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NOTICES

Paid up members of the AAH are entitled to a \$10 (20% discount) subscription to the current volume of the American Journal of Ancient History. Subscriptions should be sent to: Editor, AAH, Harvard University, Robinson Hall, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Professor Eugene Borza of Pennsylvania State University was elected President of the AAH at the 1984 annual meeting.

The term of the current Secretary-Treasurer expires in 1984/85. Nominating petitions for candidates signed by three members in good standing of the AAH not belonging to the same institution and counter-signed by the nominee must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer by April 15, 1985.

EDITH WIGHTMAN: A PERSONAL TRIBUTE (Introduction to the *in memoriam* session on Roman Imperial Frontier Policy at the AAH Annual Meeting in Annapolis, May 5, 1984)

Most of you will already know of the tragic death of Edith Wightman, killed by an intruder in her office at McMaster University early in December. This session on Roman Imperial Frontier Policy, a field of study to which she had contributed so much, is dedicated to her memory.

I knew Edith for over 20 years, since we were both graduate students together at Oxford under Sir Ian Richmond. The thesis that Edith was then writing became her first book, *Roman Icrier and the Treuici* (London, 1970). Before Oxford, she had had a brilliant undergraduate career at St. Andrewes; her home was in Edinburgh, and she remained always true to her Scottish roots. I remember at a time of dissension a Quebec nationalist referring to her as "une Anglaise". For him, all anglophone Canadians were "les Anglais". Not for Edith. She explained uncompromisingly the difference between "les Anglaisses" et "les Ecosais". Not for anything was she going to be called "English".

She came to Canada, to McMaster, in the late sixties, to succeed Prof. Togo Salmon. I played some part in persuading her to come, and in the early years she visited us often in Ottawa, and always for Christmas. She was the most stimulating and entertaining of guests, playing beautifully on my wife's cello, courteous to the children, and talking history and archaeology with me. Our scholarly interests in Gaul and Germany went side by side, and I owe her gratitude for keeping me up to date on Celtic numismatics, while I talked to her about Loyasse and La Motte and the latest on terra sigillata.

Her considerable scholarly output touched many fields of interest, but her major contribution will always be to Roman frontier studies, interpreted in that wider sense which comprises the whole frontier zone and its inhabitants. It is unfortunate that Edith did not live to see her major work on Gallia Belgica in print, but fortunate for scholarship and for her memory that she left it virtually ready for press. It will be her memorial. Also among her papers were reports on her Liri Valley survey and on her part in the Canadian excavations at Carthage which she was co-directing with me.

We started digging at Carthage together in 1976. It is at Carthage that I wish to remember her, as she could be, full of enthusiasm, intelligence, wit, ideas, compassion, companionship. She could also be difficult, but this was part of her as well: moody, quick to take offence, biting in her criticisms, contemptuous of my attempts to inculcate British public-school and Oxford ideas of "team spirit", which Edith, I believe, thought was invented by English men to trick others into subservience, including their obvious superiors, Scottish women.

Edith could be difficult because she had often found life difficult, and if I do not pass this over in silence, it is because I find the way in which she conquered her difficulties a measure of her true greatness as a person. She achieved much, but she had to fight for it, and she had suffered deeply. If she was ruthless with incompetence, it was because she was still more ruthless with herself. She was conscious of the handicaps of being a woman. She had had to fight for an academic career: she knew from an early age that it was the one thing she wanted, but it was not what her family expected of her. She fought against prejudice, against bitter loneliness at times, against frequent ill-health. She never gave in, and she was an inspiration to many, and perhaps, dare I suggest it, most of all to other women colleagues and students, who learned from her courage to fight their own battles.

She did not suffer fools gladly, or indeed at all. What best sums up her life for me is something she herself once said to me, at Carthage, that she put in scholarship the passion and devotion to truth that her Calvinistic ancestors put into theology. She had a passionate and unquiet life. *Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine: may she now have the rest which she so often denied herself.* Colin M. Wells

BOOKS

Robert K. Sherk, *Rome and the Greek East to the Death of Augustus*, Translated Documents of Greece and Rome, Vol. 4 (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1984) 181 pages. \$12.50 paper.

Collin Wells, *The Roman Empire*, Fontana History of the Ancient World, (Stanford Univ. Press, Stanford, 1984) 352 pages. \$9.95 paper.

Erich Gruen, *The Hellenistic World and the Coming of Rome*, 2 vols. (Univ. of Calif. Press, Berkeley, 1984) 862 pages. \$60.

Quintus Curtius Rufus, *The History of Alexander*, Trans. by J. Yardley with introduction and notes by W. Heckel (Penguin Classics, 1984) 337 pages. \$6.95.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

NEH SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS OF ANCIENT HISTORY

In 1977 the NEH funded a Summer Institute for small-college teachers of ancient history. It was held at the University of Michigan under the general direction of John Eadie. The application for the Institute was heavily endorsed by AAH and emerged as one of our most successful early enterprises.

Under Eadie's guidance the Institute both presented a stimulating program to teachers who ordinarily are outside the mainstream of the profession and successfully encouraged several of the participants to become active members of AAH.

It is now appropriate to plan another such Institute. Applications are open for the summer of 1986. The deadline for the submission of applications is early in 1985.

The topic of the Institute should be sufficiently broad and multi-disciplinary as to be useful to small-college teachers, many of whom have joint appointments or teach several subjects. Should any AAH member be interested in developing a proposal for an NEH-funded Summer Institute for 1986, s/he should contact me for more details. I have already been in touch with three persons, and have one preliminary proposal in my possession. AAH will vigorously support all worthy proposals.

AAH-ACLS LINK

We have been in contact with the ACLS about the possibility of affiliation with ACLS as a constituent society. While AAH would seem to meet many general qualifications as a learned humanistic society, ACLS would probably prevent our admission on the following grounds:

The first is that our discipline is not distinct enough from societies already affiliated with ACLS: the Archaeological Institute of America, the American Philological Association and the American Historical Association.

The second is that most individual AAH members also hold membership in ACLS-affiliated groups, e.g., the societies mentioned above. Indeed, many AAH members hold memberships in two or three of those associations and thus have ample access to ACLS-related activities.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS ASSISTANCE

I have recently completed a three-year term as a panelist for the NEH, participating in the review of applications for Junior and Senior Research Fellowships in European History.

During that period several ancient history applications passed through our hands. Some were successful, some not. Of those that were not recommended for funding, some failed because of problems inherent in the research design, but others failed because, while both the project and the applicant were worthy, the proposal was marred by technical problems.

While there is no substitute for an intellectually commanding application, there are some small "tricks" that can turn a marginal application into a winner. These have to do with organization and presentation of the research project so as to make it appear lucid and important to panels most of whose members are not ancient

historians. There is also advice available on selecting those who will write accompanying letters of recommendation.

A number of AAH members have served as panelists for NEH, ACLS, Guggenheim and other funding agencies. It would be useful if AAH could maintain a list of names of those who have had this experience and who would be willing to provide advice to AAH members who are applying for grants.

I should like to urge former review panelists to send their names to Stan Burstein or me. We will keep a file of such names, and AAH members who feel they need advice on preparing fellowship applications could contact their AAH officers to secure the names of fellow members who would be willing to assist them.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

One of the main goals of AAH is to disseminate information both about our profession at large and about the activities of individual members. The success of spreading the word depends upon the willingness of members to inform the Editor of the Newsletter about what is going on. The Newsletter can thus emerge as a more effective means of communication about our lives and work.

Do not assume that AAH officers and your colleagues know everything that is happening. Please take time on a regular basis to inform us about fellowships, honors and awards, promotions, job vacancies, changes of position, conferences, significant publications, and other matters of interest to AAH members.

Eugene N. Borza

A PRIZE FOR ANCIENT HISTORY

As a result of a gift from Mr. Joseph O. Losos, a prominent St. Louis businessman and a long-time member of the AHA, the AHA will establish a prize to be awarded annually to the author of the best book in any field of the world's history prior to 1000 AD. Initially the prize will amount to \$1000. Further details concerning this important development for our field will be published as they are received in subsequent issues of the Newsletter.

DISSERTATIONS

W.J. Chertf, *The Dhama Pass and Its Early Byzantine Fortifications*, Loyola of Chicago, 1983, Director: E.W. Kase.

Martin Miller, *The Professionalization of the Roman Army in the Second Century BC*, Loyola of Chicago, 1984, Director: G.J. Szemler.

Frank Holt, *Beyond Plato's Pond: The Greeks and Barbarians in Bactria*, University of Virginia, 1984, Director: S.M. Burstein.

PERSONALIA

Prof. R. Saller has been appointed to succeed the late S.I. Oost as Professor of Ancient History at the University of Chicago.

Prof. J.A.S. Evans has just completed his term as President of the Canadian Classical Association. Profs. Evans & S. van der Maele of the University of Ottawa gave summer courses in Athens during the summer of 1984 under the auspices of the Canadian Archaeological Institute in Athens.

Professor Paul Rahe has been appointed for the period Sept., 1984--August, 1986 a fellow of the Institute for Current World Affairs.

Professor Lindsay Adams will be visiting Associate Professor of History in the Dept. of History, University of Michigan for the Fall, 1984 semester.

Professor Keith Hopkins has been elected Professor of Ancient History at Cambridge University effective Fall, 1985.

Eugenheim Fellowships were awarded to:
Prof. E. Badian, Harvard University for work on Demsothenes & Alexander the Great.
Prof. T.J. Figueira, Rutgers University, for a study of Homosexuality in its socio-political setting in ancient Greece.
Prof. J.P. Sullivan, University of Calif., Santa Barbara, for a critical & historical study of Martial.

Prof. R.J. Penella, Fordham Univ., received an ACLS Grant-in-Aid for a study of Eunapius' Lives of Philosophers and Sophists.

Profs. Judith P. Hallett (Univ. of Maryland) and Marilyn B. Skinner (Northern Illinois University) participated in a panel on Classics and Women's Studies: Perspectives on Their Integration at the National Women's Studies Association Meeting at Douglas College of Rutgers University, June 24-28, 1984.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Associate Professor of Roman History for a tenure track position effective July 1, 1985. The successful candidate will be required to have Ph.D., publications & experience in graduate instruction & will be expected to instruct at the undergraduate & MA levels & to supervise doctoral research in both History and Classics. The salary will be commensurate with qualifications & experience. The 1984/85 salary floor for Assoc. Prof. is \$32,750 per annum. Applications with full curriculum vitae & the names & addresses of three referees should be sent by November 1, 1984 to: Dr. C. J. Jago, Chairman, Dept. of History, McMaster University, 1290 Main St. West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 4L9.

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.

In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements priority will be given to Canadians and permanent residents.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

FROM HELIOS: A FORTHCOMING ISSUE ON "WOMEN IN ANTIQUITY" to be edited by Prof. Marilyn B. Skinner

This special issue is scheduled to appear in the fall of 1986. Prospective contributors should remember that Helios is a journal of classics and comparative literature. Articles studying the impact of antiquity on the modern world will therefore be welcomed. Contributions should be addressed to a general scholarly audience rather than specialists in classical antiquity *per se*. Careful consideration will be given to research employing new methodologies and/or interdisciplinary approaches and to broadly theoretical investigations. The guest editor hopes to present a comprehensive sampling of the most

sophisticated and rigorous current work on Women in Antiquity and especially invites contributions dealing with aspects of the subject left unexplored or poorly represented in previous collections of research. The final deadline for submission is October 15, 1985. All Greek must be transliterated. MLA citation form for secondary sources; abbreviations used by OCD, LSJ and TLL for ancient sources. A style sheet and sample note page is available from the guest editor on request. Submissions should be sent to: Prof. Marilyn B. Skinner, Dept. of Foreign Languages & Literature, Northern Illinois University, De Kalb, IL 60115.

A new journal, Medical Heritage is seeking articles dealing with: Medical history & Biography, Medicine and Literature, Medicine and Philosophy, Medicine and Art, History of Medical Technology. Work should be authoritative, written in a lively style and, when appropriate, illustrated. Manuscripts, double spaced and in triplicate with accompanying

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illustrations, should be sent to: Sharon Romm, M.D., Albert B. Chandler Medical Center, Dept. of Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery, Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40536-0084. Authors of articles accepted for publication will receive an honorarium.

CONFERENCES

The topic for the 1984 meeting of the Friends of Ancient History at the APA-AIA Meetings in Toronto will be: "Urban and Rural: Political, Social and Economic Interaction in the Ancient World".

The First International Symposium of the Society for Studies on Resistance Movements in Antiquity will be held 5-8 January 1986 in the Fuji Kyoiku Kenshujo (Fuji Institute of Education & Training) in Japan. The Organizing Committee will provide living expenses for participants who deliver a paper at the symposium. No similar assurances can be given at this time for travel expenses. Interested parties should contact: The Society for Studies on Resistance Movements in Antiquity, c/o Hayashi Nobuo Kenkyushitsu, Senshu University, 3-8 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan.

The Steering Committee of the APA Program Unit on the Social History of the Greco-Roman World will meet for the first time at the 1984 meeting of the APA. Since the Program Unit is at the planning stage, we would like to have the benefit of as many interested persons as possible. Those interested in joining the Steering Committee should write, as much detail as they wish, to its Chair: Prof. C. Robert Phillips, Classics Dept., Lehigh Univ., Bethlehem, PA 18015.

The "My Turn" column in Newsweek for July 16, 1984 was contributed by Prof. F. Holt of the University of Houston on the supposed corruption of the spirit of the modern Olympic movement.

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