

A View of Classics



at FSU

FALL 2004

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

There are many changes apparent around Dodd Hall this year. First of all, I write to you as the new chairman of Classics. It is a challenging position (though I'm not sure it is as tough as "herding cats" as a colleague termed it). I would like to thank my predecessor, Prof. Jeffery Tatum, for his six years of leadership of the department and for making the transition so smooth. This year the department is undergoing a major review of its programs, and I am positive that we will again be recognized as one of the best departments at Florida State University, thanks in part to the work of Prof. Tatum. And for the first time, the FSU Classics Department will be included in the National Research Council rankings of Ph.D. granting institutions; the results of the rankings should be available at the end of 2005.

After months of speculation, anticipation, and trepidation, the major renovation of the M. Lynette Thompson Classics Library has begun. The Thompson Library space will be combined with the adjoining Religion Library space to create one large and functional facility. The newly configured space will make full use of the beautiful gothic window above the main doors of Dodd Hall, as well as restore the window to the lobby, allowing in much-needed natural light. Thanks to modest, but generous, bequests from alumni such as yourselves, we are in the process of filling gaps in our collection of primary texts, dictionaries, and other works for use of our growing department. There will be a grand reopening of the Thompson Library in spring of 2005, and hope everyone will come and share in the satisfaction as we continue to improve our facilities.

Our students and faculty are studying and conducting research all over the ancient world. Prof. Nancy de Grummond not only has continued to supervise our undergraduate and graduate archaeology students in Italy, but has also begun a project in Ukraine looking at Scythian burial mounds involving several of our students. Wayne Rupp (Ph.D. candidate) is an instructor at the Intercollegiate Center in Rome, while Tom Henderson (Ph.D. candidate) is on a fellowship at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens where Prof. James Sickinger is in his last year of serving as the Mellon Prof. of Archaeology. Prof. Christopher Pfaff is also in Greece this year, on sabbatical, working on a new project at the Argive Heraion. Prof. David Stone is finishing up publications on his work at Leptiminius, Tunisia, while I spent a study season at Sardis, Turkey.

Throughout this newsletter you will read of the activities of our students, faculty, and alumni. We are proud of our achievements—accomplishments that make Classics at FSU the great department it is. To stay up to date throughout the year on our activities, I invite you please to consult our website, <http://www.fsu.edu/~classics/>.

With best wishes,
Daniel J. Pullen
November 2004

LANGFORD DOINGS

The Langford Family Eminent Scholar for Spring, 2004, Alan Boegehold, Professor Emeritus of Classics at Brown University, has departed and he and his wife Julie are greatly missed. Also an eminent athlete, Alan took advantage of the Florida sunshine to enjoy the swimming pool and some tennis while guiding his students through Thucydides and Greek concepts of justice. He presided over a delightful Langford Conference in February on the topic of "What's so Funny? Nuggets from Classical Antiquity."

Francis Cairns recently directed his annual binge of the November Langford Latin Seminar, a one-day affair that features hour-long presentations by bright stars from the US and abroad and culminates in a splendid dinner at the home of Dr. Cairns, largely organized and administered by his gracious spouse Sandra. The 2004 seminar was entitled "Hymns in Graeco-Roman Antiquity," with guest speakers, in order of appearance, Gabriele Burzacchini of the University of Parma (Italy), Mary Depew of the University of Iowa, Alex Hardie of Oriel College, Oxford (UK) and Bruce Gibson of the University of Liverpool (UK). The presiding genius was Douglas Cairns of the University of Edinburgh (UK; Douglas is no relation to Francis!). Dr. Cairns has presented recently the published papers from the Langford Conference of 2001, co-edited with Elaine Fantham, Langford Eminent Scholar in that year: *Caesar against Liberty?* in *PLLS* (Papers of the Langford Latin Seminar), vol. 11, 2003.

There will be no Langford Scholar in the spring of 2005, but instead the Langford

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IN MEMORIAM: LYNETTE THOMPSON

With great regret we report the passing on December 21, 2003, of M. Lynette Thompson, long-time chair of Classics at Florida State University and the original donor and honorand of the department's Thompson Library. Dr. Thompson never sought the spotlight, but for the sake of the remembrances of the many who studied and worked with her over many years, we present here a few biographical facts. She received the A.B. in 1940 at Florida State College for Women (present day Florida State University), where she majored in Classics and was president of Phi Beta Kappa. She received her Master's degree from Oberlin College (1941) and her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago (1956). She began her teaching career at Key West High School in 1941, but then became an instructor at FSCW in 1942. She still holds the longest tenure on record at Florida State University (52 years), having remained in the Department of Classics until her retirement in 1994. She held numerous scholarships and grants through the years at Oberlin, U. of Chicago and FSU. Dr. Thompson was chair of Classics for 19 years, from 1961 to 1980, and during this period greatly expanded the faculty and enrollments in the department and brought it to a new level in quality.

Lynette Thompson was a well known figure to the Latin teachers of the state of Florida, and was also eminent in the larger world of classical studies around the United States. She was elected president of the Classical Association of the Mid-West and South in 1980, and her publications on Latin poetry appeared in such journals as *Classical Philology* and *Classical Journal*.

Conference will be guided by Ian Rutherford, distinguished senior professor of Greek language and literature at FSU, and will be on the topic of “Greek Religion and the Orient.” (The unofficial subtitle at this point is “From Ishtar to Aphrodite”).

As always, we express our deep gratitude to Marian and George Langford and their family, who provided the Langford Endowment that provides for the Eminent Scholar and our international conferences, and have thus made a permanent and wonderful contribution to the success of Classics at FSU.

RANKIN TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS ESTABLISHED

A new and generous donation has been made in honor of Kathleen Rankin, beloved professor of Greek and Latin in the Classics Department from 1967 until her untimely death in 1976. The Rankin Travel Fellowships have been established by the family and friends of Dr. Rankin, to be awarded to outstanding undergraduate students at FSU who are participating in archaeological excavations in Italy sponsored by the Department of Classics. The first fellowships, providing a stipend of \$500 towards travel expenses, were provided in the summer of 2004 for three students digging at the FSU excavations of the Etruscan/Roman site of San Venanzo, near Orvieto: Phil Miller, Jennifer Oksanen and Scott Sorset. Congratulations to all three of these budding archaeologists!

For further information about the Rankin Fellowships, renewed for 2005 for students planning to excavate at Cetamura, follow the links on the Classics website to Archaeology Programs in Italy. (A short biography of Dr. Rankin is included there.)

SALUTE TO LATIN TEACHERS AND CAF

High school Latin teachers are sorely needed in the State of Florida, and current students as well as former graduates are encouraged to think seriously about a career in the classroom. Meanwhile we salute the organization of the Classical Association of Florida, which does so much to coordinate the teaching and promotion of Latin and the classics and in particular its members who have studied and received degrees at FSU. An informal count turned up some 13 valiant alums who are teaching around the state: Leslie Perkins of St. Johns Country Day (Orange Park) is the current president of CAF, and others in alpha order are: Nancy Allen (Stanton College Prep, Jacksonville), Craig Bebergal (North Broward Prep, Coconut Creek), Alan Blessing (Northeast HS, St. Petersburg), Ginny Greenland (The Bolles School, Jacksonville), Amy Hornick (Escambia HS, Pensacola), Joyce Jury (Eau Gallie HS), Shane Lieffers (Berkeley Prep, Tampa), Leslie Peebles (Holy Comforter Episcopal, Tallahassee), Jeff Satriano (Leon HS, Tallahassee), Nicole Sellers (Chiles HS, Tallahassee), Stathia Sferios (Berkeley Prep, Tampa), Roy Starling (Holy Trinity Academy, Melbourne).

STUDENTS IN ACTION

Phil Miller has won the third prize in a national contest of Advanced Latin Translation sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi. Congratulations! Alexis Christensen gave a paper at the Southern Section of CAMWS on “The American Ukrainian Scythian Kurhan Project, 2004” reporting on her work as captain of the team that did GIS surveying in the project directed by N. de Grummond. Claire Foley and Lizz Lee were members of the 2004 team who worked under Alexis’ supervision. The FSU Student Archaeology Club observed its annual tradition of hearing “Summer Excavation Lectures” by FSU graduate students who dug in Italy and Greece, with September presentations by Jenna Altherr on the Athenian Agora and Elizabeth Wilson on work at San Venanzo. Students from the

FSU Anthropology Department also went to the podium for the anthology of summer work. Officers for this academic year are Lorraine Knop, President; David Gagliano, Vice President; and Kathleen (KC) Clifford, Treasurer. The group recently made a field trip to Atlanta to see the newly-installed classical galleries at the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University. Wayne Rupp received the prestigious appointment of Graduate Assistant at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome for the academic year 2004-2005. While in Rome he hopes to make progress on his dissertation on therianthropic deities of ancient Italy, but of course the assignment is very demanding and requires, for example, such things as a 10-day trip to Sicily. Thanks to Wayne for sending excellent newsletters about himself and his family (cf. New Babies, below).

FACULTY CORNER

No member of the department has been more dynamic in scholarly activity than Francis Cairns. In 2004 he delivered papers at the University of Parma in Italy and at the Oxford Philological Society (UK), at the same time publishing articles in *Classical Quarterly* (2) and *Classical Journal*, and in other venues, with studies on Catullus, Ovid, Propertius and Vergil. Francis has recently been invited to serve on two international committees, as Correspondant étranger of the journal *Latomus* and as a member of the Comitato Internazionale of *Paideia*. Nancy de Grummond fulfilled a long-cherished wish to excavate on the Black Sea, leading a group of American students to excavate and carry out geophysical surveys in Scythian burial mounds in Ukraine, a joint effort with Sergei Polin of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, financed by an Arts and Humanities Program Enhancement Grant from FSU. She has not abandoned the Etruscans, as evidenced by her authoring of *Etruscan Mythology, Sacred History and Legend: An Introduction*, forthcoming from the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology of the University of Pennsylvania. Laurel Fulkerson’s book *The Ovidian Heroine as Author: Reading, Writing, and Community in the Heroides*, is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press (May, 2005). Her article in *Classical Quarterly*, “Omnia Vincit Amor: Why the Remedia Fail,” has just appeared and she also has an article on *metameleia* (regret or remorse; your editor looked it up) in Athenian oratory, coming out in *Phoenix*. She also won a much-coveted summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities for her dynamic new project on the nature of remorse in ancient classical culture. (P.S. See the report below on John Marincola.) Justin Glenn enters his fifth and final year of phased retirement in Spring 2005. A consultant to Oxford U. Press in their evaluation of the new edition of Morford and Lenardon’s “Classical Mythology,” he continues to serve as judge at the regional Latin Forum; he has enjoyed working with high school Latin teachers since coming to FSU in 1972. On personal fronts he was recently re-elected national Registrar of the National Society of Washington Family Descendants, and he plays 5-string banjo in “The Angel Band,” a local Gospel and bluegrass band that plays at nursing homes, churches, and local country music venues. John Marincola gave lectures over the last year at the University of Leeds, at Oxford, and at the University of Michigan. He has just finished co-editing the Cambridge Companion to Herodotus, which is eagerly awaited by all (spring 2005). Dr. M. is serving as Associate Chair of Classics along with his duties as departmental Director of Graduate Studies. In order to find more time to be with Dr. Fulkerson, he has proposed marriage to her and she has accepted! (Watch for the

big fat Latin and Greek wedding in March, 2005.) Harry Neilson continues working on his revision of his dissertation, preparing a monograph on the subject of the role and effect of the gods on the technology of Roman navigation. He delivered a paper on "Herakles the Navigator" at the spring meeting of CAMWS.

Now that he is department chair, Daniel Pullen of course has no time for his research or anything else besides the duties of directing a faculty of eleven and graduate students numbering around forty. Soon to appear is his magnum opus *The Early Bronze Age Village on Tsoungiza Hill (Nemea Valley Archaeological Project I)*, in press with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. DJP has recently been recognized with an invitation to give the May 2005 Mycenaean Seminar at the Institute for Classical Studies and University of London. Ian Rutherford has edited in collaboration with Jas Elsner a volume of papers, *Seeing the Gods, Patterns of Pilgrimage in Antiquity* (forthcoming from Oxford U. Press, 2005). He was awarded a summer grant (2004) by the Committee on Faculty Research at FSU to pursue his studies of pilgrimage in the ancient world. He recently organized jointly with Billie Jean Collins (Emory) and Mary R. Bachvarova (Willamette University) an international conference, "Hittites, Greeks and their Neighbors in Ancient Anatolia," held at Emory University, September, 2004. Jim Sickinger is in the third and final year of his tenure as Mellon Professor of Classical Studies at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. In addition to his normal teaching responsibilities, he traveled to Rome to give the Pirie Lecture at the American Academy in Rome in February 2003, and delivered the annual lecture at the Open Meeting of the American School at Athens in March 2004. His chapter, "The Laws of Athens: Publication, Preservation, Consultation" recently appeared in *The Law and the Courts in Ancient Greece*, edited by L. Rubinstein and E. Harris (London: Duckworth 2004).

When Svetla Slaveva-Griffin recently returned from Jacksonville as a newly naturalized American citizen, she found her office merrily festooned in red, white and blue (not all that different from the red, white and green of the flag of her native Bulgaria). She will chair a panel for the annual meeting of the American Philological Association (Boston, Jan. 2005) on "Neoplatonism and Living the Good Life." She is also busily preparing a new course on the history of science in antiquity for the spring semester. Kathryn B. Stoddard published her first book, *The Narrative Voice in the Theogony of Hesiod*, in the Mnemosyne series of Brill Academic Press (Leiden, 2004). Well done, KBS! She has begun a second book that analyzes the *Works and Days* of Hesiod from a narratological perspective. Cheers also for David Stone, who received a First Year Assistant Professor Grant from FSU which he used to write up the results of the Leptiminius Archaeological Project. He presented a paper on material from Leptiminius in Oxford, England in October 2004 and will discuss further results at the Archaeological Institute of America conference in January 2005.

Freed from his servitude of the past six years, Jeff Tatum is rediscovering scholarship. He is spending the bulk of his time working on his commentary on the *Commentariolum Petitionis* and his translations of Plutarch. He recently learned that one of his essays will be anthologized in the forthcoming *Oxford Readings in Catullus*. And, in the spring term, he will be the De Carle Distinguished Lecturer at the University of Otago, where he will deliver a series of lectures on Julius Caesar.

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMS

The spotlight falls on Jill Curry Robbins (MA '96), who has just successfully defended her dissertation in Humanities (Classics

concentration), on "The Art of History: Livy's 'Ab Urbe condita' and the Visual Arts of the Early Italian Renaissance." Dr. Robbins is Librarian for Acquisitions, Conservation and Access and Visual Resources Specialist at the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, DC. Optime, Jill!

Patty Baker (MA '94) is completing her monograph on *Medical Care in the Roman Army on the Rhine, Danube and British Frontiers from the First to Mid-Third Centuries AD*, forthcoming in the International Series of British Archaeological Reports. Dr. Baker is a lecturer in Classics and Archaeology at the University of Kent in Canterbury. J.A. Berardo (Ph.D., Humanities) is associate professor of Humanities at Kennedy-King College, City Colleges of Chicago. She recently delivered a paper at the Classical Association of the Mid-West and South on "Generational Transcendence as Exemplified by pietas in the Aeneid." Malcolm Donalson (BA '74, MA '85, Ph.D. in Humanities '91) has recently published *The Cult of Isis in the Roman Empire: Isis Invicta* (Mellen Press, 2004). Dr. Donalson is in his 30th year teaching Latin. Jamieson Donati (MA '03) is in the doctoral program at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. Julie Fenyk (BA '95) is completing her dissertation in Educational Psychology at the University of Minnesota. Margaret Mills Harper (BA '78) is a professor in the English Dept. at Georgia State University, specializing in Irish literature. She reports, "From Yeats, who translated Sophocles and loved Hermes Tresmegistus to Joyce's Aristotelian fun...and Seamus Heaney's Antaeuslike groundings, my academic life is full of classical energy!" Stephen Law (Ph.D. in Humanities '86) is in his 12th year as Chair of the Dept. of Humanities and Philosophy at the University of Central Oklahoma. Randall Hixenbaugh (MA '02) is assistant director of Royal-Athena Galleries in New York City, offering for sale legally and ethically acquired antiquities. He assisted in the publication in *Minerva* magazine of photos and descriptions of over 300 pieces of antiquities thought to have been looted from Iraq. Sarah Stinson Turnage has donated a substantial number of books for the Thompson Library, amassed during her years of study with us (BA '95, MA '99); the reason? Well, two of them, for her second baby is on the way...Mary Lou Vredenberg (MA '98; Ph.D. in Humanities, August, 2004) has a tenure-track position teaching Classics in the English Department at SUNY-Oneonta.

THE ELIZABETH HUNTER LECTURE

The fifth annual Elizabeth Hunter Lecture in Classics was delivered by Carolyn Dewald, Professor of Classical and Historical Studies at Bard College, on "Historical Narrative as 'Human Science': The Case of the Early Greek Historians." Professor Dewald works in the historiography and rhetoric of the ancient world, with a particular focus on hermeneutics, literary criticism, and the issues connected with Greek orality vs. literacy. She has published books and articles on Herodotus, Thucydides, and the rhetorical tradition. The Elizabeth Hunter Lecture was endowed through a bequest from Betty Hunter, an alumna who was a highly successful teacher of Latin in high school in Florida.

ETA SIGMA PHI

Our chapter of the classics honor frat Eta Sigma Phi is having a lively year under the leadership of officers Kymberli Gross, prytanis, Joseph Morris, hyparchos, Jason Whitmarsh, grammateus, and Phil Miller and Jennifer Oksanen, jointly serving as chrysohylax. This year 8 new members were initiated. In the spring the club held a "Roman Dinner Party" with students preparing Roman foods such as "Chicken a la Elagabalus" (chicken with leeks, pine nuts, and eggs) and "Liba" (cheese and bread rolls) and Caesar Salad. Professor David Stone is faculty advisor for the group.



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NEW BABIES

Classics can conquer the world through fertility! Dan and Tanya McClarnon report the birth of little Sofia on February 18, 2004. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was said to have been born with a full head of brown hair. Tristan Alexander Montague-Shanks appeared in the life of parents Claudia and Jeff on June 9, 2004. Wayne and Jen Rupp note the debut of Andrew, on May 10, 2004, shortly before the family took off for Rome. He is the little brother to Collin, born in 2002. (Italians love the babies, of course.) Parents, remember to get these little classicists started on first declension...

RANKIN PRIZES, 2004

The highest honor bestowed upon Classics students in residence at FSU is the award of the annual Rankin Prize, named after Kathleen B. Rankin (see above, Rankin Fellowships). In 2004, the Outstanding Graduate Student was Richard Apostol and the Outstanding Undergraduate was

Nicole Stephens. Warm congratulations to these two students. Richard is now studying in the doctoral program in classics at the University of Michigan.

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It is a wonderful pleasure to express our gratitude to the increasing number of alums and friends on our list of donors. Without listing our faculty members who devotedly give to support our own programs through the years, we gratefully acknowledge the donations in 2003-2004 of the following: to the Fund for the Thompson Library: Dr. Jeff Knapp, Cherie Stevens; to the Classics General Fund: Rebecca Adams, Dr. Margaret Harper, Julie Fenyk; To Archaeology Programs in Italy: Dr. Jan Berardo, Dr. Stephen Law, Dr. Michael Robertson, Marilyn Spores, and especially Edith Rankin Wells.

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