



Diurna Ursorum

Baylor University Fall 2001



Dr. Smith

From the Chair

R. Alden Smith

Salvete omnes, hic et illic et ubique! The year 2000/01 was exciting and fun for the Classics department at Baylor. Our biggest task was appointing our new assistant professor, **Antony Augoustakis** (PhD, Brown).

Antony, who hails from Herakleion, Crete, joined our faculty for fall 2001. Please see his greeting elsewhere in this issue.

Our students had a great year. Rising senior **Amanda Seamans**, who won CAMWS' highly competitive Manson Stewart Scholarship, was elected chapter president of Eta Sigma Phi and, at the national convention in April, was elected to the post of national secretary. **Jason Lichte**, who graduated in December, took a job teaching at Reicher Catholic High School (Waco, Texas), coached his softball team to the state finals, and brought Latin students to Rome. **Beau Egert**, a University Scholar with a concentration in Classics, was one of three students from Texas to advance to the final Rhodes selection. Sophomore **Jason Gajderowicz** won first place in the national Eta Sigma Phi Intermediate Latin competition. Some of our graduating seniors have gone on to graduate school (**Britta Spann**, **Matt Polk**) or seminary (**Brian Robinson**) on full fellowships. Moreover, four graduates wrote Senior Honors Theses this year (Britta, Matt, Brian, and Beau). So what a year

it was for our students, to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations! For their benefit we were able to bring in some of the world's finest classicists as lecturers (listed elsewhere in this newsletter). And this is to say nothing about our annual Christmas party, graduation parties (one at the Smiths, another at the Nordlings), Friday afternoon movies, Baylor in Italy pre-flight party, Homecoming bash at Jeff Fish's, and a plethora of other events which might incur divine *phthonos* even to mention!

Our faculty has been busy, too. **Eric Kylo** won a University Research grant to conduct research in Munich this summer, while **Jeff Fish**, who was featured in "The Hidden Scrolls of Herculaneum" television documentary, won a prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities grant to conduct research in Italy in 2001-2002. Jeff and yours truly shared the Sonny and Virginia Wallace Award for Outstanding Teaching, presented at the Honors Convocation in April. **John Nordling** received a generous grant from his publisher, Concordia Publishing House, to complete his commentary on Paul's letter to Philemon in the fall 2001 semester. **Tommye Lou Davis** and John Nordling have produced a departmental brochure and now this newsletter (*eis commendo!*); Tommye Lou is extremely active in the larger Baylor campus community, particularly as sponsor for

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The Title and Purpose of Our Newsletter

We extend most appreciative 'kudos' to John Thorburn who suggested our Latin title, "The Bears' Newspaper." (Baylor students and faculty are known collectively as "the Baylor Bears.") Henceforth *Diurna Ursorum* (*DU*, for short) will project our *vox classica* to the world. We shall produce this newsletter to...

- **communicate** with Baylor alums, who look back on their time of reading Greek and Latin on this campus with fondness and appreciation;
- **attract** current high school students to Baylor, especially those who would like to study Latin and Greek in college;
- **inform** all readers about recent and upcoming lectures, departmental activities and accomplishments; and finally,
- **foster** a love for the Latin language.

Many people are interested in classics nowadays and need to know how to begin Latin programs or revitalize existing core curricula. We hope our newsletter will stimulate students, parents and teachers to progressively higher and purer educational standards in America. So take a moment to catch up on what your former professors are doing, read our Latin story, use any pedagogical aids enclosed and — most important — send us news regarding yourself. *Omnibus vobis hae litterae dedicatae sunt.*

Recent and Upcoming Speakers at Baylor

Baylor Classics students and faculty have benefited from the presentations of several outstanding classicists. Most visiting lecturers deliver their papers to overflow audiences in the Hankamer Treasure Room of the Armstrong Browning Library. A sampling of Classics speakers and themes delivered at Baylor over this past year include:

Lowell Edmunds (Rutgers) on competing forms of knowledge in the Oedipus myth;

Denis Feeney (Princeton) on the Roman importation of Greek literature to S. Italy;

Richard Seaford (Exeter) on the invention of money and its role in Greek drama;

Philip Lockart (Dickinson) on Aesop's Fables;

David Larmour (Texas Tech) on strife and sacrifice at the Olympic Games;

David Kovacs (University of



Dr. Edmunds

Virginia) on serious aspects of Aristophanic Comedy;

Charles Segal (Harvard) on his new translation of Euripides' *Bacchae* and representations of Dionysus on Greek vases;

Olof Brandt (Swedish Institute, Rome) on early Christian baptisteries;

Richard Sorabji (University London) on the philosophical problem of 'Persistence Over Time';

Katriona Munthe-Lindgren (Axel Munthe House, Capri, Italy) on classical precursors to her grandfather's contributions to the emerging science of psychology; and

David Martinez (University of Chicago) on ancient Greek love magic.

We look forward to **James Ruebel** (Ball State), president of CAMWS, who will deliver a lecture on Cicero in October, and **Peter Burian** (Duke University), who will lecture on the idea of justice in Aeschylus' *Oresteia* on Nov 30, 2001. We are arranging spring 2002

lectures by **Jim McKeown** (University Wisconsin-Madison) and possibly **Peter White** (University of Chicago). If last year is any indication, we no doubt will



Dr. Munthe-Lindgren

have many more upcoming speakers. Please check our website periodically (www.baylor.edu/classics, under Quid Novi?). If you are in our area, we'd love to have you join us for an outstanding classics lecture.

You're Invited!

What: Homecoming Party
When: 5-7 p.m. Oct. 26, 2001
Where: Dr. Alden Smith's home,
5801 Fairview Dr., Waco, TX
RSVP: (254) 710-1399

'Hello!' To Baylor From Antony Augoustakis

Dr. Antony Augoustakis accepted a tenure track position at Baylor University and began teaching in the fall 2001 semester. He conveyed the following greeting to Baylor students, faculty and alums:

Salvete omnes!

My name is Antony Augoustakis, and I am very excited to join the rest of the classics crew at Baylor. I come from Dickinson College where I taught Latin courses this past year. I was born and raised in Herakleion, Greece (on Crete). I hold a BA (1994)

from the University of Crete in Classical Philology. I ventured to the States in 1995 and finished my PhD at Brown in June 2000. I love classical languages; they are my hobby!

Although I am a very Greek person, I have — for the time being —



Dr. Augoustakis

forsaken Greek literature since my current research is focused upon Latin literature and culture. I am writing a book on the role of women in epic poetry of the first-century A.D. I am interested, however, in every aspect of classical literature and civilization. I hope to contribute as much as possible to classics at Baylor, and I want eventually to organize a BIG (Baylor in Greece) group! *Valete!* Antonius

Kyllo and Fish Travel on Research Grants

Eric Kyllo was awarded a Baylor University Research grant to do further work on Lucretius under the guidance of Dr. Niklas Holzberg at the Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Munich. Dr. Holzberg delivered a lecture at Baylor in 1999 and then expressed interest in Dr. Kyllo's work. The research grant will enable Dr. Kyllo to revise his dissertation, *Heliconiadum Comites: The De Rerum Natura and Epic Tradition* (Pennsylvania, 1994), into a monograph in the series *Studia Monacensia*, edited by Dr. Holzberg.



Dr. Kyllo

Jeff Fish learned in November 2000 that he had been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to further his research on the Epicurean philosopher, Philodemus (ca. 110-ca. 40/35 B.C.). Dr. Fish's NEH grant will extend from May 2001 to August 2002 and will allow him to live and conduct research in Italy, primarily Naples. He explains his grant award as follows:



Dr. Fish

"When excavators were exploring the remains of a magnificent villa in Herculaneum, they found the remains of a philosophical library. The villa, we are almost certain, belonged to Calpurnius Piso, the father-in-law of Julius Caesar. The library itself belonged

to Philodemus, an Epicurean philosopher from Gadara, who served as a kind of court philosopher for Piso. Philodemus held seminars on philosophical and aesthetic topics at Herculaneum, and some of them appear to have been attended by some of the Augustan poets, like Vergil. I have been awarded a grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities to read one of these papyri next year called *On the Good King according to Homer*. In this treatise Philodemus discusses Homer's view of what good

rulers are like, but he also speaks to Roman aristocrats, like Piso. The papyrus is preserved in Naples in the National Library, the former royal palace of the Bourbon kings."

New to Baylor...



Drs. Brent Froberg and Amy Vail are new to Baylor Classics (see From the Chair on page 8).

Nordling and Smith Receive Half-Year Leaves of Absence

In April, John Nordling received a generous writing grant to complete his commentary on Paul's letter to Philemon for the Concordia Commentary Series. Nordling, who has written about 300 pages on 25 verses (!), will use the fall 2001 semester to revise the existing manuscript and complete the Introduction. The exegetical portion of the commentary provides a fresh translation of the text, in-depth philological helps, and expo-



Dr. Nordling

sition. The Introduction will consider the likely historical situation behind the letter; the light Philemon casts upon ancient slavery (Roman Law, *fugitivi* [= runaway slaves], and implications for Christian vocation); and the essential message and theology of the letter.

Alden Smith also has received permission to engage in a semester/summer sabbatical. Although Dr. Smith will miss the students, he longs for this opportunity to complete several writing projects, including work on Vergil and other Latin poets.

A Teaching Tip From Dr. Thorburn

Here's an exercise that will help those of you who teach Latin to review with your students several grammatical points at once: noun/adjective agreement and subject/verb agreement. John Thorburn likes to use such exercises with students who are reading Latin poetry in the second year (third and fourth semester).



Dr. Thorburn

Most of the sentences won't make much sense "as is" (e.g., 'the burning thing saw.') That's the point, however; the exercise trains emerging Latinists to appreciate what the words do in fact say (rather than force them into some preconceived idea). After all, the words, *Invadunt urbem, somno vinoque sepultam* (Aen. 2.265) do not seem at all comprehensible to most beginning and intermediate Latin students, at first. Students who use the exercises may come quickly to see, however, that the

incomparable Vergil meant to say: 'They invade a city buried in wine and sleep.'

Directions: Circle the subject of the participle, translate the subject/participle unit, and then translate the verb.

- *Hoste corpori regina ardens videt.*
- *Hostium virgo corpore arsa videbat.*
- *Corpus hostis res arsurum videbit.*
- *Corporum res reginae ardens vidit.*
- *Hostis marium virgine arsus viderat.*
- *Urbs regi diem arsura viderit.*

Julius Caesar de 'Fratribus Nasalibus' Ursum Interrogat

Lector caveat: Ad Universitatem Baylor est quaedam factio secreta quae in lingua Anglica "Nose Brothers" appellatur. Constat e iuvenibus dissolutis qui (ut Groucho Marx!) nasos plasticos induentes se occultant et noctes diesque nequitias perpetrant. Hac in fabula noster Iulius Caesar cer-

tior fieri de 'Fratribus Nasalibus' conatur:

Olim Caesar Roma proficiscitur et maximis itineribus in civitatem Texanam contendit et ad Universitatem Baylor denique pervenit. Multos annos ad Caesaris aures rumores frequentissimi de 'fratibus nasalibus' perlati erant;

nunc imperator accuratissime discernere cupivit qui hi 'fratres' essent. Uno die per hortum pulcherrimum contendens cuidam urso humi iacenti occurrit. Caesar urso "Salve!" dixit. "Salve tu quoque," ursus respondit. "Urse carissime," inquit, "dic mihi quid de litterarum N-O-Z-E significatione scias." "Egomet nescio," ursus timide locutus est, super humerum respiciens. "Fortasse me interrogas de iuvenum corruptorum mala manu qui se 'fratres nasales' appellant." "Verum dicis," Caesar. "Ubi sunt? Suntne etiam 'sorores nasales'? Sed ursus ullum responsum adiectum recusat. Caesar hoc colloquio ursum perterritum cognovisse multa de sororibus natalibus sensit sed plura dicere nolle. Itaque Caesar trans campum contendit et, auribus acutissimis et oculis, conabatur discernere qui hi 'fratres et sorores nasales' essent. Frustra! Etiam hodie mysterium perdurat.



A Word From Professor Tommye Lou Davis

Associate professor Tommye Lou Davis, designated Master Teacher in 1993, has taught Latin at Baylor since 1966. She continues to teach



Professor Davis

beginning Latin, as well as a class designed for students with language learning difficulties. An expert in pedagogy, Professor Davis has shepherded thousands of Baylor students (literally true!) during the past 35 years into a better understanding of the Latin language. She devotes many hours outside the classroom to students on campus, including the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma, for whom she serves as a faculty sponsor. This past year Professor Davis served on no fewer than seven university committees! (*Tibi multas gratias, T.L.!*) She is quite involved in the Waco community, serving on many boards, organizations and community projects. Professor Davis writes:

"I thank God daily for the privilege of teaching Latin to Baylor students. It is an adventure that is difficult to describe adequately. As a student and then a professor at Baylor for the past 40 years, the present state of the department brings me joy and pride, as I am sure it would bring Drs. Butler, Cutter, and Fisher, as well as other Classics forebears. I hope that this newsletter will give you a glimpse of what has been happening in recent years. We are growing by leaps and bounds. We are truly 'flinging the green and gold (for BU and the Classics) afar.' As we grow, so do our needs. We are hoping to expand

our Classics library in coming years, as well as technology capability. Scholarships for our majors are always a priority. If you can assist with any of these needs, please donate through the development office of Baylor University and spec-

ify 'Department of Classics.' Know that your gift will be put to good use and many students and faculty will appreciate your kind generosity. Former students, please drop us a line! *Vobis multum salutem imperitimus, o dulces amici amicaeque!*"

Baylor In Italy 2002

One of the great strengths of **Baylor in Italy** is that we often stray off the beaten path and see monuments completely overlooked by others. For example, in the picture our students hear Alden Smith explain an ancient mileage marker which Fabio (our bus driver) remembered while en-route

to Reggio (ancient Regium), Taormina, Syracuse, Piazza Armerina, Agrigento, Selinunte, Motya, Segesta, Palermo, Himera and Cefalu. Of course we spend a lot of time in Rome (14 days this year), Cerveteri, Hadrian's Villa, Pompeii, Herculaneum, and other well known sites. The point is, we see it all — or an awful lot of it, anyway — and would like to share the many impressive monuments of Greece and Rome with you, too. To see images of past programs, visit our web site

(http://www.baylor.edu/~Alden_Smith/bii_main.htm). There you may consider several program options and apply online. (Otherwise write to our departmental address for a brochure and more details.) Several students have already applied for BII 2002, and space is limited. Submit



Dr. Smith explains an ancient mileage marker to BII participants.

your non-refundable deposit by March 15, 2002, to guarantee your place in the program. (The remainder of the program fee must be received by May 1, 2002.) Because BII often fills before the March 15 deadline, early registration is highly recommended.



Images of Roman Spain

John Nordling received a grant to travel to Spain in March with seven other professors involved in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC). While in Spain Nordling shot more than 200 high quality images. A significant number of these feature Roman aqueducts, theaters, houses, amphitheaters, mosaics, statuary, etc. which American classicists rarely get to see. These images will be particularly useful for those of you teaching courses in ancient history or Roman civilization. Point your Internet browser to www.baylor.edu/~John_Nordling, and select "Images of Roman Spain."

Elaborate frons scaenae (stage backdrop) of the Roman Theater at Mérida, Spain. Built 117-138 A.D.

QUID NOVI APUD BAYLOR?

With sincere apologies to names or accomplishments inadvertently overlooked, the following list provides an overview of departmental highlights:

June 2001

- Smith and Nordling complete preparations to take 26 Baylor in Italy (BII) participants to Rome, then Southern Italy & Sicily, in July and August

May 2001

- Kylo awarded a University Research Grant to pursue research on Lucretius in Germany
- Four majors present and defend Senior Honors theses
- Seniors graduate on May 12

April 2001

- Smith and Fish win the Sonny and Virginia Wallace Award for Outstanding Teaching
- Smith named Baylor Professor of the Month
- Smith, Fish, Kylo, and Nordling read papers at the 97th annual Classics Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS) at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and discover that junior Amanda Seamans has won the Manson A. Stewart Scholarship for 2001-2002
- Nordling receives grant to complete *Philemon* for the Concordia Commentary Series
- Sophomore Jason Gajderowicz wins first prize in the Intermediate Latin translation contest of Eta Sigma Phi, and Amanda Seamans elected to the national office of Secretary. Smith re-elected to another 3-year term as national trustee of Eta Sigma Phi



Dr. Smith flanked by Amanda Seamans and Jason Gajderowicz.

March 2001

- Thorburn presents paper at the University of Calgary in Edmonton on Aristophanes
- Nordling tours Spain and visits several Roman sites
- Smith presents paper at Texas Tech on Vergil

February 2001

- Smith presents paper at Princeton on Vergil
- Smith presents paper at University of Texas at Arlington on Vergil

November 2000

- Fish awarded NEH fellowship to pursue research on Philodemus's *On the Good King according to Homer*
- Homecoming bash at Fish's, Nov. 11

October 2000

- Senior University Scholars major Britta Spann delivers paper, "Giving a Fig (Tree) for Rome: the Portent in Tacitus' *Annales* 13" at CAMWS Southern Section at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia

Become an *Ursus Classicus Emeritus* (Or *Ursa Classica Emerita*) For Baylor

Now the fruits of a classical education are yours. Help our students to "bear up" to the costs of the same classical education you received. Our most pressing need is to establish several endowed scholarships for deserving Baylor Classics students. If you can help, please call (254) 710-1399 and talk to Dr. Alden Smith, chair, who will find out what your interests are and explain what steps you can take to set up the endowment. The Classics Departmental Special Fund allows us to meet the following needs:

- **Student Travel** — so students can deliver papers, meet famous classicists, and represent Baylor University at state, regional and national Classics conferences;
- **Baylor in Italy** — help our students to participate in the annual journey abroad (see Baylor in Italy 2002 on page 5);
- **Library Acquisitions** — for immediate purchase of rare and hard to obtain library resources that suddenly come to our attention; and

- **Discretionary** — student needs not covered above, instructional enhancements (classics tapes, videos), technology, *et cetera*.

Make your check payable to Baylor University and write "Classics Departmental Special Fund" on your check. Send your contribution, in any amount, to the following address:

Baylor University
Classics Excellence Fund
PO Box 97050
Waco, TX 76798

News From Alumnae and Alumni

We hope that you will take a moment to fill out the form below. We want to hear from former students. Please help us also to keep our mailing list up to date.

Name _____

Degree/Year _____ Major _____

Address _____ Telephone number _____

E-mail address _____

Tell us news about yourself (for our next newsletter) _____

From the Chair

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the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. **John Thorburn** traveled to Canada to present one paper on Euripides and just had another published in *Classical Bulletin*. John chaired the search committee that brought Antony Augoustakis to Baylor, new lecturer **Amy Vail** (PhD, Ohio State University), and Professor **Brent Froberg** (University of South Dakota; APA Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1994). We increased our ranks because Nordling and Fish are on leave in the fall, and I will take a sabbatical in spring 2002. Professor Davis will serve as acting chair in my absence.

What does the future hold? Without a doubt, the future is bright! We would like to provide scholarship funds for our outstanding Baylor students who study classics. The Downer Scholarship, a welcome resource, has received generous funding money for students who participate in the Baylor in Italy program from Luke and Joy Korkowski and the family of Amy

Cariello. Building upon these scholarships remains an on-going task. Anyone who wishes to contribute to an existing scholarship or start a new one is welcome to do so. Contact me and we'll get the scholarship set up! In November, we will move to a new location — the third floor of Morrison Hall (the former Law School building).

This relocation effort will provide a larger Trantham Lounge, separate library facilities, and newly remodeled classrooms. For the first time in recent memory, all of our Classics professors will be located on the same hall! This will be a welcome change, indeed.

If you ever find yourself in the Waco area, please visit us. Let us know ahead of time when you're coming and we'll work out a lunch date for you with members of the department. Even if you can't visit,



David Hastie, top senior at Baylor University's May 2001 commencement, flanked by adoring Classics professors.

we would love to hear from you (complete the "News from Alumnae and Alumni" form, below). Please visit our Internet site and send us e-mail (our website address is listed on the last page of this newsletter). Thelma always has the coffee on, and the old couch in the Trantham "Lounge of Destiny" is still as comfy as ever for you to settle back, get to know our newest generation of Classics students, and reminisce with us, your erstwhile professors and friends.

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