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Welcome to the third volume of *History at Lehigh*, the official newsletter of the Department of History at Lehigh University. *History at Lehigh* is published twice per year in an effort to maintain contact and share information with students, alumni, and faculty. Please let us know if you have information or updates you would like to see appear in future issues of *History at Lehigh*.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

After participating in the Lehigh in Belgium summer program for the second time, **Dr. Michael Baylor** is serving as acting department chair for the history department this fall. On October 24th, Professor Baylor gave a paper entitled "Utopianism in the Early Sixteenth Century: Comparing More and Hergot" at the annual meeting of the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Baylor's paper was presented at a conference session on utopianism in early modern Europe that he organized for the meeting. Department chair **Dr. Jean Soderlund** is on sabbatical from the department this semester. She and Ph.D. candidate **Catherine Parzynski** are co-editing a volume of seventeen essays entitled *Backcountry Crucibles: The Lehigh Valley from European Settlement to Steel*. Contributors include members of the Department of History, **Michael G. Baylor**, **Stephen H. Cutcliffe**, **John K. Smith**, and **Roger D. Simon**; Lehigh alumni **Karen Z. Huetter** and **Michael V. Kennedy**; and scholars from the State University of New York, University of Pennsylvania, University of Delaware, and elsewhere. Lehigh University Press is publishing the book, which should be available next year. **Dr. Roger Simon** is completing a short history of Philadelphia for a series published by the Pennsylvania History Association. It will survey the city's entire history, from 1682 to 2000, focusing on the interrelationship between the economy, social structure, and physical development. Professor Simon has spent considerable time this fall at Philadelphia libraries selecting forty plus illustrations. The book is intended primarily for a general audience. Ph.D. candidate **Mark Nicholas's** article "Mashpee Wampanoags of Cape Cod, the Whalefishery, and the

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"Domestic Impact of Seafaring" was accepted for publication in the peer reviewed journal *The American Indian Quarterly*. The article is scheduled to appear in the Spring 2003 issue of the journal. Graduate student **Jim Higgins** presented his paper "Epidemic Influenza in Allentown and Bethlehem" at the Small Cities conference held in Muncie, Illinois, on November 1 and 2. Higgins' paper was part of a panel that examined the health crisis in American small cities.

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ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS

Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, held its first event, a "Welcome Back Dessert Night," in early October. Both students and faculty attended the social and played "History Jeopardy." The faculty supplied the questions, and everyone enjoying baked goodies including cookies and brownies along with coffee and hot chocolate. This year's officers of Phi Alpha Theta are **Laura Rheinauer**, President; **Mary Wright**, Vice-President; **Emily Henderson**, Treasurer; and **Meghan McGarry**, Secretary.

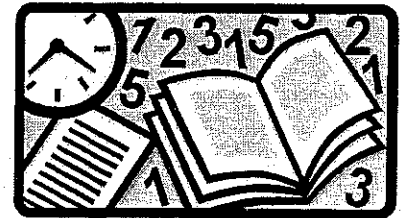
On Saturday, November 2, fourteen members of the **History Club** traveled to Philadelphia. During the trip, the club visited Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, the Betsy Ross House, and several of the city's other historic sites. Officers for the History Club this year are **Laura Rheinauer**, President; **Emily Henderson**, Vice-President; **Michelle Stavola**, Treasurer; and **Meghan McGarry**, Secretary. Both the History Club and Phi Alpha Theta look forward to upcoming events that include the annual BBQ held at a faculty member's home, a "History versus Hollywood" movie night, and a possible tour of the old Bethlehem Steel plant.

The **Graduate Student Council (GSC)** provides graduate students with the opportunity to be involved in campus life.

Recently, GSC has been working to reform health insurance for graduate students at Lehigh. GSC also provides travel grants to graduate students for units represented regularly at GSC meetings. For the 2002-2003 school year, **Erwin Pantel** is serving as GSC representative for the history department. Erwin is also serving as one of two graduate student representatives on the University Graduate and Research Committee, where he is a member of two subcommittees, Graduate Student Life and Program Review. All graduate students are encouraged to attend GSC meetings so they can make their opinions known on issues that are important to them.

Five members of Lehigh's history department attended the annual meeting of the **Society for the History of Technology (SHOT)** hosted by the University of Toronto and held at the Delta Chelsea hotel in Toronto, Canada. **Dr. Steven Goldman** served as commentator for a session entitled "Techno Cities, Science Cities, and Techno-Science Cities." Also in attendance at the conference were **Dr. Gail Cooper**, **Dr. Stephen Cutcliffe**, **Dr. John Smith** and graduate student **Michele Baer** as well as Lehigh alumni **Jeff Schramm ('02 Ph.D.)** and **Chris Eldridge ('02 Ph.D.)**. Next year's annual meeting is slated to be held at

the University of Georgia.



**Department of History
And
Science, Technology,
and Society Program
Brown Bag
Colloquium and
Lecture Series**

Listen to history scholars present papers, and join in discussion of their work in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

When: Wednesdays, 12 noon
Where: History Department
Commons Rooms, 342
Maginnes Hall
(unless otherwise noted)

Coffee and Cookies Served

**For Presentation Ideas and
Series Schedules, contact
Dr. Stephen Cutcliffe**

ALUMNI UPDATES

N.B.: We were unable to print all responses from alumni. More alumni updates will be included in future issues of History at Lehigh.

Colonel Bruce Grathwohl ('74 B.A.) earned an MBA in 1982 and serves as staff assistant to the North American Operations Safety Director of General Motors Corporation. As a colonel in the United States Marine Corp, Grathwohl is currently activated for Operation Enduring Freedom. He does not expect to return to GM until fall of 2003.

Marc Ippolito ('92 B.A.) received his J.D. from the University of Chicago, Kent College of Law in 1995. Currently, he is employed as vice president and general counsel at Burns Sports and Celebrities, Inc.

Leslie Rush Loving ('00 B.A.) is employed by

Johns Hopkins University as assistant to the Chair of the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences.

Timothy J. Siegfried ('82 B.A.) completed both his JD at Syracuse College of Law and his Masters of Public Administration at Maxwell School of Citizenship and Foreign Affairs of Syracuse University in 1985. Currently, Mr. Siegfried is a managing partner at Tallman, Hudders, and Sorrentino, P.C. in Allentown, PA.

Dr. Ronald A. Williams ('76 B.A., '82 Ph.D.) is currently president of Prince George's Community College in Prince George's County, Maryland. On September 9, 2002, Dr. Williams gave a lecture at Lehigh called "Reconstructing a Slave Society: An Investigation of the Caribbean Through its Literature and History."

STUDENT PROFILES

Michele Baer graduated from NYU in 1997 with a B.A. in history and German language and literature. She completed her master's degree at Lehigh in 2001. Currently a Ph.D. student, Baer plans to take comprehensive exams in the late spring or early fall of next year and then begin work on her dissertation, which tentatively will focus on the effects of post-World War II technology on the doctor-patient relationship in the United States.

Michael Gunther earned his bachelor's degree from Ithaca College and his master's degree from the University of Scranton. In his master's thesis he compared political developments in New Hampshire and Virginia after the War of 1812 through the lenses of republicanism and states' rights. In addition to political history and philosophy, Gunther is interested in social, environmental, and African-American history, particularly in revolutionary, colonial, and nineteenth-century America.

Scott Kester received an associate degree in communications (emphasis on journalism) from Keystone College, a B.A. in history from Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University, and a master's degree in history from the University of Scranton. Kester's major field is American

intellectual history, and he plans to work on a dissertation studying the Constitutional period through the correspondence of James Madison in regards to the opposing ideologies of Calvinism and Enlightenment thought.

Laura Rheinauer is a senior history major enrolled in Lehigh's five-year B.A./M.Ed. program. After graduation, Laura plans to seek employment as a social studies teacher. She is president of History Club and Phi Alpha Theta as well as a Martindale Scholar and a Lehigh tour guide. In May, Laura was one of twelve undergraduates selected as student associates at Fairchild-Martindale Center for the Study of Private Enterprise. She is currently working on a paper on Italy's higher education system that will be published in *Perspectives on Business and Economics*.

Mary Wright, vice-president of History Club and Phi Alpha Theta, will be graduating in January. Last spring, she interned with the Historic Bethlehem Partnership where she worked on an informational newspaper for the Moravian Museum. After graduation, Mary intends to drive cross-country and then apply to graduate school for library science.



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"History takes time... History makes memory."

--Gertrude Stein

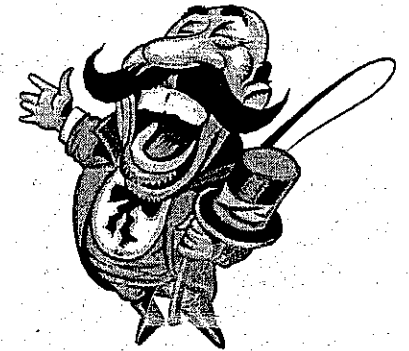
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Naval Depot History Honored

The Dunnville District Heritage Association (Ontario, Canada) received the Scadding Award of Excellence from the Ontario Historical Society in recognition of original research on the history of the Naval Depot established at the mouth of the Grand River (now Port Maitland) in 1815 to protect the north shore of Lake Erie from the threat of an American invasion following the War of 1812. The project resulted in the publication of a sixty-six-page book, *Grand River Naval Depot*, by the Dunnville District Heritage Association. **Dr. John T. Docker ('60, B.A.)**, a member of the Association and an assistant in its history-genealogy room, researched original documents at the Ontario Archives in Toronto, the Public Records Office in Kew, England, and the Discovery Harbour Collection at the Penetanguichene Public Library, and wrote the book.

Documentary on King Philip's War, 1675-1676

Jim Bride ('60 B.A.), president and CEO of Bride Media International, Inc., has finished production of a twenty-six minute documentary film entitled *The History of King Philip's War, 1675-1676.* The film, which Bride directed, explores the war with King Philip (Wampanoag chief Metacom) and the events leading up to the conflict.



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