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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:

N. L. Rafferty Atha, Blythe Pulsipher Barnhill, Lisa Marie Bennett, Bryan Edward Binns, Michael Allen Blois, Eric Israel Boime, Lisa Ligaya Bonta, Courtney Matthew Booker, Davis Wesley Boss, Charles Robert Bostic Jr., Steven Christopher Bourget, Peter Steward Brau.

Spring Grads

Cameron Michelle Brown, David Matthew Brown, Theodore James Brown, Michael Edward Buchi, Gary John Byrd, Jay Robert Carlander, Katherine Jo Carman, Arlene Elizabeth Carroll, Paul Anthony Catalano, Lorena May Caviezel, Maya Martha Christensen, Julie Ann Ciraulo, Mitchell Yale Cohen, William Anthony Cole, Laralyn Camille Crane.

Leslie Ann Davy, Michael Joseph Day, Scott Edwin Derr, Vicky Lynn Derscheid, Michael Jacob Downey, Dean Stuart Dyer, Adrienne Irene Earl, David Michael Elliott, John Newman Elliott, William Carlyle Elliott, Martin Robert Erickson, Henry Thorleif Faaland, Michael Edward Flach, John Glenn Ford, Robert Hamilton Fore III, Richard James Frey, Jr.

Joseph Mitchell Galland, Peter M. Georgas,

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Associates to Hear Santa Barbara Story

By JOSEPH FINNIGAN

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:



Dr. JARRELL JACKMAN
...May speaker

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 Quixote '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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Department to Host Senior Reception

This year's History Awards Ceremony and reception for graduating seniors will be held Tuesday, May 28, at 4 p.m. in the History Conference Room, 5824 Ellison. Chair Sears McGee announced.

Featured will be a talk by this year's Buchanan Award winner, Irene Sayer, and presentation of the Ellison and Bernath prizes.

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 Rouhac
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 Harthorn, 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."

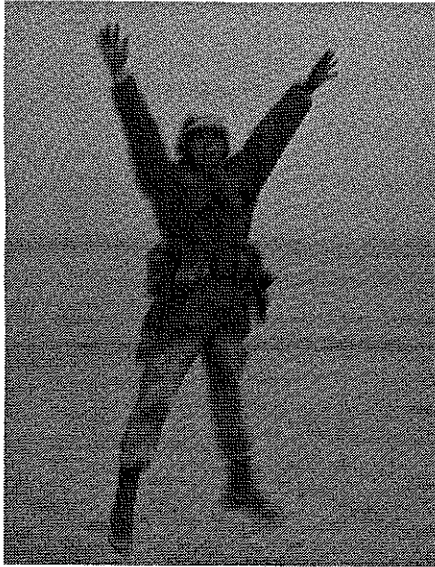
Prof. Cohen came to UCSB in 1977.

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LIFE OF BRIAN*Schrapnel, Puppies and Boredom**A victory leap...*

(Ed. Note: Historia readers who have been following History of Public Policy grad Brian Rocicha's exploits since he joined the 82nd Airborne after graduating in 1988 will be relieved to learn that he returned from the Persian Gulf in one piece.)

By **BRIAN ROZCICHA**

I am very happy to tell you that I am alive and well. We were as surprised as all of you that the ground war lasted a mere three days. We were expecting good resistance and a bloody fight.

The 82nd was the westernmost unit of the American Army. We went across the border on the 23rd of February to neutralize the border guards north of the town of Rafha.

We encountered no resistance the entire way. In fact, I never even fired a shot. The tide of battle had flowed so swiftly in our favor that our commanders were unsure what to do with us. So we remained in place about 30 hours and played Brady Bunch trivia and card games.

Finally, on the fourth day, we were given the mission of clearing an enormous sector of desert of rebellious troops and destroying their equipment.

We didn't take our first wounded

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

*...firing mortar rounds...*

never walks) hopped into a hole and was shocked to find six eyes peering back at him in the dark. He screamed, fell back and grabbed his nine-mill, and literally threw them out of the hole in his hysteria. I'm surprised he didn't shoot them.

But back to the casualties. In most every hole we found RPG (Rocket Propelled Grenade) rounds and grenades. The standard was to collect the munitions and blow them in place

with C-4.

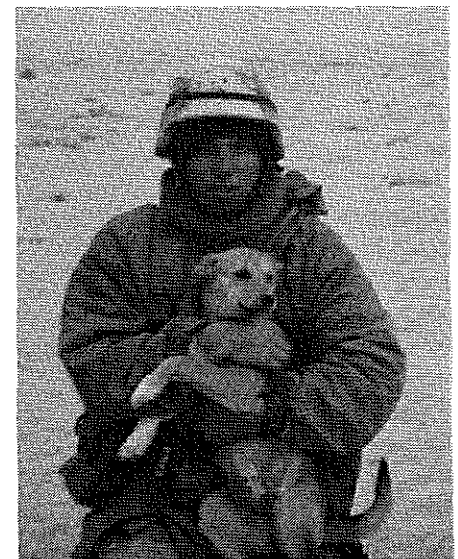
After having done this for so long, we got bored and decided to start blowing up had grenades on our own. These were the old WW II pineapple kind with quick fuses, so we threw them with a great deal of effort in order to be safe.

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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*...puppy love.*

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**

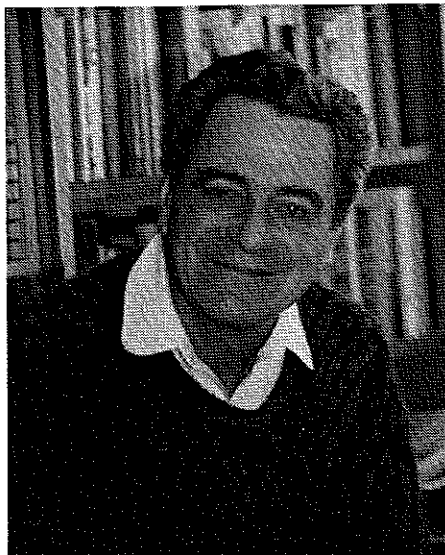
I have penned these random reflections in response to the editor's kind invitation to comment briefly on a few of the earlier notable features in my relationship with the Department of History over more than 30 years. I hope that they will interest friends and also persuade others who are retiring to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



Prof. ALEXANDER DECONDE
...reflections

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 underestimate 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 undervalued.

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.

Faculty Bid Farewell to Class of '91

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Alessandra Livia Ghini, Indrid Clair Gilmartin, Christopher Colin Gleason, John Robert Grech, Susan Gerette Guske, Bret Peter Heller, Bill Darcy Hiekel, Jolly Lee Huffman.

John Paul Ikerd, 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

Mark Allen Mansfield, Nancy Elizabeth Marshall, Brian Edward McClure, Keith Laurence McLane, Joana Messick, Jose Ampil Morales, Julie A. Morgan, Thomas Fisher Morrison, David Jon Moynes, Jason Gabriel Munoz, Alan Isamu Nakasone, David John Nash Jr., Belinda Elizabeth Navarro.

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

Bruce Takeji Shinden, Carolyn Sue Stanley, Paul J. Steiner, Frank Michael Stepczyk Jr., Amy Jeanette Stephens, Neal Jeffrey Tackett, Darryl Hayes Thomas, John H. Thompson, Timothy J. Thomson, Albert Trejo, Antoinette Ramona Tutt, Amy Elizabeth Vasquez, Shulin Michelle-Dian Vermilyea.

Public Policy

Antonio Luis Vernon, Joyce Marie Walton, David Ross Wartell, David Paul Watson, Mark George Wilson, Peter Rowley Wilson, Brian Hermann Wolf, 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.



HISTORY FACULTY. Members of the Department sit for their annual photo. Pictured are TOP ROW: F. Bonadio, R. Bergstrom, A. Lindemann, K. Mouré, R. Kelley, A. Gollin, W. E. Brownlee, F. Dutra, F. Frost, C. W. Hollister, J. S. McGee (chair). CENTER: A. Friesen, L. Marsak, J. Talbott, S. Juster, A. Callow, A. Guerini, C. Y. Chen. SEATED: D. Djordjevic, J. Fogel, H. Drake, S. Cline, J. Russell, P. Cohen, H. Lindo-Fuentes, C. Harris, M. Osborne, S. Farmer, R. Nash, S. Chan. NOT PICTURED: L. Badash, M. Borden, R. O. Collins, A. DeConde, N. Gallagher, O. Graham Jr., S. Hay, I. Hsu, R. S. Humphreys, L. Kalman, H. Kirker, R. Oglesby, H. Pai, J. Remak, D. Rock, P. Sonnino, Z. Vargas.

The following students completed their degrees in Summer 1990:

Terren M. D. Becker, Megan Ann Bedell, Carl Theodore Buettner III, Erin Kathleen Butler, Sereno B. Citron, Michael Quinn Conroy, Darcy Deni Ellington, John A. Esparza, Leslie Anne Hanson, Julie Maureen Howard, Gerald Randall Lay, Timothy Noel Leary, Kristine Elizabeth Makowski.

Michael Kevin Mixen, Michelle Blansfield Nelson, Richard Alan Nies, Carlos Manuel Oblites, Alison Gaynor Price, David Randrup, John Hollis Rust, Renee Valdez Scott, John Patrick Silverman, Sammie May Smith, Samantha Leanne Standish and Gordon Clifford Walker.

Finishing in Fall 1990 were:

Trevor Philip Davis, Julie Ann Edwards, Elean Mary Falahee, Matthew Neil Falley, John William Fogle, Charles Michael Kirkpatrick, Thomas Vincent La Torre, Kristeen Lynn McNulty, Brian Thomas McEvilly,

Carrie Kirsten Oberlin, Anne Elizabeth Ogostalick,

Matthew Parker Otterby, Alexander Lewis Rose, Steven Jonathan Rummelsburg, Michael John Salmina, Annette Marie See and Timothy Bernard Tracey.

Winter 1991

Finally, the Winter 1991 candidates: John Lambert Armijo, Steve J. Atkins, Christopher Hadley Brock, Tamara Leigh Clark, Steve Scott Dickerson, Richard Patrick Eddy, Matthew Neil Falley, Brian F. Gallagher, Patrick Drew Goggin, Jeannemarie Hallett, Jay Kirk Hanseth, Stephanie Marie Hourigan, Eric Jason Imai.

Christopher Godfrey Johnson, Jarrett Anders Johnson, Elyse Ann Kutz, Thomas Walter LeBlanc, Christopher Lee Linane, Colinda Lee Lynch, Gregory James Matranga, Noelle Patricia Newton, Darryl James Oesterle, Erin Kathleen Pappas, Jeffrey Brian Ransdell, Dana Lynn Rawson, Jennifer Lee Teschner and Darryl Hayes Thomas.

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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-

ciated with the Trust for Historic Preservation since 1981, was a doctoral student of history at UCSB from 1970-74, when he received a fellowship to work on his dissertation in Germany.

From 1978-80, he lived in Washington, 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 Directors of the History Associates.

Dr. Jackman is author of *Santa Barbara Historical Themes and Images* and is currently researching a biography of Felipe de Goycochea, 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 following at the nearby Presidio Cafe. Tickets 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.

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BRIAN: Desert Saga Ends

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We had concluded searching another 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 massacre 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, machine 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 surrendered in the face of a foe equally as large, just remember the 82nd versus the giant lizard!

(Brian's new address: 560-69-3385, 11504 P.I.R., Fort Bragg, NC 28307.)

Let Us Hear From You!

Historia exists to serve as a means of keeping all of us with an interest in UCSB's Department of History in touch with each other.

If you're a grad trying to get in touch with old classmates, a student with an idea for new classes, a parent or an alumnus, why not drop us a line?

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