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SCSU President Earl Potter, COSS Interim Dean Sharon Cogdill, and some of the faculty and staff of the History Department.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Peter Nayenga, History Department Chair

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As I welcome you to our 2007/08 Newsletter, I must first thank the entire department, especially Dr. Jason Eden and Ms. Janice Schlagen, for their overall support and contribution in making this publication possible. The various pieces in this newsletter clearly document the individual and collective accomplishments made by members of the department.

To date, our overall main achievement is rebuilding the department. I am glad to

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report that unlike six years ago when the department had 5 ½ full time teaching faculty, during academic year 2007/08 we had 16 faculty broken down as follows: 5 tenured; 6 tenure track; 1 tenured on administrative leave; 2 tenured on sabbatical leaves; and 2 fixed-term appointments.

The department appreciates and commends the SCSU administration for granting sabbatical leaves (2007/08) to Drs. Marie Kim and Jeff Mullins and, at the same time,

having them replaced with the temporary appointments of Drs. Melissa Weinbrenner and Joe Bonica. I thank Drs. Weinbrenner and Bonica for their services to the department and wish them well as they look for permanent employment in other institutions.

Realizing that rebuilding a department means much more than hiring new faculty, we have created a collegial work environment and mentored the new faculty hires with the objective of helping their retention and recognizing their professional achievements. Consequently, while Dr. Robert Galler was granted tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in 2007/08, Drs. John Harvey and Mary Wingerd were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. I salute and congratulate Drs. Galler, Harvey and Wingerd for their well-deserved achievements.

Work by the regular faculty is strengthened by services provided by adjuncts and teaching assistants. I am grateful for the services they render to the department and commend our graduate students for contributing toward increasing the department's visibility by winning awards, presenting conference papers, reviving the Phi Alpha Theta Chapter at SCSU, and being admitted to prestigious graduate programs.

Just as she has done since 1992, Ms. Janice Schlangen continues to excellently coordinate the day-to-day running of the department. During academic year 2007/08, Ms. Schlangen was assisted by two excellent work-study students, Chianline Lee and Mikal Norgren. I thank the work-study students for their services to the department and wish them well as they pursue other opportunities at SCSU.

Equipped with an excellent faculty and support staff, the department has at-

tained some important achievements. For example, our undergraduate and graduate programs have improved as a result of: curriculum changes that were initiated; the department's ability to offer courses regularly; and the faculty's involvement in teaching courses in university-wide programs such as Honors, First Year Experience (FYE), and the General Studies Division (GSD). The overall effects of this have been: improved faculty teaching effectiveness; students' ability to graduate on time; and increased department contribution to the teaching of core, diversity, and general education university-wide required courses.

Outstanding achievements have been made by building bridges and partnerships with various units. As the contents in the newsletter will show, different members in the department have excelled in the following areas: working with other colleagues at SCSU and other institutions on collaborative projects; forming linkages with public schools; participating in the post-secondary program known as "Senior to Sophomore"; working on projects that bring "town and gown" together; and collaborating with historians in other institutions through professional memberships, seminars, workshops, and participating in regional and national conferences. For instance, Dr. Betsy Glade, who has served as a member of the board of directors of a regional history conference, is the Coordinator of the 2009 Northern Great Plains History Conference scheduled to take place in St. Cloud.

The department takes pride to be one of the leaders of international education at SCSU. It houses the African Studies, East Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, and Soviet/Eurasian Studies programs. These area

programs offer: general education courses; a major or minor; have over the years brought prominent scholars on campus; and have established study-abroad programs in Chile, China, Japan, Korea, and South Africa.

Most of the achievements cited above have been partly possible because of the department's efforts to establish a high level of civility, collegiality, and professionalism. Although I cannot say that we are a "problem free department," I am glad to report that the current collegiality has allowed department members to work collaboratively as follows: regularly attending department meetings; willingness to serve on committees despite hectic schedules; teaching overloads when understaffed; holding get-together events involving students and faculty emeriti; and working collectively on projects such as writing professional articles or putting together one of the best Newsletters at SCSU.

These are indeed great achievements which will only be sustained through careful planning. This was part of President Earl H. Potter's message when he visited our department on December 12, 2007. In response to President Potter's requests, the department, under the leadership of Dr. Maureen O'Brien, drafted a rather detailed "Academic Action Plan" which was submitted to Dr. Sharon Cogdill (COSS Interim Dean) on February 28, 2008. This document, which can be accessed at www.stcloudstate.edu/actionplanning/academic/department.asp, is important in that it gives an overview of the department, and at the same time, provides a rough direction in which the department is heading to in the next five years.



President Potter meeting with department members on December 12, 2007

Photo by Neil Andersen, University Photographer

In addition to planning, the department would like to appeal for continued support from the SCSU administration, faculty emeriti, friends, and financial donors whose support has been critical for our students. For example, the visit to our department on 12/07/07 by Mr. Edward Solberg (one of our donors) was appreciated greatly in that it gave a lot of inspiration to our students and faculty. Similarly, the presence at the end-of-the year party on May 7, 2008 by faculty emeriti (including Dr. Cal Gower, one of our donors) was another unique experience both for our students and our relatively “young department.”

Finally, I congratulate and welcome Dr. Francis B. Harrold as our new Dean and thank Dr. Cogdill for her services as Interim Dean of the College of Social Sciences for the last three years. I am also grateful to my colleagues for electing me to a third term as Chair. With your support, I believe we can continue to build on what we have so far achieved and could possibly break new ground.

FACULTY NEWS

Jason Eden

During his second year of working at Saint Cloud State, Dr. Jason Eden pursued several areas of teaching and research. His article, “How Routinization Affects Power Dynamics at a Family Restaurant Chain,” is scheduled to be published as a research note in the *Journal of Foodservice Business Research* in the Fall of 2008. This piece incorporates research methods from a variety of disciplines, including history, anthropology, and sociology. It connects well with his interest in the history of food and foodservice. Falling in line with this research interest, in the Fall of 2008, he will offer a topics course dealing with the global history of alcohol consumption, titled History 380: History of Drinking.

In terms of university and community service, Dr. Eden will deliver a presentation in conjunction with The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts that promotes the reading of classic pieces of American literature. Saint Cloud State University and the Great River Regional Library will be celebrating

Rudolfo Anaya’s *Bless Me Ultima*, a novel dealing with Mexican religion, history, and culture. Dr. Eden’s presentation, titled “Native Americans and European Missionaries,” will connect his research interest in colonial religious encounters with themes found in Anaya’s book. Dr. Eden is also working in conjunction with his wife, Naomi, and her family, as they build a non-profit organization. This organization will be devoted to rescuing neglected and abused horses and using those horses to serve the needs of Minnesota children and youth.

Robert Galler

Dr. Robert Galler has completed his fifth year of teaching at SCSU and was recently granted tenure and promotion to associate professor of history. This year he taught American Indian history, Concepts and Theories in History (a required course for students in the Social Studies teaching licensure program), and Race in America. He also taught “Teaching American History” designed for current secondary school teachers and others interested in teaching US history on the post-secondary level.

Dr. Galler had two academic articles accepted for publication in major journals this year. “Making Common Cause: Yanktonais and Catholic Missionaries on the Northern Plains” will appear in *Ethnohistory* during summer 2008 and “Diplomats of the Northern Plains: Yanktonai Initiatives and Influence on the Sioux Confederation, 1680-1880,” will be published in the *Western Historical Quarterly* in fall 2008. Assisted by an SCSU faculty research grant, he continues to work on revising his manuscript on the history of Crow Creek Tribal School (in South Dakota) that examines intercultural relations on the northern plains.

Betsy Glade

Besides teaching Civil War/Reconstruction, Concepts and Theories in History, and Democratic Citizenship this year, the bulk of Dr. Betsy Glade's time will be devoted to preparing for the Northern Great Plains History Conference in October 2009. She will be putting out a call for papers in August for an early April 2009 due date. The conference will be from October 14-17, 2009, at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. It is fortunate to be meeting at the time that Dr. Galler and Darlene St. Clair will be opening an exhibition at the Miller Center on Lewis and Clark in Indian Country and the opening event will include the conference participants. Dr. Mary Wingerd, author of the newest history of the state of Minnesota, will be delivering the keynote address to the conference, about which we are most excited.

John Harvey

Over the past year, Dr. John Harvey has published a book review essay, "Allan Megill and the Labors of Historical Epistemology," and a research article, "Le «Annales» e la storia comparata" for the Italian journal *Passato e Presente*. Two previous conference papers will appear over the next year in edited books on national historiography and on German émigré intellectuals. Dr. Harvey also presented three conference research papers before the Society for Reformation Research in Minneapolis, the German Studies Association in San Diego, and the European Science Foundation in Prague. He was also a recipient of a SCSU University Research Award for the summer of 2008, and he presented a public talk in May sponsored by the Center for Holocaust & Genocide Education on the use of campaign propaganda in the German presidential election of 1932.

Mark Jaede

Dr. Mark Jaede continues to teach Race in America, Latin American History, and Latin American Studies. He is also active in two special teaching programs. He taught a class in a First Year Experience cohort for students in the Division of General Studies. He also served as a mentor to a high school teacher who offered the U.S. History surveys to advanced students at St. Francis High School.

Professor Jaede addressed students and the public at two events this year. He was the faculty speaker to incoming first-year students at fall orientation. In January, he also gave a talk on the history of religion and war as part of an interfaith study sponsored by a local church.

Dr. Jaede was especially active at the University level. He served on the Racial Issues Colloquium and the Global Studies Committee. He co-chaired the University task force on Orientation, and the working group that drafted the portion of the University's comprehensive action plan dealing with the student experience. He worked again on Advising and Registration for incoming students. He also served as COSS representative to the General Education Committee and as a member of the University's Enrollment Management Committee.

In the spring, he took on a special assignment as outside faculty coordinator for the College of Education's Climate Task Force. This task force is working to evaluate and improve working relationships across a college which has faced internal challenges in recent years.

Dr. Jaede remained active in the broader community, working as a member of the Great River Interfaith Partner-

ship (GRIP). He is pleased to report that the advocacy work of GRIP and others has led to an agreement among St. Cloud, Waite Park and the State Human Rights Commission to create a regional human rights office.

In the coming year, Dr. Jaede will be taking on three new forms of service. He has been elected President-elect of the Faculty Association for 2008-9, and will become President in 2009-10. He has been named Faculty Co-Chair of Enrollment Management, and will also serve on the University's Strategic Planning Committee.

Marie Seong-Hak Kim

During Dr. Marie Seong-Hak Kim's sabbatical leave, 2007-2008, she served as a visiting professor at the Institut d'Asie Orientale at École Normale Supérieure in Lyon, France, and a fellow at the International Institute for Asian Studies in Leiden, the Netherlands. She published a number of articles in leading journals during the past year. "Law and Custom under the Choson Dynasty and Colonial Korea: A Comparative Perspective," was published in *The Journal of Asian Studies* in November 2007 (vol. 66, no. 4, pp. 1067-97), and "Ume Kenjirō and the Making of Korean Civil Law, 1906-1910" appeared in *The Journal of Japanese Studies* in February 2008 (vol. 34, no. 1, pp. 1-31). Dr. Kim's first article in Japanese (her fourth language of publication) was published in April 2008 as "Higakushi teki sokumen kara mita Ume Kenjirō no hōshisō to chōsen ni okeru minpōten kōsō no igi," in *Tōyō Bunka Kenkyū* (vol. 10), Gakushuin Taigaku Tōyō Bunka Kenkyūzō (Gakushuin University Research Institute for Oriental Studies, Tokyo), following her article in French, "Michel de L'Hospital et les essais d'unification du droit civil," which appeared in *Le Chancelier Michel de L'hospital, Actes*

du colloque de Riom, 8 et 9 septembre 2006, Revue d'Auvergne in April 2007 (vol. 120, no. 581, pp. 141-53). Her new article, "Colonial Jurisprudence and the Construction of Customary Law in Korea," will be published in *The American Journal of Comparative Law*, one of the premier law journals, in early 2009, and also her essay, "Colonial courts and custom: comparative reflections on customary law and colonial modernity in Korea," will appear in the spring 2008 issue of the *International Institute for Asian Studies Newsletter* (Leiden).

Dr. Kim presented several lectures and papers to both international and national audiences. She gave an invited lecture, "Le droit, la coutume, et la modernité coloniale en Corée," at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in Paris, France, and also a lecture, "La coutume locale en Corée et en France: Quelques réflexions comparatives," at the Institut d'Asie Orientale (IAO) in Lyon, France, in December 2007. She presented papers at the Eleventh Asian Studies Conference Japan in Tokyo, Japan (June 2007), the 16th Annual World History Association Conference, Milwaukee (June 2007), Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs, St. Louis (October 2007), the American Society for Legal History (October 2007), and the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Atlanta (April 2008). She is the recipient of the Academy of Korean Studies Research Grant (2007-2008), the Association for Asian Studies Northeast Asia Council Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Research Travel Grant (2008), and the Japan Foundation Short-Term Research Fellowship (2008-2009). She will conduct research in Japan in June 2008 and give a presentation at Maison Franco-Japonais in Tokyo and also at Gakushuin University.

Dr. Kim is currently working on a book manuscript on Korean colonial law. She remains an Active Member of the Minnesota Bar.

Jeff Mullins

Dr. Jeffrey Mullins is currently completing his book manuscript (A "Monster in Human Shape": Race, Reason, and Responsibility in Nineteenth-Century America), focusing on race and social reform in the pre-Civil War period. He will also be teaching two new courses in Fall 2008: a graduate seminar on Cultural History, and an undergraduate course on tensions in popular concepts of human nature in America.

Peter Nayenga

Dr. Peter Nayenga continues to be involved in a series of related activities—teaching various courses in African history; participating in the SCSU Senior to Sophomore program; being Chair of the department; and directing the African Studies Program.

Working in conjunction with the Center for International Studies (CIS), Ethnic Studies Department, and Multicultural Student Services (MSS), Dr. Nayenga was involved in preparing three sets of students who went to study at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU), South Africa. This process involved teaching a specialized course on South African history and providing students with the general orientation for the trips. In all, a total of 26 students were sent to South Africa.

In addition to preparing students going to study at NMMU, Dr. Nayenga, together with Dr. Robert Johnson (Ethnic Studies) and Mr. Shahzad Ahmad (MSS), was involved in receiving a series of international scholars who visited SCSU during academic year

2007/08. One memorable visit for Dr. Nayenga was the one (November 29, 2007) by Dr. Nico Jooste, Director, Office of International Education at NMMU. At an event partly organized by the African Studies Committee, Dr. Jooste delivered a powerful speech (titled "Political Challenges for South Africa: 13 years since 1994") on Thursday, November 29, 2007, 2 p.m., Atwood Theatre (SCSU). One of the highlights following this speech was a special ceremony at which Dr. Jooste (a South African historian) awarded a book (Hermann Giliomee's and Bernard Mbenga's, *New History of South Africa, 2007*) to Dr. Nayenga in recognition for his excellent teaching of South African history at SCSU.

To keep abreast with recent scholarship and as part of his continued collecting of data for his long-range projects ("The Transformation of Busoga, 1800-1939" and "The Immigrant Experience"), Dr. Nayenga made several trips to conduct research at the Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison, one of the leading centers of African Studies in the USA. Additionally, he visited the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. on June 20-25, 2007 to study an exhibition titled "African Voices." This exhibition was an eye opener examining "the diversity, dynamism, and global influence of Africa's peoples and cultures over time in the realms of family, community and the natural environment."

John Philip Ness

In addition to his assignments teaching Asian history, Dr. John Ness is the director of the East Asian Studies (EAST) program at SCSU. EAST is housed in the History Department in the College of Social Sciences, but it is a university wide program sponsoring speakers, workshops, study abroad

programs as well as offering students a multi-disciplinary minor in East Asian Studies. The program also works in close cooperation with the College of Social Sciences China Initiative Advisory Group and the university wide China Initiative project. Dr. Ness is the chair of the former and a member of the latter.

This year, Dr. Ness helped facilitate the establishment of the Wallace and Violet Melin Student Scholarship. Funds from this endowment enabled two students to participate in a three-week, credit-granting study abroad program co-sponsored by EAST, the department of Ethnic Studies and the Center for International Studies. This year, the group toured and studied in southwestern China (western Hunan province) from May 21 to June 16, 2008. Dr. Ness was one of three SCSU faculty members who led the group. While on tour, Dr. Ness participated in preliminary discussions for student and faculty exchange with Jishou University, Hunan and the China Youth University for Political Sciences, Beijing.

Dr. Ness' areas of research interest continue to be early modern China, specifically the role of the southwestern frontier region (modern western Hunan, Yunnan, Guizhou provinces) during the Ming period (1368-1644).

Maureen O'Brien

Dr. Maureen O'Brien's year was highlighted by the introduction of three new courses, participation in two international conferences, and the direction of a study abroad program. Two of the new courses focused on the history of Rome: "Roman Republic" in the Fall, "Roman Empire" in the Spring. Students in both courses were asked to create interactive and educational bulletin boards to engage and edify

passersby. During the Summer Intercession, Dr. O'Brien also introduced a new course on the Crusades. In addition to her teaching at SCSU, Dr. O'Brien was invited to teach a course in June 2008 on medieval Monastic History for the School of Theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN.

Dr. O'Brien delivered papers at two international conferences. The first was "Bereft of King, Prince, and Law: Episcopal Patronage of La Chaise-Dieu in the 11th & 12th Centuries" at the 5th International Conference on History sponsored by the Athens Institute for Education and Research in Athens, Greece in December 2007. This paper focused on La Chaise-Dieu's relationships with its ecclesiastical neighbors. The second paper was "In Defense of Sanctity: The Life of Robert of Chaise-Dieu by Marbod of Rennes," sponsored the American Benedictine Association, at the 43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, MI in May 2008. This paper examined the use of hagiography, particularly the Vita Roberti, the life of the founder of La Chaise-Dieu, as a defense against the spiritual and temporal enemies of the monastery.

Dr. O'Brien recently concluded a successful study abroad program in which she led 13 students from SCSU to Rozet, France where they spent 25 days excavating a 12th century Grandmontine Priory while studying the history of medieval Europe and monasticism. Students also enjoyed several fieldtrips which included trips to the pre-historic cave paintings replicated at Lascaux II; the Roman baths at Chassenon, and the medieval city of Carcassonne. These students worked exceptionally hard and Dr. O'Brien could not be more proud of their efforts!

Melissa Weinbrenner

Dr. Melissa Weinbrenner was hired in 2007 as a fixed-term replacement for Dr. Jeff Mullins, who was on sabbatical working on a book manuscript. In addition to teaching the America to 1865 survey, Dr. Weinbrenner taught a new topics course entitled "Film as a Reflection of Society" and a Women in History course. She also enjoyed attending the American Historical Association convention in Washington D.C. Her article, "Movies, Model Ts and Morality" is scheduled to appear in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Popular Culture*. She also contributed essays to the *Encyclopedia of the Counterculture* on the topics of anti-nomianism, Mary Baker Eddy, disco, and Mormonism, reflecting her interests in American social history and pop-culture, especially in regards to the symbiosis of ideas and behavior. In addition to working on publishing her dissertation, "Conversations with God: Fasting and Feasting In Massachusetts Bay, 1629-1685," with Edwin Mellon Press, she is revising articles for presentation and/or publication on Spiderman-3, Columbus Day, and St. Patrick's Day. She received her Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.

Mary Wingerd



Dr. Winegard and Students in History 681: Oral History

Dr. Mary Wingerd is working on the final chapter of her book *North Country: Indians, Europeans and the Making of Minnesota*, which will be published by the University of Minnesota Press in 2009. The writing and publication

has been sponsored by the University of Minnesota Foundation and St. Cloud State University in recognition of Minnesota's sesquicentennial and will be a major reinterpretation of the early history of the state. Dr. Wingerd also has delivered a number of lectures and participated in many sesquicentennial events this year. In addition, she reports that the public history program, which she directs, is expanding its reach with a new oral history project. This past spring graduate students helped design and develop the project, which focuses on the powerline controversy that erupted in Central Minnesota in the 1970s. Thus far, it has proved to be an exciting learning opportunity as well as an important connection with the community.

NEWS FROM EMERITI FACULTY

Cal Gower

In February, 2008, Dr. Cal Gower became one of around 50 participants in a study of the workings of the heart. Patients are required to have a small device implanted in their chests. The device monitors the electrical activity of the heart and transmits data--first to St. Cloud hospital, then to a facility in the eastern United States, and finally to Dr. David Benditt, at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Benditt, who also is associated with St. Cloud hospital, is a cardiologist who specializes in the electrical functions of the heart. *The Minneapolis Star Tribune* carried a long article about these developments in a March 10, 2007 edition. They received brief mention on Channel 21 at SCSU and on a local radio station. The study is ongoing with no specific ending date.

ALUMNI NEWS

Kyle Coppes (B.S. 2002)

Kyle has been employed in Cairo, Egypt, for the past two years. He is presently working full time as a high school teacher and is pursuing a Master's degree in Sociology in Cairo. He plans to return to the United States to continue teaching and is learning Arabic while in Egypt.

Roxanne Chambliss (B.S. 2003)

Roxanne is a graduate student at Saint Cloud State University pursuing an advanced degree in the Educational Media program. She currently works as a media specialist for two elementary schools in the Anoka-Hennepin district. In the past, she worked as a Social Studies teacher at Champlin Park High School, teaching American History and Economics.

Ed Pluth

Dr. Ed Pluth is enjoying retirement and has kept busy with a variety of activities, some history-related. He served as a History Day judge again this spring and always finds this worthwhile. In October, he presented a paper at the Northern Great Plains History conference on the alleged plan of a Civil War veteran to establish a black colony in the late 1860s in Todd County. Reading, working crossword puzzles, photography, yard work, and a little fishing help keep me busy. He recommends Arthur Schlesinger Jr.'s "Journals" for some interesting insights into latter 20th century history.

Paul H. Vaughter

Dr. Paul Vaughter was a member of the History Department from 1962-1996. Last winter he resumed a long-deferred interest, reading and studying Thomas Percy's *Reliques of Ancient English Poetry*, first published in 1765. The *Reliques* contain a wealth of poetry, ballads, minstrelsy, etc., used in previous centuries by Chaucer, Shakespeare, Marlowe and Raleigh *inter alia*. Too, they preserve hundreds of words from the border regions which have vanished from both English and

Lallans. A few examples: WOUCHE, SPRENTE, JIMP, EME.

Percy was an antiquarian, Oxford graduate, and Bishop of Dromore (Church of Ireland) 1782-1811. He was also a distant kinsman of the modern Dukes of Northumberland. His collection was a banquet-table for the English and German "romantics" of the late 1700s and early 1800s. Napoleon carried the poems of the pseudo-Ossian in his military baggage.

PHI ALPHA THETA AND HISTORY CLUB

by Grant Allen

It was another good year for Alpha Epsilon Omega. The Saint Cloud State chapter of Phi Alpha Theta continued to grow with new memberships and participation. In its efforts to stimulate historical interest on campus and, in a sense, "do" history, Phi Alpha Theta continued to be active in the university community by reaching out to new members and providing activities for its current members.

Perhaps a little history is an order. Phi Alpha Theta was established at the University of Arkansas in 1921. Its stated mission “is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. We seek to bring students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways.” The honor society works to recognize students who excel in the study of history. Membership guidelines are as follows: For undergraduates, one must have twelve semester hours, or four courses, in history with a 3.1 GPA in those courses and a 3.0 GPA overall, as well as be in the top 35% of their class. For graduates, a minimum of twelve semester hours towards their master’s degree in history must be achieved, as well as a GPA of at least 3.5. Graduates must also have completed 30% of the residence requirements for their master’s degree.

In order to be more inclusive to students, Alpha Epsilon Omega also supports the History Club on campus, which only requires that students attend Saint Cloud State. Club members can go to any event and can be elected to most officer positions.

Inductions into the honor society are held twice a year. In December of last year Alpha Epsilon Omega inducted Eric Ory, Crystal Koepke, Jennifer Bogue, Timothy Martin, Jacon Sikkink, Ashley Ann Dahlberg, and Bethany Kuklok. The elected officers for the chapter were President Tony Romaine, Vice President John Terry, Secretary Jason Karels, Treasurer Tony Romaine, Historian Jason Karels, and Event Director Erin Olson.

In April of this year, Alpha Epsilon Omega inducted Aaron Johnson, Jacob Rogers, Amy Thompson and Kyle Tredinnick. The new officers were President Grant Allen, Vice President Timothy Martin, Secretary Benjamin Billman, Treasurer Bethany Kuklok, Historian Lorilei Storm, and Event Director Bethany Kuklok.

During the year, Alpha Epsilon Omega was active in the university community. Members volunteered to run a booth for Mainstreet in order to engage the new and returning students for the academic year. Members also facilitated a number of movie nights, in which either a student or professor would give an analysis of the movie in terms of its historical accuracy. As a change of pace, the chapter hosted a bowling night for faculty and students. No historical analysis of the sport of bowling took place.

Another academic year brings with it new opportunities, and Alpha Epsilon Omega and its new officers are excited and ready to see what the future holds!

STUDENT NEWS

Several graduate and undergraduate students deserve particular praise for their accomplishments this year. Through persistence and hard work, these individuals secured scholarships, won financial awards, and gained admission to prestigious graduate programs.

The History Department is proud of the achievements of several undergraduates this year. Ry Marcattillio-McCracken will graduate in the spring of 2008 with a double major in English and History. He will be entering the M.A. program in American Literature at Oklahoma State University-

Stillwater starting next fall. Andrew Ries won \$150 at SCSU’s Student Research Colloquium. His paper was titled “The Paradox of Paradise: A Study of Setting in the Works of Sinclair Lewis.” Ashley Toenjes graduated this spring with a B.A. in history. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time at SCSU and is excited to begin her M.A. in Near Eastern Studies this fall at the University of Arizona. Her concentration will be Middle Eastern history, culture and politics. She is looking forward to beginning her study of Arabic and beginning her research for her thesis. She plans to do research on concepts of identity and their role in the perpetuation of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The History Department’s graduate program continues to generate quality students. David Laliberte received “Honorable Mention Best Paper” recognition for his presentation “Baseball at Native American Boarding Schools in Minnesota: A History” at the 2008 SCSU Student Research Colloquium on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Laliberte, whose research was conducted under the direction of History Department Assistant Professor Rob Galler, accepted a recognition certificate and accompanying \$150 award at the Colloquium’s closing ceremony, and plans to utilize the monies toward furthering his study of baseball at Minnesota-based Indian boarding schools. John Terry will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee next fall. He has been admitted to the Ph.D. program in the Modern Studies track within the History Department. He plans to focus his studies on cultural history in an urban context. He would like to continue to study the connections between culture and location, and will focus especially on the Chicago Blues.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 2008 BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF PHI ALPHA THETA HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY

by Beverly Knudsen

Location, location, location. I really understand that concept now. The 2008 Biennial Convention of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society was held at Hyatt-Tamaya in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the location was a perfect venue. At the foothills of the Sandia Mountains, and in the middle of a native pueblo, the Tamaya created a serene environment for members of Phi Alpha Theta to present papers, network, and socialize. I have been attending professional conferences for over twenty years, and I must say that this one was one of the best in terms of efficiency and quality.

Beyond the beautiful scenery and the forty degree temperatures (in January!), the conference boasted the largest turnout of members in its history of holding such meetings. One hundred and five chapters were represented by 300 attendees. As a delegate for Alpha Epsilon Omega, St. Cloud State University's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, it became even more of an engaging experience when I was able to attend delegate meetings, and hear about society initiatives, and other business.

Highlights of the conference included a session on M-Learning, or Mobile Learning. The presenter discussed the advantages and challenges of students using cell phones as part of their learning technology. M-Learning uti-

lizes *e-college* and *e-companion* to deliver flashcards, in-class polling quizzes, video lectures, podcasting, grade postings, surveys, class notifications, and access to electronic databases. I enjoyed the irony of the concept – urging a student to use their cell phone during class, instead of requiring them to turn it off and put it away.

Another excellent session was on the topic of publishing books and articles. The panel consisted of Dr. Jack Tunstall (University of South Florida, Executive Director of Phi Alpha Theta), Dr. Thomas G. Alexander (Brigham Young University, President of Phi Alpha Theta), and Dr. Gordon Bakken (California State University). The panel discussed the submission process, journal selection, and editing/revision process. Most importantly for our chapter, perhaps, was the information that *The Historian*, the journal of Phi Alpha Theta, is enthusiastically seeking submissions from students.

As I have a keen interest in civic/service learning, I also met individually with one of the presenters to discuss his ideas on collegiate mentoring. Dr. John Navin, of Coastal Carolina University, presented a very engaging topic, “Linking History Courses to Elementary School Mentoring Efforts.” Although there are often Education majors who mentor in the public schools, Dr. Navin pointed out that rarely do those mentors focus on Social Studies or History in particular.

Finally, the opportunity to present my paper, “Pious Exodus: Religion as an Aspect of Swedish Emigration to America, 1850 – 1880,” was a personal high point. The critique by the facilitator, Dr. V. Elaine Thompson, and the questions from the audience were particularly insightful and helpful.

It is unfortunate that the next convention will not take place until January, 2010, but I was assured that will again be somewhere relatively warm, climatically speaking. Fortunately, there are Phi Alpha Theta regional meetings held every spring, and it would certainly be a *feather in our cap* if St. Cloud State University's Alpha Epsilon Omega chapter could host one in the near future. I know I'd be there!

History Day 2008!

by Betsy Glade



Some of the History Day judges

As we have for at least twenty years, the History Department again hosted the Central Minnesota Regional History Day Contest at Atwood Memorial Center March 29, 2008. Two hundred and four students competed, bringing parents, siblings, grandparents, and teachers to campus along with them. The theme this year, “Conflict and Compromise in History,” offered a myriad of topics for their museum board exhibits, performances, and documentary projects. We recruited judges from our faculty, both present and emeriti, from our students, both graduate and undergraduate, from alumni, and from the state legislature. We also had school administrators, teachers, city officials, as well as librarians and archivists from local historical societies and libraries.

This is a real “Town and Gown” event that allows students to showcase their talents, both as new historians and pub-

lic speakers. It also shows them that the community at large is interested in them and in their progress. Students came from schools in St. Cloud, Cold Spring, Chisago Lakes, Duluth, Little Falls, Sauk Rapids, Rice, St. Francis, and Willmar to name just a few. Their topics ranged from the Crusades to Pearl Harbor, from personal conflicts to international compromises and everything in between. The new director of Social Studies Teaching at St. Cloud State (Dr. Kyle Ward), an alumnus from the History Department, recruited his students to judge. We hope they will continue the tradition of incorporating this program into the classrooms they are assigned as teachers in future years. The winners at our contest went on to the State competition, held April 27, 2008, at the University of Minnesota. We hope some of our contestants will go on to the National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland in College Park in June. We also welcome you to judge next year's contest, scheduled for Saturday, March 28th, 2009. Let us know.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The faculty and staff of the History Department take special delight in congratulating the following recipients of the History Department scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year:

Calvin, Elio, and Alma Gower Scholarship

Jacob Rogers

James A. and Muriel Grunerud Scholarship

Kyle Craig

Edward Solberg/The Prudential Foundation Scholarship

Grant Allen

Emily Brambrink

Timothy Martin

Tyler Rothstein

Christopher Strong

Alton C. and Haidako H. Wolfer Scholarship

Ashley Dahlberg

Bethany Kuklok

Student Research Colloquium Award Recipients

David Laliberte (graduate student)

Andrew Ries (undergraduate student)

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Dean's List—Spring 2007

Adams, Tyler, J.
Brambrink, Emily R.
Canfield, Bryan C.
Emery, Diana J.
Espinoza, Pedro J.
James, Timothy
Martin, Timothy R.
Rothstein, Tyler D.
Scharber, Brendan J.
Thompson, Teri L.
Toenjes, Ashley M.
Zimny, Edward J.

Dean's List—Fall 2007

Allen, Grant E.
Ellison, Joshua R.
Garber, Michelle A.
Imdieke, Matthew A.
Kneip, Lucas J.
Peterson, Jacob R.
Stepanek, Diana W.
Strong, Christopher, J.G.
Subrt, Phillip J.
Zimny, Edward J.

HISTORY GRADUATES 2007

The History Department extends its best wishes for a bright and prosperous future to the graduates of 2007:

Spring 2007

Bachelor of Arts

Adams, Tyler James
Lusti, Travis D
Scharber, Brendan Jay
Vogt, Matthew David
Whitney, Jordon Scott

Bachelor of Science

Cross, Kimberly Anne
Donner, Dylan Joe
Fisher, Lisa Marie
Hill, Brianna Royale
Kunkel, Elizabeth Ley
Lambaere, Matthew George
Meinert, Emily Philamena
Olson, Ian Kenneth
Olson, Justin James
Ruf, Matthew Henry
Schrubbe Jr, Gordon Charles
Welle, Jason Harry

Master of Arts

Gerard, Michael James

Summer 2007

Bachelor of Arts

House, Taylor RM
Pershern, Cary Steven
Weiler, Stefanie Lynn
Yehambaram, John Andrew M

Bachelor of Science

Hoke, Lynette Renee

Master of Arts

Gazdzik, Kazimir Bartley
Westrate, Michael Thomas

Fall 2007

Bachelor of Arts

Emery, Diana Jean-Venhuizen
Gulick, Cody William
James, Timothy
Shelton, William Gordon
Sikkink, Jacob I

Bachelor of Science

Anderson, Timothy Jacob
Bodeker, Allan Dean
Daiker, Jennifer Christine
Moore, Mary Nicole
Schaa, Jeremy James
Seene, Thomas James
Tuchowski, Andrew John

Master of Arts

Mead, David Paul
Watts, Susan Louise



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Name _____

Degree and year received _____

Current Duties and Activities _____

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