

THE ASSOCIATION OF ANCIENT HISTORIANS

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NEWSLETTER 5

1. FINANCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (don't skip!)

a. Dues for the first year of the Association's existence extend to December 31, 1975. Let us urge you to fill out the top part of the attached form and return it with your 1976 dues (\$3 or \$1). (Members who have sent their subscriptions since August 1 should please disregard this appeal.)

We are all inclined to procrastinate and then to forget; so why not do it now? The Association has no staff to send out overdue notices; it must be a co-operative venture. At present there are almost 300 members.

b. Full members who subscribe to the new American Journal of Ancient History through the Association may do so at a subscription rate of \$8 (as against \$10 otherwise). If you wish to subscribe, please send the middle part of the attached form with a separate cheque so that the Secretary can endorse it over to Prof. Badian.

2. TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO

Our meetings next spring take place Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, at Stanford, with an excursion Saturday afternoon to Berkeley for a meeting and cocktail party (local transportation will be furnished between the two points). Members living in the East will find the trip to San Francisco perhaps a bit expensive, but we hope for a good attendance. If you wish to cut the cost, there are two avenues:

(1) Under the "look-ahead plan" one can fly most cheaply from New York only to San Francisco if one books at least 3 months ahead of travel through one's own travel agent.

(2) Group fares are available for a minimum of 25 persons leaving from any one airport. By American Airlines, for instance, the group fare from New York is \$237 (as against \$364 regular); from Chicago, \$179 (as against \$276). All the group must fly out together, but can come back at each person's convenience.

In order to determine whether any group bookings would be feasible, please fill out the bottom of the attached sheet and send it to the President, if you are interested (since the airports and airlines are US, the President has taken on this assignment). Please don't delay; for by January we should announce the results.

3. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF 1976 MEETING

Friday, 7 May 3-5 p.m. (at Stanford)

No program for this session has been determined. Those interested in giving papers on subjects concerning Hellenistic and Roman History are invited to send their proposals to Ron Mellor, Department of Classics, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305. The decision on the program will be announced on 1 December.

6:30 p.m. (at Stanford)

Cocktails and dinner, to be followed by a business meeting.

Saturday, 8 May 9-11 a.m. (at Stanford)

Again, no program has been decided upon. Suggestions should be sent to the address given above.

12 p.m. (at Stanford)

Lunch.

1:30 p.m.

Bus will take participants from Stanford to Berkeley.

3:30 p.m. (at Berkeley)

Theme: The Greek Cities of the Archaic and Classical Periods.
Papers will be given by:

- Frank Frost, U.C. Santa Barbara
- Borimer Jordan, U.C. Santa Barbara
- Charles Fornara, Brown University

An exact program will be published in the next newsletter.

4. ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Constitutional notice is hereby provided that the Association must elect a Secretary-Treasurer for a 3-year term at the business meeting next May. The incumbent, who was chosen for an initial 2-year term, is eligible for re-election. Nominations should be made by three persons not at the same institution as the person nominated, must be countersigned by the nominee, and are to be transmitted to the Secretary-Treasurer at least two weeks before the annual business meeting. No one may be nominated whose election would lead to a contravention of the rule that President and Secretary-Treasurer may not belong to the same institution. (Different campuses within one institution are regarded as being different institutions.)

5. MEETING AT DUQUESNE

Duquesne University History Forum, meeting on October 31, includes the following session on Roman history:

NONE DARE CALL IT TREASON: LESE MAJESTE AND THE AUGUSTAN PRINCIPATE

3:30 p.m. - Ballroom One

Moderator: Jerry Clack, Duquesne University.

William L. Reiter, SUNY - Binghamton

"THE LEX DE MAIESTATE IN THE LATE REPUBLIC: LEGAL PRINCIPLES AND HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS"

Lawrence J. Daly, Bowling Green State University

"OCTAVIAN'S USE OF CRIMEN MAIESTATIS: THE CRASSUS AND GALLUS AFFAIRS"

Commentators: Wayne Edward Boese, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Stephen J. Simon, Appalachian State University.

6. JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN ANCIENT HISTORY

The Governing Body of King's College, Cambridge, England, invites applications for Junior Research Fellowships in Ancient History. These Fellowships are intended for candidates with special research interests in any aspect of Greek or Roman History to 500 AD.

Dates. Applications should reach the Provost by 15 November 1975. The elections will be not later than the end of March 1976, and the fellowships will commence on 1 October 1976 or on some other date convenient to the candidate and the College. The normal tenure is four years, ending 30 September 1980.

Eligibility. Men and women graduates of any university (including Cambridge) are eligible provided that they are under 28 years old on 1 December 1975 and have not completed more than about three years of postgraduate research by that date: in cases of doubt the Provost should be consulted. Anyone elected will be subject to the same statutes and regulations as other ordinary fellows.

Applications. These should be accompanied by a statement of the applicant's age, academic career, qualifications, publications (if any), research intentions and the names and addresses of not more than three referees. Testimonials should not be sent.

Stipend. This is based on age and is related to the national scale for University teachers; details can be obtained from the Bursar of the College. It takes the form of a basic stipend payable to unmarried fellows who are provided with accommodation in College without charge; and additional

allowances payable to married fellows with or without dependent children. These figures may be adjusted if a fellow is in receipt of other emoluments.

Travelling Expenses. Successful candidates travelling from outside the United Kingdom to take up a fellowship may claim certain travel and removal expenses: details can be obtained from the Bursar of the College. The College is also able to make contributions towards certain research expenses.

7. ENCOURAGING INFORMATION

Of some 607,000 US high school seniors who took SAT tests this past year, 626 proclaimed their intent to major or concentrate in ancient history in college. At first sight this is a pitiful number; it is, however, almost exactly as many as opted for European history, and in the same range as geology and botany. It does appear that challenging teachers can count on interest in students. (The largest groups were pre-med 25,000, nursing 24,000, business administration 19,000, accounting 18,000.)

8. PERSONALS

At the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton visitors from overseas for the entire year are: Dan P. Barag (Jerusalem), José Dörig (Geneva), Ulrich Hausmann (Tübingen), Marcel Le Glay (Nanterre), Denis Knoepfler (Neuchâtel), L. Cracco Ruggini (Turin), Marion Soreth (Cologne), Abraham Wasserstein (Jerusalem). For the first term there will be: Petre Alexandrescu (Bucarest), Carl Classen (Göttingen), and Umberto Laffi (Pisa); for the second term: M. J. Vickers (Ashmolean).

Pierre Lévêque and Monique Clavel are at the University of Moncton until October.

Ernst Badian presided over a discussion of Alexander at the Fondation Hardt in the late summer.

Joseph Merriman (Ph.D. Illinois) has accepted a position in the Honors program at U. Kentucky.

A. J. Podlecki has moved from Penn State to U. British Columbia.

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Items for the next newsletter should reach the Secretary by December 10.

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STOP PRESS: Any member who wishes to propose a seminar for the summer institute should send documentation (cf Newsletter 4) to E.S. GRUEN by December 15 (extended deadline).