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Wink Jaffee Donates Magnificent Roman Coin Collection to Department

Wilton ("Wink") Jaffee, longtime friend and supporter of the Classics Department, had a passionate belief in the value of ancient history in a liberal arts curriculum. He passed away on April 22, 2003, and will be sorely missed by his many friends among students and faculty in the Department. For several years he participated in the instruction of students in Classics, giving freely of his time to share with students and faculty his love of ancient history and numismatics. Working with Profs. Noel Lenski, Diane Conlin, and Peter Knox, he devoted himself to the preservation of ancient Roman culture. Mr. Jaffee had assembled an extensive collection of Roman gold coinage of the imperial period. He generously shared his collection with the Department on numerous occasions. Each viewing of this remarkable collection provided an educational opportunity for the faculty to bring the history of Rome to life for the students. Before his death, Mr. Jaffee donated his collection to the Department of Classics to ensure that this educational purpose will continue in perpetuity. Under the stewardship of the Classics faculty, the Wilton Jaffee Ancient Roman Coin Collection will remain a treasure for the University of Colorado, enriching the lives of students and faculty for generations to come.

From the Chair



One of the nicest parts of my job as Chair is this annual opportunity to take credit for the wondrous accomplishments of my colleagues in the Department. In spite of the dramatic decline in support for the University from the State, the faculty have continued to perform marvelously. Ariana Traill, Susan Prince, Barbara Hill and Beth Dusingberre have collaborated with the Faculty Teaching Excellence Program on a pilot project in teaching assessment, from which our students will benefit for many years to come. Peter Hunt returned from a semester's research leave to resume his teaching responsibilities, while working on his latest book, now under contract with Cambridge University Press. Chris Shields returned from a semester as a visiting professor at Yale in time to pick up his Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Boulder Faculty Assembly, the fifth time in four years that a member of the Department has won one of these prestigious awards. Eckart Schütrumpf, fresh off his Faculty Fellowship, is nearing completion of his monumental commentary on Aristotle's *Politics*. Diane Conlin is the recipient of a large grant from the Loeb Classical Library Foundation in support of her project to excavate the Villa of Maxentius in Rome. We have been missing Noel Lenski, while he has been in Munich on a Humboldt Fellowship, but we have his recent book, *Failure of Empire* (Berkeley 2002), to keep us company until he returns this summer. And next fall we will welcome our newest member, Andrew Cain, fresh out of Cornell, where he will have completed his dissertation on St. Jerome.

It takes a bit of courage to read the newspaper these days. Support for higher education in Colorado has never been lower, and it is sad to see wonderful educational programs terminated and teaching opportunities lost. What gets us through these difficult times are the enthusiasm and dedication of faculty, students, and friends who value the contribution of the Classics Department to the life of the mind in Colorado. There can be no greater testimony to this faith than the extraordinary generosity of our friends and patrons. In this issue you will read about the marvelous gift by Wilton Jaffee, ancient historian and benefactor, in support of Roman history and numismatics. The Wilton Jaffee Collection of Ancient Roman Coins will serve generations of students and scholars at the University of Colorado long after the budget difficulties of the present moment have faded into memory. We are grateful for this remarkable expression of support for our twin missions in teaching and research.

On the first of July I will be promoted from Chair to full-time member of the faculty. It has been a privilege to serve the students and faculty in the Department. And it has been a delight to come to know its friends, alumni, and alumnae. John Gibert will be writing in this space in the future. It will not be an easy time to be a chair, but he will find that there are no better places, no finer colleagues, and no more supportive friends than here in Boulder.

Peter E. Knox
Chair



Nichols Awards Granted

The Department of Classics has selected four continuing students and one entering student as Nichols Scholars for 2003-04. The five awards will be funded through a generous donation from CU alumna and classics major Ann Nichols. Although it is always difficult to make choices among the large pool of excellent students we are privileged to call Classics majors, the Undergraduate Committee (Susan Prince, Beth Dusinberre, and Barbara Hill) was confronted with a difficult choice in selecting only four students from our impressive pool of thirteen students, who shared among them a GPA of 3.55. Next year's Nichols Scholars share the extremely impressive GPA of 3.93 overall and 3.983 in Classics Department courses.

The Herodotus Travel Grant will go to junior Megan Lillie, who plans to attend the Program of the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. Megan was selected for her achievement in Classics and Ancient History and for the clear advantages that a semester at the Centro offers to her education and professional plans. She has worked extensively with Prof. Bob Hohlfelder of the History Department in marine archaeology and intends to complete an Honors Thesis on a related topic. Ultimately she plans to become a professional ancient historian.

Three continuing students will receive Distinguished Undergraduate Fellowships to fund their study here at CU in 2003-04. Sophomore Tiernan Doyle, who focuses on Latin and Greek language and literature, was praised by one faculty member for her language skills, writing, and participation in class. "But what really set her apart," continues our colleague, "was her thoughts and observations about the poems. At the end of the term, she had a complete set of extremely articulate, insightful mini-essays that would have done credit to just about any of our graduate students." Tiernan hopes eventually to pursue graduate study in Classics and Linguistics, including also

hieroglyphics and other fine "dead" languages.

Sophomore Kelly Lewis will receive a Distinguished Undergraduate Fellowship in recognition of her outstanding performance and enthusiasm in courses across the curriculum, and especially in the ancient history and literature in translation courses she has taken in the Classics Department. Kelly, who as a high school student looked forward to majoring in Classics in college, is now completing her second year of Latin with high A's in every Latin class and is about to begin Greek in the fall. In Classics courses in translation, where graded projects tend to be subjective and plentiful, and the material extensive and diverse, she has routinely turned in course grades above 95, always either top in the class or very close to it. Her enthusiasm is apparent always, as for instance in her choice to take courses this summer instead of working, since her fellowship will cover portions of her budget for the next academic year that she would otherwise cover from summer employment. Kelly has a double major in U.S. history and intends to teach Latin and history in high school.

Freshman Richard Payne will receive a Distinguished Undergraduate Fellowship in recognition of his tremendous skills and ambitions as a late-antique historian and as a recent but awesomely impressive student of Greek and Latin. Richard has picked up Greek this year in the normal way, by taking the introductory Greek sequence CLAS 1013-

1023— where his test scores are always top in the class, and often perfect ... before the extra credit. But his Latin is, at the elementary level, self-taught: he started over the December holidays and is now holding his own, and indeed excelling, in simultaneous adventures in 3rd- and 4th-semester Latin, CLAS 2114 and 2124. He recently entered the department translation competitions in both languages, which were intended to target third-year students, and put himself in contention for each of the prizes. But perhaps his greatest accomplishment so far at CU has been in a course in the history of late antiquity, where his instructor reported, "Among the 300 students I have instructed both at Princeton and here at Boulder, Richard is the best student I have ever taught." Richard hopes to become a scholar of Byzantium.

Last but not least, the Ann Nichols Fellowship for an incoming Classics major from a Colorado high school will go to Caitlyn Sawyer of the Denver University High School. Caitlyn is a fourth-year Latin student of CU's own MAT alumnus Josh Watson. She excels in Latin and has been on the honor role for her broader academic accomplishments, and she hopes to continue her studies in Classics and eventually focus on classical archaeology.

We congratulate our fellowship winners and give public thanks to our generous benefactor, who inspires all our students by making these awards possible.



Winners of Nichols Fellowships, Kelly Lewis, Megan Lillie, Tiernan Doyle, and Richard Payne (left to right), assemble in the Classics Library.



ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD NOTES

Thanks to the energy and commitment of a growing horde of undergraduate and graduate students, Classical Archaeology continues to flourish in the Department of Classics! In addition to filling packed courses such as Trash and Treasure, students are breaking free of the classroom walls, leaving the mountains of Colorado, and trekking off to Italy to dig. Last summer, Rachel Kahn (Classics B.A. 02, current Classics M.A. student) spent a season enrolled in the field school of the Anglo-American Project in Pompeii

exploring the remains of structures in Insula VI,1. In addition to digging, learning and enjoying the camp atmosphere of the Pompeii project, Rachel uncovered a well-preserved piece of sculpted plaster in the cistern collapse of the House of the Surgeon.

Bravissima!

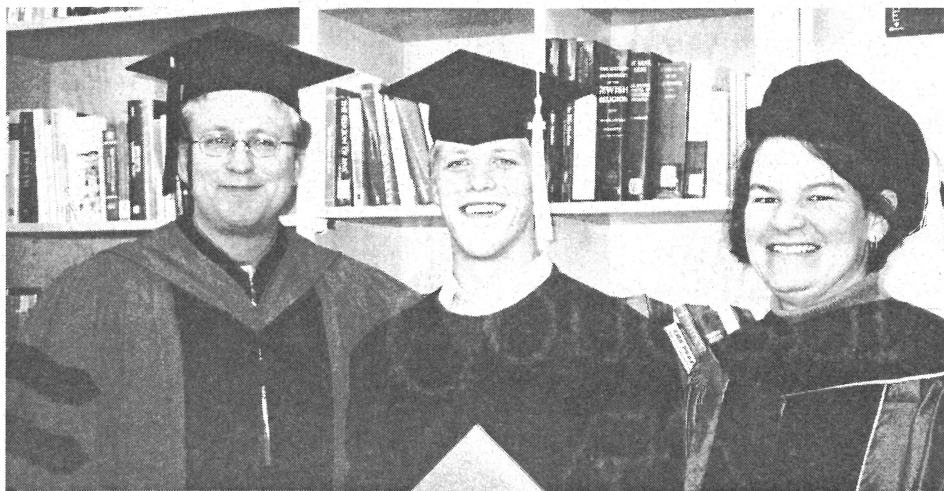
This coming summer, two sophomore Classics majors, Elizabeth Hegeman and Emily Slitz, will join Nancy Greguras, a Classics M.A. student, at the Tufts University excava-

tions and field school at Poggio Civitate (Murlo) near Siena, Italy. Beth, Emily and Nancy will learn field methods, conservation and documentation while uncovering domestic structures and fortifications at this early Etruscan site. They are especially excited to enhance their classroom learning in Boulder through hands-on analysis of artifacts in the field and, of course, discover the joys of modern Italian culture. In addition to fieldwork, all three young scholars will attend site lectures and visit museums throughout Tuscany. In addition to weeks of training in Tuscany, they plan to visit Rome for a week in early July to wander through the Forum Romanum, explore the museum galleries and indulge in gelato. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures next fall. *Buon viaggio!*

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that in late June of 2003, the Colorado/Kalamazoo/ Comune excavations at Villa of Maxentius will begin our multi-year exploration of this late Roman imperial villa with a four-week survey project. Prof. Diane Conlin, project co-director, has invited Classics graduate students, Rachel Kahn and Holly Scriptor, to participate as project student assistants. Holly was awarded a scholarship to cover a portion of her travel costs from the Dante Alighieri Society of Denver, CO, Inc. Prof. Noel Lenski will join us in Rome to assist as the project numismatist and historian. In addition to completing our initial research objectives such as mapping out the site, determining future trench locations, and coordinating our databases, documentation procedures and conservation plans, the team will make final preparations for the full scale student field school. The field school is tentatively scheduled to begin in the summer of 2004 pending financial support from the institutions, external grant agencies, donors and CU alumni. Prof. Conlin hopes to enroll approximately 10-12 students from CU with training in Classics for the first field season.

Buona fortuna!

Undergraduate News



Professors Peter Knox and Susan Prince, undergraduate director, congratulate December graduate Nic Newlin.

The Classics Department is a busy place these days as 50-60 undergraduate majors and 25-30 minors make their way through classes and various other activities. In early February several journeyed to Snow Mountain Ranch for a weekend retreat, and in April several others presented themselves for a Greek and Latin translation examination. Competitors translated unseen passages from Lysias and Livy. Winners were Tiernan Doyle in Greek, and Richard Payne in Latin. Both Tiernan and Richard were awarded copies of the *Oxford Classical Dictionary*. Congratulations!

On Friday, December 20, 2002, nine Classics majors and minors received their degrees and were honored at a Graduation reception in the Humanities Reading Room. December graduates include Jared Benton, Jessika Brobeck, Ryan Butcher, Beth Fete, Kevin Jones, Elissa Lunney, Brianna Myre, Nicholas Newlin, and Corlynn Schuster.

On May 9, 2003, five more Classics majors will graduate. They are Geoffrey Bradbury, Adam Forrest Kay, Daniel Lourenco, Alicia Munoz, Michelle Soufl, and Emma Sullivan. Congratulations to all on a job very well done!



Faculty News

In addition to teaching undergraduate and graduate courses on Roman art and archaeology, Prof. Diane Conlin divides her energies between archaeological fieldwork in Rome and art historical analysis of Roman marble relief sculptures. As the co-director of the Colorado/Kalamazoo/Comune excavations and field school at the Villa of Maxentius in Rome, Diane and her colleagues have finalized plans for the first survey season to be conducted this summer. The team of professors, specialists, and students was awarded a generous grant from the Loeb Classical Library Foundation at Harvard University to cover a portion of the expenses for the 2003 season. Contributions from GCAH and the Department of Classics also will help cover some of the costs of the 2003 survey project. In addition to the Villa of Maxentius excavations, Prof. Conlin continues to develop her publication on the production, iconography, and stylistic languages of Flavian marble relief sculptures displayed in Rome. New findings from extensive technical and stylistic analyses of the Cancelleria Reliefs in the Vatican Museums conducted in July of 2002 have contributed important data to her study of Flavian sculptural imagery.

This year Prof. Beth Dusinger has been tying up loose ends on a number of scholarly works. She finished copyediting her book manuscript (*Aspects of Empire in Achaemenid Sardis*, which is being published by Cambridge University Press and is due out this spring) and a number of articles focusing on ancient imperialism and the ways this has affected art. She also was able to return to Turkey for active fieldwork for the first time in several years, thanks to the generosity of her husband and parents, who looked after Sam, now two and a half. She is now at work on a new book, a publication of the seals and seal impressions excavated from the site of Gordion (as in the Gordion knot that Alexander cut through the ancient capital city of Midas of the Golden Touch, now a spectacularly beautiful site high on the Anatolian Plateau). This work is turning out to be particularly interesting because the material represents an ex-

posed corpus of material, an unusual feature for ancient seals, which are often illegally looted and sold on the art market. At CU, Prof. Dusinger has very much enjoyed teaching two new courses in the last year (one on the art and archaeology of the Ancient Near East and one on Greek Vase Painting) as well as teaching Greek (Xenophon) and Latin (Vergil). In May 2002 she assumed the mantle of President of the Boulder Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Prof. John Gibert finishes up his term as Graduate Advisor and becomes Chair of the Department on July 1. While continuing to work on his edition of Euripides' *Ion*, he has recently been engaged in collaborative work (with C. Collard, Swansea; and M. J. Cropp, Calgary) that will lead to a volume of texts, translations, and commentaries on *Euripides: Selected Fragmentary Plays* (Aris & Phillips). He is looking forward to traveling to Delphi this summer for a conference on Apollo and performance of *Ion*.

Senior Instructor Barbara Hill continues to serve as Coordinator of the Latin Program and the Modified Foreign Language Program. This year she has given pedagogical presentations at meetings of the UCB Graduate Teacher Program, the Ohio Classical Caucus and the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). This July she will join UCB M.A.T. Sherwin Little, who is vice-president of the American Classical League, in giving a workshop at the Illinois Classical Caucus-National Louis University Latin Pedagogy Workshop.

In a ceremony on Flagstaff Mountain last June, Prof. Peter Hunt married Prof. Mitzi Lee, who does Greek Philosophy at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Their honeymoon in the idyllic Greek islands (Crete, Santorini, and Paros) included a visit to the University of Crete, Rethymno, where Peter delivered a paper on "Thinking with Slaves in the Athenian Assembly" at an international colloquium there. Earlier in the year, Peter traveled to the

Hague to give an invited talk about "Slave Culture in Classical Athens" at the European Social Science History Conference and had a chance to visit the trial of Slobodan Milosevic, which was taking place next door. Peter used his teaching release this fall to draft several chapters of his new book, *War, Peace, and Allegiance in Demosthenes' Athens*, which is now under contract with Cambridge University Press. He also gave an invited lecture based on this research at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, and reviewed a book for the *Classical Review*.

Prof. Peter Knox's paper on "Representing the Great Mother to Augustus" appeared in G. Herbert Brown, ed., *Ovid's Fasti: Historical Readings at its Bimillennium* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002). He also published three book reviews while working on his commentary of Ovid's *Epistulae ex Ponto* and travelled to Wisconsin to lecture on Tibullus. Once again, Peter participated in the University's joint annual symposium with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

This year Prof. Noel Lenski and his family have been living and working in Munich, Germany. Prof. Lenski obtained a Humboldt Fellowship from the German government, which has allowed him to work at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität on a book about slavery in Late Antiquity. Simultaneously he is editing a book on Emperor Constantine I, which was commissioned by Cambridge University Press. He reports that his family is adapting to German life quite handily. His children Helen and Paul are both attending German schools and coming along well with the language. Most important of all, the Lenskis have welcomed a third child, Chloe, into their family on March 29. She is at home now with mother Alison and thriving with all of the attention being lavished on her by her family. Prof. Lenski is looking forward to his return to Boulder this August to resume his teaching.



Prof. Susan Prince continues work on her book on Antisthenes the Socratic. She has recently reviewed one book on a similar topic and is working on the review of a second, but she happily observes that justice is yet to be done for Antisthenes and the Minor Socratics. She is also preparing chapters for the *Blackwell Companion to Ancient Greek History: Classical Greek World* (called "The Organization of Knowledge") and the *Blackwell Companion to Socrates* (called "Antisthenes"), due to be published in 2004 and 2005. At home, Susan and her husband Matthew are proud parents of the 18-month old Christopher, who is recently calling himself "Criffer" and wears shoes in extra wide.

Prof. Eckart Schütrumpf saw his entry on "Xenophon" and another one on the Pseudonym Xenophon appear in "Neue Pauly". In June he will give the keynote address at a conference on "The Greek Strand of Islamic Thought" at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. He will give a paper on Heraclides Ponticus' dialogue "On Pleasure" at a conference in Leeds (UK), and later present a paper at the Phillips University, Marburg.

Prof. Christopher Shields visited Yale for the autumn semester. He recently gave talks at Umass/Amherst, St. Louis University and the University of Sao Paulo, all on Aristotle or Plato. His edited collection, *The Blackwell Guide to Ancient Philosophy* (Blackwell) and his *Classical Philosophy: a Contemporary Introduction* (Routledge) have now appeared in print. He has also recently authored sundry encyclopedia articles and reviews, including "Aristotle: Psychology" for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (on line).

Prof. Ariana Traill spent the academic year working to complete her book manuscript *Those Obscure Objects of Desire: Looking at Women in Menander's Comedy* and communicating with potential publishers. An article entitled "A haruspicy joke in Plautus" is forthcoming in *Classical Quarterly*. She organized a panel of five distinguished scholars for the three-year Colloquium "Menander and Hellenistic Society" at

the 2004 APA meeting. She is looking forward to starting a new book project on Roman Comedy this summer and celebrating her first wedding anniversary. Her husband, Brian DeMarco, is

an atomic physicist working on a quantum computing experiment at the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST).



Prof. Peter Hunt organizes the students in his class on "War and Society in Ancient Greece" during their formation and "spear" exercises on the Norlin Quadrangle this spring.

Graduate Update

In August the Department welcomed twenty new students into our graduate programs. Fourteen of these are studying for the M.A. degree in Greek, Latin, Classical Antiquity, or Classical Art and Archaeology; three will pursue the Master's degree in the Art of Teaching (Latin). The latter include Amy Sommer, who earned her B.A. in Classics at Gustavus Adolphus College and is supported at CU by the Center for the Humanities and Arts (CHA) Arts and Sciences Fellowship. In addition three new students are studying for the Ph.D. in Classics. They are Jeremy Burgess, (B.A, M.A. University of Hawaii), who won a CHA Devaney Fellowship; Ben Gracy (B.A. Texas,

M.A. University of New Mexico), who is supported by the coveted Chancellor's Fellowship; and Brent Schmidt (B.A., M.A. University of Utah), who joins the team of beginning and intermediate Latin instructors. Watch this space for other news of this unusually large and talented class as they go on to do great things here at CU and beyond.

Meanwhile, four students will earn their Master's degrees this spring: Ines Haelbig, Joanna Kingsbury, Jude Morris, and David Yates. Dave is already making plans to decamp for Providence, R.I., where he will begin studying for the Ph.D. at Brown University in the fall. Bundle up, Dave, and congratulations to all of our new graduates!

Alumni News

Ilse Stratton (M.A. 1988) received an appointment as full-time Instructor of Latin and German at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Ilse has been a lecturer at UCCS since 1985. She retired in 1997 from teaching Latin and German in Colorado Springs high schools, including sixteen years at Rampart HS. Last summer she and her husband spent six weeks in Europe and visited her old friend Reginald Foster in Rome again. Ilse is an alumna of Foster's summer Latin program. She remains an avid mushroom hunter and serves as the secretary of the Pikes Peak Mycological Society.

Pamela White (B.A. 1991) serves as editor of the *Boulder Weekly*. Using the pseudonym Pamela Clare, she recently published a romance novel entitled *Sweet Release*, which earned a favorable review from the *Boulder Daily Camera*. *Sweet Release*, set in 1730 in Virginia, tells the tale a British aristocrat stripped of his identity and sent to America as an indentured servant. There he meets Cassie Blakewell, who manages her father's estate, and the romance begins.

Greg Karras (M.A. 1998) and his wife Susanne Mendelson (B.A. 2002) have returned to Boulder after three years in Vermont where Greg earned his J.D. and

M.S.E.L. (Master of Studies in Environmental Law) from Vermont Law School in South Royalton, VT. While in Vermont, Susanne worked as an educational assistant for children with autism and as a speech teacher working along the side of a Speech and Language Pathologist. She tutored Latin during summers. Greg and Susanne visit Greece, Greg's native country, each summer and, when there, meet up with Professors emeriti Harold and Haroula Evjen. On September 25, 2002, Greg and Susanne welcomed their first child, Konstantinos Grigorios Karras.

Alison Bevin (M.A.T. 1999) has been hired to start the Latin program in the newest high school in the Cherry Creek District, Centennial Trail High School. Centennial Trail will open its doors in August 2003, and Alison will welcome a Latin I class. Centennial Trail will offer an International Baccalaureate Program to its students.

Douglas Doll (M. A, 1995 ; Ph.D. 2000) has taught at the University of Oklahoma for the past two years. Next fall he plans to start school again in St. Louis at Covenant Theological Seminary. He hopes to teach Greek at the seminary while pursuing a degree.

Doug, his wife Belinda, and his son Jacob welcomed daughter Kayla Joy to their family on May 30, 2002.

Jonathan Gottsegen (M.A. 1999) stopped by to visit the department last summer. He teaches Latin at the Harvey School in Katonah, New York, his own alma mater. The Harvey School has 300 students and five Latin teachers; it offers Latin I-AP classes. Jonathan, his wife Dana and his son Jack welcomed a new baby into their family this spring. Jonathan's e-mail address is jgottsegen@harveyschool.org.

Jaime Griffiths (M.A. 2002) teaches Latin I and II at Hill Country Christian School in Austin, Texas.

Mary France (M.A. 2002) is teaching Latin and English at Mitchell High School in Colorado Springs. She teaches two Latin classes, one a first year class and the other a mix of students working at three levels from three different text books. Her goal is to build up the Latin Program so it supports a full-time position and is bombarding the school counselors with "Why Take Latin" information. Mary and her husband, Gary Smith, bought a home in the northern part of town, which enjoys great views of Pikes Peak.



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