

Associates To Tour Huntington Treasures

The Huntington Library in San Marino, destination of a History Associates' field trip on Saturday, April 9, is one of Southern California's greatest cultural treasures, according to History Prof. Wilbur Jacobs—and he ought to know.

Jacobs, a nationally known expert in the fields of ethnohistory and U.S. Colonial history, has been conducting research at the famous library for more than 40 years. During that time, he has come to know just about every nook and cranny of the site, which was endowed by railroad tycoon Henry Huntington in 1919.

Famous Texts

"The Huntington's history exhibits include the manuscript of Benjamin Franklin's 'Autobiography' and letters of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln," Jacobs says. "It also has one of the most beautiful illustrated printings of Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales.'"

Artworks by American masters from Albert Bierstadt to Winslow Homer are on display in the New American Art Gallery, which will also be visited on the tour.

"But the great part is the Huntington Gallery, with its huge skylight," according to Jacobs. "Here is the place to see classic 18th century portraits, including 'Blue Boy' and 'Pinkey.'"

Drive or Ride

Members can drive themselves directly to the Huntington on April 9 or take a chartered bus that will leave UCSB at 9 a.m. Price of the tour will be \$3 for members who drive themselves, \$17 for those who go on the bus. Lunch is not included in either price.

The tour will begin at noon with a

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ASSOCIATES LECTURE

Henry Lusted for Power, Not Women, McGee Says

History remembers him for his six wives and his enormous appetite for food and drink. But England's Henry VIII was actually discreet by the sexual standards of royalty in his day, and more concerned about power than women. Moreover, until his last years, he was an active and athletic monarch who drew praise from foreign ambassadors for his looks and intelligence.

So concluded History Prof. Sears McGee at the final luncheon of the UCSB History Associates for the year last month. Speaking on "Henry VIII of England—Myth and Reality," McGee cited records of the Royal Armors to show that Henry "was a large man, but not obese" until the last years of his life.

"In 1536, he measured 37 inches in the waist and 45 inches in the chest," McGee said of Henry, who died in 1547. "But in 1541, his waist was 54 inches and his chest 57. He put on 17

inches around the middle in just five years."

Scholars differ on the reason for this great increase in size, McGee noted. Some think he suffered a glandular disturbance, while others suspect it was due to the adultery of his fifth wife, Katherine Howard.

"I have wondered whether it was not due to a fall he took about then," McGee mused. "It made him curtail the strenuous physical activity that burned off all the calories he took in through his enormous meals."

Whatever the reason, Henry's corpulence contributes to his image as a self-indulgent womanizer. But his real interest was in begetting a male heir, McGee said, and any European monarch of the time would have acted similarly.

"England had just gone through the bloody 'War of the Roses,'

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HENRY VIII in 1546
Sketch by Cornslys Matsys

FROM THE CHAIR

Name This Thing!

Michael Lamboley (E.E. '73) writes, "If you run into the publisher of 'Historia,' tell him he might mention to the great unwashed public where the Newsletter's name comes from."

Well, from a compromise, actually.

"História" is a Greek word meaning "investigation" or "research." It was used by Herodotus, the "Father of History," at the start of his famous account of the Greek wars with Persia, written in the 5th century B.C. ("These are the histories of Herodotus of Halicarnassus..."), whence the name of our discipline.

Nice Name

A nice name for a departmental newsletter, but not exactly imaginative. The only thing "História" had going for it was that it wasn't "Clio." Another name from the Greeks, "Clio" was the Muse of history, one of the nine traditional deities who supervised all intellectual and creative activity.

The others are Calliope, Muse of epic poetry, Euterpe (music), Terpsichore (dance), Erato (lyric), Melpomene (tragedy), Thalia (comedy), Polyhymnia (mime), Urania (astronomy).

(If you worked crossword puzzles, you would know such things.)

Problem is, "Clio" is on everything that has to do with History. There's nothing at all imaginative or distinctive about it.

'Loose Cannon'

Personally, I preferred "The Loose Cannon"—local significance (Canon Perdido, the Goleta Beach cannons), with a dash of irreverence. But even the undergraduates gave that one frosty stares.

So we compromised. But there must be a better name out there somewhere.

How about a contest? The winner gets treated by me to the first Associates' luncheon in the fall.

Send entries to "Newsletter Contest," History Department, UCSB.

Please, let's rise above the dismal state of recent contests on this campus ("ThunderRags" need not apply).

Old timers may remember the contest to name the Events Center years ago, and the best (non-winning) entry: "The Box That Learning Resources Came In."

Now that was a contest!

H.A. Drake
Chair

WHO IS THIS MAN? And Why Is He Smiling?



It's the History Department's own Professor Henry Smith, hard at work as Director of Education Abroad's program in Japan. The popular historian of modern Japan is now back at UCSB after a two-year stint in Tokyo for the UC program.

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meeting in the library conference room, where two staff members will brief the group on the Library's resources and the kinds of research being conducted by visiting scholars.

After a cafeteria-style lunch in the Library's Lunch Room, the group will visit the History and Art Galleries and the Botanic Gardens.

For further information about the tour, call the UCSB Alumni Association, (805) 961-2288 or Associates President Dick Cook, 684-6500.

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Prof. Lindo-Fuentes Sees Hope In New Salvador Middle Class

By HECTOR LINDO-FUENTES

(Asst. Prof. Hector Lindo-Fuentes, who teaches courses on Central American history, came to UCSB from the University of Chicago in 1985. He returned to his native El Salvador in Winter quarter to conduct research for forthcoming study of Salvadoran economic history, and was on hand to witness the just-concluded electoral campaign. This is his report.)

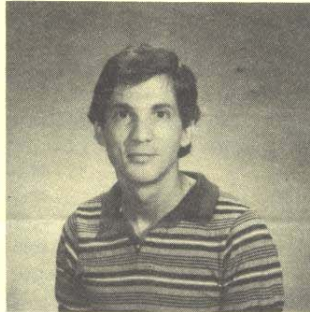
At the beginning of March, the political campaign in El Salvador was at its most absurd.

A Christian Democrat gave a fiery speech in a small town, accusing the right-wing Arena party of being a nest of murderers and kidnappers, and concluded: "may the wrath of God fall upon me if I lie!" Then he died of a heart attack.

News Report

The following day a newspaper told its readers that a Christian Democrat had been punished by God.

Accusations of all sorts were exchanged during the campaign, most of them justified, most of them going unpunished by higher beings.



Hector Lindo-Fuentes

Duarte and his cronies were accused of corruption and ineptitude. By the end of the campaign Salvadorans had been told all the reasons not to vote for either party.

Election Day

The day of the election the recent memory of corruption and mismanagement was more powerful than the somewhat older memory of kidnappings and murders.

No positive project for the

future seems to have played a role in the voters' decisions.

Vote With Feet

Does this mean that there is no hope for El Salvador? That seems to be the general feeling.

Salvadorans are voting with their feet. The outflow of humble Salvadorans to Los Angeles or Chicago continues. College-educated middle class families are following the example.

The Australians are sponsoring family units to move to Australia, and they have more applications than they can handle.

As they can choose, they do. Only the best and the brightest are selected, young couples with university degrees and who seem to be doing well are moving to Sidney or to Melbourne. They are given airplane tickets, a monthly allowance, and English classes until they settle.

Reason to Leave

Their reason for leaving the country is not necessarily economic. When I asked a friend about his reasons to emigrate he said that he did not want his children to grow up in El Salvador.

"It's the situation, you know," he said. "The lack of opportunities, the hatred."

There is no faith in the future.

A recent poll asked people in the capital to select the party or political group that in their opinion had a solution to "the situation."

A total of 80 per cent did not know what party to select or felt that nobody had the solution.

The rebel groups were selected by less than 1 per cent, and the political parties did just a little better. The poll was conducted by the Catholic University, which

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and there was a real fear that without a male to succeed him the civil war would start anew," he explained.

Ironically, McGee noted, Henry's concern for power actually helped England on the road to parliamentary government.

"Henry always wanted a legal basis for his actions, no matter how willful or arbitrary," he said. "This caused him to consult

Parliament more than any other European ruler, and gave Parliament at least a theoretical role in the government."

McGee's talk was the last in this year's History Associates' luncheon program.

Other speakers have included History Profs. Richard Oglesby, Frank Frost, and Robert Kelley, and Film Studies Lecturer Paul Lazarus.

Prof Badash Earns Rare Fellow Nod

History Prof. Lawrence Badash has become one of the few non-scientists ever to be elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

Prof. Badash, who is Vice Chair of the Society's History of Physics Division—a position that leads automatically to Chair of the Division—received word of his election earlier this term.

Prof. Badash was cited for his research in the history of modern physics, especially radioactivity and nuclear physics.

He is only the third UCSB faculty member elected to Fellowship in the Society. Chemistry Prof. Michael Bowers and Physics Prof. Michael Witherell were elected earlier. Elected at the same time as Prof. Badash was another UCSB physicist, Prof. David Cannell.

Fewer than one-half of 1 per cent of the 40,000 members of the Society have received this honor.

Prof. Badash came to the History Department as an assistant professor in 1966. In 1984-85 he was awarded a coveted Guggenheim Fellowship.

Prof. Badash's popular course on "The Atomic Age" regularly draws 200-300 students.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

Have you got news to relate, or things you would like to hear about? Ideas for courses or classmates you want to get in touch with? Drop a line to:

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the History Associates approach the end of activities for the 1987-88 year, I believe we can look back on a year of success.

In one year we have grown to a membership of over 225. Our first lecture luncheon last October had an attendance of around 35; the last one in March had over 75 people!

We're even catching on with the schools: two of the audience at the last talk were students from Santa Barbara High who received special permission from their history teacher to come with their parents.

Made a Start

The History Associates have also made a start on what we see as one of our prime goals, helping the UCSB History Department get even better than it already is.

Last fall, we helped create the Phil Powell Prize to honor the memory of one of the Department's earliest members. It will be awarded annually to an outstanding History graduate student in Latin American or Iberian studies.

Now the Board has voted to do the same for another of the people who built this department, Will Jacobs.

Professor Jacobs will retire at the end of this quarter, after 35 years at UCSB. In his honor, the Board has voted to establish a Wilbur Jacobs Scholarship, to be awarded annually to students in Will's two primary interests—native American history and American Colonial history.

Help to Students

These scholarships will not only honor professors who have done so much for UCSB; they will also encourage top-rate students to pursue studies in fields that were so important to these faculty.

Although he should have enough else to do, Professor Jacobs was kind enough to agree to lead our tour of the Huntington Library this month.

We think this will be a great finale for our first year.

Lecturers are already being lined up for next year. Our fall lineup will be devoted to issues of current interest—the Middle East and South Africa.

But we want to keep variety in our schedule. I have also told Hal Drake he could talk about the Discovery of the True Cross, so he will stop nagging me about it.

Don't Be Bashful

The Board is also talking about ways of expanding our program for next year, maybe with some evening meetings or other kinds of activities.

Please give me a call or drop me a line if you have any ideas. Remember, this is your organization. We would like to thank all members for their support, and look forward to another exciting and informative year.

Dick Cook
President

History Faculty Get Humanities Grants

By BURRIS DeBENNING

The UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center (IHC) has granted several History professors and students research funding for the 1988 academic year.

The purpose of the Center is to fund collaborative research projects and encourage the collective interests among the Humanities disciplines on all nine UC campuses.

This year, 10 individuals in the UCSB History and Classics departments received grants to research topics ranging from African history to ancient archaeology.

Collins Project

Prof. Robert O. Collins received funding for a project entitled, "Thunder on the Nile: A History of the Sudan in Conflict, 1956-1988." He will be assisted by a PhD candidate in History, Damazo Dut Mazak.

Prof. Dimitrije Djordjevic was selected for support for a joint international conference that he has organized on "Population Migrations in South Eastern Europe, from Pre-History to Modern Times." The conference will be held April 10-12 at the Hutchins Center, and will be attended by visiting American and Eastern European scholars.

Prof. Frank Frost was funded for a project entitled, "Excavations at Phalasarna, Western Crete." He will receive assistance from two History PhD students, David Toye and Robert Frakes, and two Classics majors, Eugenia Fitzgerald and Daniel Wright.

Gallagher on Women

Prof. Nancy Gallagher's research project on "Women in Africa" also was selected for funding, as was Dr. Gregory Graves' project, entitled "Developing the Great American History Machine."

The IHC offers unique opportunities in field research for students as well as faculty. Graduate and undergraduate students may be partially or fully funded by the IHC to complete their individual projects or to assist professors in their research, documentation, and presentations.

For those who qualify for support, the IHC will grant funds in such categories as planning for conferences, salary supplement, research assistance, released time, and travel. There is a special category to provide funding for visiting scholars, and another for graduate IHC Fellows.

The IHC views this funding as crucial to developing new ideas and research opportunities. Furthermore, the Center acts to connect the interests of the humanities and to broaden the scope of University research beyond single departmental or individual projects.

Congratulations to all of those who qualified for IHC funding this year!

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cannot be accused of bias against the rebels.

If there is one consensus in El Salvador today, it is on the lack of hope.

On the other hand (yes, there is another hand), important long-term changes are taking place in Salvadoran society.

Middle Class Emerging

A middle class is emerging, the firm control of the oligarchy on public affairs has diminished, ideas are discussed.

Although the economy as a whole is in dire straits, some businesses are thriving.

When I asked successful businessmen what was the best segment of the market, all of them said that it was the urban middle class (in El Salvador, that means those who earn between \$200 and \$400 a month).

It is not the majority of the population, but it is a group that is growing, that is uncommitted politically, and that is finally acquiring a separate identity.

Change in Media

The other bright spot is the growth of the electronic media. When I left El Salvador in 1983, television news programs were a joke. A couple of irresponsible, extreme right-wing newspapers shaped public opinion.

Today, most Salvadorans get their information from television, which has taken a much more dynamic approach to the news.

There are, for example, extraordinary televised debates between representatives of the rebels and members of the government, between the Christian Democrats and the Arena party, between laborers and managers.

New Element

The idea of articulating arguments to persuade the public (as opposed to shouting slogans) is a completely new element.

At last, the basic elements necessary to build a working democracy in the long term (the emphasis being in the phrase "long term") are beginning to emerge.

Moreover, most people already know that there are no simple solutions, which is a better starting point than the old certainties.

This Month in *HISTORY*

April 9 (Saturday)

History Associates' Tour of the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, led by History Prof. Wilbur Jacobs. Tour will begin in the Library at 12 noon. Admission \$3. Charter bus (optional) will leave UCSB at 9 a.m. Round trip (including admission), \$17.

April 10 (Sunday) - April 12 (Tuesday)

"Population Migrations in the Balkans from Pre-History to Recent Times." International Conference, co-sponsored by the Department of History

and the Institute for Balkan Studies of the Serbian Academy of Science and Arts, with support from the Office of Research Development and the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center.

Nineteen papers by distinguished faculty and graduate students from Europe and America. All sessions are open to the public, and will be held in the Conference Room of the Hutchins Center, Building 446, on the UCSB campus. The Sunday program begins at 9 a.m. and continues to 4:30 p.m. Sessions on Monday and Tuesday begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. each day. Free.

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April 19 (Tuesday)

"Peace Treaties: Blueprint for the Next War?" Dr. Tibor Frank, Fulbright Visiting Professor from Budapest, Hungary. 4 p.m., 4824 Ellison Hall (History Lounge). Free.

April 21 (Thursday)

"Gender and Society in the Middle Ages." Prof. Caroline Walker Bynum, Columbia University. 4 p.m., 5824 Ellison Hall (History Conference Room). Sponsored by the History Department and the Medieval Society. Free.

Join History Associates

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