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Minutes of the 2007 Convention

Submitted by Grammateus George Hendren

Zeta Beta at Temple University hosted the 79th annual national convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from March 30th through April 1st. The convention was well attended with twenty-nine chapters present, from schools as far away as San Diego. Once registered, attendees received lavish gifts including their very own Eta Sigma Phi iPod nano case and the very popular Reese's peanut butter cups, not to mention a wealth of information concerning Philadelphia's academic diversions and, of course, night life. As per custom, the convention began with the ever-competitive certamen tournament. Team after team fell victim to challenging prose composition questions or not so challeng-

ing but still frustrating Latin acronyms. However, after many rounds of heated contest, the team consisting of members of Beta Theta at Hamden Sydney College and of Gamma Alpha at Indiana State University was victorious.

Dr. Carolyn Adams delivered the opening remarks the next morning on campus at Temple, where she praised the study of classics and the liberal arts in general. Megas Prytanis Tom Evison of Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida kicked off the official meeting, while Megas Grammateus George Hendren of Eta Eta at Virginia Tech, after much confusion, made a motion to accept the previous year's minutes which were voted

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Members of Zeta Beta Chapter prepare to host the convention and welcome delegates to Philadelphia.

ETA SIGMA PHI: Statement of Purpose and Benefits of Membership

The purposes of Eta Sigma Phi, the national Classics honorary society, are to develop and promote interest in classical study among students of colleges and universities; to promote closer fraternal relationship among students who are interested in classical study; and to stimulate interest in classical study, and in the history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome. Members are elected by local chapters which have been chartered by the society. Most members are undergraduates but chapters can also initiate graduate students, faculty, and honorees. There are more than 180 chapters of Eta Sigma Phi throughout the United States.

Benefits of membership include:

- a membership card and certificate
- subscription to *NUNTIUS*, the biannual newsletter of the society
- an annual national convention including a certamen and banquet
- the opportunity to give academic presentations before an audience of peers and scholars
- annual sight translation exams in Latin and Greek
- honors cords and sashes for graduation
- bronze and silver medals of achievement
- eligibility for summer travel scholarships to Greece, Rome or southern Italy
- eligibility for a Latin teacher training scholarship

About *NUNTIUS*

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A lifetime subscription to the *NUNTIUS* is available to non-members or to members who wish to continue receiving the newsletter after graduation. The cost of this lifetime subscription is a single payment of \$50. The editor is Dr. Thomas J. Sienkewicz of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College.

Dues Increase Reminder

The membership voted at the business meeting on April 1, 2007 for new regular memberships. Here is the new dues structure:

- regular lifetime member: \$30.00
- associate member: \$10.00 plus \$10.00 for optional certificate
- honorary member: free plus \$10.00 for optional certificate

The new rates come into effect at the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic

year. Please submit the new amount, thirty dollars, for all new initiates inducted for lifetime membership.

Also please keep in mind that regular membership is intended for undergraduates and associate for graduate students who did not become members as undergraduates. An honorary membership is intended to be an opportunity, used rarely, to recognize faculty and other individuals who were not initiated as students.

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Megale Prytanis

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I was born and raised in New York City. My youth was filled with stories of mythical peoples and places, and instilled in me an abiding passion to learn about the ancient civilizations which permeated my imagination. After graduating from William Cullen Bryant High School in Long Island City and briefly attending New York City Technical College for Graphic Communications, I worked for several years and I was fortunate to have had opportunities to visit Egypt, England, France, and several of the Caribbean islands. These trips rekindled my enthusiasm and curiosity, somewhat forgotten within the drudgery of employment in corporate America, and I embarked on a path of independent study.

After marrying my husband James, I decided that it was time to return to school; so I enrolled at his alma mater, the University of Arkansas. I began studying the Classics in my freshman year, enrolling in Latin and Ancient Greek Civilization. I studied Greek the following year, along with history and various other classes. My relationship with the Classics was cemented in 2005, when I attended the University of Arkansas' *Classics in Greece* program. There is something truly magical about visiting a place for the first time, yet finding it somehow *familiar* for having already embarked on studies of its language, culture and history. I'm looking forward to more of that magic with my upcoming semester with the University of Arkansas' *Humanities in Rome* program.

During the last four years, my Classics professors (Drs. Daniel Levine and David Fredrick) have consistently demonstrated that it is possible to have a career in an area that is simultaneously fun, engaging, and fulfilling; their enthusiasm has sparked in me a desire to pursue a PhD in Classics. My goal is to teach Classics, and to inspire my students as my professors have inspired me.

Eta Sigma Phi is important to me and to the world of Classical Studies because it brings together individuals who share the same passion for the Classics. It matches



Jasmine Merced-Ownbey

eager speakers with eager listeners who revel in both teaching and learning. The 2007 national convention at Temple University in Philadelphia was my 4th Eta Sigma Phi convention, and has proven yet again that this community provides wonderful opportunities for meeting great new people and fostering friendships that will last far beyond graduation.

When not doing Classics, – oh wait, these days I'm working on my thesis – I'm *never* not doing Classics. But before my thesis reared its lovely head, I enjoyed spending time with family and friends, reading, gardening, and taking ridiculous numbers of photographs.

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I was born and raised in the state capital of Missouri, Jefferson City. As a child, I spent hours reading mythology books that I found on my father's bookshelf and found the stories of the ancient world to be intriguing. I was in an advanced program in grade school that allowed me to study the mythologies of Rome, Greece, and Egypt on a much broader scale. During



Jes Geary

my middle-school years at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, I was given a short six-week course in Latin that encouraged me to take my studies further. On entering Jefferson City High School, I was blessed to find that there was a four-year Latin sequence and an additional Classical Studies course offered.

In my years at Jefferson City High School, I attended various Latin Club (JCLC) events, won a translation award from the National Junior Classics League my sophomore year, and served as secretary of the local Latin club my junior year.

When I began college at the University of Missouri-Columbia, I immediately started into Latin, various Classics courses, ancient history, and, finally, ancient Greek. I have been incredibly lucky to find a university with such a wide variety of classes regarding the ancient world and have done my best to take advantage of them. I feel a strong base in Classics and the languages has allowed me to flourish in many subjects outside of the department, given me an interest in subjects I would have never dreamed of studying, and allowed me an advantage in my pursuit of knowledge.

Originally, my career goal was simply to become a high school Latin teacher, but further into my studies, I set my sights on being a professor. I've encountered so

About the Officers (Continued)

many fields linked with Classics that I find it hard to decide which route to take, but I now feel my calling is in philosophy. Using my training in the languages, especially Greek, there is something truly rewarding when I can go to an ancient text and read the author in his own voice. I also find it useful to know the religious and societal aspects surrounding the texts, so that I might have better insight to where the philosophers were coming from. I feel that having been trained in the culture, history, and languages of the ancient world, I will be able to bring new light and excitement to ancient philosophy. I would like very much to find a joint program in Classics, Philosophy, and Ancient History, so I might tie all of my interests together into one graduate program and have the ability to teach a diverse set of subjects.

When I am not enjoying Classics at the university, I am an avid player of video games ranging from simulated scenarios (such as the Caesar series or *Rome: Total War*) to *World of Warcraft*; I am a reader and, though I'm currently making my way through a suggested reading list for philosophy, prefer science fiction; I work on graphical and web-design; I have a great interest in origami and have several models memorized; and, I collect coins (with several ancient Roman coins in my collection), books, and popular Japanese cultural items.

I have served one year as the Alpha Mu Vice-President and am getting ready to enter my final year as the new President. My fellow officers and I have tried very hard to create a place for the students of Classical Studies to find camaraderie and I feel, at a local level, Eta Sigma Phi helps to encourage interest in our field. On a national level, Eta Sigma Phi is key to broadening the minds of students considering Classics, helping them expand their education through scholarships, and allowing them to meet other students who have the same interests.

During my break from school, I visited my Latin teacher from high school, James Farris, during his last class before retirement. I was pleased to find that the students were excited about Latin and extremely educated in mythology, topography, and ancient Roman society.



Sarah Ruff

This made me realize that Classics is not on its death bed but simply in a new era. With high school programs, the American Classical and National Junior Classical Leagues, and Eta Sigma Phi at its side, Classics will never die.

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I grew up as an Air Force brat and as a result have lived in North Carolina, California, Florida, England, Alabama, Ohio, and Virginia. My family moved to Niceville, Florida for the second time before my junior year of high school, where I attended and graduated from Rocky Bayou Christian Academy. It was there that I first experienced Latin. My teacher, Mrs. Mosley, made learning the language fun and interesting, and I always enjoyed going to class. I was involved with Junior Classical League but never really considered furthering my study of Classics at the collegiate level.

I began my studies at the University of Florida as a Mathematics major, in hopes of becoming a high school Calculus teacher. However, by spring semester I began rethinking that career choice. At that time I was enrolled in a Roman history class, and it was then that I



Elizabeth Torresson

remembered my enthusiasm for Latin and Classical studies (I had always taken a particular fancy to mythology and Classical art history). As a result, I changed my major and originally intended on going into the field of Archaeology. I began taking Latin again in the fall of my sophomore year, and loved every minute of it. My teacher's spunkiness and enthusiasm inspired me to again change my career goals and look toward becoming a Latin teacher. It was at this time that I joined Eta Sigma Phi. I found it enriching and wonderful to be involved with a society devoted purely to the love and study of Classics. I have stayed active and am this coming year's Vice President. I know that my decision to study Classics was well-founded and permanent and that I will continue to enjoy my pursuit of this degree. I plan on graduating this coming spring and hopefully staying for a Masters of Education so that I may teach high school Latin. My hope is that I can inspire my students in the same way that my teachers have inspired me, and that I can demonstrate to them the value of learning the Latin language.

As aforementioned, Eta Sigma Phi has been very important to me in my Classical studies. Not only does it provide beneficial scholastic opportunities such as scholarships, it provides students with a community of people with interests similar to their own with whom they can learn and grow

in their zeal. We are the future of Classics, and a society such as Eta Sigma Phi aids us in our pursuits by providing for us a solid foundation upon which we can rise far and above an academic degree and make steady the path for future generations of Classicists.

When I'm not beating myself over the head with a Latin dictionary, I enjoy a great number of activities. These include baking, singing, playing random instruments in a band called "O Fortuna," working at Ben and Jerry's, playing board games, eating cereal, playing softball and volleyball, spending time with family, and reading. I also love musical theater, sunflowers, anything Italian (especially the food), dinosaurs, Gator sports (shall I mention our 3 back-to-back championships?), N64, and local music. I am also highly active in Reformed University Fellowship at UF where I help lead worship. I must also add that I have a puppy named Napoleon (after the historical figure, NOT the movie) and two parakeets, Caligula ("Bootsie") and Elphaba.

I believe that Eta Sigma Phi allows students to connect with other Classics majors nation-wide and share their passion for the history, literature, art, and languages of Antiquity. Together we have the opportunity to build a strong foundation for the future of Classics while expanding our knowledge and fellowship within the Classics community. Eta Sigma Phi has greatly benefited me in my undergraduate studies and I strongly believe it can do the same for others.

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I was born and raised in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, a northern suburb of Philadelphia, incidentally in the same house my mother was raised in. Over those years I had the experience of being educated in a private school, home school, and public school setting.

When I reflect on previous years, I realize that I was always on the road to study-

ing Classics. My mother used to say that I am a Classics major because my father was learning Ancient Greek while she was pregnant with me. I was raised by a mother, who always expected me to do my very best, and a father, whose knowledge of science, Ancient Greek, theology, and history, amongst other things, never ceased to amaze me. Due to his multiple, very different degrees, his avid reading, and his love of knowledge, I would have to sit for hours, when I was younger, and want to sit for hours, when I was older, listening to him talk about some religious, classical, or any other topic. I do not think that there was any one point in my life that I instantly became interested in Classics.

My official study of Classics began in eighth grade when I started Latin. From the first class in eighth grade to the final class my senior year in high school, I loved learning this language. The language of Catullus and Horace, to name a few, and the fictional ancient history books I began reading further sparked my interest in Classics. I loved it so much that in a tough decision between my interest in medicine and my interest in Latin, I chose this area of study. After graduating from North Penn High School in 2005, I headed off to Temple University with great expectations and excitement about what I was going to learn.

Over the years I have found the study of Classics to be one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. For me, Classics have improved my study in all other areas. Whether I am reading a book and come upon a word I do not understand or studying for a science class, I can always learn more quickly and more efficiently due to my knowledge of Latin and Ancient Greek, which I still believe to be minute. In addition, the study of Classics has increased my interest in other areas such as art, architecture, history, music, and even at times, politics.

Eta Sigma Phi is important to me because it enables me to express my interests and ambitions to similar-minded peoples. I am happy to be a part of a group in which I can talk about ideas, languages, and ancient history. Eta Sigma Phi is important to the Classical world because it allows for a union of motivated individuals

to not only gather together and converse, but also give something back to and even broaden the Classical world.

At present, I am just about to embark upon my junior year at Temple University. In the first semester I will be teaching second semester Latin alongside Dr. Davis. Indeed, teaching is my ultimate goal. My current ambitions are to obtain a Master's in Education and a Bachelor's in Classics before teaching Latin at the secondary level. However, after teaching at the secondary level for a few short years, my ultimate goal is to go to graduate school for Classics and teach at the collegiate level. Lately, due to each book I read and how inspired I can become from the smallest things, I also increasingly aspire to write.

When I am not studying Classics, which is pretty rare for a Classics student when you think about it, I am hanging around with my friends or family in good ole L-dale. I am also currently attempting to learn Italian. I took on a minor in the language two semesters ago, and my concentration on learning a modern language is obvious as I speak it as much as I can, even to my shih tzu, and listen to music in Italian. In my spare time I enjoy playing the piano, which I started when I was five. I also play mallets and drums. I enjoy going to art museums and traveling in general. I love seeing different cultures, especially the uniqueness of these people and places. When I am not doing any of the above, I am probably admiring nature in some way or reading. I will read anything you put in my hands, but my favorite authors are Walt Whitman and Alice Walker.

Eta Sigma Phi offers a great opportunity for like minds to unite and engage in the study of Classics. The study of Classics builds a bridge between the past and the present, providing for modern peoples a perspective of ancient cultures and a better understanding of our society. The more people are interested in Classics and the more the ancient world is studied, the stronger the bridge and the greater the understanding of our modern world. Within the Classical world the mysteries are boundless, the opportunities to learn new things illimitable, and the potential for insights endless.

Minutes of the 2007 Convention (Continued)



Left, Prof. Martha Davis, faculty advisor to the host chapter, welcomes delegates to the 2007 Convention

Below, the 06–07 National Officers Running the Convention: l. to r. Megale Chrysophylax Jasmine Merced-Owenby of Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas, Megas Grammateus George Hendren of Eta Eta at Virginia Tech, Megas Hyparchos Richard Harrod of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College, and Tom Evison of at the University of Florida.

in by acclamation. Next, chapter reports were delivered by each of the twenty-nine attending chapters. In the 58th annual Greek translation contest, 57th annual Latin translation contest, and 41st annual Latin prose composition contest, Dr. Antonios Augoustakis from Baylor University awarded prizes for the subcategories of advanced, intermediate, and koine Greek, as well as advanced and intermediate Latin and Latin prose composition. Dr. Terry Papillon from Virginia Tech awarded the Bernice L. Fox Latin Teacher Training Scholarship, and Dr. Tom Sienkewicz from Monmouth College spoke on summer scholarships, awarding the Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the Scholarship to the Classical Summer School American Academy in Rome, and the Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae.

Megale Chrysophylax Jasmine Merced-Owenby of Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas delivered the first officer's report, discussing the financial situation of Eta Sigma Phi, specifically the budget deficit, and proposed solutions to this problem. This report was approved by acclamation. The Megas Hyparchos, Richard Harrod of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College, presented the officers' manual as one of



the most important projects undertaken by the officers. Prytanis Tom Evison then moved on to new business, specifically the hosting of next year's convention and the nomination for new national officers. After delegates from Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst volunteered their school for next year's convention, nominations were heard. For Megas/Megale Prytanis, Jasmine Merced-Owenby from Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas and Colleen Kron from Beta chapter at Northwestern University were nominated. For Megas/Megale Hyparchos,

Jes Geary from Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri at Columbia and Alex Coates from Gamma Iota at Wabash College were nominated. Elizabeth Torresson from Zeta Beta at Temple University and Alex Moore from Zeta Tau at the University of Pittsburgh were both nominated for the position of Megas/Megale Grammateus. Finally, Jesse Sawyer, from Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Sara Ruff from Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida, and Tara Stewart from Zeta Beta chapter at Temple University were all nominated for Megas/Megale Chrysophylax.

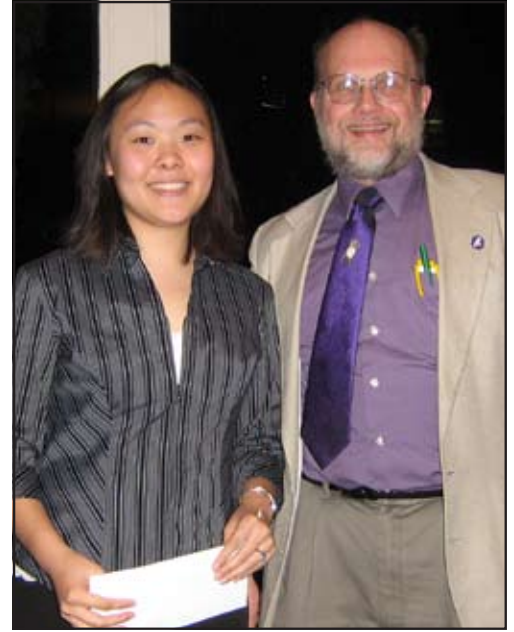
Closing out the meeting on Saturday morning were three papers which, enlightened the audience and demonstrated the high academic standard of Eta Sigma Phi. The first paper read was "A Comparison of Roman and Chinese Relations with Barbarians," by Joseph Dragovich of Zeta Tau at the University of Pittsburg. "Percussion in the Ancient Worlds of Greece and Rome: Idiophones and Membranophones in the Cults of Cybele and Dionysus," was read by Sarah Sherry of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College, and "Hellenistic Music and the Kithara" was read by Kira Jones of Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia.

After the general business meeting, members formed committees to deal with various issues concerning finance, scholarships, new chapters, etc. That afternoon,

members had the unique opportunity to visit the University of Pennsylvania museum of archaeology and anthropology, with special exhibits on ancient Egypt and the Far East.

That night, at the formal banquet, Megas Prytanis Tom Evison opened the meeting by beginning the costume contest, with this year's special theme of "bling bling." Awards were given for best dressed male and female in this category, as well as in their classical

Executive Secretary Sienkewicz congratulates a delegate from Gamma Alpha at Indiana State University, which was one of the recipients of a 2007 Service Award for the Promotion of Latin.



Prof. Antonios Augoustakis of Gamma Omega at Baylor University (2nd from l.) with some winners of the 2007 Maurine Dallas Watkins Translation Contest.



Megas Prytanis Tom Evison (center) with the winners of the 2007 Convention Certamen. Team members include April Philpott of Gamma Alpha at Indiana State University and Justin Hill, Allen Horton and Alex Mayberry of Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College.

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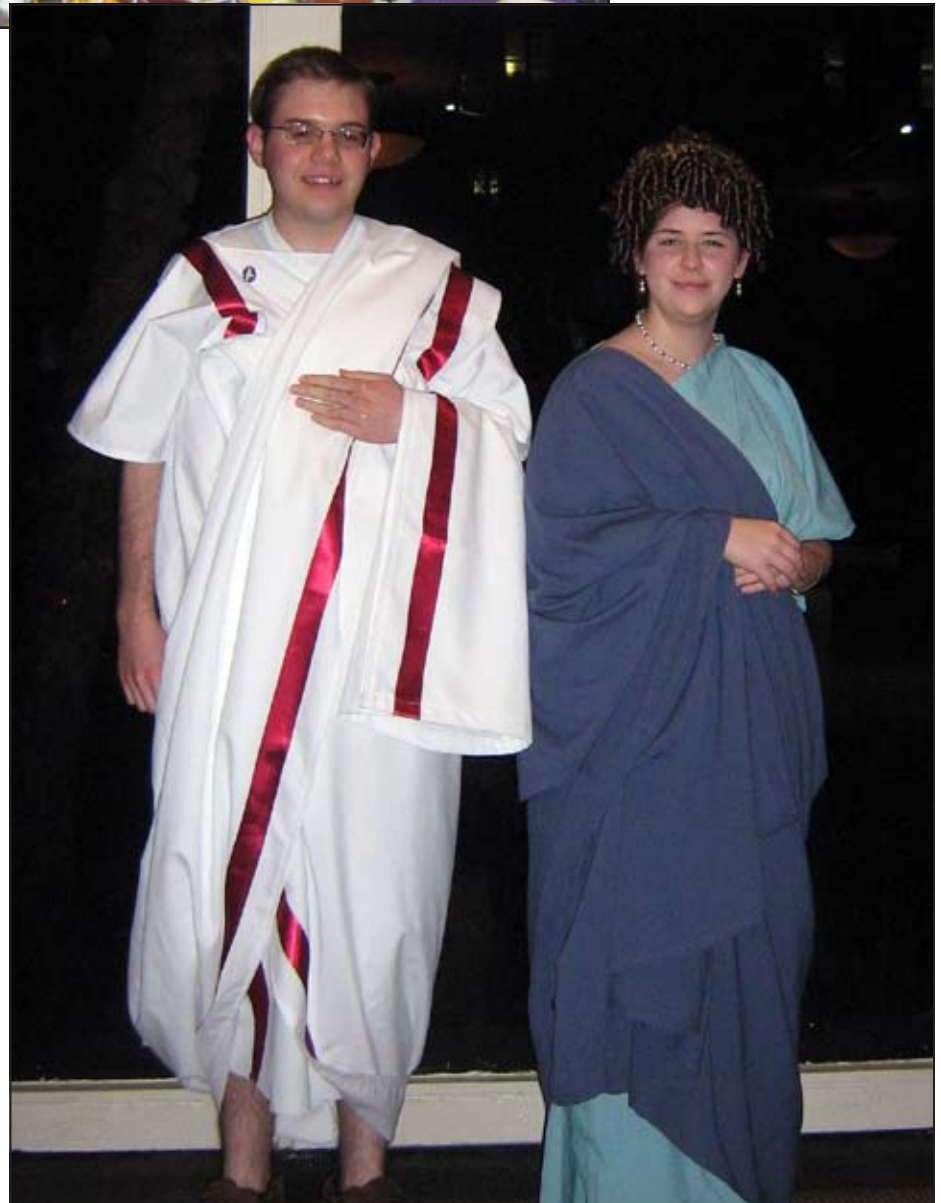


Left, members of the Gamma Xi delegation from Howard University displaying the bling with which they won the special Mica-Mica Award for Best Bling, a prize created specifically to celebrate the theme of the 2007 convention.

Below, Best-Dressed Vir, Dan King of Beta Psi at Rhodes, and Best-Dressed Femina, Kira Jones of Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia.

attire, while the certamen team consisting of delegates from Beta Theta at Hamden Sydney College and Gamma Alpha at Indiana State University was honored for their academic prowess. Finally, Dr. Sienkewicz announced this year's outreach award. Rudolph Masciantonio was recognized with the lifetime achievement award for his tireless efforts as an educator and academic in the world of Classical Studies. To end the evening, the audience was enthralled and entertained by a one-man show retelling in high romantic style the life of Julius Caesar. Of course, the Eta Sigma Phi song was sung, and, this year, in keeping with the *mica-mica* ("bling bling") theme of the convention, all the attendees sang *Mica Mica Parva Stella*, more commonly known as, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

Megas Prytanis Evison started the second business meeting on Sunday, April 1st with the discussion of new chapters by Megas Hyparchos Harrod. These chapters brought some debate as to their eligibility, so rather than accept new chapter petitions as a group, it was decided that each chapter would be voted on separately. Harrod made a brief case for each college starting with Hamilton College, which was approved. Cornell University, despite not having an advisor's signature on the application, was then approved. Next, Illinois Wesleyan University and Kenyon College were both approved without





Trustee Sister Thérèse Marie Dougherty of Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland recognizes Leon Fitts, former trustee and out-going advisor of Delta Theta at Dickinson College, on the occasion of his retirement from teaching.



Chair of the Board of Trustees Martha Davis of Zeta Beta at Temple University presents an Eta Sigma Phi lifetime achievement award to Rudolph Masciantonio.

much debate. The University of Texas at Tyler, despite not having a Classics major or minor was approved, followed by the University of Miami, Carthage College, and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Finally, Gonzaga University's petition was approved, despite some concern that the school apparently had no prior classics organization. Jasmine Merced-Ownbey discussed the findings of the finance committee, where it had been decided that income was down largely due to a drop in alumni donations. The creation of an alumni database was suggested to help track down donations in the future. Dr. Augoustakis from Baylor University explained the function of the scholarship committee, as a tool to aid in educating students in the various scholarships offered by Eta Sigma Phi, and discussed new ways to increase applications. Lyndy Danvers, Prytanis of Zeta Beta at Temple University made the committee report on next year's convention site. Since there had been only one bid to host the convention, the committee had focused on gathering

information from the delegation from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in order to better educate those involved in the planning of the 80th annual convention. Dr. Sick, from Rhodes College, with students from the Beta Psi, Beta Kappa, Beta Theta, Gamma Xi, Eta Delta and Beta Nu chapters made the resolutions report, followed by the endowment report. Dr. Froberg, from Baylor University, highlighted the areas where Eta Sigma Phi investments have succeeded, such as diversity and high return rate on more than half the total endowment, as well as areas that need improvement, such as donations from living alumni.

The executive secretary Dr. Tom Sienkewicz gave the Executive Secretary's Summary, including a report on the society's income and expenses. Citing that dues were the largest source of income for Eta Sigma Phi (approximately \$20,000), Sienkewicz fielded questions as to how the organization could cut costs in order to avoid a deficit.

The Board of Trustees report was deliv-

ered by Dr. Davis from Temple University. Dr. Davis pointed out that her term would expire this year and introduced the concept of raising dues in order to ameliorate the budget problem. She suggested that raising dues would not only address the cash flow situation but would also provide additional funds for a new scholarship for archaeology students, strengthen the endowment, and fund national officers' travel expenses. She suggested raising dues to forty dollars. Dr. Davis also heavily encouraged the raising of convention fees. A motion was made to extend Dr. Davis' term, which was accepted by voice vote, and a second motion was made to raise the dues to twenty-five dollars. This motion carried some controversy, and would have to be voted by individual chapters. Before this could be done though, the motion was amended to raise the dues to thirty dollars, and this was approved by chapter vote, forty-one to five.

The new convention site was also presented and approved, after a discussion of activities in Amherst and travel accom-

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Out-going Megas Prytanis Tom Evison initiating the 07-08 officers. Pictured from l. to r., out-going Megas Grammateus George Hendren, incoming Megale Grammateus Elizabeth Torresson, in-coming Megale Chrysophylax Sarah Ruff, in-coming Megale Prytanis (and outgoing Megale Chrysophylax) Jasmine Merced-Ownbey, out-going Megas Hyparchos Richard Harrod, and Megas Prytanis Evison.

modations. Dr. Davis pointed out that the bid was temporarily approved at the time of the convention, pending the signature of the chapter advisor.

Next, Megas Prytanis Tom Evison led the elections. Sara Ruff from Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida (with Brooke Rich speaking on her behalf) and then Tara Stewart from Zeta Beta at Temple University (with Lyndy Danvers speaking on her behalf) made their speeches for the position of Megas/Megale Chrysophylax. After a chapter vote, Sara Ruff was declared the new Megale Chrysophylax, winning 26-16. Libby Torresson of Zeta Beta at Temple University became the new Megale Grammateus, having run unopposed, and Jes Geary of Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri at Columbia became the new Megale Hyparchos also running unopposed. Colleen Kron of Beta at Northwestern (with Dustin Dickin-son speaking on her behalf) and Jasmine Merced-Owenby of Beta Pi chapter at

the University of Arkansas (with Richard Harrod speaking on her behalf) both gave speeches for the position of Megas/Megale Prytanis, though after a chapter vote Jasmine was declared the Megale Prytanis.

The officers were officially inducted and finally closing remarks were made by the now former Megas Prytanis Tom Evison. Evison thanked the organization for the opportunity to serve, and encouraged next year's officers to keep up the work set into motion by previous officers as well as the Executive Secretary, Tom Sienkewicz. The new Megale Prytanis, Jasmine Merced-Owenby, then officially closed the meeting.

The following chapters were present at the 79th annual Eta Sigma Phi convention at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: University of Arkansas (Beta Pi), Northwestern University (Beta), University of Pittsburg (Zeta Tau), University of Oklahoma (Alpha Lambda), University of Missouri at Columbia (Alpha Mu), Ohio State University (Alpha Tau),

College of Wooster (Alpha Upsilon), Hampden Sydney College (Beta Theta), University of Notre Dame (Beta Kappa), University of Mary Washington (Beta Nu), Rhodes College (Beta Psi), Indiana State University (Gamma Alpha), Howard University (Gamma Xi), Monmouth College (Gamma Omicron), Wabash College (Gamma Iota), Dickinson College (Delta Theta), Baylor University (Gamma Omega), St. Olaf College (Delta Chi), University of Florida (Epsilon Iota), University of Massachusetts at Amherst (Epsilon Omicron), Temple University (Zeta Beta), San Diego State University (Zeta Gamma), University of Georgia (Zeta Iota), Hillsdale College (Eta Delta), Virginia Tech (Eta Eta), Assumption College (Eta Omicron), Union College (Eta Phi), Seton Hall University (Theta Delta), and Loyola University New Orleans (Eta Gamma).

Right, delegates concluding the convention with the singing of the “Song for Eta Sigma Phi.”

Below, in the heat of the 2007 Convention Certamen Trustee David Sick Beta Psi at Rhodes College asks a challenging question.

Bottom, members of the Resolutions Committee Showing the Assembled Delegates How to Shout “Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot.”



Prizes Awarded at the 2007 Convention

Certamen

Members of the winning team in the certamen at national convention each receive a copy of *The Oxford Dictionary of the Classical World* by John Roberts. These prizes are provided by the National Latin Exam.

April Philpott of Gamma Alpha at Indiana State University

Justin Hill of Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College

Allen Horton of Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College

Alex Mayberry of Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College

Eta Sigma Phi expresses its gratitude to the National Latin Exam for its financial support for this contest.

Best-Dressed Vir

\$25 cash prize for the male dressed in the best ancient costume at the annual convention banquet.

Dan King of Beta Psi at Rhodes

Best-Dressed Femina

\$25 cash prize for the female dressed in the best ancient costume at the annual convention banquet.

Kira Jones of Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia

Mica-Mica Award for Best Bling

This was a special award created specifically to celebrate the theme of the 2007 convention. The winning chapter received a \$50 cash prize.

Gamma Xi at Howard University

Best Paper Read at National Convention

The author of the best student paper read at national convention receives a \$50 cash prize and remission of convention registration fees. The paper is also published in the NUNTIUS. The winner is determined by a group of chapter advisors.

Kira Jones of Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia

Best Chapter Regalia

The chapter with the best chapter regalia displayed at the national convention is awarded a \$50 cash prize. The winner is determined by acclamation at convention.

Gamma Omega at Baylor University

Service Award

This \$50 cash prize is awarded annually to the chapter which has performed the most noteworthy service activity in the promotion of Latin during the academic year. The winner is determined by the Board of Trustees based upon information provided in chapter reports submitted orally at convention. This year there were two recipients:

Gamma Alpha at Indiana State University

Zeta Gamma at San Diego State University

2007 Fox Latin Scholarship Recipient

The 2007 Eta Sigma Phi Bernice Fox Teacher Training Scholarship winner is Erin Davis-Valdez of Austin TX. Erin teaches Latin at Hill Country Christian School in Austin. She earned her BA at Hillsdale College where she was president of her Eta Sigma Phi chapter and presented the best paper at national Convention in 2001. Erin received the MA from the Univ. of California, Santa Barbara, in 2001. She will use the award to attend the ACL Institute this summer. Watch for Ms. Davis-Valdez's report on her experiences in the next issue of NUNTIUS.

2007 Summer Scholarship Recipients

Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens

Jason Pedicone of Theta Gamma at Roger Williams University

Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship to the Classical Summer School at the American Academy in Rome

David Collier of Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri at Columbia

Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae

Mackenzie Zalin of Beta Psi at Rhodes College

Watch for reports from all three scholarship recipients in the next issue of NUNTIUS.

HOLD THESE DATES for the 2008 Convention

80th Annual Eta Sigma Phi Convention will be held at the invitation of Epsilon Omicron Chapter at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst on **March 28-30, 2008**. The local committee for the 2008 convention consists of Andrew Carroll (mtcicero86@gmail.com), chair; Jesse Sawyer (jjsawyer@student.umass.edu), Katie Breen (kmbreen@student.umass.edu), Kelly Scinto (kscinto@student.umass.edu), Amanda Hecht (ahecht@student.umass.edu), Kelsey Whiting-Jones (kwhiting@student.umass.edu), Angelica Bonacita (abonavit@student.umass.edu), and Kelly Deegan (kdeegan@student.umass.edu). Please feel free to contact them with your questions and suggestions.

Resolutions of the 2007 Convention

We invoke the spirit of the bespectacled, bald one, who lies nearby...no, not you great secretary Sienkewicz, but that of B. Franklin, printer, whose tomb lies so close by, ready for our verbal libation, so similar in character to the quiet but randy owl. Be a muse and inspire us with your divine wisdom that we may adequately praise and thank the City of Philadelphia, that bastion of filia adelphon, where so much of our history and culture is preserved.

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot.

O daimones of Tastykakes, Krimpets and Kandykakes! O Milton S. Hershey with thine Reeses and Kit Kats, thine Goodbars and Kisses! O Hoagies and Pretzels, Cheesesteaks and South Philly pasta... thank you for filling our paunches. For as Odysseus says, we must fill those before our *agones*.

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot.

O daimonion of the great C. Wayne Tucker, we know that it was thou who excited the new-fangled certamen machine, to allow Hampden Sydney to conquer in the struggle, to distinguish between Ptolemaic epithets and the abbreviation SPQR.

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot

And Penates and Lares of the individual chapters, we thank you for stirring the animi in the members around the nation. It was at Philadelphia that students regaled their peers with stories of blood drives and the plague of Athens, epic marathons, bow-ties worthy to be remembered in song, and horizontal women on couches watching Rome.

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot

O owlets Jones, Dragovich, and Sherry, we thank you for exciting the Minerva in all of us. You three stood before many and delivered papers whose topics ranged from instruments with uses varying from cult worship to status symbols, and the relations of Romans and Chinese with barbarians. We were able to use our new

found knowledge to not appear barbaric in Chinatown and rage like the Kyretes in the clubs.

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot

And we thank you, heroes of classics from across the Commonwealth, from Erie to Greensburg, from Wilkes-Barre to King of Prussia, from Bala Cynwyd to Bryn Mawr, for lending thy stirring wisdom to our annual gathering. We especially thank the gods of the Pennsylvania Pantheon, Fitts and Masciantonio, for walking among mortals this weekend.

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot

O goddess Aurea, bling not only on our spinning rims but in our hearts and minds. We thank thee blinging goddess of gold, for not only our nifty pins, but for erudite lectures on the Roman economy, numismatics, and jewelry, by Professors Kondratieff and DeRose Evans. We only wish that the trustees had attended a similar session before outspending the budget. While we cannot speak to private luxury, we are confident the funds were not misspent on any public ostentation...or body chains, whatever heading that would fall under. And goddess, we thank thee for revealing to us some of the mysteries of thine ancient *mica*, the fine pieces in the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot

O long-haired star of Caesar, we have seen thee invest thyself in a new long-haired corporeal vessel! How wonderful that new mane must feel on thy once calvine head. Thank you for the ecstatic inspiration of the bard Lockwood, and his reification of thy Venus-filled life.

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot

O owl of...Dionysus, we thank even thee, for Club Flow with its prohibition against hats, white tees, and work boots. Thank you for keeping away our advisers, who do not know how to dress to impress, for the night life and tours were quite a hoot.

When classicists stayed up like night owls, Philadelphians asked with faces a scowl, "Who let the owls out?" Hoo? Hoo?

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot

O goddess sprung from the head of Zeus, O guardian of the owl, O warrior maiden with hair let loose, whose aegis makes warriors howl, we thank you for your hospitable (one-time Baptist) Temple, soaring beautifully on high, *media urbe*, in Penn's greene countrie towne; and for thine owlets, goddess, for Hersch and Davis, for Danvers and the Zeta Beta crew, we thank thee. They led many *rustici* from homes in the cornfields of Minnesota and Illinois, from cotton fields of Arkansas and Texas, the tobacco patches of Virginia and Maryland, through the big city, with a soft touch of a feathery wing. Alpha Tau of The Ohio State University or Epsilon Iota of Gator fame, may think they've accomplished something important this weekend, but it's the Temple Owl, who has the true right to soar. We all know that victories in the arena are passing ... the wisdom of the owl endures *in aeternum*. The Temple Owl out-blings all the rest!

So, for all this and much more at the 79th Annual Convention of Eta Sigma Phi, we say...

Bubilate, bubones, bubilate: hoot, hoot.

The Resolutions Committee, with representatives from Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College, Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame, Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington, Beta Psi at Rhodes College, Gamma Xi at Howard University, Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College, and Eta Delta at Hillsdale College.

Eta Sigma Phi Advisors: *Maximas Gratias Agimus!*

Eta Sigma Phi would like to thank all the advisors of local chapters who work so diligently to support the organization on their campuses. Student members of Eta Sigma Phi are encouraged to do something special to show appreciation to their advisors for all they do.

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Reception for Chapter Advisors

Chapter Advisors planning to attend the 2008 meetings of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America are invited to a reception in their honor during the meeting. Look for time and place in the meeting program or contact the Executive Secretary at toms@monm.edu for further information. There will be door prizes at this reception, including an Eta Sigma Phi key.

Hellenistic Music and the Kithara

by Kira Jones of Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida

Note: This paper was voted the best student paper read at the 2007 convention in Philadelphia.

Music was a central element in many aspects of Greek life, whether as entertainment, education, or as a part of a religious ceremony. It continued to play an important role in Hellenistic society, but the foreign influences that Alexander, in part, introduced to the Greek world changed its music forever. The kithara, a stringed instrument popular in many circles, was at the forefront of this musical revolution. In order to understand the kithara's evolution as a social instrument, however, one must first look at its history.

In the late fifth/early fourth centuries BCE, the Greek world was subjected to an incursion of what scholars now call "new music." This music entailed many things, but foremost among them were advances in instrument technology that allowed performers to go beyond the proper *harmonia* of their forefathers. Many contemporary intellectuals discounted these musical innovations, some even going so far as to say they were destroying music (West 357). Plato, when describing his ideal city, refuses to allow "multi-stringed or poly-harmonic instruments," or the *aulos*, which he calls, "the most multi-stringed of all" (R. 399c-d). He most likely means polyharmonic when he says multi-stringed since the *aulos* was a wind instrument. Plato also decries note intervals that are either too close or far apart, as well as excessively high or low pitches, songs that are played either too quickly or too slowly, and general *poikilmata* (elaborate ornamentation) regarding rhythm (Maas 169).

Regardless of the intellectual opinion, new music created a new public opinion of performance. Instead of praising composers, people began to focus on the performers. The key to a good performance, apparently, was virtuoso skill, personality and stage presence. The best performer, according to M.L West, was the Theban aulete Pronomus. Pronomus not only possessed virtuoso skill, but also "captivated audiences not just by his playing but by his

facial expression and the whole movement of his body." The fact that he was featured on a vase, which is now displayed in Naples, attests the newly developed appreciation for performers (West 366).

As performers concentrated on becoming more skilled, they ushered in even more advances in instrument construction. Pronomus is said to have devised a way of making multimodal *auloi*, and the kithara gradually became elongated and acquired up to twelve strings by some accounts (West 367). These new modes, along with the new-found skill of many artists, led to composers "who inaugurated unmusical rule breaking, poetic spirits by nature but insensitive to the Muse's rights and principles, running wild and unduly possessed by pleasure, blending dirges with hymns and paeans with dithyrambs, making citharody sound like aulody, combining everything with everything, misled by their folly into denying that music has any true standard at all..." (Leg. 669c-670a, 700a-701a). The masses would have loved a performer who seemingly had no limitations in his music, but that same performer must have infuriated those trying to preserve Greek tradition.

Their best efforts, however, could not preserve Greek musical tradition in its pristine form. Indeed, the famed Aristoxenus is one of the last composers we actually know from this period. This is not to say that Greek composers ceased to exist, but the public focus had shifted so dramatically towards the performer that composers simply were not lauded as they once were.

Alexander himself initiated a musical trend, as he is reported to have employed one *rhapsode*, three *psilocitharists*, two *citharodes*, two *aulodes*, five *auletes*, three tragic and three comic actors, as well as a harpist at his five-day wedding festival. Ptolemy II followed Alexander's lead by employing six hundred male vocalists as a choir for his Alexandrian procession in 282 BCE, and no less than thirty *citharodes* to accompany the vocalists in their march (West 373-4). After these examples, both Macedonia and Alexandria continued to enjoy numerous royal festivals throughout the Hellenistic age.

The kithara was made of wood, and differed from the lyre in both sound-box size

and sonority. From the pictorial evidence we have, it was held upright while playing, and may have been inclined towards the player during performance. There was usually a ribbon that went around the musician's left wrist to help support the instrument while he/she used a *plektron* (a pick-like device) to play. The number of strings varies, but from artistic and literary evidence it seems that there were always at least five strings (West 173).

During the late classical age, kithara performers had only just begun to pursue actual musical careers, and so the instrument was still considered somewhat of a holy, refined activity. Thus, practically all of the vases from that classical era show the kithara in conjunction with Apollo, who is often himself contesting with Marsyas. Early Hellenistic artists depicted this myth many times, and the reason for this is evident if one looks at the time period. There was still a conflict over the role of new music in Greek society. Early in the myth, it is said that Athena invented the aulos but threw it away, only for it to be found by Marsyas. Athena, especially in Attica, was a goddess of civilization. If she rejected the instrument, which was later adopted by a satyr (representing non-civilization) then the aulos evidently was not good enough for erudite company. Apollo also represents civilization, in the sense of proper music. He is always depicted with the traditional kithara (as opposed to the newer Hellenistic or Italiote models, which will be discussed later), and he always wears traditional clothing.

Marsyas, on the other hand, is doomed from the beginning. His bestial nature somehow draws him to the aulos, which was the instrument at the forefront of new music. He is naked, as opposed to Apollo's finery, and his hair is unkempt, as opposed to Apollo's finely groomed ephebic look. It seems that what the Hellenistic artists had in mind was a direct comparison between new music and the traditional ways: new music had to fail. It was against the very laws of nature and culture for a mere beast to triumph over a god, and Marsyas clearly represents the new influences that were threatening the "sacred" way of music.

The Hellenistic kithara first appears on vases during the late fifth century



Kira Jones of Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia presenting a Powerpoint of her paper on ancient music.

BCE and remains popular into the second century CE. It was an elongated version of the standard classical kithara and much narrower, although the sound box curve remained fairly similar. Some depictions have ornamentation near the crossbar, beyond which the arms usually extend. The base of the instrument was pentangular with a point at the center-back, although we have no indication of how many strings this type of kithara had. It continued to be held, played, and tuned in much the same way as the standard version, although on some depictions the right hand is shown holding the plektron above the sound box,

as opposed to the lower region it occupied in previous artwork (West 173).

The Hellenistic kithara is more prevalent in artwork of this period, and shows a distinct change in popular view of the instrument. In many depictions there is a mortal who plays the kithara. A Sicilian *Genochoe* currently in Leningrad shows a pair of female musicians surrounding Herakles, who seems to be passed out on the street. The other musician, playing an aulos, is barely visible but stands just behind his head. The women are also holding torches, and it has been suggested that they may be returning home from

a party (West 176). As stated above, it was common to hire musicians for social gatherings, so the party theory is not unreasonable.

It is interesting to note that Herakles, the great archaic champion of Greek culture, is portrayed in a most unflattering way. Apart from passing out on the street with an entourage of drinking companions, he seems oblivious to the fact that there is an old woman pouring some sort of liquid on him. The scene itself is comic and not only redefines Herakles as a drunken buffoon, but also redefines the kithara as an instrument that is acceptable this type of

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situation. Its proximity to the aulos that is also pictured, when juxtaposed with the Apollo/Marsyas art, illuminates its descent from the sacred music of the standard kithara.

The next modification of the kithara mostly appears on Italiote vases and is rarely found in artwork from the rest of the Greek world, suggesting a regional development. It had parallel arms that did not curve inwards (although some curved forwards), and a straight, rectangular sound box. The arms often extended along the entire sound box, with the crossbar attached somewhere near the top of the arms. Small disks and knobs appear along the crosspieces (as many as three to a side) that may have been used for tuning, although the string kollops are on the upper end of the instrument, much like the rest of the lyre family. The tuning methods appear to be unchanged, although the musicians themselves were not quite so lucky. Many representations depict women musicians, the instrument itself is now played while seated, and there does not appear to be any singing involved.

The earliest depictions of the Italiote kithara, from the Apulian-Campanian region of Italy, tend to crop up in conjunction with marriage rites. Apollo is never featured with this instrument, although there are some mythological scenes (also involving marriage in some manner) that employ the instrument (West 176). Much Italiote pottery, especially the ornate examples, was created as funerary gifts. According to some scholars, the Messapian cultures firmly believed that couples separated by death would be reunited in the underworld. Furthermore, they considered marriage so important that those unfortunate enough to die unmarried would be paired with an ideal partner once they reached Elysium (West 172). These supernatural rites would be performed by none other than Aphrodite or Dionysos, with the musical assistance of either Apollo or the great mythic bard Orpheus.

It would seem, then, that the kithara was not an instrument that had been entirely abandoned by the gods. It was not to remain that way, however, as we can see from later examples of the Italiote kithara. A late Hellenistic wall fresco from Hercu-

laneum shows a woman playing a kithara (shown here from the back) performing with an aulos-player. The kithara is still supported by her left arm, but it is unclear whether she is seated or just bending her knees to brace the instrument. In addition, she seems to be playing with both hands; her left hand is positioned on the strings but her right hand, which does not appear to be holding a plectrum, is clearly shown in movement.

Another fresco featuring an Italiote kithara is a copy of a late third/early second century BCE original, featuring a matron with her attendant. Once again the *kitharistes* is wearing fine clothing, and her instrument appears to be lavishly decorated. She does not appear to be engaged in playing it, however; her left hand, which should be supporting the instrument, is laid delicately on the strings while her right hand is propped under the crosspiece. Another interesting element is the angle at which she is holding the kithara; instead of holding it upright, as most other players do, it is almost flat on her lap. Granted, the sound box is extraordinarily long, but it still does not look like she would be able to play effectively.

These observations lead to the belief that this is, in fact, a staged portrait. It is hard to imagine that a kithara with that much garland on it would sound very nice, and neither she nor her attendant are paying any attention to the kithara; instead, their gaze is riveted on the audience. Even if this is a staged portrait, it still raises a number of intriguing questions. Why would a wealthy matron choose to be painted as a *kitharistes*? Why would she not choose, like so many other Hellenistic women, to be portrayed as a goddess? The original fresco was done rather late in the Hellenistic era, and it was certainly late enough for the fight over new music to die down. In the end, this fresco shows that the kithara is, once again, a suitable instrument in the eyes of the erudite and probably somewhat of a status symbol.

This fresco would have been placed in a prominent area of the home where people would see it. If being seen as a *kitharistes* would have damaged her reputation, the matron would have chosen something else.

What exactly happened, then, to

music during the Hellenistic era? Literary evidence tells us that there was a greater love for the performer, and late Hellenistic artwork certainly supports this statement. The artwork, particularly that which shows the kithara, features a distinct evolution between the physical form of the instrument and the subject matter that was considered appropriate to represent. Whereas the kithara, and Greek music by extension, was originally a structured, ordered affair suitable for the gods, it evolved through public perception into something that was suitable for anyone with enough talent.

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A list of web pages maintained by individual chapters can be found at <http://department.monm.edu/classics/esp/Links.html>. Many of the links on this site are no longer active. It is the responsibility of members of the local chapters to maintain these links and to inform the national office of any changes. If your chapter does not yet have a website, please consider designing one!



National Office Income and Expenses 2006–2007

3/16/2006 through 3/15/2007

INFLOWS

Certificate Replacement	30.00
Charter Fee	250.00
Convention Dorm Room	50.00
Convention Registration Fee	3,637.00
Express Mail Fee	240.00
Gift Received	752.50
Honor Cords	3,372.00
Honor Hoods	1,254.00
Initiation Dues	19,929.00
Interest Inc	33.42
Jewelry Sold	1,073.00
Other Inc	166.32
OVER PAYMENT	117.95
Postage Fee	5.00
Processing Charge	156.00
Transfer from Endowment	7,200.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	38,266.19

OUTFLOWS

Accountant Fee	159.00
Archive Maintenance	30.00
Book Prizes	359.00
Certamen Machine	640.00
Certificates	7,023.00
Computer	387.65
Convention Expenses	4,941.75
Endowment Management	25.00
Entertainment	285.31
ESP Charter	15.00
Fax Charges	101.00
Government Fee	20.00
Honor Hoods Purchase	898.00
Honors Cords--Purchase	517.00
Jewelry Purchased	1,767.60
Misc	166.32
Nuntius	8,366.97
Office Assistance	600.00
Office Supplies and Photocopying	556.35
Overpayment Refund	31.00
PayPal Fees	118.23
Pins	432.00
Postage	1,181.13
Prizes	335.49
Promotion Expenses	583.00
Promotion Expenses--APA	4,697.01
Refund	42.00
Scholarship Award	8,600.00
Translation Contest Prize	880.00
Travel Reimbursement	5,130.00
Web Page Maintenance	150.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	47,038.81

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Obverse and reverse of the large silver medal

In addition, chapters can award the medals to outstanding students of the Classics at their home institutions. Two silver medals are available: the large medal (1½ inches) at \$28.75 and the small (¾ inch) at \$10.25. A bronze medal (¾ inch) is available at \$6.50. The various medals can be awarded to students at various levels of their study.

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Report of Endowment Fund

79th Annual Convention
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 30-April 1, 2007

I. Cash	Value as of 12/31/2006
1. E*Trade Bank (interest earned in 2006: \$4.80)	\$ 1,090.50
II. Dain Rauscher Portfolio	
1. LaSalle Bank, Chicago, IL (interest earned in 2006: \$577.53)	\$10,490.26
2. Corporate Bond, Target Corp. @9.625, due 02/01/08, non-callable (interest earned in 2006: \$577.50)	6,222.48
3. Enterprise Prods Partners, LP	9,827.56
4. Sr. Hsg. Ppty's Tr., 70 shares (est. annual income: \$92.40)	1,713.60
5. Con. Ed. Inc. 146 shares (\$335 div. in 2006)	7,018.22
6. Wells Fargo Capital, 400 shares @7%, income, \$700.00 in 2006	10,080.00
7. Cash, Tamarack Inv. Funds (yielded \$78.42 in 2006)	1,642.40
8. Five Star Quality Care, 14 shares (yielded \$54.16 in 2006)	156.10
Total:	\$47, 150. 62

III. Ameriprise Financial Funds

RVS Diversified Equity Income Fund Cl A	\$22,412.07
RVS International Select Value Fund Cl A	12,168.52
RVS Diversified Bond Fund Cl A	40,454.90
RVS Diversified Bond Fund Cl B	4,054.18
RVS Large Cap Equity Fund Cl A	15,847.09
Total:	\$94,936.78

Value of Endowment on 12/31/2006 \$143,177.90
(Value, 2005, \$134,512.94)

Brent M. Froberg, Mgr. Endowment

NOTE: Ameriprise Value as of 3/23/2007: \$96,532.23

Medal Fund, Annual Report, 2006

Cash on hand, January 1, 2006 \$ 139.90

Receipts:

Sale of large silver (5) @ \$28.75	\$ 143.75
Sale of small silver (17) @ \$10.25	174.25
Sale of small bronze (8) @ \$ 6.50	52.00
Interest, passbook #2984	2.51
Postage paid for shipping	5.00
Total	\$ 517.41

Disbursement:

To CD #505000535, 3yrs. @5.25% (matures, 7/13/09)	\$ 466.78
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Assets:

CD #505000265 3yrs. @ 4.25% (matures, 7/05/08; interest earned, 2006: \$16.29)	\$ 399.78
Cash on hand, December 31, 2006	\$ 50.63
Total	\$ 917.19

Inventory:

88 large silver @\$28.75	\$2,530.00
186 small silver @\$10.25	1,906.50
44 small bronze @\$6.50	286.00
Total	\$4,722.50

Total value (money and medals) \$5,639.69
Dec. 31, 2006

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Chapter Reports 2006–2007

Beta at Northwestern University

During the 2006-2007 academic year, Beta Chapter has been working closely with the Classics Department to promote an interest in the department through a variety of Classics-related events. In the Spring of 2006, Beta Chapter inducted 8 new members. At the beginning of the 2006-2007 academic year, we instituted weekly Greek and Latin tutoring hours, inviting all Greek and Latin students into the Classics seminar room on Thursday nights to work on homework and get questions answered. Afterwards, we show an episode of the HBO *Rome* series with pizza for a fun and social end to a Classics-filled evening.

In addition, Eta Sigma Phi is responsible for putting together the annual Classics Lamb Roast. In the Spring of 2006 we successfully roasted a full lamb to the delight of the department. The event was filled with socialization and yummy food to celebrate the end of another successful year. We were also fortunate enough to send five students to the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome during the fall of 2006. Following their return these students gave a presentation on studying abroad in Rome for students interested in the program. In an attempt to get more involved in the community, two of our students talked to students in the Illinois Junior Classical League about studying Classics as well as studying abroad in Rome.

Some *kudos*:

- Five students spent the Fall 2006 semester at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome – Nicole Berlin, Dustin Dixon, Julie Fountain, Laura Garofalo and Colleen Kron.
- Juniors Colleen Kron, Dustin Dixon, Laura Garofalo, Nicole Berlin, and Amelia Vesper attended the national convention of Eta Sigma Phi, the Classics honor society, in Philadelphia the weekend of March 30.
- Nicole Berlin (junior) has received a Summer Research Grant through the Office of Fellowships at Northwestern. Her project is in Roman art history, and she plans to return to Rome for research for a time in July.
- Jessica Cheng (sophomore, majoring in Classics and in Journalism) will be study-

ing Gaelic and Greek at the University of Edinburgh in the fall quarter 2007.

- Katie Fine (sophomore) will be attending *Aestiva Romae Latinitas*, a summer Latin program in Rome directed by Reginald Foster, the Vatican's principal Latinist.
- Laura Garofalo (junior) has received a Summer Research Grant through the Office of Fellowships at Northwestern. She is researching a paper on Roman children's funerary monuments, and will conduct her research in Rome and institutions in Chicago.
- Colleen Kron (junior) will attend an archaeological field school in Mycenae, Greece, through a project with the University of California, Berkeley.
- Amelia Vesper (junior) has been notified of her acceptance for the Fall 2007 semester at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome.
- Shelby Walchuk, '09, presented her paper on the presentation of *Fames*, "Hunger," in the eighth book of Ovid's *Metamorphoses* to the Classics Department Monda lunchtime workshop on February 19, 2007. She argued that *Fames*' ability to instill hunger within Erysichthon, and the power that she subsequently holds over him, are expressed in terms of a reversal of traditional gender roles.
- Robin Willis (junior, majoring in Classics and in Theater) will be an intern this summer with Chicago's prestigious Lookingglass Theater. She is studying Children's Theater.
- Laura Veneskey (graduate student in Art History) will be studying this summer in the Medieval Greek program at the Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

In addition to these activities, we have collaborated with the Classics department on many events. Some of our students were involved in the production of a scene from Aeschylus' *Persians* in full Greek costume, recited in Attic Greek. This was part of a year long lecture series on the *Persians* that brought many distinguished lecturers including Edith Hall from Royal Holloway, University of London, and Rush Rehm from Stanford University. We have also attended productions of the *Orestia*

and *Antigone* put on by the Greasy Jones Theater Company in Chicago. In collaboration with some of our classics faculty, we visited museums such as the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago and the Art Institute of Chicago. Each quarter we also sponsor a movie night followed by discussion lead by a professor. Recently we viewed Wolfgang Petersen's *Troy* and analyzed how related the movie was to the *Iliad*. Through these efforts, the Beta Chapter at Northwestern University is continually striving to increase the visibility and interest in Classics on the Northwestern campus.

Please check out our website at <http://www.classics.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/esp.html>.

Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri

Over the past year at Mizzou, the Alpha Mu chapter has focused primarily on increasing campus awareness, on fostering group fellowship, and on continuing our dedication to service opportunities.

Through several social events such as bake sales, movie nights, and a unique trip to a local corn maze to reenact Theseus' daring escape from the Labyrinth, we have significantly increased awareness of Eta Sigma Phi on campus. Additionally, we have had a remarkable number of campus-wide lectures this year, including a 3D tour of Rome and a thrilling eye-witness account of famous Turkish archaeological sites. Throughout the year, we volunteered in various service events, in particular our community's "Safe Halloween" night and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

In March, we initiated 18 new members, a record event for our chapter, and we were privileged to send 4 delegates to the National Convention in Philadelphia, where our own vice president Jes Geary was elected to national office. We will conclude the year with our much-anticipated annual *Cena Deorum*, which includes a banquet and certamen with our professors. As our ranks continue to grow, we look forward to another exciting and productive year in our efforts to increase awareness and service on the University of Missouri campus.



Left: members of Alpha Phi chapter on the croquet court sitting on their croquet mallets at the end of a game: left to right Austin Tooley, Catherine Freis, Andrew Carlson, Glen McLeod and Andrew Harris

Below: Alpha Phi chapter, left to right: Austin Tooley, Glen McLeod, Eric Sumrall, John Yargo, Andrew Harris, Catherine Freis, Michael Gleason, Ashley Jefcoat, Ben Cain, Sarah Castille, Hevyn Allen, Emily Gilbert; in front: Lacey Cook and Julia Fell.

Alpha Tau at The Ohio State University

For the past several years the Alpha Tau chapter The Ohio State University had been relatively inactive. In the Autumn quarter of 2006, however, a new group of Classics students began to reactivate the chapter. For this reason, the fall activities were, to put it frankly, non-existent. Winter quarter, though, saw a fresh start to Alpha Tau, as we held elections for officers and organized a couple of social events, including a marathon reading of the *Odyssey*, and a screening of several episodes of HBO's *Rome* series.

As Spring quarter began, we sent four delegates to the national convention in Philadelphia. The experience could not have been more worthwhile. Coming back from the convention, we were and still are excited about ideas we heard there for what to do with our chapter. These ideas include hosting marathon readings of works besides Homer, tutoring Latin in a local high school, and hosting an end of the year Bacchanalia for students and faculty.

To finance these rather ambitious projects, we plan on taking advantage of the wide variety of fundraising options available at Ohio State. As of right now, we are planning to work with a local restaurant to raise funds, as well as to hold a bake sale in the Classics department building. As the academic year winds up, we are very excited about the future of Alpha Tau chapter.



Alpha Phi at Millsaps College

In 2007, we initiated ten members of Eta Sigma Phi. Our initiates are tapped at a college wide ceremony for all honoraries, although ours is the only honorary which crowns our new inductees with ivy wreaths. Our advisor, Catherine Freis, will be retiring in December 2007 and we hope that we will retain many of the rituals she has brought to the honorary in her 32 years at the college.

This year, Eta Sigma Phi hosted a number of parties for students of the Classics. One was scheduled to coincide with the opening performance of the Millsaps Players' production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. We scheduled the dinner, full of Mediterranean delicacies, in our own building, so that we could have ample time to visit

and then to amble leisurely to the show in the very next building. Eta Sigma Phi also sponsored (for our HBO-less Campus) Sunday night showings and Discussions of HBO's *Rome*.

A feature of our spring party was croquet.

Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College

At Final Convocation last spring one of our members, Christopher T. Horner, was honored with the David C. Wilson Memorial Award in Greek, receiving a check for \$500 and a copy of *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*; and Joshua B. Hatchell received the Leila B. Thompson Eta Sigma Phi Prize in Latin. The latter prize, named for the wife of our long-time adviser, is a check for \$1000.00 and a copy of the *OCD*. The prizes will again be awarded this spring.

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In the fall the Chapter, with the Departments of Classics and Religion and the Western Culture Program, sponsored a talk on “The Intersection of Classical Culture and Early Christianity” by Michael Compton, adjunct professor of religion at the University of Richmond. The talk was followed by a dinner.

Beta Theta held its initiation ceremony on February 21, with three initiates, and two additional students were initiated on March 22. In connection with the first initiation, the Chapter, in conjunction with the Department of Classics and the Military Leadership and National Security

Studies Program, sponsored a lecture by University of Virginia’s Professor of History Jon E. Lendon on “Explaining Change in Classical Antiquity: The Case of Land Warfare.”

Our adviser and former national executive secretary, C. Wayne Tucker, is retiring at the end of this year, and our new adviser is Assistant Professor of Classics Janice F. Siegel.

We will be having a meeting soon to elect officers for next year.

Beta Iota at Wake Forest University

In the fall of 2007, Eta Sigma Phi of Wake Forest University reconvened for food and socializing while exchanging summer stories and viewing members’ study abroad pictures. Then before winter break, the organization got together for a holiday party to ease the stress of exams. They ushered in the New Year a bit late in February by gathering for pizza and voting on new officers. Congratulations to the new officers who were installed at the



Above right: Professor John L. Brinkley (left) presents the David C. Wilson Memorial Award in Greek to Beta Theta’s Christopher T. Homer.

Above: Beta Theta’s Prytanis Justin E. Hill (left) presents the Leila B. Thompson Eta Sigma Phi Prize in Latin to Joshua B. Hatchell.

Right: Beta Theta initiated Joshua Bohannon, Allen Horton, and Ben Shega on February 21. Two students who missed the initiation, Matthew Green and Lee Johnson, were initiated on March 22.



annual banquet: Molly Nevola, President; Heather Stephens, Vice-President; Jamie Aye, Secretary; Michael Franz, Treasurer. At the annual banquet Eta Sigma Phi enjoyed a buffet dinner and listened to a lecture by Wake Forest's own Dr. Jeff Lerner. The officers also inducted new members — Donald Campbell, Ashton Coffey, Paige Daniel, Christopher D'Auria, Meredith Greeson, Andrew Grindrod, Tyler Humphreys, William Johnson, Gracie King, Nicholas Lepley, Elizabeth Magargee, David McCannless, Paul Street, and Anne Ward.

Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland

We began the Fall Semester of 2007 in Corinth, and finished the semester in Syracuse, as we were fortunate to attend the Baltimore Opera Company's production of Rossini's *The Siege of Corinth* at the Lyric Opera House on October 22nd, and then to attend Center Stage's production of *The Boys From Syracuse* on Saturday, December 16th. December 16th was quite an eventful day, as we held our induction ceremony that day, had a Saturnalia celebration, and attended the play immediately following the induction. Our new inductees are Geri Thommen, Nikki Johnson, Ashleigh Sheridan, and Sara Priebe.

Throughout the month of November, we held a Roman Raffle, which was well received by the Notre Dame community and well supported by area museums and restaurants, which provided prizes. Letters were sent out in advance requesting prizes for the Roman Raffle. The drawing took place on December 8th. Proceeds provided support for attendance of the Convention, and for our Classics Scholarship Fund.

Also on December 8th, members of the chapter attended an AIA Lecture at The Johns Hopkins University, given by Dr. Michael Koortbojian, of the University, which focused on early shrines dedicated to Augustus.

On November 17th, some of us also attended the AIA Lecture at The Johns Hopkins, "Industrial Religion: Ritual Pyres in Ancient Athens." This was presented by Professor Susan Rotroff of Washington University in St. Louis.

On February 3rd, The Peabody

Chamber Opera production of Benjamin Britten's *The Rape of Lucretia* was attended by some Beta Kappa members.

We attended an AIA Lecture at The Johns Hopkins University given by William M. Murray, of the University of South Florida on February 23rd, which exposed speculations regarding The Battle of Actium.

Throughout the month of March, we held the Maryland Classics Raffle, to promote Classics in the community through the support of community "classics" like the Charles Theatre, the Senator Theatre, The Maryland Historical Society Museum, and many area restaurants. The drawing took place on Thursday, March 22nd. Proceeds of the Raffle were to benefit the Gladys Justice Scholarship Fund. Gladys Justice was a popular teacher of classical archeology and an honorary member of Beta Kappa Chapter. Her husband, George Justice, has given the College of Notre Dame of Maryland a substantial sum to establish a scholarship for an incoming student of Classics in memory of Gladys. Several alumnae and friends of our chapter have added to this. We are very grateful to George Justice and our other friends for their generosity and look forward to awarding this scholarship in the future.

On March 21 we hosted the Sister Mary Gratia Memorial Lecture. Dr. Matthew Roller, Professor and Chair of Classics at The Johns Hopkins University gave an illustrated presentation entitled "Horizontal Women: Gender and Dining Customs in Ancient Rome." This lecture was very well attended and enjoyed both by members of the chapter and members of the community.

On March 29 three of us attended a lecture at Loyola College on novelizing the ancient epic. The speaker was Thomas Falkner, a recognized classicist, former Eta Sigma Phi Summer Scholarship recipient, and husband of one of the alumnae of our chapter.

Our chapter president, Jennifer Hale, has proven herself a great photographer. Jen spent fall semester in Spain and on March 30 she received an award for a photograph she took there.

On April 28 some of us will help with the Maryland State JCL Convention.

Early in May at a date still to be determined we will have a luncheon for Latin students and elect officers for the next academic year.

We are glad that our fundraisers have helped us send a delegation to this year's convention and we are pleased to make a small donation to the Eta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund, to be applied to the new archaeology scholarship.

Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington

Beta Nu continued to promote Latin this year by holding its 7th annual Classical Essay Contest for local middle and high school students of Latin. In the fall we sent flyers to Latin teachers in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where Mary Washington is located; to teachers in the neighboring counties of Spotsylvania and Stafford; and to members of the Fredericksburg Area Latin Teachers' Association (FALTA), whose membership extends across northern Virginia. We invited essays, 2-3 pages or approximately 750 words in length, on the following topic, "Horace wrote *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*. Is this sentiment still relevant today?" We were delighted to receive almost 200 essays, which we judged in January at a combined essay reading session and pizza party. We awarded Eta Sigma Phi, dictionaries, and certificates to first, second, and third place winners in two levels of competition, junior (sixth through ninth graders) and senior (tenth through twelfth graders).

On the social side, Beta Nu kicked off the fall semester with an ice cream social for its members held in the Greek theater on our campus, on, alas, a rather chilly day. In addition, Beta Nu once again joined with the Classics Club to produce a Mary Washington Classics t-shirt, this year featuring the "Clytemnestra Hotel," which, of course, offers a "free bath with every room."

In mid-March Beta Nu initiated 25 new members, and, a week later, hosted its 10th annual Eta Sigma Phi public lecture at the University of Mary Washington to announce and honor its new members and, of course, to promote Classics to the community. Our speaker, Dr. Gregson Davis of Duke University, lectured

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on “‘Afro-Greeks’ in Search of Home: The Motif of the Underworld Journey in the Poetry of Aimé Césaire and Derek Walcott.”

Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas

This year has certainly been an exciting time for the Beta Pi chapter at the University of Arkansas. Lectures have been given, parties thrown, and much goodwill and friendship have been coveted by all! It has also been a period of notable growth for the chapter. Dr. Alexandra Pappas joined the ranks of our Classics faculty in August and has been received very warmly by the students. She is energetic, informed, and personable, and brings with her many insights and connections that have been beneficial to our chapter and Classics program.

In September, we had our annual Back-to-School get together, and as always with these events, there was a smorgasbord of delightful foodstuffs to choose from. Furthermore, nearly a hecatomb was slaughtered for this occasion. “*And the smoke of the fat rose from the grill to the heavens producing a pleasing aroma for both gods and men.*”

In October, we hosted Prof. Gregory Daugherty from Randolph-Macon College, who gave a lecture called “*Down and Out in Ancient Rome.*” After teaching us about class disparities in Rome, Prof. Daugherty also presented a smaller talk called “*The Greatest Story Ever Drawn: Cleopatra in American Comics,*” which was a visual blitz of Cleopatra’s depictions ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous.

In November, our chapter president and national treasurer, Jasmine Merced-Ownbey, headed over to Memphis to attend CAMWS-SS to help increase the exposure of Eta Sigma Phi to other members and organizations of the Classics field.

The tireless efforts of our faculty trio pleased the gods, and our chapter reaped the rewards. In December, we initiated 20 new members at our annual Saturnalia—a record for our chapter! The event was a phenomenal success marked with much food and drink and gift-giving. In keeping with tradition, students brought their lexica to translate gift tags and, provided they guessed the contents from the Greek

and Latin riddles, opened up their presents given by the faculty.

Our chapter president went with the other national officers in January to sunny San Diego to represent Eta Sigma Phi at the APA/AIA. Amidst the bustle of the convention, we generated interest in Eta Sigma Phi, and we may well see new chapters popping up on the West Coast as a result.

Also in January, we hosted Prof. Jon Lendon from the University of Virginia. His lecture entitled “*Explaining Change in Classical Antiquity: The Case for Land Warfare*” was a fascinating exploration of weaponry, command, and troop formations which explained how the Romans undermined their tried and true military strategies by their desire for ancient Greek tradition. The following day, Prof. Lendon held an informal talk titled “*Social Relations Between Roman Soldiers: The Evidence from the Gravestones*” – a brainstorming session surrounding the inter-legionary relationships demonstrated by funerary inscriptions.

In February, our very own Professor Daniel Levine gave a public talk entitled “*Tuna in Ancient Greece.*” It was a *tour de fish* of how the Greeks perceived tuna, those who ate it, the best ways to cook it, where the best tuna came from, its migration patterns and much, much more. The lecture was humorous and informative, with a surprising amount of primary source citation on tuna. Who would have thought there was so much information on the topic?

Of course, a fish is sometimes followed by a cat. Though not always by one in a hat, but that was the case in March. Two members of our chapter (Jasmine Merced-Ownbey and Lee Alex Simpson) were invited to a local middle school to read *Cattus Petasatus* to a group of bright 6th and 7th graders in honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday. We explained the joys of classics study and the benefits of classical language study. We then read a section of *Cattus* which included my favorite line – “*Effrenata geminata, ‘Maius,’ ‘Minus,’ nominata!*” After that, most of the students were eager to try their own hand at reading. We knew this event was a total success when, after a Q&A session, one girl with unbridled

enthusiasm exclaimed: “I’m so gonna take Latin!” We left the students that day screaming for more, which they got the following week, when Jasmine returned to team-teach some Latin basics to these extraordinary kids. Starting with identifying English cognates from their Latin origins, we moved along to basic grammar, and we finished up at the end of the 3rd hour with them writing their very own Latin compositions.

Also in March, we held our mid-semester party, at which we inducted 3 new members. A tame affair in comparison to our usual revelries, we’re saving our strength for the upcoming bash in May.

And to finish up this semester with a bang, in two weeks we will be hosting Professor Patricia Rosenmeyer from the University of Wisconsin. She will be giving a lecture entitled “*Helen of Troy: Victim or Vamp?*” where she’ll be discussing the different ways in which Helen has been depicted through the ages. A second lecture will be about the statue of Sappho that was stolen by Verres.

As you can tell, we’ve had a pretty busy year at the University of Arkansas. For those who might have missed something, here’s a 15-second recap of our year: new faculty, hecatomb, CAMWS, class disparities, Cleo in comics, 20 initiates, APA/AIA, warfare, gravestones, *tour de fish*, *Cattus Petasatus*, “I’m so gonna take Latin,” 3 initiates, “Victim or Vamp?,” and Sappho’s stolen statue.

Whew! Is it summer yet?

Beta Sigma at Marquette University

For the 2006–2007 school year, the Marquette University chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has been dedicated to spreading the word of Classical scholarship on Marquette’s campus. We have done so by putting together theater outings and emailing to any interested parties a weekly “Etymologia,” in which our grammateus highlights the etymological roots of a chosen word. In our small but very able department, we have the capability to trace a word to its derivation from Latin, Greek, German, French, Old English, or even Sanskrit! Additionally, our chapter sponsored two major events this year. The first is the annual Classical Valentine’s Day card sale,

Right, some of the attendees of the annual Beta Pi Saturnalia party opening gifts.

Below, Jasmine Merced-Ownbey (l.) and Lee A. Simpson (r.) of Beta Pi chapter with Holt Middle School honor students.

Below right (left to right) Lee A. Simpson, Jasmine Merced-Ownbey, and Holt MS teacher Jeanne King holding copies of *Cattus Petasatus*.



during which we sell hand-made, original Valentines with quotes in Greek and Latin from various sources. As always, we not only make out quite well monetarily, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have spread a knowledge of the Classics into every home in which our cards found themselves! The second major event in which we took part was Marquette's first annual Foreign Languages Film Festival, which was a successful attempt at developing a cohesion between the disparate language honor societies of the Foreign Language Department at Marquette: Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Italian, and of course Classics. Eta Sigma Phi featured the 1951 film "Quo Vadis," which is about the persecution of Christians in the Golden Age of Nero.

This event was highly successful, and is yet again another shining example of how Marquette's Eta Sigma Phi is getting our name out there. We have yet to have our initiation ceremony this year, during which we will introduce more dedicated students into Eta Sigma Phi. We will also be holding our annual majors and minors party to create a sense of camaraderie among the students and professors. Our strong academics and students make the Marquette chapter of Eta Sigma Phi quite distinguished; in fact, we are sending two senior students to PhD programs in Classics on full fellowships for the Fall of 2007. It can often be difficult for a small department to gain notice on such a large campus, but we manage quite well here at Marquette!

Beta Psi at Rhodes College

It has a busy year, one marked by collaboration for Beta Psi chapter.

We partnered with CA'ESAR (the Classical and Ellenic Society at Rhodes) to host a Saturnalia festival in December. It was truly a multi-cultural event. Our theme was a reconciliation dinner between Jews and Greeks, so we enjoyed latkes and learned some Greek dancing. But we do know that Saturnalia is a Roman holiday, so we also played knucklebones and sang carols in Latin.

Beta Psi will be partnering again with CA'ESAR for a Panathenaia festival later in April.

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Our chapter has also sponsored with our humanities program The Search for Value in the Light of Western History and Religion. In September, when all of the students in Search were reading the *Odyssey*, we helped stage a marathon reading of the *Iliad*. We started at 8pm on September 7th and finished at 3pm the next day.

In addition to these activities, we helped host the Southern Section meeting of CAMWS, November 1–4. We will again play host when the Tennessee Junior Classical League holds its annual convention on the Rhodes Campus, April 19–21, just in time for Rome's birthday.

But all of these events have not distracted us from our other regular activities. We still had our fall and spring inductions in which we added, respectively, 2 and 10 new members. Also, we have continued our after-school program at nearby Bruce Elementary School for the tenth year. We bring a snack and a lesson with a corresponding activity to about 15 elementary school students. This year topics have included the *Odyssey*, siege practices, the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, ancient theater, just to name a few.

All in all, it has been a good year, and we are already planning for next year!

Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College

The academic year of 2006-2007 began with a picnic for Classics Majors at Dr. Sienkewicz's house, a festive tradition that brings our Eta Sigma Phi members and students of the Classics together with professors in a delightful setting. The academic year has also featured two initiations, one in November and another in March, which brought ten new members to our chapter. Each new member was asked to donate \$5.00 to the Eta Sigma Phi scholarship.

Our chapter has also organized and/or participated in a plethora of events so far this year. On October 19, several members of Eta Sigma Phi traveled to Pekin High School in Pekin, Illinois, to help out with the Junior Classics League conference. Several of our members planned and attended an excursion to see the King Tut exhibit while it was at the Field Museum in Chicago. In addition, members of the Gamma Omicron chapter organized and

planned a game of "Gladiator" in which individuals made their own gladii, shields, and other weapons out of cardboard and proceeded to have a game of "assassin" in which each participant was provided the name of another member to "assassinate" with the weapon he/she created. The chapter held a showing of the HBO series *Rome* for a series of weeks open to the whole school and also helped in organizing the Classics Club toga party.

Our chapter was also lucky to have had a variety of guest speakers throughout the academic year. The Fox Classics Lecture, an annual lecture on a Classical topic by an esteemed author or professor which is performed in remembrance of Dr. Bernice L. Fox, featured Carol Goodman, the author of *Lake of Dead Languages* who spoke concerning the benefits of Latin in the curriculum. The lecture was preceded by the *Cena Classica*, a meal served for Professors and Classics Majors consisting solely of Classical foods. Other lecturers included Dr. Rick Phillips of Virginia Tech who lectured upon magical papyri, Dr. David Noe of the University of Iowa who lectured upon Cicero and Ovid's views upon valentines, Dr. John Sparks of Randall Macon Women's College who lectured upon actresses in antiquity, Dr. Melissa Rothfus of the University of Nevada at Reno who lectured upon Roman clothing, and Dr. Myles MacCallum, also of the University of Nevada at Reno, who lectured upon the wine trade in ancient Italy.

The Gamma Omicron chapter, celebrating its 51st anniversary at Monmouth College, attended this year's Eta Sigma Phi convention with Dr. Thomas Sienkewicz and Dr. Nick Dobson as well as 9 members of Gamma Omicron- including Sarah Sherry who presented her paper entitled 'Percussion in the Ancient World: Ideophones and Membranophones in the Cults of Cybele and Dionysus. The Gamma Omicron chapter's eventful year has brought a host of new members and willing spirits to Eta Sigma Phi. In the upcoming months, we hope to hold a marathon reading of *Lysistrata* in the quad as well as recreating the 'Gladiator Assassin' game.

Gamma Omega at Baylor University

It was another exciting year for the members of the Gamma Omega chapter at Baylor University. We kicked the off year off with a "Back to School Bash," complete with the appropriate toga wrapping and temple building contests. The dimensions of the togas were close to the monstrosity of fabric used in antiquity which made the event, needless to say, entertaining. The temples had to be constructed using only masking tape and newspaper. One of them even stood for a few months before it was sacked. This event was accompanied by the printing of a not so appropriate t-shirt: the epsilon with a circumflex which, as Dr. Froberg would say is, "the stuff nightmares are made of." The purposes of the "Back to School Bash" were twofold: one, to raise awareness of our organization to all underclassman currently taking classics classes and entice them into being inducted and two, to promote solidarity among the current members of Eta Sigma Phi.

We inducted 16 new members into our ranks this year. A great time and much pizza were had by all. One group even sang Monty Python's chant of the friars in Latin to prove that they were worthy of being inducted into our society.

This year marked our 6th annual Oct-HOMER-fest fundraiser. Due to the early onset of the monsoon season in Texas, it was also the first ever Oct-Homer-Fest to be held on November 1st. We sold sandwiches and desserts and made a record number of sales and, of course, another fabulous t-shirt.

Latin Day was also a huge success. We hosted 160 high school Latin students. The day's activities included certamen, gladiatorial fights, a full-clad Declamatio contest and a performance of sections from Plautus' *Menaechmi*.

We had our traditional hamburger cookout for Take-A-Dative in March. Our theme this year was "The Roman Empire Strikes Back!" Our t-shirt featured the famous statue of Julius Caesar holding a light sabre and written beneath him the phrase "May the Forms be With You." In addition to the all the festivities, many of us labored and sweated for three hours to complete the 500 piece "Empire Strikes

Back” puzzle which we fully intend to frame and hang in the Lounge of Destiny.

After convention we plan to hold our first annual “Vernal Ve/irgil Vigil” being spelled as such in order to cater to the opposing powers. This magnanimously beneficial event will coincide with Baylor’s spring holiday, *Dia del Orso* (“day of the bear”). We will stake our place right in front of all the Baylor festivities so that we can mesmerize the masses with our mystical classical powers and then convert them all into classicists.

To bring an end to such an incredible year, we would like to consummate our time at Baylor with a Classics Teacher Appreciation Day to honor those to whom we owe so much.

Delta Chi at St. Olaf College

We began our year with the First (hopefully Annual) Olympics, held in cooperation with St. Olaf’s Society of Ancient History; we received favorable portents before the games with the sighting of an eagle! In October a group of us traveled to the University of Minnesota to see a performance of Plato’s *Apology* by Yannis Simonides. Shortly after Halloween, we celebrated the Eleusinian Mysteries, as is our custom, with *kukeon*, dramatic recitations, and a bonfire. During the Christmas season, we caroled down the streets of Northfield, singing in Latin and Greek.

In February, several of us took the Eta Sigma Phi translation contests. In March, a cast of 18 students participated in St. Olaf’s biennial Latin play; we performed Plautus’ *Menaechmi*, taking the show on tour throughout southeastern Minnesota in preparation for the two home performances at St. Olaf. Four Delta Chi members plan to attend the national convention in Philadelphia. We are looking forward to initiating new members in April and ending the year with our traditional Bacchanalia in May.

We continue to hold weekly Classics Conversation Tables with a variety of speakers: Classics alumni talk about how their college major has (or has not) influenced the course of their lives; visiting faculty at St. Olaf and Carleton discuss their research interests; and students who have received grants for summer projects

report on their experiences. We are grateful to the Loomis family, whose generous donation to our chapter has helped pay for guest speakers and for travel to the convention.

Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida

The Epsilon Iota Chapter at the University of Florida has had a busy year. Just a few short days after our last Eta Sigma Phi convention at Virginia Tech, we helped host the 102nd annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle, West, and South at the invitation of the Department of Classics. Our members were very involved as hosts: our officers helped plan the event, and all our members served as tour guides, wearing bright golden shirts with the title “PAEDAGOGUS” emblazoned across the back. Hosting CAMWS was not only a great learning opportunity for our members, but it also gave us a glimpse of our futures as graduate students, teachers, or professors.

Although CAMWS was by far our biggest event in the past year, we have continued in our traditional activities as well. We inducted dozens of new Classics lovers, and welcomed them all with a BBQ after both our fall and spring inductions. We sponsored our annual food drive competition among the beginning Latin classes, and the winner was one of our former chapter presidents. The donations were given to the St. Francis House, a homeless shelter in Gainesville. That winning alumna and several of her colleagues joined us soon afterward for a grad school info session, where we learned what to expect in applying to and attending graduate school in Classics.

We enjoyed games and festivities at our Octogafest, the most authentic toga party on the UF campus. We held a Holiday Bake-a-thon, making and decorating treats and cards for the children and their families at the Ronald McDonald House. We also tutor beginning Latin students in both group and individual settings. With the UF Classics Department and the Gainesville AIA, we welcomed guest lecturers, such as Ian Morris, Denis Feeney, and Adrian Goldsworthy, with our traditional pizza lunches. A few weeks ago, the UF Classics Department Office Manager Druscilla

Gurahoo retired, after thirty years of dedication to the university, and the Epsilon Iota Chapter helped celebrate her many years with the department.

Our chapter has had a very busy yet very enjoyable year at the University of Florida. We will conclude our year with a celebration, awarding of scholarships, and graduation of ten of our most active members. Go Gators!

Epsilon Xi at Gustavus Adolphus College

This year has definitely been a busy one for our chapter. We eased ourselves back into the swing of the academic year by holding a *cena* at the newly opened Olive Garden where we stuffed ourselves with great tasting food – albeit not authentic ancient Greek or Roman food. In November we attended a performance of *Oedipus Rex* at nearby Bethany College. December brought our annual broomball tournament between the Greek and Latin language students (professors took part as well). Despite a few illegal checks and tumbles, everyone had a great time reenacting the past on ice.

The month of March was unofficially dedicated to the Arts. We attended a production of *Menaechmi* at St. Olaf College, as well as watched the newly released movie *300* (after which we were all impressed that Spartans kept their legs waxed). The end of the month was celebrated with the first few episodes of the mini-series *Rome*.

In April we coordinated with our Classics Department to sponsor visits by Professor Joseph Rife (Macalester College), who spoke about his excavations of a Roman cemetery at Corinth’s port city, and rhapsode Mark Miner, who performed Book 1 of Homer’s *Iliad* in Greek. The annual ‘What can you do with a classics major?’ program was a hit in recruiting future classicists (we have record numbers of majors this year!). Finally, and more importantly, we are proud to announce that 9 new members were inducted into our chapter in May.

Epsilon Psi at Santa Clara University

There was relatively little activity in Epsilon Psi Chapter during academic year 2006-2007, in part owing to the absence of its advisor on sabbatical. However, the

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chapter did sponsor one event in addition to its annual induction ceremony.

On April 11 Epsilon Psi sponsored a group trip to see the movie *300*, in which 11 students and four faculty participated. There was spirited discussion afterwards of the points of accuracy and of distortion in the film.

On May 29 the chapter held its induction ceremony. At this event 12 new members were initiated, signed the membership book, and received their pins and temporary certificates. Last year's initiates were presented with their membership cards and official certificates. Graduating seniors received their Eta Sigma Phi honor cords to wear at the University's Awards and Honors Convocation and at commencement. A new Prytanis and new Hyparchos were elected for 2007-2008 and duly sworn in. The ceremony concluded with refreshments and general festivity.

Zeta Beta at Temple University

We drove back from the wonderful convention hosted by Virginia Tech with good ideas for hosting convention in 2007 in Philadelphia. Much of the ensuing year is a blur, as planning a convention in the big city takes a lot of cooperation, frantic activity, worry, creativity, and elbow grease.

The fog was thickened by plans for the Thirtieth Birthday Celebration for the Department of Greek & Roman Classics, which had been started up again after a hiatus in 1976. The celebration took place on 21 April, in conjunction with the birthday of Rome, herself, and included appropriate birthday cakes. Our own Dr. Dan Tompkins, who began the current department, was honored as the *Sine Quo Non*, with an appropriate medal and champagne toast. Many Friends of the Classics, including members of Temple administration, Temple staff members and visitors from the Philadelphia area joined former and current Classics faculty, staff and students, and enjoyed the buffet and the exercise of "catching up" on news. Alumni from as long ago as twenty-five years returned, as did the former chair of the Department of German, with whom Classics shared a secretary when in its fledgling state.

Matt Cain and Erica Krause recovered from the birthday party and sought respite

from the planning, planning, planning by participating in the first Annual Spring World Poetry Festival on campus. Matt read from the *Iliad* and Erica read two poems of Catullus. More than twenty of the languages spoken and studied on our campus were represented.

In June some of our students attended the annual Institute of the American Classical League, which was held in Philadelphia in 2006. They manned an information table promoting Eta Sigma Phi and also served as "gophers" for the ACL staff.

After a brief vacation, it was time for the fall Welcome Back Party for majors, complete with required pizza and lots of good stories about "how I spent my summer vacation."

Lyndy Danvers had won a stipend as a member of the first group of Diamond Undergraduate Peer Teachers, and was teaching beginning Latin with Dr. Davis in the spring. We were happy to learn that Traci Dougherty had won a stipend for fall. She also taught with Dr. Davis. Our Department was so pleased with the success of Lyndy and Traci that we inaugurated our own version of the program run by the Provost's Office and Lyndy moved to Dr. Karen Hersch's second semester Latin class to assist in the fall. She returned to work with Dr. Davis in spring of 2007, while Traci continued to tutor the students she had worked in class with. We also learned just before convention 2007 that Libby Torresson had won a stipend for fall. She will also teach with Dr. Davis.

October was a busy time, as we had our traditional fundraising bakesale and raffle, and also sent two members to Maryland for the meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States. They manned an Eta Sigma Phi table there and met teachers, professors and publishing company representatives, to all of whom they sang the praises of our Society.

Dr. Lauri Reitzammer, who taught for us this year, and who had studied spoken Latin with Father Reginald Foster in Rome, began "Spoken Latin Tuesdays." A small group has met through this school year on Tuesday afternoons at four to munch goodies and mangle Latin. More and more munching and less and less mangling have begun to happen—and by

that, we don't mean that munching has overtaken speaking, but that our oral Latin has really made some improvement!

Erik Collins, Classics graduate and active Eta Sigma Phi member, attended the Spoken Latin Tuesdays after full days of teaching. He asked for a moratorium in his studies at Temple Law School to fill in for a Latin teacher in New Jersey who went on maternity leave. Erik has enjoyed teaching so much that he is now determined to abandon the law and take to the classroom on a permanent basis.

In November four current students of Temple Classics, aided by two alumni, continued the tradition of winning the Trivia Contest at the annual meeting of the Philadelphia Classical Society. This year the "bling" included a talking light saber (gladius) and a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble, which was duly added to the items for our Winter Solstice raffle. Attending the PCS meeting usually brings Temple students back together with their middle and high school Latin teachers. This year was no exception. Like the two alumni who attended, the students are going to be colleagues of their teachers soon.

December brought the Winter Solstice Party round. This year there were a record three dueling crockpots (one prepared by a professor, two by students), all featuring a version of the same Apicius chicken and apricot recipe, and all managing to provide totally different culinary experiences. An office manager from another department in our building requested a copy of the recipe, and threatens a new challenge to the cook-off next year! About seventy-five persons contributed to and ate from our buffet, and entertainment was furnished by Dr. Hersch's Latin class, with their rendition of *Tinniat, tinniat, tintinabulum*. We celebrated Saturnalia, Hannukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and other festivals of light that occur during the winter season.

A highlight of the Winter Solstice Party this year was the induction of Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio into our Zeta Beta Chapter as an honorary member. Dr. Rudy has often joined us at Temple for Winter Solstice and other festive occasions, and we were pleased to recognize his outstanding work as a teacher of Latin, supervisor of Foreign Languages for the Philadelphia

School District, and creator of the world famous “Language Arts Through Latin” program that for many years enrolled all pupils in the District in an enrichment program based on Latin materials. The Acting Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Carolyn Adams, came to view the ceremony, as did Dr. Charles Meyers, longtime colleague of Dr. Rudy in the school district and an initiate of Eta Sigma Phi himself—in his undergraduate days at Bowling Green.

Shortly after Winter Solstice, it seemed, Lyndy Danvers, our Prytanis, was off to San Diego for the annual meeting of the American Philological Association, where she made a presentation with Dr. Davis reporting on their experience and experiments with the Diamond Undergraduate Peer Teachers program. The presentation was successful, and resulted in an invitation to present on pedagogy at CAMWS. Being in San Diego also furnished Lyndy with opportunity to meet the national officers of Eta Sigma Phi, and to help a little with their representation of Eta Sigma Phi to the assembled members of the APA. She did not, however, fall under the influence of the Mega Prytanis Tom Evison and his interest in University of Florida football as did Dr. Davis, who stayed up very late on the night the Gators won the championship, cheering as loudly as though she had not attended the rival FSU.

In the spring term we managed another bake sale and a “Poetry and Pizza” afternoon, to which the Vice Dean for Undergraduate Studies in our college came. Dr. Rifkin was the original sponsor of the World Poetry Reading festival. He enjoyed our miniature version of that event and promised to come back when next we hold it. His specialty is Russian, and he will read some translations of Greek and Latin poems for us.

Our core committee of eighteen planners for Eta Sigma Phi Convention suddenly realized that we had not one but two conventions to help with. Dr. Karen Hersch was this year’s president of the Pennsylvania Classical Association, and decided to host it in conjunction with the Eta Sigma Phi Convention, producing a historic first. We weren’t sure how the Latin teachers of Pennsylvania would feel

about this, but they embraced the idea. Some furnished materials for Certamen questions, and two teachers agreed to pose questions at our Certamen.

Just before convention time, we initiated six new members into Zeta Beta Chapter and immediately confirmed their duties for convention itself. This helped return our core committee to full strength. Natalie Johnson was at the Temple Rome program for the entire year, and Matt Cain, Aly Friesen and Cassandra Amato, good planners all, had departed for Rome for spring semester.

There are probably many things that could have been included in this report, but all else paled in the face of the *Great Convention-Hosting Experience*. We have found the planning of a convention to be an excellent way to strengthen the spirit of camaraderie among our members, and to attract new students to our group. We heartily recommend to other chapters that they try it!

Zeta Gamma at San Diego State University

Absent from the national convention for a couple years, we were happy to be with you to report that we have prospered under the aegis of the Department of Classics and Humanities. Over the last three years we have inducted eleven members, though only two this past February, including one of our four delegates, Michelle Peralta. For the first time we conducted our ritual of induction in our beautiful new Classics Seminar Room, beneath the portraits of Homer, Plato, Cicero, and Vergil. Afterwards, members, alumni, alumnae, and archon professors dutifully followed the ancient tradition of pizza at Mona Lisa Restaurant. Our two new faculty members, Dr. Brad Cook and Dr. Kerri Hame, were already members, but next February we expect to induct yet another new professor, Dr. Maria Rybakova.

We continue to enjoy many activities as majors and students of Classics and as members of the department’s student organization Umanisti. Last year’s Burnett Lecture in Classics brought Professor Amy Richlin of UCLA, who gave us a rousing insight into Roman Comedy and international prejudices. This spring, our own Dr.

Charles D. Hamilton, Professor Emeritus of History and Classics, will compare Pericles and George W. Bush in their times of war. Just before classes this fall, we helped host the Pacific Rim Seminar on Roman Literature, which brought scholars from as far away as England and Australia. In addition, San Diego State hosted for the third time in twelve years the national joint meeting of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America, and once again members of Zeta Gamma joined The Friends of Classics as volunteer assistants. The Friends continue to donate our initiation fees and have generously borne all the travel expenses of our delegates.

Probably like many other chapters, we have been showing the series *Rome*, although, unlike many others, we hoped that if the historicism of the work did not draw outsiders to the classical world, the graphic violence and gratuitous sex most certainly would.

We are especially proud of our department’s work with the Cajon Valley Middle School. Through our first Classics graduate Maryann Ostermeyer assisted by Michelle Peralta, a program has been established to teach students Latin in conjunction with the U.S. Constitution. This project is truly special because these junior high kids are mostly refugee immigrants from the war-torn Middle East.

The importance of Classics and our early history was brought home to us when Steve Jackson and Prytanis Richard Shea came upon the tomb of Ben Franklin near their hotel. Although Ben’s formal Latin had been limited to his two years of grammar school, he returned to Latin as an adult, when he acquired several modern languages and even some Greek. As one of the nation’s founders, he collaborated and consorted with those who were steeped in the classics. This prompted Richard, Steve, Michelle, and Elisabeth Thordin—all graduating seniors—to contemplate the significance of their trip: Now, hundreds of years later, thousands of miles away in San Diego, we were continuing to form Americans through the classics by instilling a respect and love for traditions, texts, and ideals. Can there be a better field of study than this?

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Zeta Lambda at the University of Louisville

In the fall of 2006, we initiated a dozen new members into our Zeta Lambda chapter of Eta Sigma Phi: Justy Barnett, Sabrina Carlisle, Kyle Currie, Fae Grace Goodman, Nikki Jackson, Bryan Jones, Kathleen Caster Mace, Jessica LaShawn Mitchell, Nathaniel Moore, Lance O’Cull, Katherine D. Sherman, and Kelsey Veilleux.

Our chapter conducted a number of fund raising activities, using the money raised to provide official Eta Sigma Phi medallions, ribbons, and certificates to the outstanding Latin students in our local high schools as an outreach activity. Also under our auspices, at our annual spring symposium, our own University of Louisville outstanding Greek student, Lance O’Cull, and our outstanding Latin student, Kathleen Mace, were recognized and given prizes to honor their achievements. This year we also recognized Laura Mills for her outstanding work in written Greek and Latin translation.

Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Eta Delta Chapter began its year by distributing dictionaries to all the third-graders in Hillsdale County. Through the generous financial support of the local Kiwanis Club, members of Eta Delta Chapter were able to place in the hands of over 500 children a dictionary which, in addition to definitions and a pronunciation guide, included other resources, such as the US Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, biographies of the presidents, maps of the world, and all the states and capitals of the union. During the presentation, members told the students about who we were, what the study of classics was, and how the Greek and Latin languages formed the basis for many of the English words in their new dictionaries. Finally, we taught them the letters of the Greek alphabet and showed them how to write their names in Greek letters.

Early in the semester, the headmaster of a local charter school approached the faculty of the Classics Department with the idea of starting a Latin program there to their students from Kindergarten to the seventh grade. Unfortunately, the school had no budget for any books, supplies,

or teachers. Three members of Eta Delta chapter, Paula Eikenberry, Tucker LaPrade, and Tara Doyle have volunteered to serve as these students’ Latin teachers, working with them two days a week throughout the year. In order to raise funds for books, we had the students at the school make Valentine’s Day cards in Latin and sold them on the college campus. The sales proved very successful, but have only partially covered the costs of textbooks for all of the children, so we have worked with them to make various kinds of greeting cards, which include various Latin words or phrases, such as “Gratias tibi ago” from the more advanced students and basic Latin vocabulary words with illustrations from the younger children.

Peer tutoring has also been a successful program for Eta Delta Chapter. Students staff tables in the classics seminar room two nights a week throughout the semester for introductory and intermediate students. This program provides a great opportunity for students who are having difficulty in the classes to get the help that they need beyond what is available during faculty office hours, but it also allows for greater interaction between the introductory students and their more advanced counterparts.

In late January, we traveled to the Toledo Museum of Art to see the exhibit, *In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite*, where we saw artifacts from the remains of a Roman city after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius

In February, Eta Delta chapter initiated 16 new members into the rites and mysteries of Eta Sigma Phi, putting them through the full ritual. Later in the month, in addition to the Valentine’s Day card sale, members participated in the third annual Eta Sigma Phi Date Infliction. Unlike the sales of fraternity and sorority members, who put their Alpha males and females on the auction block, Eta Sigma Phi auctioned their Beta through Omega members, but with a twist: purchasers need not keep their prize, but can inflict that member upon a poor, unsuspecting soul as a date for the upcoming Cheese Ball. The bidding was rather heated at times, as people vied for the privilege to inflict classicists upon others, or to avoid having classicists

inflicted upon them. On a side note, the week after we had our date infliction, members of various men’s and women’s athletic teams put themselves on the auction block as dates for the President’s Ball. Despite selling fewer people, Eta Sigma Phi raised over \$200 more than the athletes did in their auction. Upon our return from the convention, we will begin preparations for our Cheese Ball. Our theme this year is Forbidden Homeschool Prom, and we look forward to seeing the ladies in denim jumpers, modest turtlenecks, and sensible sneakers, and the gentlemen in plaid shirts and polka dot clip-on bowties feeling too embarrassed to ask them to dance. Those of them who are brave enough to do so will be expected to leave a respectable distance of at least three feet between themselves and their dates while on the dance floor.

In the month of March, students attended a production of Aristophanes’ *Wealth*, translated by our own Dr. Lorna Holmes and put on by the Tower Players of Hillsdale College. Dr. Adam Kemezis also came from Bowling Green University to give a talk on portrayals of Julia Domna in the works of Cassius Dio and Philostratus. And just before spring break, Eta Sigma Phi hosted the seventh annual Honorama bowl-athon, in which we bowl against all other honoraries on campus to raise money for the college’s annual Habitat for Humanity Spring Break Alternative. Once again, Eta Sigma Phi suffered defeat at the hands of their bitter rival accounting club, but a good time was had by all.

Our final event of the year was the Floralia, our end-of-the-year feast, during which we bid farewell to our graduating seniors, ritually assassinate our outgoing president, and install our new regime.

Eta Zeta at Truman State University

The Eta Zeta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has had a variety of activities this year. The fall “Classics ‘Alive and Kicking’ Series” sponsored a reception for current and prospective majors and minors with information about study abroad opportunities. Other activities included a movie discussion group considering the use of Plautine stock characters in the Broadway musical “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” and a Homera-

thon reading of book nine of the *Odyssey* in Greek. For “Geek Week,” we hosted a Classics Carnival with readings from Cicero’s *Philippics* and gladiatorial displays. We also hosted a Greek dinner for students and faculty. This spring we did a recitation of selections from the *Iliad* in translation for the Homerathon on the quad. We sold t-shirts and classically-themed buttons for Valentine’s Day and the Ides of March. There was a field trip to see the 300, the movie about the battle of Thermopylae, and a discussion of the movie afterwards. We also had an Italian-themed dinner for the faculty and to welcome the new initiates into Eta Sigma Phi.

The students in the fall senior capstone course presented their research at a Capstone Symposium. Topics included witchcraft in Horace; the study of eclipses in the theories of natural philosophers from the pre-Socratics to Galileo; female behavior as a reflection of societal strength in Tacitus; and contradiction, variance, and resolution in Plato’s accounts of erotic love. Classics Club led a “Latin Rocks” session with quotations and Latin phrases in current use along with the benefits of the study of classical languages at the annual Classical and Modern Languages Activities Day for visiting high school students. Several students also presented papers at the spring Truman State University Research Conference and Women’s Studies Conference, including a presentation on Sappho.

Eta Eta at Virginia Tech

After the excitement of hosting the April 2006 Eta Sigma Phi convention in Blacksburg, the 2006-2007 academic year seemed pretty normal, with our usual events: Classics Table, movie nights, Eta Sigma Phi translation exams, marathon reading of Virgil’s *Aeneid*, Bacchanalia and Saturnalia, Kipps Classics Day, our annual Hummel classics lecture (this year by Denise McCoskey of Miami University of Ohio). Noteworthy things included having one of our faculty, Trudy Harrington Becker, win a major university teaching award, one of our students, George Hendren, serve as a national officer for Eta Sigma Phi, and another student, Parisa Ahmadi, get elected to a national office for Senior Classical League. All of these were

Eta Eta at Virginia Tech Mourns Its Dead

The horrible killings at Virginia Tech took place not long after the Eta Sigma Phi national convention in Philadelphia. Fortunately, no Eta Sigma Phi members at Virginia Tech were injured in the melee, but they all lost friends and colleagues. To commemorate their dead, Eta Eta Chapter and the Classics Club at Virginia Tech had special t-shirts made with the date of the killings and a quotation of Vergil’s *Aeneid* 1.462: *Sunt lacrimae rerum et mentem mortalia tangunt*. (Sorry, these t-shirts are not for sale.)

All of us in Eta Sigma Phi mourn with our colleagues at Virginia Tech and extend to them our deepest sympathy.



good activities from the year. Then April 16th happened and everything changed. This led to our design of this year’s classics club t-shirt, a simple Hokie maroon t-shirt with the words of Virgil: *sunt lacrimae rerum et mentem mortalia tangunt* (1.462). There were indeed tears in things. But we also talked about the next line: *solve metus; feret haec aliquam tibi fama salutem* (let go your fears; this story will bring some safety). We took some encouragement (*aliquam salutem*) from remembering this additional line. The word *fama* probably means fame in the context of Aeneas’ speech, but we liked the idea of story or telling, because we all got some solace from talking with each other, supporting each other. These comforting words also came from dozens of e-mails and cards from Eta Sigma Phi members all over the country, all over the world; that was immensely helpful and we are grateful for that. The verb *feret*, future, let us know that there is hope for the future, but Virgil, in his way, also points out that it will be *aliquam salutem*, “some” *salutem*, a bit indefinite. We don’t know what form it will take, but it will (future) come. There is hope. We will prevail. We just don’t know how yet.

Eta Omicron at Assumption College

Our campus chapter, Eta Omicron, initiated six students on February 12, 2007: Elizabeth Aube, Nicole Lavallee, Maureen Moriarity, Ashley Rode, Hillary Shorey, and Michael Valalik. After the ceremony the new initiates with other current members held a planning session for other events and for the trip to the national convention. We are sending three students: Sierra Calla, Alexandra Leonard, and Shauna Perkins to the convention. Quite a few other members were interested in attending, but funding and scheduling are always problematic.

Here are our campus activities, in reverse chronological order. Most of these events were held in conjunction with Assumption’s Classics Club.

On the eve of the Ides of March the Classics Club held its annual Ides of March dinner complete with Caesar salad (of course), Chicken Apicius, hummus and pita, peas vinaigrette, nettle quiche, sparkling cider, and baklava. These were all prepared according to authentic ancient recipes. Dan Davey, a senior Classics major and our chapter President, hosted the event attended by 14 students on the first

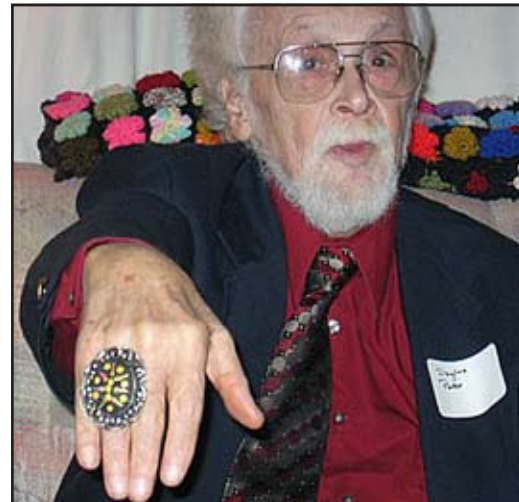
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Above, the newest members of Eta Tau Chapter, l to r: Alexis Gramum, Kelly Davis, Ally McCall, A. J. Jessup, Claire Dickson.

Right, members of Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin, including co-presidents Ashley Bishop (in black dress) and Kate Wofford (holding cookie on right side, second row).

Above right, Dr. Douglass Parker with ring given by Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin during his Spring 2007 "Honorary Member" Initiation.



very nice day this spring. Their dedication was appreciated!

On January 31 Prof. Catto gave a presentation in the informal Library Conversations series entitled "Is the Past Relevant to our Future?" Some very interesting discussion ensued. Prof. Catto also hosted a dinner featuring Middle Eastern cuisine on Feb. 15 with the Honors students in Hanrahan hall and discussed the Classics in our curriculum and many other things.

Later this semester the Classics Club and Eta Sigma Phi plan a make-your-own authentic Roman pizza night. Also, there

has been much interest in making togas. Finally we will have an end-of-semester Horatian style picnic by the duck pond.

In the fall semester Prof. Catto hosted a trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts for the College's Honors program, the Classics Club, and some French Club students. In all, there were 27 students and three faculty who toured the wonderful Classics collection. We arrived on the very day that a new larger-than-life statue of Eirene (Peace) was installed.

On October 23 the Classics Club hosted what is becoming an annual event:

"Paint Your Own Pot and/or Pumpkin." This was successful with 21 people creating some interesting art-work.

During the fall we also watched episodes of the HBO Rome series in the late afternoons. Students also attended a lecture by Caroline Hanneman of Kenyon College on Greek tragedy on October 2. Her title was "I Ask the Gods Respite from These Toils." Our Assumption professor Marc LePain talked on "Laocoon Revisited" on September 21. Our first meeting of the year was an organizational event on September 20, when we came up with a

list of suggested activities. We hope that this next year we can complete some of these events, for which we did not have time or funds for this year, such as a visit to the newly re-opened Latin and Etruscan collection of the Met in New York. Also, we would like to work with two local area schools in an outreach program for Classics.

Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Asheville

The Eta Tau Chapter is active in service to the University, volunteering late last summer to work in the UNC-Asheville OneCard office to help get the new OneCards made and distributed to all students, staff, and faculty for the start of the fall term.

We also hosted a Classics Movie Night August 31, 2006 “Clash of the Titans,” and January 26, 2007 “Mommie Dearest,” which features an ax-wielding Joan Crawford who is very mean to her son and daughter in the absence of a father figure. Eta Tau joined forces with Phi Sigma Tau, the Philosophy Honor Society, to host the first annual Halloween Party this fall at Asheville Pizza. A good time was had by all. Dr. Wilson (Philosophy) was, by all accounts, awesome on the dance machine. Even though Dr. Holland came as the

Delphian Pythia, she couldn’t predict that she was destined for a turn on the dance machine, too.

The spring 2007 initiation was held on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11am in New Hall, and initiated five new members (see photo). Shortly thereafter, we had a chapter meeting and elected officers for next year. The 2007-2008 Eta Tau Chapter

Officers are: Prytanis: Nich Mauriello, Hyparchos: Megan Miller, Grammateus: Kelly Davis, Chrysophylax: A.J. Jessup, and Pyloros: Ally McCall.

Tuesday, May 1, we held our annual Valete/Xairete party and bestowed Eta Sigma Phi hoods on our graduating seniors, Allyson Blomeley, Will Farrell, Dan Kostin, and Jeremy Parrish.



*Initiation for 2007 at Gamma Theta of Georgetown College:
Left to right: Anita Allison, Tyler Frailie, Steven Bowman, Adam Glover, Homer White (honorary member), Carrie Meek, Braden Blankenship, Jana Brill (honorary member), Elvis Presley (honorary member), Nancy Lumpkin (honorary member).*

Recent Initiates into Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College. Pictured from left to right: Matthew Montgomery, Joshua Gundlach, Samantha Robinson, Ashley-Lee Downs, Courtney Condon, Alexander Hannah and Craig Vivian (honorary).



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The recipient will be announced at the National Convention at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in April 2008.

This scholarship honors Bernice L. Fox, who taught English, Latin and Greek at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, from 1947 to 1981, and who served as chair of the Department of Classics from 1970 until her retirement in 1981. Throughout her long and dynamic career she worked tirelessly to promote the Classics in Illinois high schools and colleges. In 1956 she founded Monmouth College's Gamma Omicron Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. She was the author of *Tela Charlottae*, the Latin translation of E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web*. In 1991 Monmouth College conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. She died in 2003.

The committee who will select the scholarship recipient was appointed by the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees. Its members are Mary Pendergraft of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. (chair), Helen Moritz of Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California, and Terry Papillon of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Eta Sigma Phi, the National Classics Honorary Society (<http://www.etasigmaphi.us>)

Eta Sigma Phi at Classical Conferences

Eta Sigma Phi continues to seek opportunities to maintain information tables at classical conferences. Most recently the organization had tables at the 2007 meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Cincinnati, Ohio, and at the 2007 Summer Institute of the American Classical League in Nashville, Tennessee. Many thanks to members who volunteered their time to work these tables, and, especially, to Megale Grammateus Elizabeth Torrenson and to Lyndy Danvers, both of Zeta Beta at Temple University, who helped at ACL 2007.

The national officers are planning to represent Eta Sigma Phi at the 2008 meetings of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America in Chicago in January. If you plan to attend these meetings please stop by the Eta Sigma Phi table in the Book Display area to meet the officers and get an Eta Sigma Phi pen.

If your chapter would like to represent Eta Sigma Phi at a local or regional classical organization, please contact the Executive Secretary at toms@monm.edu. Some financial support to attend these meetings is available.

How Can National Officers and the Executive Secretary Help Your Chapter?

Please do not hesitate to contact the national officers for advice and help. The four officers are all very active in their local chapters and are an excellent resource for promotional ideas and activities.

The Executive Secretary can provide assist local chapters in a variety of ways. In particular, this office can provide, free-of-charge print copies of the Eta Sigma Phi constitution, the song for Eta Sigma Phi, "Why Study Latin?" brochures, etc. Please contact the Executive Secretary at toms@monm.edu for further information.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees, 2007

The Board of Trustees met during the 2007 national convention in Philadelphia and conducted its usual business, reviewing outreach projects of chapters, considering the health of the organization, and assuring that committee members who oversee contests and scholarships are in place.

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary will publish names and terms of all committee members along with the names and terms of members of the Board of Trustees in issues of the NUNTIUS.

The term of one Board member, Martha A. Davis, will expire this year. If it is the will of the assembled delegates, Dr. Davis would agree to accept another term on the Board of Trustees.

The major topic of discussion this year is the perceived necessity to raise the dues of this organization, bringing them into line with those of similar honorary societies.

There are several reasons to do this. We would like to offer an additional summer scholarship that would be dedicated to archaeology. We would like to strengthen an endowment for that scholarship and the ones currently offered. We have embarked on a policy of subsidizing expenses of our national officers and other representatives to the annual meetings of the American Philological Association, the regional Classics associations, the American Classical League, and other associations where Classics is the focus. We believe this presence of our representatives is an appropriate advertisement of the excellence of the Society, and that it has brought us recognition in many forms, especially in petitions for new chapters and reactivation of dormant ones. Any additional revenues received would stabilize the relationship between our income and expenditures.

Dr. Davis also suggested that raising the currently expected forty-five dollar registration fees for conventions will help match increases of expense caused by inflation and will prevent undue drain on budgets of host chapters, which in turn necessitates the subsidizing of the hosts by the national society.

These issues will be placed before the general assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha A. Davis, Chair
Board of Trustees

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Steven Hild, Stafford Senior High School (Martha Jusino, Teacher)

Jessica Jones, Massaponax High School (Angela Bohon, Teacher)

Michelle Neighbors, Virtual AP School at Rustburg High School (Kevin Perry, Teacher)

First Place, Junior Division

James P. Adams, Stafford High School (Martha Jusino, Teacher)

Second Place, Junior Division

Christian Fountain, Stafford High School (Martha Jusino, Teacher)

Honorable Mention, Junior Division

Hannah Melkun, Stafford High School (Martha Jusino, Teacher)

2007 National Latin Exam in Colleges and Universities

Eta Sigma Phi once again acknowledges the following college and university students who earned recognition on the National Latin Exam. Kudos to all these students and their teachers, especially those with active Eta Sigma Phi chapters!

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

(Alpha Kappa of Eta Sigma Phi, inactive)

Teacher: Helmut Loeffl

Cynthia Johnson	Latin 5	gold summa cum laude
Johann Bemperline	Latin 5	gold summa cum laude
Matt Horrell	Latin 5	gold summa cum laude
Andy Mollo	Latin 5	silver maxima cum laude

Monmouth College

(Gamma Omicron of Eta Sigma Phi)

Teachers: Virginia Hellenga, Thomas J. Sienkewicz, Vicki Wine

Robert Grafsgaard	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Brian Wilcoxon	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Nathan Brown	Latin 1	magna cum laude
Brad Brooks	Latin 1	magna cum laude
Michael Heaton	Latin 1	cum laude
Jesse Barlow	Latin 1	cum laude
Mark Shoemaker	Prose 3	cum laude
Laura Dumont	Prose 3	cum laude
Andrew Viscariello	Prose 4	cum laude
Benjamin Sauer	Latin 5	cum laude

Georgetown College

(Gamma Theta of Eta Sigma Phi)

Teacher: Diane Svarlien

Brittany Pappas	Latin I	silver maxima cum laude
Adam Glover	Poetry 4	gold summa cum laude
Tyler Frailie	Poerty 4	silver maxima cum laude

University of Mary Washington

(Beta Nu of Eta Sigma Phi)

Teachers: Jane Hall, Joseph Romero

Sadie Tyree	Poetry 4	silver maxima cum laude
Serena Houghton	Poetry 4	magna cum laude
Joseph Mundy	Poetry 4	cum laude
Mary Gregory	Poetry 4	cum laude
Ronald Powell	Poetry 4	cum laude

Loyola Marymount University

(Zeta Eta of Eta Sigma Phi)

Teacher: Ethan Adams

Michael Aguilera	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Ryan Fitzgerald	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Molly Lower	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Joseph Dowdalls	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Aubrey Hanson	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Jon Kibbie	Latin 1	magna cum laude
Marie Barrera	Prose 3	silver maxima cum laude
Veronica Galbreath	Prose 3	magna cum laude
Gregory Weiler	Poetry 4	magna cum laude
Allison Crowder	Poetry 4	magna cum laude
Annelise Baer	Poetry 4	cum laude

Hunter College

(Alpha Theta of Eta Sigma Phi—inactive)

Teacher: Yvonne Bernardo, William Mayer

Christopher Amanna	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Candace Burnett	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Clayton McCarl	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Laura Noboa	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Monica Carrera	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Andrea Molnar	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Yvonne Lui	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Lina Grupp	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Sarah Brodsky	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Tom Gartner	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Suwanna Howard	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Zinia Rahman	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Riyaad Edoo	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Darya Fedchenko	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Jona Alexandratos	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Paulina Buczanska	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Janill Briones	Latin 1	magna cum laude
Norma Fernandez	Latin 1	magna cum laude
Eve Wong	Latin 1	magna cum laude
Deanna Testa	Latin 1	magna cum laude
Sangye Choiphel	Latin 1	cum laude
Olukemi Thompson	Latin 1	cum laude
Elsie Rita Garcia	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Lita Weinrib	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Carol Rupert	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Sabrina Seelig	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Jessica Nazar	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Deborah Becker	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Regina Chaudhry	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Joseph Cusack	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Michael Quatro	Latin 1	magna cum laude
Zane Hart	Latin 1	cum laude
Willia Biondolino	Latin 5	gold summa cum laude
Joyce Schylinski	Latin 5	silver maxima cum laude
Kendra Barber	Latin 5	cum laude

Ave Maria University

Teacher: Daniel Nodes

Chadd English	Prose 3	gold summa cum laude
Matthew Grade	Prose 3	gold summa cum laude
John Wehrly	Prose 3	silver maxima cum laude
Tristan Boyd	Prose 3	silver maxima cum laude
Miranda Whalen	Prose 3	silver maxima cum laude
Elliot Plaisance	Latin 6	gold summa cum laude
Clare Robidoux	Latin 6	gold summa cum laude
Anthony Antunes	Latin 6	cum laude

St. Norbert College

Teacher: William Hyland

John McGuire	Latin 1	gold summa cum laude
Christine Garten	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Kimberley Anderson	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Stephanie Scharff	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Greg Stanley	Latin 1	silver maxima cum laude
Robert Harvey	Latin 1	cum laude

Collegiate Greek Exam Planned for 2008

As this issue of NUNTIUS went to press, plans were underway to establish a Collegiate Greek Exam for elementary students of Greek in colleges and universities. If students at your college or university would like to participate in this exam, please contact the editor.

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Ubi sunt alumni nostri?

Christina Streletz of Zeta Beta at Temple University will begin advanced study in Classics at Tufts University this fall.

Lyndy Danvers, outgoing Zeta Beta Prytanis, will begin advanced study in Classics at Rutgers this fall.

Traci Dougherty of Zeta Beta at Temple University will be in the post-baccalaureate program at the University of Pennsylvania next year in preparation for applying to grad school in Classics.

Jeffrey Buzby, of Zeta Beta Chapter at Temple University, has accepted an offer to teach Latin in the Middle School of the Moorestown, NJ School District.

Wade Albert of Zeta Beta at Temple University has graduated from the Beasley School of Law at Temple.

Nicole Viscomi and **Rebecca Sammon** of Zeta Beta at Temple University, who took law degrees at LSU and Pitt, respectively, ran into each other (literally) while taking the bar exam for the State of Pennsylvania. We are happy to report exam success. Rebecca currently works for the Democratic Party in the legislature of the State of Pennsylvania.

Frank Mazza of Zeta Beta at Temple University is off to law school, but has not yet decided between three schools he applied to, which all accepted him.

Franco Fiorini of Zeta Beta at Temple University has been teaching English at Northeast High School in Philadelphia. He works summers in the Creative Writing Program of the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned his master's degree. He now sends high school students on to us with instructions to "take Latin at Temple."

Initiates June 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

Only the names of those individuals who have been duly initiated by their local chapter and who submit the appropriate membership dues to the office of the Executive Secretary are published here. This list represents the official membership list of the national society. Individuals whose names are not published in the *Nuntius* are not true members of Eta Sigma Phi, cannot run for national office and are not eligible for any scholarships offered by the society.

Epsilon (University of Iowa)

Elizabeth Mawhiney, Jessica Schafer, William Storm; Honorary: Laura Wallace (10-02-06)

Eta (The Florida State University)

Melody Arendsee, Aaron Chapnick, Ashley Clampitt, Gabe Fechter, Paul Knudsen, Zachary McEachim; Associate: Allison Eaton, Melissa Hargis (09-25-06)

Alpha Pi (Gettysburg College)

Patricia Ann Hay (04-20-05); William Baylor, Andrew Carlson, Lena Finnerty, Elizabeth Hocker, Laura Kot, Michael Leary, Kayla Lenkne, Kyle Mahoney, Schuyler Null, Alexandra Petti, Kara Sharkey, Victoria Tran, Andrew Ullrich, Kristen Walters, Valerie Wense (05-05-06)

Alpha Sigma (Emory University)

Jonathan Bresler, Benjamin Carroll, John Devlin, Kristen Montelione Fulton, Acree Graham, Renée Stephanie Kleris, Rohan Kohli, Daniel A. LeClerc, James Lee, Jai John Mani, Brian Mascia, Adna Muliawan, Stacy A. Schaefer, David A. Schwei (10-24-06)

Alpha Upsilon College of Wooster

Stephen Feathers, Alexander Gholz, Megan Grundtisch, Jessica Marsh, Brandon Schechter, Stilson Wyatt Shimeall, Warren Swegal, Erica Wicks (04-26-06)

Beta Beta (Furman University)

Frances Flowers, Taylor Geraldson, Karrah Leary, David Lequan, Esther Mosteller, Brian Raigosa, Hayley Vornholt; Honorary: Bobby Anderson, Will Bryan, Samantha Hicks, Richard Jacques, Victoria Minker, Traver Toole, Graham Wooden (05-17-06)

Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame of Maryland)

Nadine A. F. Dubost, Irene Nicole Johnson, Sara Priebe, Ashleigh Virginia Sheridan, Geraldine Thommen (12-16-06)

Beta Pi (University of Arkansas)

Tyler Callich, Jimmy Chancellor, August Clark, Brian Eaton, Adam Fields, James Gasaway, Lauren Halliburton, Vanessa Hobbs, Alyson Kaltenbach, Catherine Kerr, Zachary Lewis, Molly Long, Kate MacNaughton, Daniel Moose, Meg Motley, Emily Nelson, Jordan Shumaker, Alex Simpson, Scott Steele, Samantha Wempe (12-09-06)

Beta Psi (Rhodes College)

Anna M. Lovel, Stephanie J. Wilson (10-01-06)

Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)

Joshua Gundlach, Courtney Condon, Ashley-Eve Downs, Alexander Hannah, Matthew Montgomery, Samantha Robinson; Honorary: Craig Vivian (11-10-06)

Gamma Rho (Hope College)

Jennifer M. Beck, Ryan J. DeWitt, Esther C. Dwyer, Tera A. Hasbargen, Benjamin C. Herrman, Jessica L. Jones, Emily C. McConnelly, Clayton P. Orr, Patrice L. Roberts, Jessica P. Schmidt, Joseph F. Seymour, Allison L. Stewart (11-16-05)

Gamma Sigma (University of Texas at Austin)

Ashley Bishop, David Crabbe, Jenifer Dodd, Lauren Figaro, Anna Finnigan, Evan Lee, Ross Ponder, Christopher Sims, Megan Stokes, Kenny Van Eimeren (10-25-06)

Gamma Upsilon (Austin College)

Kayla Marie Carpenter, Jason Matthew Cohen, Elizabeth Aubrey Jones, John Francis Pruitt, Haley Elizabeth Smith (04-27-06)

Delta Zeta (Colgate University)

Mark Bello, Corbin Director, Theodora Guliadis, Gina Landon, Kelly Newton, Brendan Pavalow, John Sweeney, Laura Wolff, Emily Wolford (11-09-06)

Delta Theta (Dickinson College)

Colin Angevine, Vincent Barros, Tristan Deveney, Shannon DiRado, Lisa Dubbs, Thomas Elrod, Diane Evitts, Louise Feder, Kristin Fanciullacci, Kristen Fraser, Danielle Godjikian, Ben Gruen, Amy Grunbeck, Amanda Hayes, Clifford Hichar, Richard Highley, Rachel McCool, Elizabeth Parker, Abigail Prang, Maureen Reardon, Christie Richardson, Sarah Rivera; Honorary: Jenn Danis, JoAnne Miller, Mark Wardecker (11-14-06)

Delta Sigma (University of California, Irvine)

Jonathan Blush, Eric Nyberg, Kathryn Fore, Krista Silva (10-13-06)

Epsilon Iota (University of Florida)

Giselle Bedasse, Austin Bell, Lauren Brito, Aaron Carlson, Joe Detwiler, Madison Dickinson, Ricky Gomez, Elizabeth Harris, Jayne Knight, Annie Mitchell, Sarah Peebles, Jessica Rapoport, Alana Romeo, Ashleigh Tokarz, Renee Trudeau, Hillary Weier, Scott Wiggins (09-20-06)

2006–2007 Memberships at NEW Record Level (*Rursus!*)

While the total number of new memberships for 2006-2007 will not be finalized until after this issue of NUNTIUS goes to press, it is already certain that this year will mark the 2nd highest membership total in history of the organization. Not only have the numbers for 2006-2007 already surpassed last year's total of 1194, which was the third highest on record, but they have also passed the 1966-1967 record of 1204 (the second highest on record). Only the 1967-1968 record, with 1588 memberships, stands. *Excelsior!*

Initiates June 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 (Continued)

Epsilon Xi (Gustavus Adolphus College)

Brandon Gillette, Andrew Howard, Adam Langenfeld, Kristin Mull, Jonathon Pettit, Alison Rethwisch, Anna Stenson, Sean M. Wharton (05-05-05); Veronica Bean, Andrew Cockerill, Alissa Deadrick, Finn Kuusisto, Laura Mardian, Jonathan Peasley, Caitlin Revier, Chantelle Siltman, Stephanie Soiseth, John Thielman (05-02-06)

Epsilon Rho (College of Charleston)

Lillian Behrend, Rachel Browning, Sarah Clyde, Julia Deckman, Jacqueline Marenick, Jennifer Marsh, N. Thornley Minor, Natasha New, Carole Ryan, Janie Roberts, Brenton St. John, Susan Wolfe (10-13-06)

Epsilon Sigma (Augustana College)

April Ladenberger, Vytas Vaznelis (05-07-06)

Epsilon Upsilon (University of New Hampshire)

Michelle Cher LeBlanc, Rachel Mixon, Michael Munsey (11-08-06)

Zeta Beta (Temple University)

Honorary: Rudolph Masciantonio (12-04-06)

Zeta Iota (University of Georgia)

Colleen Cotton, Stephen Dowell, James Dyer, Jared Eakins, Ryan Farb, Katy Ford, Amanda Gregory, Alex Hansen, Daniel Hendrix, DJ Johnson, Symmes Johnson, Kira Jones, Farrah Keong, Karen Marks, Lauren McLeod, Andrew Paczkowski, Jen Page, William Peek, Cortney Pickens, Julie Smith, Billie Rolla, Lindsey Share, Melissa Strickland, Ryan Terry, Amber Wallace, Josh Weiss (09-18-06)



2007 Zeta Beta Graduates: l. to r. in rear, Frank Mazza, Matt Scannapieco and Jon Panofsky; in front, Cassaundra Amato, Traci Daugherty and Lyndy Danvers with Prof. Martha Davis (advisor). Not pictured, Zana Bass. All graduated summa cum laude.

Zeta Lambda (University of Louisville)

Justy Barnett, Sabrina Carlisle, Kyle Currie, Fae Grace Goodman, Nikki Jackson, Bryan Jones, Kathleen Caster Mace, Jessica LaShawn Mitchell, Nathaniel Moore, Lance O'Cull, Katherine D. Sherman, Kelsey Veilleux (12-07-06)

Eta Iota (University of Arizona)

Stephanie Beggy, Chris Bischof, Isaiah Clough, Ashley Ewing, Thiana Ferry, Amanda Goede, Tasha Krecek, Sarah Linn, Devon McAslan, Pamela McMahan, Amy Miller, James Moxness, Daniel Newton (11-18-06)

Eta Nu (University of Rochester)

Daniel Cochran, Joseph Contini, Shannon Kahabka, Melissa Schoenberger, Khetisuda Suvarnasuddhi (10-20-06)

Eta Pi (Hobart & William Smith Colleges)

Brian Clancy, Kirra Henick-Kling, Victoria Jeffrey, Annie Lindenhovius, Karen Mattes, Stephanie Mozdzen, Elizabeth Sessions, Abigail Slowik, Stephen Teske, Alexander Tye, Andrew Wilson (10-26-06)

Theta Beta (University of Alabama)

Zachary Broome, Sara Chesler, Alex Haber, Elizabeth Hutson, James Johnston, Anna Justice, Patricia Mitchell, Jim Thurman, Vera Welch (10-12-06)

Theta Theta (University of Connecticut)

Matthew Adamo, Andrew Burks, Richard Colon, Rebecca Curtin, Alessandro Cicarelli, Kathryn Conroy, Sean Griffin, Ashley Ludovicy, David Marchetti, Evan Parzych, Linda Riter, Jordan Roberts, Joshua Terranova (04-20-06)

Winners of the 2007 Eta Sigma Phi Maurine Dallas Watkins Sight Translation Contests

58th Annual Greek Translation Contest

Advanced Greek (47 entries)

1st	Lorin Bird, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
2nd	Jennifer Starkey, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
3rd	Alex Petkas, Theta Epsilon at Trinity University
Honorable Mentions	Stephen Gaetano, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College Jeffrey Ellington, Alpha Omega at Louisiana State University

Intermediate Greek (34 entries)

1st	Megan Stokes, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
2nd	Dan Dery, Zeta Chi at Xavier University
3rd	David Spencer, Eta Mu at the University of California at Davis
3rd	Genieve Burns, Eta Mu at the University of California at Davis

Koine Greek (38 entries)

1st	Lorin Bird, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
2nd	William Thiele Blackerby, Zeta Delta at the University of the South
3rd	James R. Covington, Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas
Honorable Mentions	Matthew Kruebbe, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin Justin Soderquist, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University Stephen Gaetano, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

57th Annual Latin Translation Contest

Advanced Latin (73 entries)

1st	Elizabeth Beerman, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
2nd	Kevin Kimball, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
2nd	Jennifer Starkey, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
Honorable Mentions	Matthew Kruebbe, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin Mary Pawlowski, Eta Lambda at the University of Dallas

Intermediate Latin (52 entries)

1st	Timothy Grayson, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
2nd	Dan Dery, Zeta Chi at Xavier University
3rd	Megan Wallis, Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida at Gainesville
Honorable Mentions	Robert Weissenberg, Gamma Omega at Baylor University Melissa Schoenberger, Eta Nu at the University of Rochester Daniel Libatique, Delta Lambda at the College of the Holy Cross

41st Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest

Advanced Prose Composition (28 entries)

1st	Frederick Bowman, Zeta Chi at Xavier University
2nd	Thomas Halvorsen, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
3rd	Kevin Kimball, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Some Chapter Service Projects

These are some of the outstanding service projects for the promotion of Latin mentioned in chapter reports given orally at the 2007 national convention:

Beta at Northwestern: assisting at Illinois JCL

Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas: reading Latin to 6th graders

Alpha Lambda at the University of Oklahoma: organizing an annual Classics Day for high school Latin students

Alpha Upsilon at the College of Wooster: held joint meetings with Case Western Reserve to help them start a chapter.

Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame: Their Classics in the Community Raffle benefits a scholarship fund.

Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington: sponsors an essay contest for high school students.

Beta Psi at Rhodes College: has an ongoing elementary school Latin program.

Gamma Alpha at Indiana State University: serves as a local community liaison; sent 150 to Latin Fest; sponsors a certificate program for graduating high school seniors who studied Latin; helped Terre Haute School district with middle school to high school transitions.

Gamma Xi at Howard University: tutors at an elementary school and provides free tutoring in Greek if Howard students come to the department.

Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College: ran a certamen for Latin students at Monmouth-Roseville High School; supports the Classics Bee in the school district.

Gamma Omega at Baylor University: hosted 160 Latin students for Latin Day.

Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida: helped host CAMWS 2006; held a benefit for a shelter in Gainesville; donated books to Salvation Army and Cancer Research.

Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst: helped write a petition for a new chapter at Mt. Holyoke College; donated books to Salvation Army and Cancer Research.

Zeta Beta at Temple University: Several members represented Eta Sigma Phi at the 2006 American Classical League Summer Institute in Philadelphia.

Zeta Gamma at San Diego State University: hosted the Pacific Rim Seminar Conference; worked with foreign students in ESL classes at special school.

Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia: served as readers for a high school contest; volunteered at Humane society;

hosted a gathering for high school Latin students; entertained students while teachers came to Athenaze conference; helped with JCL state convention.

Eta Delta at Hillsdale College: sponsors an on-going dictionary project at a local school, volunteers at local schools, book fundraiser.

Eta Eta at Virginia Tech: hosts Kids Classics Day for third graders.

Chapters Reactivated in 2006–2007

Gamma at Ohio University

Lambda at the University of Mississippi

Alpha Xi at Washington University

Delta Beta at Canisius College

New Chapters

Eta Sigma Phi welcomes the charter members of the following new chapters, whose applications were approved at the 2007 convention and which have recently held initiation ceremonies:

Theta Iota at Illinois Wesleyan University

Theta Kappa at the University of Texas at Tyler

Theta Lambda at Hamilton College

Theta Mu at the University of Nebraska

Petitions for New Chapters Approved by the 2007 Convention

Eta Sigma Phi also looks forward to welcoming members from these institutions in the near future:

Carthage College

Cornell University

Kenyon College

University of Miami

Gonzaga University

The constitution requires that these schools hold an initiation ceremony before the next national convention. Otherwise, the petition for a new chapter must be resubmitted.

Note: University of Colorado at Boulder, whose chapter was approved at the 2006 convention, did not hold an initiation ceremony within the required time. If this school wishes to establish a chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, it will now have to resubmit a petition and be approved at national convention.

Chapter Submitting Annual Reports for 2006-2007

The following chapters have submitted annual reports to the national office for 2006-2007. If your chapter is not on this list, it is very important to submit a report as soon as possible. Chapters not reporting receive only one copy of the *Nuntius* and run the risk of eventual deactivation. You can submit your annual report on line at <http://department.monm.edu/classics/ESP/annualreports.html>. Printable copies of the form are also available at that url.

Beta Northwestern University
 Epsilon University of Iowa
 Eta Florida State University
 Alpha Gamma Southern Methodist University
 Alpha Eta University of Michigan
 Alpha Lambda University of Oklahoma
 Alpha Nu Davidson College
 Alpha Pi Gettysburg College
 Alpha Upsilon College of Wooster
 Beta Beta Furman University
 Beta Theta Hampden-Sydney College
 Beta Iota Wake Forest University
 Beta Kappa College of Notre Dame-Maryland
 Beta Nu University of Mary Washington
 Beta Pi University of Arkansas
 Beta Upsilon Marshall University
 Beta Psi Rhodes College
 Gamma Delta Yeshiva University
 Gamma Theta Georgetown College
 Gamma Nu Montclair State University
 Gamma Omicron Monmouth College
 Gamma Rho Hope College
 Gamma Sigma University of Texas at Austin
 Gamma Upsilon Austin College
 Gamma Omega Baylor University
 Delta Zeta Colgate University
 Delta Theta Dickinson College
 Delta Lambda College of the Holy Cross

Delta Sigma Univ. of California-Irvine
 Delta Chi St. Olaf College
 Epsilon Eta Kent State University
 Epsilon Iota University of Florida
 Epsilon Kappa Brigham Young University
 Epsilon Nu Creighton University
 Epsilon Rho College of Charleston
 Epsilon Sigma Augustana College
 Epsilon Psi Santa Clara University
 Zeta Gamma San Diego State University
 Zeta Epsilon Rutgers University
 Zeta Eta Loyola Marymount University
 Zeta Theta Pennsylvania St. University
 Zeta Iota University of Georgia
 Zeta Nu University of Maryland
 Zeta Sigma University of Minnesota
 Eta Gamma Loyola University New Orleans
 Eta Delta Hillsdale College
 Eta Zeta Truman State University
 Eta Theta DePauw University
 Eta Iota University of Arizona
 Eta Mu University of California, Davis
 Eta Nu University of Rochester
 Eta Xi California State Univ., Long Beach
 Eta Omicron Assumption College
 Eta Pi Hobart & William Smith Colleges
 Eta Tau University of North Carolina, Asheville
 Eta Phi Union College
 Eta Chi Purdue University
 Eta Omega Austin Peay University
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The 78th Annual National Convention

Minutes submitted by Megan Chasman, Secretary of the Eta Sigma Phi Chapter at Virginia Tech.

The 78th Annual National Convention took place March 31 through April 2, 2006 in Blacksburg, Virginia. This convention, hosted by Virginia Tech's Eta Sigma Phi Chapter, was attended by nearly seven chapters from all corners of the country. The kickoff for the weekend took place on the Williams Annex where chapters registered and attendees enjoyed an event reception. Each participant in the convention was given a stylish sack bearing the ever-famous Eta Sigma Phi seal. Inside the bag was a handkerchief, a wonderful document with the same seal, and a list of the program and information about the convention. The opening remarks were given by Virginia Tech's own President of Classics, Terry Pappell, who told those attending that he felt the honor was not by Eta Sigma Phi but by the fact that he was invited to give the invocation. Pappell then introduced Virginia Tech's own former Phi Kappa Phi member and the VT community who graciously welcomed all the members to their campus.

Following these remarks Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz of Monmouth College (Classics Chair) began the convention with the opening prayer. Each chapter presented their traditional music and dance. There were also some special events, but only one was held on the main floor. The event took place in the room called "Chapters and the Manuscript Room".

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Also, members of Eta Sigma Phi were seen welcoming new delegates to the convention.



Right, Jane Hall of N.E. welcomed by Tracy Chan '06, Thelma Daugherty.

Eta Sigma Phi Honor Cords and Hoods



Members of the 2007 class of Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College wearing their Eta Sigma Phi cords and hoods.

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March 28–30, 2008
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at the invitation of
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at the University of Massachusetts



Some members of Epsilon Omicron's local committee

The convention will begin with a reception on Friday evening, March 28, 2008, and end with the final business session at 12 o'clock on Sunday, March 30, 2008. There will be talks by students, reports on chapter activities, scholarly lectures, a certamen, special activities to celebrate the 80th annual convention, a banquet with ancient dress optional and plenty of time for socializing.

Call for Papers and Presentations

Undergraduate members of Eta Sigma Phi are invited to submit papers for consideration for presentation at the convention, on Saturday, March 29, 2008. An artistic (musical, dramatic, etc.) performance may be proposed in lieu of a paper. The papers will be judged anonymously, and the three members whose papers are selected for reading at the convention will have their registration fees remitted. Students should be certain that they will be able to attend the convention before submitting papers.

Requirements:

1. The presentation should deal with some aspect of classical civilization or language and be directed to an undergraduate audience. (A paper written for a class is acceptable.)
2. Members proposing an artistic performance should submit a videotape or CD along with a detailed written description of the performance, its goals, and its relevance to classical civilization.
3. The paper should be typed, double-spaced, and no longer than 15 minutes in length, or 20 minutes if there are illustrations. Electronic submissions are encouraged.
4. If a presenter plans to use Powerpoint, the Powerpoint script intended for the presentation must be included in the "Notes" section of the Powerpoint.
5. The name of the author should not appear on the paper.
6. Each submission must include a cover sheet with the author's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, chapter, and institution.
7. All submissions must be sent electronically to groton@stolaf.edu and received by February 1, 2008. For artistic performances, only the detailed written description must be sent electronically.
8. The non-refundable convention registration fee must be paid by the submission deadline (to the executive secretary). The fee and other details will be in convention information mailed to all advisers early in 2008.

For more information, contact:
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THE ETA SIGMA PHI SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2008

The Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi are pleased to announce the following scholarships. *Nota bene: Separate application for admission to the desired program must be made to AAR, ASCSA, or VS.*

The Scholarship to the Classical Summer School at the American Academy in Rome will have a value of \$3,425. Programs Department, American Academy in Rome, 7 East 60 St., New York NY 10022-1001. <http://www.aarome.org/summer/css/>. E-mail: info@aarome.org. The deadline for applications to AAR is March 1, 2008.

The Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens will have a value of \$3,700, which includes the remission of one-half of all fees by the American School. Committee on the Summer Sessions, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 6-8 Charlton St., Princeton, NJ 08540-5232. <http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/>. E-mail: ascsa@ascsa.org. The deadline for applications to ASA is January 15, 2008.

At either of the above summer sessions, six semester hours of credit may be earned and applied toward an advanced degree in Classics at most graduate schools, provided that arrangements have been made in advance with the graduate school.

Eligibility: Eligible to apply for the above scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members and alumni **who have received a Bachelor's degree since January 1, 2002, or shall have received it before June 2008, and who have not received a doctoral degree.**

The Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae will have a value of up to \$2,800, depending upon which tour is chosen and including the remission of one-half the tuition fee by the Vergilian Society. Holly Lorencz, John Burroughs School, 755 S. Price Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124. <http://www.vergil.clarku.edu/tours.htm>. E-mail: hlorenz@jburroughs.org. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2008.

Eligibility for the Bedrick Scholarship: In addition to those eligible for the first two scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members who will be rising juniors or seniors in the summer of 2008, and preference for the scholarship will be given to such undergraduate members.

Selection of recipients is made by the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee, whose members are Professors Caroline A. Perkins of Marshall University (chair), Francis Dunn of the University of California at Santa Barbara, and T. Davina McClain of Loyola University of New Orleans. In selecting the recipient of each scholarship, the committee will give attention to the quality of the applicant's work in Greek and Latin, intention to teach at the secondary-school or college level, and contribution to the activities of Eta Sigma Phi at the local and national level.

Deadline for completed scholarship applications: February 1, 2008.
The recipients will be announced about March 15, 2008.

Scholarship application information and forms may be requested from:

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The application packet may also be requested by e-mail: mcclaind@nsula.edu.
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