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AN EGYPTIAN FORTNIGHT  
in the  
MACQUARIE SHOPPING CENTRE  
(Herring & Waterloo Roads, North Ryde)

Monday, 9 August to Saturday, 21 August

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The centrepiece will be a reconstruction  
of the

TOMB OF KHENI

(excavated at El Hawawish by the Macquarie Expedition)

on the Market Place Level 1

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OFFICIAL OPENING

by

His Excellency the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Mr M. Gobbah

12.00 noon, Wednesday, 11 August on the Centre Stage

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For further program details see next page

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Centre Stage (at times indicated below)

- (a) Official opening, 12.00 noon, Wednesday 11 August.

His Excellency the Ambassador for the Arab Republic of Egypt.

- (b) Egyptian puppets, 12.30 and 4.00 p.m. daily;  
10.00 a.m. Saturdays.

This presentation has been created by Mr Ramzy Mischriky and has toured widely under the auspices of the Crafts Board of the Australia Council and the N.S.W. Ethnic Affairs Board. It is brought to the Egyptian Fortnight by courtesy of the United Permanent Building Society.

- (c) Egyptian cooking, 11.30, 1.30 and 2.30 daily, 9-13 August

The display is presented by the Australian Gas Light Company.  
A free recipe list is available.

Market Place Level 1 (continuously open 9-21 August)

- (a) The Tomb of Kheni, decorated by the Meadowbank Technical College from the published reports of the Macquarie excavation at El Hawawish. Admission 50¢. Materials supplied by Rheem Australia Ltd., and 3M Aust. Pty. Ltd. Artwork by Mrs Toni Russell.

- (b) Photographs and wall tracings from El Hawawish and elsewhere in Egypt are displayed on the approaches to the tomb.

- (c) Egyptian antiquities from the Macquarie History Teaching Collection will be on display in the enclosure.

- (d) Replicas of Egyptian artefacts will be made and sold by Mr Ramzy Mischriky.

- (e) Video presentations will be screened continuously:-

(i) 'Daily Life in Ancient Egypt' (30 mins);

(ii) 'The Macquarie Expedition to Akhmim' (30 mins).

They are produced by students and staff of Auckland and Macquarie Universities under the supervision of Dr Naguib Kanawati.

Members who are free to assist in making the fortnight a success are asked kindly to ring Mrs Dawne Milne (88.9385). Help will be especially appreciated in manning the stalls, acting as guides and handing out brochures for the Foundation.

OPEN DAY AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

On Saturday, 14 August, various sections of the University will be open to the public, and a program of displays and lectures will be provided between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. The History Teaching Collection will be open for inspection during those hours.

MACQUARIE ANCIENT HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, 17 August, 8.10 p.m.

Price Theatre  
Macquarie University

D.A. RAEBURN  
(Headmaster, Whitgift School)

*Greek Drama for Ancient History Students  
and its relevance today*

Tuesday, 26 August, 7.30 p.m.

Science Theatre  
University of NSW

RAMSAY MACMULLEN  
(Professor of Ancient History, Yale)

*More Government - Less Power?  
The Case of the Decline of Rome*

'AUSTRALIANS EXCAVATING IN ISRAEL'

Under this title, an exhibition will be held in the foyer of the Macquarie University Library as part of Carnevale, 13-19 September. It will include a model of the excavation at Tel Gerisa in which the Macquarie team participates, pictures and diagrams from the season currently under way and a display of artefacts from the Sir Asher Joel Teaching Collection. The exhibition will be opened by brief reports at 8.10 p.m. on Monday, 13 September, in the Price Theatre

FOURTH SEASON OF EXCAVATION AT EL-HAWAWISH

Permission has been received from the Egyptian Department of Antiquities for Macquarie University to continue its dig for the fourth season at El-Hawawish, which will run from 1st December, 1982 to the end of January, 1983. The team, which is mostly formed of students from Macquarie, but also includes students from other Australian and overseas universities, is being selected at present.

SECOND RUNDLE FOUNDATION STUDY TOUR

Following the successful study tour of Egypt in January 1982, consideration is being given to the possibility of another tour in January/February 1983. A decision will be made shortly in the light of the wishes of possible participants. Please ring Mrs D. Milne (88.9385) if interested.

## THE FIRST RUNDLE FOUNDATION FELLOW VISITS AUSTRALIA

The visit of Mr T.G.H. James, Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities at the British Museum, and the first Rundle Foundation Visiting Fellow, attracted an extraordinary amount of public interest. All three public lectures given in Sydney were crowded. At Macquarie some 350 people attended, and at the Australian Museum, the hall, which holds over 300, was filled to capacity and many people were turned away.

The topics of the lectures given by Mr James in Sydney were 'Family Life in Ancient Egypt', 'The Tomb Robbers of Ancient Egypt', and 'Wine, Women and Song in Ancient Egypt'. During his week in Sydney, Mr James also participated in a special interest seminar on 'The Family in the Ancient Near East', during the ANZAAS Congress held at Macquarie. He paid a short visit to Canberra before travelling to Victoria and South Australia, where others were able to benefit from similar lectures given in Melbourne and Adelaide.

The presence of such a distinguished expert from one of the best museums in the world also was useful in obtaining advice on establishing a museum of ancient cultures at Macquarie, a project currently under consideration. As well, the visit provided opportunities to discuss the planning of future seasons at El-Hawawish. In addition, Mr James read the manuscript of Volume III of Dr Kanawati's book, *The Rock Tombs of El-Hawawish* and made some valuable suggestions before it was sent to the press.

In short, Mr James' visit was unusually stimulating and the amount of public support extremely pleasing. It is to be hoped that the Rundle Foundation will be able to bring a scholar of this calibre every year.

## OBJECTS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM TRANSFERRED TO MACQUARIE

The Macquarie History Teaching Collection has started to receive a substantial collection of books and museum objects from ancient Egypt which is being given by the Australian Museum to Macquarie University on a permanent loan basis. Some statues, inscribed pieces and stones, wooden objects and pottery are included in the inventory, as well as many books which are out of print and thus unobtainable on the market. These items are a considerable addition to the Teaching Collection and will improve the resources available to students and the public.

## WIN A 10-DAY TOUR OF EGYPT

The Egyptian Government Tourist Authority offers, for the first time in Australia, a vacation tour free to a university student who is under 25 on 31 December, 1982. Written answers are required to four questions set on historical and cultural matters (copies available from Mrs Milne, 88.9385), and must reach the Information Counsellor at the Egyptian Embassy in Canberra not later than 30 September.