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After a gap of some years it has been decided to revive the ASCS Newsletter, as a means of informing members of the Society about what is going on with our subject around the country. The task of editing the Newsletter has been taken on by Bruce Marshall (formerly Associate Professor in Classics and Ancient History at UNE and a former secretary of ASCS) who is now based at Macquarie University in semi-retirement. As in the past the intention is to send the Newsletter out twice a year, co-inciding with ASCS mail-outs. For the provision of information I will as Editor be relying heavily on the various ASCS university representatives, but other members of the Society are very welcome to submit items of interest or suggestions about format, etc., at any time.

Don't forget – You can look things up on the Society's Web Page, which is regularly maintained by courtesy of Dr Neil O'Sullivan, of the Department of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Western Australia.

<http://www.arts.uwa.edu.au/classics/ASCS/index.html>

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If you would like to take advantage of the ASCS mail-outs to distribute relevant material to potentially interested people (e.g. conferences, publications for sale, etc.), please contact Bruce Marshall and he can give you some idea when the next mail-out will take place.

ASCS GENERAL NEWS

ASCS XXIII

On behalf of the staff in the Classics Discipline, Centre for European Languages and General Linguistics, at the University of Adelaide, Anne Geddes has written the following about the recent ASCS Conference:

“Could we thank everyone who came and contributed to the lectures and discussions. The weather was terrible and everyone was so good tempered about it and forgave us for the

climate. We ourselves found it most enjoyable, loved meeting people again and were tremendously stimulated by all the visitors who think like us and share out problems.”

GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of the society was held in conjunction with the ASCS XXIII Conference at the University of Adelaide from 6th to 9th February 2001. The following is a summary of decisions made and actions taken at the General Meeting:

The new executive elected at Adelaide for 2001-3:

President	Professor Kevin Lee
Vice-Presidents	Dr Doug Kelly, Frances Muecke
Secretary	Roger Pitcher
Treasurer	William Dolley
Business Manager of <i>Antichthon</i>	Dr Ian Plant
Editors of <i>Antichthon</i>	Professor Harold Tarrant, Hugh Lindsay
Postgraduate Representative	Peter Keegan
Editorial Committee	Professor Greg Horsley has resigned and been replaced by Assoc. Prof. John Davidson (VUW, NZ)
AAIA representative	Dr David Pritchard

University Representatives:

- Australian Catholic University: Dr Bronwen Neil.
- Australian National University: Dr Elizabeth Minchin.
- Edith Cowan University: Dr Bill Leadbetter.
- La Trobe University: Dr Ian McPhee.
- La Trobe University (Bendigo campus): Mr John Penwill.
- Macquarie University: Dr Bruce Marshall.
- Monash University: Dr Peter Bicknell [to be confirmed].
- University of Adelaide: Dr Ron Newbold.
- University of Melbourne: Dr Chris Mackie.
- University of Newcastle: Dr Marguerite Johnson [to be confirmed].
- University of New England: Dr Iain Spence.
- University of Queensland: Dr Brian Jones.
- University of Tasmania: Dr Paul Gallivan.
- University of Sydney: Dr Kathryn Welch.
- University of Western Australia: Dr Neil O’Sullivan.

The **next meeting** is planned to be held with ASCS XXIV, at UWA, in February 2003. The general meeting resolved to offer the organisers of the Perth conference a sum of \$2000.00 to fund an overseas visitor and a further subsidy to facilitate the attendance of postgraduate students.

The general meeting also resolved to sponsor a further Postgraduate Conference which is planned to be held at the University of Melbourne later in 2001 [further details under the “Conferences” heading later in the Newsletter].

It was also agreed to provide a subsidy for the conference on “Magic in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds” to be held at UNE in September 2001 [further details under the “Conferences” heading later in the Newsletter].

***Antichthon* News**

Antichthon 33 (1999) was published in December 2000 and has been distributed to paid-up members. The Editors reported that *Antichthon* 34 (2000) could be out by about April 2001.

Please help *Antichthon* to come out promptly by submitting articles to it.

2000 ASCS Essay Competition

The Competition attracted 33 entries, drawn from the following universities:

Adelaide	3	Newcastle	2	Sydney	9
ANU	3	Queensland	4	UNE	9
Latrobe	1				

Results:

The winning entry was from James Uden, University of Sydney, entitled "Does *Georgics* 4, and in particular the Bugonia/Aristaeus epyllion argue for an optimistic or pessimistic reading of the *Georgics*?"

Two essays were recommended for a 'Highly Commended' award. These were:

1. Donna Norman, University of Newcastle, "Euripides' Medea: an Homeric hero"
2. Sarah Lawrence, University of New England, "By the very fact that we breathe our love into beautiful boys, we keep them away from avarice, increase their enjoyment in work, trouble, and danger, and strengthen their modesty and self-control.' (Xenophon) How strong was the Platonic and educational ideal in classical Greek homosexual relations?"

Australian Society for Classical Studies

ESSAY PRIZE 2001

The *Australian Society for Classical Studies* annually offers a prize of \$250 for an undergraduate essay **on any aspect of Classical Studies**: the languages, history, thought, and archaeology of the Ancient World.

Essays may be revised versions of essays, tutorial papers, or seminar papers written by students enrolled in first, second, or third year subjects. The length should be between 1,000 and 3,000 words. Essays must be submitted through your University ASCS representative

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

14TH NOVEMBER 2001

For further information please contact your ASCS representative, or Frances Muecke (Frances.Muecke@antiquity.usyd.edu.au), or consult the ASCS webpage (<http://www.arts.uwa.edu.au/classics/ascs>).

PERSONALIA

Australian Catholic University

Dr Geoff Dunn, Senior Research Associate, and Dr Youhanna Youssef, Senior Research Associate, are working on an ARC Large Grant Project (2000-2002), under the direction of the Chief Investigator, Assoc. Prof. Pauline Allen, on the topic "Bishop as Letter-Writer: Pastoral Care and Civic Administration in Late Antiquity".

Pauline Allen's term as a member of the Institute for the Advancement of Research has been renewed for a further five year term (2001-2006).

Australian National University

The staff in the Classics Program (School of Language Studies) remains constant at three: Doug Kelly, Elizabeth Minchin, and Ann Moffatt. The Program offers majors in both the ancient languages as well as a Classics major, which enables students to combine units taught by Robert Barnes in the History Program with Ancient History/Classical Studies/language units taught in the Classics Program.

Professor Graeme Clarke and Professor Beryl Rawson are currently Visiting Fellows in the History Program, and Professor Paul Weaver is a Visiting Fellow in the Classics Program.

ANU Classics looks forward to the arrival of Dr Penelope Allison, who will be formally associated, as an ARC Fellow, with the School of Humanities and the School of Anthropology and Archaeology from July 2001.

La Trobe University (Bendigo campus)

Dr Roger Sworder will be returning from leave at the end of the semester and will resume the headship of the Department of Arts, currently held by Mr John Penwill. *Ramus* 28 no. 2 (1999) has just been published: details of this (and other volumes) can be looked up on the journal's web page (<http://www.bendigo.latrobe.edu.au/publicat/ramus/index.html>).

Macquarie University

Dr Trevor Evans will take up a three-year appointment as a Macquarie University Research Fellow from May. Dr Evans will be undertaking a study of idiolects in the third century BC papyrus documents of the Zenon Archive.

Miss Caroline Brehaut, who graduated with first class honours in Ancient History last year and who is currently enrolled for a Ph.D., has been awarded a Commonwealth Travelling Scholarship. She will be going to Brasenose College, Oxford, where she will be working under the supervision of Dr Ed Bispham.

Mr Alan Dearn left last year to take up the inaugural Sir Ronald Syme Memorial Scholarship at Oxford. He is a postgraduate student of Wolfson College, working under the supervision of Professor Averil Cameron.

Dr Andrew Gillett (ARC Postdoctoral Fellow) has an edited book on early medieval ethnicity due out next year, published by the University of York.

University of Melbourne

A new Continuing Lectureship in Classics was created by the University in 2000, and it has been accepted by Dr K.O. Chong-Gossard, who currently lectures at the University of Michigan. Dr Chong-Gossard is a specialist in Greek drama, and his appointment will therefore fill a large gap in our current staff profile.

University of Newcastle (Callaghan campus)

Dr Jane Bellemore has been in the Department for the last two years since moving from the University of Western Australia. Mr Hugh Lindsay has recently been appointed as Head of Department.

University of Newcastle (Central Coast campus)

The Department of Classics now has a permanent presence at the Central Coast campus at Ourimbah, since the appointment of Dr Marguerite Johnson to the School of Humanities there.

University of Queensland

At the beginning of this year the Department was conglomerated into the new School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics, but it retains its departmental title.

Dr Michael Apthorp has taken early retirement as from the end of February this year. The Department has been assured by the Head of School that he will be replaced, apparently from 2002. The key year will be 2003 when two senior members of the Department will retire.

At the end of last year Dr Brian Jones was admitted as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

University of Sydney

Dr. J.A.L. Lee has taken early retirement from the end of March 2001 from the Classics Department, and Dr Lesley Beaumont has taken up an appointment in the Archaeology Department.

University of Western Australia

Dr Cornelia Wunsch's appointment in the Department has finished and she has returned to Germany.

An exciting development, hot off the press: a chair in Latin Humanism is to be set up at the University of Western Australia, funded by the Italian Cassamarca Foundation for five years. The announcement of the position (together with several lectureships in European Studies also being funded by the Foundation) was made at a gala luncheon just last Sunday (25th March) in honour of the Foundation's representative, Dino di Poli. Final details about the positions are yet to emerge, and applications have not yet been called for. Watch this space!

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Australian Catholic University

Dr. Wendy Mayer has been awarded two grants concurrently:

1. ARC Large Grant awarded for 2001-2004.

Project: The Homilies of John Chrysostom: Restoring a Crucial Late Fourth Century Historical Source.

The compilation of a database of social data contained in John Chrysostom's homilies will be continued, with the intention of producing as complete a set of data as possible at the end. One of the benefits of this second grant to the Centre of Early Christian Studies will be the employment of a further two Research Assistants.

2. QE II Fellowship awarded for 2001-2006.

Project: Towards a New Biography of John Chrysostom.

The project involves an examination of John Chrysostom in eight different contexts, which have either been neglected or poorly examined in the past, with the intention of producing a substantially new picture of him at the end.

Dr Bronwen Neil: ARC Postdoctoral Fellowship (2001-2005).

Project: Popes and Martyrs: the Politics of Hagiography in Ninth-Century Rome.

This project involves the edition and translation of the Latin version of Pope Martin's *Commemoration*. This is an account of the final years of Pope Martin I, the seventh-century opponent of monothelitism and contemporary of Maximus the Confessor, who was tried for treason and exiled to Cherson for resistance to imperial policy. His *Commemoration* offers a fascinating look at papal and Byzantine attitudes to power in the realms of church and state. Its translation into Latin provides insights into the politics of hagiography in late ninth-century Rome.

Australian National University

The Hellenic Club of Canberra has sponsored (a) the Canberra Friends of the AAIA's biennial scholarship to study in Greece, and (b) costs associated with the Friends' public lecture series. Their sponsorship amounts to up to \$4000 in total per annum.

Professor Beryl Rawson is participating in a collaborative project, based in Chicago, between Family Studies and Early Christianity, focussing on "the family". She gave a paper at a conference for this project in Texas in December 2000, and will give the keynote paper at a section of the Society for Biblical Literature conference in Denver in 2001.

Professor Paul Weaver, Visiting Fellow in the Classics Program, gave a public lecture on 20th February for the Friends of the Classics Museum: "Who ran the Roman empire? A Greek contribution to good government". We were delighted to have the opportunity to hear the lecture, which Professor Weaver gave as the Australian AAIA Visiting Professor in Athens in 2000.

In April Graeme Clarke will be leading another year's expedition to Jebel Khalid in North Syria, supported by an ARC Large Grant. Further work will be carried out on an insula of Hellenistic houses and on a stoa and a Doric-order temple in the public building area of the site. The first volume of the Report on Excavations at Jebel Khalid 1986-1996 is currently in press.

Edith Cowan University

Dr Bill Leadbetter will be travelling to Turkey for a month in June to continue assisting in the excavations at Aperlai.

La Trobe University (Bendigo campus)

John Penwill has received a small ARC grant to work on a monograph on Lucretius during his forthcoming study leave in the second half of the year (during which he will attend the Pacific Rim Roman Literature Seminar at SUNY Buffalo – for further details of that, see below). He will spend five weeks as a visiting scholar at Columbia University in New York, and will then be at King's College, Cambridge, from August until late November.

Macquarie University

Dr Malcolm Choat has been awarded a travelling fellowship by the Australian Academy for the Humanities. The grant will fund travel to Washington D.C., where Dr Choat will examine a fragmentary patristic text of unidentified authorship on papyrus housed in the Freer Gallery of Art in the Smithsonian Institute. The text, in Greek, was part of a codex which also contained the Minor Prophets, and dates to the late third century. A complete re-edition of the patristic text, superseding its deficient first edition, will hopefully result, and perhaps even an identification of its author.

Professor Sam Lieu was awarded a Leverhulme Visiting Professorship at the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University to jointly direct with Professor Nicholas Sims-Williams, FBA, the Dictionary of Manichaean Texts section of the Corpus Fontium Manichaeorum project which is now based in the research library of the Ancient India and Iran Trust at Cambridge (founded in honour of the great Australian philologist Sir Harold Bailey, FBA). The two scholars have also been awarded an IREX grant by the ARC to facilitate regular exchange of younger staff. One member of the Macquarie team who had visited Cambridge at the start of the exchange is Dr. Trevor Evans. His host, Dr Gunner Mikkelsen, is due to visit the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre in late March.

University of Melbourne

Assoc. Prof. Roger Scott has been awarded an ARC Large Grant (\$104,810 over three years) for a project on "The Byzantine Chronicles of Skylitzes and Alexander the Monk". This project with two international teams aims (a) at providing a multi-disciplined study of the Madrid manuscript of Skylitzes (11th. cent.), a key witness for 811-1057 and the only surviving illustrated Byzantine Chronicle with over 500 miniatures; and (b) establishing the Greek text, translating and studying

Alexander the Monk's "Discovery of the True Cross" (probably 6th century) in order to examine the reception into Byzantine culture of some legendary aspects of early Christianity.

University of Newcastle (Central Coast campus)

Dr Marguerite Johnson will be on study leave for second semester; she will be working in several departments and centres during her time away, including the Centre for Women's Studies at the University of Glasgow and the Women's Studies Program at Cornell University. She intends to study collections on post-classical magic, with plans for a book about the influences of classical literature on early modern European representations of witches.

University of Queensland

Dr Brian Jones has received a small Research Grant (\$9,500) to assist in producing a commentary on Suetonius' "Life of Titus".

[PS: the Editor was tempted to type "Life of Brian" but thought that might be seen as a joke in poor taste!]

University of Western Australia

Professor Brian Bosworth has received an ARC Large Grant for 2001 (\$29,000) and 2002 (\$28,400) to finish off his Commentary on Arrian. The title of the volume will be "Alexander the Great in India, Iran and Babylonia: A Historical Commentary on Arrian".

Assoc. Prof. John Melville-Jones has received an ARC Small Grant (\$5313) to assist in the publication of the *Dispacchi* of Bartoleo Minio.

COURSE DEVELOPMENTS

Australian Catholic University

A week-long institute will be offered on "Early Christianity: Origen, Athanasius and Augustine" by visiting professor, Charles Kannengeisser, 24-28 September, 2001.

A new course in Introductory New Testament Greek is being taught by Dr Alan Moss, Department of Theology, in Semesters 1 and 2.

Australian National University

It is worth noting that in 2001 we shall have an honours class (including three MA coursework students) of eight. This is the largest group of students we have had at this level. All these students have one major at least in a classical language.

The teaching of Modern Greek has been introduced this year (in the School of Language Studies) for the first time. The teaching is being done through the medium of video-conferencing from Sydney University. A tutor, Mr Frazes Tyrikos, has been appointed to conduct tutorials on the campus at ANU. His appointment has been sponsored by the Greek Government and the Hellenic Club of Canberra.

Macquarie University

The numbers enrolling in units of Greek and Latin continue to grow. At first year level there are 35+ students in the first semester Greek unit, and 48+ in the Latin unit. There are also 10 students in the one advanced 200 level unit in Latin

University of Adelaide

Jacqueline Clarke is this year trying out a new first semester beginners' course on the two ancient languages together. It will make the numbers in the class look better and so far students have been quite positive about getting some acquaintance with the "other" language.

Anne Geddes is again trying out her July "summer" school in Turkey, and is willing to take students from other universities. Her students have profited enormously from getting to know the well preserved ancient cities. They have come back more knowledgeable and more enthusiastic about their studies and they have done terrific projects. If some students came from other universities, Anne believes it would not cut down their enrolments in the home university but actually increase them. The course is for 2nd and 3rd year students and the cross institutional system means they would get full credit for a semester course towards their degree at their home university.

University of Melbourne

There are new (non-language) courses on "Classical Athens and Augustan Rome". These focus both on the literature of the period, and the cultural context itself.

Greek and Latin (Beginners level) will be offered as Summer Semester subjects during the summer 2001-2. This will allow students to study these subjects intensively before moving on to the Intermediate level.

University of Newcastle (Callaghan campus)

Dr Terry Ryan is offering a new course entitled "Sport and the Cult of the Body" at the Central Coast Campus. Hugh Lindsay is offering a new honours option entitled "Social Life in the Roman Empire".

University of Newcastle (Central Coast campus)

A new major entitled "Ancient Cultures" is now being taught here; it is being co-ordinated by Dr Marguerite Johnson, and is attracting healthy student numbers.

University of Queensland

Assoc. Prof. Dorothy Watts, currently Head of Department, reports that there are 96 enrolments in first semester beginners Latin, and 23 in Greek; 214 in Introductory Roman history, and c. 170 in the course on Egypt and Mesopotamia; and 130 in an advanced course on the Celts in the Roman World.

VISITORS

Australian Catholic University

Professor Kazuhiko Demura from Okayama, Japan, will be a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Early Christian Studies for one year from March 2001, and Professor Charles Kannengeisser, Concordia University, Montreal, will be a Visiting Fellow for three months from September 2001.

Australian National University

In March the Friends of the AAIA will be hosting a lecture by Jonas Eiring, a Danish scholar, who has completed his PhD thesis in Archaeology at the University of Sydney. The topic of his lecture will be "Death in Aetolia: A Rich Hellenistic Grave at Aetolian Chalkis".

Professor Judith Herrin, King's College, University of London, will give a lecture, "The Secrets of Byzantine Silk", to the Friends of the AAIA in April.

The AAIA Visiting Professor for 2001 is Professor Andrew Stewart, from the University of California at Berkeley, who will be visiting us in Spring.

Ewen Bowie, of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, will present a seminar in the Classics Program's seminar series in May.

Macquarie University

Emeritus Professor Paul Weaver will be presenting a seminar on "*Consilium Praesidis: Advising Governors*" in the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre on 23rd March.

The Society for the Study of Early Christianity (within the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre) is supporting the visit of Professor Judith Herrin (King's College, London) to the Byzantine Conference at the University of Western Australia in April.

Professor John Painter (St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra) is a Visiting Fellow in the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre. He will be a keynote speaker at the "Loose Canons" Conference at the Centre in May.

A recent visitor to Macquarie from Oxford was R. J. (Joy) Littlewood, whom Ovidians know well from three splendid articles she wrote on the *Fasti* more than 20 years ago, and which are still so often cited in current scholarship. After 18 years away from research Joy is back with a vengeance, and is a contributor to the forthcoming volume of papers on the *Fasti*, edited by Geraldine Herbert-Brown, entitled *Holy Days, Sacred Cows: Historical Perspectives on Ovid's Fasti* (Oxford, 2002). Joy has spent a productive couple of weeks in the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre at Macquarie, researching the Etruscan background to Ovid's *Matralia* (*Fasti* Book 6).

University of Melbourne

6th April – 13th May: Ewen Bowie (Praelector in Classics, Corpus Christi College, Oxford).

11th – 13th April: Professor Judith Herrin (Centre for Hellenic Studies, King's College), London.

17th – 18th April: Professor Claudia Rapp (Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles).

July – August: Assoc. Professor Mayer Gruber (Ben-Gurion University).

University of Newcastle (Callaghan campus)

Ewen Bowie, Praelector in Classics at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, will be visiting on 5th April. The Department also expects the AAIA Visiting Scholar, Professor Stewart, later in the year. Professor Brian Bosworth, from the University of Western Australia, will be visiting the Department for 5-6 weeks in second semester, during which he will be giving a public lecture entitled "Hunting in Antiquity".

University of Queensland

Professor Andrew Stewart (the AAIA Visiting Scholar) will be making a visit to the Department later in the year.

University of Sydney

Ewen Bowie will be making a visit to the Classics Department on 4th April as part of his Australian tour. In July there will be a visit from John Prag, well known for his work at the University of Manchester on the reconstruction of faces from skeletal remains. Also in July Professor Tyler Jo Smith, from the University of Oklahoma, will possibly be making a visit; she knows about Padded

Dancers in various fabrics. Professor Andrew Stewart will be the AAIA Visiting Scholar during August.

University of Western Australia

The department will be hosting the XIIth Biennial Conference of the Australian Association for Byzantine Studies on 20th – 22nd April. The following international visitors will be attending: Professor Evangelos Chrysos (Athens), Professor Judith Herrin (King's College, London), Professor Chryssa Maltezou (Istituto Ellenico, Venice), Professor Claudia Rapp (UCLA), Dr Paul Stephenson (University College, Cork).



MUSEUMS AND ACQUISITIONS

Australian National University

The Classics Museum is looking forward to the arrival of two recent purchases from Charles Ede's recent glass catalogue: a fragment of cameo glass has been purchased by the Classics Program from the remains of a fund which used to be supported annually by the ANU Arts Faculty (but is no longer). The Friends of the Classics Museum have purchased for the collection a small, stemmed drinking cup in moss green glass.

Macquarie University

The Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies was set up in 1999, with a generous benefaction from Mr Bill Gale and Mrs Janet Gale. Mr Gale's numismatic collection, one of the most important collections of ancient coins in Australia, with a very strong representation of coins from cities in the South Italian region, is now on loan to the Centre. The Centre's mission is to promote numismatics in the study of Ancient History at Macquarie University, together with the study (and teaching) of this and allied subjects, such as classical archaeology, in universities throughout Australia. The Director, Dr Ken Sheedy, formerly the Deputy Director of the AAIA at Athens from 1991 to 1996, took up his appointment in the middle of last year. Recently, under the bequest of Gordon W.H. Marr, the Centre received some 40 ancient Greek coins.

University of Melbourne

The Classics section of the Potter Museum will be opened later in 2001. The Catalogue and CD Rom for the Collection by Peter Connor and Heather Jackson were published in late 2000.

University of Queensland

The museum is thriving – as far as school visits are concerned. Unfortunately, funds and therefore new acquisitions have been very limited indeed – all that we have been able to afford are some minor Celtic items.

University of Sydney (Nicholson Museum)

Professor Dan Potts writes the following on new developments at the Nicholson Museum:

“On 1 January I became the new Honorary Curator of the Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney, a post formerly filled with distinction for more than three decades by Emeritus Prof. Alexander Cambitoglou. By November of last year, as I was already beginning to swing into ARC grant-writing mode, that set my mind to thinking about a range of initiatives that could be

tried out in the Museum. Thus, my thoughts for the present are not so much on what's on display, but what's down in the storerooms and what's happening in our conservation lab. In a word, I am trying to interest the research community both inside and outside the University in using the Nicholson material as a vehicle for research projects, and in the process taking advantage of as many ARC and non-ARC funding schemes as we can to raise funds. This will, hopefully, both employ some younger scholars who might not otherwise have positions through research fellowships and increase the general level of research activity in the Museum, thereby increasing our knowledge of its holdings and bringing research income into both the Museum and the University. It is still early days as the first Nicholson-orientated grants are submitted, but there are areas of particular interest to me, including the conservation and analysis of archaeological materials, building partnerships with other institutions in New South Wales which have comparable interests in aspects of materials analysis, trying to get our School Education Program online, and making material available to scholars for study within the framework of ARC-funded research projects. Thus far, the reception of ideas like these by the University and non-University community has been entirely positive, and I have high hopes for what can be done to make the Nicholson into a generator of research, taking full advantage of its holdings, many of which are unique in Australia."

University of Western Australia

The Department is organising an exhibition, "The Art of the Christian Icon" in the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery, from 22nd April – 15th July.

CONFERENCES

Forthcoming conferences

2001

Macquarie Ancient History Teachers' Conference, 6th – 7th April, Macquarie University. This annual conference will this year celebrate the range of options offered by the NSW HSC Year 11 Preliminary Course in Ancient History and address the challenges of the new Year 12 Extension Course; Workshops dealing with the practicalities of the classroom always a popular feature in previous conferences, will again be held this year. Contact Anne Irish on (02) 9850 8833 or at ahist@hmn.mq.edu.au.

"Loose Canons – Books in the Bible and Books Left Out", Friday 18th – Saturday 19th May, organised by the Society for the Study of Early Christianity within the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre at Macquarie University. Contact Pat Geidans on (02) 9850 7512 or at pgeidans@laurel.ocs.mq.edu.au, or Assoc. Prof. Alanna Nobbs on (02) 9850 8844 or at anobbs@ocs1.ocs.mq.edu.au.

Eighth Interdisciplinary Gender Studies Conference, 29th June, School of Humanities, Central Coast Campus, University of Newcastle. Papers may be located within a single discipline or within cross-disciplinary boundaries in the pursuit of gender issues in unconventional and unfamiliar territories. Postgraduates and new researchers are particularly welcome to attend. Contact the Conference Co-Convenor, Dr Marguerite Johnson, on (02) 43 48 4058, or fax on (02) 43 48 4075, or at clmmj@cc.newcastle.edu.au.

"Strabo the Geographer – An International Perspective", at Bar Ilan University, Israel, Monday 25th June – Wednesday 27th June. Hugh Lindsay is one of the organisers for the conference; the co-organisers are Dr Sarah Pothecary of the University of Toronto, and Dr Daniela Dueck of the Bar Ilan University. Details at http://members.aol.com/_ht_a/spothecary/conference.html.

Pacific Rim Roman Literature Seminar, 26th – 30th June, State University of New York at Buffalo. Contact Professor Martha Malamud at <http://pluto.fss.buffalo.edu/classes/cl/malamud/pacrim/rimpage.html>.

“Hecate at the Crossroads: Magic in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds”, 26th – 27th September, at the University of New England. Contact Charles Tesoriero at ctesorie@metz.une.edu.au. [See also the separate notice included with this mailing.]

The Fourth ASCS Postgraduate Conference is scheduled for September/October at the University of Melbourne. Funding is secure (approved at the recent ASCS GM) and enthusiasm is high. Chris Mackie and Parshia Lee-Stecum (and the staff/postgrads affiliated with the Centre for Classics and Archaeology at the University of Melbourne) are looking forward to hosting a(nother) gathering of the Australian ancient world studies community specifically focussing on current postgraduate research. Look out for fliers, e-mail notices, calls for papers and registration forms – all coming soon to a noticeboard, pigeonhole, letter box or e-mail server near you! If you haven't received your invitation yet, complain immediately and often to p.leestecum@finearts.unimelb.edu.au or c.mackie@arts.unimelb.edu.au. [See also the separate notice included with this mailing.]

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Pacific Rim Roman Literature Seminar, Tacitus, last week of June (?) Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

“Oral Traditions and Material Context”, 1st – 5th July, University of Melbourne. Contact Chris Mackie at cjmackie@unimelb.edu.au

Greek Drama III, 8th – 11th July, University of Sydney. Contact Kevin Lee at kevin.lee@antiquity.usyd.edu.au.

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Proceedings of the Third Postgraduate Conference

“Text, Artifact, Context: The Interactions of Literature, Material Culture and Mentality in the Ancient World”

Edited by Peter Keegan (Macquarie University Ph.D. student)

Articles cover a variety of periods of prehistory and antiquity – from British Iron Age numismatic iconography to rural and urban pottery production in Byzantine Palestrina/Arabia, from Livy to Apuleius, and Alexander to Agrippina – and showcase recent cutting-edge postgraduate research in the fields of literature and material culture.

If you would like to purchase a copy of this bumper issue (200 pp), please contact the editor, Peter Keegan, on (02) 9548 1205 or at p.keegan@laurel.ocs.mq.edu.au, or Charles Tesoriero on (02) 67 73 2538 or at ctesorie@metz.une.edu.au.

COST: \$10 for students, and \$15 for others.

Change to e-mail addresses at the University of Newcastle:

The server for Classics e-mail addresses was previously “cc”; it has now changed to “alinga” (e.g. clejb@alinga.newcastle.edu.au)

