



The Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology

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Joan Beck with 10 of the 11 members of the Rundle Foundation group.

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M. Pollett, W. Lancaster.

PARTICIPATION IN THE MACQUARIE EXCAVATIONS

The response to our offer for Rundle Foundation members to spend a week at Akhmim has been overwhelming. We originally envisaged two people attending for one week, with the possibility of two more for another week. However the enthusiastic response of the members has necessitated a change in plans, and now eleven members will together spend a week on the mountain of El-Hawawish, where they will be instructed in all aspects of the work and have the opportunity to practise archaeological work as well as experiencing the life of an Australian team working in Egypt. In order to give the group

together the opportunity of visiting other parts of the country, an optional two weeks tour which includes Cairo, Giza, Saqqara, Abydos, Dendera, Luxor, Aswan and Abu Simbel has been negotiated with MISR Travel at a very reasonable price. At the end of their tour, the group will spend one day at the Macquarie's new excavation in Saqqara to see the progress of the work in this new concession.

The group will leave Sydney on New Year's Eve. The photograph on the front page of this Newsletter was taken of the group in a briefing session in the Macquarie Ancient History Teaching Collection on Tuesday, 5 July.

O P E N D A Y

The Macquarie University 'OPEN DAY' on Saturday, 13 August, 1983 will include visits to the Teaching Collection, a video-recording of 'Life in Ancient Egypt' and 'Life on a Macquarie Dig in Egypt'. In addition project kits have been prepared for Primary School children covering some aspects of life in Ancient Egypt. These will be available at a reasonable cost as will book marks designed to illustrate some of the pottery displayed in the Collection. Devonshire Teas will be available as you watch the Video and an Egyptian puppet show will provide additional entertainment.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

The Second Annual Dinner of the Foundation was held on Monday, 23 May at 'Kameraigal' Restaurant where 85 members and their friends spent a most enjoyable evening. Highlights of the evening included a stimulating talk on 'Food in Ancient Egypt' by Dr R. Rodriguez and an entertaining belly-dancing puppet manipulated by Mr R. Mishriky.

THE SECOND HIEROGLYPHS COURSE

Following the success of the Introductory Course of the Hieroglyphic language, 27 members asked for a 'follow-up' course. This was begun at the end of May and is now almost completed.

VISITING LECTURERS

SPEAKER: Dr B. Ockinga
 SUBJECT: 'THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN AND OLD TESTAMENTAL
 IDEAS ON MAN BEING THE IMAGE OF THE GODS/GOD'
 DATE : Thursday, 11 August, 1983 at 8 p.m. in PRICE THEATRE

Dr Ockinga graduated M.A. from the University of Auckland, New Zealand and completed his Doctorate at the University of Tübingen (Germany), where he now holds an academic position. His interest lies in the New Kingdom of Egypt as well as in Old Testament Studies and in this lecture he will talk about the results of his research on a subject that combines his two interests. Admission to the lecture is free for members of the Foundation, Non-Members : \$2.00.

13-14 October : Dr Leslie MacCoull, Director of Studies for
 Coptic Archaeology, Cairo.

Dr MacCoull has accepted our invitation to visit Sydney as the Rundle Foundation Fellow for 1983. She will give an illustrated public lecture 'EGYPT IN LATE ANTIQUITY' on Friday, 14 October at 8 p.m. (to be confirmed).

Dr MacCoull will conduct a day time seminar on 13 and 14 October, under the auspices of the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre, entitled:

'CULTURE & CHRISTIANITY IN LATE ANTIQUE EGYPT'

THE ROCK TOMBS OF EL-HAWAWISH, Vol.IV

Vol.IV of this series is now with the printer and will appear by mid-August. Vol.IV reports on Tombs of the Fifth Dynasty, a period when art was characterised by crowded scenes and attention paid to the depiction of minor details. It is interesting to contrast this style of art with the more spacious art of the Sixty Dynasty as represented in most of the tombs published in the previous three volumes. An order form is enclosed for those wishing to purchase a copy. Please complete the form and forward it with your cheque (made payable to Macquarie University) to:

Miss Joan Beck,
School of History,
Macquarie University,
NORTH RYDE 2113

Price : \$18.00
Foundation Members : \$15.00
Postage : \$2.00 extra

C O U R S E S 1 9 8 4

The Foundation is planning a number of courses for 1984 which will include Week-end courses, both Introductory and Advanced, on the Egyptian Civilization as well as the Hieroglyphic language. As all our activities have so far been restricted to evening classes, an 8-weeks day course (2 hours of lectures a week) on Egyptian Civilization and language will be offered for people who cannot attend during the evening.

A week-end course is also planned in early 1984 for teachers and students of Years 11 and 12. The course is designed to cover the Egyptian section of the H.S.C. syllabus. Over 400 students and teachers have already expressed their intention to attend the week-end. Some parents have also expressed a desire to attend the course, and they will be very welcome.

M.A.H.A. LECTURES

10 August	8 p.m.	Professor E.A. Judge	Price Theatre
		'A U G U S T U S'	
24 September	1.30 p.m.	Mr D.J. Phillips and Assoc.Professor R.J. Mortley	Price Theatre
		'PHILIP AND ALEXANDER'	

(Both lectures especially for H.S.C. students)