Dear Friends,

Eugene Vanderpool, in the words of one of our colleagues "the School's greatest archaeologist," died last summer in Athens. Those of you who have known the School for the first time in recent years may not have met EV, as most people called him, but I am sure his legendary status is well known to you -- as it certainly is to those who were lucky enough to have experienced his brilliance firsthand.

To say he was of the "old school" is, perhaps, one way to describe him. By that I mean he was a man with an even, no-nonsense approach to all matters, academic or otherwise, a clear-eyed commitment to the highest standards of scholarly method, an unfailing patience and politeness, and a lively sense of humor. He was a quiet man who moved quietly around the library, pulling together the evidence that would be woven into his tightly-argued articles, each one a gem.

On School trips, or on his famous weekend rambles, he was sure of foot and surer of direction. The flora and fauna of the countryside were as well known to him as the archaeological lore of which he was master. His genius as a topographer was celebrated far beyond the corridors of the School.

In his memory we plan to endow and equip the Eugene Vanderpool Topographical Research Room, in the New Wing of the Blegen Library. A fund for this purpose has been established; contributions so far received exceed $10,000. The goal is thirty times that amount. Please join us in honoring this irreplaceable colleague. The enclosed ἈΝΑΜΝΗΣΕΙΣ ("Remembrances") helps to convey the essence of the man. We hope that Members, Friends of the School, Alumnae/i and future generations of School students will thus share, however indirectly, in the wisdom this great scholar so freely imparted.

Contributions to the Eugene Vanderpool Memorial Fund may be made out to the ASCSA, and sent to the Vanderpool Fund, American School, 41 East 72nd Street, New York, NY 10021.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Pounder, for the Eugene Vanderpool Memorial Committee