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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

First off, while I have your attention, the due date for panel proposals for the annual (January) meeting of the American Historical Association is always February 15 of the previous year. *Tempus urget*. Phyllis Culham and I are working on putting together a panel for the 2004 meeting in Washington, DC on the topic of diplomacy. Do get in touch with one of us (robertsjt@aol.com or culham@usna.edu) right away if you are interested in participating. Please note that the 2004 AHA meets January 8-11 and hence does not conflict with the APA. We would like to hear from both junior and senior scholars. (Future AHA meeting sites are Seattle for 2005 and Philadelphia for 2006.)

On another topic, May seems a long way off, but since I know that week-ends fill up sooner than we expect, I'm going to take this opportunity to say a few enticing (I hope) words about our upcoming meeting in Fredericton. Those of you who were present in Savannah received the color brochure Jim Murray handed out on the attractions of this beautiful and historic city. Richard Talbert and I have each had the pleasure of visiting Fredericton and remember it warmly; surely we can't both be wrong.

I know from past experience that venues off the beaten track sometimes draw a smaller proportion of our members. Although that frequently makes our gathering more fun for the hardy band that turns up, I would still rather share the pleasure of the meeting with the largest number possible. Inexpensive accommodations are readily available, and, as you will learn from visiting the conference's website, it is in fact quite easy to get to Fredericton.

Let me also remind you about the Classical Association of Canada meeting that fol-
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AAH ANNUAL MEETING MAY 8-10, 2003 FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

The 2003 annual meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians will be hosted by the Department of Classics & Ancient History of the University of New Brunswick, in Fredericton, NB, Canada, May 8-11, 2003. The website for the conference is <http://www.unbf.ca/arts/CLAS/aah2003.html>.

Conference Theme: Biography and History

"For it is not history we are writing, but lives," states Plutarch in the introduction to his *Life of Alexander*. Certainly the historiography of Alexander's career offers a classic instance of how the personalizing approach of ancient sources can bedevil the modern historian's task of reconstructing antiquity. And from the modern perspective, how can we know enough about any figure to write biography? Impossible, asserts, among others, Sir Ronald Syme; though few, it seems, have taken such warnings to heart. What is biography, and what is its connection with narrative history? Plutarch notes the distinction, but the genre has always eluded definition. Is biography a somehow lesser genre, or precursor to monumental history in the development of the individual historian? Do certain types of political regimes favour the writing of biography over history? Such questions invite reflections of all kinds on classical biography and its practitioners, both ancient and modern; and such is the theme of the 2003 meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians.

Tentative schedule. Sessions for papers are scheduled to be held on the university campus:

Thursday (May 8):
Opening Reception (evening)

Friday (May 9):
Athenian Lives
Syme & Augustus
Military Lives

Business Meeting
Annual Banquet

Saturday (May 10):
Lives of the Caesars
Greek Biographers
Keynote Address

Sunday (May 11):
Extracting Biography

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Anthony A. Barrett (University of British Columbia) will deliver the keynote ad-
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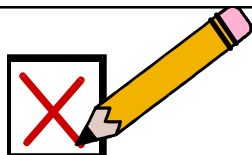
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER

Nominations are now in order for the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the AAH for the 3-year term 2003-2006. The incumbent is not eligible for re-election.

Nominations for the Secretary-Treasurer 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, 2003**.

Please mail or fax nomination material to the Secretary-Treasurer at the address/fax number in this Newsletter.

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The Association of Ancient Historians
Invites Applications for

GRANTS-IN-AID

For the Annual Meeting in

FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

May 8-11, 2003

<http://www.unbf.ca/arts/CLAS/aah2003.html>

Two or three awards of \$200.00 each will be available. Applications are accepted from members of the AAH; senior members are encouraged to bring this announcement to the attention of graduate students or junior colleagues who are potential members. The procedure for application is as follows:

1. Applicants must be advanced graduate students pursuing degrees in ancient history **or** faculty holding initial (untenured) positions.
2. Applications should contain a curriculum vitae, brief letter stating the applicant's interest in attending the meeting, and one letter of support.

The deadline for receipt of all materials is

FEBRUARY 14, 2003

Results will be announced by mid-March in order to give awardees adequate time to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

The three indicated items should be sent to:

Dr. Cynthia Schwenk
751 Piedmont Ave.. #2
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COMMITTEE ON ANCIENT HISTORY PANEL AT APA

Wired Classrooms: Teaching the Ancient World in the Digital Era. A panel discussing issues of technology, representation, distance learning, and other aspects of teaching and learning about the ancient world in the contemporary and future digital educational environments. Featuring: Christopher W. Blackwell (Furman University), Charles Crowther (Centre for the Study of Ancient Documents, Oxford University), Casey Dué (University of Houston), Mary Ebbott (College of the Holy Cross), Nicholas Rauh (Purdue University). Respondent: James O'Donnell (Georgetown University). At the 134th Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, The Big Easy Hotel, Bar, and Grill, New Orleans, 3-6 January 2003. For additional information, contact C. M. Fauber at fauber@uiuc.edu or visit the Committee on Ancient History website at <http://www.apaclassics.org/education/CAH/>

CALL FOR WEBSITES

The American Philological Association's Committee on Ancient History invites members of the Association of Ancient Historians to participate in the development of its website (www.apaclassics.org/education/CAH/) by suggesting appropriate content that the Committee might include to advance its educational and outreach mission. The Committee envisions the site not only a place to maintain a public record of its activities, but also as an arena in which to promote academic and other specialist-oriented sites, multi-media events, and presentations that might otherwise go overlooked by the more general websites. We are especially interested in content that might prove an aid to educators at all levels of the North American educational system who are involved in teaching the Ancient World. Please direct comments and inquiries to Chad Fauber at <fauber@uiuc.edu>.

AAH ANNUAL MEETING

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dress: "The Evolution of Female Imperial Power during the early Empire" Saturday, May 10, 2003, 8:00 pm

Registration

Forms for early registration will be available on the conference website (see address above). The registration fee is \$65US and includes the annual banquet. The cost of an additional (guest) banquet ticket is \$30US.

Accommodations

Arrangements for a variety of types of accommodations have been made for May 8-11, 2003:

1. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel (downtown). Registrants should contact the Hotel directly to make reservations. mail: 659 Queen Street, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A6; toll-free 1-866-444-1946; email<lbhres@nbnet.nb.ca>; fax (506)455-1441; web-site: <<http://www.lordbeaverbrookhotel.com>>. \$95.00(CAN)+tax
2. A block of rooms has been reserved at Rigby Hall, Saint Thomas University (motel-style) Registrants should contact the Dept. of Classics & Ancient History, UNB, at the conference address, to make reservations at Rigby Hall. Single \$40(CAN) (tax included)/ Double \$55(CAN) (tax included)
3. Rooms are available in UNB student residences from the Residential Life & Conference Services, 20 Bailey Drive, University of New Brunswick, Box 4400, Fredericton, NB, Canada, E3B 5A3; voice (506)453-4800; fax(506)-447-3059/(506)-453-3585; email: <caravanl@unb.ca>; web-site: <<http://www.unbf.ca/housing/contact.html>>. Single \$29.50(CAN) (tax included)/ Double \$21.60(CAN)/per person (tax included)

On-line sources for other accommodations may be found on the conference website.

Classical Association of Canada

The annual meeting of the CAC will take place on the UNB campus May 11-14, 2003, immediately following the AAH. Members of the AAH are welcome to register for both conferences, and are cordially invited to attend the CAC Keynote lecture, "A *Vitae Caesarum*: Reflections on imperial biographies ancient and modern," to be delivered by Dr. Anthony R. Birley (Duesseldorf) on Sunday evening (May 11).

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lows immediately upon ours. The keynote speeches for the two meetings take place at the end of the AAH and the beginning of the CAC-by Anthony Barrett for the AAH on the evening of May 10th and by Anthony Birley for the CAC on the evening of May 11. Even in my dreamier moments, I'm under no illusions that most of you will be able to stay away from your home institutions for a week at that time of year unless your term or quarter has actually ended, which, for most of us, is not the case, although those of you who have retired are enjoying more flexible schedules. But staying on for even a portion of the CAC meeting would enable many of us to meet people we rarely do, and would enable them to meet us. Whenever the AAH has met in Canada, I've been astonished at how many North American classicists I've never met simply because I'm from the U.S. and they're from Canada. We would do ourselves a great service to come together whenever we can. I would encourage you in the strongest terms to mark the week-end of May 8-10 on your calendars.

All best holiday wishes,
Jennifer Roberts

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- 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.
- Members who wish to pay their dues in Canadian dollars or in sterling may do so by paying the equivalent amount in a check **made payable to Richard Talbert**. Please mail checks in Canadian dollars or in sterling to the Secretary-Treasurer in the normal way. Please note that checks made payable to Association of Ancient Historians *must* be in US dollars.

RECENT DISSERTATIONS

- Ronald James Kroeker, *Politics and Personality: Characterization in Xenophon's Hellenica* (University of Alberta. Directed by Frances Pownall.)

ATTENTION RECENT GRADUATES (and their dissertation directors)

AAH would like to publish the authors and titles of recent dissertations completed in Ancient History.

If you have recently completed a dissertation (or recently finished directing one), please send an e-mail with the name of the author, the title, the school, and the director to patricia.dintrone@sdsu.edu. or mail to the return address on this newsletter.

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AAH/AHA JOINT PANEL

The 2003 joint session of the Association of Ancient Historians and the American Historical Association will be held at the AHA Convention in Chicago, this January. Specifically, it is Session #46 "SPORT, GAMES AND POLITICS; THE OLYMPIC GAMES, ANCIENT AND MODERN" which will be held on Friday, January 3, 2003 from 2:30 to 4:30 PM in Clark Room 5 at the Palmer House. The panel is as follows:

Chair: Winthrop Lindsay Adams, University of Utah

Papers:

"Run for Your Country: Competing Athenian Paradigms of Loyalty in the Ancient Olympic Games" (Zinon Papakonstantinou, University of Washington)

"Kyniska of Sparta as Olympic Victor: Proud Pioneer or Political Pawn?" (Donald G. Kyle, University of Texas at Arlington)

"Symbol and Celebration: Links between the Ancient and Modern Games" (Robert K. Barney, University of Western Ontario)

Comment: Nancy B. Reed, Texas Tech University
 Jeffrey O. Segrave, Skidmore College

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* **MARCH 1** *

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

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PERSONALIA

- Edward Harris will be Professeur invité at the University of Paris (Panthéon-Sorbonne) in December 2002 and January 2003.
- Christoph Konrad, associate professor of classics in the department of modern and classical languages at Texas A&M University, was honored with a college-level teaching award Oct. 17. The award is sponsored by the Association of Former Students; recipients receive a certificate and \$2,000.