

Excavations at the Roman Site of Gorsium-Herculia in Ancient Pannonia (Modern Hungary)

Gorsium-Herculia - The establishment of Gorsium near eastern limes of the Roman Empire dates back to the time of Emperor Claudius between A.C. 46-49. The earliest settlement was a military camp and its canabae. From the initial settlement situated at an important strategic position (mentioned in the Itinerarium Antonini 264, 265) a very wealthy city developed. It flourished for four centuries of Roman rule and weathered several wars. After the devastating Roxolan invasion in A.D. 260 the

city was rebuilt. At the end of the third century A.C. the name Gorsium was changed to Herculia in honour of Emperor Maximianus Herculius (A.C. 286-305). Continuous large-scale building activity can be traced until the time of Valentinian (A.C. 364-375). The structures of the fourth century A.C. include a number of early Christian basilicas that replaced the pagan Roman temples. Although the city was not sacked during the wars of the fifth century A.C. its importance gradually declined. The city changed

to a small village which existed until the Turkish invasion of Hungary in the sixteenth century.

Gorsium-Herculia, restored view of the Palatium within the fortified city walls.

Gorsium-Herculia (Modern Tac) is situated in an open country-side and so far the excavations have uncovered less than 3% of the 2 1/2 km square area of the ancient settlement and only about one third of

the city within the fortified walls.

A special significance of Gorsium-Herculia is that it became the site of the first joint North American-Hungarian excavation in East-Central Europe.

Our excavations from 1987 to 1989 have uncovered parts of an Avar Cemetery, sections of late Roman walls and numerous small finds. Some of these finds (e.g. a series of bronze bells) seem to indicate the existence of a Roman sanctuary in the area. It is hoped

that subsequent seasons of excavations will provide us the opportunity to reveal more about the city and its inhabitants.

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Dean Kent was prepared to offer the class a few options in the determining of the final mark:

a) the final examination will be administered as planned on Saturday, January 13. Prof. Davies will set and mark the exam.

b) Students have the choice (i) of writing the final exam and of having their final mark determined by both their term work and the examination or (ii) of not writing the final exam and of having their final mark determined by their term work alone.

c) The term essays were originally marked by a graduate student marker and by Davies. Prof. Davies has offered to remark the second essay of any student who wishes. He considers it to be of much greater complexity, significance and importance in the weight assigned to it than the first.

d) Once he has remarked

the essays, they will be given a random check by another member of the Department of English who will select five or six and review the marking. Should this faculty member concur with the marking standards employed, the marks will stand. Should they disagree, this faculty member and Davies will remark all the essays.

e) The grades assigned to the remarked essays will be used, along with the exam grades for those who wrote the exam, in the calculation of the student's final mark for the course.

These options were not agreeable to the students, who felt cheated by the administration. For a time it seemed that these would be the only options available. As the meeting progressed, there was much talk about what would happen to Davies and less talk about the final mark. A new option was then presented, to reevaluate the essay marks and then scale those marks so that

no student would get lower than a C and no student could get higher than an A. This seemed to be the only fair alternative to the class. Dean Kent, Prof. Ploude and Dean Austin were also very agreeable to this. Dean Kent then telephoned Prof. Davies who was easily convinced to adopt this option. The class was then informed that they would all pass.

The students in this class also had the chance to evaluate Prof. Davies and this evaluation will go into his permanent record, as will the official complaint. This is the first time in Davies twenty plus year career that a complaint has been registered; however, last year an unofficial complaint was made that he had missed fifty percent of the classes for a course. Had that complaint been made official, the students of this current class would have been in a better bargaining position. Then again, if Prof. Davies had

shown up for the exam there would have been no complaint. Dean Kent assures us that this matter will be dealt with and will not be swept under the carpet.

The administration hopes that this is an isolated incident

that will not be repeated by Davies or any other professor, but if it should happen they hope that students will not be afraid to approach them with their concerns. They welcome negative as well as positive feedback regarding all professors and courses.

Student Jailed For Loan Fraud

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WINDSOR (CUP) - A St. Clair college student will spend 10 days in jail, after pleading guilty to lying on her student loan application.

Candy Decko will also be ineligible for further assistance under both Canada and Ontario student assistance programs, after she was sentenced in a Belleville provincial court.

Decko wrote on two assistance applications that she had always been an Ontario resident. But when federal officials investigated

her record, they found she had defaulted on a federal student loan while living in Alberta.

Canadian Federation of Students spokesperson Catherine Louli called the punishment "obscene."

"How on earth can they justify that when she may have been absolutely desperate for money to study," she said. "A lot of students default on loans simply because they can't get a job to pay them back."

Students found guilty of fraud, or falsifying information, can be fined up to \$1,000 under the Canada Student Loans Act. Most will have to pay back

any money they received and all will be ineligible for financial aid.

Convictions under the loan act carry no jail term but students can also be charged with fraud under the criminal code, which carries more severe penalties.

Canada student loan program administrators say jail terms for student loan fraud are very rare.

Ontario government statistics say that of the 31 cases of suspected fraud investigated in 1986/87, only six went to court. There were 110,000 college and university students receiving Ontario financial aid in 1986/87.



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