Letter from the LCA President

Greetings from Baton Rouge.

Though we are but a modest organization, we LCA officers are keeping our hands full with ways to promote our association and the study of Classics here in our state. We are, for example, in the process of designing T-shirts with our togate pelican logo, and we encourage all of you to buy them at our meeting this fall and wear them often and proudly. We are also busy planning our fall meeting, which will be held Friday night and Saturday, October 25-26, here in Baton Rouge on and around the LSU campus. We are hoping for nice fall weather, and we promise plenty of good food.

PRELIMINARY CALL FOR PAPERS, PANELS, IDEAS

This year we are attempting to design our meeting to be practical as well as enjoyable, beneficial in the details as well as in the spirit. We are hoping to attract a large and varied audience, and we welcome your input and involvement. The tentative plan for the meeting is to focus on Latin teaching and program development, in particular the challenges and benefits of study and travel abroad. After a social gathering on Friday night, the morning would be largely devoted to a panel on Latin pedagogy, followed by lunch with a guest speaker, and then an afternoon panel concerned with study and travel abroad. So whoever among you has experience with leading or traveling to Classical locations, please speak up and consider joining our panel. I also welcome suggestions for the focus of our Latin pedagogy panel: should it treat a comparison of textbooks? approaches to particular grammatical and syntactical figures? outside resources for teachers? or some other relevant topic? If you wish to suggest an idea, or even volunteer to present, please contact me with your suggestion or area(s) of expertise. I will be contacting all of you again via email as further details take shape.

We also are soliciting nominations for the LCA scholarship, a $500 prize for an outstanding student whose curriculum is focused on Latin and/or Greek. We especially encourage nominations for students planning to pursue secondary Latin teaching and/or graduate study. All a nomination requires is the application form enclosed in this newsletter and a letter of recommendation from you. So as this
academic year draws to a close, consider who among your students deserves especial recognition and then tell us why. Please note that we have moved up the deadline for scholarship nominations to May 15.

Lastly, but perhaps most importantly for the health of our association, members of the LCA were treated to a friendly and constructive lunch by the Louisiana Junior Classical League at the State JCL Convention here in Baton Rouge on March 2. Let me again thank Blandon Creel and Kate James, the state JCL co-chairs, as well as the many other vigorous and cheerful teachers and sponsors of the JCL, for hosting the lunch. An informal discussion was also held concerning what the LCA and the JCL can do to strengthen and promote each other, our activities, and our goals for promoting the study of the Classics in Louisiana. Both organizations welcomed the strengths of the other, and many ideas were put forth for how more interaction could be achieved between university and high school teachers. This luncheon was a good beginning for what I think should become a tighter and more involved relationship between these two organizations. The JCL Convention is an amazing display of talent and enthusiasm in the pursuit of things Classical, and the LCA needs to continue to support such energy in whatever ways the JCL can most benefit. This year many of us served as judges for the various competitions, and there is some talk of being an even greater presence next year.

So thank you both to the JCL and to those LCA members who participated in either the convention or the luncheon. Let us remember the friendship and positive feeling generated at our luncheon, and let us look forward to our October meeting with the same spirit. Please mark your calendars now, and make every effort to attend on October 26. May this continue to be a memorable and rewarding year for the LCA.

Happy Spring,
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Jean D'Amato has added some interesting new materials to her work on Campania. Check out her webpage at: www.nsula.edu/campaniafelix.

LSU Classics News

There is both happy and sad news to report from the LSU faculty. On the happy side, congratulations are due to Althea Ashe, who completed her Ph.D. in Education from the University of Georgia and has returned to enrich our faculty. The sobering news is that Bob Edgeworth has been diagnosed with cancer. He has already undergone successful surgery to remove the malignant tissue, but faces continuing treatment for several months. He has withdrawn from LSU for the remainder of the term and is recovering at home (740 Carriage Way, Baton Rouge, LA 70808). Our best wishes and prayers go out to him.
Notes reflective of LCA executive board meeting
- Baton Rouge
- March 2, 2002
- 2-4 PM

Present: Connie Rodriguez, Jean D'Amato, Tom Egan, Rex Stem.
Absent: Scott Goins

Business revolved around 2002 LCA state assembly.
- Site: LSU, at Baton Rouge

- Rex requested that Deborah McInnes be appointed and acknowledged as On-Site Coordinator, working with Rex, to attend to organization of conference and its attendant details.

Unanimously affirmed by executive board.

- Much discussion followed re specifics of program. Having a significant Keynote-type speaker was entertained. The idea was to create a "carrot" that could possibly expand attendance and meeting the professional designs of both university and secondary professionals.

- Discussion was also held re the merits of an academic panel, to provide a cognitive content, on the one hand, and also address nuts-and-bolts pedagogical concerns. The task is to create a program that has relevance to both the university and the high school constituents.

Some discussion was held concerning a "theme" for the assembly; input was offered re both a speaker and a subject area, namely archeology.

- The registration fee for 2002 was suggested at $25, to include registration and lunch.

- Scholarship Chair will remain with Tom Egan; nominees should reflect students who will pursue Classical Studies in college, either as a major or as a minor.

- Discussion was held re American Philological Association meeting to be held in New Orleans, (APA/AIA), and the energies to be invested to involve students.

- Final issue was a "spirit" issue; plan is to create and order and have available T-shirts, SPOL (Senatus Populusque Louisianus), even with sizes for grandchildren.

- The meeting adjourned, its enthusiastic participants "fired up" for LCA '02.

Respectfully (though tardy),

[Signature]

3/25/02
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are due to Dr. Robert Rowland, Jr. of Loyola University for the recent publication of his field work on the island of Sardinia. And for the excellent review that his work has received.

BAR S970 2001: The Periphery in the Center. Sardinia in the ancient and medieval worlds by Robert J. Rowland, Jr. (ISBN 1 84171 257 4. £40.00. 313 pages; 73 figures, photographs, maps, plans and drawings; extensive bibliography)

Sardinia is the second largest island in the Mediterranean, slightly smaller than Sicily but with a longer coastline. In contrast to Sicily's obvious 'crossroads' position, the recent debate on the relative 'isolation' of Sardinia is analyzed in Robert Rowland's fascinating and accessible 'archaeological history' of the island, spanning the Prehistoric era of dolmens, menhirs and the Nuragic Civilization, to later Medieval times and Pope Boniface's creation of the joint Kingdom of Sardinia and Corsica in 1297.

Salvete!

An exciting opportunity is coming to New Orleans January 3-6, 2003:

The 134th Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America!

Wilfred Major and I have been asked to serve as co-chairs of the local host committee for the APA side of the meeting. What this means is that we have been asked to assemble a committee/group of volunteers (approximately 40 in number) who, by spending a few hours assisting at the registration desk, local information desk, placement service, or monitoring paper sessions, will receive FREE registration for the meeting (that ranges from $50 for student members to $95 for members and $145 for non-members) and sustenance for those who work during meal times. (Trust me, Minna Duchovny, the APA Coordinator for Meetings, the Program, and Administration—she will take good care of you!) And you will have a chance to meet and mingle with classicists, teachers, and scholars from across the country and even across the pond!

This is a great chance for the members of LCA to show off their stuff to the rest of the nation!

Interested?!

Please contact me, T. Davina McClain at mcclain@loyno.edu or Wilfred E. Major at wemajor@loyno.edu or at 985-653-3908.

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HISTORY: on Sept. 2nd, in Baton Rouge, the LCA and the LJCL met in joint-session over a luncheon (provided by LJCL) for a first-time such sharing. Bravo to the initiative of the LJCL and thanks for the lunch.

The "details" of the sharing follow:

- the gathering comprised teachers who were in attendance as sponsors and/or judges for the LJCL events and the members of the executive board of LCA, a really fine showing of folk from a broad spectrum in Classical Studies. The officers of LJCL were able to share somewhat, but did have to exit for competition in afternoon events.

- to be noted: zeal and enthusiasm of JCL student membership.

QUESTION of the day: what can we do to bridge LCA and JCL work and the promotion of our respective organizations.

.....a response was suggested from JCL officer that the bulk of the help or assistance, initiatives, etc. would seem to flow from LCA to JCL. The young person affirmed that LCA was more likely to be able to help JCL, than vice versa.

- An instructor from DeLa Salle H.S. in New Orleans opined that the absence of Latin Clubs in the schools was something that needed attention, and clubs can help promote student enthusiasm. He noted that many of the schools teach Latin, but do not have Latin Clubs (a la Mu Alpha Theta in math).

This generated a significant amount of discussion re the absence and participation in LCA of the Latin instructors from New Orleans.

One of the judges present offered her practice of personal visits as the "bridge" in this regard, sort of a professional "outreach" program. This did promote ideas: formalized speakers bureau to visit high schools (with sensible lead-time for teachers to anticipate and plan).

- Things were shared re Teacher Institutes, building Latin Teacher relationships; LCA could enhance communication with a web page that can be found; mini-workshops for high school teachers; college-prep orientation programs; exploiting each others talents and needs.

The real issue can be synopsized in terms of cross-fertilization.

- Discussion was enjoined over the Jan., 2003, APA/AIA professional meeting; bring pre-college teachers; offer special registration fee. APA is seeking 4-hrs. units of volunteer help from students).
Finally, the luncheon meeting was cordial, social, and productive in lots of ways; however, it did lack the crispness (never intended to have this) that flows from a specific meeting agenda.

T'was worthwhile, and, I feel, Beneficial in lots of ways.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
3/26/02

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If you have not had the chance to see Wade Heaton in toga, you don't know what you are missing. If you haven't seen his presentation recently, then you don't know what he has added. Intrigued? Visit his webpage for a sneak preview!

If you would like to have Wade visit your school or campus, please contact him at wheaton@selu.edu or through his new webpage at togaman.com. He can also be reached at:

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LCA T-SHIRTS

Be on the look out! The LCA is going to have its own t-shirt available for purchase at the meeting in October. It will have our pelican friend (right) and the inscription "SPQL" (Senatus Populusque Louisianae). A variety of sizes will be available. Look for the chance to reserve yours in the registration materials.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Archaeological Institute of America is looking for volunteers to help with the 134th Annual Meeting in New Orleans for the joint meeting with the American Philological Association, January 3-6, 2003.

I have been asked to chair the local committee for the AIA and to help co-ordinate the recruitment efforts. We need approximately 80 people to help with sessions and various other activities sponsored by the AIA. Volunteering for a four hour session gets you free registration!

If you are interested, please contact me at 504-865-2287, or at rodrigue@loyno.edu. You can also register as a volunteer on the AIA webpage: www.archaeological.org.

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APPLICATION FOR $500 LCA SCHOLARSHIP

University members, please note that the scholarship deadline is MAY 15, 2002. Please ask any student you wish to recommend to fill out a photocopy of the form below and mail it by MAY 15 to:

Elliot T. Egan
5409 South Priur Street
New Orleans, LA 70125

Selection of the recipient will occur during the summer, prior to the meeting in October. The Scholarship recipient will be introduced to the membership at the October 26 meeting in Baton Rouge.

NAME: _______________________________________________________

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: _________________________________________

HOME ADDRESS: ________________________________________________

Overall GPA: _____ GPA in Latin: _____ GPA in Greek: _____

SAT or ACT score: ______

Number of years of high school Latin _______ Greek _______

Number of college courses completed in Latin _______ Greek _______

Title of last Latin/Greek course(s) completed:

________________________________________________________________

Title of Latin/Greek course(s) in which you are currently enrolled:

________________________________________________________________

CRITERIA

1. Requirements:
   a. Applicant must have a declared major/minor in Latin or Greek; or have a heavy concentration in Latin or Greek.
   b. Applicant must have a letter of recommendation from his/her college/university instructor in Classics.
   c. Applicant must submit a completed LCA Scholarship form.

2. Preferences will be given to applicants who meet one or more of the following:
   a. intend to teach a classical language at the secondary level;
   b. have studied a classical language for at least 4 consecutive years;
   c. have at least a “B” average in the classics.
If you have not yet paid dues for 2000-2001, please send annual dues of $10.00 to our LCA treasurer:
Elliott T. Egan
5409 South Prieur Street
New Orleans, LA 70125

Please send a completed form with your dues payment.

Name: __________________________ Title/Position: __________________________

Name of School: __________________________

School Address: __________________________ Home Address: __________________________

(Please circle preferred mailing address.)

School Phone: (____)________ Home Phone: (____)________

Preferred Email Address: __________________________

LCA dues (2000-2001) ...................... $ 10.00

Scholarship donation ...................... $ __________

TOTAL enclosed ...................... $ __________

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