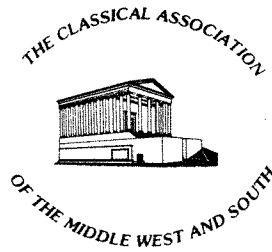


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I should like to call to your attention the following urgent matter that has been brought to me as president of CAMWS. Professor Valdis Leinieks, Chair of the Classics Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has informed me that his department is under consideration to be dissolved at the end of this academic year (Spring, 1992) as a cost-cutting measure and because it "does not appear to be central or essential to the role and mission of the college...or to the future programmatic evolution of the college" (from the interim vice-chancellor's budget reduction proposal). Elimination of the department and its tenured faculty, it is estimated, would save the university ca. \$249,300 a year.

Classics is not alone. Also targeted for elimination is the Department of Speech Communications and programs in other colleges are threatened as well. But it should be noted that the Classics Department is the cheapest in its college, since only six regular faculty teach ca 2200 students a year, an enviable record. This fact seems to be recognized by the University, in that it is proposed that the big Classical Mythology and Scientific Greek and Latin courses can be taught through other departments (by non-Classicalists). But the administrators see the Department as expendable, despite the high enrollment in these courses, because the number of undergraduate Greek and Latin majors is small and "state budgeted dollars are used primarily to support instructional activity in courses taken by majors" (again, from the budget reduction proposal).

In view of the serious nature of this attack on our profession, I have written, as CAMWS president, to the persons listed below, and I urge each individual Classicist to write independently on behalf of the Nebraska department. A recent article from the Omaha World Herald reports: "Dr. (Charles) Wilson (of Lincoln) said home economics supporters had sent the majority of letters he had received. They had come from as far away as New York and California, he said. Some of the other

letters defended the speech communication department. 'The number of letters pertaining to the classics is really quite small,' he said." I am taking this response as a signal to give this situation the widest possible publicity among CAMWS members and to urge each and every one of you to write as soon as possible.

In a word, the Nebraska experience could just as well be ours. I hope that many of you will take the time to respond to Professor Leinieks' appeal and write to the relevant administrators on his list.

Letters should be addressed to: Dr. Graham B. Spanier, Chancellor, 201 Administration Building, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0419. Copies should be sent to: (1) Dr. Martin A. Massengale, President, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, NE 68588-0745 (2) Dr. John G. Peters, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, 1223 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0312 (3) Dr. Valdis Leinieks, Chair, Department of Classics, 237 Andrews Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0337.

In amicitia,

Joy K. King,
President, CAMWS

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Dept. of Classics at Univ. of Georgia invites applications for the Warlick-Mannion Scholarship for 1992-93 for incoming undergraduates who will study the classical languages at the University. It carries a stipend of up to \$1,000 for the first year and may be renewable upon application. For additional information and forms contact Dr. Edward Best, Scholarship Committee, Dept. of Classics, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602, 404-542-2188. Deadline for completed forms is February 1.

AUSTIN MEETING OF CAMWS

Plans are progressing well for the 1992 CAMWS meeting in Austin, Texas, April 1-4, 1992. We will be at the Radisson Hotel, which is downtown and close to many restaurants and live music clubs. Friday afternoon's meetings will be held, as customary, at the University. A special exhibit is being prepared of old, rare, and otherwise notable books related to the Classics, and the Classics Department will sponsor a reception on campus in connection with the Exhibit.

Optional events will include a riverboat ride with barbecue dinner on Thursday and an excursion on Saturday to view the fine new collection of ancient art in the San Antonio Museum.

Note that this year's meeting will be extended to include sessions Saturday afternoon. A special one-day registration fee of \$10 will be available for those who can only attend on Saturday. Also, the Virgilian Society will sponsor a banquet Saturday night in honor of its 80th birthday. So plan to stay over Saturday night for more festivities and a cheaper airfare.

President Joy King is organizing a strong program of panels and regular sessions, and we're hoping for a big turnout. So y'all be sure and come!

Michael Gagarin

ECHOES OF McMASTER PAST

In an attempt to let all of those who did not make it to the previous convention get some sense of what they missed (and a glimmer of what awaits in Austin), we hereby print a slightly abbreviated version of the resolutions read at the end of that meeting. Our thanks to Duane Roller, John Makowski, and Martha Beveridge (chair) for offering official CAMWS gratitude to:

1. The Mayor of Hamilton, the Honorable Robert M. Morrow, and the City Council of Hamilton for their hospitality at Thursday's wine and cheese reception (our only regret is that the facade of Big Julie's Bar down the street, with its imposing statue of our beloved Gaius Iulius Caesar, was not cleaned up for our arrival);
2. the Sheraton Hamilton for its attentive care, for the Latinate greeting in the elevators, and for the gustatory delights of Friday night's banquet;
3. McMaster University for providing its campus for part of our program and Vice-President Arthur Heidebrecht, for hosting Friday's reception;
4. the Ontario Classical Association for coffee, tea, and sweet rolls preceding Saturday's business meeting;
5. the officers of CAMWS for their wise guidance and leadership and the Program Committee for the wonderful variety of papers at the various sessions;
6. our president and his dancing cousin Noreen as well as to his mid-life crisis which has impelled him to explore new avenues of research and enabled us to view antiquity through new "windows";
7. the members of the local committee for their hard work behind the scenes to make this meeting run smoothly; and - last, but far from least - to
8. Sandy McKay for rescuing the meeting at a late date and providing it with a new home.

In conclusion, the Committee extends a warm invitation to all to reconvene a year from now in Austin, Texas. Plans are still incomplete, but rumor has it that in lieu of Canadian wine the banquet tables will hold bottles of tequila and that the customary post-prandial entertainment will be cancelled to make room for a block-buster performance by Jerry Jeff Walker, Waylon Jennings, and Willie Nelson.

[Editor's note: Rumors are, of course, rumors. You will have to show up in Austin to tell for sure. See you there! As for Noreen, well, you had to be there.]

ANNA C. AND OLIVER C.
COLBURN FELLOWSHIP

For an incoming Associate Member of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, an award of \$5,500 - \$6,000 will be given to a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada. Candidates must apply concurrently to the American School for Associate Membership

NEWS FROM THE ENDOWMENT

Few governmental agencies have done as much for the classics as has the NEH. Below are a few highlights of activities of interest to CAMWS members. I have tried to give appropriate addresses and telephone numbers, but the bureaucracy is astounding. A notice in *Humanities* magazine, the NEH organ, says that to receive guidelines for any NEH program, contact the Office of Publications and Public Affairs at 202-786-0438 and the Division of Education Programs can be reached at 202-786-0373.

Travel to Collections Grants

Grants of \$750 enable individual scholars to travel to use the research collections of libraries, archives, museums, or other repositories. Awards help defray such research expenses as transportation, subsistence, lodging, photoduplication, and other reproduction costs. Deadline here is January 15, 1992 for the next batch to be considered. Call 202-786-0463.

Summer Seminars and Institutes

Seminars: The NEH sent along a brochure on their summer seminars (4 to 6 weeks long, all with a stipend). They are designed primarily for full-time or regular part-time teachers at public, private, or parochial schools, grade 7-12, but other school personnel K-12 are eligible to apply. The deadline for completed applications is March 2, 1992. Space does not allow for a full description of each, but note the fine offerings for classicists.

Titles include: "Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*"; "Transformation and Flux in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*"; "The Classical Heritage of Medieval European Literature"; "Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides: Performance and Interpretation of Greek Tragedy"; "Learning and Teaching in Plato's *Protagoras* and *Meno*"; "Principles of Classical Lyric: A Comparative Approach"; "Christianity and Classical Culture: Augustine's *City of God* and the End of the Ancient World"; "Philosophy and Medicine in Ancient Greece".

Prof. John Foley has also written informing us of "The Oral Tradition in Literature", and including such works as the Bible, the Homeric epics, Beowulf, The Song of Roland, and The Poem of the Cid. Information and application forms are available from: John Miles Foley, Center for Studies in Oral Tradition, 301 Read Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211.

Institutes: These are open to all those currently teaching in an American elementary, middle, or high school and librarians and administrators may apply for certain institutes. The application deadline here is March 15, 1992. The main title I note is "*Polis and Res Publica: Classical Political Theory and the U.S. Constitution*" at College of the Holy Cross. A State Institute for teachers in Virginia is entitled "Archaeology of Ancient Athens".

To obtain a fuller list and addresses for applications to both institutes and seminars, call the numbers listed above for the Division of Education Programs.

Summer Fellowships for Humanities Teachers

Qualified teachers and librarians may apply to this six week program pursuing concentrated independent study in the humanities. This independent study, it is premised, will nourish the intellectual life of the nation's school teachers. Deadline here is January 6, 1992 and you should write Summer Fellowships for Humanities Teachers, K-12, Council for Basic Education, Independent Study in the Humanities, Dept., 92-TS, PO Box 1135, Ashton, MD 20861.

There are other programs as well, even a full year of independent study or support for small groups of teachers in a school to meet regularly with college and university faculty to study the humanities with an eye to improving teaching.

VERGILIAN SOCIETY TRIPS

In the previous issue of the newsletter, the various trips offered by the Vergilian Society were listed. Information on these is now ready and may be obtained by writing Prof. Robert J. Rowland Jr., Vergilian Society of America, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA 70118.

NEWS FROM THE ACL

1992 institute and workshops

Papers for the Institute are solicited from teachers at all levels, from elementary school through university, and from university students majoring in the classics. Please submit a 100-300 word description of your paper with a title to Christine Sleeper, Vice President American Classical League, Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon, VA 22070. Workshop presentations are solicited as well, from teachers at all levels, from elementary school through university. Submit the same sized description to Judith Lynn Sebesta, Dept. of Classics, Univ. of South Dakota, 414 E. Clark St., Vermillion, SD 57069. Workshops are generally one hour in length. Deadline for submission to both is February 1, 1992.

Jobs!!

The American Classical League Teacher Placement Service maintains dossiers of applicants seeking teaching positions; dossiers are forwarded to school administrators upon request from the candidate or the administrator. In addition, a periodic newsletter listing current openings is sent to all candidates whose dossiers are on file. The service is maintained at no cost to the school and a minimal fee to the candidate, who must be an American Classical League member. For further information, Robert M. Wilhelm, Director, ACL Placement Service, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056 (513) 529-4116.

Addresses of other job placement centers may be of interest as well North Carolina Classical Association Placement Service, Dr. Mary Pendergraft, Director, 106 Kensington Road, Greensboro, NC 27403, (919) 275-0141. Georgia Classical Association Placement Service, Department of Classics, Park Hall, University of Georgia Athens, GA 30602, (414) 542-9264. New England Latin Placement Service, Professor Richard Desrosiers, Classics, 209A Murkland Hall University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824. Classical Association of Virginia Placement Service, Professor Jon Mikalson, Department of Classics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Maureen V. O'Donnell Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded by the American Classical League in memory of master teacher, Maureen V. O'Donnell, to support candidates in training for certification to teach Latin. Candidates must have completed a substantial part of the courses leading toward certification and must, at the time of application, be members of ACL. For the period funded, the candidate must be enrolled for classes required for Latin certification and including at least in part classes in methodology and/or curriculum development. The award may be used to defray these tuition costs. The awards may also apply to such things as fees connected with practice teaching or certification or may help defray other expenses, which might otherwise prevent completion of certification, such as travel, child-care, or job-income replacement. The maximum amount of the awards is \$500.00. Send requests for application to: The American Classical League, Maureen V. O'Donnell Scholarships Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056. Application deadlines are December 1 (for spring semester) and March 1 (for summer or fall semesters).

CPL

Jeff Buller, Chair of the Committee for the Promotion of Latin, reports that CPL will sponsor two special panels at the Austin meeting. The first will focus on authors whose works are taught in AP courses and elsewhere in the high school curriculum. Speakers and titles: Marilyn Skinner, "Catullus in Performance"; Ernst Fredricksmeyer, "The Experience of an Horatian Poem: *Odes* 1.23"; James M. May, "Cicero's Portrayal of Catiline: More than Just a *Monstrum*"; Susan Ford Wiltshire, "Four Themes in Teaching the *Aeneid*". The second panel bears some equally intriguing titles: Kris Tracy, "Age-Appropriate Latin in the Elementary School"; Cindy

Pope, "Teaching Latin Long Distance"; Sheila K. Dickisoin "Teaching the Latin Advanced Placement Syllabi"; Sally Davis, "Latin in American Schools: Some Successes and Some Challenges".

CPL will also sponsor a poster panel on Saturday, April 4. Teachers who wish to share classroom materials, discuss pedagogical ideas, or present Latin club projects and activities, or who have other contributions to the poster panel, are urged to contact: Jeffrey Buller, Georgia Southern University, Landrum Box 8142, Statesboro, GA 30460-8142.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Many wonderful things happen to CAMWS members throughout the year --- teaching awards, scholarships, travel and research grants, honors won by our students. Those with such good news to share are encouraged to send it in to be shared. We promise to print as much as we can possibly fit in. Thank you.

MEMORANDA

December 1, 1991	ACL O'Donnell Scholarship
January 6, 1992	<i>Summer Fellowships for Humanities Teachers</i>
January 15, 1992	<i>Travel to Collections Grants</i>
February 1, 1992	Submission of ACL paper proposals
	Univ. of Georgia scholarship
March 2, 1992	Submission of NEH Summer Seminar applications
March 15, 1992	Submission of NEH Institute applications
April 1-4, 1992	CAMWS meeting in Austin, Texas
TODAY	Renew CAMWS membership!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Joy King, President, CAMWS, Classics, Campus Box 248, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309-0248.

John Hall, Secretary Treasurer, CAMWS, 118 KMB, Brigham Young University, Provo UT 84602 (801) 378-2074.

Kenneth Kitchell, Editor, CAMWS Newsletter, Dept. of Foreign Languages, 222 Prescott, Baton Rouge, LA, 70803-5306.

****REMEMBER****

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**YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE
MISSING!!**

