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A.C.E. Special Dinner

The Australian Centre for Egyptology held its Annual Dinner on Friday 4 September at the Hyatt Kingsgate to celebrate the Honorary Fellowship of Macquarie University received by Joan Beck. Among the Guests of Honour were the Consul-General for Egypt, Macquarie's Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor. In presenting Joan Beck, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Di Yerbury, summarised Joan's careers and achievements in both sport and archaeology. In particular she emphasised the debt that Macquarie University and Egyptology owe to Joan's special efforts and dedication.

After a superb dinner, Joan gave an illustrated talk on **Sports in Ancient Egypt**, which was followed by drawing the winners of the "Guessing Competition", and the evening ending with music and dancing.

- First Prize: Two return air tickets to Egypt, donated by Singapore Airlines, was won by Ian Devereux.
- Second Prize: A ceramic Chinese chess set, made and donated by Dorothy-Rae Sullivan, was won by Sandra Russell.
- Third Prize: A ceramic Egyptian cat, also made and donated by Dorothy-Rae Sullivan, was won by S.J. Seeney.

Special Thanks

The Australian Centre for Egyptology wishes to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to Singapore Airlines and Twin Wings Air Travel for their gift of two return air tickets to Egypt, which were donated as First Prize in the Guessing Competition.

Equally, our special thanks are due to Dorothy-Rae Sullivan for the beautiful ceramic Chinese chess set and ceramic Egyptian cat which she made and presented to the A.C.E. and which were the second and third prizes in the same competition.

Courses Completed

The following courses have been completed and all were very well attended:

Tombs and Burial Rites of the Ancient Egyptians - Michael Birrell.
Advanced Reading Course in Hieroglyphs - Professor Kanawati.
Ancient Egyptian Queens and Their Times - Gae Callender.
Reading Course in Hieroglyphs: *The Book of the Dead* - Dr Ockinga.

Courses Planned for 1993

First Semester:

1. An 8-weeks course, **An Introduction to Hieroglyphs**, will be conducted by Professor Kanawati each Wednesday, commencing 10 March, 7-9 pm.
Cost: \$70 (members \$65).
2. A 6-weeks course, **An Introduction to Archaeology**, will be conducted by Tina Ashburner, each Tuesday, commencing 4 May, 7-9 pm. Cost: \$100.

Second Semester:

1. Michael Birrell will conduct a course, **Farmer, Noble, Soldier, Scribe: Professional Life in Ancient Egypt**, in July.
(Details of date and cost in the February Newsletter).
2. Gael Callaghan will give eight 2-hour lectures each Wednesday, commencing 4 August, 7-9 pm, on **From Womb to Tomb: Life in Ancient Egypt**.
Cost: \$70 (members \$65).
3. An 8-weeks course, **New Slants in New Kingdom Egyptian History**, will be given by Gae Callender each Tuesday, commencing 7 September, 7-9 pm.
Cost: \$70 (members \$65).

Distinguished Scholar to visit Macquarie

Professor Harry Smith of University College London will visit Macquarie during August/September, 1993. Lectures and other activities will be organised during his visit.

A Detailed Study Tour of Luxor and Aswan

In January, 1994, a detailed Study Tour of Cairo, Luxor and Aswan will be conducted by the A.C.E. The tour will concentrate on the many sites in these areas to study them in some detail, and the lecturer will be Dr Ockinga, who has his own dig at Luxor.

For the tour to proceed we require a minimum of 16 persons, with a firm indication of interest by the end of March, 1993 and a non-refundable deposit of \$500 by the end of June, 1993.

Cost: \$6,000

A Study Tour of Syria and Jordan

The Australian Centre for Egyptology is planning a three weeks study tour of Syria and Jordan in December 1993/January 1994.

The tour, which will visit many archaeological sites, would leave Australia just after Christmas, 1993 and return mid-January, 1994. As a minimum of 16 persons is required for the tour to proceed, we need to have firm indication of intentions from interested people by the end of March, 1993 and a non-refundable deposit of \$500 by the end of June, 1993.

Cost: \$5,800.

Visiting Scholars August/September

Dr Mark Collier, Research Fellow at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, visited Macquarie in August/September. During his stay he gave two seminars, and a public lecture on **Remembrance and Coping: People, Lives and Death in Ancient Egypt**, all of which were well attended.

Dr Sheila Whale joined the teaching staff of the University for August/September giving lectures to students enrolled in the Early Civilizations Course. Her book, *The Family in the XVIIIth Dynasty of Egypt*, published by the A.C.E. is available from Joan Beck, School of History. Cost: \$35 (members \$30) plus \$5 postage.

Conference, 1993: Current Australian Excavations in Egypt.

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Discussion Group

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Commencing March 1993 on the FIRST Friday of each month, the Discussion will be followed by a "dinner", when each member will be asked to bring a "plate" and enjoy a social gathering.

The Activities Committee

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Jennifer Jaeger has agreed to distribute the A.C.E. sweat-shirts and socks to Melbourne members. She also has a large selection of Books and Journals dealing with Egyptology which can be sent to any address in Australia. For further information: Ms Jennifer Jaeger, P.O. Box 28, OAKLEY SOUTH 3167. Ph. (03) 807 9401

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