

## NEWSLETTER

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### FACULTY

The whole department was stunned by the sudden death of Professor ROBERT J. GETTY on October 24. He had been the Paddison Professor of Classics here since 1957, serving for one year as chairman of the department. Internationally respected for his eminence in Latin studies, he had been president of the American Philological Association and sometime chairman of the Department of Classics at the University of Toronto. The department feels the loss of a great scholar, who carried his learning with singular unpretentiousness. We all will miss his genuine warmth and kindness.

Professor HENRY IMMERWAHR will be on leave for the spring term, which he will spend in Greece inspecting material at first hand for his work on Greek Vase Inscriptions.

Due to arrive for the spring term is Dr. BERTHE MARTI, who will be teaching courses in Medieval Latin, Paleography and Livy.

Professor J. PENROSE HARLAND, although he retired last spring, is still seen frequently in Murphey Hall. This term he is teaching a course in Archaeology for the Evening College.

Professor WILLIAM H. WILLIS, formerly chairman of the Classics department at the University of Mississippi and now professor at Duke, has kindly engaged to teach some of Professor Getty's graduate classes for this year.

R. ROSS HOLLOWAY, formerly Visiting Assistant Professor at Princeton, is now Assistant Professor of Archaeology.

Returning from his tour of duty as Dean of Student Affairs, CHARLES HENDERSON, JR. will once more teach full time in the department, besides continuing his new duties as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Philological Association.

JOHN ZIOKOWSKI'S wife Pat presented him this October with a second child, Adam.

With a creative effort of a different sort, EDWIN BROWN has brought to light a book on some neglected aspects of Vergil's work, Numeri Vergiliani: Studies in Eclogues and Georgics (Coll. Latomus LXIII).

At the meeting of the North Carolina Classical Association in Winston-Salem at Wake Forest College November 1-2, PHILIP STADTER was elected Secretary-Treasurer and JAMES SETTLE (Ph.D. 1962), now teaching at Duke, Vice President. Jim is also and officer of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Dr. LUCY AUSTIN (Ph. D. 1932) was retiring Secretary-Treasurer of the NCCA. Presenting papers at the meeting were Professors Emeriti B. L. ULLMAN AND J. P. HARLAND, Professors HUBERT MARTIN, JAMES SETTLE, and P. A. CLINE (M. A., 1963).

ACTIVITY IN MURPHEY HALL

The Institute for Latin Teachers given this summer brought an enthusiastic group of some 28 high school teachers (five from out-of-state) to Murphey Hall for courses in Caesar, Cicero and Latin Literature, as well as lectures by various members of the faculty. The success of the Institute has encouraged planning for a projected repeat in 1965.

Cyrus Gordon, professor at Brandeis University in Boston, was here in October to give a lecture on the Heroic Age and the Bible under the auspices of the Department of Religion, in which he developed parallels between the culture of the Hebrew patriarchs and the Homeric heroes. The next day he spoke informally to members of the Department of Classics on the continuity of writing in Crete and Cyprus from the Mycenaean age to historical times.

The expansion of the department's quarters in Murphey Hall has only served, it seems, to keep pace with the expansion of student body and faculty. There are now some 1100 undergraduates enrolled in departmental courses, of which nearly 600 are in language courses. This high enrolment continues despite a change in the math requirement, designed to alleviate pressure on the Math and Classics departments, according to which an entering student may substitute one year of logic for the Math, Latin or Greek courses previously required. Graduate enrolment is now 30. The faculty, reduced as it is by the death of Professor Getty, nevertheless numbers presently 12 full-time members.

Students graduated last year and their present occupations:

- B. A. Bill Cunningham (graduate student at U. N. C.).  
Bill Imes (teaching at Exeter).  
Jim Pipkin (graduate student at U. N. C.).
- M. A. Pervy A. Cline (teaching at Meredith College in Raleigh).  
Dan Garrison (graduate student at University of California at Berkeley).
- Ph.D. John Ziolkowski (continuing to teach at U. N. C.).

ALUMNI NEWS

The response to the postcards mailed to alumni was very gratifying. Items of interest which do not appear in this issue will be reported in May. All are encouraged to send in news of their activities and of those of other alumni. The postcards serve also as an address file, so please return them, even without new information, to assure us that we have your correct address. Some notes culled from the mail:

RONALD WHITE (Ph.D. 1958) is absorbing the Mediterranean sun as director of the Tufts Classical Year in Italy, located at the Villa Pignatelli in Naples.

WILLIAM S. HOGAN (M. A. 1932), now holds the S. A. Harlbut Chair in the Classics at the St. Albans School in Washington, and reports that the Classics are flourishing there. Last year he led a group of students to dig at a Roman villa in England, and hopes to return again this year.

The Virginia Classical Association has elected J. W. JONES (Ph.D. 1959) as its new Vice-President. He and his wife ELIZABETH (Ph.D. 1959) live in Williamsburg, where he is teaching at William and Mary.

Most distant alumna? MARJORIE BALLARD (M. A. 1954) reports that she is in Algiers, where she has been a missionary to the Muslims since 1958.

EVELYN LEE WAY (Ph.D. 1941) is now acting chairman of the Department of Classics at the University of Mississippi.

Late item: Grier Davis has just announced the birth of Kevin Grier, December 17.

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