NEWS/EVENTS:
Golly gee! It is your very own opportunity to GO BOWLING WITH THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT! Mark your calendars for Saturday night. Transportation, shoes, 3 games of Moonlight Bowling (with real cash prizes!), and pizza will be FREE! Rides in front of Sayles between 7:45 and 8:15, return around 11.

OPPORTUNITIES:
Professor Emeritus Carl Weiner is working a REALLY COOL project and can use your help. Check out the Esternay project: http://esternay.carleton.edu/ For further information, please contact Carl Weiner <cweiner@carleton.edu>; Scott Carpenter <scarpent@carleton.edu>; Dan Ringrose <daniel.ringrose@minotstateu.edu>.

Attention seniors: Green Corps is looking for applicants for a full-time, paid Environmental Leadership Training Program. Offers a year of experience with leading environmental groups like the Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters, and Greenpeace. Questions: Jesse Littlewood, Recruitment Director, jobs@greencorps.org, 617-426-8506.

Need a job? The history department is looking for a student to work over spring break. Questions: nlambert

Everyone: Apply for an Institute for Humane Studies fellowship (of up to $12,000 ☺ ☺ ☺ !!!) to do work exploring the principles of a free society. Apply online at http://apply.TheIHS.org. If you have questions, you can visit the Institute for Humane Studies homepage at http://www.theihs.org/About/.

Interested in public policy, nonprofit management, journalism, broadcast media or film production? Apply for an Institute of Humane Studies internship at https://www.theihs.org/intern. All internships are paid, and include reimbursement for travel and housing. It's a pretty sweet deal, guys.

Foundations: An Undergraduate Journal in History (published by students at Johns Hopkins University) is announcing a CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS for undergraduate history papers. They are looking for previously unpublished papers between 15-40 pages that make use of primary source research. Submissions and questions: foundations@jhu.edu.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF THE DAY
January 26: 1564 - The Council of Trent issued its conclusions in the Tridentinum, establishing a distinction between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.
January 26: 1785 - Benjamin Franklin writes a letter to his daughter expressing disappointment over the selection of the eagle as the symbol of the United States; he wanted the turkey.

January 28: 1521 - Diet of Worms begins, lasting until May 25.
January 29: 1891 - Liliuokalani is proclaimed Queen of Hawaii, its last monarch.
January 30: 1933 - Adolf Hitler is sworn in as Chancellor of Germany.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK: On what island did ancient Greek civilization originate? (email abramowa@ or feders@ with the answer BEFORE ALL OTHERS and win COOKIES!)

Congratulations to Katie Bates for being the first to answer last week’s question: Q: What was the last battle of the Napoleonic Wars? A: The Battle of Wavre, in 1815. (It prevented a contingent of French troops from participating in the Battle of Waterloo.)
SENIOR BIOGRAPHY:
JENNY DUNMORE

Q: If history were an animal, what animal would it be?
A: A glow worm, because you can never really remember what they look like, they just leave you with a warm happy feeling

Q: What is your primary field? Why is it so fascinating?
A: U.S. History and it is fascinating because it is a history that I can relate to and clearly see the affects of and one that I see being made every day.

Q: So what's your comps on? Why'dya pick it?
A: The response of the Black and Filipino press to the Zoot Suit Riots. I chose it because not many people have written on it, especially the Filipino perspective, and with my struggle for primary resources I understand why now. Generally ethnic histories are looked over a lot, especially in the U.S. field and I really wanted to learn this. It was influential even in the creation of a Chicano identity in the U.S. which also had an affect on other racial identities.

Q: What is the best book you have read in the last year?
A: That's hard, because I read a lot in New Zealand. Fiction: The Education of Little Tree by Forest Carter, On Beauty by Zadie Smith, Whale Rider by Witi Ihimera (I have to rep the New Zealand book) Non-Fiction: Colonize This!

Q: If you could have dinner with any person from history, who would it be?
A: Man, I always hate this question because there are SO many interesting people. Hmmm, I guess, the students who organized the Tiananmen Square protest in 1989, did they know how their organizing would turn out? Oh, and I've always kind of wanted to meet Lenin

Q: What makes you so special?
A: If I told you, it wouldn't be so special anymore, would it.

FACULTY BIOGRAPHY:
PROFESSOR SERENA ZABIN

Q: How long have you worked in the Carleton College history department?
A: I've worked in the Carleton history department for 6 years

Q: What projects are you working on now?
A: I'm finishing a project on eighteenth-century New York City in the British Empire, but I'm really excited about starting a new project on the Boston Massacre.

Q: If you were any object in your office, what would you be? Why?
A: I think I'd be my wonderful leather chair; it's a place where one can do serious reading and intellectual work and be incredibly comfortable while doing it.

Q: What is the best book you have read in the last year?
A: Clare Lyons' Sex Among the Rabble; it completely changed the way I think about late eighteenth-century American cities.

Q: Do you have a super power? If not, which one do you wish you had?
A: I have a super power of never, ever running out of things to say. That's why I'm a professor.

Q: Do you have any advice for undergraduates trying to make their way in the world?
A: Take time to reflect.

Professor Zabin,
Early Americanist extraordinaire
SPECIAL BIOGRAPHY!
AN INTERVIEW WITH WAYNE SOON, STUDENT JOURNALIST!

Q: What is your role as a journalist?
A: I am a freelance columnist and reporter for TODAY. I write an article every month, if a particular current event catches my interests and expertise. I write articles ranging from the role of history and memory in Singapore, the 2005 Presidential Election and policies regarding the education system, the alternative media, the state of political participation and the notion of political pluralism.

Q: Could you tell us a little more about the publication you write for?
A: TODAY is one of the two main dailies in Singapore with a daily readership of 550,000.

Q: How did you first begin working as a journalist?
A: I actually submitted my first article to TODAY on the impeding Presidential Election when I was working in the Institute of Policy Studies in Singapore over the summer of 2005. The editors liked my article and decided to publish it as an op-ed. That article spoke on the benefits of a contested election to the Singapore society. In the previous 1999 election, there was no political contest as none of the opposing candidates except the one approved by the government’s cabinet were approved by the Presidential Election Committee. My article generated many positive responses from ordinary Singaporeans as well as a former Nominated Member of Parliament.

I guess TODAY appreciated someone who could offer alternative and fresh viewpoints but yet remain constructive and engaged with the political reality in Singapore. Even though there is a sense of fear, cynicism and apathy in openly sharing one’s views, among Singaporeans, I am glad TODAY and the general public has always been patient and constructive in response to my articles. I hope less young Singaporeans will feel worried and fearful about speaking up as a result of other young Singaporeans and my continual engagements with TODAY.

Q: What are the pros and cons of having this position as a student?
A: I think the main advantage as a student is that I am always learning and engaging with different professors, friends and strangers on an intellectual platform which helps me a lot in writing my articles, something that a busy working adult might not have time do so. The main disadvantage is that my lack of working and life experiences can sometimes label me as a person who is overly “idealistic” in his writings, although I must add that I have met many older Singaporeans that have remained highly idealistic despite have gone through numerous personal and political trials.

Q: Do you plan to have a career in journalism? If so, for what kinds of publications? If not, what are your plans?
A: I think I am ill-suited for the active engagement with newsmakers that reporters do on a daily basis. But I will still try to write for TODAY as a freelance columnist, because I believe my writing can contribute towards and reflect on an increasingly pluralistic society in Singapore. My future plans will hopefully involve a lot of rest, travel, sunshine and money but I realize that attending graduate school in history or political sociology might be a more painful but fulfilling option. =)

Star Reporter Wayne Soon ('08)