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Res Classicae is the newsletter of the Ancient Studies Department at UMBC. Anyone wishing to submit items for inclusion should see any Ancient Studies Faculty member. Alumni/ae are particularly encouraged to send an account of their latest activities to UMBC, Ancient Studies Department, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250; <http://www.umbc.edu/ancs/>.

Ancient Studies Week Schedule

Oct. 3	The Walters Art Museum: "Eternal Egypt" . A visit to this special exhibition sponsored by the Ancient Studies Club. The bus will leave UMBC at 12:40 p.m., with the return bus leaving The Walters at 3:30 p.m. There will be a charge of about \$5.00, which will include bus transportation and admission to the exhibition as well as the entire museum. Sign up in the Ancient Studies office. Reservations are first-come, first-served.
Oct. 6	1:00 p.m. FA 215: Lecture by Esther Doyle Read, "Urban Archaeology in Baltimore." Esther has been teaching New World archaeology at UMBC for several years and excavates with our students all around the city of Baltimore. Her on-going work is in Fells Point at a building that was the site of the first synagogue in Baltimore.
Oct. 8	4:00 p.m. Library Gallery (reception to follow): Lecture by Dr. Karen D. Vitelli, "Archaeological Ethics and Pots: What's the Connection?" Kaddee was Marilyn's predecessor in the Ancient Studies Department. Subsequently, at the University of Indiana, she has been in the forefront of research in several areas in archaeology, which will be discussed in this illustrated lecture supported both by the Ancient Studies Department and the Humanities Forum. 6:00 p.m. University Center Ballroom: Ancient Studies Reunion Dinner. A celebration of our department's history, this will be a catered Greek dinner. Doors will open at 5:30. UMBC Archaeological Site Exhibit, "Campus Life – 37 and 8000 Years of History." Steven Israel, a local archaeologist, in collaboration with Tom Beck, Chief Curator of Special Collections at the A.O. Kuhn Library and Gallery, has arranged an exhibit of artifacts from Kaddee's original UMBC excavation site. It will open in the Library Rotunda Gallery.
Oct. 10	1:00 p.m. FA 450: Nina Humphries and Stephanie Magaha , who received departmental scholarships to participate in the activities of different archaeological sites this summer, will tell us about their experiences. Nina worked in Tuscany near Siena and Stephanie at a site in Belize.

To our Ancient Studies friends... a note about summer changes:

UMBC, as the entire University of Maryland system, suffered budget cuts. As a part of that process, Gloria Cameron, our administrative assistant, was reassigned to another position at UMBC and the administrative assistant for the Philosophy Department, **Nafi Shahegh**, is now responsible for the two departments, Ancient Studies and Philosophy. We are heartbroken to lose Gloria.

Nafi has been more than helpful and is in the process of familiarizing herself with the administrative details of the Ancient Studies Department. We are very grateful to her for

making the transition easier and look forward to working with her in fall.

Regarding the fall, we have made no decision about the time that Nafi will spend in our office (FA 453) or in Philosophy office (FA 529) -- we have to see how things develop in this area. Meanwhile, any student needing assistance from Nafi should feel free to contact her either in **FA 453** or in **FA 529** and our department telephone number remains the same: **410-455-6265**. Members of the Ancient Studies faculty are adjusting to this change and will of course be available as usual for our students.

Yours sincerely,
Rudy Storch, Chair

Dr. Koehler's Adventures in Albania

In July, I had an unparalleled opportunity to spend two weeks at Apollonia, an ancient Corinthian colony in modern Albania where the University of Cincinnati conducted a thorough surface survey from 1998 to 2002. This was the sixth and final season for study of the pottery and other remains. My task was to look at the fragments of transport amphoras among the 45,000 sherds collected. The majority of the jars came from Corinth, beginning with Corinthian Type A in the 3rd quarter of the seventh century BCE. Apollonia wasn't founded until 588, so this was evidence of earlier Corinthians, or least their trade, in the region. Later, Corinthian Types A' and B put in an appearance – along with what seem to be local versions. Petrological samples are being analyzed in Cincinnati to define the fabrics precisely.

We worked in rooms that had been part of a monastery, which also houses the local archaeological museum. It had been constructed around a thirteenth-century Byzantine church that has been re-consecrated after the dissolution and / or destruction of every sort of religious site under the Communist regime that ended in 1990.

On Sunday mornings the Albanian Orthodox priest was kind enough to delay the usual 6:15 bells until 7:30. Every other morning we rose at 6:15 a.m., breakfasted at 6:30, and were in the storerooms by 7:00 a.m. From 10:30 to 11:00 there was "second breakfast," enough to hold us through work until 3:00 p.m. After dinner (lots of meat and eggplant) and a short siesta, it was back to the pottery from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

I was amazed at the comparative luxury of our living quarters, a large Albanian-style house with a small central courtyard that had been built by the University of Cincinnati and the French, who excavate in the ancient city during August. Not just western-style toilets, but also hot running water for the showers! A large porch on one corner looked out to the Adriatic beyond the silted-up riverbed that had provided Apollonia with its vital harbor. It was perfect for coffee before breakfast and after dinner, and for my occasional practice of T'ai Chi. Another unexpected feature of dig life we owed to ANCS alumnus John Wallrodt '94. He is the computer guru for the Classics Department at the University of Cincinnati, where he received his Ph.D., and has set up

an advanced technological system perfectly tailored for archaeologists and classicists. He turned his expertise at Apollonia in part towards our entertainment, projecting films on DVD against the restored bell tower of the old church. Most of the team of twenty, Albanians and Americans together, watched the likes of "Babette's Feast" and "Spiderman".

At the end of the season, we sped north to the capital of Tirana in a little over two hours, a trip that took a day just a few years ago. Albania is undergoing a rapid, inevitably sometimes haphazard, modernization. The road system grows apace. In urban areas, especially Tirana, traffic is snarled even though only 10% of Albanians have cars. In the countryside one often sees a Mercedes Benz overtaking a donkey cart. I was nostalgic at being awakened by a donkey braying, something I rarely hear in Greece anymore.

How much longer will donkeys and the distinctively pointed, meticulously built haystacks survive? Not just the old way of life - a harsh one by any measure - but also the preservation of the environment and antiquities clash with the desperate struggle for economic stability. Our colleagues at the Institute of Archaeology, part of the University of Tirana as well as the body superintending archaeological work in Albania, are doing their best to excavate, record, and conserve remains left by prehistoric peoples, by their ancestors the Illyrians, by Greeks and Romans, and by civilizations after. They were extremely welcoming to me, as to other foreigners who are collaborating in this endeavor. In studying the ancient cultures we have in common, I learned also to appreciate the complex realities of life in Albania today and the rich history behind them.

KUDOS !!!!!

Ancient Studies congratulates its 10 spring graduates:

Sarah Andrews (summa cum laude)
Kathleen Brennan
Ryan Brogna
Benjamin Crispin
Sarah Hanks (cum laude)
Daniel O'Toole (magna cum laude)
Keith Simmons
Luke Smart (summa cum laude)
James Watson

Amanda Saunders and Dan O'Toole were inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society.

Other honors included:

- Outstanding Senior in Ancient Studies- Luke Smart
- Christopher Sherwin Award – Amanda Saunders and Sarah Hanks
- Robert G. Shedd Award for Excellence in Ancient Studies – Thomas Gregg
- Harvey and Phyllis Schreter Award from the Washington Explorers Club (for a summer excavation study / travel program) – Nina Humphries
- Christopher Award – Timothy Phin
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student Alumni Award – Luke Smart
- Writing Prize – Tamee Bollinger and Dan O'Toole

Winter Courses

ANCS 210 Classical Mythology (3) AH/C
A Study of the Principal Greek and Roman Myths.

Note: Also listed as RLST 210.

Instructor: Sherwin, M, TU, W, TH: 9 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Rationalized explanation of the Amazons by the ancient author Palaephatus:

“Here is what I say about the Amazons. It was not women who waged their wars: it was

barbarian men – men who wore clothing that reached their feet, as the Thracians women do, tied up their hair in headbands and shaved their beards like the present-day people of Patara on the river Xanthus. These were the reasons their enemies called them women. But in fact the men of the Amazon nation were excellent warriors, whereas a woman-army is not likely to have ever existed-after all, there are none anywhere today.”

*Translation of Palaephatus by Jacob Stern

Cheryl Giese writes:

Dear Everyone!

I made it to Italy! I am here in Rome after a very long flight, lost bags, and problems with the airplanes, and was met with an unorganized "orientation" of the AUR program. We waited for two long hours after the long flight at the Fiumicino airport and then we were finally taken to our apartments where I was not given a key because they didn't have enough copies! All that aside, I came with an open mind (thanks to my good friend Steph!) and ended up getting a single room to myself. We were basically on our own from the beginning because the program here was so unorganized - we were really not told anything. But, my roommates and I walked around our neighborhood yesterday, brought groceries and wine (of course!) and everyone was really nice to us. I can't speak Italian but as long as you try, the locals are willing to work with you. Finally my luggage arrived today. What happened was that the jet from BWI to Philadelphia was too heavy with all our luggage, so the airline told us that they would send it ahead and we would get it by 11:00 yesterday. I blame all the girls on the trip who packed way too much! Anyway, I got up early this morning (roommates were sleeping off their hangovers - I can't believe they went out the first night!) and managed to figure out the map and then walked to school. I feel very safe in this section of Rome. We are located on the Janiculum Hill and I live right off the Via Circonvallazione Gianicolense on Via Guiseppe Sanarelli. Our apartment is very very nice, and talking to everyone else sounds like we made out like bandits (we actually got a fridge and a microwave). I've eaten out twice so far and it has been fabulous and extremely cheap! Well, I will try and contact you all over the semester here. Take care!

My address is:

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An Opportunity for Ancient Students:

Share your expertise. Because "Eternal Egypt: Masterworks of Ancient Art from the British Museum" is the largest exhibition of its kind ever to visit the Walters, as well as the final U.S venue of for these treasures, we expect hundreds of visitors.

That's a blockbuster crowd, and we need you to help guests feel at home. You can serve as a greeter, host, ticket collector, etc. Take your choice of time: morning, midday, evening, or weekend - one shift per month from September 21, 2003 through January 18, 2004. If you can help (anyone over 18 years of age is eligible), please contact Dale Griffin, Manager of Visitors Services, at dgriffin@thewalters.org or call 410-547-9000, ext. 281. She'll register you for a training session where you'll learn more about this exciting and rewarding opportunity. In return for the help, you will receive four extra tickets to "Eternal Egypt" and an invitation to an end-of-exhibition "thank you" reception. So, please call today to lock in the times most convenient for you. If you have a friend who might be interested in volunteering (Walters member or not), please pass this along to them. It's a great way to get others involved at the museum.

A Note From The Chair

We are pleased to announce that **Ruth Ann (Koshnick) Besse '85** has joined the department as an instructor in Latin 101. Ruth Ann is a former Ancient Studies major who has been involved in the teaching of Latin in the area for several years and is enthusiastic about her return to the department and UMBC. In fact, Ruth Ann says that “*enthusiastic*” is an understatement.

❖ **Alumna Terry (Schneider) MacFarland '79** re-connected with ANCS faculty via email to say hi on behalf of herself and her brothers Bob and Tom, also alums. Terry is Operational Manager in Molecular Biology at Princeton University.

Travel /Study 2004

Ancient Studies is pleased to announce its 38th Study / Travel program, ANCS 301, “Ancient Civilizations: Rome”. After preparatory classes at UMBC early in 2004, participants will travel to Italy from March 19-27, 2004. The itinerary includes four days in southern Italy with visits to Pompeii, Paestum, Amalfi, Naples and Sorrento, and four days in Rome with 2 full-day bus tours to all the major classical and Christian sites. A preliminary itinerary is available in the ANCS Office. Instructors for the courses are Professors Sherwin and Rivkin of ANCS.

The cost of the trip will be \$1649 (Single supplement: \$425). This price includes round-trip airfare, double rooms with private bath in 4-star hotels, tours as listed on the itinerary, buffet breakfast daily, transfers and

baggage handling, hotel taxes and service charges, gratuities to guides and drivers, pre-trip lectures and materials. The participants who wish to earn 3 university credits may enroll in ANCS 301. Credit is optional and extra.

Places may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis with a deposit of \$200, of which \$25.00 is non-refundable. Checks should be made out to UMBC. Ancient Studies majors will have priority until 12 p.m. Tuesday, September 9, 2003. After that date the remaining openings will be allotted according to the order in which the deposits have been received. For more information, contact the ANCS Office (410-455-6265) or Professor Sherwin (Sherwin@umbc.edu).

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