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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I need to call your attention to a matter of importance in our Association: it is a source of disappointment and puzzlement to me that despite the prominent advertisement we give to the subvention fund in the newsletter, and despite the generosity of numerous AAH members who have contributed to the fund, we received no applications whatever for funding to attend the annual meeting this year. I would much appreciate it if AAH members would let me know to what they attribute this phenomenon so that measures can be taken to improve the situation.

So much for housekeeping details.

Barring some very surprising developments, the president of the country of which I am a citizen will have ordered our troops into combat by the time you read these words. Here in the United States, at least, the media have focused an extraordinary amount of attention on the gathering storm. Except for one interview with my former teacher Donald Kagan and coverage of the international coordinated readings from *Lysistrata* in early March, I have heard no references to Greece or Rome on television; perhaps I'm listening to the wrong channels, or perhaps I've been too busy coping with the endless flow of Latin tests that come my way and juggling the conflict between encouraging the students on the one hand and reading them the riot

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AAH ANNUAL MEETING MAY 8-11, 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.

PROGRAM

Thursday (May 8):

Opening Reception (7:00)

Friday (May 9):

Session 1 (9:00-10:30): Athenian Lives

- Christopher Planeaux, "The Historical/Biographical Dimension of Plato's Dialogues"
- Frances Pownall, "Pericles and the Biographical Tradition"
- William S. Morison, "Kritias the Historian: Politicizing the Past"

Session 2 (11:00-12:30): Syme & Augustus

- Ramsay MacMullen, "Syme's Young Augustus"
- Stephen L. Dyson, "The Other Augustus: John Buchan and the Lives of the Emperors in the Age of Mussolini"
- John Matthews, "Thomas Hobbes and Tacitus"

Session 3 (2:00-4:30): Military Lives

- Adrian Tronson, "Officers and Gentlemen: Three Portraits of *Legati* under Stress"
- Blaise Nagy, "*Imbellis ac firmus parvum*: The Poet as Military Tribune"
- Rosemary Moore, "Character and Command: Plutarch's Account of

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AJAH DISCOUNT

Paid-up members of the AAH are entitled to a 20% discount on an annual subscription to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Write to AJAH, c/o Professor T. Corey Brennan, Department of Classics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1414. Phone: 732-932-9493, fax 732-932-9246, website www.ajah.org. (Note: AJAH is not an AAH publication and the Secretary-Treasurer has no information about it; please direct all questions to Professor Brennan.)

REGINA BOOKS

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Regina Books offers the following discounts to AAH members:

Title	Regular Price*	AAH discount*
* <i>The Coming of the Greeks</i> , by James T. Hooker	\$13.95 (paper) \$21.95 (cloth)	\$ 9.00 (paper) \$16.00 (cloth)
* <i>Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States</i> 2nd ed., comp. By Konrad Kinzl	\$14.95 (paper)	\$ 9.00 (paper)
* <i>Ancient History: Recent Work and New Directions</i> , by Stanley Burstein, Ramsay MacMullen, Kurt Raaflaub, and Allen Ward	\$12.95 (paper) \$21.95 (cloth)	\$ 9.00 (paper) \$17.95 (cloth)
* <i>Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece</i> , by Carol Thomas	\$11.95 (paper) \$19.95 (cloth)	\$ 9.00 (paper) \$16.00 (cloth)
* <i>Makedonika: Essays by Eugene N. Borza</i>	\$18.95 (paper) \$37.95 (cloth)	\$12.00 (paper) \$24.00 (cloth)
<i>Polis and Polemos: Essays on Politics, War, and History in Ancient Greece in Honor of Donald Kagan</i> , ed. Charles D. Hamilton and Peter Krentz.	\$19.50 (paper) \$39.50 (cloth)	\$13.00 (paper) \$24.00 (cloth)
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* <i>A Handbook for Ancient History Classes</i> , by Jack Cargill.	\$10.50 (paper)	\$ 7.00 (paper)
<i>Before Alexander: Constructing Early Macedonia</i> , by Eugene N. Borza	\$12.95 (paper)	\$ 9.00 (paper)
<i>Current Issues and the Study of Ancient History</i> , by S. Burstein, N. Demand, I. Morris, L. Tritle	\$14.95 (paper)	\$10.00 (paper)

Plus shipping of \$2.50 for the first book and \$1.00 for each additional book.

*15 to 50% royalties on each book (including classroom use) go to AAH

CORRIGENDUM

Susan Treggiari notes the following:

Very properly, the publication in the September issue of the Newsletter of my speech for fellow-historians has elicited a corrigendum. My memory was totally at fault about the authorship of the comments on the 1976 meeting, which the audience at Savannah enjoyed so much. It was Jerzy Linderski who composed them. I was delighted to be reminded of this and Jerzy now allows me to lift his anonymity. Those of us who attended the Stanford/Berkeley meetings may like to recall them and may find it hard to realise that they were over a quarter of a century ago. Jerzy, of course, participated in the program as a commentator on Tom Africa's paper.

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Crassus and the Roman Army at Carrhae”

- James Chlup, “*Omnia aequare unus hostis potest*: Livy as Biographer of Hannibal”

Annual Banquet (7:00)

Saturday (May 10):

Session 4 (9:00-11:00): *Lives of the Caesars*

- Philip Stadter, “Revisiting Plutarch’s *Lives of the Caesars*”
- Ted Champlin, “Did Nero Exist?”
- D. Scott VanHorn, “‘Great Caesar’s Ghost’: The Hidden *Vita* of Trajan in the *Historia Augusta*”
- Michael Meckler, “Caracalla’s Sense of Humour and Cassius Dio’s Latinity”

Session 5 (2:00-4:30) *Greek Biographers*

- Ava Chitwood, “Death by Anecdote”
- Craig Cooper, “*Bioi* as Genre”
- Bruce LaForse, “Genre and Xenophon’s *Anabasis*”
- Yitzak Dana, “The Aims of Moral Biography (Plut. *Aem. Paull.* 1)”
- Richard Stoneman, “The Author of the Alexander’s Romance”

Annual General Meeting (4:45)

Keynote Address (8:00): Anthony A. Barrett, “The Evolution of Female Imperial Power during the Early Empire”

Sunday (May 11):

Session 6 (9:00-11:30): *Extracting Biography*

- Margaret Imber, “Apuleius’ Wife: An Imagined Biography”
- Veronika Grimm, “The Tapestry of the Greek *Vita* of Antony”
- Michael Lovano, “Rehabilitation or Reconstruction? Creating Biographies for Rome’s Historical Villains”
- Michelle Salzman, “Autobiography and Biography in the Letters of Symmachus”
- Bruce Frier, “Lawyers without Lives”

REGISTRATION

Forms for registration are available on the conference website (see address above). **If you are paying by credit card, please be sure you are using the current version of the registration form, which includes prices in CAN\$.** The registration fee is \$65US (\$70 after April 10) 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:

- 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
- 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, or indicate their desire for a room at Rigby on the registration form. Single \$40(CAN) (tax included)/Double \$55(CAN) (tax included)
- 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).

JUDITH R. GINSBURG

Judith R. Ginsburg, associate professor of Classics at Cornell University, died in December after a courageous battle with cancer. She leaves behind her long-time and devoted partner, Miri Amihai, and a great number of loving friends, colleagues, and students.

Judy received all of her degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, in Classics and Ancient History. Since arriving at Cornell in 1976, Judy was active in the department, the Women's Studies Program, and the editorial board of *Cornell Studies in Classical Philology*. She was also a visiting scholar at Tel Aviv University, the American Academy in Rome, and the University of Pennsylvania. Among her awards, Judy received a Rome Prize Fellowship and a fellowship from the American Association of University Women. She performed important service for the American Philological Association, most recently co-chairing its nominating committee.

The author of a number of reviews and articles, Judy's main publication was *Tradition and Theme in the Annals of Tacitus*. At her death she was working on *Constructing Agrippina*, an analysis of the representations of Agrippina the Younger that promised to identify the ideological and textual strategies underlying the construction of imperial women.

From her graduate days, Judy was a formidable softball player, and the spirit of team competition never left her. Warm and supportive, she was a superb mentor of the young, often working behind the scenes on their behalf. Graduate students instantly recognized her as a trusted and loyal friend, as did all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Kenneth Sacks

POSITION OFFERED

Kean University seeks a tenure-track Assistant Professor of History, GELAP Dedicated, to teach required undergraduate General Education core course and provide instructional support to the undergraduate major in History; teach additional courses in the area of Classics, Ancient History. Three-quarters time is devoted to teaching the General Education core course in History and curriculum development. PhD in History required, specialization in Classics/Ancient History preferred. All faculty are expected to demonstrate a commitment to teaching excellence and an on-going agenda for research and publication. Participation in curriculum development, student advisement, and service at the department and University level is also expected. Interest in computer-based instructional technologies to improve the teaching/learning process is highly desirable. Minorities, women, and individuals fluent in Spanish are strongly encouraged to apply. Kean University is committed to excellence and access, and to developing, maintaining, and strengthening ties with the community. Address all letters of inquiry and application, including copies of official transcripts and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Lawrence H. Zimmer, Chair, Department of History, Kean University, Union, New Jersey 07083.

President's Column

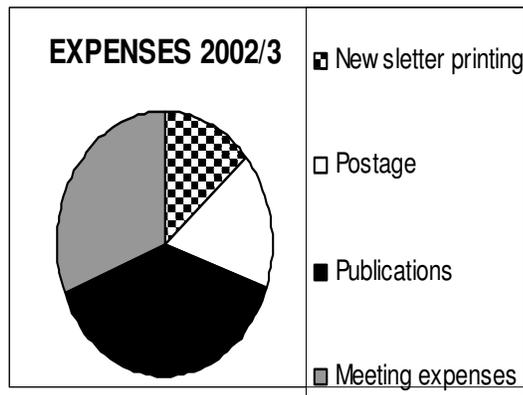
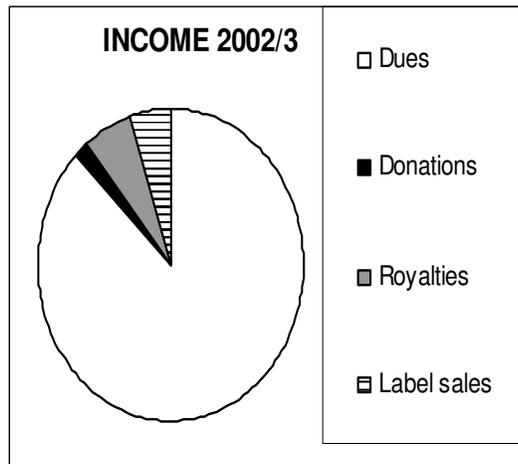
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act about their notions of syntax on the other. I have, however, come across assorted references to Athenian and Roman imperialism in the papers, references that remind me of similar parallels that were drawn during the Korean War, the Cold War, and the war in Vietnam. Some strike me as right, some wrong. Since September 11, 2001 I find myself constantly exhausted at the end of the day, and I think the exhaustion comes from trying to uncover and weigh the myriad variables that have bearing on predicting the future (as if such a thing were possible) and shaping a constructive course of action for both individuals and nations. This frightening juncture in history places a special responsibility upon us as historians, and even as teachers of classical languages: my temptation to hold my Latin students to very strict standards is not entirely unrelated to my conviction that it is our job to impose on our history students the very highest standards with respect to both determining the facts and analyzing them. There is no more important time to be a teacher. It is not simply that Greece and Rome offer no lack of ghastly and largely pointless wars. To say that does not necessarily help us in understanding, or guiding our students to understand, any particular war. What is important is the laboratory that the classical world provides for the analysis of evidence. Perhaps it strikes me as a particularly fertile field because it is my own and in truth the study of lemurs is just as promising, but I don't think so.

I look forward to seeing you in Fredericton where we can discuss matters ancient and modern—or, if you prefer, take refuge from the modern and recharge our batteries in the ancient.

Best wishes,
Jennifer Roberts

2002/3 FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AS OF MARCH 14, 2003)



OPERATING FUNDS	
Balance as of 3/15/02:	11,815.96
Income:	
Dues received	3,919.50
Donations - General	90.00
Royalties	255.29
Label sales	225.00
Total Income:	4,489.79
Expenses:	
Newsletters	
Printing	627.72
Postage	783.32
Publications	1,788.35
Meeting expenses	1,440.00
Supplies	8.48
Reverse bank charge	<2.50>
Total Expenses	4,645.37
Balance 3/14/03	11,660.38

SUBVENTION FUND	
Balance as of 3/15/02:	13,641.24
Income:	
Donations	257.50
Interest and Dividends	604.88
Unrealized Gain	303.82
Total Income	1,166.20
Expenses:	
Grants Awarded	300.00
Acct Maintenance fee	2.50
Balance 3/14/03	14,504.94

MINUTES OF 2002 MEETING 5/6/02

Meeting called to order at 11:55 AM

MSP (Dintrone, Borza) to approve the minutes of the 2001 meeting with one correction (Fredericton for Fredrickton).

President's Report - Talbert requested a moment of silence for Thomas Wiedemann and John D'Arms. He announced that Lindsay Adams had organized an AAH panel for the 2003 AHA panel on "Sport, Games, and Politics." Adams gave a brief description of the panel. Talbert also noted that the successful 2002 AHA panel on "Senates Ancient and Modern" organized by Mike Mechler would be shown on CSPAN at a future date. Finally, he said that he expected an invitation from Princeton for the 2007 AAH meeting, leaving only 2006 unresolved; a western venue would be appreciated.

Secretary - Treasurer's Report - Dintrone went over the main items in the report. She emphasized the need to bring more graduate students and junior faculty into active participation in the AAH. MSP (Dintrone, Adams) to approve the report.

Subvention Report - Talbert announced that Gene Borza's service on the Subvention Committee was now concluded and that Judy Gaughan had agreed to replace him. He also noted that Gaughan is herself a previous recipient of an award. Cynthia Schwenk introduced Leda Costaki, the Betty Coate award winner for 2002. She also mentioned the need to increase the number

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of applications; only one was received in 2002. She also announced that in the future one grant each year would be named the Ernst Badian Award, in honor of the Association's founder. Members made various suggestions: to increase the amount of the grants (Twyman); for organizers to tell authors of successful paper proposals about the grants (Talbert); to combine encouraging applications with a more aggressive membership drive including expanding membership among a wider range of scholarship (Raaflaub). Borza responded that a campaign was being undertaken to raise enough funding for the endowment to allow larger grants.

Webmaster - Dintrone reported for Kinzl. The *Directory of Ancient Historians*, both printed and electronic, is seriously out of date and a major effort is necessary to update it. Hopefully members will come forward to assist with collecting the necessary data.

Publications Committee - Carol Thomas reported that PAAH 7 is now in the mail to members. She said that the committee hoped to have a publication on Alexander by Ernst Badian soon. She solicited ideas for other PAAH volumes. She also described the possibility of a special publication containing papers from a conference on the use of computers in epigraphy and papyrology, and the possibility of reprinting Samuels' *Shifting Sands of Egypt* (PAAH 3)

Election - Dintrone announced that only one nomination for President had been received. It was for Jennifer Roberts and under the Constitution, Roberts was declared elected. Dintrone also reminded members that it would be necessary next year to elect a new Secretary-Treasurer.

Old Business - Jim Murray distributed a Call for Papers for the New Brunswick meeting and discussed plans for scheduling and housing. He noted that the deadline for paper proposal submissions would be October 1.

New Business - Sara Forsdyke invited the AAH to meet at the University of Michigan during the first week of May, 2004. She described some of the collections and museums available in Ann Arbor. She said that the theme of the conference would likely be on methodological questions. Richard Frank suggested that a special effort be made to include the ancient near east. MSP (Mitchell, Mechler) to accept the invitation.

Electronic Communication - The members discussed some of the new challenges presented by the spread of electronic communications. The Savannah meeting relied heavily on such communication, which allowed information to be disseminated quickly and cheaply. However, a significant proportion of members have no email addresses and others prefer not to receive information electronically. Raaflaub suggested that meeting information be sent by email unless a member requested otherwise.

The body voted a unanimous motion of thanks to Richard Talbert for his service as President and a unanimous motion of thanks to Tim Teeter for hosting the meeting.

Meeting was continued at 1:05 until the banquet.

At the annual banquet, incoming President Jennifer Tolbert Roberts moved the following resolution:

"As is inevitable, the shaping of this meeting was the work of many caring and hard-working individuals. We are immensely grateful for her support to Dean Kate Conway-Turner from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences of Georgia Southern University. To our organizing committee of Tim Teeter, Cynthia Schwenk and James C. Anderson we are indebted for a very exciting and fertile program that has generated lively discussion both in this room and in the many enticing restaurants by which we found ourselves surrounded. Precisely because of the seamless fluidity of our program, some of you may be unaware that an unprecedented number of abstracts were submitted for this meeting, and the decisions about the formation of the program entailed one tortuous decision after another on the committee's part. Another illusion of effortlessness lies at the door of our faithful and tireless conference coordinators, Deborah Champion and Janice Reynolds, whom you have seen at the registration desk outside fielding a seemingly unending succession of inquiries. The De Soto Hilton extended itself to us liberally, for which we are also appreciative. Finally, we owe much to Dr. Jonathan Bryant, leader of the walking tour, whose feet and mouth he very kindly put at our disposal—twice, since the number that signed up for the expedition was vastly in excess of what had been anticipated.

"In the years to come, we will have many memories of this meeting—the gracious squares, the moss-hung trees, the surprises lurking around every corner, the endless opportunities for meandering and marveling, and the rich store of remarkable houses with their own ancient histories and commercially enhanced ghosts. But these will be the restful memories. We will also recall the perpetual motion of our fearless leader, as Tim veritably danced his way throughout the hotel plainly able to be in all places at all times. One might even say that:

Nothing could be sweeter
Than a meeting run by Teeter
In Savannah;

Even Derek Jeter
Would be forced to bow to Teeter
In Savannah

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AAH INFORMATION FORM

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- Change of address (or use the on-line form at <http://rohan.sdsu.edu/~pdintron/aah/update.html>)
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New member Renewal Most recent year paid (from mailing label) _____

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, retired, and non-residents of the US or Canada). Dues may be paid up to 5 years in advance. Payments received in 2003 can cover years up to and including 2008.
- 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 2000 or earlier, your membership will lapse at the end of December.
- 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.

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“We are also deeply indebted to our Secretary-Treasurer Patricia Dintrone for her energy and efficiency, and to our outgoing president Richard Talbert for his able and elegant stewardship of the Association over the past three years. That half a century of life experience has taught me that nothing at all rhymes with Talbert does not in any way lessen our debt to Richard.

“All these things being so, I move that the Secretary record in the minutes this vote of thanks to Georgia Southern University and to the many individuals who made this meeting possible.”

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



RECENT DISSERTATIONS

- Lee L. Brice, *Holding a Wolf by the Ears: Mutiny and Unrest in the Roman Army, 44 B.C.-A.D.68* (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2003. Directed by R.J.A. Talbert).
- David B. Hollander, *Roman Money in the Late Republic* (Columbia University, 2002. Directed by William V. Harris).

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NEW BOOKS

- Duncan Fishwick, *The Imperial Cult in the Latin West*, Vol III,1 and Vol. III,2 (*Religions in the Greco-Roman World*, Vols 145, 146. Leiden: Brill, 2002).
- Judith Evan Grubbs, *Women and the Law in the Roman Empire: A Sourcebook on Marriage, Divorce, and Widowhood* (Routledge, 2002).
- Rose Mary Sheldon, *Espionage in the Ancient World: An Annotated Bibliography of Books and Articles in Western Languages* (McFarland, 2003).
- Philip A. Stadter and Luc Van der Stockt, eds, *Sage and Emperor. Plutarch, Greek Intellectuals and Roman Power in the Time of Trajan (98-117 AD)* (Leuven University Press, 2003).
- Ian Worthington, *Alexander the Great: A Reader* (Routledge, 2003).



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.

A nomination has been received for Randall Howarth. Further 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 countersigned by the nominee to indicate willingness to serve. Nominations must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than **April 10, 2003**.

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