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Election of officers  
**Grand Officers** for the coming year  
**for 1940-41** constitutes a high  
point in any conven-  
tion, since on the efficiency of Eta Sig-  
ma Phi's officers, much of our success  
depends. Edward Scallet, now a Jun-  
ior at Washington University in St.  
Louis, is our new Megas Prytanis. Mr.  
Scallet also engaged the 1941 conven-  
tion for his school.

Harriette Cochran of Agnes Scott  
College in Decatur, Georgia will take  
over the treasurer's books Sept. 1, and  
Carl Miller of Millsaps College, Jack-  
son, Mississippi, will be Megas Gram-  
mateus.

**Executive Secretary**  
**and Editor** Miss M a r y  
Brokaw, instruc-  
tor in the De-  
partment of Clas-  
sical Languages at Ohio University,  
Athens, Ohio, was appointed Execu-  
tive Secretary and Editor of the NUN-  
TIUS to succeed Mrs. Dunkel. Miss  
Brokaw edited the magazine once be-  
fore, from 1931 to 1936. After Sept.  
1, address official Eta Sigma Phi cor-  
respondence to the new central office  
in Athens, Ohio. To the Board of

Trustees several new members were  
appointed, to be announced in the next  
issue.

Congratulations to all the new of-  
ficers, and may their paths be made  
easy by the coöperation of every mem-  
ber of every chapter.

**Thank You,** We who attended  
**Newcomb College** the New Orleans  
convention 1 a s t  
month have a won-  
derful week-end to remember. South-  
ern hospitality, especially the New-  
comb variety, is everything legend has  
claimed for it and more. The French  
Quarter exceeded in interest our ros-  
iest expectation, and Prof. Allen and  
Mrs. Crawford went to no end of  
trouble to arrange convention meals  
at famous restaurants which we other-  
wise would not have had time to vis-  
it. Although the Newcomb chapter  
was awfully apologetic about their  
frosted date palms, we visitors were  
much impressed with the beautiful  
trees, shrubs, and flowers surrounding  
the handsome, well equipped build-  
ings on the Newcomb campus adjoining  
Tulane.

Creole cooking was delicious and  
much too rich for those of us accus-  
tomed to more plebian fare. The cruis-  
ing Lehigh delegation still lapse into  
blank verse over the strawberry Jubile-  
lee dessert they experienced. Miss  
Pirkle and Mrs. Dunkel devoured a  
classical morsel complete with doves  
on the wing done in marshmallow  
creme, called Meringue Glacé à la Ju-  
lius Caesar, and still puzzle over  
Caesar's connection with peaceful lit-  
tle white doves. Miss Kochenour and  
Mr. Gordon drank Seven Up in a  
night club whose name they will not  
disclose.

Did Edward Scallet ever get back  
to St. Louis with a fresh picked aza-  
lea for his teacher? An apple would  
have traveled better. Don Lillibrige  
bought an 1873 edition of Terence  
in a second hand book store; did it  
turn out to be a famous edition? The

Morningside delegates almost missed the convention because they became so entranced with the mountains they encountered unexpectedly on the road to New Orleans. The Ohio University carload came the way the crowd didn't fly in order to see Biloxi and Gulf Port. Oklahoma came to its first convention and supplied a candidate — Ella Humphreys — for the most model Model Initiation in years. Mrs. Crawford, convention chairman, showed us what the really well dressed Classicist is wearing this season.

Which brings us back to what we started to say in the first place: we had a grand, grand convention in New Orleans, and thank you, Newcomb Alpha Chi.

**Shingles Officially Resumed** Membership shingles were officially reinstated as a function of the national fraternity. At present Mrs. Dunkel can supply the old type membership card signed by past (not current) officers and will gladly do so upon request, but beginning next fall Miss Brokaw will supply newly printed and properly signed shingles for new initiates to any chapter secretary who requests them. This will be welcome news to many chapters.

**Acknowledgment** Our thanks are due Miss Eva Kochenour, Mr. Edwin Miller, and Miss Helen Osbey, for their earnest efforts and for the time given in the cause of Eta Sigma Phi. As officers of the national fraternity, the Executive Secretary wishes to give them her sincere thanks for their constant aid and cooperation in handling the business of the fraternity.

Thanks are also due Dr. Eugene Tavenner, who as Editor-in-Chief of the CLASSICAL JOURNAL, has donated advertising space in a great many issues to the Eta Sigma Phi medal for honor students in high school Latin. Dr. Tavenner is also sponsor of Alpha Xi chapter.

#### PROF. FLICKINGER HONORED

Prof. Roy C. Flickinger, head of the department of Classical Languages at the State University of Iowa, and sponsor of the Eta Sigma Phi chapter there as well as member of our board of Trustees, has been nominated from the North Central District to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Senate. The North Central District consists of Iowa and seven neighboring states. Choice between Prof. Flickinger and another candidate will be made at the Triennial Council in San Francisco, meeting during September of this year. Eta Sigma Phi wishes Prof. Flickinger the best of luck in the election and would be most proud to have one of its most distinguished members on the governing board of Phi Beta Kappa.

Prof. Flickinger addressed the Chicago Classical Club at its luncheon meeting, May eleventh.

It is also reported that Dr. Norman Young, whose dissertation entitled "Index Verborum Silianus" recently appeared as Volume VIII in Iowa Studies in Classical Philology, is acting as assistant in Anthropometry in the Dept. of Child Welfare at the University of Iowa.

Mr. H. R. Butts, who was originally elected to membership in Eta Sigma Phi at the University of Missouri but who was active at Epsilon chapter during his period of graduate work, has been made an instructor in the Dept. of Classical Languages at the State University of Iowa. He had previously been head of his department at the Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney.

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IF ANY AT YOUR CHAPTER WERE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS ISSUE, and FAILED TO RECEIVE IT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR AT ONCE AND A COPY WILL BE SENT.

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## SIXTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ETA SIGMA PHI

### Delegates

GAMMA, *Ohio University*  
Mary Quigley  
Mary Monks  
Alex P. Mekedis  
Sara Mae Gruay

ZETA, *Denison University*  
James Umsted

ETA, *Florida State College For Women*  
Roxilu Kelton  
Jeanne McDowall

LAMBDA, *University of Mississippi*  
Lillian Dooley  
John L. Gordon

NU, *Morningside College*  
Dureth H. Hitchcock  
Helen Osbey (Megas Gram.)  
Elna VanCamp  
Mildred Wikert

UPSILON, *Miss. College for Women*  
Mary Emma Smith

ALPHA DELTA, *Agnes Scott*  
Eva Ann Pirkle  
Harriette Cochran  
Rebecca Hogan  
Louise Sams

ALPHA EPSILON, *Lehigh Univ.*  
Edwin Miller (Megas Chrys.)

ALPHA LAMBDA, *Univ. of Oklahoma*  
Ella Humphreys  
Zoe Jarrett  
Fred Speakman

ALPHA XI, *Washington Univ.*  
Harry Alwine  
Edward Scallet

ALPHA PI, *Gettysburg*  
Eva Kochenour (Megas Pry.)

ALPHA SIGMA, *Emory Univ.*  
Arnold Zach

ALPHA PHI, *Millsaps*  
Carl Miller  
Frances Ogden

ALPHA CHI, *Newcomb of Tulane*  
Eleanor Bentley  
Mary E. Pearce

Lela M. Crawford  
Edwin Moise  
Louis Scheuer

ALPHA OMEGA, *Louisiana State*  
Charlene Faught

BETA ALPHA, *South Dakota*  
Don Lillibrige  
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Dr. Ernsts Kapp, Tulane

Dr. Graydon Regenos, Tulane

Dr. Lucy E. Austin, La. State Univ.

Miss Mary Brokaw, Ohio University

Dr. George Currie, Millsaps

Dr. and Mrs. Daly, Oklahoma

Dr. Isabelle Johnson, La. College

Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Key, Birmingham-Southern

Dr. Horace Wright, Lehigh

### FIFTY-FIRST CHAPTER

Westhampton College of the University of Richmond received permission at the national convention last month to establish the fifty-first chapter of Eta Sigma Phi on its campus, the chapter to be known as Beta Gamma. Arrangements for installation have not yet been completed, but we shall welcome the new chapter soon.

Student members of Pegasus, Westhampton's present classical club, who signed the petition were Emma Lou Parsons, President, Janet Gresham, Josephine Fennell, Helen Hill, Doris Hargrove, Katherine Lyle, Elizabeth Johnson, and Dell Williams. Faculty sponsors are Dr. William A. Harris, Miss Pauline Turnbull, Dr. Marjorie J. Rivenburg, and Dean May L. Keller.

## OTHER THAN BUSINESS

APPROPRIATING one corner of the lobby of the Hotel Monteleone (accent on first syllable as we learned from cab drivers), delegates to the sixteenth national convention congregated about eight o'clock Thursday evening and got acquainted. Later (shh, when the rain had stopped) we all went to the old French market several blocks away for café au lait and the doughnuts for which the market is famous. Some of us discovered that the doughnut cook is Chicago born and bred, but the doughnuts are definitely New Orleans and marvelous. Executive Council then worked on the new Constitution until two-thirty in the morning.

Friday morning we drove the five miles out to Newcomb's beautiful campus where we had our first business meeting and a discussion of the "Present Status of Classical Education" led by attractive and energetic Prof. Lucy Austin of Louisiana State University assisted by Dr. Johnson of Louisiana College. Dr. Ernest Kapp of Newcomb then discussed for us "Dramatic Criticism in Athens". Luncheon was served in the handsome Josephine Louise dormitory dining room, followed by a few words of welcome from Miss Anna Many, Acting Dean of Newcomb. Dean Many is a mathematician who believes strongly in the Classics partially because of their great aid in the mastery of English composition, or so she confessed semi-privately. Anyway her remark stimulated much fruitful discussion among the delegates.

After more earnest business, Dr. Allen of Newcomb, who happily combines in her personality New England salt with Southern graciousness, gave an illustrated lecture on Etruscan art, a subject in which she is much interested. The wives of faculty members served us tea immediately afterwards, and we just had time to wash our faces before dinner at Arnaud's in the French Quarter, where we were introduced to shrimps Creole, and Gumbo

(soup made with many esoteric ingredients unidentifiable — but delicious — to northerners) not to mention the famous praline. Mr. Carl Miller of Millsaps (the new Megas Grammateus) was importuned at the last minute to ask grace in Latin.

Friday night the Newcomb Oreades society entertained us with an excellent production of Diphilus' play "Rudens," translated by Plautus in 192 B.C. and by Newcomb undergraduates in 1936. A triumph in left-handed compliments was produced by one student who remarked "But it wasn't a bit dull!" — from which one may conclude that the student expected a play so venerable in age to be suitably musty in content. Executive Council had another late session, the members being weary to the point of humor which accounts for any Pat and Mike stories which may have crept into the Constitution.

At the conclusion of the Saturday morning business session delegates all dashed out to the shops to buy souvenirs before luncheon at "The Little Shop Around the Corner" on Chartres street where we had our picture taken in one of the four labyrinthine courtyards. Afterwards in small groups we were shown the sights of the city, the lake, the airport, the aboveground cemeteries (because the city is built on a palmetto swamp) and the fascinating historical spots along the narrow streets of the old French Quarter.

Model initiation and installation of new officers were impressively performed in a candlelit room at La-Louisiane, a French restaurant long popular with epicures, where we afterwards had our formal banquet. Dr. Ernest Reidel, Prof. of Greek at Tulane was toastmaster and told a classic "tum-tum toto" story highly suitable to the Classical occasion, which most of us have been repeating to our friends ever since. (You'll have to get it from your delegate).

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## OUR NEW CONSTITUTION

THE following is the new, revised Constitution of Eta Sigma Phi, carefully reworked by a committee at the New Orleans convention and adopted in its present form for immediate use, by vote of convention delegates at a regular business meeting. At the 1941 convention it will be voted upon again before permanent adoption, after which it will be printed separately and distributed to the chapters. In the meantime however, this NUNTIVS printing will be the only printed form in which the Constitution is available, so please keep this issue for reference during the year to come.

### CONSTITUTION

#### PREAMBLE

BE IT KNOWN, that this organization grew out of a local society of Phi Sigma, which was founded at the University of Chicago, in 1914, and became nationalized in 1924, and its incorporation was directed May 14, 1927, under the laws of the State of Illinois, as the Honorary Undergraduate Classical Fraternity, Eta Sigma Phi. Therefore, we, the members of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity, in order to further the spirit of cooperation and good will among the members of classical departments and to stimulate interest in the study of the classics and to increase our knowledge of the art and literature of ancient Greece and Rome, do ordain and adopt this constitution.

#### ARTICLE I

##### NAME

Section 1. The name of this fraternity is and shall be "ETA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY."

#### ARTICLE II

##### PURPOSES

Section 1. Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity is declared to be an Honorary Greek Letter Society of undergraduate students, whose purposes are:

- To develop and promote interest in classical study among the students of colleges and universities.
- To promote closer fraternal relationship among students who are interested in classical study, including inter-campus relationship.
- To engage generally in an effort to stimulate interest in classical study, and in the history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome.

#### ARTICLE III

##### ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity shall consist of its National Organization, which is composed of its Board of Trustees, its Grand Executive Council, and such local chapters which have been established or may be established as hereinafter provided.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### FUNDAMENTAL LAW

Section 1. This constitution shall be the fundamental law of this Society including its Board of Trustees, its Grand Executive Council and all local chapters.

#### ARTICLE V

##### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi, shall consist of five faculty members of active chapters.

Section 2. The members of the Board shall serve a three year term of office. The following procedure shall be employed in the election of the members of the Board.

- The Executive Council shall propose the names of the people who are to serve on the Board to the delegates at the National Convention for ratification.
- Two members of the Board shall be elected each year, with the exception that only one member shall be elected every third year.
- The members of the Board, after the three year term of office, may be reelected to the Board by following the procedure stated above.
- In case of the resignation of a member of the Board or his inability to continue his duties for some other reason, the Executive Council may appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term. This successor must be approved at the next National Convention.

Section 3. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be:

- They shall act as an advisory board on all matters of policy and all functions of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity. They shall have the power to recommend, but not the power to make executive decrees, except in the instance stated below.
- The Board may request at any time from the Executive Secretary information on any matters pertaining to Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity.
- In case of inefficiency or negligence on the part of the Executive Secretary, the Board, with the consent of the members of the Grand Executive Council, is empowered to remove the Executive Secretary and appoint a successor to fill the office until the time of the next National Convention.

- The Board shall act as custodian of all invested funds of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity and shall submit, in written form, a report of such funds at the National Convention. The members of the Board shall be empowered to make only ordinary investments, unless especially authorized otherwise by the delegates to the National Convention; if the funds are to be used for a project, or to be given to another organization, or used for running expenses for the Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity, action must be taken at the National Convention. The members of the Board are not to invest the funds in any doubtful enterprise or securities of a speculative nature that involve a possible loss of the funds.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### GRAND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Grand Executive Council of this Society shall be composed of—

- The undergraduate officers — Grand President (Megas Prytanis), Grand Secretary (Megas Grammateus), Grand Treasurer (Megas Chryso-phylax), with the addition of such other undergraduate officers as Grand Executive Council may deem necessary; all officers shall be elected in the manner as hereinafter provided.

- The Executive Secretary, who shall be a graduate student or a faculty member at an active chapter of ETA SIGMA PHI.

Section 2. The officers, as described in Section 1 of this Article, shall constitute the Grand Executive Council, which shall be the ruling body of the Society in the interim between the Annual Conventions. In order to comply with the Illinois laws of incorporation, at least one member of either the Grand Executive Council or of the

Board of Trustees, or a duly appointed representative of either group, must always be a resident of Illinois.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. The undergraduate officers of the Grand Executive Council shall be elected at each National Convention, the term of office to begin on September 1 and end on the following August 31.

Section 2. All active members shall be eligible to hold any office except that the Grand President shall be a Senior during his year of office. Any officer with the exception of the President, may be re-elected.

Section 3. Election shall be by simple majority.

Section 4. The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Grand Executive Council, with the advice of the Board of Trustees. His name shall be submitted to the National Convention for ratification. The term of office shall be for one year and shall begin on September 1. The National Convention shall determine the honorarium, if any, that is to be paid to the Executive Secretary.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Grand President shall preside over all meetings, shall be ex-officio member of all committees, and shall be chairman of the Grand Executive Council. He shall see that all resolutions passed by the National Convention are carried into effect, and shall perform all such duties as the Grand President of similar societies usually performs.

Section 2. The Grand Secretary shall attend, and record the minutes of, all meetings which shall be held, and these shall be transcribed and kept in a book belonging to the Society. He shall submit in written form to the chapters the amendments which are to be considered for final adoption at the next National Convention.

Section 3. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and have custody over all funds belonging to the Society, and shall disburse said funds from time to time as the needs of the Society may require. He shall keep accurate records of account in a book or books belonging to the Society, and shall enter therein accurate account of all receipts and disbursements, and an accurate account of such sums as may be owing to the Society from time to time, likewise an account of all indebtedness the Society may from time to time have; together with a record of any other financial transaction in which the Society may engage. The Grand Treasurer shall make a financial report to the Annual Convention in written form.

Section 4. The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be:

a) To maintain the central office of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

b) To advise and assist the undergraduate officers and to aid the local chapters in every possible way.

c) To make an annual report to the National Convention in written form.

d) To make to the Board of Trustees, in written form, an annual report, in which he reviews the status of the chapters of the Society, the financial status of the fraternity and any other matters deemed relevant.

e) To manage the medal account and make an annual report of the same in the first issue of the NUNTIUS.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### VACANCIES

Section 1. In the event of vacancies in the undergraduate offices of this Society, such vacancies

shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Executive Secretary.

#### ARTICLE X

##### LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1. A local chapter is a body of students interested in classical study, organized under and by virtue of this Constitution and chartered by the Grand Executive Council of this Society, at any college or university, which has been on the accredited list of the Association of American Universities for five years.

Section 2. A local chapter may be organized, chartered, and established upon the granting of a petition, which, duly executed by a group of qualified students, has been addressed to and filed with the Executive Secretary. When any such petition shall have received the recommendation of the Grand Executive Council, or a majority of the members thereof, the petition shall be submitted to the next National Convention. Upon the approval of two-thirds of the voting delegates assembled at such convention, a charter shall be granted, and after initiatory rites, as provided for in the ritual of the Society, the same shall be issued by the Executive Secretary.

Section 3. The nomenclature of the local chapters, like that of the National Society, shall be based upon the Greek alphabet, each local chapter being designated by that letter or those letters of the Greek alphabet which indicate its relation to the others in the order of establishment.

Section 4. The officers constituting the Executive Council of each local chapter shall be:

a) Prytanis—President of the chapter.

b) Hyparchos—Vice-President of the chapter.

c) Grammateus—Recording Secretary of the chapter.

d) Epistolographos — Corresponding Secretary of the chapter.

e) Chrysofylax—Treasurer of the chapter.

f) Pyloros—Sergeant-at-arms of the chapter.

This number may be limited and the duties consolidated accordingly.

Section 5. The duties and privileges of the local chapters shall be:

a) Each chapter may adopt a constitution and by-laws for its own government and determine its own requisites for membership in so far as these do not conflict with the provisions of this Constitution.

b) Each chapter shall through its chapter meetings, its Executive Council, and its individual members, promote the spirit and purposes of the National Society upon the campus of its own institution.

Section 6. Chapters which have had no representatives at six successive National Conventions shall be dropped from the chapter roll and their charter revoked.

#### ARTICLE XI

##### MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active membership of this Society shall consist of undergraduate college students of classical languages, attending a college or university wherein a local chapter shall have been established, said membership being attained only through and by invitation of such local chapter, and conditioned upon an attained grade of not less than "B" in courses in Latin or Greek. Active membership may be attained by students having a lower grade than "B", only upon the special recommendation of the instructor.

Section 2. Each local chapter shall determine its own requisites for active membership, except that these shall not be in conflict with the requisites and provisions of the National Society as set forth in this Constitution.

Section 3. Active members who transfer their

attendance to another college or university where a local chapter has been or may be established, shall be eligible to a transfer of membership. But should they prefer to retain membership in the chapter in which they were elected, they shall be recognized as visiting members entitled to all privileges of the local chapter except that of voting.

Section 4. Associate membership shall include graduate students who were undergraduate members of the Society, and graduate students majoring in the classics who are qualified and elected under the requirements of membership. Associate members shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the National Society, but may vote and hold office in the local chapter. Those initiated into the Society as graduate students shall be responsible for a one dollar (\$1.00) initiation fee to the National Society, but shall not pay national dues. Local chapters may charge associate members any fees they so desire.

Section 5. Honorary membership shall consist of those men and women who have been elected honorary members by the local chapters. They do not pay national fees.

#### ARTICLE XII

##### MEMBERSHIP BADGE

Section 1. All members of this society may have a membership badge made up of the letters Eta Sigma Phi or the official key. All such insignia shall be ordered through the official jeweler.

#### ARTICLE XIII

##### COSTS AND FEES

Section 1. A charter fee of \$10.00 shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer by each local chapter prior to its installation.

Section 2. Each elected candidate prior to initiation shall pay an initiation fee of one dollar (\$1.00) to the National organization. This payment shall be made to the treasurer of the local chapter and by him disbursed. The chapter may charge any additional initiation fee.

Section 3. Membership dues of one dollar (\$1.00) per year shall be paid to the National Society by each active member, beginning the school year of his initiation. All members initiated after April 1, shall not be required to pay the membership dues for that school year. The payment of dues entitles the member to the NUNTIUS.

Section 4. A chapter shall be considered delinquent if it has not paid its national fees by March 1 of the current fiscal year. The following procedure shall be followed in case of failure to pay fees:

a) If the chapter has not paid its national fees by March 1, the Grand Treasurer shall notify the chapter at once that it is considered by the National organization to be temporarily delinquent and that the NUNTIUS shall be discontinued until payment is made.

b) The retiring Grand Treasurer shall transmit to his successor a list of temporarily delinquent chapters.

c) The succeeding Grand Treasurer shall send two notices to any chapter which has failed to meet its National fees in which he shall inform the chapter that it will be considered delinquent if it does not pay its national fees for the preceding year by December 1 and that it shall lose its standing in Eta Sigma Phi if payment is not made by that date.

d) If a chapter fails to pay its national fees for the preceding year by December 1, the chapter shall lose all rights and privileges in the National Society, but may be re-instated upon renewal of its charter.

#### ARTICLE XIV

##### NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1. A National Convention shall be

held annually in the month of April, during such period as may be necessary for the transaction of its business, and convened at a place designated at the previous convention, or in lieu thereof by the Grand Executive Council and on a date agreed upon by the entertaining chapter and the Grand Executive Council.

Section 2. The purposes of assembling the Convention annually are:

a) To hear, consider, and act upon reports of officers, committees, and local chapters.

b) To fix, determine, and declare the policies of the Society.

c) To hear, consider, and act upon such proposals as may be submitted for amendments to this Constitution.

d) To elect and install officers for the coming year, to ratify the appointment of members to the Board of Trustees and the Executive Secretary.

e) To conduct such other business as the Convention may deem desirable or expedient for the interests of the Society, and to preserve and maintain unified relationship among the local chapters.

Section 3. Each chapter shall be entitled to two voting delegates at the annual National Convention, but all members of the Society may attend its meetings and enjoy all the privileges thereof except that of voting. In case a local chapter is represented by only one delegate, he may cast two votes. A national officer shall be entitled to one vote in his official capacity.

Section 4. Powers of the National Convention: The National Convention, through its voting delegates, shall constitute the ruling body of the Society while in session.

Section 5. A quorum at the National Convention shall consist of a majority of all delegates registered at the Convention.

Section 6. The meeting of the National Convention shall be called to order and be presided over by the Grand President, if present. In the absence of the Grand President, one of the members of the Executive Council shall preside, or Executive Council shall appoint a presiding officer from the delegates present in the order prescribed by parliamentary law.

#### ARTICLE XV

Section 1. The official magazine of ETA SIGMA PHI shall be called the NUNTIUS.

Section 2. All active members who pay national dues shall receive the magazine without cost for the year in which they pay their fees.

Section 3. The subscription price for those people who do not pay national dues shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per year.

Section 4. The editor of the NUNTIUS shall be appointed by the Grand Executive Council with the advice of the Board of Trustees. The honorarium for the position, if any, shall be set by the National Convention.

#### ARTICLE XVI

##### AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any article of this constitution may be amended in the following manner:

a) The proposed amendment shall be presented in writing at one annual national convention, and if passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those entitled to vote, shall be submitted in written form by the Grand Secretary to each chapter at least two months prior to the next annual National Convention and shall come up for final action at the next annual National Convention where a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for adoption.

b) Any amendment proposed to and approved by the Grand Executive Council two months before National Convention and submitted in written form to each chapter for examination may be brought to final vote at the following National Convention.

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT AT NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION

Herewith is an incomplete financial statement of Eta Sigma Phi for the current year 1939-40 as of April 4, 1940:

RECEIPTS	
Balance brought forward . . . . .	\$ 540.88
Received from former NUNTIUS . . . . .	130.07
Dues for year, 1938-39 . . . . .	133.00
Dues for year, 1939-40 . . . . .	507.00
Transfer from Medals Account . . . . .	400.00
	\$1710.95

EXPENDITURES	
Mrs. Dunkel's Salary . . . . .	\$ 150.00
NUNTIUS expenses . . . . .	136.34
First issue . . . \$ 54.29	
Second issue . . . 53.77	
Miscellaneous . . . 28.28	\$136.34
Speaking Tour of Dr. Crum . . . . .	25.00
Refunds for over-payment of fees . . . . .	5.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	27.00
	\$ 343.34
Balance on hand . . . . .	\$ 1367.61

### CHAPTERS

In order to allow the treasurers of the various chapters to check my figures I am listing the payment of fees by the chapters for the current year.

Gamma . . . . .	\$20.00	A. Gamma . . . . .	\$15.00
Delta . . . . .	7.00	A. Delta . . . . .	40.00
Epsilon . . . . .	34.00	A. Epsilon . . . . .	22.00
Zeta . . . . .	9.00	A. Theta . . . . .	10.00
Eta . . . . .	7.00	A. Kappa . . . . .	16.00
Lambda . . . . .	7.00	A. Pi . . . . .	30.00
Nu . . . . .	20.00	A. Rho . . . . .	18.00
Omicron . . . . .	19.00	A. Sigma . . . . .	10.00
Pi . . . . .	12.00	A. Tau . . . . .	49.00
Rho . . . . .	2.00	A. Upsilon . . . . .	14.00
Sigma . . . . .	34.00	A. Chi . . . . .	27.00
Upsilon . . . . .	4.00	A. Omega . . . . .	12.00
Chi . . . . .	1.00	B. Alpha . . . . .	7.00
Omega . . . . .	20.00	B. Beta . . . . .	27.00
A. Alpha . . . . .	14.00		

The following is an itemized account of the payment for the year 1938-39 made by some chapters during the current fiscal year:

Delta . . . . .	\$2.00	A. Upsilon . . . . .	\$34.00
Epsilon . . . . .	9.00	A. Phi . . . . .	52.00
Rho . . . . .	7.00	A. Psi . . . . .	21.00
Psi . . . . .	8.00		

The following chapters have paid no fees for the current year: Beta, Theta, Psi, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Phi, Alpha Psi.

Since the last convention Alpha Beta chapter at the University of Denver and Alpha Zeta chapter at Washington Square College in New York City have withdrawn from the fraternity. Alpha Mu chapter at the University of Missouri has been dropped

from the roll for failure to pay fees for the year 1938-39. I feel that we should regret the loss of these chapters as it tends to weaken the fraternity. Since the interest in the classics evidently has languished at the University of Denver and Washington Square College there is nothing that we can do about it. Although I sent three notices to the University of Missouri I received no replies; consequently, I know nothing about the state of the classics at that institution. I shall request the convention to authorize the Megas Epistolographos formally to notify this college of its suspension from the fraternity. It is gratifying to note that on the basis of receipts, the other chapters of Eta Sigma Phi are holding their own, with only one or two exceptions.

[Editor's Note: The University of Cincinnati, Mu, inactive for several years past, writes that there is now an active Classics group on the campus which would like to resume participation in Eta Sigma Phi.]

### II. Other Notes on Receipts

The former editor of the NUNTIUS transferred the balance of his account to the national treasurer in accordance with the changes in the NUNTIUS adopted at the Gettysburg Convention.

The Executive Secretary handles the medals which the fraternity sponsors. There is an annual profit of approximately \$80.00. This fact explains the transfer of \$400.00 to the national treasurer.

### III. NUNTIUS

Since I was instrumental in effecting a change in the policy of the NUNTIUS, I am pleased to be able to announce that there will be little difficulty, if any, in continuing our new program. To date only \$136.34 has been expended. Even if the March and May issues cost somewhat more there should be no trouble in meeting the bill, as Wright and Street will pay a \$70.00 fee for advertising.

### IV. Speaking Tour

In order to aid the *esprit de corps* of the fraternity Executive Council decided to experiment with a new plan. It was decided to send Dr. Earl L. Crum, Professor of Greek at Lehigh University, on a speaking tour to Omicron chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, Omega chapter at The College of William and Mary and Alpha Theta chapter at Hunter College. The fraternity paid only the traveling expenses of Dr. Crum. On the basis of reports that I have received from Dr. Crum and from the chapters themselves (in confidential letters) the experiment can be considered a success. I urge that it be tried on a slightly larger scale in another section of the country next year. I think the fraternity should tender a vote of thanks to Dr. Crum for so willingly volunteering his time and services to Eta Sigma Phi.

### V. Recommendations

I recommend the following changes in the management of the finances of the fraternity. (1) The transfer of the surplus of the medals account to the national treasurer at the beginning of each fiscal year; this money would be used for the running expenses of the fraternity. (2) The surplus in the treasury and the money in Chicago (amounting to over \$2000.00) be transferred into the hands of the Board of Trustees for investment. Any profit from investment should also be used for the running expenses of Eta Sigma Phi.

In conclusion, I want to thank the treasurers of the local chapters for their splendid cooperation with me during the two years I have held this office. To the other members of the fraternity I can only say "Ave atque vale" and best wishes for a greater Eta Sigma Phi in the future.

Respectfully,  
EDWIN H. MILLER  
*Megas Chrysophylax*

### OTHER THAN BUSINESS

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He then introduced the speaker of the evening, regretting that since Dr. Geer had not allowed the toastmaster a look at the speech in advance, the toastmaster was unable to give a resumé of what was to come. Dr. Russel M. Geer of Tulane then gave an excellent and timely paper on "Ancient Experiments in Socialism", closing an interesting and worthwhile convention with Newcomb of Tulane in New Orleans. Where the delegates spent the rest of the evening is known only to them.

### NUNTIUS CONTEST WINNER

Mary Emma Smith of Upsilon chapter, State College for Women at Columbus, Mississippi, was awarded first prize in the contest announced in the January NUNTIUS. Miss Koche-nour, national president, awarded the check for fifteen dollars to help cover expenses to convention, to Miss Smith after luncheon on Saturday during convention. Miss Smith writes that she appreciated the opportunity to attend her first national convention and wishes to thank the judges.

Representative Bruce Barton, the last of 350 speakers at the sixteenth annual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, told 2,743 delegates and their faculty, advisers yesterday that American education had been growing steadily worse since his father's time until now it had reached a weakened state marked by too many easy courses, a scattering of energies and a sad lack of mental discipline.

The advertising executive's attack on modern education coupled with the advice that Greek, Latin and mathematics should be studied for the mental training necessary to a successful career in any field, came during the sessions at Columbia University.

After urging the study of classical subjects to "toughen the fibers of the mind and develop independent think-

ing," Mr. Barton declared:  
 "People will think I am trying to be funny, but I suppose I was never more serious in my life. I am a liberal in politics and a reactionary in education. I believe that education has been getting steadily worse in this country. It was better in my father's time than in my time and better in my time than it is in yours. We are trying to spread out and teach too much and teach a smattering of everything. I think we will see the time again when there will be more emphasis on mental discipline."

Mr. Barton, who has been mentioned as possibility for the Republican Presidential nomination, made his only political allusion in advising the delegates to study all the history they could and in suggesting that every school engage a wise old man to lecture on "things that have been tried and have not worked." Such study, he said, would expose modern developments like Townsendism as repe-

titious of historical errors. Many current policies, he added, were found wanting under the Roman Emperor Diocletian. —N. Y. Times, Mar. 17.

New methods of stimulating the study of Latin in high schools and colleges based on the teacher's knowledge of the language and her classroom personality were discussed yesterday at the closing session of the thirty-third annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States at the Hotel New Yorker. . .

Prof. E. Adelaide Hahn of Hunter College [sponsor of Alpha Theta] declared that the stimulation of the study of the language was dependent upon good teachers, not scholars, who know and love the subject and who have winning classroom personality. Prof. Hahn told the teachers of Latin not to advertise the subject as easy and practical, but to say that it is difficult and useless.

—N. Y. Times, Apr. 28.

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