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Notice of the Third Annual Meeting: The meeting will take place on the campus of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 7, 1973. Those wishing to present papers are requested to write to Professor Malcolm F. McGregor, Department of Classics, University of British Columbia, Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada.

From the Secretary-Treasurer: This number of the Bulletin is being sent to all members of record for 1971-72. Those whose 1972-73 dues have not been paid will find a subscription blank. The Bulletin and subscription blank are also being sent to a few others, as an invitation to join us. This is the last reminder. As we go to press CAPN membership stands at 103.

MINUTES OF THE 1972 MEETING

The second annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Pacific Northwest (the 60th since the organization of CAPS, which CAPN continues) was held April 8, 1972, at the University of Oregon. A copy of the program is in the Secretary's file.

The business meeting was called to order at the close of the afternoon program by the President, Professor Stephen Shucard. The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in the November, 1972, Bulletin.

The Secretary reported a membership of 111, as compared with 112 a year ago. Nineteen members of 1970-71 failed to renew their membership, but we have 11 new members and 8 returning after a lapse of a year or more.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand in the general fund, April 24, 1971, of \$214.23, receipts of \$958.61, expenditures (journal subscriptions, duplicating, postage, etc.) of \$884.86, leaving a balance, April 8, 1972, of \$292.98. The balance in the Scholarship Fund, April 24, 1971, was \$302.76. Receipts, including contributions and interest, total \$177.88. Expenditures, including expenses, were \$155.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$325.64. The complete report is in the Secretary's file.

Gail Ingle reported for the Scholarship Committee. There was some discussion of possible revisions of the scholarship plan. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

Robert Gariepy announced the meeting of PNCFL at Salishan Lodge, April 28-29, and urged attendance at the Classics Section, April 28. Frederic Peachy spoke for the Oregon Classical Association.

Paul Pascal presented the report of the Nominating Committee (Fred Combellack, Peter Smith, Paul Pascal, Chairman) as follows:

President: Malcolm F. McGregor, University of British Columbia
Vice President: Hans P. Dietz, Gonzaga University
Secretary-Treasurer: William M. Read, University of Washington
Bulletin Editor: Robert J. Gariepy, Eastern Washington State College

Executive Committee: Fred Cadman, Alpha Secondary, Burnaby, B.C.; Fredric W. Schlatter, S.J., Gonzaga University; Joy H. Spragg, Snohomish High School, Washington; Richard Tron, Reed College, Winifred E. Weter, Seattle Pacific College, as chairman of the Nominating Committee in lieu of Stephen Shucard, who has left for Oakland University.

The slate was elected by unanimous vote. A laudatio was voted for the retiring Secretary, Winifred E. Weter. (Vobis omnibus gratias ago. W.E.W.).

On motion, it was voted to thank the University of Oregon for the agreeable arrangements for the meeting, including the delicious luncheon.

The meeting adjourned.

Winifred E. Weter, Secretary

TITLES AND ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS READ AT THE 1972 MEETING

"Some Problems of Ammianus Marcellinus'
Style"

Geoffrey Archbold
University of Victoria

The History of Ammianus Marcellinus is admired because it is the work of an honest man. One of the reasons, on the other hand, it is a piece of historical writing largely overlooked arises from the author's style. It is forced and uneasy. Although Ammianus can be terse and eloquent, more often the flame of literary ambition flares up and his writing becomes pompous and tortuous, heavy with quotations from earlier writers and abounding in metaphor. The reader is then hindered by an unnatural word order, by figurative and poetic expressions, and by turgid declamation. The flow of the narrative, too, is interrupted by digressions. History, Ammianus states, should not concern itself with the insignificant details of the relatively unimportant but is accustomed to record "negotiorum celsitudines" (XXVI. 1.1). Ammianus has elected to write in a style which, he thinks, will accord with the loftiness of the subject matter.

"What do we do about the Archidamos?"
(abstract unavailable)

Phillip Harding
University of British Columbia

"Charles Stuart Calverley 'Down Under'"

Herbert H. Huxley
University of Victoria

The complete works of C.S. Calverley (1831-1884), one of the most brilliant classical scholars and parodists of the nineteenth century, include inter plurima alia, verse translations of the pastoral poems of Theocritus and Virgil, of Iliad i and ii, of sixteen poems of Horace, and of purpurei panni from Sophocles, Catullus, and Lucretius. It is however in the rarefied sphere of original Latin verse composition that C.S.C's pre-eminence has seldom been challenged since his day.

Of these poems the wittiest and the best is Carmen Saeculare (1853)¹, an ingenious account of undergraduate frolics at Cambridge University. Similar efforts include Parthenonis Ruinae, Loca Sacra apud Hierosolymam and Australia, a poem of 95 hexameters describing the rigours suffered by the early settlers and especially by those who pan for gold. The composition draws heavily on the Georgics and the Aeneid for appropriate phrases and ends with an eleven-line makarismos of the unambitious man. The poem's weakness is that it relies too heavily on book-learning, and aims to please rather by style than content.

¹See further my commentary on this poem in The Proceedings of the Leeds Literary and Philosophical Society for May 1950, pp. 472-481 and also Notes and Queries, July 1972, pp. 265-6.

"The Failure of the Roman Electoral System in the Late Republic"
(no abstract available)

Jerzy Linderski
University of Oregon

"Hesiodos"
(no abstract available)

Sterling Dow
Harvard University

"The Horse in the Second and Twelfth Books of the Aeneid"
(no abstract available)

John Reavis
University of Oregon

"Sophocles' Philoctetes: A Study of Dramatic Context

Stephen Shucard
University of Oregon

Once Neoptolemus has been suborned, he remains a willing accomplice to the end. The prime mover of intrigue, however, is Odysseus. Neoptolemus comes to accept Odysseus' assumption, that there is no practical alternative to deception, and accepts it as a viable route to salvation. Philoctetes' adamancy is matched against Odysseus' guile, but the innocence of Philoctetes and the patriotism of Odysseus find common salvation in a divine will which provides for benevolent deception. Traditional arguments for the "recovery" of Neoptolemus run aground on the rocks of dramatic context; what is important is not what Neoptolemus says as much as when he says it. Finally, the embarrassment of the Herakles-scene is dispelled once the possibility is granted that Sophocles is here attempting a coup de theatre by having Odysseus himself impersonate the deified hero. This solution is not a concession to the tradition but a fulfillment of Odysseus' potential for deception, poetic justice for each of the unconventional characters Sophocles has portrayed.

PERSONNEL, TRAVEL, SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

Language Consortium. Gonzaga, Whitworth, Eastern Washington State College, and Fort Wright College have formulated plans for cross-registration in foreign languages. Greek courses offered at Gonzaga will be available to students in the other area colleges.

Publications. Professor Hans Dietz has recently published "Die besonderen Lesarten des Codex A in Sophokles' Oed. Col.," Wiener Studien 85 (1972) 117-139, and "Sophokles, Trachiniai 7," La Parola del passato 139 (1971) 271-274. Professor Harry C. Hazel, Jr. has published "The Bonaventuran 'Ars concionandi'" in the current issue of Western Speech, pp. 241-250.

Alumni. The Rev. Maurice Brill, S.J., who received his M.A. in Latin at Gonzaga in July 1972, is instructor in Latin at Brophy College Preparatory School

in Phoenix, Arizona. The Rev. Kenneth Krall, S.J., who received his A.B. and M.A. in Classics at Gonzaga, has been accepted in the doctoral program at the University of California at Berkeley. Michael Werner, who received his A.B. at Gonzaga and did his doctoral work at Stanford, has been appointed to the faculty at Pennsylvania State University. Other recent alumni from the Classics Department are in graduate studies at Stanford, the University of Washington, the University of Colorado, the University of Illinois, the University of Missouri, the Gregorian University, and Harvard Law School.

Dean to Retire. The Rev. John H. Taylor, S.J., Professor of Classical Languages and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will retire from the Dean's office in June 1973 after serving 12 years. He plans to remain at Gonzaga.

EASTERN WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

Robert J. Gariepy, Professor of Humanities, has been re-elected president of the Spokane Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. He has recently been informed that his article "Animal Imagery in the Odyssey" will be published in the spring by Classical Bulletin; he also has a review of G.M.H. Murphy, Ovid: Metamorphoses XI forthcoming in The Classical World. Currently, Professor Gariepy is working on a translation of the Latin correspondence between James I of England and Christian IV of Denmark.

Frederick Lauritsen, Assistant Professor of History, spent the past summer at the excavation site of Aphrodisias. He will lecture on this subject to the Spokane Society of the Archaeological Institute of America during December.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

A new major program in "Classical Studies" has been approved. The program is especially suited to students wishing to concentrate less on the classical languages themselves and more on the literature in translation, history, art, archaeology, and philosophy in classical antiquity. Requirements are 2 years of either Greek or Latin and 36 upper-division credits in courses in Classics in English, classical art and archaeology, ancient history, the history of ancient philosophy, the history of ancient science, or more Greek and Latin. The major may be completed in two years.

A conference for Latin teachers was held Saturday, November 18. Speakers were Professors Bliquez and Grummel, Mrs. Laurina Hungate of Mercer Island High School, Mrs. Mary Koch of Walla Walla High School, and Mrs. Nora MacDonald of Eisenhower High School, Yakima.

This season's program of archaeological lectures presented at the University by the Seattle Society of the Archaeological Institute of America are:

- October 31 Dean Richard E.W. Adams, University of Texas at San Antonio
Tropical Forest Cities of the Maya
 - February 13 Professor Sinclair Hood, Norton Lecturer
The Coming of the Greeks
 - April 3 Professor William Biers, University of Missouri
Excavations at Phlius, Greece, 1972
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UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Professor David Campbell is the new chairman of the Department of Classics. He and Professor Herbert H. Huxley attended the Ovidianum at Constanza, Romania, where Professor Campbell delivered a paper (in Latin!); both were elected to the Council of the Ovidian Society which will meet next year in Malta.

A new M.A. student, Barbara Colebrook, came from Manchester University.

Recently a Saturday morning Greek class was begun; 27 are enrolled.

Peter Smith has become Dean of Fine Arts but still teaches Classics.

Frederick M. Combellack has joined the department for the fall term. David Marsh holds a research post.

REED COLLEGE

Professor Frederic Peachy reports that the Classical Association of Oregon has 35 members now (and \$55 in the treasury!).

The Annual Conference of the Oregon Association of Foreign Language Teachers was held in Lincoln City, October 13 and 14. Unfortunately, few classicists registered, for, as Professor Peachy seductively sings, "The comfortable facilities, including the indoor swimming pool and a Charybdis for Jacuzzi freaks, were enjoyed by the members in attendance, and if the seaside slurb was not particularly appetizing when seen from the beach, the beach, when viewed from the picture window of a motel suite, was a handsome sight, with its expanse of sand, its driftwood, its breakers and its off-shore rocks, with pelicans lazily skimming over the swells and cormorants roosting and turning their Botticelli necks to pick up flying gossip."

MEETINGS

Philological Association of the Pacific Coast: November 24-25, San Franciscan Hotel, San Francisco

American Philological Association: December 28-30, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia

Pacific Northwest Conference on Foreign Languages: May 4-5, Rosario Resort, Orcas.

The chairman of the Classical Literature section is Professor Herbert H. Huxley, Department of Classics, University of Victoria. Anyone desiring to offer a paper at this meeting is requested to inform Professor Huxley soon.

CAPN SCHOLARSHIP

The winner of this year's scholarship is Garnet Gordey, a pupil of Mrs. Maude Vant, John Oliver Secondary School, Vancouver, B.C. She is currently attending the University of British Columbia.

This scholarship of \$150.00 is again being offered to a graduating high school senior who enrolls in Latin at a college or university offering a major in Classics. The chairman of the Scholarship Committee is Miss Jane Wilson, 2560 Broadway N.E., Apt. 29, Salem, Oregon. Please contact her for further information.