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Material for this Newsletter has been provided by ASCS University Representatives and other members of the Executive Committee. I am grateful for the time taken by them to put the information together. If you have any items of interest, please pass them on to your Representative or send them direct to me (contact details above). I anticipate that the next Newsletter will be sent out in September/October.

The next issue of the journal *Antichthon* (Vol. 35 for 2001) has just been sent to the printer, and will be available for distribution shortly. It is the Society's practice to send the volume of the journal only to those who are financial for the relevant year. So if the application for membership renewal form being sent out with this mailing shows that you are not financial for the year 2001, please ensure that your overdue subscription is sent in as quickly as possible so that you can receive your copy of *Antichthon*.

Bruce Marshall



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Staff

Two new Senior Research Assistants, David O'Brien (BSc, MA Theol, MA Theol Stud, MPhil) and Silke Trzcionka (BBus, BA Hons), have been appointed to work on Dr Wendy Mayer's ARC Large Grant Project, the collation of a John Chrysostom database, at the McAuley Campus.

New courses

Ecclesiastical Latin is being taught at introductory level in Semesters 1 and 2 by Dr Bronwen Neil.

Conferences

The Third Conference on Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church, on the theme of "Liturgy and Life", will be held at the St Patrick's Campus in Melbourne from 10-13 July. Invited speakers include Sr Nonna Verna Harrison, Professor Charles Kannengiesser, Professor Philip Esler, Rabbi Dr Elliot

Ginsburg, Professor Ahmad Shboul, and Professor Gabriele Winkler. For further details, see the website www.acu.edu.au/Earlychr, and follow the links to "Conference". Abstracts are due by 5 April.

Visitors

Dr Kazuhiko Demura finishes his year at the Centre for Early Christian Studies at the McAuley Campus this month and returns to the University of Okayama. Professor Charles Kannengiesser will return to the Centre from June to August 2002.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Staff

Elizabeth Minchin has become Head of the School of Language Studies for an 18 month term.

Dr Penelope (Pim) Allison has taken up a position for five years as an ARC (Queen Elizabeth II) Fellow in the History and Archaeology Programs in the Faculty of Arts.

New courses

Dr Ann Moffatt is teaching a course at first year level in second semester this year entitled "Myths and Legends of Greece and Rome". Very healthy enrolments are expected in this History/Classics course.

Conferences

The (First) Homer Seminar, convened at ANU in November last year, attracted 20 participants, including a sturdy band of Canberra Homerists and a welcome influx of scholars from a number of Australian campuses. There were nine papers in all, covering a great range of Homeric topics, ranging from a study of 'geras' by Ben Brown from Sydney University to a reconstruction of the sound of Homer by Avery Andrews from the Linguistics Program at the ANU.

Visitors

ANU looks forward to the following visitors later in the year: Pierre Lariche (on Dura Europas), and Kathleen Coleman (from Harvard).

Museum

The Classics Museum acquired a number of items in 2001: a glass drinking cup on a short stem, a fragment of cameo glass, seven Hellenistic terracotta loomweights, a spindle whorl (presented by Professor Graeme Clarke), and a group of 21 glass fragments including millefiori examples.

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Personalia

Dr Geraldine Herbert-Brown has been invited to give a paper at a conference in honour of Barbara Levick on the occasion of her retirement, to be held at St Hilda's College, Oxford, from 9-11 April. The theme of the conference will be the polymath Pliny the Elder; Geraldine's paper is entitled "Scepticism, Superstition and the Stars: Astronomical Angst in Pliny the Elder".

Research

Dr Christiana Köhler has attracted an enormous amount of national media coverage with the latest spectacular finds at tomb sites she and her team have been excavating at Helwan near Cairo for the last five seasons. Among the significant finds during the most recent dig was the discovery of three more of the so-called "Helwan Ceiling Stelae". This is the erroneous name that the first excavator at the site, Zaki Saad, gave to the 34 slabs with mortuary imagery and writing that he found. These stelae, together with the three new ones, are the largest and most important corpus of art and writing from the Early Dynastic period, and may suggest that writing developed independently in Egypt and at an earlier time than formerly thought.

In April a volume of papers edited by Andrew Gillett (ARC Postdoctoral Research Fellow), addressing ethnicity in Late Antiquity and entitled "On Barbarian Identity: Critical Approaches to Ethnicity in the Early Middle Ages", will be published by University of York/Brepols.

Conferences

Dr Trevor Evans reports that the first event in the Museum of Ancient Cultures Language Showcase Series, the Language Colloquium in Honour of Alan Treloar, was held successfully on 14th September, 2001. Papers were presented by Trevor Evans, Ben Brown, Malcolm Choat, John Lee, and Alan Treloar himself. The occasion drew 23 participants.

The second event in the Series, the "Language and History" Colloquium, also convened by Trevor Evans, was held on 22nd March (publicity is carried out, among other means, via Trevor's electronic mailing list; anyone not yet on it and keen to be included can contact Trevor at tevens@matra.com.au). The Language and History Colloquium featured papers from Norman Ricklefs, Greg Fox, Martin Stone, and Trevor Evans (substituting for Robert Tannenbaum, whose previously publicised paper will be rescheduled at a later date).

Future events already planned include the Colloquium in Honour of John Lee, to be held on 6th September, and a colloquium in memory of Professor George Shipp's contribution to ancient world studies in Australia, scheduled for March 2003.

The Society for the Study of Early Christianity (within the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre) will be holding its annual Conference at Macquarie University on Saturday 4th May from 9.30 am to 7.45 pm. The theme of the Conference is "Prophets and Priests: Judaism and Early Christianity". The key speaker at the Conference will be Dr Tessa Rajak (Reading University); there will be 13 other speakers. Further information from Mrs Pat Geidans (02 9850 7512) or Assoc. Prof. Alanna Nobbs (02 9850 8844).

Visitors

Professor Kazuhiko Demura (Okayama University) visited in early March and gave a seminar on "The Heart and Community in St Augustine". SSEC's Visiting Fellow for 2002 is Dr Tessa Rajak, who will be at the university for two weeks from late April to early May. Professor Judith Lieu (King's College, University of London) will be returning to Macquarie University from mid March to late April, giving a seminar on "Synagogue and the Separation of the Christians" while she is here. Anson Rainey (Tel Aviv University) will be visiting the Documentary Research Centre in July.

Also in early March Emeritus Professor Harold Mattingly, currently President of the Royal Numismatic Society, best known as an epigraphist but with a distinguished reputation in history and numismatics as well, visited to deliver the inaugural Gale Lectures for the Australian Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies. The Gale Lectures have been established to celebrate the contributions of Mr W.L. and Mrs J. Gale to the fostering of studies in ancient coinage and ancient history at Macquarie University. ACANS was created in 1999 with a generous benefaction from Mr and Mrs Gale. Professor Mattingly's first lecture was on "Coins and History" on 6th March, and the second on "Coinage of the Athenian Empire" on 13th March.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Departmental news

Over the next few weeks members of the Centre for Classics and Archaeology will be moving to a new location in the University, the Old Quadrangle, the oldest and most recognisably central part of the campus. This will give Classics a higher profile and create the sense that the subject is currently being given greater recognition.

Conferences

The Fifth Biennial Conference on Orality and Literacy in Ancient Greece, "Oral Performance and its Context", will be held at the University of Melbourne from 1-5 July. This Conference has already received wide publicity. The Organiser is Dr Chris Mackie (cjmackie@unimelb.edu.au). Further details, including a list of paper-givers and registration arrangements, can be found on the conference website at <http://www.sfca.unimelb.edu.au/orality/index.htm>.

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

Departmental news

The Department of Classics has now been merged with the Departments of History and Philosophy as part of new restructuring. Now called the School of Liberal Arts, this three-disciplined school is under the headship of Professor Harold Tarrant. Professor Tarrant will continue as editor of *Antichthon*.

Staff

Tamara Neal replaced Dr Marguerite Johnson while she was on study leave in second semester last year. Miss Neal taught a first year course on mythology and a senior course on Greek theatre at the Ourimbah Campus. Her teaching was well received, and she will be returning for a further two weeks in second semester this year.

Personalia

Dr Elizabeth Baynham attended an excellent conference in Athens last year entitled "The Macedonians in Athens 323-229 BC", organized by Professors Olga Palagia and Stephen Tracey, which focused on the latest research in history, art history, epigraphy and archaeology. The conference was well supported by the University of Athens and the American School of Archaeology.

Dr Marguerite Johnson has recently returned from study leave, during which she spent time at the Ferguson Collection at the University of Glasgow Library, studying early modern European texts on witchcraft in order to trace the classical influences. Dr Johnson presented two seminars: "Catullus 2b: The Passer Trilogy" as part of the Research Seminar Series in the Department of Classics, and "The Malleus Maleficarum and its Classical Antecedents" at the Centre for Greek and Roman Studies.

Dr Johnson will travel to the United States in late April to attend the 37th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University. Her paper is entitled "From Fantasy to Fact: Early Literature against Witches and its Classical Antecedents".

Mr Hugh Lindsay has recently returned from Rome where he has been editing a collection of papers from last year's conference, which he helped to convene, on "Strabo on Israel: An International Perspective". The volume is scheduled to appear in 2003.

Conferences

Professor Tarrant is organising a conference on "Plato's Ancient Readers" to be held at the University of Newcastle from 15-18 July. Several international speakers are expected to participate.

Visitors

Professor Brian Bosworth (UWA) will be visiting the campus in March and June. He will be presenting a seminar entitled "Alexander and the Iranians Revisited" at a date to be advised.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Departmental news

Although understaffed, the School of Classics, History and Religion continues to flourish and is now the largest (in terms of student numbers) in the Faculty of Arts. The EFTSU count is 670 (up 107 from 2001), and the Classics and Ancient History section accounts for just under 210 of this count. In 2001 on the basis of student surveys we were again rated as the best School in the Faculty in terms of the quality of teaching. We also produced the largest number of publications in the Faculty.

Staff

Mr Roger Pitcher resigned at the end of 2001 to continue his career as Classics Master at Sydney Grammar School, and Dr Charles Tesoriero (who was on a contract position here in 2000-2001) was appointed to replace him.

Dr John Lee, who retired last year from the University of Sydney after almost 30 years of teaching Greek, has accepted the invitation of the University's Academic Board to become an Honorary Fellow of the School.

Assoc. Prof. Greg Stanton is on study leave in first semester this year, and Dr Iain Spence will be on study leave in second semester.

Courses

As part of the expansion into Studies in Religion, Assoc. Prof. Lynda Garland is offering a heavily revised unit (RELS 202/302/402) entitled "Religions of the Ancient Near East". The unit focuses on Egypt, Mesopotamia and Canaan/Israel, and is taught at both undergraduate and Master's levels.

Awards

Dr Anna Silvas has been awarded an extraordinary postdoctoral bursary for one year (2002) by the Vice Chancellor, in recognition of the outstanding quality of her PhD, which was awarded in 2001.

Mr Robert Bostock, an MA candidate in Classics, was awarded the Charles Ede Prize for 2001 for the best research essay on material in the UNE Museum of Antiquities.

Conferences

The conference "Hecate at the Crossroads: Magic in the Ancient World" organised by Dr Charles Tesoriero and held at the University from 26-28 September last year, attracted over 30 participants from Australia and overseas (though several US registrants cancelled just before the conference because of the terrorist attacks of 11 September). Despite the slightly reduced numbers, the conference was a great success both academically and socially.

The Sixth Armidale Seminar in Mediterranean Antiquity was held on 8-9 March. Its theme was "Background to the Old Testament: Archaeological Context and Historical Approaches". The main speakers were Professor Greg Horsley, Dr Noel Weeks and Mrs Mary Dolan. 122 participants attended the seminar.

The School is hosting a Study Day at UNE for the HSC History Extension Course on 4th May. The Study Day will cover both ancient and modern history topics.

Visitors

On 16th October last year, Dr Jenny Webb (Archaeology, La Trobe University) delivered the Fifth Museum of Antiquities Maurice Kelly Lecture. Her topic was "Exploring the Bronze Age in Cyprus: Australian Perspectives". The lecture was published in March 2002. All previous lectures in this series have been published and are available from the School.

Museum

The Museum of Antiquities accessioned over 150 items last year, thanks mainly to gifts from two donors. Cypriot pottery from Bronze Age tombs at Dhenia was donated by Mrs Eve Stewart, enhancing the already considerable Stewart Collection. These pottery items have now been published in Sweden by J.M. Webb and D. Frankel (2001). In addition, Mr Bruce Reuman donated several costumes from Colombia, as well as Mayan pottery.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

New courses

On the initiative of Dr John Vallance, Headmaster of Sydney Grammar School, an experiment has been undertaken at the university to provide courses in Latin. The experiment is now in its fourth year. Initially the teaching was carried out in collaboration with staff from the University of New England, principally the then Assoc. Prof. Peter Toohey and Mr Roger Pitcher, who travelled to the Kensington campus once a week for face-to-face classes. This year there are 14 students undertaking the beginners Latin course, taught by Ms Alison Waters, and an advanced level class of 7-8 being taught by Roger Pitcher. As a collaborative project there are some 3 or 4 Macquarie University students enrolled in the latter course under a cross-crediting arrangement.

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Departmental news

We are now part of the School of History, Religion, Philosophy and Classics, and a decree has gone down from on high to the effect that (throughout the University) the word 'Department' is to be excised from all official documents. Despite this *abolitio nominis*, no new *nomen* has been mooted. However, there is still a 'Head' of each 'part' of the new School.

Personalia

In November 2001 the death occurred of Mr Bruce Gollan, former Lecturer in the Department and Director of the Antiquities Museum. He died after a long battle with cancer and only two years after he took early retirement.

Staff

Dr Suzanne Dixon has resigned as from 22nd February 2002.

Two new staff members have been appointed recently: Dr Sonia Puttock who takes charge of the Antiquities Museum (replacing Bruce Gollan), and Dr Pat Wheatley (replacing Suzanne Dixon).

Awards

Professor Michael Lattke, from the area of Studies in Religion, has been awarded an ARC Discovery Grant for 2002-2006. The project is an historical-critical commentary on the Odes of Solomon, in two versions – an extensive German edition and an abridged English edition. Since the sensational discovery in 1909 of the first, Syriac, manuscript of the Odes of Solomon, an early Christian collection of 42 pseudepigraphical poems, there has never been published a commentary as detailed as other pioneering biblical and non-canonical commentaries. Writing such a commentary will be based on Professor Lattke's extensive preliminary investigations: new edition, first complete concordance, annotated bibliography, monograph on ancient hymnology, German translation with introduction and notes, numerous articles. Further painstaking philological-critical research will be necessary for both the German and the abridged English commentary, bringing the most ambitious research project on these enigmatic texts to completion within the next decade.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Staff

Dr Pat Watson is the current 'chair' of Classics.

Departmental news

"The Writing on the Wall", a book by Kevin Lee and Anne Rogerson explaining and illustrating Latin and other inscriptions in the University and college buildings, will be launched in the Nicholson Museum on Thursday 30th May at 6.00 pm.

In conjunction with her visit as a keynote speaker at the Greek Drama III Conference (in July), Professor Pat Easterling will deliver the Australian Academy of the Humanities Trendall Bequest Lecture for 2002.

Visitors

Professor Kathleen Coleman (Harvard) will be visiting from 12-16 August as part of the Sesquicentenary Celebrations of Classics at the University of Sydney, and will deliver the 15th Todd Memorial Lecture on 15th August.

Conference

The Greek Drama III Conference will be held from 8-12 July at Sancta Sophia College in the University of Sydney. The conference is being held in memory of Kevin Lee. The keynote speakers will be Professor Pat Easterling and Professor Richard Hunter. The Convener is Frances Muecke (University of Sydney) (frances.meucke@antiquity.usyd.edu.au). Further details, including list of paper-givers and registration arrangements, can be found on the website at <http://www.arts.usyd.edu.au/Arts/departs/classics/greekconferenceprogram.htm>.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Staff

Dr Pat Wheatley will be leaving the University to take up a Lectureship at the University of Queensland on 1st April 2002.

Australasian Universities Language and Literature
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AULLA XXXII

32nd Congress

9-14 February 2003

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Te Whare Wananga o te Upoko o te Ika a Maui



CALL FOR PAPERS

The theme of AULLA Congress XXXII, "Knowledge and Nation", encourages an exploration of the relationship between two fundamental issues at the beginning of the new millennium: the ways in which knowledge is constructed and transmitted, the ways in which we attempt to define and delimit national identity. In our information society, and in an age of increasing globalisation, it seems important to reconsider whether there is an integral relationship between the creation of knowledge, the concepts of citizenship and nation, and the specifics of geography, history, language and culture. As the focus of an AULLA conference, the theme invites us in particular to consider how languages and literatures influence, and are influenced by, our ideas about 'knowledge' and 'nation'. The conference welcomes papers from a wide range of disciplines, from classical literature to children's literature, from European languages to postcolonial studies. We hope that papers will embrace an equally wide diversity of theoretical approaches and methodologies, and that the theme will spark ideas and debate rather than preclude them. (Offers of papers not explicitly on the theme are also welcome.)

Papers should be of either 20 or 40 minutes duration, and sessions should be of 90 minutes duration. For individual papers, send paper title, a 100 word abstract and an indication of length (20 or 40 minutes), to the appropriate session convenor, by 31st July 2002. Please include your email address if you have one. The paper will be scheduled in an appropriate session.

[Please note: a list of speakers and paper titles will be placed on the website in due course; we hope to add email addresses also, and would appreciate an indication of whether or not you would like your email address to be included in the list.]

Sessions may be organised by individuals, academic societies, university departments or publications and will consist of three 20 minute papers, or a 40 minute and 20 minute paper, organised into a 90 minute session (including discussion time).

Proposals for papers in the Classics Section should be addressed to:

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Registration forms are available on the AULLA Conference Website, at the following:

<http://www.vuw.ac.nz/seftconference/AULLA>