

NOTICES

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SECRETARY-TREASURER ELECTION

A new Secretary-Treasurer is to be elected at the AAH meeting in Dayton in May 1994, at which time my own service reaches its constitutional two-term limit. Nominations must reach the current Secretary-Treasurer two weeks prior to the meeting. A nomination must be signed by three AAH members not affiliated with the same branch of the same institution as the nominee, and countersigned by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve. The President and Secretary-Treasurer may not be from the same institution. Nominated thus far: **Diana Delia**, Texas A&M University (visiting at Vassar, 1993-94).

AAH MEETINGS

AAH at Dayton, Ohio, May 6-8, 1994: Organizer **Janice Gabbert**, Wright State University, Department of Classics, has already sent a preliminary mailing to all AAH members on the mailing list of an earlier Newsletter, offering a discount on registrations received by January 1 (\$15 rather than \$30). The convention hotel, the Radisson Hotel and Suites, 3rd and Ludlow Streets, Dayton (downtown, formerly the Hilton, not to be confused with the Radisson Inn on Interstate 75) offers bargain rates of \$50 per night single or double and \$60 per night triple or more. For reservations call 800-333-3333 or 513-461-4700. Exact subject-matters of the three sessions are still being worked out, from among the areas of Military History, the Ancient Near East, Greeks in the East, and the Late Roman Empire (details announced in February). Sessions will take place both in the hotel and on the Wright State campus, with bus transportation provided. The banquet speaker will be former AAH President Eugene N. Borza, who will discuss the history of the organization. The reception will be sponsored both by W.S.U. and by the University of Dayton. Prof. Gabbert will be away on leave during the Winter Quarter, but registration checks (payable to W.S.U. Dept. of Classics) may be mailed to the Department, Dayton, OH 45435, and hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel. The official airline for travel to the meeting will be U.S. Air (more details forthcoming).

AAH at Nashville, Tennessee, May 5-7, 1995: Organizer **Robert Drews**, Vanderbilt University, Department of Classical Studies, submits the following call for papers. The 1995 meeting is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, May 5-7, in Nashville, Tennessee. For the three sessions, to be held at Vanderbilt University and the nearby Scarritt-Bennett Center, the following topics are planned: (1) the Near East and the Aegean before the rise of Per-

sia, (2) problems in ancient social history (especially sexuality, family, demography), and (3) the Christianization of the Roman Empire. We hope that each session will include a paper providing a broad introduction to recent research and controversies. Two-page abstracts for papers of about twenty or thirty minutes length should be sent to Robert Drews or Thomas J. McGinn no later than October 1, 1994 (we hope to have a program composed by December 1). Address: Dept. of Classical Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 37235. FAX 615-343-7261. E-Mail MCGINNT@CTRVAX.VANDERBILT.EDU.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE AAH

Copies of PAAH 4 = Carol G. Thomas, *Myth Becomes History: Pre-Classical Greece* must be purchased from Regina Books, P.O. Box 280, Claremont, CA 91711. Similarly, anyone interested must deal directly with University Press of America, 720 Boston Way, Lanham, MD 20706 for copies of:

PAAH 1 = Chester G. Starr, *Past and Future in Ancient History*

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POSITION OPEN

Ancient European History: Tenure-track Assistant Professor, in the Department of History, **University of Nebraska**, Lincoln, to begin with the academic year 1994-95 (August 15, 1994), with specialty in ancient Greece or Rome and ability to teach surveys in Western Civilization or World History. Ph.D. required, along with excellent teaching and outstanding research potential. AA/EOE, responsive to needs of dual career couples. Send application, c.v., and three letters of recommendation to Prof. Dane Kennedy, Dept. of History, 612 Oldfather, P.O. Box 880327, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0327 (Phone 402-472-2414, FAX 402-472-8839). Screening of applications began November 1, 1993; the search will remain open until a suitable candidate is chosen.

STATEMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Several letters embodying suggestions for and observations about AAH have reached me since the publication of the last Newsletter. I pass them on to the members, somewhat edited for length, but true (I trust) to their original content.

• President **Carol Thomas** writes: Please remind everyone that the first-ever AAH reception at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association is scheduled for Friday, January 7, at 5:30, in the Lassen Room at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel. Present and potential members are invited. She also reports the generous offer of **Richard J.A. Talbert**, host of our recent convention in North Carolina, to help with the continuing problem (see "Mailing List Information", p. 4 below) of non-U.S. dues checks. Richard has Canadian, Sterling, and American accounts, and offers to be our broker for our Canadian and English members. He suggests that those wishing to pay dues in Canadian or English funds should calculate the general level of exchange and write checks for the appropriate amounts, made payable to "Richard J.A. Talbert", but send the checks (as usual) to the Sec-

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retary-Treasurer. After noting the payments, updating the paid-up dates on the member list, and accumulating a few of the aforementioned checks, the Secretary-Treasurer would then send them to Richard, who would deposit them in his accounts and remit his own check for the appropriate total in U.S. dollars.

• Former President **Ramsay MacMullen** writes, concerning entries in Talbert and Wallace, *Directory of Ancient Historians in the United States* (1992): In its tabulation of specialties, I find it interesting to see how the interest of ancient historians has, in the course of the past forty years under my observation, shifted steadily down time, or, you Hellenists would say, downhill, toward the present. Witness the figures for specialty, by numbers of historians, self-defined:

- 92 Greek and Roman, both (including concentrations not defined by period: numismatics, etc.)
- 124 Greek (Bronze Age to Alexander)
- 30 Hellenistic
- 85 Roman, general (Monarchy to Diocletian)
- 30 Roman Republic (to Augustus)
- 71 Roman Empire (Augustus to Diocletian)
- 56 Late Antiquity (through Justinian)

What I am struck by is the figure, less than a third, for Greek including Hellenistic, while about an eighth work in Late Antiquity, which twenty years ago would not have been worth counting as a category. The explanation lies, not in a steady presentist drift, I would suppose, but in the very slow and partial freeing of ancient historical studies from philology. No one will argue for the readability or challenge to the mind of Theodoret or Eunapius against Thucydides; of Libanius or Basil against Demosthenes; of Nonnus against Homer. But there is a good body of evidence from the later period relatively little explored, and of no less intrinsic significance. Another item: Though we sometimes agonize over the "relevance" of what we do, behold, as a sort of freakish comment on that agony, myself in the quality of expert witness offering testimony on Roman social history to the U.S. Supreme Court last month. I have a few copies of my remarks, if anyone asks for them (the subject — what else? — was the Romans' sex-life). [Write to Ramsay c/o Department of History, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520.]

• The Director of the Center for Hellenic Studies (and also a former AAH convention host), **Kurt Raaflaub**, on behalf of himself and **Bob Develin** and **Waldemar Heckel** (yet another past host) offers some suggestions for discussions at AAH meetings, growing out of a conversation at Banff with some follow-up by mail: The starting point of our deliberations is the observation that the traditional format of our meetings — usually consisting of three or four sessions, each with three or four papers and a prepared commentary — allows for little discussion. Scheduled discussion is often limited further by some speakers' unwillingness to respect time limits, and hampered by rapid delivery, which makes it difficult to follow and absorb — let alone think about — the facts and thoughts presented to the audience. In contrast to the APA meetings, the AAH perhaps does not need to be concerned with quantity but might rather concentrate on quality and the exchange of ideas. The former (improvement of quality) has been an ongoing concern. We are concerned here with the latter (exchange of ideas) and propose the following suggestions as a basis for further discussion in the pages of the Newsletter and for consideration by future organizers of AAH meetings:

1. Although it is obvious, organizers might want to remind speakers explicitly of the time limit and of the need to prepare their papers for oral delivery (which should not be the same as

reading papers written for publication).

2. Discussions might be more productive if participants were able to familiarize themselves before the meeting with the speakers' ideas and theses. We make two suggestions:

(a) As a general rule, all those registering for the meeting should receive abstracts of all papers; these should be included in the organizer's last mailing to the participants.

(b) In some special cases, where papers focus on a common theme and a panel takes on a seminar-like character, papers could be circulated in advance — not perhaps to all registrants, but to those who request it explicitly. Papers available for such pre-circulation could be marked on the program (e.g., with an asterisk).

3. Generally, organizers might think about scheduling more time for discussion. Several formats come to mind that might help in achieving this:

(a) Sessions with the traditional format should not be overloaded. Two or at most three papers (rather than three, four, or even five) and commentary would leave more time for discussion.

(b) The format tried out at the recent "Democracy Ancient and Modern" Conference in Washington, D.C., was quite successful. Each session combined a "theme paper" and two or three "commentaries" by speakers with different backgrounds (historian, philologist, political scientist, etc.). The "theme paper" was made accessible to the other speakers beforehand; they were encouraged to comment on it but also to develop their own thoughts and offer different perspectives on the main theme. Thus a variety of opinions and approaches was presented and the ground was laid for a substantive discussion. To pick a random example from the program of the last AAH meeting, such a session might comprise Tom Martin's paper on "Sovereignty and Coinage in Greece: A New Look" and comments by a numismatist, a political or economic historian and an anthropologist.

(c) The experiment with two parallel sessions was quite successful. The principles formulated under (a) should be applied here as well. Moreover, one might consider several parallel workshops or seminars on widely different issues. Fewer people would participate in these seminars; they would presumably pick a topic close to their own interests; all this would facilitate a productive discussion among an informed audience.

(d) One might think also of a round-table on some issue that is important for the field or profession, consisting of four or five short prepared statements and discussion among the speakers and the audience.

These are but a few possible suggestions. A combination of various formats at each meeting might provide more opportunity for lively intellectual exchanges; the inclusion of one set of parallel sessions or seminars would make up for the reduced number of speakers in other sessions.

PERSONALIA AND BOOKS

Ernst Badian (Harvard University) recently published *From Plataea to Potidaea: Studies in the History of the Pentecontaetia* (Johns Hopkins 1993), containing five revised published articles and one unpublished. Moreover, he was awarded an honorary D.Litt. by Macquarie University (Sydney), during an international conference held there.

F.M. Clover (University of Wisconsin) will be Resident Fellow at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (Wassenaar) for the Spring semester 1994.

Frances Hickson, now **Frances Hahn** (University of California, Santa Barbara) has published *Roman Prayer Language: Livy and the Aeneid of Vergil* (Teubner 1993).

R.A. McNeal (Franklin and Marshall College) has published *Nicholas Biddle in Greece: The Journals and Letters of 1806*

(Penn State Press 1993).

Mark Munn (Stanford University) has written *The Defense of Attica: The Dema Wall and the Boiotian War of 378-375 B.C.* (University of California Press 1993). With the benefit of a 1992-93 fellowship at the Center for Hellenic Studies, he is completing another book, to be entitled *Athens at War with Sparta, 403-371 B.C.* In consequence of excavation seasons at the Athenian fortress of Panakton in 1991 and 1992, he is preparing the publication of several fourth-century garrison inscriptions found there.

Charles Odahl (Boise State University) has published *Early Christian Latin Literature* (Ares Publishers, Chicago 1993), and will make a presentation before a joint session of the American Catholic Historical Association and the American Society of Church History at the AHA meeting in San Francisco, January 1994.

THOMAS ROBERT SHANNON BROUGHTON 1900-1993

Who else? Professor T.R.S. Broughton! This is the invariable answer when one asks Continental or British scholars who in their estimate is the most eminent American historian of the Roman world. Now TRSB himself has passed to History, on 17 September 1993 in Chapel Hill.

Professor Broughton was born in a small village in Ontario, Canada, on 17 February 1900. His first two books, *The Romanization of Africa Proconsularis* (1929) and *Roman Asia Minor* (1938), and the scores of learned articles he produced in the meantime had put him in the forefront of students of Ancient Rome.

But then in 1951/52 there appeared his *magnum opus*, the monumental *Magistrates of the Roman Republic*. In this century four scholarly products changed the landscape of Roman studies: Friedrich Münzer's prosopographical contributions, Matthias Gelzer's *Die Nobilität der römischen Republik*, Ronald Syme's

The Roman Revolution — and Broughton's *Magistrates (MRR)*.

In Rome every year many dozens of various magistrates were elected or appointed: consuls, praetors, aediles, tribunes of the plebs, military tribunes, staff officers, envoys and ambassadors, moneyers and priests. Modern Roman historians had a dream that all these men (and women: the Vestals) would once be securely identified, distributed into single years, arranged in a clear pattern of their political careers. Various attempts had been made (the first in the sixteenth century), none successful. The task was too daunting: five hundred years of history, many thousands of names, scattered throughout several scores of Greek and Roman authors, or to be found on coins and inscriptions. This was the task that *MRR* accomplished, a labor of infinite erudition, patience and wisdom. In 1960 there followed a *Supplement*, and in 1986, in Professor Broughton's eighty-seventh year, another *Supplement*.

A scholar of this rank had little reason to think of earthly honors. But they have been coming, deservedly, and in profusion. Three exclusive European scholarly institutions awarded T.R.S. Broughton honorary membership: The German Archaeological Institute, the British Academy and The Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies (only the third American so honored; the two others were his teacher Tenney Frank and his Bryn Mawr colleague Lily Ross Taylor).

On the North American continent, in his Canadian *patria* and in his adopted U.S., he has also been variously honored. Three Universities with which he has been connected awarded him Honorary Doctorates: the University of Toronto (where he received his A.B. in the distant year of 1921, and M.A. a year later), the Johns Hopkins University (where he received his doctorate in 1928), and the University of North Carolina, where he came in 1965 (after a life career at Bryn Mawr College) as Padison Professor of Latin. He had been President of American Philological Association (1954) and the recipient of the Goodwin Award of Merit (1953). The American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences counted him as their Member and Fellow.

Most Roman historians at work today grew up in the monumental shadow of *MRR*. But this work cast a shadow over its author too. It concealed his immense learning, stretching far beyond the *Magistrates*, *Asia Minor* or *Africa*. TRSB was possessed of a phenomenal memory: with Bob at one's side there was no need for Pauly-Wissowa. He loved literature, and would often recite long passages from an astounding variety of authors, from Homer to the Greek Anthology, and from the English poets. A sense of gentle humor emanated from him; he cherished the title of his last monograph (1991) on the candidates defeated in Roman elections: *Also-Rans*. We shall remember his laughter, his great heart, and his self-effacing kindness.

In the sixth book of the *Aeneid* Vergil leads Aeneas to the underworld where he beholds a procession of the future Roman heroes, consuls, generals, triumphators. When the Association of Ancient Historians was honoring Professor Broughton in 1987, it was remarked that if Aeneas today went to the underworld, he would not have to learn all those names by heart: he would have found them all in T.R.S. Broughton's *Magistrates*. New information on the magistrates is not likely to accrue in great quantity. Horace wrote that his poems would be read for as long as the Pontiff and the Vestal Virgin climb the Capitoline Hill (a signal understatement). We can also venture a prophecy: for centuries to come travellers to Rome's republican past will be taking with them as their trusted guide Broughton's *MRR*.

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