

'Sandbox' archaeology class

Condon Hall undergoes excavation

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As any victim of mass education will attest, courses based purely on lecture and theory are usually too shallow. The student comes

out with a handful of doodled notes and not much else.

A good course, on the other hand, will make the student dig a little on his own, thus providing a more in-depth understanding of the subject.

A new class, Introduction to Classical Archaeology, does just that, according to its instructors. Instead of passively learning archaeological techniques, the students work on a miniature excavation site right in Condon Hall.

Half the students are currently "planting" the site, which measures one square meter. It simulates the Demeter sanctuaries which, in real life, lie hidden throughout the Mediterranean area and were holy temples of the Greek goddess of harvest, Demeter.

Since the site in Condon Hall is the students' own design of a Demeter sanctuary in miniature (exactly to scale, of course), planting it requires a thorough knowledge of the architecture and culture of ancient Greece.

Pottery and small figurines representative of the times complement the site. Students have simulated the ancient Greek masonry by using hundreds of pebbles in lieu of large stones.

As is typical of those buried cities in the Mediterranean area, the Condon site features three different layers of habitation.

Next week the other half of the class will excavate the site without knowing anything about it. Just like real archaeologists, they will have to piece their findings together to formulate a coherent interpretation of the data.

"I'm trying to give the students a practical side of excavating and to expose them to its problems," remarks Patricia Lowenstam, who teaches the class with her husband Steve. "Many times you get the theories behind archaeology in an art history course, but no real experience in the field."

The Lowenstams, a new team at the University, teach courses in the classics and spend their summers excavating actual Demeter sanctuaries in Syrene, Libya.

The couple has returned to Libya every summer since 1972 and plans to continue for four or five more years.



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Sirica, a month away from his 72nd birthday, collapsed while delivering a luncheon speech about a lawyer's obligation to professional ethics.

"His face was flushed and he just keeled over straight into the rostrum," said Judge Bruce Mencher of the District of Columbia Superior Court.

A military doctor was summoned from another part of the building, the Army-Navy Club, and he administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. At one point, the judge said, the doctor could find no pulse.

Sirica was taken to the George Washington University Hospital, whose spokesman, Phil Debrasbant, said: "He was transferred to the hospital's coronary unit and is in critical condition."

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