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NOTICES

1996 dues were due on 1 January 1996. A member's most recent paid up dues date appears above his or her name on the mailing label

Anyone whose dues have not been paid since 1995 will be dropped from the membership/ mailing list in 1997; prompt payment of all dues in arrears will remedy this.

Members are encouraged to prepay dues 2 to 5 years in advance to ensure paid-up status and simplify record-keeping. As postage and printing costs are constantly rising, however, payment of dues more than 5 years in advance cannot be accepted.

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.)




**1 DECEMBER
DEADLINE**

*for receipt of notices for
the winter newsletter*

The Secretary-Treasurer reminds you that *Newsletter* contents are based on news submitted by members. So, please serve it forth!

SPRING 1997 ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The 1997 annual meeting of the Association will be held in San Antonio on May 1-3 (opening reception on the evening of Thursday, May 1, morning and afternoon sessions for papers on May 2 and 3). The sessions on May 2 will be held at the San Antonio Museum of Art, which has the largest and finest collection of ancient art in the South and Southwest; the Museum galleries will be open all day. The annual banquet on the evening of May 2 and the two sessions on May 3 will be at Trinity University. A special morning session on May 3 will comprise four invited papers by senior members of the Association surveying recent work in Greek and Roman history. The other three sessions will be devoted to the other topics announced in the previous Newsletter, namely "Human Sacrifice in the Ancient World," "Women and Property," and "the



Invention of Tradition" (as defined and discussed by Eric Hobsbawm in the book of that title in relation to the 19th century).

If you wish to offer a paper for any one of these sessions, please submit a title and abstract to the Chair of the organizing committee, Dr. Colin Wells, Department of Classical Studies, Trinity University, 715 Stadium Drive, San Antonio, TX 78212-7200, e-mail: cwells@trinity.edu, fax (210) 736-7305, tel. (210) 736-7647.

Abstracts should not exceed 200 words in length and should specify how long the paper will be — either 15 or 30 minutes is acceptable. The deadline for submissions is November 15 and we intend to publish the provisional program right after Thanksgiving.

NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY- TREASURER

As the term of our current Secretary-Treasurer expires in Spring of 1997, nominations for this office are now in order; this is particularly necessary since the incumbent may not have an institutional affiliation after this year.

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 be countersigned by the nominee indicating willingness to serve. The President and Secretary-Treasurer may not be from the same institution.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is an honor to again write these notes as president of our Association. I was deeply moved by the vote of re-election at the annual meeting in Atlanta. That meeting was a model of organization, orchestrated by Cynthia Schwenk in conjunction with organizers of the Emory Classical Studies Symposium entitled "Nike."

A fair amount of discussion during the business meeting turned on the subjects of our publications and communication. Let me report further developments on both subjects.

Several colleagues have committed themselves to preparing monographs. Although we have no fixed dates for publication, a probable order is: Eugene Borza: *Recent Developments in Macedonian Studies*; Colin Wells: *The Army and Social Change in the Early Roman Empire*; Raphael Sealey: *Recent Developments in the Study of Ancient Law*; Ernst Badian: *A Critical Bibliography of Alexander the Great*. I hope to report on yet another volume in the next Newsletter. If you have suggestions for other possibilities, please contact any member of the publications committee: Judith Hallett, Stan Burstein, or me. Remember that you will receive copies of the pamphlets when they are published ONLY IF YOUR DUES HAVE BEEN PAID.

Revision continues on the Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States even though the version linked to the home page has been "frozen" while Konrad Kinzl, its editor, is on leave this year. I am entering changes on a hard copy, so please inspect your entry and send any corrections (caroll@u.washington.edu). The address of the home page is <http://weber/u.washington.edu/|clio/aah>. By contrast, the e-mail directory in its electronic version IS being updated.

Konrad has compiled a valuable directory of Classical Studies in Canadian Universities (second edition, 1995). While he is abroad, John Porter at the University of Saskatchewan is managing the electronic newsletter of the Classical Association of Canada. He may have information about the availability of the Canadian directory (porterj@duke.usask.ca). We can hope to have available this autumn the directory of graduate programs in ancient history, compiled by Michael Arnush.

With best wishes for good beginnings to the year, Carol.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Secretary-Treasurer urges old and new members to read through the Notices column on page 1 of this Newsletter. At our last meeting in Atlanta, it was resolved to reduce the period in which the Association carries members whose dues are in arrears from three to two years. Payment of dues one to five years in advance will be happily processed, but rising costs counsel against accepting payment of dues at current rates beyond that span. Please glance at the mailing label affixed to your copy of the Newsletter if you need to ascertain the date through which you last paid dues. Thanks.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

* **The Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton** announces memberships for one or two terms available in the 1997-98 academic year in the School of Historical Studies. The Ph.D. and substantial publications are required of all candidates for approximately forty visiting membership appointments made each year. Application may be made for one or two terms. Information and application materials may be obtained from the Administrative Office, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J., 08540. *The application deadline is 15 Nov. 1996.*

CALLS FOR PAPERS

• **The Transpennine Ancient History Seminar** (Universities of Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester) announces a seminar series on *The Sea in Antiquity* during 1996/7, 1997/8 (and possibly 1998/9). The primary focus will be on the sea as asset, hindrance, and resource, how it was used and exploited, the resources necessary to do so, and its inherent limitations, from the late Bronze Age to Justinian and from the Mediterranean and Black Seas to the Red Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. The first seminar, on the subject of Piracy, will be held in Manchester in early/mid May 1997 in conjunction with the annual "Norman Baynes" meeting of ancient historians at nearby Keele University. Offers of papers from North American colleagues are warmly welcomed. Please contact Prof. Tim Cornell, Dept. of

PUBLICATIONS OF THE AAH

• Very few back issues of the *Proceedings of the Association of Ancient Historians* are still 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*; 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).



History, Univ. of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, U.K. (Fax: + 161 275 3098; e-mail: mfsstjic@fs1.art.man.ac.uk) or Dr. Roger Brock, School of Classics, University of Leeds, LS2 9JT, U.K. (e-mail: r.w.brock@leeds.ac.uk).

• Mireille Corbier, Director of *L'Année épigraphique* cordially invites all the readers of this serial to assist in its publication by sending works and articles for recension in the appropriate volume. Please send these to: *L'Année épigraphique*, 8 rue Jean-Calvin, 75005 Paris, France (tel.: 33 1 45 35 01 77; fax: 33 1 43 37 00 19; e-mail: epigraph@msh-paris.fr). Your publications will augment the Fonds Pflaum collection, 8 rue Jean-Calvin, second floor, accessible to all French and foreign researchers Monday-Friday, 2-5 p.m.

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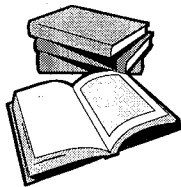
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- **Alan Boegehold** has edited *The Athenian Agora XVIII, The Law Courts at Athens. Sites, Buildings, Equipment, Procedures and Testimonia*, with contributions by John M. Camp, Jr., Margaret Crosby, Mabel Lang, David R. Jordan and Rhys F. Townsend (available from the American School of Classical Studies at Athens).
- **Mark W. Chavalas** has edited *Emar: The History, Religion, and Culture of a Syrian Town in the Late Bronze Age* (CDL Press).
- **James De Voto** reports two publications by Ares Press: His Greek text of Claudius Aelianus, *Varia Historia*, with facing translation and endnotes, and forthcoming this Fall, and his text of Philon and Heron, *Artillery and Siegecraft in Antiquity*, also with Greek text, facing translation, endnotes and illustrations.
- **Frank J. Frost** reports that Ares Press will re-issue his *Plutarch's Themistokles: A Historical*

Commentary (Princeton, 1980) with updated bibliography and additional notes, this year.

- **Jacqueline Long** has published, *Claudian's In Eutropium: Or, How, When, and Why to Slander a Eunuch* (University of North Carolina Press).
- **Brian P. McDevitt** has published *Evidence of An Ancient Greek Navigation System* (Library Sales of New Jersey).
- **Sarah M. Pomeroy** announces the publication, last year, of *A Social and Historical Commentary on Xenophon's Oeconomicus* (Oxford University Press).
- **John Scarborough** reports the publication of a new book, *Medical Terminologies: Classical Origins*, by University of Oklahoma Press.
- **Hagith Sivan** reports that *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity*, edited in collaboration with Ralph Mathiesen, has just been published (Variorum).
- **Robert W. Wallace** and **Edward M. Harris** have edited *Transition to Empire: Essays in Greco-Roman History, 360-146 B.C., in Honor of E. Badian* (available from University of Oklahoma Press), with contributions by

- Peter Green, Julia Heskell, Edward M. Harris, John Buckler, George Cawkwell, Eugene N. Borza, A.B. Bosworth, William M. Calder III, Thomas R. Martin, Mogens Herman Hansen, Mortimer Chambers, Robert W. Wallace, Sarah B. Pomeroy, Erich S. Gruen, Kurt A. Raaflaub, T. Corey Brennan, William T. Loomis, Valerie M. Warrior, Jerzy Linderski, Judith P. Hallett and Walter Eder.
- **Valerie M. Warrior** has published *The Initiation of the Second Macedonian War: An Explanation of Livy, Book 31* (Franz Steiner).

MEMBERS REPORT

Jennifer Roberts and Sarah Pomeroy announce the institution of a new doctoral program in ancient history at CUNY Grad Center, beginning this Fall. In addition to Jenny and Sarah, Zvi Yavetz regularly teaches in the program. Information can be obtained from the CUNY Graduate School and University Center, 33 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036 (tel. 212-642-2110; fax 212-642-1963).

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PERSONALIA

- **Christopher P. Jones** has been elected to the American Philosophical Society.
- **Sarah M. Pomeroy** has been promoted to the rank of Distinguished Professor.
- **Hagith Sivan's** *Ausonius of Bordeaux, Genesis of a Gallic Aristocracy*, received the Toutain-Blanchet prize awarded by the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres. Hagith will be spending the 1996-97 year at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, working on a book entitled: *Unholy Matrimony: Forbidden Unions in Late Antiquity*.
- **Valerie M. Warrior** taught this past Spring in the Boston University Prison Program, giving a course on Greek civilization to fourteen women, whose enthusiasm was overwhelming. Discussion sessions had the fervor of the McLaughlin Report. Questions were both pertinent and illuminating. Freedom, slavery and the status of women were particularly successful topics. Valerie reports that BU is one of very few academic institutions still offering a degree program in the lib-

eral arts to prison inmates. Government cuts have hit these programs hard, although statistics indicate success in reducing the recidivism rate. Such programs clearly provide a valuable "social" service in the fullest sense of the word, both for students and teacher. One student wrote at the end of her blue book, "thank you for keeping my mind working."

LOST MEMBERS

Foreign-destination Newsletters or meeting registration announcements of the following members were returned by postal authorities as undeliverable to the addresses currently on record:

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If any colleague can supply a current address, it would be appreciated.

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