PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Now and again it surely makes good sense to pause and ask ourselves—as New York’s Mayor Koch liked to—“How are we doing?”. For our Association currently, the answers are mostly positive, I believe, and that’s a very warm tribute to all those who are active on the Association’s behalf. Membership numbers are healthy and the bank balance sound, although of course we continue to strive for further increases to both. Donations to the Subvention Fund are notably up, and much appreciated; by contrast, general donations are notably down. The Newsletter is large and full. A new volume in our PAAH series is about to appear, and this may help to prompt fresh proposals for publication here. Lindsay Adams, well positioned for the recent Winter Olympics, has kindly undertaken to organize a panel “Games, Sports, and Politics” at the AHA 2003 meeting, thus maintaining a lively presence for us there—a recurrent challenge now that the AHA and APA annual meetings coincide.

Meantime the prospects for own meetings seem excellent as far ahead as 2007, with only 2006 still lacking a firm offer from a host (can we go West that year perhaps?). Interest in the upcoming Savannah meeting—at the loveliest season there—has exceeded even the most optimistic projections of that historic city’s promoters led by Tim Teeter. Strangely, however, the number of applications to our Subvention Fund hit an all-time low this time round. Somehow our best intentions for the Fund are not being fulfilled quite as had been hoped, and we need to ponder effective remedies.

Finally, it seems fair to say that promotion of the Savannah meeting has relied upon electronic dissemination to an unprece-

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SPRING MEETING PLANS
AAH ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 25-28
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The 2002 annual meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians will be hosted by Georgia Southern University and held in Savannah, Georgia, April 25-28, 2002. The meeting will also be the opportunity to honor Professor Susan Treggiari on the occasion of her recent retirement from Stanford University. A panel has been organized in her honor. The website for the conference is www2.gasou.edu/contedu/ancienthistorians.html

PROGRAM:

Thursday, April 25
3:15 Keynote address: Prof. Mary T. Boatwright, “The Roman City in its Context, and in Ours”
5:00 - 6:30 Reception

Friday, April 26
1st Session 9:00 - 11:30 Greek Colonization. Edward Harris, Chair
• Robert Laffineur, “Colonization in the Greek Bronze Age?”
• Nancy Demand, ”The Homestead Model of Greek Colonization”
• Irad Malkin, ”Colonial Networks and the Rise of Panhellenism”
• Richard Billows, ”Relations Between Colony and Mother City in Archaic Greece”
• Philip J. Smith, ”Megara and her Colonies: what could the metropolis have exported to her colonies?”

2nd Session 1:00 - 3:30 The Greek City. Mark Munn, Chair
• Walter Donlan, ”Before Greek Cities Were Cities: The Transition to the Polis”
• Sara Forsdyke, ”Peisistratus, the Agora, and the Development of Urban Space in Archaic Athens”
• Leda Costaki, ”New Plans in an Old Setting: Tradition and innovation in Athens’ street plan”
• Yannis A. Lolos, ”The town planning of Hellenistic Sikyon”
• S. Rebecca Martin, ”Pergamon and Athens in Reciprocation”

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NEW BOOKS

- L. Kramer and S. Maza (eds), *A Companion to Western Historical Thought* (Blackwell, 2002), including contributions by P. Stadter and J. Lendon.
PERSONALIA

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REGISTRATION

Registration forms are available on the website (www.2.gasou.edu/content/ancienthistorians.html) for those who wish to register early. The registration fee is $60 through March 25 and $70 thereafter for regular members and $40 through March 25 and $50 thereafter for graduate students and untenured faculty members. The registration fee includes the annual banquet.

For those who prefer not to use the website, a copy of the registration form is printed on the back of this page.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The host hotel for the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians is the DeSoto Hilton, 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. Phone: (912) 232-9000. Fax: (912) 231-1633

The block of rooms reserved at the DeSoto Hilton is now full. A second block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson Hotel Historic Savannah, 411 West Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401, at a rate of $149.00/night. Please phone 800-333-3333 or 912-790-7000 for reservations. Remember to mention that you want to reserve a room in the special room block reserved for the 2002 Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians. A list of alternative hotels is also listed on the conference website.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Nominations are now in order for the office of President of the AAH for the 3-year term 2002-2005. Nominations must be signed by three AAH members from different institutions (different campuses of the same system are considered different institutions) and counter-signed by the nominee to indicate willingness to serve.

Nominations must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than April 10, 2002.

PERSONALIA

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Annual Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians Registration Request

TO REGISTER (WITH MASTERCARD OR VISA) CALL 912-681-5551 or FAX FORM to 912-681-0847. TO REGISTER BY MAIL SEE ADDRESS BELOW.

________$60 General Registration

________$70 General Registration (After March 25, 2002)

________$40 Student and Untenured Faculty Registration

________$50 Student and Untenured Faculty Registration (After March 25, 2002)

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DeSoto, Hilton
Savannah, Georgia
APRIL 25-28, 2002

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Please indicate preference

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In compliance with ADA, GSU honors requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Requests can be served more effectively if persons with special needs phone (912) 681-5555 at least 30 days in advance of program.

Name

Social Security Number (optional)

Title

Institution

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

Daytime Phone

E-mail Address or Fax Number (required for registration confirmation)

Please Complete

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______Payment by credit card ☐Visa ☐Mastercard

Card #

Expiration Date

Print Name on Credit Card

If registering by mail, include check or credit card information and return to

Registrations
2002 Ancient Historians Annual Meeting
Georgia Southern University
PO Box 8124
Statesboro, GA 30460
PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT
(AS OF MARCH 1, 2002)

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MINUTES OF 2001 MEETING

Meeting called to order at 4:30.

Approval of minutes. Valerie Warrior asked that a correction be made to the first paragraph to include textbooks and videos. MSP (Frank, Donlan) to approve the minutes as amended.

President’s Report. Richard Talbert called for a minute of silence for N. G. L. Hammond. He then read an excerpt from the American Historical Association citation for the Lifetime Achievement Award to Ramsay MacMullen. He thanked the members who participated on the AAH panel at the AHA in Boston and announced that Michael Meckler would be organizing a panel on “Senates Ancient and Modern” for the next AHA. He also reported on his meeting with Myles McDonnell from the Friends of Ancient History and Valerie Warrior from the Committee on Ancient History at the APA to discuss building closer ties among the three groups.

Secretary-Treasurer’s Report. Pat Dintrone reported on the financial position of the Association. Receipts continue to exceed expenses, leaving a surplus for publications. The subvention fund, which is invested in safe securities, has not suffered in the recent market downturn. Income from the fund was approximately $720. There was also a refund of about $1000 from the Madison meeting; these funds will be returned to the membership through a fee reduction for a later meeting. Talbert expressed concern over the decline in membership and the drop in donations and announced that there would be special inclusions in the

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Newsletter to address these issues. Several members suggested that the Call for Papers for the Annual Meeting be more widely disseminated, especially electronically. Raaflaub suggested encouraging memberships among scholars in the U.K. MSP (Ward, Gaughan) to approve the report.

Subvention Report. Gene Borza introduced the three subvention award winners (Jeanne Reames-Zimmerman, Shawn Dry, and Lee Brice) and noted that all three of them were presenting papers at the meeting. He asked the members to encourage eligible students and colleagues to apply next year. Richard Talbert announced that Borza’s service as Committee Chair was now concluded and thanked him for his efforts. Cynthia Schwenk will now become Chair, with Borza and Dintrone making up the rest of the committee for next year.

Old Business. Dintrone reported for Konrad Kinzl on the status of the web presence. Kinzl has written a new home page for the AAH and it is housed at Trent University. The domain name aah.org is not available for the organization to use. Members are asked to keep their listings in the Directory of Ancient Historians up to date and Dintrone reminded everyone that the AAH membership list and the Directory are separate entities, so changes made to one will not automatically be reflected in the other.

New Business. Talbert announced that the Association has informal offers from meeting hosts for 2004 and 2005. James Murray from the University of New Brunswick invited the Association to meet in Fredericton, New Brunswick, on May 8-10, 2003. He described some of the features of the area and transportation options. He also said that there was a chance that there could be shared sessions with the meeting of the Classical Association of Canada. MSP (Burstein, Raaflaub) to accept the invitation.

Carol Thomas reported on the status of publications. She introduced the rest of the Publications Committee (Richard Talbert and Stanley Burstein) and Richard Burns of Regina Books. The Association hopes to have the next issue of Publications of the Association of Ancient Historians ready for publication soon. It will be based upon the AAH/AHA panel on Current Issues in Ancient History and is jointly authored by the participants on that panel. Another potential publication (by Ernst Badian, on Alexander) is also in process. Other proposals are welcome. Thomas also encouraged members to consider editing revisions to the Guide to Graduate Programs and the printed version of the Directory of Ancient Historians in the U.S.

The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to draft a special letter of thanks to Susan LaFont for her catering and other contributions to the meeting.

The use of the surplus from the Madison meeting was discussed. MSP (Talbert, Donlan) to use the funds in some way (other than through the Subvention Fund) to assist junior faculty and graduate students to attend the meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45.

Addendum: The following resolution was moved by Jennifer Roberts and unanimously approved at the banquet:

This wonderful evening should dispel all doubts any of you may have harbored about the Texas sky: the stars at night really are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas. It is immensely generous of Briggs to have invited us back again, thus showing once more that it is possible to hold a conference highly scholarly in the home of Buddy HollIlly. We are greatly indebted to Briggs as well as to the other members of the organizing committee, Gary Forsythe and Ed George, to Molly Dauster, the co-ordinator of local arrangements, to the Texas Tech History Department and its chair Allan Kuethe, to Vice-Provost Jim Brink, and to the many volunteer van drivers from Phi Alpha Theta who ferried us back and forth from the hotel in seemingly perpetual motion. Last but far from least we thank Susan LaFont for catering so graciously executed as to make us feel like visiting royalty.

We have been seen having a barrel of fun at many previous meetings of the Association, but this was the first time our proceedings were witnessed by barrels and barrels and barrels. And when before have we heard about the Romans in close succession from people named Warrior, Champion and Rich?

Thus far the prose portion of our resolution of thanks. And now for something completely different.

In honor of the occasion, Carol Thomas's husband Richard Johnson has provided us with the following, to be performed by Bob Bennett, Walter Donlan, Jennifer Roberts, Sherrill Spaar, and Carol Thomas.

He is the very model of a Texas Roman specialist
His information classical can wake a class somnambulist
He knows the greats of Roman life and quotes the fights historical
From Cotta’s War to Actium, in order categorical.
He’s very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical
He understands chronology and ars prosopographical
[with apologies to Sir Arthur Sullivan and W. S. Gilbert]

To mighty Pompey’s life our Briggs has given quite a lot of tries
And fills out facts to fill the bill where other just hypothesize.
He’s very good at hosting—we have visited not once but twice
He makes of Bacchan Lubbock a venue that truly can entice
In short in matters factual and practice hospitalist
He is the very model of a Texas Roman specialist.

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NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM AT MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan will soon be offering a new graduate Program in Greek and Roman History. This Program will combine the resources and faculty of the Classical Studies and History departments, as well as of related departments like Near Eastern Studies and the graduate Program in Classical Art and Archaeology, to cover most aspects of ancient history from Bronze Age Greece to the later Roman empire. By requiring courses from the sponsoring departments the Program will emphasize both competence in the traditional disciplines of classical studies, including ancient languages, and familiarity with the interpretive perspectives and methodologies of historical studies. The goal is to prepare doctoral students who can be hired for careers in teaching and research by either a classics department or a history department. Pending final approval, the new Program in Greek and Roman History should be able to begin in fall 2002. Prospective students should apply directly to the History or Classical Studies department and indicate their interest in the Program in their applications. Fellowships with full funding for five years should be available for all students in the Program. For more information, please contact Professor Ray Van Dam, at rvandam@umich.edu.

AAH INFORMATION FORM

Check boxes that apply:

☐ Change of address (or use the on-line form at http://rohan.sdsu.edu/~pdintron/aah/update.html)
☐ Regular ($7.50/year)
☐ Associate ($5/year*) (*Associate membership is available only to students, retirees, and non-residents of the U.S. or Canada)

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Payment enclosed: $_______ for ______ years (limit 5 years in advance)

☐ Additional donation enclosed: $_________. (For meeting subvention fund  ☐ Yes ☐ No)

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DUES INFORMATION

• Annual dues are $7.50/year for regular members and $5.00/year for Associate members (students, retirees, and non-residents of the US or Canada). Dues may be paid up to 5 years in advance. Payments received in 2002 can cover years up to and including 2007, in addition to any back dues.

• The year for which you most recently paid dues can be found as the first line of your mailing label. Members are dropped from the mailing list after three years of non-payment of dues. Therefore, if your mailing label says 1999 or earlier, your membership will lapse at the end of December 2002.

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(dent degree, with consequent substantial cost-savings and generally favorable reactions. Our few members who are not ‘wired’ were sent materials in hardcopy with mailing addresses, fax numbers, etc. Even so, it is inevitably impossible to equip them with the full range of everything accessible via the Internet in connection with a meeting, and this creates a dilemma for the future which perhaps merits some discussion. These members are unfortunately missing our outstanding AAH webpage too.

If you are coming to Savannah, I look forward to seeing you there.

Good wishes to all,

Richard Talbert
NEW CAH/APA WEBSITE

The American Philological Association’s Committee on Ancient History invites members of the Association of Ancient Historians to view and critique its updated website. The site is best viewed in Netscape 6.2 or Internet Explorer 5.1 at: http://www.apaclassics.org/education/CAH/ or by following the link on the home page of the APA (www.apaclassics.org).

The Committee on Ancient History has been constituted with an educational and outreach role by the APA. It is our desire that AAH members suggest appropriate content that we might there include to advance that mission, as the website continues to evolve as an active and vital element in the pedagogical content of the Internet. Our vision for the site includes not only a place to maintain a public record of our activities, but also to promote academic and other specialist-oriented, multimedia events and responses that might otherwise go overlooked by the more general websites. We are especially interested in content that might prove an aid to primary and secondary educators in their teaching of the ancient world. Please direct comments and inquiries to Chad Fauber at <fauber@uiuc.edu> or in person at the annual meeting in Savannah.

ONLINE SURVEY RESPONSES SOUGHT

The American Philological Association’s Committee on Ancient History announces the posting of an online survey concerning the teaching of Ancient History in American schools. The Committee invites North American educators at all levels of instruction (elementary through collegiate) who in any way teach Ancient History (especially non-specialists) to participate in the survey. In it, we ask participants to briefly explain the methods and materials used in their respective courses. The information obtained will be used to analyze contemporary practices and to offer potential models for educators to use in their own teaching. The survey is best viewed in Netscape 6.2 or Internet Explorer 5.1 at: http://www.apaclassics.org/education/CAH/CAH-survey.html or by following the link on the home page of the APA (www.apaclassics.org). Please direct comments and inquiries to Chad Fauber at <fauber@uiuc.edu> or in person at the annual meeting in Savannah.

SEPTEMBER 1

is the deadline for items for the Fall Newsletter. Remember: the Newsletter depends upon information provided by members.