ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We will be hosting the Cetamura Symposium, “Excavations at Cetamura del Chianti, 2011”, on Friday, April 13, from 3-5:00 in FAB 249. Please plan on attending!
- Our end of the year party will take place at Mission San Louis on Saturday, April 21, at 12:00. We will be touring the archaeological park, having lunch and electing next year’s officers. Please RSVP!

FEATURED STUDENTS:

- Congratulations to all of our graduating students!
- Congratulations to Katie Cook for being accepted for the 2012 summer session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.
- Congratulations to Marci Boyd who has won the Semple Award given by CAMWS to attend the 2012 summer session of the American School.
- Congratulations to Kyle Jazwa for being admitted to the American School for next year and receiving the Emily Townsend Vermeule Fellowship.
- Congratulations to Donna Nagle for being admitted to the American School for next year and receiving the Martin Ostwald Fellowship.
- Congratulations to Stephen Collins-Elliott for receiving the Fulbright Fellowship.

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VIKING SKELETONS FOUND IN ST JOHN’S COLLEGE

Bones found in 2008 on the grounds of St. John’s College are now believed to be of tenth-century Viking raiders. The bones were found in a mass grave in the ditch of a Neolithic ‘henge monument’ and mostly belonged to men between the ages of 16 and 25. For more information, visit: http://www.cherwell.org/news/topstories/2012/04/07/-viking-skeletons-found-in-st-john-s

URN BURIAL SITE FOUND NEAR KANCHEEPURAM, INDIA

A large urn burial site has been discovered at Mandapam village, India, dated from 1800 - 1500 BCE, possibly contemporaneous to the urn burial site at Adichanallur, in Tamil Nadu. The urns were kept in cists made of granite and marked by cairn circles. For more information, visit: http://www.thehindu.com/news/states/tamil-nadu/article3294390.ece

HARAPPAN SITE EXCAVATED AT KOTADA-BHADLI

An entire settlement, dated to the late Harappan period (2300 - 2100 BCE), was excavated at Kotada-Bhadli, India. This is the first complete settlement discovered of the Harappan period in India. It is believed to have been a trade city, with a fortification wall and a bastion. Numerous beads, a basalt weight, perforated discs, rings, bangles, crucibles and net sinkers were found throughout the settlement. For more information, visit: http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-04-08/pune/31307740_1_excavation-nakhatrana-dholavira

ALTAR FOR HUMAN SACRIFICE FOUND ON CAMPANA HILL, PERU

A 1500 year old altar was discovered on top of the Campana Hill in La Libertad, Peru. The altar, associated with a nearby cave with ceramics and burials, was used for human sacrifice. For more information, visit: http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/lifestyle/2012/04/04/1500-year-old-altar-for-human-sacrifices-found-in-peru/