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James Ruebel takes position at Ball State University

Professor James Ruebel, who taught in the Department of Classics at Iowa State since 1978, has accepted the position of Dean of the Honors College at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Jim came to Iowa after five years as an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota. His Ph.D. was earned in Classics and Ancient History in 1972 from the University of Cincinnati, where he taught for one year following his degree. Jim oversaw several years of growth at Iowa State.

When he first arrived, there was no program in Classics at Iowa State and no other official classicists on staff. By Fall 2000, there were five professors of Classics, a thriving Classics Program, and a growing number of undergraduate Classics students.

In the early 1980s, Jim became a founding member of AMICI. Over the years I have depended on his good sense and fine intellect. He will be much missed.

Jim misses his friends, his colleagues, and his students from Iowa very much, but is excited about and happy with this new position. He would welcome contact from the heartland. Jim's new address is:

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For more on Jim's achievements in Iowa, visit the AMICI homepage at www.uiowa.edu/~classics/finamore/amici.html

AMICI Website

A Remember to check out all of the latest AMICI news on our web site at: www.uiowa.edu/~classics/finamore/amici.html
Please send me any announcements of upcoming events, and I will post them there.
If you would like to join the AMICI e-list, please send your e-mail address to:
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Winners of the AMICI Latin Translation Contests

The eighth annual AMICI Translation Contests were held last spring. Three schools participated: Bettendorf, Xavier, and Valley High Schools. The winners, who received a certificate of achievement, are as follows:

Bettendorf High School (Teacher: Pat Burr)

Latin I:	1st Place:	Kyra Olds
	2nd Place:	Amber Collett
Latin II:	1st Place:	Ryan Martier
	2nd Place:	Ben Beyoler
Latin III:	1st Place:	Katie McCarthy

Xavier High School (Teacher: Tom Conley)

(There was only a first-year class.)

Latin I:	1st Place:	Kerstin Schwahl
	2nd Place:	Alec Seelan

Valley High School (Teacher: Mary Ann Harness)

Latin I:	1st Place:	Elizabeth Beerman
	2nd Place:	Jack Ewing
Latin II:	1st Place:	Rebecca Wills
	2nd Place:	Scott Beeman
Latin III:	1st Place:	Jay Jenkins
	2nd Place:	Katie Jensen

The winners of the state-wide awards at the three levels received checks for \$50.00:

Elizabeth Beerman of Valley High School for best translation in the first-year Latin category, and

Rebecca Wills of Valley High School for best translation in the second-year Latin category, and

Jay Jenkins of Valley High School for best translation in the advanced-Latin category.

Our congratulations go out to students and teachers alike. The ninth annual AMICI Latin translation contests will be held this Spring. Complete information will be given in the Spring *AMICITIA*..

News from around Iowa

Madeleine Henry of **Iowa State** reports that their proposal for an undergraduate major in Classical Studies is in the process of being approved. The Board of Regents will probably decide the matter at their meeting November 15-16. Also, Peggy Mook received tenure last year and is now chair of the Classical Studies Program. Jim McGlew is up for tenure this year.

Iowa State is planning to host the visit of poet/translator Jon Corelis at the end of March. Jon, a poet in his own right, has published translations of Roman elegy and Greek poetry. Watch for the Spring *AMICITIA* for more on his visit.

Cindy Smith of **Loras College** writes that the Fly-By-Night players are presenting "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" with Academic Dean, John Burney, playing Pseudolus, the conniving slave. Times and dates of performance:

Friday Oct. 20; Saturday Oct. 21 at 8:00

Sunday Oct. 22 at 2:00

Thursday Oct. 26; Friday Oct. 27; Saturday Oct. 28 at 8:00

Sunday Oct. 29 at 2:00

Place: the Bijou Room in Five Flags Center

Cost: \$12.00 (call 319-589-4258 for tickets)

Rated: PG XIII

Last November John Gruber-Miller of **Cornell College** led Xavier High School Latin students on a tour of the Riley Collection of Roman Portrait Sculpture at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. This September he gave a talk at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, "Bearded Men, Divine Women, and Precocious Children: Getting to Know the Riley Collection of Roman Portraits."

In this connection, John announces an expanded and updated version of the Riley Collection of Roman Portraits website (<http://www.vroma.org/~riley/>), which includes images, physical descriptions and catalog entries for 16 of the 21 sculptures in the collection, plus family trees of select emperors, extensive links to related portraits and to relevant articles on the cultural background for each sculpture. It is a fantastic site for students of Latin, as well as Roman art, literature, history, or civilization. And it is a great way to prepare your students for a visit to the Riley Collection or follow-up after a visit to the Collection.

Last April students in John's Introduction to Latin Literature class (http://cornell-iowa.edu/classical_studies/latin/lat205.shtml) staged a comedy, Plautus' *Miles Gloriosus* ("The Braggart Soldier"). This year's play was set in the future with a Star Wars twist. The soldier was Jabba the Hut, Palaestrio the crafty slave was Yoda, the lovers Pleusicles and

Philocomasium were Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia, and so on. The bi-lingual production marks the seventh Latin play performed at Cornell since 1990.

For more news from Cornell, visit:

http://cornell-iowa.edu/classical_studies/news.shtml

John is on sabbatical during this school year after being promoted to full professor. Among his projects, he plans to spend time finishing the book he is editing, *When Dead Tongues Speak: Teaching Beginning Greek and Latin*, to be published by American Philological Association.

The Classics Department at **the University of Iowa** is pleased to announce two lectures by Susan Treggiari of the Department of Classics, Stanford University. Professor Treggiari will speak on "Cicero and Tullia" on November 15 at 4:00 p.m. in Pappajohn W401 and on "Marriage and Divorce Roman Style" on November 16 at 8:00 p.m. in 101 Biology Building East. A reception will follow each talk. Both talks are free and open to the public.

American Classical League

The 2001 ACL Institute will be held June 28-30 in San Antonio, Texas. Those wishing to submit abstracts should do so by December 15, 2000. Membership in the ACL is \$35.00 per year. For further information, see write to the ACL, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056 or e-mail: AMERICANCLASSICALLEAGUE@MUOHIO.EDU or visit their web site at <http://www.aclclassics.org>

Medusa Mythology Examination

The fifth annual "Medusa Mythology Exam" is available for students of Greek and Latin in grades 9-12. Tests will be administered the week of April 2-6. For further information, write to MEDUSAEXAM@ALTAVISTA.NET or log onto <http://medusaexam.cjb.net>.

Quid Novi In Iowa

The next newsletter is scheduled for February 2001. If you or your school have any events or activities that you wish to publicize, please send the pertinent information to AMICITIA, c/o John F. Finamore, Department of Classics, 202 Schaeffer Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242. Information should arrive before January 31, 2001.

Information received will be posted on the AMICI webpage soon after it is received. You may e-mail any information to: john-finamore@uiowa.edu

Dues for 2000-2001

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2000-2001, please use the form below to do so.

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___ Enclosed are my dues of \$5.00 for 2000-2001.

___ I enclose an additional contribution of _____ to help
further the promotion of the classics in Iowa.

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