

**NOTICES**

Calendar-year 1992 dues were due on January 1.

Paid-up members of AAH are entitled to a \$12.80 (20% discount) annual subscription rate to the *American Journal of Ancient History*. Write to: AJAH, Dept. of History, Robinson Hall, Harvard Univ., Cambridge, MA 02138.

Members with new books out, honors, or positions should notify me at the return address on this Newsletter. My reportage is largely determined by what you submit.

— Jack Cargill

**AAH 1992 MEETING SCHEDULE**

George Szemler has provided the schedule for the 1992 AAH Annual Meeting, hosted by Loyola University of Chicago, on May 21-23 (Thursday-Saturday). Dormitory accommodations will be available at the University's new Student Center. Participants may extend their stay through the night of Sunday the 24th.

Registration forms, details of travel arrangements (including discounts), fees, additional logistical details, and precise schedules will be mailed to everyone who receives this Newsletter with a regular photocopied, gummed mailing label. Anyone else (even those who join in time to receive this Newsletter with a hand-written address) must contact the host directly, if interested in attending the meeting.

Thursday, May 21: Registration, High Administrator's Welcome, Business Meeting

Friday, May 22:

**Session 1. GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT**

G. Adeleye (Univ. of Maiduguri, Nigeria): Geography and Environment in the Foundation of Cyrenaeca

S.L. Spaar (East-Central Univ., Oklahoma): Tracing the Ancient Spanish Coastline: The Search for Underwater Sites

A.M. Devine (Deep Spring College, California): Gaugamela: A Plea for Precision

R. Mathiesen (Univ. of South Carolina): "Nature or Nurture" — What Caused the Famines of Late Roman Gaul?

**Session 2. CARTOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY**

P. Keyser (Dept. of the Air Force): From Myth to the Blessed Isle in the First Century B.C.

E. Edson (Piedmont, Virginia, Community College): The Medieval World View: The St. Beatus Map

W.J. Cherf (Middlesex County College, N.J.): Geography and Topography: Late Roman Internal Border in the Malian Basin

Saturday, May 23:

**Session 3. ETHNOGRAPHY AND GEOGRAPHY**

C.M.C. Green (Univ. of Iowa): *De Africa et suis incolis*: The Function of Geography and Ethnography in Sallust's History of the Jugurthine War (*BJ* 17-19)

R. Stoneman (Senior Editor, Routledge): Romantic Ethnography: Central Asia and India in the Alexander Romance

C. Zimmerman (Carleton College): Seneca's *Medea* (375-9) and "Primitivism"

Other activities will include a Reception and Special Exhibit at the Art Institute. Saturday's session will be at the Oriental Institute. After the session, and before luncheon, a special exhibit will be open for the participants.

For any further information, contact Prof. G.J. Szemler, Dept. of History, Loyola University, Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60626. In his absence, contact Prof. J. Keenan or Prof. B. Lavelle of the Dept. of Classical Studies.

**CALL FOR PAPERS, AAH 1993 MEETING**

The 1993 meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians will be held in Calgary and Banff, Alberta, on May 14-16. The organizing committee invites proposals for papers from members of the Association. We expect to put together three sessions, each with three papers and one commentary. Popular Sovereignty, the Goths, and the Third Century B.C. (Roman or Hellenistic) have been suggested as general areas which might receive attention, but the organizing committee is prepared to consider proposals for papers in other areas. Abstracts should be sent to: Prof. Waldemar Heckel, Department of Classics, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada; FAX (403) 284-0848

**PUBLICATIONS OF THE AAH**

Copies of PAAH 1 (Chester G. Starr, *Past and Future in Ancient History*) are available for new members, one per person, by request, and there will be a \$3 postage-and-handling fee. It will be sent only to paid-up members, i.e., only to those paid through 1992.

Unfortunately, no more members' copies of PAAH 2 (Alan E. Samuel, *The Shifting Sands of History: Interpretations of Ptolemaic Egypt*) are available; this may be purchased from University press of America.

Dealings with the University Press of America in connection with PAAH 3, Arther Ferrill, *Roman Imperial Grand Strategy*, and its distribution to paid-up AAH members have been confused and complicated, but finally appear to have been straightened out. Relying on telephone assurances from UPA, I had described the book's distribution as "imminent" in the October Newsletter, and I had sent a set of mailing labels that was identical with the set for that Newsletter. I even wrote to several AAH members who had changed their addresses after that point, warning them that the book-rate parcels would not be forwarded; a few sent me checks to cover the anticipated postage-and-handling charges, and others have written to ask why they have not received the book.

Primarily because, contrary to everything agreed upon, UPA for some reason sent the entire shipment of 750 books to me, in

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early December! I refused to accept them, except for one box (22 copies), more-or-less constituting the "extra" copies to be sent to me anyway. I thought that when the books got back to UPA, they would be sent out to individual AAH members, as they should have been all along, using the mailing labels I had already sent. Yet no books were sent. Finally, both Stan Burstein and I called UPA to find out what was going on. Nobody seemed to know where the 728 books I had sent back were! That is where I left the matter as I departed for three weeks of holiday travel.

After numerous failures, since my return, to find out anything useful by telephone, I sent a letter to UPA, describing (in considerably greater detail than appears here), the problem and asking several questions. Most importantly, had the returned books finally showed up, and, if so, could I send an updated set of mailing labels to replace the old set?

Just before the printing of this Newsletter, I finally got an affirmative answer to both of these questions, and sent a new set of mailing labels to be used in distributing the books. The labels are the same set used for *this* Newsletter. Therefore all my dire warnings to new members and members who have recently changed their addresses now prove to have been unnecessary. If you have written to ask me when your book will arrive, I can now say with some certainty that it will be very soon. If you have actually sent me money to cover anticipated postage and handling costs for forwarding the book from your old address, I propose simply to apply the money to future dues, unless anyone explicitly asks for it back (I have hand-altered the "year paid" on the mailing labels of the few addresses to which this applies).

Only members whose Newsletter has a regular photocopied gummed label will receive PAAH 3. Very few extra copies for new members (after the printing of these labels) will be available, on the usual basis (see above). After those few are gone, anyone else wanting a copy will have to deal with UPA directly.

PAAH 4, Carol Thomas, *Myth Becomes History: Preclassical Greece*, has been read in typescript by the Publications Committee, and is now in her hands for preparation of camera-ready copy. Arrangements for a couple of further volumes are moving along well; more information in later Newsletters.

## BOOKS

Several AAH members contribute to *Literacy in the Roman World* (University of Michigan 1991).

The American Historical Association (with major funding from NEH) is publishing a new edition of its (1961) *Guide to Historical Literature*, with Oxford University Press. Greek section ed. is Mortimer Chambers; Roman section ed. is Colin Wells, with David Cherry assisting on the Republican period.

Duncan Fishwick, *Imperial Cult in the Latin West*, vol. II, parts 1-2 (Brill 1991).

Charles D. Hamilton, *Agesilaus and the Failure of Spartan Hegemony* (Cornell 1991).

Peter Karavites, *Promise-Giving and Treaty-Making, Homer and the Near East* (Brill 1992).

Jane E. Phillips (trans. and notes), *Paraphrase on John* (University of Toronto 1991) = *Collected Works of Erasmus*, vol. 46.

Sarah B. Pomeroy (ed.), *Women's History and Ancient History* (University of North Carolina 1991).

Beryl Rawson (ed.), *Marriage, Divorce, and Children in Ancient Rome* (Clarendon 1991).

Eli Sagan, *The Honey and the Hemlock: Democracy and Paranoia in Ancient Athens and Modern America* (Basic Books 1991)

Chester G. Starr, 4th ed. of *A History of the Ancient World*, paperback ed. of *The Origins of Greek Civilization*, and forthcoming *The Aristocratic Temper of Greek Civilization* (Oxford, Spring 1992).

## PERSONALIA

Duncan Fishwick (University of Alberta) has been elected a Correspondent of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, Institut de France.

Charles D. Hamilton (San Diego State University) has received the Alumni and Associates' Award for Outstanding Faculty Contributions and the \$1000 prize associated with it.

Chester G. Starr (University of Michigan) received awards as both Distinguished Scholar and Distinguished Teacher at the 1991 American Historical Association meeting.

## OBITUARY

Michael Jameson sends the following notice:

Professor Kentaro Murakawa, Professor Emeritus at Tokyo University, died on December 23rd, 1991, at the age of 84. Professor Murakawa was the leading ancient historian of Japan and was extremely influential through his scholarship and teaching. He had the distinction of having delivered a private lecture on Aristotle to the present Emperor of Japan when he was crown prince. Among Professor Murakawa's many publications was a commentary on the *Athenaion Politeia*, which unfortunately has not been translated into a western language. Professor Murakawa relished the memory of a comment by Edouard Will at the second international congress of economic history at Aix-en-Provence in 1962 that the English of Tokyo was easier to understand than the English of Oxford from the lips of the late Antony Andrewes. Anyone who had the privilege of hearing that fine scholar lecture will appreciate Will's remark.

## ROUTLEDGE ANCIENT HISTORY PRIZE

The 1991 prize has been awarded jointly to Thomas Wiedmann (University of Bristol) for his study *Emperors and Gladiators* and to Hagith Sivan (University of the Witwatersrand) for her work on *Ausonius of Bordeaux*, both to be published by Routledge in 1992/3.

Submissions are invited for the 1992 prize, to be awarded in November. The prize is for the best contribution in English (submitted to the judges by August 31) to the understanding of the history of the classical world. Typescripts should be 70,000 - 120,000 words. Editions and commentaries are ineligible. Works submitted should not require extensive photographic illustration or extensive typesetting in foreign alphabets. The value of the prize is £500, plus publication by Routledge (royalties separately negotiated). Send two copies of typescript to Richard Stoneman, Senior Editor, Routledge, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4EE, England.

## NEW ANCIENT STUDIES PROGRAM

University of Toronto, Departments of Classics, Fine Art, and Near Eastern Studies announce a new collaborative program in "Ancient Studies" leading to the MA and PhD degrees. Students are required to do significant work in at least two of the three departments; admission is through any of the three. For further information, write to Prof. J.W. Shaw, Director, Ancient Studies Collaborative Programme, Department of Fine Art, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ont. M5S 1A1, Canada; Telephone (416) 978-3290; FAX (416) 978-1491.

## CALLS FOR PAPERS

**Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association,** meeting August 13-16 at Oregon State University, Corvallis. The association has in the past sponsored at least three and sometimes as many as six panels of papers in Ancient History. Deadline was January 15, but in deference to this Newsletter's late publication, the organizers will allow proposals to be submitted for at least four weeks beyond that. Please contact Prof. John Nicols immediately: e-mail jnicols@oregon.uoregon.edu or (503)346-4817. At this writing, only one Ancient panel is in place, on "Christians, Jews and Pagans in the Princtate."

**International Society at the for Classical Tradition,** second annual conference August 13-16 at the University of Tübingen. Conference languages are English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Papers will be 20, 30, or (in a few cases) 45 minutes in length. Send abstracts (not more than 25 lines), suggestions, and inquiries to either of the Co-Presidents: Prof. Meyer Reinhold, Inst. for the Classical Tradition, 745 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215, USA; or Prof. Wolfgang Haase, Universität Tübingen, Arbeitsstelle ANRW, Wilhelmstr. 36, D-W-7400 Tübingen, Germany.

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If you find a mistake in your address or in the spelling of your name, please send me a correction, using the AAH Member Information form on this page. Please realize that my computer program allows me a maximum of four lines in the address and limits the length of individual lines; do not "correct" an adequate address merely because it is abbreviated.

AAH tries to keep costs down by recycling book mailers and avoiding all pro forma letter-writing. Thus no acknowledgement is sent when potential Newsletter items are received, although such items will indeed be included in the next Newsletter, if there is room and they have not become out of date. Nor are receipts sent for dues received: a receipt costs just as much to send as a Newsletter, cancelled checks will reach dues-payers anyway, and changes in current year paid are evident on subsequent Newsletter mailing labels.

It is impossible to process checks for Canadian dollars, or checks for U.S. dollars drawn on a Canadian bank, or some kinds of Canadian money orders, without being charged collection fees that generally exceed the value of the checks or money orders themselves. Fortunately, many Canadian banks have U.S. branches, and their money orders, bearing an "American Banking Association" number on their faces, can be deposited as if they were U.S. checks. Canadian *Postal Money Orders* can be cashed at U.S. Post Offices, but the "payee" line should include my name in addition to "AAH". Cash is acceptable, too.

Please let me know if you have a current address for any of the following AAH members: **John C. Cooper, Gregory Dundas, P. E. Isett.**

## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

**Summer Institute on Athenian Democracy** at the University of California, Santa Cruz, in June and July of 1992, directed by Charles W. Hedrick. General topics will include foundations, institutions, society, culture, democratic ideals, and education. Instructors will include David Cohen, Peter Euben, Michael Jameson, Ian Morris, John Lynch, Josiah Ober, Martin Ostwald, Cynthia Patterson, Jennifer Roberts, Barry Strauss, and Sheldon Wolin. Places for 25 full-time college teachers are available; each will receive a stipend of \$250 per week and an allowance toward travel and living expenses. Applications are due March 2, 1992. For information, contact Maggie Collins, Conference Coordinator, Division of the Humanities, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064; telephone (408) 459-4090; FAX (408) 423-2671.

**Research Conference on Democracy Ancient and Modern** under auspices of the National Archives and Georgetown University, April 9-11, 1993 at the New York office of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 41 E. 72nd St., New York, NY 10021; telephone (212) 861-0302. For details, contact project directors Josiah Ober and/or Charles Hedrick through this address.

## BOOK REVIEWS PROBLEM

The following is a verbatim copy of a response I sent to several AAH members who wrote to me:

Numerous AAH members have offered suggestions for dealing with the Book Review problem that I discussed in Newsletter 55 (October 1991). The suggestions so far received tend to fit within three broad categories, more or less:

1. Do not do reviews, publishing a statement to this effect. This suggestion is generally coupled with some suggestion about how to handle unsolicited books sent anyway (giving each publisher one chance to say what should be done with such a book, e.g.), or suggesting where to give them away (libraries, graduate students, members who request a particular book and send postage, etc.).

2. Do only very short reviews, several of them. This suggestion is sometimes linked to an admonition to be very selective about what books are reviewed (ones that are highly original, deceptively broad in their implications, etc.).

3. More or less "contract out" an occasional book review supplement separate from the Newsletter proper, to be inserted in it or attached to it for mailing (some writers even volunteered to produce the supplement themselves).

None of these ideas is without either attractiveness or problems:

The first set of suggestions would present the fewest difficulties, although the large backlog of books already on hand — received prior to the announcing of any no-reviews policy — would still be problematic. The chief drawback, however, is the apparently widespread sentiment that having *some* reviews is desirable.

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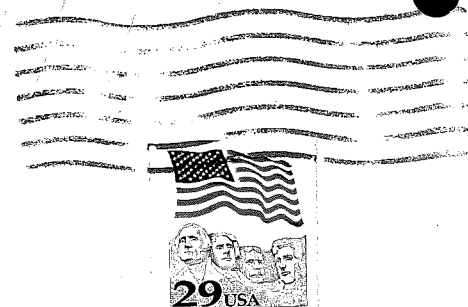
That concern would be well served by alternative number two, but this alternative creates its own problems. Several short reviews take up as much space as one longer review (since I am rarely able to fit in the latter, I might not be able to fit in the former any more frequently), while adding to the editorial and correspondence burden by multiplying authors. If I am to be highly selective about what books are reviewed, how am I to find the time to read every book to be sure I am selecting the right ones?

The separate supplement idea, while attractive in that it frees the Newsletter editor from direct involvement with reviewing books, may be logistically and financially unfeasible. The Newsletter already verges on being overweight for mailing to Canada or overseas; one more page might double the postage costs on ca. 150 of the 700+ copies sent out, and postage rates steadily rise already.

I am still mulling over the problem, and I still welcome suggestions, and appreciate those that have already been received. This question may be worth discussing at the meeting in Chicago.

## MEETING DATES PROBLEM

Newsletter readers have shown similarly articulate concern about the issue raised in Colin Wells' letter, i.e., the problems our recent late meeting dates pose for members who are also excavating archaeologists. Some have suggested meeting a great deal earlier in the spring, or even in the early fall. One creative proposal was a conscious alternation: two years of early-May meetings, then two years of late-May meetings, then repeat the pattern. In Chicago, I intend to read out the comments of interested persons who are unable to attend specifically because of the scheduled dates.



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