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The Student Society for Ancient Studies at Brigham Young University is pleased to present this second issue of *Studia Antiqua*. Since the printing of its initial volume (Fall 2001), the journal has experienced the success the Society had hoped for. With few exceptions, it has been enthusiastically received by both students and faculty alike. Such support and success has only served to encourage the publication of and work on future issues of the journal. As was stated in the preface of the previous volume, we can only hope that as this support and positive reception continues, the journal itself will continue to progress in quality and circulation until it becomes a natural part of the ancient studies programs on the BYU campus.

One of the exciting aspects of working on a second issue is witnessing the evolution of the project. While we were thrilled to be able to even produce a first edition, we have naturally learned much about such an endeavor that will enable the journal’s quality to improve. The production of the journal has also grown in terms of its staff. For example, while on the first issue there were essentially three editors working to pull the project together, we now have an entire Editorial Staff consisting of competent and hard-working student editors. The Faculty Review Board has grown, the funding has increased, and a talented student illustrator has been added. The reader may also notice a new format consisting of footnotes, article abstracts, and slight changes in the layout of the articles. Finally, a concluding section comprised of abstracts from recent Honors Theses dealing with ancient studies has been added to update students on the work of their peers. All of these aspects demonstrate the evolution of the project and are certainly opening wonderful possibilities for the journal’s future. The Society and Editorial Staff are already planning exciting additions for upcoming issues. The hope, of course, is that by the time the founding members have moved on, both the Society and the

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journal will be consistent and high-quality forums for ancient studies students at Brigham Young University.

Once again there are many individuals who deserve thanks for their significant support of Studia Antiqua. S. Kent Brown and Pat Ward in ancient studies have been an invaluable resource and help as the Society and journal have gotten off the ground. Members of the journal’s Faculty Review Board have again put in many hours in assisting the authors with preparing their articles for publication. Our various financial contributors also deserve special thanks. M. Gerald Bradford of the Institute for the Study and Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts, Roger T. Macfarlane of the Classics Department, and Dilworth Parkinson of the Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages have all donated significant amounts of funding allowing for the publication of the journal. At the Humanities Publications Center, Mel Thorne and Linda Hunter Adams have offered assistance and facilities which have been very helpful. At BYU Printing, Drew Johnson has been very professional and pleasant to work with. I would personally like to thank our Managing Editors—Mindy Anderson, Andrea Ludwig, and Robert Ricks—as well as those of our new Editorial Staff who have put countless hours into making this issue of the highest quality possible. All of the above, including all of the students and faculty who have continued to support the journal in various ways, deserve our sincere gratitude.

Once again we are excited to present our second issue of the journal. We hope that ancient studies students and faculty from the many different disciplines will continue to be involved and participate in making this journal an important campus institution. It will be exciting to witness its evolution in the coming semesters and to experience the opportunities it offers to our ancient studies students as they continue to work in such a fascinating field.

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