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THE CONVENTION
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The Convention is the uppermost problem before the executive council and the local chapters. We must make every effort to obtain as large a representation from every chapter as possible. We hope that even the most distant chapters may be represented.

The speakers chosen are all prominent men and deserve your attention. Four of the speakers for the Convention are Professors R. J. Bonner, Chicago; S. E. Stout, Indiana; Hardin Craig, Iowa, and Roy C. Flickinger, Iowa.

The Convention is to be held April 27th and 28th at Iowa City. Epsilon Chapter, University of Iowa, is the host. A National Convention is a vital step in the development of any organization; for new members and old members it clothes that organization with a new meaning, and is itself an experience never to be forgotten. Let us show our appreciation for the work which Epsilon Chapter has indulged in on our behalf and arouse added enthusiasm in our work!

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN EXPEDITION,
FAYOUM, EGYPT

*Verne B. Schuman

Three hundred men, women and children, comprising seventeen companies are speedily proceeding with the excavation at Fayoum, Egypt. It is a colorful throng, for the girls are fond of bright colors, and the tin gasoline cans used to carry water born aloft on their heads glitter in the sun. Now we see a cloud of dust and hear the quick patter of feet—the foreman has stirred the children to action with his cane. The monotony is broken by the singing of songs and the clapping and stomping to the music. The pay of the children is 15 cents per day, but the men receive more than three times this amount. The best finds of the year are some very pretty pieces of glassware, a large painted box, a bronze chest, a bronze flute, pottery of various kinds, many pieces of papyrus and quite a number of ostraca.

Our camp is constructed of old Roman sun-dried bricks with an outer and inner court. The dining room has a tile floor, but our private rooms and the veranda have course sand with large mats on it.

We were invited to tea at the home of one of the natives. The house contained a large reception hall, in which were four upholstered chairs, the home of many bugs, and ten straight chairs. The ceiling of the room was high and the walls reddish brown down to two feet from the floor. There were four windows in the room. Tea was served. Such stuff as it was! Boiled with sugar to a thick consistency. It was followed by English packed raisin cakes, preserves, apples, oranges and—more tea. Another experience was eating corn parched on live coals in the open field. The corn is properly eaten, when shelled, by handful. Our guests escort us back to our camp, thrusting an additional supply of parched corn upon us before they depart.

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ETA SIGMA PHI "ATTIC"

Eta Sigma Phi, with its purse full of money, has discovered an unused room in the loft of the Old Mill, the oldest building on the University campus, and the one of most historical interest, for the cornerstone of it was laid by General Lafayette. The room is really an attic, but so much the more enchanting with the view it affords of mountains to east and west. We are planning for a chapter hall, and although the necessary repairs cannot be made until summer, "Eta Sigma Phi" is emblazoned across the door in gilt letters (remnants of the paint used on King Thoas' costume), and the key is ours!
“IPHIGENIA AMONG THE TAURIANS”
Margaret Durick

The production of “IPHIGENIA AMONG THE TAURIANS,” on Friday evening, January 13, was heralded by the press of the University of Vermont and city as a most signal triumph for scholarship. Iota chapter felt confident that it had given expression to the ideals of Eta Sigma Phi in contributing to the spiritual life of the University Euripedes’ classic masterpiece.

Doctor Samuel E. Bassett, of the Greek Department, was at the helm, and inspired every head and heart and hand of Iota chapter to a supreme effort in making the ancient tragedy live again in beauty and grandeur. Other departments cooperated, the Music Department training a chorus of fourteen voices in Gluck’s “Iphigenie.” Professor J. C. Metcalf of the Psychology Department, who, devoted to drama as an art, has had actual experience in theatricals, coached the production. Miss Mary Maur Patrick, of the Education Department, an artist in costuming, directed the making of the gorgeous robes, which added much to the splendor of the play.

The baseball cage in the gymnasium annex was transformed into a Greek theatre, tiers of seats leading down to the blood-stained altar, and to a temple, beautifully simple, shining as though it stood in the white sunlight of Greece.

According to one critic, “in the acting and fine diction of a well-chosen cast, nothing could be better calculated to make for a modern audience the ancient drama seem a real and living thing, a realization in which the rich and vigorous verse of the gifted translator, Gilbert Murray, had a large part.” The chapter was proud of the cast, recruited from its numbers, for by emotional feeling and understanding interpretation they infused revivifying spirit into the mighty characters which have slumbered, like Barbarossa, with only brief intermittent snatches of life.
CLASSICAL CLUBS

University of Iowa Service Bulletin

A Classical Club is usually the source of diversion and added stimulation to class-room activity.

In the organization and motivation of these clubs there is often a lack of knowledge. Very excellent material is to be had from the University of Iowa Bulletin.

Roman names and mottoes are: "Societas Latina," "Corda Fratres," and "Sodalitas Vivax" and "Ubi Mel Ibi Apes" respectively. The organization of such clubs varies from the more elaborate as in the Roman Republic of the Little Rock High School to the very simple organizations. The type adopted depends upon and varies with the local demand.

Suggestions for programs include songs and playlets. Flickinger's Carmina Latina is recommended for your use. Playlets are so constructed as to render the Latin plain to persons who have never had it. Roman dress is commonly used in these playlets. Slides and films on classical subjects may be obtained from the Extension Division of the University of Iowa.

Other literature includes standard books on classical topics and the current and past numbers of the Classical Journal. A limited number of ancient Roman coins may be purchased from the Latin Department of the University of Iowa.

REPORT OF THE PROTOS MEGAS EPIPRYTANIS

On November 19, 1927, I went to the University of West Virginia with officers and members of Gamma Chapter to conduct the installation of Phi Chapter. The account of this installation was published in the last number of the NUNTIUS.

The chief duties, however, of which I have charge, are those of the office of Chairman of the College Expansion Committee. Two petitions have been granted, one to Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., and other to Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, and the petition of Washington Square College, New York University, is now being circulated among the chapters. Petitions are also at hand from Coker College, Hartsville, South Carolina, and of Simmons University, Abeline, Texas. I am awaiting further information concerning them before submitting them to the vote of the Executive Council and the Chapters.

In addition to these, letters of inquiry have been received from many colleges and universities, among which are the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan; University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.; Woman's College of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama; Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri; Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S. D.; Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin; Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa; the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. The nature of the correspondence has been such that I am expecting petitions from many of these in the near future.

The usual procedure on the part of colleges that are interested in Eta Sigma Phi is a letter of inquiry, followed later by a petition. Former First Vice-Presidents in charge of College Expansion have been conservative in dealing with these matters, and that policy has seemed the desirable one for the interests of Eta Sigma Phi. I have endeavored, therefore, to follow the example of my predecessors in handling such correspondence, with a view to maintaining the prestige of the organization as conservative in its expansion, while desirous of honoring all petitions from deserving institutions.

Respectfully submitted by
HELEN L. WILSON,
Photos Megas Epiprytanis.

AUTHORIZED CHAPTERS

In the following colleges chapters have been authorized: Alpha Delta Chapter, Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, Georgia; Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; and Alpha Zeta Chapter, Washington Square College, New York, New York.

Omega Chapter of the College of William and Mary is to be installed Thursday, April 5th, by Dr. V. D. Magoffin, New York University.

The installation of Alpha Zeta Chapter, Washington Square College, is planned for April 20th. Dr. Magoffin will officiate at the installation.

ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA CHAPTER OF UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Aldeau Gibboney

Why study the classics? The old question was discussed once more by President Max Mason at the last meeting of the winter quarter. President Mason had gathered answers from various prominent men on the campus, which ranged all the way from practical to ridiculous. Of course many brought forth the old idea of the etymological value of Latin and Greek, as well as the mental discipline of the classics. Someone declared that a first-hand knowledge of the literature of ancient times was just exactly what the swiftly moving, modern world needed.
A wit declared that a knowledge of Greek gave one that feeling of superiority so necessary in this age of inferiority complexes!

President Mason himself said he believed in the study of the classics because thereby could be found the perfect joy of learning in companionship with others. In learning and in reading Latin and Greek, students in the classics pursue happiness, which President Mason believes to be the greatest of all goods.

He concluded with the statement that in his experience the best students were almost always those in the Classical Department.

At other meetings Alpha Chapter entertained high school representatives, presented a mime and heard various lectures from professors in the department. In December the annual Saturnalia was held. On February 9 fifteen new members were initiated, including Dr. H. W. Prescott as an honorary member. Dr. Gordon Laing and Dr. Paul Shorey have also been elected to honorary membership.

Theta Chapter, University of Indiana

Theta Chapter of Indiana University, in conjunction with the Classical Club and the Language Department, is bringing to the local campus C. C. Mierow, President of Colorado College. He will address the student body on Otto of Fresing, a medieval personage, on April 3rd.

President Mierow is an honorary member of Eta Sigma Phi and has taken a great interest in the organization. He is a member of Kappa Chapter. Last November Dr. Mierow installed Alpha Beta Chapter of the University of Denver.

Epsilon Chapter, University of Iowa

Members of Epsilon chapter were a mighty busy crew this last week-end. The Tenth Annual Conference of the Latin Teachers of Iowa was in session here in Iowa City February 11 and 12 and we were attending interesting lectures at all hours of the day. Especially those of us who are making plans to teach next year received many valuable hints and suggestions. There were speakers here from other states as well as from our Iowa schools and the Conference was valuable and worthwhile to all in attendance. Friday afternoon at five o'clock the members of our chapter and of our Classical Club cooperated in entertaining the Conference delegates at a tea.

Epsilon chapter is ready once more to announce another group of new members. Saturday afternoon, February 12, just after the Conference sessions closed, we initiated the following new members: Mrs. Inez Palmer Chamberlin, Sister Mary Baptist, Misses Jessie Willey, Lois Ambrose, Ruth Berrien, Anna Marie Boll, Dorothy Murtagh, and Bertha Waterman. The first four of the group were elected to associate membership and the last four to active membership.

We went directly from initiation to the photographer and all of us, new and old members, were snapped for a page in the Hawkeye, Iowa's Year Book.

We hope you are all planning to send delegates to our Convention, which is to be held in Iowa City this year. We are making big plans for it and we want a lot of guests!

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Iota Chapter, University of Vermont

Eighteen New Members in Iota Chapter
Margaret Durick


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Xi Chapter, University of Kansas

Mildred Hommon

Xi Chapter held a Roman banquet on December 8th. It was held for the nineteen guests who all reclined on couches according to the Roman custom. On the couches were place cards in the form of daggers for the men and trumpets for the women. The names were printed in Latin on tiny scrolls.

The guests were dressed in Roman costume and the pledges were dressed in tunics and acted as slaves.

Adhering to the Roman custom the meal began with eggs and ended with apples, ab ovo usque ad mala. The priest poured libation to the gods and after the first course he said a prayer to the Lares and made an offering of salt and meal to the gods.

Various other entertainments of the evening were: the reading of "Horatius at the Bridge," the juggler, and a dance.
PI CHAPTER, BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN COLLEGE
Fay Bond Scott Lonnberg

Although Pi chapter has been in existence less than a year, it feels that it has accomplished much. And the prospects for the future seem even brighter.

This chapter is to initiate thirteen or fourteen new pledges within the month. Most of these new members come from the Classical Club, and so have already proved their worth as active workers in this line. The Classical Club here is really alive and is making itself a name on the campus. Of course this glory reflects on Eta Sigma Phi.

The fraternity has been doing some extension work lately. Martha Belle Hilton and Susan Patterson recently visited two of the local high schools and endeavored to interest the Latin teachers in a classical organization.

Lucien Giddens, president of Pi chapter at Eta Sigma Phi, is to be a Rhodes Scholar to Oxford next fall. The organization is very proud of him. He is also president of the Senior class. His many other honors are too numerous to mention here.

Through the instigation of Eta Sigma Phi here, an antiquities shelf is being established in the library, and the Latin Department is to receive a separate room in the Library Building as an executive office.

Pi chapter is planning to send two members besides E. E. Cavaleri, National Megas Pylortes, to the National Convention.

Several purely social entertainments are being planned by the organization. One of these is to be at Dr. G. W. Currie's home. Dr. Currie, head of the Latin and Greek Department, is enthusiastic and untiring in his work for Eta Sigma Phi, and the local chapter greatly appreciates his efforts.

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RHO CHAPTER, DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Rho Chapter held initiation for the following neophytes: Jack Finegan, Denmar Miller and Howard Steele. Miss Pederson was elected to honorary membership in the fraternity. The initiation banquet was held on March 23rd, at which time Professor Sherman Kirk was the toastmaster and Professor Roy C. Flickinger, University of Iowa, speaker.

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CHI CHAPTER, COE COLLEGE
Ruth Bryan

Chi Chapter announces two new initiates, Carolyn Kochler and Fred Petrick.

Miss Valeria Grannis, Latin instructor, gave a paper February 15 on the Poetry of Catullus.

Professor George F. Bryant gave a discussion on the statistics of the Coe Latin Department on February 1.

Professor William Benson, head of the Greek Department, gave a paper on Greek Religion on March 21.

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PSI CHAPTER, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Psi Chapter, Vanderbilt University, was installed January 28th, by the Megas Grammateus. The installation took place in Frierson Auditorium on Vanderbilt campus.

Arthur Crownover was installed as the president of the local chapter. Among the honorary members were Dr. R. B. Steele, Dr. Clyde Pharr, and Dr. Arnold Latimer.

The club is noteworthy not only for its large numbers but also for its enthusiasm in pursuit of the high ideals set up by Eta Sigma Phi.

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ALPHA ALPHA, WINTHROP COLLEGE

A committee in our chapter has charge of making Eta Sigma Phi pennants. The purple and gold felt is bought and fashioned into pennants of all designs. We enjoy the sewing, and at the same time the profit on the sale of the pennants has greatly raised the sum in our treasury.

So far we have organized four of our "ten-line-wire" high school Latin clubs. There are several more schools interested, where we hope to have clubs organized before this school session is over.

Talks by Dr. Donnis Martin, Head of the Classical Department, and Mrs. Grauel, a charter member of our Latin Club when it was organized ten years ago, were of great interest at one of our recent meetings.
ALPHA BETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER
Gertrude L. Belknap

Alpha Beta Chapter was installed November 11th by Dr. C. C. Mierow of Colorado College, at the University Hall. Our officers are as follows: President, Genevieve Young; Vice-President, Jean Gibson; Recording Secretary, Stella Neidlinger; Corresponding Secretary, Gertrude Belknap; and Treasurer, Dorothy McDonnal.

REPORT OF ALPHA GAMMA CHAPTER OF ETA SIGMA PHI
Joe Schrimschire

Alpha Gamma chapter has been very active during the brief period of its existence in Southern Methodist University and is rapidly winning a reputation as one of the leading honorary organizations on the campus. Although Eta Sigma Phi has been represented here only a short time, yet through a series of regular meetings and occasional social events much is being done toward furthering the interests of the classics in the university.

Among the high points in the activities of Alpha Gamma chapter during the past two months was a very interesting and instructive program, which consisted of a paper on the Daily Routine of a Roman Noble; another paper, "De Pestore, Juris Consulto, Topisarisque," or a glimpse at the professions of the baker, the lawyer, and the florist in Rome, and a third paper entitled "Business in Early Rome," in which paper a description of the dreadful business panic of 33 A.D. was given.

Alpha Gamma wishes to announce the initiation of the following: Mary Esther Hughes, Anna Donnelly, Margaret Wasson, Martha Nicholson, and Virginia Sappington.

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