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AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER

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At the beginning of February, Bashi Sabra completed his three-year term as Department Chairman, and celebrated by taking a year's sabbatical leave. Owen Gingerich is now at the helm, and will continue until June of 1993.

During the current academic year, we have had three visiting faculty covering our temporary teaching and tutorial needs:

Ann Blair, a recent Ph.D. from Princeton (and a former History and Science concentrator), has offered an introductory course on the Scientific Revolution, in addition to serving as Assistant Head Tutor administering Sophomore Tutorial. We are fortunate that she will continue with us half-time during 1992-93 (when both Anne Harrington and Bill Newman will be on a term's leave), but as a Visiting Assistant Professor, as she has accepted a position at the University of California, Irvine.

Dorinda Outram, from University College, Cork, Ireland, has taught courses during the year on "Women in Science" and "Science and the French Revolution." She holds the title of Visiting Associate Professor, a special Departmental appointment funded by a four-year grant from Landon Clay. In 1992-93, this position will be held by James Moore, currently at The Open University in Milton Keynes, U.K., whose biography of Darwin (co-authored with Desmond Morris) has been on the English bestseller lists.

Sam Schweber, from Brandeis University, continued with us in the Fall Term as Visiting Professor (while Gerald Holton was on leave), teaching a course on scientific biography.

In addition to Ann Blair and James Moore visiting in 1992-93, Mario Biagioli from UCLA will be in residence in the spring term as Visiting Associate Professor, and will (among other things) offer a seminar on science and patronage.

A highlight of this year was the first Robert and Maurine Rothschild Distinguished Lecture, given last November by Thomas Kuhn on "The Trouble with the Historical Philosophy of Science." The Department will soon publish the Lecture as a small booklet, and if you would like a copy, be sure to check off the box on the enclosed form. John