speed flashlights to peek into the holes and check for enemy personnel and boobytraps.

Normally we would throw a fragmentation grenade first and yell "Fire in the hole" three times. But after the cease-fire was confirmed, they took our grenades away from us. So we just crawled into the holes, sometimes yelling "Fire in the hole" for practice, and grabbed whatever we could find for destruction.

At one hole, two days later, a delta joe (one who rides all the time and with C-4.

After having done this for so long, we got bored and decided to start blowing up had grenades on our own. These were the old WW II pineapple kind with quick fuses, so we threw them with a great deal of effort in order to be safe.

One man threw the grenade about 40 meters and got hit with schrapnel in the leg. We were all quite surprised by this, as danger close for our grenade is 35 meters.

My commander, not believing that this person actually received schrapnel wounds from the grenade, threw one for himself to prove his point. He lobbed it about thirty meters and was walking towards us when he went down immediately after the explosion. He had received schrapnel wounds in the butt. Imagine that!

There is one other story that deserves to be mentioned. In Panama, we had some soldiers get bushwhacked by the local ape population. They have no apes in Iraq, but they do have a species of lizard which is extraordinarily fierce and large.

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A BUILDER'S FAREWELL

From First PhD to Last Undergraduate, The Emphasis Has Been On Quality

(Ed. Note: As Department Chair from 1964 to 1967, Alexander DeConde presided over a period of explosive growth. We asked him on the occasion of his retirement to reflect on the Department's past and future.)

By ALEXANDER DECONDE

I have penned these random reflections in response to the editor's kind invitation to comment briefly on a few of the earlier notable features in my relationship with the Department of History over more than 30 years. I hope that they will interest friends and also persuade others who are retiring to share their perspectives.

When I joined this Department in the summer of 1960 it had a fine faculty that taught courses through the master's level. It had planned a PhD program which recently had been approved by the statewide system. Since I had experience with such programs at other institutions, I was permitted considerable leeway in helping to launch PhD instruction.

Several years later when I served as chairman enrollments were rising everywhere on campus, but especially in History. One out of ten students was a History major. In recognition of this enrollment, of the Department's quality, and of its burgeoning graduate program, the administration assigned it over 20 new positions. In two years the faculty expanded from about 18 to 50.

Everyone took part in the recruiting. Russ Buchanan, Wilbur Jacobs, Warren Hollister, Immanuel Hsu, Philip Powell, and Robert Kelley were notably active. While I was on sabbatical leave part of the time, Warren as acting chairman ably guided the appointments.

I have been asked if we had a covering plan for this burst of expansion. We did. It grew out of consultation with colleagues along with study of the best departments in the nation. We concentrated on areas that we thought should be covered, we debated recruitment strategy, we agreed and disagreed, and we went ahead.

Much did not go according to plan, in part because of the intensely competitive academic market of the time. We proceeded anyway on the basis of doing almost anything that would build a stronger department. Despite disappointments, I believe that this flexibility permitted us to do quite well. The Department quickly gained national recognition as being good, and in some areas outstanding.

Throughout this period another of my goals—but not mine alone—was a democratically structured department that would be different from the academic autocracies I had known elsewhere. This broad self-governance was perhaps inefficient in a time of rapid growth, but fortunately, we were not rent by the bitter feuds that I have seen elsewhere in academia.

Regardless, I believe that a department open to the participation of all is worth the price of some dissension and inefficiency. Most of all, I am proud that ours has been and continues to be one of the most democratically structured History departments I have known.

Although historians everywhere recognize the quality of this Department, I have noted that colleagues and others have tended at times to underrate the foundation of its excellence. When I arrived this Department already had a nucleus of strong scholars as well as teachers, among them Buchanan, Jacobs, Powell and Hsu. In addition, Hollister and Kelley were already on the way to earning their fine reputations. The appointments that came later during my tenure as chairman, as well as after, usually followed in this pattern.

Another of my abiding concerns has been the quality of our students, undergraduate and graduate. Again, I believe that our own have been under-valued.

We all know, for instance, that we have never had sufficient financial support to compete with well-endowed universities for graduate students. Yet from the start we were able somehow to attract high quality graduate students, a number of whom are now teaching in the nation's finest institutions of higher learning.

As for the undergraduates, I have always regarded their quality as remarkably high. Among the institutions in this country and abroad where I have taught, I have found no students as a group who were intellectually stronger or finer than those on this campus.

I feel privileged to have instructed such students and to have had something to do with advancing their careers. I feel equally fortunate to have worked with congenial colleagues, many of them cherished friends, in the building of a fine campus in a great university system, and particularly to having contributed with them a bit to the flowering of a splendid department.
HISTORY GRADUATES

Faculty Bid Farewell to Class of '91

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John Paul Ikard, Charles Hedges James, Robert Brian Kavanaugh, Hweilee Khoe, David Evan Klingman, Lars Sebastian Kohn, David Louis Korich, Paul Anthony Larson, Philip John Leeman, Darin Allan Leviloff, Franklin Thomas Lloyd.

List Grows


Lee Frederick Nelson, Tiffany Lea Nicely, Renee Esther Nigro, Steve Sund Paek, Ari Ben Petersen, Christian Carldeztor Petersen, Jacob Emmett Petersen, David Scott Poepoe, Melinda Jane Porter, Steve R. Potter, Claudia Renee Pytluk, Deborah Anne Roberts.


Public Policy

Antonio Luis Vemon, Joyce Marie Walton, David Ross Wartell, David Paul Watson, Mark George Wilson, Peter Rowley Wilson, David Herman Wolff, Brian Frank Woodruff, Jill A. Wowak, Karyn Ruth Young, Cindy Marie Zahnd and Kevin Michael Zietz.

Graduating with degrees in History of Public Policy are Glen Mitchell Belovsky, Shelly Ann Coleman, Brian James Downey, Jason Edward Schlimgen and Margaret Elizabeth Williams.

The following students completed their degrees in Summer 1990:


Finishing in Fall 1990 were:


Winter 1991


LECTURE: Santa Barbara Story

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could be buried on Catalina.

"The other thing that is interesting in the painting is the Indian and the padre. The Indian is looking like the noble savage and the padre is praying. Today, we question whether or not the padres were bringing goodness to the Indians."

Where does Dr. Jackman stand in this struggle between the "romancers" and the "realists?" He says, "I must confess, I come down on the side of the romancers and the Don Quixotes. Everybody has got to have a little bit of the Don Quixote in him."

Dr. Jackman, who has been asso-
ciater with the Trust for Historic Pres-
servation since 1981, was a doctoral
student of history at UCSB from
1970-74, when he received a fellow-
ship to work on his dissertation in
Germany.

From 1978-80, he lived in Wash-
ington, D.C., where he participated in
a colloquium, whose papers he later
edited under the title The Muses Flee
Hitler. He is also on the Board of Di-
rectors of the History Associates.

Dr. Jackman is author of Santa
Barbara Historical Themes and Imag-
es and is currently researching a biog-
ography of Felipe de Goycoochea, the
Spanish officer in charge of building
Santa Barbara's 18th century Presidio.

This final event of the 90-91 History
Associates season is also a special
meeting which is being co-hosted by
the UCSB Affiliates.

The event is being held in the newly
restored El Presidio chapel, 129 E.
Canon Perdido, with luncheon follow-
ing at the nearby Presidio Cafe. Tick-
ets for the lecture-luncheon are $13
for members, $15 for non-members.
Reservations and further information
are available from the UCSB Alumni
Association, (805) 893-2288. The
deadline for reservations is May 17.

BRIAN: Desert Saga Ends

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We had concluded searching an-
other bunker when we saw this lizard
about 25 inches long crawl by our
feet. Immediately we went to attack
positions, and as if the gorilla massa-
cre was still fresh in our minds we
drew aim and fixed bayonets.

Here I am reminded of the scene
in "Monty Python's Holy Grail" where the harmless white rabbit makes a bloody assault on Arthur's
men. With a grenade launcher, ma-
cine gun, two pistols and an M-16
with fixed bayonet pointed at him, the
lizard breached our offense with an
exuberant charge. He came straight at
us, tongue flailing and tail swishing,
and I am ashamed to report that we
turned tail and fled.

So when the great historians ponder
why an army as large as Saddam's sur-
rrendered in the face of a foe equally as
large, just remember the 82nd versus
the giant lizard!

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