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After a most enjoyable year, "Doc" Shideler has returned to Oxford from his John Hay Whitney Lectureship at Hiram College. Although geology at Hiram was undoubtedly benefited, we are all happy to have him back in the fold, "retired" though he may be.

Now seems to be a good time to remind you of your opportunity to help the W. H. Shideler Fund which is for the advancement of geological sciences at Miami University. The fund now has reached nearly \$2500, and at a yield of 6% is giving us about \$150 a year for scholarships, special equipment, research grants and other related purposes. We hope to build this ultimately to a total of \$100,000 (reference: Bob Stephenson of the AGI). Don't feel required to make up the difference in this one contribution unless you want to.

This seems like a good chance for all of us to show what "Doc" and the other profs at Miami meant (and mean) to us. Rest assured that any contributions will not only help the budding geologists now developing here, but unavoidably will add to the luster of the entire department and its students, past, present and future.

Checks can be sent to John Dolibois, Alumni Office, made out to Miami Loyalty Fund, W. H. Shideler fund. Our large legal department informs us that such gifts are completely deductible for tax purposes. \$97,500 would be a nice gift but we will be happy to accept slightly less. How's about it? \$5, \$10, \$50? What can you give?

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Dr. Shideler has returned from one year of teaching at Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio. While at Hiram, Doc was sponsored by the John Hay Whitney Foundation whose purpose is to make outstanding teachers available on a cooperative basis for a period of one year to a limited number of small independent liberal arts colleges. Teachers selected are chosen not only for scholarship and teaching ability but must also have earned a reputation among their colleagues as individuals concerned with human values and a broad approach to their subject. Doc acknowledged his new position was enjoyable since his chief duty was to initiate a department of geology for Hiram which could be carried on and enlarged after his departure. Now that his year at Hiram is complete, the word received is that he enriched the academic and extra-curricular program of the college as well as inspired some of its students to fresh thinking.

As Dr. Shideler started in his new position, he wrote these words for the September 1, 1957, "The Benton Bulletin":

"The day my grandmother started her 100th year she was asked how it felt. 'Well, it's like this,' she said. 'Most of my family went to Illinois to pioneer. They wrote such glowing accounts of the new country that I was all full of anticipation, but when I got there I found it quite like the fields and woods I had been going through all the way'.

"So it is with me. Ahead of me in Brice Hall are several lifetimes of effort and in the logical expectancy ahead of me I can't hope to more than dent them. Even aside from the immediate responsibilities of the John Hay Whitney visiting professorship at Hiram College, I expect to be about as busy in Brice Hall as I have ever been, and a lot of it will be the same kind of work. A mountain of research is awaiting. The geological museum needs renovation. A book on evolution is expected, and in between times when snow shoveling time is here in Oxford I expect to keep a date I have had for years with an Okeechobee bass, and a trip back to Australia has been postponed twice already.

"The visiting professorship at Hiram College is most interesting. It is very nice to have your last year's salary continued into retirement, and naturally the honor is also something. But the factor that sold me on the deal was the idea of turning the clock back 47 years and starting my professional years all over again under almost exactly the same conditions of a small (500), isolated, high-grade college with a high-grade student body, a fine little faculty, and no geology. Just to see what can be done in a year in the light of experience and avoiding the mistakes of 47 years ago is no end intriguing, for Hiram College today is almost exactly the Miami of 1910.

"And after Hiram, we will be back just as before for as long as we last. Miami and Oxford have been a great part of our lives and we are deeply rooted here. Ours was a Miami romance. President Guy Potter Benton married us. We raised our family here. We have never lived anywhere else. We have many friends here. Miami University and Oxford mean too much to us to ever leave them for very long."

## STAFF

Karl Limper is now thoroughly indoctrinated with the bumps and scrapes accorded the chairman of a department. As in previous summers, he will again direct the summer field station at Dubois, Wyoming. During the regular school term he has continued with research into various microscopic invertebrate phyla.

David Scotford served on the symposium during the recent meeting of the Association of Geology Teachers and aided in the discussion of "The Pending Teaching Staff Shortage." This summer Dr. Scotford will be employed by the Shell Development Company, a Shell research subsidiary, and will work on the Uncompaghre Plateau, Colorado. Richard Vian, a graduate student, will serve as Scotford's assistant.

Roy Reinhart will continue to work on historical text for his 1958 summer project. He has now progressed to the point where several publishing companies are showing an initial interest.

Wayne Martin served as the 1957-58 president of the east-central section of the Association of Geology Teachers. The Miami Geology Department was host to this group March 21-22 with the meetings ably conducted by Dr. Martin. Plans for this summer include instructing at the Dubois Field Station.

This past year Dr. Bever was called upon numerous times by the Materials Advisory Board for his knowledge of artificial and natural diamonds. He also served on the panel of this Board concerned with research on recrystallization studies in mica. During the past year he published two papers in the Colorado School of Mines Quarterly entitled "Occurrence of Sillimanite Group Minerals in Fremont County, Colorado" and "Radioactive Mineral Occurrences in Southern Park and Northern Fremont Counties, Colorado." In addition, he recently reorganized the section on iron and steel for the Encyclopedia Americana.

Perry Stewart will resume his summer field work on the glacial geology of Vermont. At the present time he is writing on the glacial history of Vermont to be published in the 1961 Hitchcock Jubilee Publication. Douglas Glaeser is acting as his graduate assistant and is compiling titles on the bibliography of glacial geology of New England for the years 1861-1958. His earlier report on the "Glacial Geology of Watertown and Sackets Harbor Quadrangles, New York" is being published as a New York State Museum Bulletin.

Owen Homeister has completed his two year instructorship at Miami and plans to continue his teaching at Alpena Junior College, Michigan and at the same time to do graduate work at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. While at Miami, Owen introduced the new course "Megascopic Petrography" in the departmental offerings. The Homeisters are expecting this coming September.

To fill the position vacated by Owen Homeister in June, 1958, John Thoms, a Miami M.S. 1956, has been hired. John has completed his doctorate orals at the University of Michigan and will begin teaching at Miami in the fall, 1958.

Graduate instructors for the teaching year 1957-58 are Albert Bersticker, Charles Bock, Earl Harris, Thomas Liston, Harry Shade, Hugo Thomas and Richard Vian. The last three will return next year in the same capacity.

As during the past several years the summer field camp has had more applicants than can be accommodated. The 1958 summer session now permits an enrollment of 52 students per semester, but this quota was reached in early spring. The schools and number of representatives attending the 1958 summer field camp is as follows:

<u>First Term</u>		<u>Second Term</u>	
Beloit College	6	Augustana College	1
Birmingham Southern College	1	University of Buffalo	5
Colorado State College	2	Capitol University	1
Harpur College	5	University of Chattanooga	4
Louisiana State University	2	Colorado State College	3
University of Massachusetts	1	Cornell College	8
Miami University	7	Denison University	1
University of North Dakota	6	Louisiana State University	1
Ohio Wesleyan University	3	Miami University	2
Southern Illinois University	3	University of Nebraska	4
Southern Methodist University	2	University of N. Dakota	7
Syracuse University	9	Notre Dame	1
Washington State University	5	Ohio University	1
		Simpson College	1
		Southern Methodist University	2
		St. Lawrence University	1
		Syracuse University	3
		Trinity College	5
		Wellesley College	2

The teaching staff for the summer work will be Drs. Karl Kimper, Wayne Martin and Mr. John Thoms. The beautiful waitresses will be Miami coeds.

## GRADUATE STUDENTS

Outstanding awards went to some of our recent graduates. Richard Harbke graduated magna cum laude with Honors in Geology and was awarded a National Science Fellowship for 1958-59. Charles Sorrell graduated summa cum laude and was awarded a Graduate Fellow Grant at Miami for 1957-58. A graduate grant-in-aid was received by Charles Bock for 1957-58.

Other awards for the year 1958 are the Ben Weeks scholarship awarded to seniors Theodore Bunch and Jerry Bremmer for the summer field camp term in which each is registered. Thomas Hawisher, the S.G.E. Tarr Award. Bernard Baker (senior) the Hilker Award.

One of the growing tasks of the staff is to find time to direct the increasing number of graduate theses. This rapidly accelerating problem is well shown by the list of thirty-four candidates for the master's degree.

Miami graduate students and the school in which they received their B.A. or B.S. are as follows:

Thomas Gerrard - University of Cincinnati	Lewis Bailey
Raymond Ohotnicky - University of Connecticut	Albert Bersticker
Kenneth Larson - Cornell College	Charles Bock
Jack Froelich )	William Brock
John Mummert ) University of Dayton	Hannelore Martin Davies
Allen Wipf )	Rhys Davies
Douglas Glaeser - Franklin Marshall College	Thomas Hawisher Miami
Ann Harris )	Frank Herbert University
Earl Harris ) Kent State University	Thomas Pinter
Thomas Liston )	Harry Shade
Erwin Runge )	Ken Shafor
Curtis Holliday - Hillsaps College	Charles Sorrell
Roland Grygo ) University of	Ronald Thrasher
James Smallwood ) N. Dakota	Richard Vian
Robert Holmes - Syracuse University	
Robert Bergmann )	
Charles Parkinson ) Upsala College	
John Skvarla )	
Hugo Thomas )	
Jack Reisland - Western Reserve University	

MARRIAGES

Al Bersticker - Francis Phloeger

Bill Bishop - Julia Evans

Charles Bock - Gail Silber

William Brock - Peggy Leach

Rhys Davies - Hannelore Martin

Thomas Hawisher - Margaret Frame

Karl Hoekstra - Lynn Ulrich

Harry Shade - Norma Alice Holtke

Roger Shafer - Suzanne Caldwell

Ken Shafor - Agnes June Waddell

BIRTHS

William Brock - Katherine Ann, 1 yr. old

James Eiffert - Son, Mark

Charles Kahle - Son

David Roddy - Son, Mike

Richard W. Vian 2nd daughter, Lou Lynne

Paul Wingard - daughter

## ALUMNI

Hugh Hildebrandt is working toward his Ph.D. in the field of vertebrate paleontology at Berkeley, California. Last year, he and a cohort spent six months in southern Mexico hunting for amber plus possible enclosed invertebrate specimens as well as mapping various Miocene beds in that region.

Howard Ritzma is now an independent consulting geologist building up a clientele and is about to move to Craig, Colorado. His former position was with General Petroleum in Salt Lake City.

Pete Schmidt received an assistantship at the University of Colorado in September, 1957, where he is continuing his graduate work.

George Shera, '34, has been associated with the National Lead Company of Ohio for the past several years and mentions that he often is in contact with Richard Magoteaux and Richard St. John of the Technical Metallurgical Division of Fernald. The Fernald Co. is engaged in work on radioactive minerals for the government. William Brock, one of the metallurgists employed in this activity, is a graduate student at Miami.

Dangerous tales of the Yukon trail poured forth from the mouth of Thomas Smoot as he gave us the lowdown on summer work for the Canadian Survey. Tom spent the summer of 1957 about 150 miles north of Yellowknife heading up a nine man party whose project was to map and collect from scattered outcrops. Truly this crew would put Sgt. Preston and his noble lead dog, Mighty Mannfried, to shame. At the present time he is engaged in completing work on his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois, and working for the Illinois Geological Survey.

Paul Wingard is completing his work on his doctorate at the University of Illinois and has been teaching at the University of Kansas Manhattan since September, 1957. The Wingards surprised us with a recent visit and showed off their new daughter.

Mike Schneider continues work on his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois.

From deep in the swamps of Louisiana we hear the bullfrog voice of Bertram Dickas, who is still with Magnolia Petroleum Co. In recent months Bert has given consideration to continuing on toward a Ph.D.

Faithful alumnus Marty Cody writes that she and Mary Magaw spent their 1957 vacation in Mexico sampling the hot food.

From John Skvarla comes word of a weekend visit from Charles Parkinson. John is now working as a paleontologist with the Sun Oil Co. at Richardson, Texas. Parky was on his way to Montana where he is employed by the Shell Oil Company.

The bell doth toll for Ray Ohotnicky who plans to be married May 17. Ray received his M.S. in February, 1958.

Proving that all is not work in the Air Force are the Ron Helms who are expecting in October. They report that they are happily located at Westover AFB and are surrounded by beautiful countryside and typical early American New England towns. He reports that he, "Handy Harry" has refinished several antique chests

while Lou, called "Hilda Housemaker" in this sparkling drama, has been busy with luncheons and braiding rugs.

Slated for Boston are the Greg Hatches. Greg recently completed an eight-week course at a radar school in Florida and will be working with a ground control interception group. After another year of Air Force duty, Greg plans to return with the Texas Company in Oklahoma.

The geology department was visited by Lowell and Sarah Scheufler late last summer. At that time he was very happy working with Magnolia in the Lake Charles, Louisiana area. He also reported that Dick Foell is working with an offshore seismic crew in the Gulf of Mexico.

Word from Leo Lightner is that he is a candidate for the M.S. in geophysics at M.I.T. Leo holds a teaching assistantship in the Department of Geology and Geophysics where he is assisting in astronomy and engineering geology.

Bob Bluhm is now employed by the Baroid Division, National Lead Company at McAllen, Texas. He states that the work is centered around oil well logging.

Art Bloom has just completed all of his work for his Ph.D. at Yale except for his dissertation.

A Christmas card from Lee Shropshire reveals that he is a graduate student at the University of Freiburg, Germany.

Tom Liston, at present a graduate teaching assistant, has accepted a two-year hitch with the Geophysical Service, Inc. who in turn is working for Aramco in the Rub Al Kali desert area of southeast Saudi Arabia.

Through the grapevine we hear that Carl Lind is now taking education courses at Upsala College, New Jersey, and is preparing to teach general science in high school.

Al and Fran Bersticker are enjoying their work in Wyoming which seems to include a certain amount of fishing.

Charles Bock has a graduate assistantship at the University of Arizona in Tucson, in the Department of Geology. Gail will be teaching in a local Tucson grade school.

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