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Letter from the President  
Ludus—Spring 2003

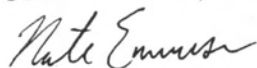
Greetings, *Ephemeris* readers, from Nate Emmerson, elected President of Ludus, Denison's classics club, and Eta Sigma Phi, the classics honorary for 2003. The 2002-2003 school year is Ludus/HΣΦ's first year as a student organization recognized and funded by DCGA. This funding opened up new worlds of possibilities for Ludus, and there has been much rejoicing.

In the beginning of November, Ludus funded a trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art, in which an exhibit entitled *Magna Graecia* was visiting at that time. The exhibit was comprised of Sicilian and southern Italian art, and was heartily enjoyed by all who attended. Hopefully, another similar trip will commence at some point in the spring semester, as well.

The spring's main event for Ludus was a lecture, "Artemisia, Warrior Princess," given by Dr. Barry Strauss, professor at Cornell University, heavyweight ancient historian, and scholar. Co-sponsored by Ludus, the Classics department, the History department, and Student Activities Council, it was very well attended: in the words of Dr. Strauss, only half joking, "We never would have gotten that many people for this sort of thing at Cornell." The lecture outlined Artemisia's role in the Persian army, especially at the battle of Salamis in 432 BC. Strauss also talked about the implications and peculiarities of having a woman not only fighting along side men in an ancient army, but actually commanding warships. Interesting and informative, the lecture was a huge success.

Although it is nearing the end of the year, Ludus always welcomes new members. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for Ludus, please send me an e-mail: emmers\_n.

Until next time,



Nate Emmerson  
2003 Ludus President