



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Jess Flemion

It's hard to believe that I write to you for the last time as WAWH President. Could two years have gone by so quickly? It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve so vital an organization as WAWH has become. The growth in size and significance of our annual conference is only one measure of our increasing importance in the historical profession in the West. Our rising membership, the professional activity of our members, the quality of work we see submitted for our prizes are things in which we share a collective pride. But perhaps, best of all -- and most unique for an organization like ours -- is that WAWH members still mingle in a common historical fellowship. Graduate students, independent scholars and academics from every type of teaching institution remain sincerely interested in sharing with each other, in stimulating one another, and in helping one another whenever possible. It's that special feeling which makes the conference so pleasant as well as so stimulating. Our growth in size has not eliminated the bonding which was one of the essential reasons for the creation of WAWH nearly twenty years ago.

These past two years have been important for WAWH, I think. The expansion of our services, especially to graduate students in the form of the fellowships and paper prizes marks another important departure for us. The anonymous gift of an article prize attests to the important role which we are seen as playing and to the quality of work which is an every day occurrence among our members. I was disappointed that neither the fellowships nor any paper prizes will actually be awarded this year, since we had no applications, but I'm optimistic that the problem was not lack of interest and need but failure to adequately publicize the new awards. We'll get it right next year, I'm sure.

There is unfinished business for WAWH of course. Despite our record as the largest of the regional organizations, our 325 members are a tiny proportion of those whom we should be able to attract to membership. Networks like ours are most effective when they reach the maximum number of people. I am sure that each one of you reading this knows at least one person who should be in WAWH and isn't. Perhaps you know someone who has let her membership lapse. We especially need to reach out to women historians who do not work in the area of women's history and show them that WAWH is as much a vehicle for their work and their networking as for others. Who knows, maybe we'll open a whole new and exciting area of historical investigation to them. That's what happened to me. I kept coming back to conference after conference because the women's history was so exciting and because I hardly ever heard any of it anywhere else. I think the broadened offerings of our larger conferences go far toward attracting the variety of women

who, in fact, make up our profession into our organization.

As for me, as I turn over my responsibilities to Francesca Miller, I do so in gratitude that she was more helpful as a president-elect for me than I was before her. I leave the WAWH presidency in certainty that the next two years will be full of new ideas and Francesca's special brand of vitality.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DUE BY APRIL 25!
(SEE REGISTRATION FORM FOR DETAILS)

JOBS

California State U. Chico. Lecturer, Range B, European history, Ph.D. required. Temporary one-year position with possibility of becoming tenure-track. We need an instructor in the European field with teaching experience who is able to teach a variety of courses including Western Civilization and Renaissance and Reformation and Medieval history. Send applications to Joanna D. Cowden, Chair, Department of History, California State University, Chico, Chico, CA 94929. Application deadline is April 26, 1985. Interviews may be arranged for the OAH meeting in Minneapolis. CSU, Chico is an affirmative action employer and actively seeks applications from minority candidates and women.

CLIP AND RETURN!

Please write a few lines about your present activities--or any other news--on the lines below and mail to Carole Hicke, 57 Coronado Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070.

WAWH is happy to announce the appointment of our new Secretary/Treasurer, Georgiana Davidson. We are pleased and grateful that she has taken on this responsibility.

DUES REMINDER

To all who renewed their membership for 1985, thank you! If you haven't yet mailed your check, please send it off right away. Dues are: \$15 Full-time Employed; \$10 Part-time; \$5 Graduate Students and Independent Scholars. Remember that dues are payable for the calendar year. Contributions to the Graduate Student Fellowship Fund are greatly appreciated.

Checks should be made payable to WAWH and sent to:

Georgiana Davidson
1623 Francisco Street, Apt. B
Berkeley, CA 94705

NATALIE DAVIS TO HIGHLIGHT WAWH FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, April 20, Natalie Davis (Charles Henry Lea) Professor of History at Princeton University, will speak at a WAWH fundraising event at San Diego State University. A light brunch will be held in the President's Suite, Aztec Center, on the campus beginning at 10:15 a.m. Natalie, author of THE RETURN OF MARTIN GUERRE and consultant on the film of the same name, will discuss "The historian Makes a Movie: The Return of Martin Guerre." Her remarks will focus particularly on the main female character in the book and film, Bertrande de Rols. The price for the event is \$8 per person. Reservations must be made by Thursday, April 18. For a reservation, contact Jess Flemion, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, 92182 or call (619) 582-1271. Contributions will go to the WAWH Graduate Student Fellowship Fund. All members and their guests, especially in the Southern California area, are urged to attend this exciting event.

Registration Form

ANNUAL WAWH CONFERENCE

Registration Fee, including hospitality refreshments:

- _____ \$15.00 before April 25
- _____ \$20.00 after April 25
- _____ **\$ 7.00 Student**, before April 25
- _____ \$9.00 Student, after April 25
- _____ \$5.00 per day, sessions only

The student registration fee can be waived in return for volunteer help at the conference. Please check here , _____ and someone from the Arrangements Committee will contact you.

Meals:

- _____ \$9.00 for Saturday lunch
- _____ \$20.00 for the President's Dinner
- _____ \$17.50 for the President's Dinner, Student Rate
- _____ **\$10.00** for Sunday Lunch

Please note that ***ALL MEALS MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE***. The deadline for meal reservations is April 25th. It will not be possible to obtain meal tickets at the conference.

Housing:

- _____ \$26.00 for one night
- _____ \$52.00 for two nights

Special Requirements: _____

Roommate Preference: _____

Special Contributions:

- _____ \$10.00 Wine and Cheese Benefit for the Graduate Student Fellowship Fund, Friday Evening.

_____ **TOTAL AMOUNT, CHECK ENCLOSED**

Name: _____

Street: _____

State: _____ Phone: _____

Please return this form, with your check, to Georgiana Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer, WAWH, 1623 Francisco Street #B, Berkeley, CA 94703.

A limited number of rooms are available as housing at Alderwood Hall, which **will** be assigned on a **first-come/first-serve** basis. If there is a special reason **that** you need accomodation on the Mills Campus, please note this on your registration form.

A few of the rooms are singles; most are doubles. If you want to room with a particular person, please complete the appropriate line on the registration form.

Mills College is located by the **MacArthur** Boulevard exit from Interstate 580. If you are flying to the Bay Area, the Oakland Airport is the most convenient connection to the campus. If you need transportation from the airport, either from Oakland or from San Francisco, please send the time and place of your arrival, along with the airline and the airport, with your registration. We will try to arrange transportation for you.

PLEASE JOIN OUR ORGANIZATION!

WAWH Membership Form

Name: _____

Street: _____

State: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address, if Different: _____

Current Position or Institutional Affiliation: _____

Research and/or Teaching Fields: _____

DUES

_____ \$15.00 Permanently employed

_____ \$10.00 Part-time employed

_____ \$ 5.00 Graduate Students and Independent Scholars

Dues are tax deductible. Please send this membership form with your check to Georgiana Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer, WAWH, 1623 Francisco Street #B, Berkeley, CA 94703.

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IN MEMORIAM

Friends, colleagues and acquaintances of Beth Weisz-Buck were sorry to learn of her death on November 18. Beth had been a doctoral student in the UCLA History Department since 1977, passing her qualifying examinations in the fall of 1980 under the direction of her mentor, Professor Kitty Sklar. Her dissertation focused on "Women Reformers and the passage of Mothers' Pensions Legislation during the Progressive Era." In spite of a brave bout with cancer the last year, Beth had been able to make significant contributions to her field of U.S. Women's History through the presentation of papers and moderation of panels at professional meetings. In the spring of 1981 she was the Project Director of the Conference on Women's Culture in American Society, 1880-1980, presenting the opening address as well as a paper on "Municipal Housekeeping: Chicago Community Organizing Around Issues of Reproduction, 1880-1890." In June 1984 Beth chaired a session at the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians. Indicative of the respect in which she was held by her colleagues, Beth served as Graduate Student Coordinator on the Executive Board of the Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession. She founded and organized many events under the auspices of the Graduate Women in History. One of UCLA's most effective teaching assistants, she had been awarded a number of prestigious fellowships including the Jean Nidetch and the AAUW. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and colleagues at UCLA and in the Western Association of Women Historians.

ELIZABETH WEISZ-BUCK AWARD

Beth's friends have organized a graduate student award in her name in the Department of History at UCLA. Those who want to contribute may do so by sending a check made out to the Elizabeth Weisz-Buck Award to Mrs. Barbara Kelley at the History Department, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1402.



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CONFERENCE XVII
May 10, 11, and 12, 1985
MILLS COLLEGE
Oakland, California

For registration information, contact
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Berkeley, CA 94783

See inside for details.

