

LETTER TO OUR READERS

The appearance of this first Newsletter brings a new form of greeting to the family and friends of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. Sparked by a questionnaire to alumni which brought forth a torrent of commentary, the Newsletter is an experiment which hopes to communicate School events in a format accessible to those with all range of expertise and curiosity about American activities in Greece. Many of you asked for such a publication. Now with the approach in 1981 of a celebration marking our first hundred years, it seem particularly appropriate to inaugurate a vehicle through which we can summarize some of the accomplishments of our first century and share with you our developing plans for the second hundred years!

We hope our readers will find interest in the news included. And we especially invite you to send us your comments and suggestions for news and features you would like to see in future issues.

Elizabeth A. Whitehead
President ASCSA

PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES

In connection with the Centennial an archive of photographs and slides of the School, its excavations, members, etc., is being established. Anyone with material to contribute is requested to send this to "Centennial Archives", American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 41 East 72nd Street, New York, NY 10021. Please indicate whether you would like your original slide or photograph returned to you, in which case we shall make a duplicate for the "Archives."



ASCSA Authors Homer A. Thompson (The Athenian Agora, A Guide to the Excavation and Museum, 1976) and Lucy Shoe Meritt (A forthcoming history of ASCSA's second 50 years)

A COMMITTEE TO STUDY BUDGETARY PRIORITIES

In August, 1976, Mabel Lang, Chairman of the Managing Committee, named a committee to study the School's budgetary priorities and make recommendations for the period 1977-1982. The members are: Alan Boegehold (*Chairman*), John Dane, Jr., C.W.J. Eliot, E. B. Harrison, Elizabeth Pemberton, Peter Topping, and Elizabeth Whitehead.

The School each year must find money to meet the expenses of maintaining land, buildings, excavations, Service Staff, Administrative Staff, Teaching Staff, Training Programs, Libraries, and Publications. But in recent years there has not been sufficient income to honor each and every commitment as fully as in the past. And so now we must decide what it is necessary for the School to continue maintaining in

order to be the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and on the other hand, what is not finally indispensable, even if admittedly desirable.

The Committee met four times in nine months, studied budgets, talked to experts, sent out a questionnaire to about 950 ASCSA friends and alumni/ae, and submitted a provisional report at the Annual Meeting in May (analysis of the questionnaire is on page 5). The Managing Committee voted to "receive" the report but not to act upon it otherwise. The Priorities Committee remain empanelled and hope to complete a final report before May 1978.

For the present, I wish to express the Committee's thanks to associates, alumni/ae, and friends who responded to the

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questionnaire. Over 50% responded, which experts tell us is a fantastic percentage, since a mere 30% would have been regarded as excellent. And such numbers have meaning for foundations and other potential sources of support who must determine their own priorities. There cannot be much better evidence of the usefulness of an institution than this massive display of caring.

All the questionnaires sent in so far have been tabulated, and some figures from the tabulation are presented on page 5 of this newsletter. We are still reading your comments, which will not be given general circulation but will play a large part in our discussions this coming year. We are also excerpting a number of criticisms, questions, suggestions and hopes that ought to be considered by a wider body of the School. These have to do with topics like the quality of intellectual life at the School, increased use of microfilm, class (?) reunions, importance of foreign schools to USA foreign relations, proseminars each year . . . well, the list goes on.

Some particular questions with which we are concerning ourselves are as follows: Given an excavation budget of ca. \$100,000 per annum, can we maintain two School excavations properly? Is Loring Hall too expensive to maintain? Must the School have a full-time architect? How can the Blegen Library meet mounting book costs? How can its physical capacity be enlarged? What place must the Gennadius Library have in the School Budget? How can we provide salary increases for staff? How can we establish a new Conservation Laboratory?

The body of School friends and alumni/ae is small enough so that we can solicit advice and suggestions from all of you and give assurance that what you write or say will be considered carefully. Since study of budgetary priorities continues, please continue to send on your thoughts on the School's priorities.

Alan L. Boegehold, Chairman
Committee on Priorities

SUMMER SESSION 1977

The Summer Session of 1977, directed by Professors Fordyce W. Mitchel and Joseph M. Conant was highly successful for all participants. There were two groups, each of twenty well qualified students, representing many of the institutions of the United States and Canada. Group I had the dubious distinction of doing the Telesterion the afternoon Eleusis was declared the hottest spot in the Mediterranean — 117 degrees F. Group II was the first Summer Session group ever to visit Franchthi Cave and Halieis.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The committee for arranging the observance of the School's centennial year (1981) consists of Elizabeth Gebhard, Claireve Grandjouan, Richard Howland, Henry Immerwahr, George Kennedy, Harry Levy (chairman), James McCredie, Benjamin and Lucy Meritt, Charles Morgan, and Robert Pounder. The Centennial Committee has started formulating plans for the celebration, and will welcome suggestions, which may be sent to any member of the Committee.

The Centennial Committee has decided to appeal to the alumni for contributions to a special Alumni Drive. If at least 1000 alumni can be persuaded to contribute \$100 each (perhaps spread over the four years that separate us from 1981), the Drive could add \$100,000 or more to the money otherwise collected. Appeal letters will be in the mail in November, and a prompt and generous response is hoped for.

Harry L. Levy, Chairman

New Appointments at the School

The Special Research Fellows (also called Visiting Professors) at the School during the academic year 1977/78 are Robert Connor of Princeton University and Frederick E. Winter of the University of Toronto. This year there will also be a Gennadeion Special Research Fellow, F. Thomas Noonan of the University of Chicago. The new Secretary of the School is David G. Romano, ASCSA and University of Pennsylvania. The Directors of the Summer Sessions of 1978 will be William F. Wyatt, Brown University and Frederick A. Cooper, University of Minnesota.

First-year Fellows of the School in 1977/78 are: *Thomas Day Seymour Fellow*: Joseph B. Ewbank, University of North Carolina; *John Williams White Fellow*: Shelley C. Stone, Princeton University; *Heinrich Schliemann Fellow*: Mark H. Munn, University of Pennsylvania; *James Rignall Wheeler Fellow*: Loren C. Bronson, Brown University; *Honorary School Fellow and Fulbright Fellow*: Darice E. Birge, University of California at Berkeley. The Following will hold second-year and advanced fellowships: *Edward Capps Fellowship*: Irene Bald, University of Pennsylvania; *Gorham Phillips Stevens Fellowship*: Margaret Miles, Princeton University; *Eugene Vanderpool Fellowship*: Carol Lawton, Princeton University; *George Kachros Memorial Fellowship*: Kathleen S. Wright, Bryn Mawr College; *Honorary School Fellowship and Canada Council Fellowship*: Gerald Schaus, University of Pennsylvania; *Jacob Hirsch Fellowship*: Avner Raban, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; *Gennadeion Fellowship*: Lowell Lucas, University of California.



Henry and Sara Immerwahr enjoying a sail off the coast of Crete.

Change of Directors

On June 30, 1977, James R. McCredie handed over the direction of the School to Henry R. Immerwahr. The eight years of the McCredie administration were very good ones because the Director's tremendous concern for every aspect of the School's program and activities brought the whole enterprise to new heights of accomplishment and excellence. The McCredies will be at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton during 1977/78. The Immerwahrs had a warm welcome (the July heat-wave broke all records!) and are well launched in directorial activities.

School Publications

New publications during 1976/77 include the following: *The Athenian Agora XXI, Graffiti and Dipinti* by Mabel L. Lang; *Hesperia Supplement XVI, A Sanctuary of Zeus on Mount Hymettus* (in memory of Rodney S. Young), by Merle Langdon; *Keos I, Kephala* by John E. Coleman; *Isthmia III, Terracotta Lamps* by Oscar Broneer; *The Athenian Agora, A Guide to the Excavations and Museum* by Homer A. Thompson; French and German translations of *Agora Picture Book 16 (Short Guide)*; *Corinth Notes 1, Cure and Cult in Ancient Corinth* by Mabel L. Lang. All these and lists of earlier publications are obtainable from the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, c/o Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J. 08540.

Copies of *Edward Lear in Greece*, the catalogue of the 73 Lear drawings that were on exhibition in various American museums in 1971-3, and full-size prints of two of the drawings are available from the American School of Classical Studies 41 East 72nd Street, New York 10021.

SCHOOL SPONSORED EXCAVATIONS:



University of California

Excavation by the University of California, Los Angeles, at the sanctuary of Poseidon on the Isthmus started in 1967. The principal areas investigated (Fig. 1) are the West Cemetery, the East Field adjacent to the temple of Poseidon, the Hexamilion and its Fortress, the Roman Bath. Work in the West Cemetery has confirmed the Eusebian dates for the early history of the sanctuary (Figs 2-3), and elsewhere evidence has been established to revise the later history. The destruction is connected with Alaric's raid through Greece in 396 and with the building of the Hexamilion which was part of the eastern Empire's response to the sack of Rome by the same commander in 410 (Figs. 4-7). The well-preserved Roman Bath of the first or second century after Christ is now being cleared. The mosaic floor (some 20 m. x 8 m.) of its Great Hall is a colossal carpet without close parallel (Fig. 8). The subject of the figured panels is the Armor of Achilles.

Paul Clement

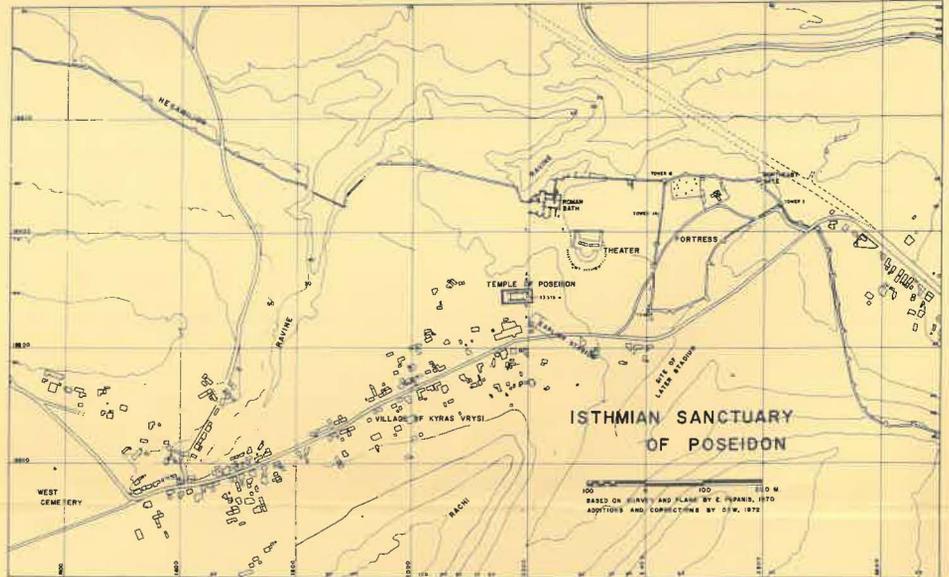


Figure 1. The site of the sanctuary of Poseidon on the Isthmus in 1977.

Figure 2. West Cemetery from the west: car-cophagus burials of the sixth and fifth centuries before Christ.



Figure 4. Roadway through the Northeast Gate of the Fortress; the Kornelios stele, deeply rutted, stretches from pier to pier just beyond the break in the pavement.



Figure 5. Raising the Kornelios stele.

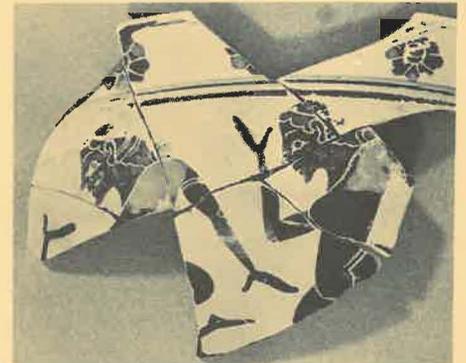


Figure 3. Fragment of a komast cup by the KY Painter, Attic, about 580 B.C.: from the West Cemetery.



Figure 6. The face of the stele: L. Kornelios Korinthos, a Pythian piper of Corinth.



Figure 7. Details of Kornelios.

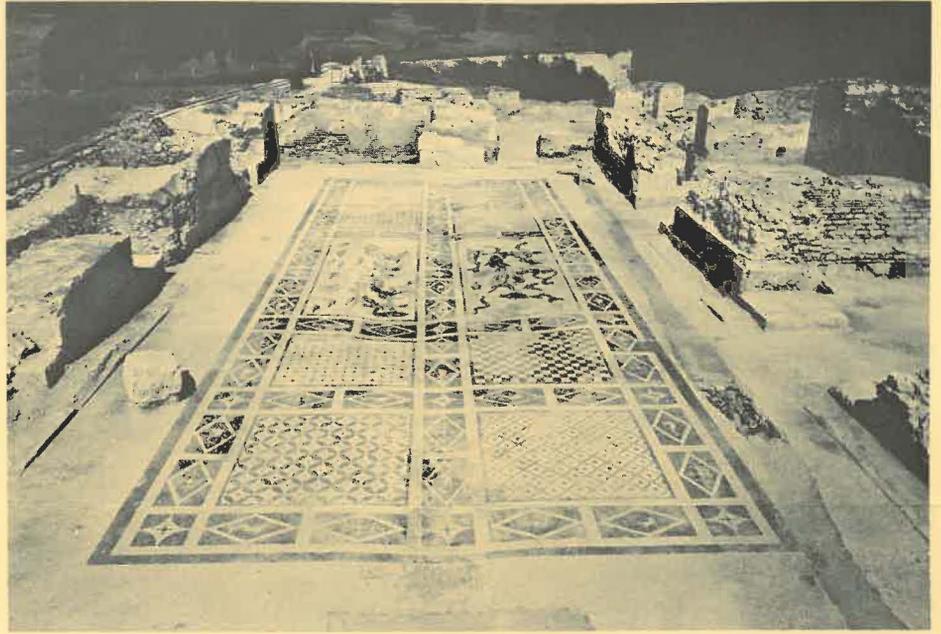


Figure 8. The mosaic in the Great Hall of the Roman Bath, from the east.



University of Toronto

Excavations of the University of Toronto and Royal Ontario Museum at the site of Kommos in Crete continued to expose parts of the Minoan town discovered in 1976. This Messara settlement, inhabited from the beginning of the Middle Minoan period through Late Minoan III B, certainly functioned as one of the chief outlets to the sea in South-central Crete. While there is little post-

Minoan habitation layer on most of the site, towards the south we discovered during 1977 a group of buildings of Classical and Hellenistic date. These were set about a court within which was a large altar. Built upon the prehistoric town's remains, these structures were later buried beneath deep accumulations of sand of which some 30,000 cubic meters have already been removed by us.

Joseph W. Shaw



Two buildings of classical-Hellenistic date which face onto a court within which was built a substantial altar. The two-roomed building on the left was used at least partially for cooking. The function of the round building (only half excavated) remains obscure.



An LM III "snake tube" found within a household shrine at Kommos. The tube, its multiple handles decorated with birds of terracotta, was found being used as a stand. Into its mouth had been set a conical cup.

SCHOOL EXCAVATIONS:

AGORA

Excavations in the Agora were conducted in June and July of 1977 in the building now thought to be the State Prison of Athens. First cleared in 1949 and previously known as the Poros Building, the structure was identified as the Prison by G. Vanderpool, *Professor Emeritus of Archaeology*, in 1975. The identification is based largely on the topographical information contained in those Platonic dialogues concerned with the last days of Socrates; the location and plan of the building are both appropriate, and provisions for bathing, a series of small medicine bottles, and a statuette of Socrates himself from the building can all be cited as evidence for the identification.

The excavations this season were designed to clear away the foundations of two Roman houses which overlay the Prison in order to explore further and fully expose the remains of the Greek building. Undisturbed stratification was encountered in a number of rooms, allowing us to check and generally confirm the results of the initial excavations. These suggest that the building was constructed shortly after the middle of the fifth century B.C., was damaged and refurbished in the years around 400 B.C., and then remained in use, with minor alterations, throughout the Hellenistic period, perhaps until the sack of Athens by Sulla in 86 B.C. Among the small finds, a hand-some red-figured cup (Fig. 1) showing an athlete conferring with his trainer, is worthy of special note. Following excavation, the lines of the walls were filled out with dry-stone masonry where necessary, the ground level was raised to the floor level of the greek period, and the plan of the building can now be made out with ease (Fig. 2.)

John McK. Camp II



Figure 2. Excavation site in Agora identified as the State Prison of Athens.



Figure 1.



Andrew W. Mellon, Professor



Colin N. Edmonson, Professor of Classical Studies, lecturing on the Acropolis to new students.

CORINTH, Excavations on Temple Hill, 1977

The most significant results of the summer's work were topographical: we have now established the limits of the temenos in Archaic Greek and Early Roman times along the north flank, on the west side and (probably) along the east side. Evidence for the dating of the quarry operations at east and west has contributed significantly to these results. It seems likely that in Roman times the principal facade of the temple was the western and that the temenos wall at the west was penetrated by a wide stairway on the axis of the temple.

Henry S. Robinson

IN MEMORIAM

Clark Hopkins — May 21, 1976
Member: 1927-28, 1950-51

John Hill Monroe — July 6, 1974
Summer Session: 1932

Pauline Rankin — November 12, 1976
Member: 1936-37

Mary E. White — January 7, 1977
Visiting Professor: 1972; Chairman Publications Committee: 1975-77

Rodney Stuart Young — Oct. 25, 1974
Member: 1929-30, 1933-41, 1945-49

ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

In evaluating the responses to the questionnaires, the numerical tabulations must be considered in light of the written-in-comments, because respondents span a lengthy period of experience, and life at the School has varied over the years. Results were tabulated separately for those who attended regular winter sessions and those who attended summer sessions.

As expected, a higher percentage of regular session alumni are professionally employed in the classics (89%) than of summer session alumni (78%). Of the 89% of regular alumni who work in the classics, 75% report that their work relates to archaeology, compared to 52% of the summer session classicists.

Of regular session respondents 60% are employed as college or university professors. Other occupations which figure prominently are student (9%), high school teacher (5%) and museum curator (4%). Retired number 7%, and .03% are unemployed. Other professions mentioned include elementary school teacher, librarian and lawyer. Comparable figures for summer school alumni include 28% employed as professors, 18% as students, 17% as high school teachers, 13% retired and 5% unemployed. In addition to the other mentioned professions, two doctors are included among summer session respondents.

Both groups of alumni agree that the field trips to sites and monuments were very important to their work — over 90% in both cases. Responses also indicated

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that the degree of structure of life at the School is just about right — of regular students 85% and summer session 93% hold this view.

Significant numbers of both groups of alumni feel they would have liked more lectures and seminars given by other scholars in Athens (Regular 68% and Summer 63%); more organized contact with other foreign schools (66% and 62%); more opportunity to do field work (50% and 48%); and more opportunity to work with excavated materials (51% and 60%).

Loring Hall brought out almost unanimous response, 97% and 99% in favor of its continuance. However, many respondents commented regarding specific facets of its maintenance, use, life style, etc., qualifying their answers in one way or another.

There was also a highly positive response with regard to the importance of communal meals and social hours (91% of regular session and 98% of summer session feeling it "important" or "very important"). Another significant figure is the percentage of alumni who feel the role played by the School was important or crucial to the development of their career: of regular session 39% said crucial; 41% very important; 17% important and only 3% unimportant. For the summer session alumni comparable figures were 11%, 50%, 34% and 5%.

There is almost unanimous agreement that the School camp up to or surpassed expectations. Of regular students 41% feel it surpassed their expectations. Only 4% were disappointed. Of summer students 46% said "surpassed", compared to 2% for whom the School did not meet their expectations.

Of those who responded, many (23% of regular and 40% of summer) feel they

do not receive enough information about the School. It was the suggestion of quite a few that a newsletter might fill the gap.

We should also mention a most heart-warming statistic. Asked if they would give more financial assistance to the School if they knew it could not survive in anything like its present state without their help, 88% of regular alumni and

85% of summer session alumni responded yes. Of the small percentage who said no, many explained that they were either retired and did not have the means or were members of a religious order which precluded contributions. Such overwhelming approval must surely give a most gratifying boost to the School as it approaches its second century.



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