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## NOTICES

Paid up members of the AAH are entitled to a \$10 (20% discount) subscription to volumes 6 (1981) and 7 (1982) of the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Subscriptions should be sent to: Editor, AAH, Harvard University, Robinson Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

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1983/1984 is the final year of Prof. Treggiari's term as President of the AAH. The election of a new president, therefore, will take place at the 1984 meeting of the association. Nominating petitions for candidates signed by three members of the association not belonging to the same institution and counter-signed by the nominee must reach the Secretary-Treasurer by April 21, 1984.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

For the annual meeting of the AAH to be held at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, 3-5 May, 1984. Proposals for papers on the following topics may be: abstracts up to 1500 words in length, chapter-sized units from works in progress or a complete paper. A maximum of 25 minutes will be allotted for actual presentation. Submissions of chapters from works in progress must be accompanied by a one page or less description of how the material in the chapter would be treated in a 25 minute oral presentation. Applicants should identify themselves only in their covering letters. The proposal should include descriptions of any audio-visual materials to be used, and the cover letter should specify all audio-visual equipment requirements. Proposals for papers are requested on the following two topics:

1. Roman imperial and frontier policy. Submissions on this topic should not be limited to traditionally conceived military history, although proposals for papers of that sort are welcome. Also included would be studies of settlement practices and assimilation policies as they relate to defense of the frontiers, limes studies, and military policy under the most liberal interpretation of that term, e.g. a study of imperial attitudes toward worship of Mithras by soldiers. Proposals should deal primarily with the period between Augustus and Romulus Augustulus, though they may focus on eastern frontiers.

2. Ideology and the Athenian democracy. This topic is to be interpreted broadly. Religion, cults, and their political uses are definitely included.

Four copies of each proposal with a covering letter should be sent for arrival on or before 2 January 1984 to:

Phyllis Culham  
Dept. of History, U.S. Naval Academy  
Annapolis, MD 21402

Another panel will focus on the site of Caesarea Maritima in Palestine. No call for papers will be issued, but those with a special interest in the topic should contact:

Prof. Lindley Vann  
School of Architecture  
University of Maryland  
College Park, MD 20742

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## FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON WOMEN IN ANTIQUITY

The Istituto di Filologia Classica of the University of Urbino, Italy and the Women's Classical Caucus are co-sponsoring an international congress on the study of women in classical world, to take place in Urbino, Italy during the second half of August 1985. Papers and commentaries will be delivered in Italian, French, German and English. Participation will be by invitation, but all scholars wishing an invitation should contact either of the following in any of the above four languages:

Dr. Paola Bernardina  
Istituto di Filologia  
Classica  
Universita di Urbino  
Piano S. Lucia, 6  
61029 Urbino, Italy

Prof. Eva C. Keuls  
Dept. of Classics  
310 Folwell Hall  
9 Pleasant St., SE  
Univ. of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, MI 55455

Abstracts are not required at this time, but scholars should indicate their field of specialization. Sessions on art, archaeology, history, epigraphy, law, literature, religion, myth and sports are planned. The emphasis will be on new approaches to the history of women. Some funds may be available to help participants defray the costs of their attendance.

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## PERSONALIA

The Dept. of Classics of Washington University has established the Edward G. Welton Prize for outstanding achievement in Ancient History by a graduating senior in honor of Edward G. Welton, Emeritus Professor of Ancient History.

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Professor Chester G. Starr has been awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award of the University of Michigan.

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Professor Judith P. Hallett has joined the Department of Classics of the University of Maryland.

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John P. Adams has been appointed Visiting Professor of Roman History at UCLA for the 1983/1984 and 1984/1985 academic years.

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Prof. Ingrid Edlund, University of Texas, has received a Mellon Fellowship for the writing of a monograph on rural sanctuaries in ancient Italy.

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#### A NEW ORGANIZATION

Maria-Viktoria Abricka and Jon-Christian Billigmeier urge Ancient Historians and others involved in the study of the Classical Antiquity who are not now academics (teachers or graduate students) to contact them regarding the formation of a group devoted to promoting their interests. We could organize study groups for various interest areas, promote Adjunct Scholar programs to give institutional affiliation and faculty library privileges, *inter alia*, to Independent Scholars, and perhaps eventually help get grants and fellowships. This group will have no sectional, national or numerical limits and will be open to Independent Scholars who have no advanced degrees or even a BA, but who are seriously pursuing research. Please write to us at:

Maria-Viktoria Abricka Jon-Christian Billigmeier  
11 Bolin Heights 398 Stevens Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Santa Barbara, CA 93105

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#### TEACHING MATERIALS

"Women in Classical Antiquity: Four Interdisciplinary Curricular Modules" prepared by participants in a Summer Institute funded by NEH in 1983 is now available. The four modules (Archaic Greece, Classical Athens, Hellenistic Greece, and Roman) were designed to be used by instructors of Ancient History, Art History, Classics, Humanities and Women's Studies. For a free copy write to:

Prof. Sarah B. Pomeroy  
Hunter College, CUNY  
Dept. of Classical & Oriental Languages  
Box 1264, 695 Park Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10021

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#### VERGILIAN SOCIETY TOURS: A PARTICIPANT'S VIEW

During the summer of 1982 I had the opportunity to participate in two Vergilian Society Classical Study Tours--the first in southern Italy under the direction of Alexander of McKay and George Houston, the second in Sicily and Tunisia under Professor McKay. Together the tours consumed twenty-four well-spent days. Having travelled alone in the Mediterranean on many occasions in the past, I found the experience of group travel a novel one. And since, following the tours, I undertook additional travel by rental car, I was struck by certain contrasts in the back-to-back experiences. Although costs proved to be nearly the same (about \$80.00 per day), it emerged that there are clear advantages to each method.

Travelling alone--so long as it is by car--one enjoys far greater freedom of movement and can improvise the itinerary as specialized interests dictate. One has the opportunity to linger at a site of particular personal concern, and to scout its environs more thoroughly. This can be especially useful at a battle site, for instance where the area involved in the action under study may stretch for miles. Group travel in the Mediterranean simply cannot accommodate such personal freedom of action, due to the complex logistics and the necessity of securing the the greatest good for the greatest number.

Yet there are distinct advantages to the group as well, so long as the tour is both professionally oriented towards ancient studies and well led. Most obviously, the individual on the tour need hardly be concerned with ways and means--transport, fuel, lodging, food. Such constant preoccupations of the solo trip rest with the tour management, so that the traveller may concentrate fully on what is being seen and what it means. The direction by fellow professionals especially conversant with the sites to be toured can enhance enormously the value of each visit. Knowing precisely where to go and how to get there, the tour leaders help to make every day of the journey count for more and save the traveller untold navigational errors. The group format can also mean a warm reception from the archaeologists at work on particular sites, with impromptu tours of the digs and reports on the season's activity (such was our experience at Metapontum and Morgantina).

There is in addition a substantial benefit in travelling with others who share one's interests and professional background. Touring classical lands with a large group of classical scholars and students helps to fix each site and its associations more firmly in the memory; and because of the shared professional perspectives, many elements of the tour are enriched beyond what might be possible for the solitary traveller. If one chooses the tour well, there will also arise in the course of the journey many occasions for the traveller to pursue special interests within the larger context of the group tour--as, with me, scenes of action from the period of the Punic Wars; the emphasis of these particular on Vergilian studies by no means obscures the significance of the ground covered to a study of, e.g., Hamilcar and Hannibal. And if the tours are made to dovetail with solitary travel which supplements the formal itinerary, as in my case, they can be immensely useful to the ancient historian pursuing a particular end, while at the same time more generally informative and much more pleasant than traveling alone.

G. Kelly Tipps, University of South Florida

For information on Vergilian Society tours contact:  
Prof. Robert J. Rowland, Jr., The Vergilian Society of America, University of Missouri, 149 A&S, Columbia, MO 65211.

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#### MISCELLANEA

The Secretary-Treasurer recently learned of the publications of The Macquarie Ancient History Association. These focus on the needs of teachers of Ancient History and include: a journal, *Ancient Society: Resources for Teachers* (\$14.50); a volume of essays from the journal entitled *Hellenika: Essays on Greek History and Politics*, ed. G. Horsley; and various pamphlets and document collections. For information write: Mrs. Dawne Milne, School of History, Philosophy & Politics, Macquarie University, North Ryde, NSW 2113, Australia.

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The following Brademas lectures are available from Prof. John T.A. Koumoulides, Dept. of History, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana 47306:

Giles Constable, Attitudes toward Self-Inflicted Suffering in the Middle Ages (\$2.00).

Sir Ronald Syme, Greeks Invading the Roman Government (\$2.00).

The Rt. Hon. Lord Caradon, Cyprus--Past and Future (\$1.00).

Checks should be made out to: The Hellenic Studies Fund/Ball State University.

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Scholars interested in all aspects of Macedonian history are invited to submit papers to be considered for publication in a new journal, Macedonian Studies. Contributions should be sent to: Mr. Vijay Chadha, editor-in-chief, Macedonian Studies, P.O. Box Nr. 3529, New Delhi-110024, India.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Ancient History, assistant professorship at the University of Florida. Tenure-track position beginning August, 1984, Ph.D. required. Applications in all areas are invited but preference is for Greco-Roman history. Send applications and inquiries to: Prof. Patrick J. Geary, Dept. of History, University of Florida, 4131 GPA, Gainesville, Florida 32611. Application deadline is December 15, 1984. The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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DUES

Dues for the year 1984 are due January 1, 1984. Members whose 1983 dues have not yet been paid will find a stamp to that effect in this space.

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