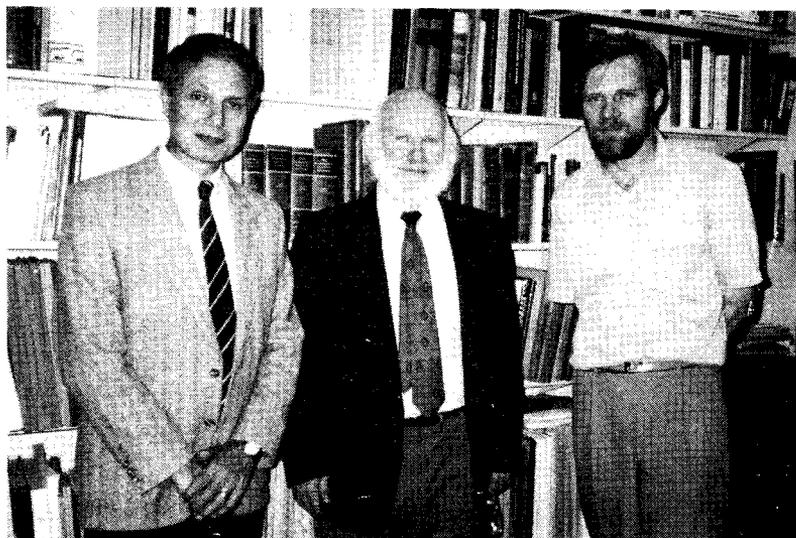




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CONFERENCE - "EGYPT OF AKHENATEN & TUTANKHAMUN"

Four hundred members and friends enjoyed the Conference, "EGYPT OF AKHENATEN & TUTANKHAMUN" on Saturday 29 March and we regret that we were unable to accommodate the large number of late applicants due to a shortage of space. Members are well advised to submit early applications for future events and avoid disappointment. The speakers were Professor Donald Redford (University of Toronto, Canada), Dr Colin Hope (Monash University, Melbourne), Mr Piers Crocker (Australian Institute of Archaeology, Melbourne), Dr Boyo Ockinga (Macquarie University) and Mrs Juliette Bentley (University of Sydney).

A similar Conference was organised at Monash University on Saturday 4 April, and Professor Redford also gave a public lecture in Adelaide on Thursday 2 April.

"EGYPT AND THE EXODUS"

On Tuesday 31 March, Professor Donald Redford delivered a most stimulating lecture at Macquarie University entitled "EGYPT AND THE EXODUS" in which he presented for the first time the results of his research into the subject. He will offer his conclusions on this problem in a symposium in the USA later this year. The lecture was followed by a lively discussion.

CLOSING A CHAPTER

Fieldwork which began at El-Hawawish in December, 1979, was completed in February, 1992. In the 13 seasons, the team from Macquarie has excavated, surveyed, recorded, restored and published the Old Kingdom tombs in the cemetery of Akhmim. The individual tombs have been published in nine volumes with the final volume to be published later this year. A major study of the role played by Akhmim in relation to the entire region of Upper Egypt is now in progress, with Part 1 to be published later in the year.

Members of the Foundation on the Australian Centre's Study Tour in January, 1991, were able to visit the site before it finally closed and was surrendered to the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation. Our future tours will visit other sites currently being excavated by the Australian Centre for Egyptology. To celebrate the last day of the last season, the team organised a party on the mountain where they joined the workmen for a cup of tea and assorted cakes.

A.C.E SPECIAL DINNER

On the occasion of Joan Beck receiving an Honorary Fellowship of Macquarie University, the Australian Centre for Egyptology will host a Special Dinner in her honour. This is a fitting tribute for the long and dedicated service she has given to Egyptology at Macquarie.

The dinner, to be held at the Hyatt Kingsgate Hotel on FRIDAY, 4 September, 1992, will be followed by an illustrated after-dinner talk by Joan Beck on "Sport in Ancient Egypt". The cost will be \$40.00 per person, which includes dinner with drinks, and complimentary parking.

Limited places. Please reserve as soon as possible - Cheques marked payable to:

The Australian Centre for Egyptology
School of History
Macquarie University 2109

A.C.E. STUDY TOUR OF EGYPT - 1993

A three and a half weeks Study Tour of Egypt is planned for January, 1993. Visits will be made to well-known sites as well as many others not visited by tourists. The group will also visit Macquarie's new concession at Deshasha.

Cost: \$6,000.

ENQUIRIES: Joan Beck (02) 805 8848

NEWCASTLE TOUR OF EGYPT - JANUARY, 1993

This 16-day "Budget Tour", led by Mrs Esther Kilkelly, includes a visit to the Macquarie Digs and the monastery at Sinai. (A tentative Itinerary is available).

Cost: \$4,300, subject to rise in airfares.

ENQUIRIES: Mrs Esther Kilkelly (049) 33 2528 (after 4 p.m.).

TOURING NORTHERN GREECE AND TURKEY - 1993

The four weeks tour departs Sydney 1 October and returns 28 October.

Cost: \$6,000.

ENQUIRIES: Joan Beck . (02) 805 8848

DESHASHA

After the delay in commencing work at Deshasha (near Beni Suef), because of the Gulf War, the project started on 1 December, 1991. In a short season of four weeks the team from Macquarie re-excavated and recorded the important tomb of Inty who governed the province towards the end of Dynasty V. The tomb had originally been incompletely excavated and recorded by Petrie. It is fortunate that none of the scenes have deteriorated since Petrie's work in 1889(?). One of the important events recorded in the tomb is an Egyptian siege of an Asiatic city called Nadia. The relief shows in graphic detail the arms used by both parties, the method of scaling the walls and also the use of battering rams. There are also details of the binding and leading of the war prisoners into captivity. The scene is of great significance since only one other similar war scene is known from the entire Old Kingdom period.

COURSES COMPLETED

INTRODUCTION TO HIEROGLYPHS. This course attracted 55 persons at Macquarie University and a similar course was attended by 21 persons at Newcastle.

TOURING NORTHERN GREECE AND TURKEY. Fifty three persons attended the course which followed the route of a proposed tour in October.

COURSES PLANNED

EGYPTIAN QUEENS AND THEIR TIMES

Mrs Gae Callender will give a course on the Egyptian Queens in eight 2-hour lectures commencing WEDNESDAY 22 April, from 7-9 p.m.

FEE; \$70 (members \$65).

ENQUIRIES; Miss Joan Beck - 805 8848

CONFERENCE - "A VISIT TO EGYPT OF THE PHARAOHS"

On Saturday 27 June 1992, a Conference, "A VISIT TO EGYPT OF THE PHARAOHS", will be held in the Price Theatre, Macquarie University, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Conference will be opened at 10 a.m. with the launch of the BRUNNER LIBRARY which was offered to and purchased by Macquarie University in 1991. This will be followed by illustrated talks by Professor Kanawati and other Egyptologists of Macquarie University on the outstanding features of various important sites, thus forming a comprehensive introduction to the monuments of Egypt.

FEE; \$30.00

ENQUIRIES; Miss Joan Beck - 805 8848

THE TOMB OF AMENEMOPE AT THEBES

At the end of November 1991 Dr Ockinga, assisted by Mrs J. Bophy and Mrs H. Winter, began work on a new project in the Theban necropolis to excavate, conserve and publish the tomb of Amenemope, Theban Tomb 148. The tomb is situated at the northern end of the cemetery in an area known as Dra abu el-Naga, near the junction of the road which runs along the edge of the necropolis and the road which leads to the Valley of the Kings. Amenemope lived in the reigns of Ramesses III, IV and V and held a number of important positions in the Theban clerical establishment. His highest offices were Third Prophet of Amun, High Priest of Mut and Greatest of the Seers (= High Priest) of Re in Thebes. Amenemope belonged to a long line of high functionaries in the service of Amun. His grandfather Amenhotep was probably also Third Prophet of Amun, as was his father Tjanefer, before him. He was married to a lady called Tamerit, the daughter of the High Priest of Amun Ramessesnakht. Other members of his family are also known and almost all held office of some kind in the administration of the estates and temples of the Theban gods. Amenemope's influential position is reflected in the size of his T-shaped tomb chapel, which is quite considerable - the long hall is 18 metres in length, the broad hall is 15 metres wide; one of the two burial passages, ca. 2 metres high and wide, runs 30 metres into the mountain. A further feature which points to Amenemope's high position is the size of the engaged statues at either end of the broad hall. On the left is a double statue representing him and his wife seated with a small figure of a daughter standing between them. The statues are of truly royal proportions, being well over 3 metres in height.

The state of preservation of the wall reliefs, which have been cut into a thick layer of gypsum plaster, varies. In places they are in excellent condition and still retain their brilliant original colours, but other areas have suffered considerably from the depredations of time. In the broad hall there are interesting series of reliefs, one depicting various members of Amenemope's family, another showing him being rewarded and/or being inducted into office by Ramesses III and IV. The rest of the decoration in the broad hall and long hall is devoted to material of a religious nature, mainly from the Book of the Dead.

The task that lies ahead of the Macquarie team is a considerable one but it will doubtless prove to be both challenging and rewarding.

THE MACQUARIE MUMMIES RECORDED BY "60 MINUTES"

The project of examining the six mummies discovered in one burial chamber at El-Hagarsa, went ahead during January, 1992. A medical team from the University of Manchester, headed by Dr Rosalie David, joined the Macquarie Egyptologists in studying this major and important find. The examination was recorded by Channel 9's Jennifer Byrne and her team. Following the medical analysis of the results, the "60 MINUTES" program will go to air, and interested members are advised that the program is expected to be shown in the very near future.

MEMBERSHIP

We remind our members that the subscriptions for 1992 are now overdue and we thank all those who have already renewed.

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY PARKING FEES

We wish to inform our members that parking fees at the University are now \$4 a day or part thereof, Monday to Friday, with a weekend charge of \$2 a day or part thereof.