

ASSOCIATION OF ANCIENT HISTORIANS NEWSLETTER

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October, 1979.

The University of Washington in Seattle was the host for the 1979 meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, and thanks are due to Professor Arther Ferrill for the splendid hospitality. Our thanks, too, go to Professor Susan Treggiari, whose term as secretary-treasurer came to an end in May. News for the Newsletter and dues for the association should now come to J.A.S. Evans, Department of Classics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, V6T 1W5.

If there is a yellow accent mark through the label on your Newsletter, it means that your 1979 dues are still not paid.

News from Conjoint Associations

(a) The American Oriental Society

"The 190th Meeting of the American Oriental Society will take place on April 15-17, 1980 in San Francisco. For further information, please contact S. Insler, Secretary-Treasurer, American Oriental Society, 329 SML, Yale Station, New Haven, Conn. 06520."

(b) Friends of Ancient History

The Friends of Ancient History elected three co-charimen at its 1978 in Vancouver, in conjunction with the annual APA-AIA meetings. They are Professor Phyllis Culham, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, 21402; Professor John K. Evans, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., 55455; and Professor Kenneth Walters, Department of Greek and Latin, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. 48202.

The 1979 meeting of the Friends at Boston will take the topic: The Minor Greek and Roman Historians. The deadline for proposing papers is already past, but scholars who are interested in obtaining further news should contact Professor Culham.

(c) Old World Archaeology

The Old World Archaeology Newsletter contained a mention of the Association for Ancient Historians in its May, 1979. We should like to return the favor. Editor of the OWAN is Professor Stephen L. Dyson, Department of Classics, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., 06457.

Notification of Proposed Resolution

The following proposal has been received from Professor Briggs Twyman of Texas Tech for debate

at our next annual meeting, and it is published here in accordance with section 14 of our Constitution.

A Resolution Concerning the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America

WHEREAS--

The federal Equal Rights Amendment is designed to secure equal protection of the laws for all citizens of the United States of America; and The Association of Ancient Historians is dedicated to public service and the pursuit of knowledge; and

This dedication cannot be reconciled with invidious discrimination on the basis of sex; and This association is committed to the full and unrestricted exercise of equal human rights by all its members and all people; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Ancient Historians will join with numerous other learned societies and professional associations and refuse to hold its annual meetings or other proceedings in any state of the United States of America that has failed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment until the amendment becomes part of the Constitution of the United States or the matter is otherwise resolved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Association shall at once communicate the text of this resolution to the NOW National Action Center, 425 13th Street, NW, No. 1048, Washington, DC 20004.

For the members' information the complete text of the amendment follows:

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

Personalia

Professor F.E. Romer has been appointed to regular faculty in the classics department at The Johns Hopkins University.... Professor Timothy Gregory, Ohio State University, is the Samuel H. Kress Foundation Professor in Post-Classical Studies at the Gennadeion Library, American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece.... Peter

Krentz has joined the history department at Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.... Professor Jerzy Linderski has joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina.

Conferences Past and Future

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, held a forum on "Augustus Caesar and the Opposition: Elimination and Co-Optation," October 18th, 1979. Papers were given by Professor Lawrence J. Daly, Bowling Green State University, on "Political Murder and Judicial Conspiracy: Augustus' Doublecross of Varro Murena, cos. 23 B.C.," and Professor Richard D. Weigel, Western Kentucky University, on "Augustus' Relations with the Aemilii Lepsi: Persecution and Patronage."

The dates of the Fifth Annual Byzantine Studies Conference are October 26-28th, and the place Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C. Members interested in Byzantium should also remember the XVI^e Congrès International d'Etudes Byzantines to be held in Vienna, October 5-10, 1981.

The Gennadius Library, American School of Classical Studies, Athens, was host to a colloquium held May 18-19, 1979, on "Research in the Gennadeion." The organizer was Professor Angeliki Laiou, Kress Professor at the Gennadeion for 1978-79. The colloquium attracted a good deal of attention in the Athenian press, with major stories in Ta Nea and Afge.

The Greco-Roman Religious Group of the Society of Biblical Literature will hold its 1980 meetings in Dallas, Texas, November 5-9. Members interested in participating should contact Professor A.T. Kraabel, Department of Classics, 310 Folwell Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. 55455.

The Société des études grecques et latines du Québec will present a colloquium on Pompeii, November 15-17. Members who are interested should contact René Cloutier, (président), 7960, ave. Loyola, Charlesbourg, Qué., G1H 2Y8.

The XVI International Congress of Papyrology will take place at Columbia University, New York, July 24-31, 1980. For information, contact Professor Roger S. Bagnall, 606 Hamilton Hall, Columbia University, New York, 10027.

Vacancies

1. The department of history, Washington University, will have a vacancy in ancient history due to the retirement of Professor E.G. Weltin in 1981. The appointment will be at a junior level and a minor field in early modern Europe would be desirable. Write Professor E.G. Weltin, Box 1058, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. 63130.



THREE U.S. GRANTS AWARDED TO EXCAVATE
NORTHERN SECTION OF ANCIENT ATHENS MARKET PLACE

Evidence Indicates Site Contains Remains
of Earliest and Most Celebrated Buildings of Classical Greece

NEW YORK -- Archaeologists of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens will continue their exploration of the city's ancient market place with the support of three American foundations. The National Endowment for the Humanities has offered to support the excavations with gifts and matching funds of \$460,914 through its General Research Program. A grant of \$296,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will provide the necessary matching funds; and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation has agreed to contribute \$300,000 over the next three years.

The new phase of the excavations aims to uncover the northern side of the ancient Athenian market place which still lies buried as deeply as 25 feet beneath modern buildings. One of the largest of these buildings, occupied by an old flour mill, on the north side of modern Hadrian Street has recently been acquired by the Greek Service of Antiquities and Restoration and the property is soon expected to be made available for archaeological excavations. Professor Henry R. Immerwahr, Director of the American School, announced that a team of its archaeologists headed by Professor T. Leslie Shear, Jr. of Princeton University would begin systematic exploration of the area during the summer of 1979.

In this part of the market place, some of the earliest and most celebrated civic buildings of Classical Athens are known to have stood. Among these buildings were two famous stoas, or colonnades, of the 5th century B.C., both of which are frequently mentioned by ancient authors and inscriptions. One was the Painted Stoa which came to be a favorite haunt of philosophers and their disciples. Here in 301 B.C. Zenon of Kition began lecturing publicly to his pupils and thus founded the school which took its name from the building and which we know as the Stoic School of philosophy.

The other major Classical building on the north side of the market square was the Stoa of the Herms, where the General Kimon

dedicated in 475 B.C. three statues of the god Hermes to commemorate one of Athens' signal military victories in the growth of her empire. Various pieces of evidence lead the archaeologists to believe that remains of one or both of these buildings will come to light in the new excavations.

The American School began its excavation of the Athenian Agora in 1931, and since that time the work has increased immeasurably our knowledge of the life, history, and institutions of ancient Athens. In the latest series of excavations between 1968 and 1975, American archaeologists have explored in whole or in part no less than ten public buildings of Athens ranging in date from the early Classical to the late Roman periods. Of these by far the most important is the Royal Stoa, the discovery of which in 1970 enabled scholars to study for the first time the office of the King Archon, one of the highest-ranking magistrates of the Athenian government. It was in this building that Socrates was brought to trial in 399 B.C. Notable also is the discovery of a small sanctuary of the late 5th century B.C. which came to light with many of its votive offerings preserved where they had been dedicated.

Other buildings uncovered in the recent excavations include parts of three colonnades combined with shops lining some of the principal streets of the city, a great basilica, and a public library, both of Roman date. In addition twelve more buildings have been excavated, some of which are of a commercial nature while others are private dwellings. Investigations in the summer of 1978 made possible the identification of the ancient mint where the famous silver coinage of Classical Athens was struck. The excavators have found several hundred pieces of ancient sculpture and thousands of pots and other artifacts used in daily life, all of which are housed in the museum of Stoa of Attalos, the ancient building restored in the 1950's to serve as the museum for the site.



CLASSICAL NEWS AND VIEWS / ECHOS DU MONDE CLASSIQUE

H.H. HUXLEY, 'Juvenal, Schiller, Beethoven and the accentual trochaic septenarius'

S.M. TREGGIARI

This journal, which is published by the Classical Association of Canada, is offered to members of the Association of Ancient Historians at a discount price of \$5 (U.S./Can.) for a calendar year subscription. The journal, which appears in January, April and October, aims primarily at publishing less specialised material than its sister-journal Phoenix, material which will interest colleagues in different fields, graduate and undergraduate students and even the 'general public'. Normally, each issue contains two or three articles on Greco-Roman literature, history or archaeology; we also have articles on innovative teaching ideas, book-reviews, particularly of books suitable for school or undergraduate texts, news items and Latin verse. The January issue carries reports of the previous summer's Canadian digs abroad. The 1979 volume includes the following articles :

- xxiii.1 Reports on Canadian digs at Anemurium, Carthage, Kommos, San Giovanni di Ruoti and on a survey of the Liri Valley.
Peter GREEN, 'The flight plan of Daedalus'
A.D. BOOTH, 'The savage style'
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P. HARDING, ' "Orations... most nedeful to be redde in these daungerous dayes". A chapter in the Nachleben of Demosthenes '
T.W. RICHARDSON, 'Some shared comic features in Petronius and P.G. Wodehouse'
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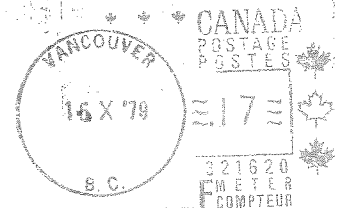
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