Foucault, Why Didn’t my Friends get Northfield Option this year?

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Today in HISTORY!

1847 - Johnny Appleseed dies.

1941 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Lend-Lease Act into law, allowing American-built war supplies to be shipped to the Allies on loan.

1985 - Mikhail Gorbachev becomes the Soviet Union’s leader.

2004 - Simultaneous explosions on rush hour trains in Madrid kill 191 people.

2006 - Slobodan Milošević dies
Senior Interview: David Harrisville

LN: What prompted you to become a history major?

DH: I decided between History and Bio. My dad is a big history buff, and he has tons of history books in a cabinet. Before I could read, I used to look at the pictures. It was mostly ancient history, and that’s how I got into history.

LN: What has been your favorite class here?

DH: Byzantium with Bill North was pretty great. Everybody and their mother was in that class.

LN: Do you have any secret talents?

DH: I can raise my eyebrows separately while wiggling my ears. [Demonstrates.]

LN: How does it feel to be done with Comps? Did you celebrate?

DH: I had an orchestra concert that night, but I celebrated on Saturday. Celebration happened.

LN: Any advice for new majors?

DH: Use lots of footnotes. Even when you don’t need them. When in doubt, insert a footnote.

LN: What is your favorite Carleton History anecdote?

DH: When Prowe was talking about WWI in England, he said that when the soldiers returned, the skirts were shorter. Prowe said that they were thinking, “Wow, what are all these tramps doing here?”

LN: What are your plans for next year?

DH: I’m planning on going to UW – Madison next year for a PhD in Modern European History.

Alumni Contacts:

Mike Austin, ’06 – Mike is in his first year at Stanford Law. Contact him at mjaustin84@gmail.com with questions about law school and the application process.

Links of Interest:

20th Century International Archives (Oxford Project) The Fell funded project on 20th Century International Archives available in Oxford University is now live and on line. Click below, and try it out! http://tcho.bodley.ox.ac.uk

For many other links of interest to historians, visit: https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/resourcesindex/

Internship and Job Opportunities:

History Associates: Students with an outstanding academic record and research experience are invited to apply at http://www.historyassociates.com/ for positions in consulting and archiving.

Civitas Summer Professional Internship Program — Warsaw, Poland – Full-time private and non-profit internships in English. (June 1 - July 31, 2009). For more information, visit: http://www.globaleducationleadership.org/

Summer School on Cultural Dimensions of Politics in Europe – Prague, Czech Republic

The Summer School “Cultural Dimensions of Politics in Europe” is a week long academic program bringing together 30 undergraduate and graduate students of various nationalities and academic backgrounds (political science, sociology, media studies, anthropology and cultural studies, behavioural sciences, gender studies) from all parts of the world. Visit http://www.cdpe.cpvp.cz/ for more info.

Nixon Presidential Library – Intern and research opportunities at the Nixon Library on the Cold War and Presidential History. To apply, send a current resume, one or two letters of recommendation, a current transcript, and a cover letter to nixon@nara.gov.

Listings of many opportunities on the Carleton History Department website at: http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/history/after/