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NOTICES

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

1983/4 concludes Prof. Treggiari's term as president of the AAH. A new president will, therefore, be elected at the 1984 meeting. Nominating petitions for candidates signed by three members of the AAH not belonging to the same institution and counter-signed by the nominee must reach the Secretary-Treasurer by April 21, 1984.

EDITH WIGHTMAN

During the week before Christmas friends and colleagues in Canada and the US were shocked and saddened to hear that Dr. Edith Wightman had been killed in her office at McMaster University on the morning of Saturday, December 17, 1983. Up to early January no arrest had been made. A memorial service was held at McMaster. Members will remember and miss Edith's vigorous participation at our meetings and look forward to news of how the projects on which she was engaged--Carthage, the Liri Valley survey and Gallia Belgica--will be brought to completion.

PERSONALIA

Effective with the beginning of the 1983/4 academic year Prof. Lowell Edmunds joins the Dept. of Classics of Johns Hopkins University as Prof. and Chairman.

Prof. R. Mellor of the Dept. of History, UCLA, is serving as associate director of the University of California's overseas study program in England for the academic years 1983/4 and 1984/5.

Prof. Jack Balcer received the 1983 outstanding teacher award of the College of Arts and Sciences of Ohio State University.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM: 1984 AAH MEETING--US NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, MAY 3-5, 1984

May 3--6:00--7:30 p.m. Reception and exhibit at Naval Academy Museum.

May 4--9:00 A.M. Historiography of the Ancient World: Chair and comment--Prof. Wm. Calder III. Speakers: E. Badian, R. Frank & J. Roberts.

1:30 P.M. Roman Imperial Frontier Policy:

In Memoriam Edith Wightman: Chair and comment: Prof. C. Welles. Speakers to be announced.

May 5--9:00 A.M. Ideology and Athenian Democracy. Chair and comment: Prof. K. Sacks. Speakers to be announced

1:30 P.M. Caesaria Maritima: A Roman Imperial Port and Reception. Chair and comment by R.L. Vann. Speakers to be announced.

There will be a dinner on Friday evening and a survivors' party on Saturday evening. Breakfast will be provided on Friday and Saturday mornings. Further details concerning the program and housing will be provided in a circular mailed during February, 1984. Members, are, however, advised that if at all possible air transportation should be arranged through Baltimore-Washington International Airport since limousine service to Annapolis is available only from that facility.

BOOKS

Barry Baldwin, *Suetonius* (Adolf M. Hakkert, Amsterdam, 1983); *The Philogelos or Laughter-Lover*, London Studies in Classical Philology 10 (J.C. Gieben, Publ., Amsterdam, 1983)--A Greek joke book.

R. Kebric, *The Paintings in the Cnidian Lesche at Delphi and their Historical Context*, *Mnemosyne Supplements* (Brill, 1983).

John Michael O'Flynn, *Generalissimos of the Western Roman Empire* (The University of Alberta Press, Edmonton, 1983).

G. W. Bowersock, *Roman Arabia* (Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1983).

Charles Fornara, The Nature of History in Ancient Greece and Rome (University of California Press, Berkeley, 1983).

Mary Machado's historical novel In Caesar's Shadow has been reprinted by: American Press, 121 First Street, Elizabeth, N.J. 07206. A volume of her English and Spanish poetry, El Triunfo de la Vida-- Alive in Spite of, has been published by: Ediciones del Tauro, 8600 S.W. 32 Terrace, Miami, Fl. 33155.

E. Yamauchi, Pre-Christian Gnosticism, 2nd. ed. (Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, 1983).

A. M. Ward, second edition of F. Heichelheim & C. Yeo, A History of the Roman People (Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1983).

NEH SUMMER SEMINARS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Mary R. Lefkowitz, Depts. of Greek & Latin, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. 02181.

Women in Antiquity June 18-August 10, 1984

This seminar will examine ancient writing about women, both literary and documentary sources, and consider the problems involved in using these sources as evidence for reconstructing a historical account of women's life in ancient Greece and Rome. Participants will assess the evidence under general topics such as women in Greek myth; women's portrayal in drama; and the political, legal and economic status of women. Readings will be drawn from poetry and drama (the Odyssey, the Orestia, Alcestis, Medea, Bacchae), biographical and historical works (Plutarch, Livy, Tacitus, Suetonius), and documentary sources (inscriptions and papyri). Applications are encouraged from college teachers in various humanistic disciplines--especially classics, history, and women's studies--who are interested in exploring a missing dimension in our appreciation of the ancient world. A reading knowledge of Greek and Latin is desirable but not required.

Gregory Nagy, Committee on Degrees in Folklore and Mythology, 69 Dunster Street, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. 02138

The Ancient Greek Concept of Myth and Contemporary Theory and Criticism June 25--August 17, 1984

This seminar will focus on the links between the ancient Greek concept of myth and its function in Greek civilization, and on a comparison of the Greek experience with that of other civilizations. Participants will discuss contemporary theories of myth, assessing their intellectual consistency and subsequently applying them to selected Greek myths and rituals. In a survey of selected works of classical literature, the seminar will deal with the problem of reconciling myth with artistic creativity. Participants will also read literature from the Hellenistic, Byzantine and modern periods, and discuss the reasons for the continued vitality of the Greek mythological themes. Finally, participants will discuss theoretical issues of literary criticism (Levi-Strauss, Walcot, Burkert, Meuli, Fontenrose, Vernant, Vidal-Naquet, Detienne, Meillet). The seminar is intended for teachers in the classics, literature, modern languages and art history.

John Van Seters, Dept. of Religion, 101 Saunders Hall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

History Writing in Ancient Greece, the Near East, and Israel: A Comparative Study June 18-August 10, 1984

This seminar will study the origins and nature of Biblical history writing in the light of Greek and Near Eastern historiography. The primary focus will be on the historical narratives from Genesis to II Kings, but the use of the comparative approach will reveal how much the Bible and early Greek historians have in common and how indebted both are to the various forms of historical texts used in the great Near Eastern civilizations. Viewing the narrative works of the Old Testament as national histories on the Greek model will clarify their complex mode of composition and the way they became authoritative tradition in the Jewish community. The seminar is intended for teachers of Biblical literature and history, classics, Near Eastern studies and ancient history, and for others who have an interest in the forms and formation of historiography in antiquity.

The deadline for application to the above seminars is: MARCH 1, 1984.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

The IV International Symposium on Ancient Macedonia was held by the Institute for Balkan Studies in Thessaloniki from the 21st to the 25th of September, involving over 70 scholars from fourteen countries. The Symposium is a quintessential gathering, bringing together specialists in archaeology, art history, history and philology with an interest in Macedonia running from pre-history to the Roman Empire. Among the symposiasts this year were M. Andronikos, B. Barr-sharrar, A.B. Bosworth, S. Dull, M. Hatzopoulos, G. Mihailov, S. Miller, D. Pandermalis, F. Papazoglou, S. Perlman, Ph. Petsas, R.A. Tomlinson, and F. W. Walbank.

The symposium included outstanding tours of the major Macedonian archaeological sites by the directors. Foremost of these was the tour of Vergina (Aegae), where Prof. Andronikos personally led the participants through the tomb site, his new excavation of the theater at Aegae (the site of Philip II's assassination), and the most spectacular of all--the workrooms themselves for the site. Prof. Andronikos showed exceptional faith in the symposiasts by permitting us around the work tables, literally, and an equally remarkable generosity by allowing photographs. The symposium and the individual scholars owe Prof. Andronikos a profound debt of gratitude.

Another breathtaking, and surprising, site was Dion. Here Prof. Pandermalis was equally generous to the participants in guiding them around the newly constructed site museum and permanent workrooms. Dion itself is a remarkably large site, with the main street and market, both the Greek amphitheater and Roman odeion, and shrines to Isis, Aphrodite, and Asklepios already uncovered. Dion is a rural site, with Mt. Olympus brooding in the background, wild thyme, and shepherds still driving their flocks through the site itself. In many ways, Dion is precisely what philhellenists expect, but rarely find these days. The other tours included Pella, Olynthos and the shrine to Ammon on Chalcidice. In Thessaloniki itself, the symposium was given specially guided tours of both the Vergina exhibit and the new finds from Sindos (a unique collection of artifacts from an extensive cemetery area northwest of the city).

The papers at the symposium were an exceptional collection as well. The AAH was

strongly represented by (in alphabetical order): J.P. Adams ("Iopeikos Thraciae and the Boundaries of Macedonia and the Via Egnatia"); W.L. Adams ("Macedonian Kingship and the Right of Petition"); E.N. Borza ("Alexander the Great and Foreigners"); S.M. Burstein ("Lysimachus and the Greek Cities"); M.H. Chambers ("Perdiccas, Thucydides and the Greek City-States"); W.A. Greenwalt ("The Macedonian King as Healer"); L. Gundarson ("The Tymphaeans in Quintus Curtius' History"); C. D. Hamilton ("Macedon and Sparta in the Fourth Century"); N.G.L. Hammond ("The Via Egnatia in Western Macedonia"); J.M. Helliesen ("Andriscus and the Revolt of the Macedonians"); F.L. Holt ("Alexander's Settlements in Central Asia") and B.L. Twyman ("Philip V, Antiochus the Great, the Celts, and Rome"). The papers will be published in the Institute for Balkan Studies as Archaea Macedonia IV.

W.L. Adams University of Utah

The 1983 meeting of the AHA in San Francisco included for the first time three sessions jointly sponsored by the AAH:

- Ancient Greek Historiography--Chair: C.D. Hamilton
New Perspectives on the Roman Frontier--Chair: J. Nicols
Ancient Greek Law--Chair: M.H. Chambers

On April 25-27, 1984, the University of Wisconsin-Madison will host a conference on "Cultural Change in the Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity." Persons interested in attending should write: Prof. F.M. Clover, Dept. of History, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

A conference on "The Archaeology of Arcadia" jointly sponsored with the Canadian Archaeological Institute at Athens will be held at the Austrian Archaeological Institute at Athens on February 18-19, 1984. For details write: Dr. E.H. Williams, Dept. of Classics, Univ. of B.C., Vancouver, Canada V6T 1W5.

On March 16-17, 1984 the Dept. of the Hist. of Art at Johns Hopkins and the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts of the National Gallery of Art will hold in Baltimore their third annual symposium on "Pictorial Narrative in Antiquity and the Middle Ages." For details write: Prof H. Kessler, Chair, Dept. of the History of Art, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore Maryland 21218.

MISCELLANEA

ANCIENT HISTORY IN THE National Enquirer

On the basis of in-depth interviews with Profs. R. Mellor & A. Ferrill the National Enquirer concluded (Aug. 23, 1983, page 28) that "Lawyers in ancient Rome were remarkably similar to attorneys working in U.S. courts today. They were long-winded, chose cases most likely to bring them fame and fortune and did almost anything to get a client off the hook."

The Women's Classical Caucus is compiling a dossier of feminist scholars working in the field of Graeco-Roman antiquity and their publications. Please send an annotated bibliography of your relevant publications to: Prof. J. Winkler, c/o Dept. of Classics, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305.

Wayne State University has announced the establishment of a new series entitled Byzantine Texts in Translation. The series will be directed by a board of directors that includes Prof. B. Baldwin of the University of Calgary. The first two volumes, D City of Byzantium, trans. by H. J. Magoulias and the Timarion, trans. by B. Baldwin will appear in 1984. Those interested in

submitting manuscripts should contact: Mrs. Carol A. Bromberg, editor of Byzantine Texts in Translation, Wayne State University Press, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

DUES

Dues for 1984 are due January 1, 1984. Members whose dues are in arrears will find a stamp to that effect in this space.

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At the First International Congress of Greek and Arabic Studies held during the summer of 1983 in Athens Prof. V. Christides of the University of Athens announced a major discovery, fragments of an Arabic translation of Naumachia of Leo VI, the only known translation of a Byzantine secular text which its translator claims to have made for military intelligence purposes.

Professor J.A.S. Evans will conduct a summer study tour July 4-31, 1984 on the topic Topography and Monuments of Ancient Greece. Application deadline: April 10, 1984. For application and information write Prof. David W. Rupp, Chairman, CAIA Summer Session Committee, Dept. of Classics, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2S 3A1.

Peter Brown will deliver the annual Wilson Lecture at the University of Utah on April 2, 1984. The topic will be "The Body and Society: Reflections on the Social Meaning of Asceticism in the Early Church."

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The Secretary-Treasurer has received the first issue of the Boston University's Institute for the Classical Tradition Newsletter. Persons interested in the work of the Institute for the Classical Tradition in Other Cultures should write to: The Institute for the Classical Tradition, Dept. of Classical Studies, Boston University, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. 02215.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Dual appointment in the Departments of History and Classics at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning 9/1/84. Specialization in Ancient History with preference for the period of the Roman Republic required. Ability to teach Latin essential, Classical Greek desirable and General Classics courses also desirable. Ph.D. required. Salary competitive. Position has been authorized for an indefinite period. Send application, vita and references to Prof. Jacqueline S. Hegbar, Chair, Search Committee, Dept. of Classics, Olin Hall, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio 44325. Deadline for application is January 15, 1984. The University of Akron is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

