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Ephemeris, the Classical Journal of Denison University, is published twice a year and seeks to offer an opportunity for those interested in Classical studies to publish their scholarly work in an undergraduate forum. It promotes the coming together of history, literature, philosophy, religion, art, and architecture in a way that is both analytical and creative. As is an objective of the Classical Studies department, *Ephemeris* fosters an attitude about and an appreciation for criticism and interpretation of the Classical civilizations. It is our hope that students, faculty and staff are inspired to continue to cherish the fundamental principles established by the ancient societies.

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Letter from the President

Ludus- Fall 2003

The year has begun quite well for Ludus. Although we may be the Classics club, we (along with the department) have stepped into the twenty-first century and the world of computers and the internet. This is the first issue of *Ephemeris* to be both printed and electronic. In addition, the classics department has the beginnings of a website, and Ludus is a part of it. We're working on content for all parts of the site, and the Ludus page should be up and running later this semester.

We took our fall semester trip on Sunday, October 26th, to Cincinnati. Mary Zimmerman, a critically acclaimed and popular playwright and director, wrote an adaptation of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* which has been performed on Broadway and across the nation. Ludus sponsored an excursion to the Cincinnati Playhouse to see the adaptation performed. The play, which was largely performed in a pool of water which dominated the stage, was well done and quite enjoyable for everyone who went. Sarah Neumann, a first-year member of Ludus who lives near Cincinnati, had the group over to her house for dinner to complete the outing.

While we intend to bring a speaker to campus fall and spring semesters, we do not have any concrete plans for either just yet. Also, it is possible that our spring semester trip will be an excursion to the replica of the Parthenon in Nashville, Tennessee. Our semi-annual Ludus Feast date is December 14th, place to be determined. If you would like to get involved with Ludus, we meet every other Tuesday afternoon at 5 PM up on the fourth floor of Fellows.

Nate Emmerson

Ludus President

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