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NOTICES

1995 DUES WERE DUE on 1 January. Anyone whose dues have not been paid since 1992 will be dropped from the membership/mailling list. The most recent paid up dues date appears above members' names on the mailing label. Members are encouraged to pay dues a few years at a time as this ensures paid-up status and simplifies record-keeping.

Non-U.S. members please note: you may now pay dues by foreign hard currency drafts at reasonable exchange equivalents of the appropriate American membership rate. The Association's bank in Providence has waived foreign currency conversion charges.

Paid-up members of AAH are entitled to a \$12.80 (20% discount) annual subscription rate to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Write to: *AJAH*, Dept. of History, Robinson Hall, Harvard Univ., Cambridge, MA 02138. (Please do not direct questions concerning *AJAH* to the Secretary-Treasurer; the journal is an entirely separate operation.)

31 December Deadline for Receipt of Notices for Winter Newsletter

The Secretary-Treasurer reminds you that *Newsletter* contents are based on news submitted by members.

So, please serve it forth! — D.D.

AAH Meeting

ATLANTA, GA, 18-21 APRIL 1996

We will meet in conjunction with the Emory Classical Studies Symposium, *Nike: The Competitive Impulse in Greek Culture*. Association members are again invited to submit two-page abstracts for papers fifteen to thirty minutes long by 1 October 1995 on the following topics: (1) **Olympics and/or Panhellenic Games** — all aspects, including but not limited to: athletic, organizational, religious, social, economic, political, epigraphic, literary. Archaeological and art historical topics are also welcomed; (2) **Law and Social Control in the Ancient World**; (3) **Diplomacy and Interstate Relations**; (4) **New Directions in Ancient History** — including, but not limited to, new discoveries, new answers to old questions, new questions. Submissions and requests for further information should be directed to: Cynthia Schwenk, Dept. of History, Georgia State University, University Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3083 tel. (404) 651-3255, fax (404) 651-1745; e-mail hiscjs@gsusgi2.gsu.edu, or Steve Strange, tel. (404) 727-0460; fax (404) 727-4959; e-mail philks@emory.edu

AAH Meeting

SAN ANTONIO, TX, 2-4 MAY 1997

The dates of this meeting at Trinity University have now been confirmed. More information will be reported in future newsletters as planning develops.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is organizing an interdisciplinary conference on **The Romanization of Athens** to be held in Lincoln on April 18-20, 1996. Participating scholars include Susan Rotroff, Cornelius Vermeule, Christian Habicht, Hermann Kienast, Olga Palagia, Kevin Clinton, Daniel Geagan, Robert Lamberton, Elizabeth Will, John Kroll, Susan Walker and Antony Spawforth. For more information, contact Michael Hoff, Dept. of Art and Art History, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0114, (402) 472-5342, FAX: (402) 472-9746, E-mail: mhoff@unlinfo.unl.edu

The **14th Comparative Frontier Studies Symposium** to be held at Trinity University, San Antonio, will meet during the weekend of November 3-5 1995. The theme of the symposium will be "**Religion in Frontier Societies**." For more information, please contact Colin Wells or Diana Murin in the Department of Classical Studies, 715 Stadium Drive, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX 78212, tel. (210) 736-7647 or 736-7653, fax (210) 736-7305.

NOMINATIONS FOR AAH PRESIDENT

As the term of our current President, **Carol G. Thomas**, expires in Spring of 1996, nominations for this office are now in order.

Nominations must reach the current Secretary-Treasurer two weeks prior to the meeting. A nomination must be signed by three AAH members not affiliated with the same branch of the same institution as the nominee, and countersigned by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve. The President and Secretary-Treasurer may not be from the same institution.

MEMBERS REPORT

* **John Bodel, Malcolm Bell and Stephen V. Tracy** report that the American Academy in Rome is sponsoring the publication of a catalogue of ancient Greek and Latin inscriptions in the United States to coincide with the Eleventh International Congress on Greek and Latin Epigraphy (AIEGL), to be held in Rome in 1997. No such compilation has this country and the editors believe that the projected volume will serve as a useful work for teaching and research.

In addition to making known the existence of unedited inscriptions and the whereabouts of previously published texts, the catalogue will provide updated, bibliographical references and new readings of published inscriptions and, when possible, transcriptions and photographs of unpublished texts. The aim is to register all inscriptions on stone, metal, pottery ceramic, wood and wax as well as mosaics, painted graffiti, signs, labels and the like (coin legends and texts written on papyri will not be included).

In order to make the catalogue as complete as possible, the editors welcome the assistance of all those who have knowledge of Greek and Latin inscriptions held in the United States. Museums, academic institutions and private collectors are particularly invited to make known to the project the nature of the epigraphic materials in their collections. We welcome information of any kind regarding texts inscribed in Greek or Latin, but it will be most helpful if a standardized form—multiple copies of which will be sent on request—is filled out for each inscription and returned to the address below. Photographs, if available, will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the U.S. Epigraphy Project, Department of Classics (DC), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903-0270.

* **Eugene N. Borza** reports: "A funny thing happened in Nashville. As our annual AAH banquet drew to its usual festive conclusion, President Carol Thomas assumed the podium and began some rambling comments about me. I was amused and flattered, as I had just passed my sixtieth birthday and was about to retire from Penn State after 31 years of service. It soon became apparent, however, that this tribute was more ambitious than I suspected. A Dixieland trumpet player emerged to tootle the melody of "Alexander's Ragtime Band," followed by new Latin verses to this venerable tune composed by Judy Hallett and her students. We were all forced to sing these new verses, led by a trio of female colleagues whose musical ability was no match for their enthusiasm and courage. At this point, my wife, Kathleen, appeared holding a book—not an uncommon sight, except for the fact that she was supposed to be home in central Pennsylvania. At last, I realized that something big was up.

"I was called to the podium. Approaching the front of the room, I looked at the volume in Kathleen's hands and thought, "Oh, god! they've done a Festschrift for me. That means I'll have to read the damned thing and respond kindly to all the authors, whether I like their contributions or not!" I discovered, to my surprise—and relief—that the

book was in fact a collection of my own work, some fifteen articles on Macedonian topics, published in the period 1971-93.

"The volume, entitled *Makedonika*, and edited by Carol Thomas, was produced in complete secrecy from me, no mean feat, as dozens of persons—contributors, publishers, AAH officers, and a wife—had worked on the project for more than a year. It is a handsome volume in which a number of friends reminisce about our relationship over the years, and even said some nice things. I am deeply grateful to all the co-conspirators. Nothing could please me more than to be so honored by those persons whose friendship I have treasured above all for more than a quarter of a century: my colleagues in the Association of Ancient Historians."

(Ed. note: *The author wishes to express his gratitude for the opportunity to contribute this note of thanks.*)

* As Association archivist, **Gene Borza** further requests members to send to him (at 1108 Kay St., Boalsburg, PA 16827) any anecdotes they may have concerning previous AAH annual meetings.

* **George Houston** reports the formation of a new epigraphical organization, tentatively called The American Society of Greek and Latin Epigraphy. He urges interested AAH members to contact the organizer, B. Hudson McLean, Executive Director, ASGLE, St. John's College, University of Manitoba, 92 Dysart Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2M5 Canada, e-mail: asgle@ccu.umanitoba.ca

* **Konrad Kinzl** reports the availability of a second edition, of *Classical Studies in Canadian Universities*. Requests for this directory should be sent to him at the Department of Classical Studies, Trent University, Peterborough, Ont. K9J 7B8 Canada, along with checks or money orders in the sum of CAD 5.00 payable to the "Department of Ancient History and Classics, Trent University."

* **Lucia Nixon, Simon Price and Charles Beesley** report the completion of a video about their archaeological field survey at Sphakia, Crete, studying the environment and landscape and reconstructing human activity there from circa 3000 B.C.E. until 1900 C.E. The 50-minute tape devotes approximately half its length to field methods and half to results. For further information contact Educational Technology Resources Center, 37 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JF, tel. 0-1865-270530; FAX 0-1865-270527.

* **Carol Thomas** reports: "As more than 120 of you know through experience, the annual meeting in Nashville was a model of efficient organization, fine sessions, bonhomie and surprise (described above). Anyone who knows Bob Drews expects this quality in all of his projects. We extend special thanks to Bob, Tom McGinn, Tim Winters and the entire committee of hosts at Vanderbilt University.

"Lest potential hosts now be too intimidated to extend

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an invitation, Kurt Raaflaub is preparing guidelines for the organization of an annual meeting. Several previous organizers responded to a request for suggestion and Kurt—host of the 1989 meeting—agreed to compile a guide. It will be available soon. If you would like a copy, please contact Kurt or me.

"We can expect an invitation from Richard Mitchell, University of Illinois/Urbana to meet at the Mansion House at Allerton Park in 1998. As Richard describes the setting, 'the grounds of the estate are vast, some formal gardens and many interesting areas over which we can wander... softball is even possible for Jack Cargill & Co., if desired.' The Mansion has been booked provisionally upon our receiving and accepting a formal invitation at the next annual meeting.

"One outcome of the business meeting at Vanderbilt is the establishment of a home page for the Association on World Wide Web. Enthusiasm for the benefits of using electronic technology expressed at that meeting pushed us to add this means of communication to our existing vehicles—please note 'add to' not 'substitute for!' My own non-expert status shows in the textual format of the page. I am grateful to the experts present at Nashville and especially to John Nichols (University of Oregon) and Shawn Ross (graduate student at the University of Washington) for the actual implementation. The AAH homepage address is: <http://weber.u.washington.edu/lclio/aah>

"Over time, we will add links to other data. John Nicols is planning one link and when the directory of graduate programs in ancient history is ready for circulation, a link seems one way of sharing this information.

"May eagles fly on your right as the academic year begins."

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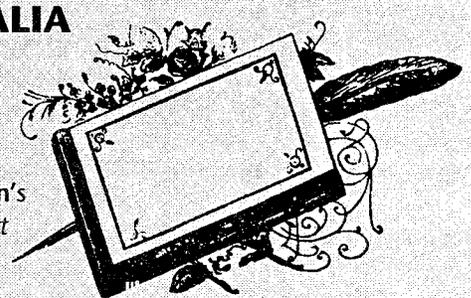
Kevin Don Hutchinson's

Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm: Chronology and Fact Book will be

published by the Greenwood Press in December.

John A. Koumoulides has edited *The Good Idea: Democracy and Ancient Greece—Essays in Celebration of the 2,500th Anniversary of the Birth of Democracy in Athens* (New York: Melissa Media Ass., Inc., 1995).

Susan M. Treggiari has received a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship and a Visiting fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford, for 1995-96. She will be working on "Attitudes, morality and behavior in the time of Cicero." In April she was elected to a Fellowship of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



PUBLICATIONS OF THE AAH

Gene Borza announces that a limited number of copies of the *Proceedings of the Association of Ancient Historians* are available for sale at a cost of \$10 each for vol. 1-3 (now out of print) and \$8 for vol. 4, postpaid:

Vol. 1 Chester Starr, *Past and Future in Ancient History*;

Vol. 2 Alan E. Samuel, *The Shifting Sands of History: Interpretations of Ptolemaic Egypt*;

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The Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University announces one or two-semester fellowships for its 1996-98 seminar on **Animals and Human Society; Relationships, Exploitation and Imagination from Pre-History to the Present**. For further information, contact Kari M. Hoover, Manager, Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Department of History, 129 Dickison Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544-1017. The deadline for applications and supporting letters for 1996-97 is 1 December 1995, 1 December 1996 for 1997-98. Scholars who would like to offer a paper to one of the weekly seminars are asked to send a brief description of their proposal and a current curriculum vitae to William Chester Jordan, Director of the Davis Center.

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- Vol. 3 Arthur Ferrill, *Roman Imperial Grand Strategy*;
Vol. 4 Carol G. Thomas, *Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece*.

To order, send request and check made out to the "Association of Ancient Historians," to Eugene N. Borza, 1108 Kay St., Boalsburg, PA 16827.

Ordinarily, copies of *PAAH 4*, Carol G. Thomas, *Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece*, must be purchased from Regina Books, P.O. Box 280, Claremont, CA 91711 (\$11.95).

MAKEDONIKA, Essays by Eugene N. Borza, ed. Carol G. Thomas, is also available for purchase by members and their institutions from Regina Books (cloth, \$37.95; paper, \$18.95)