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Dear Readers,

We welcome you to our Spring 2015 Newsletter! As of 2012, the newsletter has gone digital. This new format will allow us to put out newsletters more regularly. If you would like to receive a digital copy of the newsletter, go to cas.umw.edu/hisp/ >About > Newsletter and fill out the form.

Thank you for reading!

- The Department of Historic Preservation

HAPPY RETIREMENT AND BEST WISHES TO PROFESSOR GARY STANTON

In 1989, five short years after the Department of Historic Preservation became an independent department, Professor Gary Stanton joined the faculty. A scholar of cultural conservation, folklore, historic preservation, and vernacular architecture, he was a staple in the newly formed department. He earned both his PH. D and M.A. in folklore from Indiana University, after receiving a B.A in Anthropology from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Now, after completing twenty-six years with the department, Professor Stanton will be retiring at the end of the Spring 2015 semester.

Having served as both the Chair of the Department and the Director for the Center of Historic Preservation; Professor Stanton is known by all who have passed through the department. From his enthusiasm for all things preservation to his wonderful tie collection, he has influenced all students through his scholarly and academic work. We all know that he will be sorely missed.



-Laura Gilchrist 17'

Campus Buildings: New and Old is a new series that is being started that will provide a short history of a different campus building each semester. Keep on the look out for your favorite building in the coming semesters!

CAMPUS BUILDINGS: NEW AND OLD

MONROE HALL 1910-PRESENT

Monroe Hall, originally dubbed the Administrative Building, was the second building to be constructed on the Mary Washington campus and was designed by notable architect Charles M. Robinson. Construction was originally set to begin in the Spring of 1910 but was delayed until the fall of that year, a year removed from the anticipated opening of the school. Despite the compressed timeline, the building was far enough along for the laying of the cornerstone on July 4th, 1911 with nearly the entire town in attendance. Within the cornerstone, objects were placed for future generations including a Fredericksburg post card, 19th century coins, and copies of the local newspapers. Despite the delay in the construction start date, the building was opened in time for the fall semester of 1911.

Monroe Hall originally housed the gymnasium, the library, an auditorium, classrooms, a pool, as well as the administrative offices of the President.

In 1912, the building was renamed Russell Hall in honor of the school's President Edward H. Russell, but after his resignation in 1919, the building returned to being called the Administrative Building. It wasn't until 1922 that the building was renamed Monroe Hall in honor of local Fredericksburg resident and 5th U.S President James Monroe.

Along with the building's name, the spaces within Monroe Hall have also undergone a number of changes. The library was moved into Virginia Hall in 1915, followed by the President's office in 1926. Both were moved back to Monroe for a brief period in 1938 during the construction of George Washington Hall.

The interior of Monroe Hall is adorned with murals depicting historic locations of Virginia, notable Virginians, and a variety of state symbols. Faculty member, Emil Schnellock and students painted these murals in the 1940s. Today Monroe Hall serves as an academic building, housing the History, Geography, Sociology, Anthropology and Political Science Departments.



Monore Hall, August 2014

-Laura Gilchrist '17

HISP TAKES ON COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

On February 7th, the Historic Preservation Department visited Colonial Williamsburg to get a behind the scenes look at the conservation labs. Guided by UMW alum, Matt Webster, the Director of the Grainger Department of Architectural Preservation, a group of twenty UMW students visited multiple conservation labs, historic buildings, and Colonial Williamsburg's collections storage facility.

When asked what her favorite part of the trip to Colonial Williamsburg was, Madeline Fanta '17 responded,

"I like the paper preservation room probably the most, because the idea of being able to bring back the messages of the past is so cool to me. I am not very familiar with the different processes it takes to conserve the paper, but that room was probably the most interesting for me."

This being her first trip to a conservation lab, Madeline was surprised by the variety of artifacts and materials that make up the study of conservation, from wallpaper to paint.

A special thanks to Professor Doug Sanford and Matt Webster for making this exciting trip a possibility.

-Laura Gilchrist '17



HISP students with Matt Webster and Professor Sanford at Colonial Williamsburg

THE COLUMN

The Historic Preservation Club welcomes you! Our meetings take place every other Monday at 7:30pm in Combs 009. During the fall semester meetings we played Preservation Jeopardy and built historic gingerbread homes, to name a few activities.

Our 30th annual Ghost Walk was the most successful it has been in about five years, attracting more than 700 students/alumni, faculty and Fredericksburg residents.

Our annual Victorian Ball was a successful blast as well. Thank you to all those who, despite the weather, came out to dance and spent the "Night on the Harbor". I was amazed how many alumni and area residents came to the event! Following this event the Historic Preservation Club visited James Madison's Montpelier, Saturday March 21st for a day trip. After we hosted our spring trip to Wilmington, NC from April 10th-12th.

-Erin Clark *President*



Students lined up for the Virginia Reel



Students begin the Ball with the Grand March



IMPORTANT DATES:

April 23rd, 2015 - Department Picnic

May 9th, 2015 - Undergraduate Commencement

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICERS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION CLUB!

President: Sarah Rogers

Vice President: Samuel Biggers

Treasurer: Katie Finch

Secretary: Emily Bolesta

Ghost Walk Chair (Returning): Meghan Page

Ghost Walk Chair: Christine Pace

Ghost Walk Chair: Madeline Quick

Victorian Ball/Spring Event: Courtney Kuzemchak

Historian: Christina Cossaboon



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