



The Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology

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DR K.A. KITCHEN'S VISIT

The visit by Dr Kenneth Kitchen, the Rundle Fellow for 1984 was most successful. He gave a number of very well attended public lectures and seminars in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. The interest and clarity of his lectures and his warm, friendly manner impressed all who attended the lectures, and made the visit seem far too short.

THE RUNDLE FOUNDATION THIRD ANNUAL DINNER

One hundred and thirty members and friends attended the Annual Dinner of the Foundation which was held at the North Sydney Leagues Club. Dr Kitchen was the Guest Speaker and delivered a most entertaining address.

S A Q Q A R A

Associate Professor Naguib Kanawati gave public lectures at Macquarie University and at the Australian Museum when he presented his report on the dig at Saqqara. Both lectures attracted capacity audiences and the Macquarie lecture was followed by the launching of the Saqqara Excavation Report.

FILM ON SAQQARA

The editing of the film is taking longer than anticipated, but we hope it will be released in the very near future.

EXCAVATIONS AT SAQQARA - REPORT

The first volume of the Excavations at Saqqara is now available. The cost is \$20.00 (plus \$2.00 postage). The report includes tombs of officials from the reigns of Teti and Pepy I of Dynasty VI as well as burials from the latter part of the XVIIIth Dynasty, from the reigns of Thutmose III, Hatshepsut and Akhenaten. A large number of gold objects, pottery (including imported Cypriot jars), perfume jars, alabaster vessels, scarab seals etc. are also included.

VISITING FELLOW OF THE RUNDLE FOUNDATION FOR 1985

Dr Geoffrey Martin, Reader in Egyptian Archaeology,
University College, London

The Foundation has great pleasure in announcing the visit of Dr Geoffrey Martin in May or June, 1985. Dr Martin has excavated extensively in Egypt and is considered as a world authority on the Amarna Period and the late XVIIIth Dynasty. Among his planned lectures are 'The Memphite Tomb of Horemheb, Commander-in-Chief of Tutankhamon' and 'The Tomb of Akhenaten, and the Royal Necropolis at El-Amarna'.

THE THIRD STUDY TOUR OF EGYPT

The Bi-Annual Study Tour (which is open to members only), is planned to leave Sydney towards the end of December, 1985. It will include two weeks of visits to various archaeological sites such as Luxor, Aswan (by Nile cruiser), Abu Simbel, Giza, Saqqara and other sites accompanied by Dr Boyo Ockinga. It will also include one week's participation in the Macquarie excavations at El-Hawawish (Akhmim). Because of the very limited accommodation at Sohag and the number that can be employed on the dig, an immediate response of those interested, is essential. No final cost can be given at this stage but, based on the 1983 Tour, we expect the cost to be around \$3,500 (incl.). If you are interested, please contact Miss Joan Beck, School of History, Macquarie University - 88.9355 (Tues. Wed. Thurs.)

EXCAVATIONS IN EGYPT

Excavations at Saqqara will be rested this coming season to be resumed in October 1985.

Work will be conducted this season - December 1984-January 1985 - at the mountain of El-Hawawish with a larger than usual team participating. There will be eight people from Macquarie alone. In addition to the usual work of uncovering and recording new tombs, more emphasis will be placed upon the preservation of tombs discovered in previous seasons.

Copies of *The Rock Tombs of El-Hawawish* Vols. I-IV are available.

VISIT OF DR CORNELIA RÖMER

From mid-October to mid-December Dr Cornelia Römer will be a Visiting Fellow (Research Scholar) in the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre. She comes from the Institut für Altertumskunde of the University of Cologne, and is a specialist in Christian papyri. In the Centre she will work on the re-editing of texts for the first volume of the *Corpus Papyrorum Christianarum*.

A research seminar at which papers will be given on Macquarie and other papyri will be held on Friday, 2 November, in the Centre. Members of the Foundation may apply to attend by ringing Mrs Pat Geidans (88.9762). A fee of \$15.00 covers this and the following function.

At 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 2 November in W5A.T1, Dr Cornelia Römer will give an illustrated presentation of

THE MINIATURE COLOGNE MANI-CODEX

This exquisite match-box sized book from Egypt has recently revealed vital new details of the life of Mani, the third-century teacher whose religion (the first historical example of a politically independent system of belief and life such as we now understand by that term) rivalled Christianity in late antiquity.

Attendance (evening only): \$2.00 payable at the door.

C O U R S E S

An Introductory Course of eight lectures on Egyptian Hieroglyphs will be conducted each WEDNESDAY, commencing 13 March 1985, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$50 which includes the necessary texts.

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An Introduction to Ancient Egypt. A week end course, arranged along similar lines to courses run by the Foundation in 1982, 1983, 1984, is planned for Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 April, 1985, from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fee will be \$25.

The course includes:

An introduction to Hieroglyphs
An outline of Egyptian history
Various aspects of the Egyptian culture
(art, literature, etc.)

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An Advanced Hieroglyphs Course and a week-end Course - 'Aspects of Egyptian Civilization' are also planned for later in the year, and members will be notified of the times and dates.

AN APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF THE RUNDLE FOUNDATION

As we approach the end of our fourth year, we can look back with appreciation at the encouraging response and support of our members. In planning for the future we hope to be able to take an even more active part in the archaeological work in Egypt and to offer a variety of activities to members. This can only be achieved by the expansion of the membership and we appeal to our present members to invite their interested friends to join the Foundation. With this in mind, we enclose application forms and advise that more are available on request.