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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 \$16.00 (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.)

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.

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).

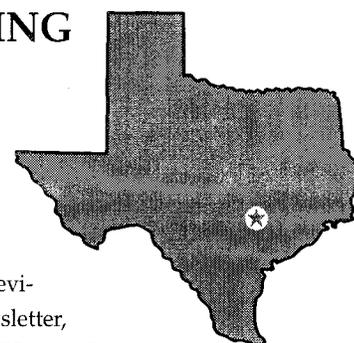
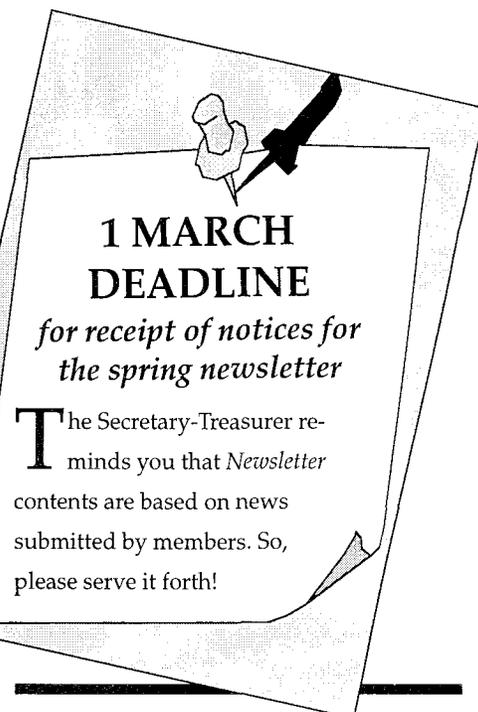
The sessions on May 2 will be held at the San Antonio Museum of Art, which has the largest and finest collection of ancient art in the South and Southwest; the Museum galleries will be open all day.

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).

For further information, contact 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.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In the autumn *Newsletter*, I was pleased to report that several monographs are in preparation. It is with great satisfaction that I announce two additional volumes.

One, which we hope to distribute in 1997, is a revised survey of recent developments in the study of ancient Greek and Roman history. You will recall that Chester Starr presented such an overview in the inaugural volume of the PAAH series in 1987, a book that its publisher allowed to go out of print. Because of the value of a general survey to the profession and as a tribute to Chester Starr, four of our members have agreed to re-examine the individual segments of the original survey. You will recognize the contributors by their distinction in these particular fields and through their long-time dedication to our Association. Classical Greece is the sphere that Kurt Raaflaub will treat; Stanley Burstein will examine the Hellenistic world; the Roman Republic is in the hands of Allen Ward; and Ramsay MacMullen will survey the Late Roman Empire. A panel at this year's meeting will feature a preview of their findings.

A second volume is some years away but it too will be a collaborative effort among four historians examining the confluence of issues of considerable importance today and the study of antiquity. Sarah Pomeroy will discuss gender-related issues; Eugene Borza has agreed to confront nationalism; cultural issues such as postmodernism will be examined by Ian Morris; Stan Burstein, who is coordinating the volume, will address ethnicity.

One implication of these energies is that this is **NOT THE TIME TO LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE**. Our Secretary-Treasurer reported, sadly, that names of some one hundred members will be removed from the rolls in January as a result of non-payment of dues for two years or more. Let me urge you, for your own profit, to send a check to Diana Delia (Classics Dept., Box 1856, Providence RI 02912) for dues owing and two or three years in advance. You may remember that contributions are welcome **AND** are tax-deductible.

Please stop by the space reserved for the Association of Ancient Historians, among other Affiliated Societies, at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in New York City on January 3rd, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Best wishes for the new year, Carol.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

- The 1998 annual meeting of the **American Historical Association** will be held in Seattle, WA, Jan. 8-11. Panel and workshop proposals as well as applications for individual "poster sessions" are encouraged from members of the AHA by the February 15, 1997 deadline. Program Committee Guidelines, proposal/panel information, and cover sheet and checklist can be obtained from the AHA at 400 A St., SE, Washington, DC 20003.
- **Friends of Ancient History** invites papers on the topic of Religion and Politics in the Ancient World for its panel at the 1997 APA Meeting. Those submitting papers should follow the guidelines for the regular sessions. All papers should be sent to Edward Harris, Dept. of Classics, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY 11210 (e-mail: edharris@brooklyn.cuny.edu) no later than Feb. 1, 1997.



MEMBERS REPORT

- Michael DiMaio reports the launching of a new website for **De Imperatoribus Romanis: An Online Encyclopedia of Roman Emperors** to which contributors are encouraged: <http://www.salve.edu/~dimaiom/deimprom.html>
- John Humphrey announces the availability of **Journal of Roman Archaeology Supplements** at substantial discounts to ancient historians, among these, nos. 17: *Subject and Ruler: The Cult of the Ruling Power in Classical Antiquity*, ed. A. Small; 18: *The Roman Army in the East*, ed. D.L. Kennedy; and 21: W. Scheidel, *Measuring Sex, Age and Death in the Roman Empire*. For further information contact: The Editor, JRA, 95 Peleg Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871, tel. (401) 683-1955, fax: (401) 683-1975; e-mail: jra@wsii.com

STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- The **American Numismatic Society** announces its 1997 **Graduate Seminar in Numismatics**, to be held at the Society next summer. Applications are invited from graduate students and junior faculty; stipends and some travel reimbursement may apply.

The Society is offering several other fellowships: The **Frances M. Schwartz Fellowship** to support work and the study of numismatic and museum methodology at the Society; a **Fellowship in Roman Studies** to support extended residence in New York, work in the Society's cabinet and library, and consultation with staff in support of a substantive research project; and a **graduate fellowship to support the writing of a dissertation** in which the use of numismatic evidence plays a significant role. Funding is also available through the **Donald Groves Fund** to promote publication in the field of early American (to 1800) numismatics.

Application deadlines are March 1, 1997. For further information and application forms, contact the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY 10032.

- The **Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton** announces a new program of one-year Mellon Fellowships for Assistant Professors at universities and colleges in the U.S. and Canada.

Two appointments will be made for 1997-98 and will carry all the privileges of Membership at the Institute. Application forms may be obtained from the Administrative Officer, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ 08540, for submission by January 30, 1997.



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CONFERENCES

How the city of Rome changed as it ceased to be the real capital of the Roman Empire and became a Christian city will be the subject of a conference, *The Transformations of Urbs Roma in Late Antiquity*, organized by William V. Harris and Andrea Giardina, that will take place at the American Academy in Rome and at the University of Rome on February 13-15, 1997.

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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*;

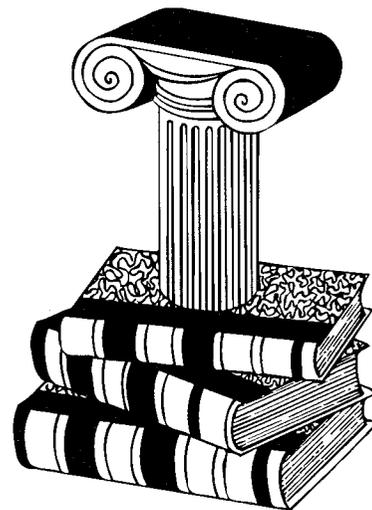
Vol. 3, Arthur Ferrill, *Roman Imperial Grand Strategy*;

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, 3602 River Drive South, Fargo, ND 58104.

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).



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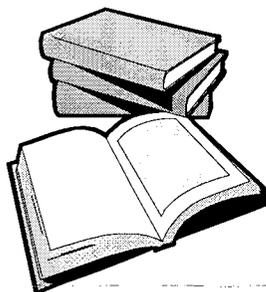
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PERSONALIA

- **William M. Calder III** was awarded the 1996 Alexander von Humboldt Prize in recognition of his work on the history of classical scholarship in Germany.
- **Stephen Emmel** has been appointed Prof. of Coptic Studies at the Seminar für Koptologie, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, where he continues to edit the *Journal of Coptic Studies* and intends to co-edit with Martin Krause a new *Sprachen und Kulturen des christlichen Orients, Series Coptica*.
- **R.M. Frakes** has returned from the Leopold Wenger Institute for Ancient Legal History at the University of Munich where he was an Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung Research Fellow conducting research on late Roman social justice.
- **Christian Habicht** has been awarded the Henry Allen Moe Prize by the American Philological Society. Moreover, he was recently elected a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy.
- **Sarah Pomeroy** and **Vanessa Gorman** will be Edson Lecturers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997.

NEW BOOKS



- **William M. Calder III** and **S. Trzaskoma** announce the publication of *George Grote Reconsidered: A 200th Birthday Celebration with a First Edition of his Essay Of the Athenian Government* (Hildesheim: Weidmann).
- **Louis H. Feldman** and **Meyer Reinhold** announce the publication of their book, *Jewish Life and Thought among Greeks and Romans: Primary Readings* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press).
- **Christopher Haas** announces the publication of his book, *Alexandria in Late Antiquity: Topography and Social Conflict* (Johns Hopkins University Press).

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