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History Alive!

The Official Providence College History Club Newsletter

Year-in-Review and Fall Preview Edition

2001-2002 Executive Board

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The History Club wishes to extend thanks to all who attended and assisted with all of our events last year. It was one of the most successful years for the club in recent memory, and we hope to continue to improve during this current semester.

Last year's events included:

1. Waterfire 2000 trip on 23 September 2000 in conjunction with a tour of Roger Williams National Park led by Park Ranger John McNiff
2. Historical tour of the PC Campus with Dr. Donna McCaffrey on 19 October 2000, including special visits to the roof of McVinney Hall and the infamous tunnels of lower campus
3. Lecture: "Gentlemanly Capitalism: The Nineteenth Opium Trade," by Dr. Richard Grace on 9 November 2000
4. Trip the Mashantucket Pequot Museum in Connecticut on 11 November 2000
5. Movie night: *Au revoir les enfants* by Louis Malle on 13 February 2001, co-sponsored by the French club
6. Lecture on Pere Jacques by Fr. Francis Murphy, Professor of History at Boston College and author of *Pere Jacques: Resplendent in Victory*, on 21 February 2001
7. Trip to the John Brown House at Brown University, including a guided tour of the house and a walkthrough at the RISD student art show, on 5 May 2001

Overall, last year was one filled with many successes. The club was able to draw sizable crowds to many of the events. We were especially grateful to Dr. McCaffrey, Dr. Grace, and Fr. Murphy for the help they provided in making last year a great success.

Fall 2001

The History Club plans an exciting roster of events for the 2001-2002 school year. Dr. John Lawless, assistant professor of Classics, has graciously agreed to give a discussion on the film *Gladiator* in November. Similar to the talk on *Braveheart* that was one of the highlights of the 1999-2000 year, Dr. Lawless's talk promises to be both informative and enjoyable.

Also scheduled on the horizon for this semester are trips to the New Bedford Whaling Museum (co-sponsored by the Portuguese Club) and the Rhode Island Statehouse. We are also in the planning stages of an "encore edition" of the acclaimed historical tour of the PC campus by Dr. McCaffrey in coming months.

Finally, we would like to offer the opportunity for greater involvement in the History Club to any interested students, not just history majors. We have a lot of great ideas for this year, but the more participation we can get, the better it will be.

Best wishes for a successful semester, and stay tuned for future editions of History Alive! to hear and learn more about our events.