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SOME OF THE GRADUATES AND STAFF FROM
MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY AFTER THE CEREMONY

GRADUATION, MAY 1999

Friday, May 14, 1999 was a special day for Egyptology at Macquarie University. A record number of candidates received degrees. A list of graduates follows. *Doctor of Philosophy*: Judith Brophy (Thesis; Door-frames in New Kingdom private tombs: analysis of the decoration - inscriptions on the jambs and lintels). *Master of Arts*: June Anderson, Patricia Ball, David Bussman, Leonie Donovan, Peter Fogarty, Gregory Gilbert, John Limbourne, Vivienne Littlejohn, Lisa Pearce, Jane Smythe, Bronwyn St Clair. *Bachelor of Arts*: Carol Allen.

It was extremely pleasing to celebrate the occasion and see the results of so many years of studies crowned by such achievements. After the ceremony the graduates were greeted with roses and joined family, friends and staff to enjoy refreshments on the university lawns when a group photograph was taken.

10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR EGYPTOLOGY

The Australian Centre for Egyptology celebrates its 10th anniversary this year having been founded in October 1989 by the Macquarie University Council. Since then the Centre has established itself as one of the most active archaeological institutions working in Egypt with operations now progressing at Helwan, Saqqara and Thebes. In addition to its annual Bulletins, the Centre has established two series of publications: the A.C.E. Reports of which thirteen volumes have been published and the A.C.E. Studies of which five volumes have appeared.

Professor Kenneth Kitchen will visit the A.C.E. from late August to early September. He has been associated with the Centre from its inception and has visited Australia twice in the last decade. Professor Kitchen has kindly agreed to give public lectures and be the after-dinner speaker at the special Anniversary Dinner detailed below.

JANET GALE VISITING FELLOWSHIP

Mrs Janet Gale has pledged an annual donation to establish a Visiting Fellowship which will allow scholars of international standing to visit and lecture at various centres in Australia. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of Mrs Gale which will ensure that the A.C.E. and general public will benefit from interaction with Egyptologists from abroad.

COURSE

Mr Michael Birrell will teach a course entitled "THE PYRAMIDS OF EGYPT" for six weeks commencing on August 12.
Please contact the A.C.E. office for application forms.

COST: \$100

Thursdays 7-9pm

Venue: Museum of Ancient Cultures, Level 3 X5B

U.S.E.R. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR EGYPTOLOGICAL RESEARCH

U.S.E.R., a study group for students of Egyptology, is a forum for enquiry and research. There is a two-hour meeting each month and other social activities during the year. The annual membership of \$10 covers notices of meetings and refreshments. Cheques can be made out to U.S.E.R. and forwarded to: U.S.E.R., Division of Humanities, Macquarie University, N.S.W. 2109.

Meetings for 2nd semester: 30th July, 27th August, 24th September, 22nd October, 19th November (dinner).

Venue: 7pm in the Museum of Ancient Cultures, X5B, level 3

EGYPTIAN STUDY TOUR, JANUARY 2000

Due to many requests from our members and friends, a three-week Macquarie University study tour of Egypt, led by Mr Michael Birrell, will leave Sydney on January 19th, 2000. Participants will visit many of the important sites in Egypt including Giza, Saqqara, Luxor, Aswan and the Nubian temples.

There are two options for air travel; Economy or Business Class.

COST: \$6200 Business Class
 \$5400 Economy

Closing date for expressions of interest accompanied by a **NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit of **\$500** is July 31. As numbers for the tour are limited to 22 we advise interested members to book as early as possible.

Cheques to be made payable to the **A.C.E. TRAVEL FUND** and sent to the A.C.E. office.

NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

A new Activities Committee has been formed consisting of the following members: Leonie Donovan (Chair), June Anderson (Secretary), Dianne Herbert (Treasurer), Judy Dean (Publicity Officer), Sue Angelo, Patricia Ball, Joan Beck, Susanne Binder, Julie-Ann Bradwyn, David Glass, Robyn Howard, John Limbourne, Anne McFarlane.

EVENING LECTURES.

Susanne Binder will present a talk on "THE NEW KINGDOM ROYAL TOMBS: THE FATE OF THEIR CONTENTS".

COST: \$10

DATE: Thursday 22 July, 7pm

Our visiting academic, Dr Kenneth Kitchen, will deliver a talk entitled "THE THIRD INTERMEDIATE PERIOD".

COST: \$10

DATE: Monday 6 September, 7pm

Linda Evans will discuss the issue "DID THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS HAVE PETS?"

COST: \$10

DATE: Monday 27 September, 7pm

In the last lecture of the year Michael Birrell will give a talk entitled "THE TEMPLES OF NUBIA"

COST: \$10

DATE: Monday 11 October, 7pm

All lectures will be in the Museum of Ancient Cultures, Level 3 X5B and be followed by a light supper.

Please complete the enclosed form and return with a cheque to the address below.

10th ANNIVERSARY LECTURES AND DINNER

A celebratory function will be held on Saturday, September 4th from 4pm at *The Melkite Catholic Centre, 80 Waterloo Road, Greenacre.*

Dr Kenneth Kitchen and Dr Colin Hope will give lectures before dinner and Dr Kitchen will deliver the keynote address at the dinner.

COST : (inclusive of lectures and dinner)

MEMBERS - \$45

NON-MEMBERS - \$50

MERCHANDISE

1999 mug: COST: \$8 per mug or two for \$15 plus postage of \$3.50 per mug.

Slide sets on topics from previous Macquarie digs are available covering *The Old Kingdom* and *The New Kingdom*.

COST: \$25 + \$3 postage per kit.

Cheques for these functions or merchandise must be made payable to the **Activities Committee**.

MUSEUM OPENING HOURS

Wednesdays, 1-8pm during the University semester.

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