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COLLEGE FOR MEN
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The English Department will sponsor an open session with English majors and minors, and anyone else interested in discussing English courses, on Wednesday, February 24 at 2:15 p.m. in the Rose Room of Camino Hall. Members of the Department will talk with students in small groups about current programs and elicit their suggestions for future possibilities. Any member of the faculty is welcome to attend the session.

Sister McHugh and Mrs. Blendinger attended the annual CATE Conference at Anaheim Convention Center on February 13. The California Association of Teachers English (CATE) had a full program of speakers and well-planned discussions covering significant developments in the fields of linguistics, in the teaching of composition, and of the use of media in literature classes. Geoffrey Summerfield of York University, England, led a fascinating demonstration on "Improvisation," and Roger Shuy, director of the Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington, D.C., pleaded for more careful training of teachers in language and reading skills so that students in ghetto district schools might not be harmed. Nel Postman, director of Graduate Studies in Language and Communication at NYU and author of TEACHING IS A SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, was the luncheon speaker. He distinguished between "letteracy" and "literacy" and pointed out that print is not the primary medium of learning for the students who are in our schools. The CATE conference planners showed, by their careful coverage, the issues most pressing for English teachers to consider in their deep concern for the quality of life in the 70s.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Faculty members of U.S.D. will be active in the 7th Annual Congress of History to be held March 5 - 6 at the House of Hospitality in Balboa Park. Sister Catherine McShane of the Department is President of the Congress. Mrs. Therese Hanafin, chairman of the Art Department, will speak at the first session, Friday, 9:30 a.m. on "The Aesthetic Significance of Victorian Architecture." Dr. Raymond Brandes, chairman of the History Department, will introduce the speaker, Mr. Glen Dawson, at the Friday night dinner.

Mrs. Mary Rosa Gigletto, U.S.D. CW '59, Vice-President, Cabriello Festival, will speak on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Her topic will be "Portuguese Pioneers of the Southwest."

At the same session, Rabbi Joel S. Goor, Temple Beth Israel, lecturer in Religious Studies at U.S.D., will speak on "Jews in the Wilderness."

History graduate students are also involved: Mr. Gerald E. Hermsen, is in charge of the Historical Exhibits and of the Star of India Tour, and Mrs. S. Cavell Johns, of Publicity.

The Congress Theme is "The Victorian Period of San Diego History." Tours of Victorian homes and of the Star of India will be special features.

The Oscar Handlin talk at the American Historical Associating meeting in Boston on December 29, 1970 has had echoes in a recent issue of the Los Angeles Times. Among the interested listeners at that exciting session was Sister Catherine McShane of the History Department, who represented the University at the three-day meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

An article by Dr. Ray Ryland of the Department has just appeared in the winter issue of the leading Southern Baptist quarterly theological journal, Review and Expositor. The winter issue of this journal is devoted to the theme, "Religious Dialogue in the Modern World." The title of Dr. Ryland's article is, "Baptist-Roman Catholic Dialogue: What Catholics Need to Hear." During the past two years, Dr. Ryland has served as a representative of the Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical Affairs in three meetings with Southern Baptist theologians and denominational leaders. The article on Baptist-Roman Catholic dialogue grew out of a paper Dr. Ryland presented last spring at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, at a gathering of Baptist historians from all over the country.

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Union catalog periodicals will be distributed within a week to department chairmen.