NEWS/EVENTS:

Andrew Ladner, Robin Anderson, and Annie Perkins have organized SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SPRING! Sunday, May 20, History Majors, Faculty, Families EVENT - ST. PAUL SAINTS GAME. Everyone will receive a voucher for a free St. Paul Saints logo baseball with ticket! Please mark your calendars.
http://www.saintsbaseball.com/tickets/group/

OPPORTUNITIES:

Deadline for 2007 EDWARD H. (TED) MULLIN PRIZE IN HISTORY is Monday, March 5th! See information on last page.

The United States Department of State and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) are offering scholarships for intensive overseas study in the critical need foreign languages of Arabic, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu for Summer 2007. The Department of State Critical Language Scholarships will provide funding for U.S. citizen undergraduate, Master's and Ph.D. students to participate in beginning, intermediate and/or advanced level summer language programs at American Overseas Research Centers and affiliated partners. Recipients of these scholarships will be expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period and later apply their critical language skills in their professional careers. On-line application now available. Please visit www.CLScholarship.org for information.
Application deadline March 15, 2007.

MAJORS IN THE NEWS: (THUMBS UP TO THE HISTORY MAJORS THAT APPEARED IN THIS WEEK’S CARLETONIAN)

Congratulations to Tim Singer ('08) and Peter Fritz ('08), the new president- and vice-president elect of CSA!

Great job, Annie Isler ('08)! You are awesome at Basketball, with your seven assists against Gustavus.

Wow, she’s fast! Congrats to Kelsey Barale ('07) for a new personal best in the 3000 meters last weekend at the University of Minnesota’s Parents’ Day Open.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF THE DAY

March 2: 1807 - The U.S. Congress passes an act to "prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States... from any foreign kingdom, place, or country."
March 3: 1861 - Alexander II of Russia signs the Emancipation Manifesto, freeing serfs.
March 4: 1519 - Hernan Cortes arrives in Mexico in search of the Aztec civilization and their wealth.
March 5: 1770 - Boston Massacre: Five Americans, including a black slave named Crispus Attucks, and a boy are killed by British troops in an event that would help start the American Revolutionary War five years later.
March 6: 1964 - Prophet Elijah Muhammad officially gives Cassius Clay the name Muhammad Ali meaning "beloved of Allah".
March 7: 161 - Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius dies and is succeeded by co-Emperors Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus, an unprecedented political arrangement in the Roman Empire.
March 8: 1618 - Johannes Kepler discovers the third law of planetary motion.
TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Who was the first child born in Britain’s American colonies? (email abramowa@ or feders@ with the answer BEFORE ALL OTHERS and win COOKIES! Come on guys, it doesn’t take that much work to google the answer.)

Answer for last week’s question: (Congratulations to Rawdon Bergquist)
Q: Which notorious gangster opened a soup kitchen in Chicago during the Great Depression?
A: Al Capone.

FACULTY BIOGRAPHY: VICTORIA MORSE

Q: How did you become interested in history? Were you always interested in medieval/Renaissance history in particular?
A: I grew up in a household of historians. My father got interested in history sitting in the cloister of San Giovanni degli Eremiti in Palermo during World War II wondering why there were Normans in Sicily building Islamic-style buildings. He ended up studying modern France, my sister studied modern Britain, so the Middle Ages seemed like rebellious independence.

Q: What is the best book you've read in the last year?
A: Benvenuto Cellini's autobiography.

Q: Is there anyone in particular whom you've studied that would be especially good to have to dinner? How about especially bad?
A: Depends on what you mean by “good” or bad.” It's hard to imagine becoming close personal friends with anyone I study. But Brother John of Parma, Minister General of the Franciscans, would be a good choice because he "was very courteous and generous at table, so much so that if various kinds of good wine were placed before him, he had it poured out equally into everyone’s cup." (Salimbene, Chronicle, p.307). Christina the Astonishing would be disconcerting, especially if she floated up to the ceiling during the meal.

Q: Any current projects that you’d like to talk about?
A: I'm working on an article on Saint Francis and a book on Opicino de Canistris, an Italian priest who tried to map the spiritual world onto the physical world using nautical charts. I'm also getting increasingly interested in disease and medicine and especially in leprosy, although I haven't decided what exactly I might want to do with it.

Q: What was the coolest thing you’ve gotten to study?
A: Opicino's manuscripts in the Vatican Library: they are in his own handwriting, complete with alterations, second thoughts, and later additions, and they combine texts, maps, calendars, zodiacs, human bodies and more in the most amazing ways. Also the “Liber Floridus,” a twelfth-century encyclopedia with great pictures, which is the other major reason that I am a medievalist.

Q: Do you have any advice for undergraduates trying to make their way in the world?
A: Listen carefully to advice, and do what you believe to be right.

NOTE: Because of comps, there will be no senior biography this week. Congratulations to the class of ’07 on some fabulous scholarship! – Anne, Editor
THE EDWARD H. “TED” MULLIN PRIZE IN HISTORY

To be awarded to a junior history major for travel and/or research opportunities to enhance the student's broader learning journey.

The Carleton College History Department invites junior history majors to submit applications for the 2007 Edward H. (Ted) Mullin Prize in History. Ted entered Carleton with the Class of 2006, and despite time lost while battling cancer, was on track to graduate in the spring of 2007. Sadly, Ted lost his battle, passing away in September 2006. He was deeply committed to his life at Carleton, both as a history major and three-year letter winner on the men's swim team. While at Carleton, Ted also co-captained two American Cancer Society Relay for Life teams.

The Ted Mullin Prize in History, established in 2007, is an endowed fund awarded each year to the junior history major who most exemplifies Ted's love of history, academic excellence, selflessness, courage, and tenacity. This prize fund is to be used to support travel and/or research opportunities that enhance the student's academic or broader learning journey.

The prize will be awarded by a committee of history department faculty. The selection criteria will include academic excellence (a GPA of at least 3.5) and personal qualities of character similar to the ones that we cherished in Ted: integrity, academic and/or athletic drive and competitiveness, selflessness and generosity, an inquiring and flexible mind, religious and/or broader ethical inquiry, and tolerance and curiosity.

To make an application, please submit the following to Jamie Monson in the History Department Office by 4:30 p.m., March 5, 2007 (paper copies only please; no electronic submissions):

i. Project Proposal and Budget
Provide a 2-3 page description of your project, including your research topic; the methodological approach you plan to use; and the specific research activities you hope to carry out with the support of the Ted Mullin Prize. For example, these activities might include: transportation to a research site; living expenses; purchase of microfilm or archival materials; videotape for carrying out oral interviews. Include a one-page project budget that details these proposed expenses.

ii. Personal Statement
Write a one-page personal statement in which you explain the way your proposed research project fits into your larger academic goals, including your intellectual journey as a history major.

iii. Unofficial Transcript
Include a copy of your unofficial transcript with your proposal.

iv. Faculty Letters of Recommendation
Provide two letters of recommendation from Carleton faculty who know you and your academic work well, including at least one from the History Department.

Prize recipient will be announced early in Spring Term.