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Introduction

Annually, *Historical Perspectives* publishes papers of exceptional scholarship by the history students of Santa Clara University. Entries were submitted to the Phi Alpha Theta Editorial Board and were reviewed, selected, and edited for publication. Unlike previous editions of the journal, this year's *Historical Perspectives* does not focus on a specific theme. Instead, this publication includes research on a variety of topics: British Individualism in the 1790s, the discrimination of Filipino immigrants in the 1920s, radical environmentalist movements, the Bok Peace Prize, Nixon's Opening to China, and the San Francisco White Night Riots of 1979. The articles highlight the quality of research, writing, and analytical skills developed in the historical writing process of these undergraduates. The excellence of their work serves not only as a testament to the students' hard work, but also to the Santa Clara University History Department faculty who encouraged and supported their endeavors.

Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has published this volume through the generosity of Mrs. Maria Damon whose gift to the History Department in memory of her late husband Duane enabled this year's journal to be published. The editors would like to thank all the students who submitted their research for consideration. We would also like to thank Judy Gillette for her valuable work in the production and design of this journal.

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