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A rare representation of a tomb-owner presenting Ma'at to a god: a gesture usually reserved for the king.

Tomb of Amenemope TT148

Macquarie University Theban Tombs Project

EXCITING NEW COURSES FOR 1ST SEMESTER 2002

All Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses in Egyptology will now be offered as Continuing Education courses in 2002 at a cost of \$150 (including GST) per course per semester. Non-degree students will be able to attend all lectures and tutorials at the same

time as the students sitting for their degrees but will not have to submit assignments or sit for examinations. No formal certificate will be issued to non-degree students, and obviously preference will be given to the degree students during the course of these lectures and tutorials.

The following Postgraduate courses will be available in the first semester of 2002. It should be noted by degree-enrolled students that some of these units are held concurrently with Undergraduate equivalents.

AHPG 860	Ancient Egypt	Thursdays	6-9 p.m.
AHPG 862	Egyptian Religious Documents	Fridays	6-9 p.m.
AHPG 863	Egyptian Wall Paintings	Mondays	6-9 p.m.
AHPG 867	Prehistoric Egypt	Mondays	6-9 p.m.
AHPG 870	Introduction to Middle Egyptian	Tuesdays	6-9 p.m.
AHPG 875	New Kingdom Egypt	Thursdays	6-9 p.m.
AHPG 878	Documents of the Ramesside Period	Tuesdays	6-9 p.m.

Members interested in the Continuing Education Programs are requested to complete the accompanying Application Form and forward with their cheques to the A.C.E. Office as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made to accommodate both the Degree and the Continuing Education students in classrooms.

ADDITIONAL COURSES for 2002

Six Weeks Course

Deir-el-Medina – Life and Death in an Ancient Egyptian Village - Dr Michael Birrell

A six-week course dealing with the daily life of the ancient inhabitants of the village of Deir-el-Medina, the famous town at Luxor inhabited by the workmen who constructed the royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings. We will examine the village, its houses and tombs, and the lives of its inhabitants. A vast quantity of artefacts and inscriptions give a wonderful insight into the people of the village, their daily life, work, religious views, legal practice and preparations for death. The course will examine related objects in the Museum of Ancient Cultures, Macquarie University.

Date: Six Tuesday evenings – **March** 5, 12, 19 & 26; **April**, 9 & 16
Time: 7 – 9.00pm
Cost: \$132.00 (incl. GST)
Venue: Museum of Ancient Cultures

Eight Weeks Course

A Thousand Miles Up the Nile - Dr Michael Birrell

In this course we will follow in the footsteps of Amelia Edwards, the famous traveller of the 19th Century as we study the temples and tombs along the Nile. The course begins with Cairo as we study the pyramids at Giza, Saqqara and Dahshur. As we head southwards we will look at the temples of Dendera, the Valley of the Kings and the temple of Edfu. We also examine the temples and tombs at Aswan and the Temple of Isis on Philae Island. The course ends with the beautiful temple of Abu Simbel.

Date: Eight Tuesday evenings – **May** 21 & 28; **June**, 4, 11 & 25; **July**, 2, 9 & 16
Time: 7 – 9.00pm
Cost: \$154.00 (incl. GST)
Venue: Museum of Ancient Cultures

N.B. A Booking Form for these two courses is included with this Newsletter and Bulletin. Please note that it may be necessary to cancel these courses if insufficient bookings are received to make these courses economical. Members will be notified as soon as possible.

MACQUARIE EXCAVATION SITES

At this stage Macquarie University will still be undertaking excavations at their sites in late 2001 and early 2002.

- ♀ Professor Naguib Kanawati will be at working at his new site at Giza and also at Saqqara where work will continue on both the Teti and Unis cemeteries.
- ♀ Dr. Boyo Ockinga is planning another season in January and February at Dra Abu el Naga, Thebes (on the west bank opposite Luxor) in the tombs of Amenemope and Saroy.
- ♀ Dr. Ann McFarlane will also continue her excavation and recording of the tombs of Kaemheset and Kaemsenu at Saqqara.
- ♀ Dr. Christiana Köhler will be continuing her work at Helwan and in the Cairo Museum. This will be Dr. Kohler's fifth season at Helwan where intensive salvage excavation work has already been undertaken and will continue during this forthcoming season.

EARLY NOTICE – CONFERENCE 2002

The Annual Conference for 2002 will be held in early August. The visiting speakers will be Dr Stephen Snape and Dr Joyce Tyldesley. Dr Snape lectures in Egyptian archaeology at the University of Liverpool and excavates in the western delta at the site of one of the border fortresses built by Ramesses II to secure the western border with Libya. Dr Tyldesley has a PhD from Oxford and is an honorary research associate at Liverpool. She is well known as the author of numerous books written for the general public on ancient Egypt, for example, *Daughters of Isis: Women in Ancient Egypt*, *Ramesses: Egypt's Greatest Pharaoh*, *Nefertiti: Egypt's Sun Queen*, and *Hatshepsut: the Female Pharaoh*.

Details of date and venue will appear in the next newsletter.

EARLY NOTICE - 2002 DINNER

It is hoped to have another Dinner in 2002 as so many members appear to enjoy these occasions. Further details of any decision will be advised in the next newsletter, but it is anticipated that it may be held in May or June.

A.C.E. OFFICE

Mr. Jim Dove, who has been a volunteer in this office for the past 15 months, has decided to leave due to pressures of work. Jim has spent many hours cataloguing all the books that belong to the Rundle Foundation. His efforts have been greatly appreciated by all those associated with the office and we thank him for his time and support.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

"Akhnaten"

Expressions of interests are sought to attend an opera entitled *Akhnaten* by Phillip Glass on either Saturday 18th or Saturday 25th May 2002. The opera is being performed at the State Opera South Australia.

This opera, drawn from texts written in Akhnaten's own time, is sung in the original language, with a narrator providing translation. The music is described as "overwhelming - minimalist and hauntingly beautiful". It is hoped to arrange a trip to Adelaide for this event. More information can be obtained at <http://www.saopera.sa.gov.au/akhnaten.htm>

Final costs, including accommodation, air fares and admittance (\$40), will depend on the numbers wishing to attend. Any members, who feel that they may be interested in attending this event, please contact this office with their details either by mail or email by 31st January 2002.

Canberra Excursion

The Rundle Foundation is planning an excursion for members to an exhibition at the National Library entitled "Treasures from the Worlds' Great Libraries". The British Library, the National Library of China, the Library of Congress and the Jewish National University and Library (to name a few) are lending some of their most precious objects. Travel will be by coach.

Date: Sunday 17th February 2002

Cost: TBA

Enquiries and expressions of interest:

Call 9850 8848 after 16th January 2002

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Report No. 16 - N. Kanawati, *Tombs at Giza, Kaiemankh (G.45610) and Seshemnefer (G.4940), Volume I*

Report No. 17 - N. Kanawati and M. Abder-Raziq, *The Teti Cemetery at Saqqara, Volume VII: The Tombs of Shepsiptah, Mereri (Merinebti), Hefi and Others*, (due mid-Dec 2001)

Study No. 6 - F. Giles, *The Amarna Age: Egypt*. Members should be aware that unlike the first volume, which dealt with evidence from Western Asia, this volume brings to fruition the studies of Dr Giles on the Amarna Age covering all the evidence from Egypt.

All Reports and Studies - \$44 (incl. GST)

N. Kanawati, *The Tomb & Beyond*

This publication will be available early in 2002, and further information will be advised to Members.

CHEQUES PAYABLE: Please make all cheques payable to MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY and forward directly to this office.

LATE CHANGES TO ANY EVENTS OR FUNCTIONS: A recording will be left on our answering machine notifying any changes. Please ring after 5 pm in the week before any function or event.

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