

# Acta Urbanensia

## Classical News and Views from the Department of the Classics

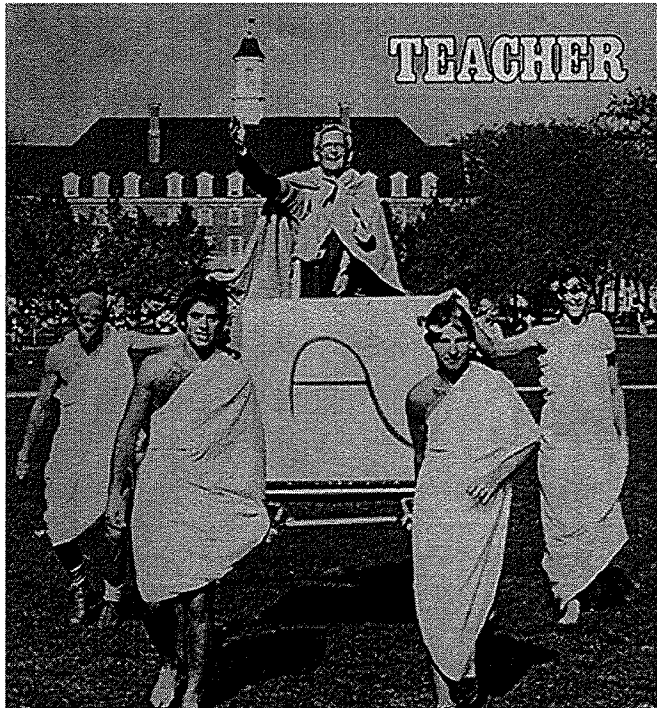
1996-1997

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### Now hiring: Priest of Apollo

#### Qualifications:

- Ability to accurately (more or less) predict victory for the Fighting Illini home games (those taking malicious delight in predicting losses need not apply)
- Cheerleading ability capable of inviting the favor of the gods in aforementioned games
- Good sense of fashion (must look good in toga and laurel wreath and be willing to wear combinations of orange and blue)
- Ability to attract interesting guest lecturers including, but not limited to, Poseidon, Zeus, Cronos, Uranus, and the Pythia
- Ability to create the illusion of human and animal sacrifice without inviting the wrath of the ACLU and the ASPCA
- Ability to protect the ACLU and the ASPCA from the wrath of the gods for interfering with human and animal sacrifice
- Ability to attract ever increasing numbers of undergraduates to the course entitled *Mythology of Greece and Rome*



People Weekly Magazine, November 27, 1978

There's no doubt that **Richard Scanlan**, retiring in 1998, will be a hard act to follow. He joined the UIUC faculty in 1967 and began teaching the popular "Myth" and "Roman Civ" courses in 1972 making them among the most popular courses taught at the UIUC and so making himself an asset to the Department of the Classics. Within five years enrollment in those classes soared from around 200 to over a thousand. Twenty-five years later, the courses are still among the most popular on campus. The beginning of each semester consistently sees the Classics office inundated with students desperate to get into Scanlan's course:

"I've heard it's the best course on campus."

"I've been trying to get into this course for four years!"

And, of course, "What's the course with the professor who dresses up?"

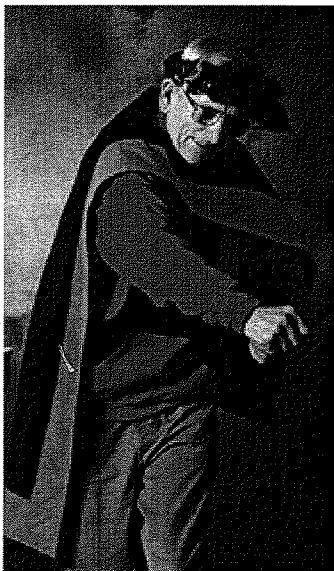
So what's the big attraction? Apart from the theatrics (the Priest of Apollo made his first appearance in a puff of smoke to predict the outcome of an upcoming Illini football game) the classics tend to confront students with the basic questions of life. Who are we? Why are we here? Where are we headed? Scanlan, using skits to spark students' interest and to reinforce the day's lecture topic, maintains that the contributions of ancient society still influence our everyday life.

Obviously his teaching methods work. Scanlan has been consistently included on the UIUC "Incomplete List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by Their Students" and also received the Urbana-Champaign Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Alpha Lambda Delta, a freshman academic honor society, has given him the Outstanding Teacher of Freshmen Award a number of times. Scanlan is an honorary member of the UI Chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society. He was voted King Dad on the 61st annual Dad's Day in 1981 and was even featured in an article in *People Weekly* magazine in November, 1978.

Scanlan's own interest in the classics began soon after he enlisted in the Army during the late 1940s. Although he had begun studies in pre-law, the scales were tipped toward classics after he had been stationed in Italy for two years. When he returned home he enrolled at the University of Minnesota to study the classics with the hope of someday teaching about the things he saw during his extensive travels in Italy and Greece. Now, having touched the lives of literally thousands of students over the past thirty years and with a string of academic honors behind him, Scanlan says his rewards come from the positive student reaction he gets each semester. "Five, six, sometimes 10 years after they've taken my class, I get postcards from former students saying, 'I am finally here on the Acropolis looking at the Parthenon,' or 'Finally read the novel you mentioned in class. Great book!' or even 'Just wanted you to know I really enjoyed the class.' I very much like to hear that and it's very gratifying in the end. It's one of the great rewards of being a teacher!"

Many might reply that the reward of learning has been their own.

—Lenore Sroka



"Give me an I!" Apollo yells to the students, who enthusiastically reply with the cry, "I!"

He demands more letters  
L-L-I-N-I.

"What does that spell?"

"ILLINI!" roar the students.



## FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

### Promotions

The University of Illinois Board of Trustees formally approved the promotion of both **Maryline G. Parca** and **S. Douglas Olson** to the rank of associate professor with tenure.

A member of the department since 1988, Parca received her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in Classical Studies. While at UIUC, Parca developed and has taught the course, "Sex and Gender in Classical Antiquity," for the past six years for the Campus Honors Program receiving high praise from the program director, and the honor students. Her book, *The Franchetti Collection at Rome.*



*Inscriptions and Sculptural Fragments* was published by Opuscula Epigraphica dell' Università degli Studi di Roma, 6. Rome: Quasar 1995. Parca's most recent publications include "The Stone Objects" in: *The Late Roman Villa at Castle Copse, Great Bedwyn (Wiltshire)* (Bloomington-Indianapolis 1997) and "Magic Lamellae in the Burton Y. Berry Collection" in: *Ancient Jewelry and Archaeology*, A. Calinescu ed. (Bloomington-Indianapolis 1996).

A native of DeKalb, IL, **S. Douglas Olson** joined the UIUC staff in fall of 1990 coming from Howard University in Washington, DC where he was lecturer for three years. Olson received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College. His principal area of research is Greek poetry, particularly Homer and Aristophanes. His awards are numerous as mentioned in the following article under the subheading, "University Scholars." Olson serves as Chair of the College-High School Liaison Committee of the Illinois Classical Conference which promotes Latin teaching and teachers of Latin within the state.

### UIUC Campus Research Board Awards

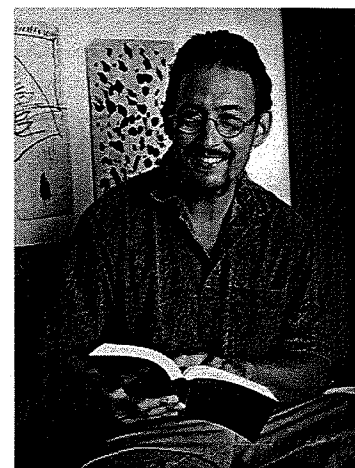
Miroslav Marcovich	AY1996-97; S297
Maryline G. Parca	Spring 1997
S. D. Olson	Fall 1997

### Scholars' Travel Fund

J. K. Newman	Spring 1997
Maryline G. Parca	Spring 1997

### University Scholars

**S. Douglas Olson** was one of twenty-five faculty members representing all three UI campuses to receive a 1996 University Scholar award. The UI Foundation sponsors this program from private gifts to the foundation's Advancement Fund which recognizes talented teachers, scholars, and



researchers. Young faculty members each receive \$6,000 a year for three years while senior scholars receive \$12,000 a year for three years to purchase books, journals, and equipment essential to their work.

As a young faculty member, arriving at UIUC in the fall of 1990, his awards and accomplishments are many to date. Olson has the ability to teach the large lecture courses attracting record enrollments in either CLCIV 115 or CLCIV 116. Throughout his teaching career at UIUC, Olson's name consistently has been included in the "Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students." In 1993 he was named an Outstanding Faculty Member by the Illini Dads Association and received the LAS Undergraduate Advising Award. In 1994 he was awarded a Junior Fellowship at the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, DC, and in 1995 he was a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study, and held an Arnold O. Beckman Research Award. Academic year 1996-97 began with his promotion to associate professor and being named a Helen Corley Petit Professor.

Olson's research is on the ancient Greek poets, Aristophanes and Homer. His book, *Blood and Iron: Stories and Storytelling in Homer's Odyssey* was published in 1995 by Brill. A completed draft of a new critical text of and commentary on Aristophanes' *Peace* has been warmly praised by the world's leading expert on Aristophanes, Sir Kenneth Dover. The commentary is to appear in the Oxford Aristophanes series published by Oxford.



## FACULTY NOTES

**Gerald M. Browne**, on leave during AY96-97, continues to edit the *Journal of Coptic Studies* and is developing a course, CLCIV 102—Medical Terminology, to be offered in spring 1998. On June 9, 1997, he married Cheryl Davis of Urbana. The Department extends its warmest congratulations.

**William M. Calder III** was awarded Germany's prestigious Alexander von Humboldt prize in 1996 "in recognition of . . . past accomplishments in research and teaching." Only five of 200 Humboldts awarded annually are given to scholars in the humanities. He was also awarded the Heinrich Schliemann Medal by the Mayor of Neubukow, Germany, the town where Schliemann was born. In July, Calder and eight other professors participated in a colloquium on Heinrich Schliemann celebrating Schliemann's 175th birthday. The event was broadcast as a special for German television. The Director of the Fondation Hardt in Vandoeuvres, Switzerland also accepted Calder's proposal for an *Entretien* devoted to the 150th birthday of Hermann Diels to take place in August 1998.

In addition to a full teaching load **James A. Dengate** was appointed Associate Director of the World Heritage Museum for Planning and Transition to the Spurlock Museum of World Cultures and Chair of the World Heritage Museum Advisory Committee. With Paul Marty he developed a computerized data base that can be accessed on the Web:

<http://spurlock.lang.uiuc.edu/virtualSpurlock/>

**Jerise Fogel** carried a full teaching load that included the large lecture course, *The Roman Achievement*, Plato, Lucian, Homer, Cicero, and a number of independent studies. She delivered a lecture at the 1996 AIA/APA Annual Meeting in December and will travel to Saskatchewan in July, 1997, to give a talk at the History of Rhetoric Conference.

**Howard Jacobson** taught a reading course on Vergil as well as an undergraduate Epic course. He served on a number of committees and was invited to give a paper at the SBL annual meeting in November 1997 in San Francisco.

**J. K. Newman** taught several graduate reading courses and seminars and also directed Ph.D. dissertations. Newman presented papers entitled "Meaning and Structure in Propertius III. 11" at the annual CAMWS meeting in Boulder, CO and "Virgil's *Metamorphoses*," at the ICC/MOCA Joint Conference in St. Louis, MO. His book, *Augustan Propertius*, was published by Olms Verlag, Hildesheim. Also published was an English

translation of Professor Michael von Albrecht's *A History of Roman Literature* by Brill.

**S. Douglas Olson** was recognized as a UIUC University Scholar for 1996 and was awarded the Helen Corley Petit Professorship for 1996-97. During academic year 1996-97 he was on leave from UIUC and continued his research at the Center for Hellenic Studies and Georgetown University. Olson was also busy presenting papers at the annual meeting of ISPCS in Tel Aviv, Israel; The Rivals of Aristophanes: A Comical Conference in London, England; The Epic Journey: New Directions in Homeric Interpretation, Baylor University, Waco, TX; and the annual meetings of both APA and CAMWS.

**Maryline Parca** taught undergraduate courses in Greek culture and Sex and Gender in Classical Antiquity as well as graduate-level courses in papyrology and Thucydides. She served as the President of the Central Illinois Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, Director of the American Center of the International Photographic Archive of Papyri, and on the Advisory Editorial Committee of *Illinois Classical Studies*. With a Scholars' Travel Fund award, Parca and graduate student Ben Millis visited the University of Michigan's Papyrological Collection.

**Richard Scanlan** continues to teach the large lecture courses, *Mythology of Greece and Rome* and *Roman Civilization*, as well as supervise instruction by teaching assistants in Latin 101-106. Scanlan is in the process of redesigning the beginning Latin materials which were written for the NOVANET computer system incorporating the revisions made in the Wheelock text. He was selected by the Alumni Association to be the faculty lecturer on a summer cruise of the Greek islands in mid-August.

## THE EMERITI

Professor Emeritus **John J. Bateman** paid us a visit in July 1997 from sunny Florida. His book, *Paraphrasis D. Erasmi Roterodami in Omneis Epistolas Apostolicas* has been published by Elsevier. He continues to work on Erasmus' *Annotations on the Epistles to Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and Hebrews; the Epistles of James, Peter, John, and Jude; and the Apocalypse*.

**Miroslav Marcovich** has just published a critical edition of Justin Martyr's *Dialogue with Tryphon* (Berlin, de Gruyter, 1997) and is now finishing his edition of Diogenes Laertius for the Bibliotheca Teubneriana.

## COOPERATING AND ADJUNCT FACULTY

**Andrea Berlin** held a Junior Fellowship at the Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, DC, during AY96-97, where she carried out research on the material evidence for the Hellenistic koine. Her book on the Hellenistic coarse-ware pottery from Tel Anafa in Israel was published this spring as part of a supplement volume of the *Journal of Roman Archaeology*. She also published the cover article in this spring's number of *Biblical Archaeology*; gave the key-note address at the 90th Anniversary Celebration of the St. Louis chapter of the AIA; and received a major research grant (to be held in AY 98-99) to support publication of archaeological material from the site of Gamla in Israel. This summer, she continued her work at Troy and began a new excavation in Israel as project co-director along with Sharon Herbert of the University of Michigan. Andrea accepted a tenure-track position in Classical Archaeology at the University of Minnesota to begin September 1997.

**Frances S. Newman** has accepted a 50% Visiting Assistant Professorship with the department for next year and will continue to teach Latin at the University Laboratory High School. Her Latin students excelled in the Illinois Latin Tournament held at the UIUC in May. In the Latin II category, 1 student received a Superior and 3 students a rating of Excellent; Latin III Cicero, 2 Superior and 1 Excellent; Latin IV, 2 Superior, 2 Excellent; and of the Junior High participants 1 Superior and 1 Excellent. Congratulations to all and especially to Ms. Newman for a job well done!

## JOHN LEWIS HELLER MEMORIAL PRIZE

The John Lewis Heller Memorial Prize is awarded to an undergraduate major for outstanding achievement in the Classics or Latin Teacher Education. The fifth recipient of the John Lewis Heller Memorial Prize is **Jennifer Lynn Redden**, a senior from O'Fallon, IL. Jennifer was presented the prize at the annual LAS Awards Banquet attended by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay T. Redden, Professor Scanlan, her adviser, and Chair of the Department, David Sansone. She would like to pursue a career as a museum curator.

The award consists of a certificate of achievement and a prize of \$250. John L. Heller was a distinguished Professor of the Classics (1949-1975), serving as Head of the Department from 1949 to 1966. During this period, he was an energetic supporter of the classics and especially of the teaching of Latin in Illinois schools. He was, for example, president of the Illinois Classical Conference and published several articles

on Latin teacher education. He was also president of the American Philological Association. His scholarly contributions ranged throughout classical literature to the church fathers and especially Linnaeus.

Previous award winners are:

- 1990 Rachel Marie Barco
- 1991 Robert H. Chappell
- 1993 Steven D. Cone
- 1994 Carrie Lorraine Post

The Department wishes to extend its gratitude to our alumni who have generously contributed to the John Lewis Heller Memorial Fund. Without their help this award would not be possible.

## WILLIAM M. CALDER III PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN LATIN AND GREEK

In 1994, William M. Calder III, UIUC William Abbott Oldfather Professor of the Classics, endowed an annual prize of \$300 to be awarded for excellence in Greek or Latin to a male junior or senior in a public, private, or parochial school in Illinois. The recipient will be chosen and awarded by a Committee of the Illinois Classical Conference. Calder offered the prize with the proviso that matching funds be found for a similar prize for the best female junior or senior.

An anonymous donor made the necessary contributions and suggested the awards fund be called the ICC Matres Fund to honor the mothers of members of the Illinois Classical Conference and all those women who have encouraged young people to study classical languages, literature, history, art, and archaeology.

Calder instituted the prize in order to encourage Latin studies in Illinois schools. The following lists both male and female recipients.

### *William M. Calder III Award for Excellence in Latin and Greek*

- 1995 **Douglas Boin**, Loyola Academy
- 1996 None
- 1997 **Nicolas Onofrey**, Loyola Academy

### *The ICC Award for Excellence in Latin and Greek*

- 1996 **Marie Sienkewicz**, Monmouth High School
- 1997 **Julia Sienkewicz**, Monmouth High School



## DEPARTMENT NEWS

Four graduate students joined the Department in fall 1996. **Lisa Mange**, B.A., University of Missouri, began learning Latin in the sixth grade and, as a result, is interested in teaching Latin in elementary school. She believes that, in learning Latin, young students will realize how their English vocabulary and grammar skills improve through Latin. She would also like to lead them to an understanding of how our culture compares and contrasts with that of ancient Rome and of the impact the Romans had on modern culture. **Robert Minard**, B.A., University of Southern Maine, has a special interest in Latin poetics and in Hellenistic historiography and Homeric scholarship. He writes that he would like to contribute to the continuing growth of computer-based educational and scholarly resources in Classics. **Mark Spencer**, B.A./M.A., University of North Texas, M.A., Ohio State University, Ph.D., University of Kentucky, would like to teach Latin at the secondary school level in connection with his research specialization in medieval and early modern historical writing. **Christopher White**, B.A., Knox College, writes that when introduced to Latin poetry, his "superficial desires of being a doctor and a lawyer disappeared." He spent fall semester 1995 in Athens with the College Year in Athens program where he traveled throughout Greece and developed a deeper appreciation for the culture. Mr. White hopes eventually to teach and do advanced research in the languages.

## EXCELLENT TEACHERS

The Department continues to set the standard for undergraduate instruction at the University, thanks, in part, to the fine work done by the following professors and teaching assistants who were cited on the "Incomplete List of Instructors Ranked as Excellent by Their Students" for spring and fall semesters of 1996 (those marked with an asterisk were ranked "outstanding"):

*Fall 1996 (based on Spring 1996)*

- Devin Casenhiser - CLCIV 115
- Zina Giannopoulou - CLCIV 115
- Jennifer MacDonald - CLCIV 115
- \* Gretchen Maxeiner Millis  
CLCIV 100 and LAT 102
- \* Benjamin Millis - LAT 104
- R. Scott Smith - LAT 101
- Stacy Stoyanoff - CLCIV 116
- Gavin Weaire - CLCIV 116
- \* Nelson Young - LAT 102
- Professor S. D. Olson - CLCIV 116A
- Professor R. T. Scanlan - CLCIV 116

*Spring 1997 (based on Fall 1996)*

- \* Devin Casenhiser - CLCIV 115
- \* Lily Chan - CLCIV 115
- Zina Giannopoulou - CLCIV 116
- John Houlihan - CLCIV 116
- Jennifer MacDonald - CLCIV 115
- Gretchen Maxeiner Millis - CLCIV 115
- Benjamin Millis - LAT 103
- Richard Phillips - LAT 101
- R. Scott Smith - CLCIV 100 and LAT 102
- Stacy Stoyanoff - CLCIV 115
- Stephen Trzaskoma - CLCIV 115 and LAT 103
- \* Gavin Weaire - LAT 400
- \* Professor R. T. Scanlan - CLCIV 115 and 222

## DEGREES AWARDED

*B.A.—Classics*

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| August 1996  | Jason Conrad Wolf  |
| January 1997 | Shaun Lynn Jennings<br>Chad Raymond Maier<br>Lawrence Bruce Petrie |
| May 1997     | Darrick Jason Hooker<br>Jennifer Lynn Redden                       |

*B.A.—Teaching of Latin*

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| May 1997 | Valerie Joyce Gemskie |
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*M.A.—Latin*

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| August 1996 | Gretchen L. Maxeiner Millis |
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*M.A.—Teaching of Latin*

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| August 1996 | Stacy Jordan Stoyanoff |
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*Ph.D.—Classical Philology*

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| October 1996 | James Bradford Churchill                                     |
| May 1997     | Jennifer Susan MacDonald<br>Athanasia L. J. Dollmetsh Worley |
| October 1997 | John Philip Harris<br>Angeliki Tzanetou                      |

## PAPERS PRESENTED

*American Philological Association (APA)*

Athanasia Worley

"*Per Linearum Tractus: The Reception of Terence by German Humanists, Strasbourg, 1496 & 1499*"

*CAMWS*

Jennifer MacDonald

"*Vergilian Intertextuality in the Third Choral Ode of Seneca's Agamemnon*"

Athanasia Worley

"*Structured Piety / Structured Poetry in Prudentius' Cathemerinon*"

## GRADUATE STUDENT NOTES

**Devin Casenhiser** continues to teach Latin to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students at Countryside Elementary School, Champaign in addition to his teaching assistantship duties for the department.

**Zina Giannopoulou** completed her M.A. degree in May 1996, entering the Ph.D. program in the fall semester.

**Dan Gordon** has decided to take a leave of absence for AY97-98, but before doing so he is participating in the CIC intensive language program.

After having successfully defended his dissertation in April 1997, **John Harris** accepted a position at the University of Alberta, Canada. Best wishes for the future and in your academic career!

**John Houlihan**, who successfully defended his dissertation in December 1996, has accepted a 50% teaching associate position at University Laboratory High School where he will be teaching two Latin classes each term—third and fourth year Latin in the fall, first and second year in the spring. John is working on two articles: one deals with a Coptic documentary papyrus, the other with a page from a Greek grammar written in Arabic.

**Jennifer MacDonald** successfully defended her dissertation in December 1996. In Spring 1997, as a Visiting Instructor, she taught CLCIV 115 learning from the experience just exactly how demanding it is to be in charge of one of the largest lecture courses on this campus and what it is to supervise several teaching assistants. Immediately after the spring semester ended, Jennifer left for the University of Colorado where she taught Greek and Roman Epic. Jennifer has accepted a position at University of Massachusetts at Amherst where she will teach Latin and Roman Civilization courses. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful academic career.

Congratulations to **Chloë Mills** who was accepted for graduate study at Cornell University and **Kevin Van Bladel** (M.A. '96) who was accepted for graduate study at Yale University. Kevin is again participating in the CIC intensive language program at University of Chicago during the summer before departing to Yale.

**Ben Millis** will be spending AY97-98 at the American School for Classical Studies in Athens as the James Rignall Wheeler Fellow. Additionally, he has a note on Antiphanes forthcoming in *Classical Quarterly*. The past summer has been spent assisting Professor Olson in his forthcoming edition of Archestratus and aiding him in the construction of the apparatus criticus for his forthcoming edition of Aristophanes *Peace*.

**Richard Phillips** continues to study ancient magic. He is currently working on an unpublished gold *lamella* with Professor Parca.

**Scott Smith** is traveling to Göttingen, Germany in late August to visit the archives which hold the letters from K. O. Müller to George Cornwall Lewis. His current project with Professor William M. Calder III, an edition of these letters with special focus on the impact German scholarship had on the English, will continue next fall when he will hold a Research Assistantship; other projects are also planned, most notably an edition of letters surrounding the eminent personage of George Grote. Soon too may appear the translation of Libanius' *Apology of Socrates* under the direction of Professor Calder along with other translators.

**Mark Spencer** has had accepted for publication by DeGraaf Press his dissertation, *The History of Charles the VII and Louis the XI by Thomas Basin (1412-1490)*.

**Walter Spencer** has been busily working with Miroslav Marcovich resulting in two publications: Clement of Alexandria, *Protrepticus* (Leiden 1995) and *Iustini Martyris Dialogus cum Tryphone* (Berlin 1997). He and **Kirk Summers** (Ph.D. '93) published an article entitled, "An Unpublished Fragment of *An seni sit uxor ducenda* by Poggio Bracciolini."

**Stephen Trzaskoma** continues work on his dissertation, an exegetical commentary on Longus' *Daphnis and Chloe* Book III. He published a short review in *Qua dorni di Storia* (1996) and co-edited with Professor Calder the volume *George Grote Reconsidered*. Stephen is currently engaged in the translation of Apuleius' *de Deo Socratis* for publication in a larger volume of neglected works on Socrates in translation of which he will be co-editor with Professor Calder.

Congratulations to **Angeliki Tzanetou** who successfully defended her dissertation and was offered a job at Case Western Reserve University starting this fall!

**Athanasia Worley** who will be teaching Latin at the Woodlands High School north of Houston, TX is quoted extensively in an article on Disney's *Hercules* appearing in the *Palm Beach Post*. She wishes everyone here Godspeed.



## ALUMNI NEWS

**Toni Bierl**, former Visiting Research Associate, and his wife are proud parents of twin girls, Josephina and Maura, born Saturday, August 18, 1996.

**Anthony "Tony" Breen** (M.A. '84; Ph.D. '91) is teaching Latin at a middle-school in Cambridge, MA. He and his wife, Lisa, are proud parents of a son, Connor.

**Rev. Richard Francis Clavelle**, O.S.B., professor of classics, retired due to heart conditions, after 30 years of service to Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH.



Photo: Public Relations Office  
Saint Anselm College

Father Clavelle graduated in 1956 from Saint Anselm with a B.A. in Latin, received another degree from the seminary in Theology and Latin, an M.A. in Latin from the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and a Ph.D. from the UIUC in 1971.

Over the 30 years of teaching at Saint Anselm, he taught Latin, Greek, and Mythology courses. Father Clavelle led the expansion and revision of the classics program, helped to establish a certificate program in classics for students wishing to concentrate in Latin and Greek but major in other disciplines, and became the chairman of the classics department in 1990.

He founded and moderated Chi Sigma, a women's service organization, for nine years; has been active in the Knights of Columbus on the national, state, and local levels; and in the New Hampshire area he has assisted several parishes on the weekends. His contributions to the college and community are too numerous to mention.

Father Clavelle is a member of the New Hampshire Classical Association, the New England Classical Association, the American Philological Association, and the Medieval Academy of America. He has participated in the program of the Aegean Institute on the island of Paros in Greece, in conferences for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and in a government-sponsored clinical pastoral counseling program at Saint Elizabeth Hospital, Washington.

To recognize Father Clavelle's achievements, the Saint Anselm College chapter of the American Association of College and University Professors honored him with the Award for Excellence in Faculty Accomplishment.

**William H. Caughran** (M.A. '80) got married in May, 1996. His wife, Mary Ellen, originally from Madison, IN, is an outcome manager for a local hospital in Birmingham, AL. He is still working as an in-house attorney for a bank and, in their spare time, he and his wife enjoy caring for their four dogs.

**Amy Liesse DiSanto** (B.A. '89) honeymooned all around Italy for two weeks in October, 1991 and was able to see many of the ruins she had studied about. She now has a son, Anthony, 21 mos., and hopes to return to Europe for another visit in 1998.

**Urban Djin** (B.A. '79) a local rock 'n roll icon in the 70s, now manages and teaches at a Montessori kindergarten in Chicago.

**Rachel Barco Ellsworth** (B.A. '91) is currently working at Alex Brown and Sons, an investment bank in Manhattan and pursuing an MBA at Fordham University.

Congratulations to **Kathy Gaca** (B.A. '81; M.A. '84) who accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

**Valerie Gemskie** (B.A. '97) has accepted a Latin teaching position at Ursaline Academy in New Orleans, LA.

**Aristoula Georgiadou** (Ph.D. '90) gave birth in January 1997 to a baby girl, Anabella Ionna Nefele Gallopoulou. Teubner has accepted her book, *Plutarch's Pelopidas: A Philological and Historical Commentary* for publication.

**Geraldine Cohen Hart** (B.A. '42) especially enjoyed the "Oldfather Remembered" article in last year's newsletter and writes that she did research with Professor Oldfather. To our delight, she also says that her "education in the Department of Classics at Urbana has been invaluable!"

**Doris Stier Hickman** (B.A. '65) writes that she hopes to retire in May 1997 after 31 years of teaching. She taught Latin for about 12 of those years and French every year but one, as well as Language Arts for 22! She says that Latin has been a solid base for her whole career.

**Robert Luginbill** (B.A. '82) has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Classics at the University of Louisville. His book, *The Psychology of War: Thucydides on National Characters in Conflict*, was published by Melissa Media Associates.



**David Roehm Hunt** (B.A. '80) works as Collections manager of the Physical Anthropology Division at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC. He has been researching the Egyptian collections, particularly the human and animal mummies and recently published on the radiographic finding in *Human Mummies*, edited by K. Spindler, et. al., 1996. He continues to research and publish on human skeletal biology, forensic anthropology and human variation.

**Professor Paul Jeffreys-Powell**, former Visiting Professor, has taken early retirement from the University of Glasgow and is doing "odd teaching jobs" (his words!) in Hampshire.

**Timothy Johnson** (Ph.D. '93) passed his third year review at Baylor University where he teaches four courses per semester plus two during the summer and the Baylor in Italy Program. He has fifteen publications and as many papers. Tim is now the Classics editor for the journal, *Religious Studies Review*.

**Leo Kaiser** (M.A. '41; Ph.D. '43) has submitted to a publisher his work entitled *Steamboat Days on the Mississippi in the Words of Travelers and Observers of the Time*.

**Deborah Brown-Kazazis** (B.A. '74; M.A. '78) published an article in the *Journal of Liberal Arts*, Vol. 1 No.1 (September 1994) entitled, "Anita Brookner and Literary Tristesse."

**David Larmour** (M.A. '84; Ph.D. '87) and **Aristoula Georgiadou** have completed a commentary on Lucian's *True History* to appear in the *Mnemosyne Supplement Series* by Brill.

**Ernest Metzger** (B.A. '83) finished his D.Phil. at Brasenose College, Oxford, in 1995, and was appointed Lecturer in Jurisprudence at the University of Aberdeen, in Scotland, where he teaches Roman law. He has a book on Roman civil procedure forthcoming from Oxford University Press. Lovers of Roman law can consult his Roman law website at: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/~law113/rl/rl.htm>. He writes that he will be a father in September (his wife is the daughter of Nicholas Temperley, now retired from the School of Music at UIUC) and says "Not a day goes by when I don't thank the U of I Classics Department for helping my life to be so happy."

**Helen Naoumidis** (M.A. '63) lives in Florida and teaches modern Greek to adults. She also serves on a committee to preserve the teaching of modern Greek as a foreign language in Tarpon Springs, Florida—the only place in the U.S. where it is taught. The course is offered from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Mrs. Naoumidis says that her objective is to give the entire school district the option of attending Tarpon Springs schools if

they are really interested in studying the Greek language.

**Timothy (Thor) Polson** (M.A. '84) is working toward his Ph.D. in Greek at the University of St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland. His dissertation will be a commentary on Xenophon's *Apology*. He writes that he lightens the reading load by "getting plenty of exercise and by playing the piano." He also plays in a university jazz band.

**Lyle Roebuck** (M.A. '93) has had a busy year. He writes that in November, 1996, he read a paper at the Illinois Classical Conference entitled *Augustus and the V-Chip: Subversive Poetry and Conservative Roman Values*. In summer 1997, he took a group of students on a two-week tour of Germany and also taught a course in ancient Greek at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School in Springfield. In autumn 1997, his edition of Ovid's *Heroides I* with notes and vocabulary will be published by C.A.N.E. as part of their series of short Greek and Latin texts. Academic year 1997-98 will be Lyle's final year on the faculty of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School before returning to graduate study in fall 1998.

**Stacy J. Stoyanoff** (M.S. '94; M.A. '96) now a doctoral student in the department of Educational Policy Studies at the UIUC is about to begin work on his dissertation. His main interests include the History of Education and Classical Humanism. Stacy is using his classical training to better understand the roles of education in both ancient and modern times. He has just written a paper for the Ford Foundation entitled, "From Alexander's World to Ours: a Cultural Paradigm for the Globalization Process." In addition, he has written a review essay on the aims, curriculum, and professoriate in higher education (forthcoming *Educational Theory*).

**Bruce Swann** (M.A. '87; Ph.D. '92) has been promoted to a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in the Classics Library at the UIUC. Under his direction, the Classics Library has seen many improvements. Patrons have access to a number of data bases including TLG, the Cetedoc Library of Christian Latin Texts and In Principio, a database of incipits. In addition, access to web sites is also possible from the library. A short list of sites of interest has been provided on the Classics Library homepage at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/clx/default.htm>. Bruce is always glad to hear from past and present users of the library, whether it's to say hi, or to look for an old dissertation that you remember in the Vahlen collection.

**Richard Warga** (M.A. '82; Ph.D. '88) has accepted a tenure-track position at the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. Congratulations!

## IN MEMORIAM

Grace Alice Needham Oliver, wife of the late Professor Revilo P. Oliver, died on Saturday, April 26, 1997 at the Carle Arbours, Savoy. She was born on September 17, 1902, at Urbana, a daughter of William Alexander and Alice Rosella Brown Needham. She married Revilo P. Oliver in 1930 at Urbana. He preceded her in death in August 1994.

Mrs. Oliver graduated from Urbana High School in 1920 and the UIUC in 1924.

In 1929, she formed a small publishing and printing business, College Publishers, in Urbana. She worked for the Urbana Courier as a proof-reader and later as a research assistant for Walter Voskuil at the State Geological Survey.

Surviving are two daughters, Paula Jean Migrahi of Buena Park, CA, and Caroline Tonsor of Ann Arbor, MI; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gerry Eisenberg, former secretary of the Department of the Classics, passed away May 2, 1997 in Berkeley, CA at the age of 82. She was born December 14, 1914 in Kalisz, Poland.

Mrs. Eisenberg was an executive secretary for twenty-five years with the UIUC. She and her husband, Harry, moved to California in 1982, residing in the Bay area fifteen years. She was a member of the Contra Costa Jewish Community Center, Contra Costa Sewing Guild, ORT, Rossmoor Sewing Club, National Secretary's Association, and a lifetime member of Hadassah.

Surviving are her husband, Dr. Harry Eisenberg of Walnut Creek, a son, Robert of Modesto, a daughter, Bonnie Safine of Concord, and six grandchildren.

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## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Every day is the start of a new era. And every day is the end of an era. Hence the cliché, often encountered in comments like these, that some momentous turning-point has been reached. But clichés are no less true for being trite. And, indeed, we in the Department are now at a significant crossroads. With the retirement, at the end of this year, of Professor Scanlan, the Department is losing a teacher who is truly irreplaceable. In addition, Professor Olson has decided to resign from the university in order to join his wife, Andrea Berlin, at the University of Minnesota. Naturally, we extend our best wishes to both of these outstanding teachers and scholars as they embark on these new stages of their careers.

Between them, Professors Scanlan and Olson have accounted, over the last few years, for something like 80% of the enrollments taught by the Department's faculty. What is more, this comes just at a time when the campus is instituting a new budgeting system, one that places even greater emphasis on enrollment figures. This poses a considerable challenge to the Department, but it is a challenge that the Department is well able to face. The extraordinary versatility of the faculty (whose publications cover topics that range from Minoan iconography to the Soviet cinema of the 20th century) means that, even if the size of the Department is reduced, its ability to provide a comprehensive classical education remains unimpaired. Still, planning for the future of the Department must concentrate on the recruitment of first-rate teachers and first-rate scholars. That process has already begun with the addition of Professor B. Gregory Hays to the faculty (look for a Profile in the next issue of *Acta*). But we hope that we will be authorized to make additional appointments in the near future, appointments that will help to propel the Department into the new millennium.

David Sansone  
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