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MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

NOTES ON THE 1981 LECTURE SERIES

The Rundle Foundation has been formed in response to developments in the study of ancient Egypt at Macquarie University. In this first year its major lecture series introduces some members of the staff of the School of History, Philosophy & Politics who will present aspects of their current work in Egypt.

29 June Dr Raoul Mortley is a graduate of Sydney and of Strasbourg, where he completed a thesis (since published) on the doctrine of knowledge in Clement of Alexandria.

Alexandria was the new capital of the Macedonian conqueror of Egypt. It brought Greek culture to its standard form and was the scholarly and scientific centre of the Mediterranean. For a thousand years it mediated a predominant Greek influence over Egypt and the Near East.

28 September Dr Naguib Kanawati first came to Australia after graduating M.A. at the University of Alexandria. He completed the Ph.D. degree at Macquarie with a thesis later published.

Dr Kanawati will by this stage be in a position to analyse and comment on the finds of the second season at El-Hawawish, and to outline his expectations for the coming third season, scheduled for December 1981 and January 1982.

REPORTS OF RECENT EVENTS

23 March His Excellency Air Marshal Sir James Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., Governor of New South Wales, opened the Foundation at a crowded gathering in the Macquarie Theatre. His Excellency was thanked by Mrs Philip Rundle, who stressed that membership was open to anyone interested in the study of ancient Egypt. Mr Peter Sculthorpe introduced his composition, *Requiem for 'Cello alone*, which was performed by Nathan Waks, by courtesy of the N.S.W. Conservatorium of Music.

Dr Naguib Kanawati delivered the inaugural lecture on '*Seni, the Celebrity Artist of Akhmim*'.

In this lecture the importance of Akhmim as a major administrative centre was outlined, pictures showing the size and nature of its cemetery at El-Hawawish mountain were demonstrated and the methods of work on the site were briefly explained. Macquarie University now has the sole responsibility and privilege to excavate, record and publish this extremely important, yet for a long time, neglected area.

Two expeditions have already been conducted. In the first one, December 1979-January 1980, three tombs were fully recorded and are now published in *The Rock Tombs of El-Hawawish : The Cemetery of Akhmim*, Vol.I, Macquarie Ancient History Association, 1980. In the second season, December 1980-January 1981, the work on three decorated and four undecorated tombs was completed and should be published as Vol.II in the series before the end of the current year.

During the lecture scenes from two important tombs of provincial governors, decorated by the same artist, Seni, were reviewed. The scenes represent the tomb owners, Ka-hep and Kheni, sometimes with members of their families, taking part in pleasure activities like spear fishing, or watching

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Members of the Rundle Foundation are invited to attend the following functions held under the auspices of the Macquarie Ancient History Association:-

<p>Tuesday, 9 June, 8.10 p.m.</p>	<p>W5A.T2</p>
<p>A public lecture by Dr J.F. MATTHEWS (Oxford) <i>Julian and the Philosophers</i></p>	
<p>Thursday 9 - Saturday 11 July P.G. Price Theatre</p>	
<p>Members of the Association are invited to attend lectures at the Continuing Education Conference for Secondary Teachers</p>	
<p>Thursday 6.30 p.m.: Prof. G.R. STANTON (Uni. of New England): <i>Aristocratic Promoters of Athenian Democracy</i></p>	
<p>Friday 1.30 p.m.: Prof. R.D. MILNS (Queensland): <i>Alexander the Great</i></p>	
<p>Friday 4.00 p.m.: Dr Beryl RAWSON (Australian National Uni.): <i>Antony and Cleopatra</i></p>	
<p>Further details are provided on the accompanying insert.</p>	
<p>Monday, 20 July, 8.10 p.m.</p>	<p>P.G. Price Theatre</p>
<p>An open forum led by Professor M.K. HOPKINS (Brunel) <i>Sociology and Ancient History</i></p>	
<p>Guest contributors : Professor R.W. CONNELL and Dr J.J. NICHOLLS</p>	
<p>Wednesday, 29 July, 8.10 p.m.</p>	<p>P.G. Price Theatre</p>
<p>A public lecture by Professor J.A. CROOK (Cambridge) <i>Caesar, Antony, Young Octavius - and the Ides of September</i></p>	
<p>Monday, 3 August, 8.10 p.m.</p>	<p>P.G. Price Theatre</p>
<p>A public lecture by Dr Michael WINTERBOTTOM (Oxford) <i>Sallust and Civil Discord : A View of the <u>Catiline</u></i></p>	

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