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Professor Ray C. Flickinger

When we announced in the March issue of the NUNTIUS of last year that Professor Flickinger had been obliged because of illness to resign as chairman of the Board of Trustees we could not know, of course, that the much sadder task of announcing his death would face us this fall.

To his many friends and colleagues of the classical world Professor Flickinger is best known for the versatility of his interests, his scholarly accomplishments in the field of classical publications, and his enthusiastic energy in whatever undertaking enlisted his efforts. But to members of Eta Sigma Phi there comes a peculiar feeling of loss, for to Professor Flickinger Eta Sigma Phi was not simply "just another organization." It was one in which he was vitally interested from the time of its founding until his death. Even during his last illness matters concerning the fraternity engaged his attention, and in spite of sickness he showed no diminution of that driving energy that was so much a part of the man.

Professor Flickinger enjoyed a wide acquaintance among members of Eta Sigma Phi because of his frequent attendance at national conventions, and many students came to know him and realize and appreciate his interest in the organization. Identified with the national organization as he was, Professor Flickinger also served as advisor of Epsilon Chapter at Iowa City. In the early days of the fraternity he sought a method whereby the income might be increased, and the answer was the Eta Sigma Phi Medal. To Professor Flickinger goes the credit for the idea, the devotion and unflagging zeal for the classics, Professor Flickinger will be sorely missed by all of us.

National Eta Sigma Phi Essay Contest

The attention of Eta Sigma Phi members is called to the national Essay Contest which the organization is sponsoring for the second time this year. Copies of the regulations have gone out to all the colleges and universities, and they are printed here in the interest of the membership at large.

Eta Sigma Phi, national honorary classical fraternity, is announcing its second contest in a series of three begun last year. There will be first, second, and third prizes of $100, $50, and $25.

The general topic chosen for this year is "The universality of Horace's themes and imagery as shown by the influence of his lyrics upon English literature of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries." The contestant may feel free to choose any portion of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries or any phase of the literature of those centuries, and may adopt a specific title for his essay accordingly. The essays may contain 3000-3500 words but should not exceed the upper limit.

The competition is open to any undergraduate student of a four-year college who is taking or has taken such classical courses as will provide a background of knowledge sufficient for treating the subject thoroughly and competently.

All essays are to be submitted not later than March 1, 1943.

Three copies of each essay submitted are to be provided by the contestant. These are to be sent to the Executive Secretary without marks of identification; but with the contestant's name and address enclosed on a separate sheet, and with a statement from the head of the college certifying that he is qualified to compete in the contest.

The Executive Secretary will enter upon each essay submitted an identifying number, and will retain the name and address of the sender when transmitting the essays themselves to the judges. The decision of the judges will be based upon content and stylistic qualities. The fraternity reserves the right to withhold the prizes if the essays should be adjudged unworthy.

Contestants who desire that their manuscripts be returned should expressly request and should provide return postage. The winning essays will become the property of the fraternity, which reserves the right to print one or more of them in the NUNTIUS, official quarterly of Eta Sigma Phi.

News for NUNTIUS

It will greatly facilitate the work of the editorial staff of the NUNTIUS if chapter news, as well as other contributions of prose and verse, reaches the office the tenth of the month in which the magazine appears, i.e., November, January, March, and May. We would suggest that the chapters form the habit of reporting interesting items of activities shortly after their occurrence so that they will be sure of representation in each issue of the magazine.

Eta Sigma Phi Medal Report

For 1941-1942

The Registrar of the Eta Sigma Phi Medal presents the following report for the year ending September 1, 1942.

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward $71.47
Receipts for Medal Sales 466.19
Sale of copies of NUNTIUS 1.75

TOTAL RECEIPTS $539.41

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Medals $345.64
Printing of order blanks 8.24
Postage 9.00
Sale of copies of NUNTIUS 1.75
Refunds on Medals 5.50
Bank charges 3.83
Balance on hand 165.45

$539.41

The total of 462 Medals sold represents an increase of 24 over the sales of 1940-1941 and is the highest number since 1935-1936 when the total was the same.

It is to be hoped that this increase in sales may be maintained this year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY K. BROKAW, Registrar

Membership Cards

Membership cards for the current year are now available and will be supplied as usual, free of cost upon request. Also available are cards for 1940-1941 and 1941-1942 and they will be distributed as long as the supplies last.
Report of the Megas Chrysophylax for the Year 1941-42

Herewith is the complete financial statement of Eta Sigma Phi for the year 1941-1942, as of September 1, 1942.

RECEIPTS
Balance brought forward . $318.56
Dues for year 1940-41 132.00
Dues for year 1941-42 643.00
NUNTIUS subscriptions (received separately) 29.00
Wright and Street commission 67.62
Convention expenses 68.00
Essay Contest postage . 6.00
Envelopes 24.21
Executive Secretary's salary . 10.00
Sale of old copies of NUNTIUS 1.75

TOTAL RECEIPTS $1,261.93

DISBURSEMENTS
Executive Secretary's salary . $150.00
NUNTIUS expenses . 328.71
November . $65.00
January . 80.00
March . 68.00
May . 91.50
W. of O. . 24.21
Printing of Ritual and Constitution ... 85.49
Stationery and printing . 28.96
Postage . 51.93
Essay Contest postage ... 24.00
Essay Contest awards ... 175.00
Convention expenses ... 127.98
Bonding of treasurer . 5.00
Refund for overpayment of fees . 3.00
Miscellaneous . 3.02

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . $983.09

BALANCE ON HAND . $278.84

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 past fiscal year:

- Alpha Psi, Beta Beta. These chapters may retain their standing in the fraternity if they make payment to the new National Treasurer for the preceding year by December 1.

- It is gratifying to note that the receipts from the local chapters have remained approximately the same, in spite of the decreasing college enrollment. An increase of $154.20 in the total receipts of this year over the preceding year has helped to meet the added expense of the Essay Contest. According to agreement, Wright and Street paid $70.00 for advertisement in the NUNTIUS. The jewelry commission is 10 per cent of sales from March 1, 1941, to date. At the request of the University of Chicago Library we sold them old issues of the NUNTIUS.

- The expenses of the NUNTIUS were lower this year, but the growing interest in our journal is shown by the increased number of separate subscriptions received. The wise practice of binding the national treasurer was continued this year. The fraternity pays one half the traveling expenses and hotel accommodations for the undergraduate officers and all the expenses of the Executive Secretary to the National Convention. Because the Convention was held in Williamsburg the expenses were higher this year; however, the success of the Convention more than repaid us. Because of the adoption of a new constitution, it was necessary to have rituals printed at a cost of $85.49.

- During this era of war when the world is mechanically minded, we must work even harder to uphold the ideal of our society—the cause of the classics. After this period of destruction has passed we may facilitate the return to a more enduring peace, for Eta Sigma Phi stands for the treasures of civilization which are everlasting.

Respectfully submitted,
VERONICA PFOTENHAUER
Megas Chrysophylax

HERE AND THERE

Edward Howard Griggs in The Story of an Itinerant Teacher (1934) gives an interesting account of the way he learned Latin. He recommends, from experience, going over the Latin text until it can be thought through in the original. This, he says, requires reading the text over at least six times. One of the most astonishing of his accomplishments was his beginning to read Caesar's Commentaries on Friday noon and passing an examination on the following Monday morning with a mark of 93. All credit for this he gives to his "system."
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From Lucretius
(III. 1.892 et seq.)
By A. M. Fine, Omicron

“Now longer, now else awaits your joyous home.
Nor darling wife and dear children run
To snatch your kisses, so to touch your
With quelling sweetness. You may never
Flourish in life’s great deeds, nor be a
To yours. Ah! wretched man, a
Their minds are free of anguish and
Does yearning for those gifts possess a
If they discern this and give heed in
With quieting sweetness. You may never

Eternal grieving.” . . . Wait! for here we

Two Vengeances
By James R. Naiden, Epsilon, ’35
Some Tuscan Pirates, scudding on the
Where bright Bandusia’s waters play.
Pray, lead my feet to that loved spot
Where bright Bandusia’s waters play.
Then, sing to me, “Italian Swan,”
(Ammon, with his magic lyre,

To Horace
By Martha E. Hesson, Gamma

Invite me, Horace, to thy hearth
To quaff a warming cup with thee.
Come now! Confide in me, dear friend,
The loves that haunt thy bardic breast.
Come speak of Lydia, fawn-like Chloe,
Who kidnapped mortal not, but Aphrodite.

CARMEN DIANAE
By Ellen Mercer Clark
Beta Gamma

Argentum bene currum agit,
Sit, dea, gracilis modo et
Nobilis auxilium det.

Tu quae, nunc etiam dea
Regni atri, Hecate, sedes,
Potens ad trivium maga,
Nobilis praestidium det.

Montis Cynthia rivuli,
Venatrix cita certaque,
Silvarum dea integra,
Nobilis subsidium det.

Preces audiat, o dea,
Quae ergo valida et potens
Est in tris regionibus
Nobilis suppeditam det.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS
Alpha Psi Broadcast
Washington and Jefferson College
By Ralph B. Snyder

Alpha Psi is engaged in formulating plans for a radio program to be broadcast over the local Washington Station W.J.P.A. While the date for this broadcast has not been definitely set, it will probably take place in about three weeks. The program will be in the nature of a forum, consisting of five active members of Eta Sigma Phi and one faculty sponsor discussing “The Value of a Liberal Arts Education in Time of War.” Those members participating in the program include John G. Hulton, Harry Kingley, J. Victor Murtland, William J. Turner, and Ralph B. Snyder. The program is one of a series being presented by the honoraries of Washington and Jefferson College over W.J.P.A.

TO VERGIL
By Kinchen W. Exum, Alpha Phi

Prophet of hell who holds the key
To misty caverns, phantoms dark,
And realms in which no eye can see
Today, as in the days of Rome;
The laurel wreath is yet your own,
Although the might of Rome is gone
And creeping vine and weed have grown
Where once the mighty men of earth
Together sat and heard your song.
The changeless truth on fadeless scroll
Has stood the test of warful years
And as the countless seasons roll
Your fame has held its place with men.

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Alpha Upsilon Sponsors Contest
College of Wooster
By JEAN STRATTON

Alpha Upsilon Chapter has initiated several new members this fall: Dean Cope, Eleanor Ehrman, Margaret Neely, and Robert Moreland. Following the usual custom, the chapter is sponsoring an essay contest in the Wooster High School, open to members of the Cicero classes. The topic chosen for this year is "Daily Life in the Time of Cicero." A medal is awarded at the commencement exercises to the student presenting the winning essay.

Initiation at Alpha Delta
Agnes Scott College
By ANASTASIA CARLOS

Members of Alpha Delta Chapter met October 5 in Murphy Candler Building and made plans for the year. Cooperating with other organizations on the campus, the group decided to raise money to buy Red Cross kits for embarking soldiers by selling war stamps during October and by sponsoring a classical quiz between faculty and students in January. The chapter also made plans for a series of talks by the members on subjects pertaining to the literature, life, and ideals of the Greek and Latin worlds. These talks will be given throughout the year.

On November 2 at a special meeting four new members were admitted: Jane Dinsmore, Mary Dozier, Martha Ray Lauster, and Marion Leathers. After the initiation, Miss Eleanor Hutchins, an active member of Eta Sigma Phi while a student at Agnes Scott and now news editor of the Dekalb New Era, talked on "What Greek and Latin Have Meant To Me."

A tea will be given November 30 by the chapter. Miss Polly Lyndon, prytanis, will speak informally on the Saturnalian customs of Rome which have come down to us. All classical students and the Agnes Scott faculty have been invited.

Alpha Upsilon Sponsors Contest
College of Wooster
By JEAN STRATTON

Beta Gamma In
War Activities
Westhampton College
By ANN CHAMPLIS

Beta Gamma Chapter held its first meeting on October 6, 1942. Members discussed aims and plans for the coming year.

To help with the war effort, the chapter plans to have a bond booth at the first co-ed dance. Defense stamps will be sold both in corsages and separately. Every organization on the campus is all-out for defense, and Beta Gamma plans to do its part.

In June, the Latin Medal was awarded to Kermit Mackenzie at John Marshall High School in Richmond. His 99.6 average was the highest made in Latin in the high schools of Richmond.

Alpha Omicron Chapter
Lawrence College
By JEANNE TYLER

On October 13 the officers of Alpha Omicron Chapter met with the advisers, Miss Weigand and Professor Weston, in Miss Weigand's suite at Russell Sage Hall. The officers met to make plans for the coming year. Included in these plans are several talks by faculty members, social meetings, and the traditional Saturnalia.

On November 12 the chapter held a meeting in the Latin Library and heard a speech by Professor Tomasic, head of the Sociology Department.
The meeting was devoted to an election of officers for the coming year and to a discussion of possible improvements that could be made in the general tenor of the meetings with special emphasis on the organization of the discussion portion of each meeting.

At the next meeting on October 9, the members discussed the program which has been adopted by the Saint Louis University Classical Club, a student organization with membership restricted to the colleges mentioned above, run in conjunction with Beta Zeta. Since the meetings of Beta Zeta are usually held a week in advance of the meetings of the Classical Club, a portion of each meeting will be set aside to discuss the papers to be presented at the regular sessions of the Classical Club.

### Alpha Tau Chapter
The Ohio State University

By Florence Kaufman

As a project for the year Alpha Tau is undertaking the "reconstruction of the Classical Library." In this case the reconstruction consists of the purchase and repair of furniture, the making of drapes, etc. The object is to give the room an informal atmosphere. A formal initiation banquet is planned for early December.

### TAX ON JEWELRY

This is to call your attention again to the tax that began with October 1, 1941, a federal tax of 10 per cent was added to all jewelry sold. This should be taken into consideration when orders are sent to the fraternity jewelers, Wright and Street.
ALPHA KAPPA—University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
Prytanis: James Balstad
Hyparchos: Claudine Perry
Epistolographos: Jean Jacob
Chrysophylax: Wilma Lane
ALPHA LAMBDA—University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
ALPHA MU—University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
ALPHA NU—Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina
Prytanis: Erskine Parks
Hyparchos: W. C. Robinson
ALPHA XI—Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
Prytanis: Judith Lee, 16 W. Glendale Road, Webster Groves
Hyparchos: Maryann Kaimann, 4529 Red Bud
Epistolographos: Emma Jean Freund, 2515 S. Kingshighway
Chrysophylax: Ashley Pappin, 5291 Lindell Blvd.
ALPHA OMICRON—Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin
Prytanis: Marian Groninger, Russell Sage Hall
Hyparchos: Lester W. Stoneback, 46 Diamond Street, Souderton, Penna.
Grammateus: William Leopold, 2224 Liberty Street
Chrysophylax: James Yoder, 513 N. 6th Street
Pyloros: Howard O. Bailey, 207 S. 13th Street
ALPHA PHI—Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi
Prytanis: Janeke Trimble
Hyparchos: Kitchen Exum, 3722 Northview Drive
Grammateus: Catherine Richardson, 636 N. State Street
Chrysophylax: Dolores Craft, 338 Fredrica Avenue
Pyloros: Bobby Holdfield, 424 Marshall Street

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ALPHA CHI—Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, The Tulane University of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana
Prytanis: Athole Genereux, 260 Homestead Avenue
Hyparchos: Anna M. Mangiaracina, 629 Majestic Place
Grammateus: Thais Leopold, 2400 Palmer Avenue
Chrysophylax: George Marks, Jr., 4176 Bienville Ave.
ALPHA PSI—Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania
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Hyparchos: W. John Turner, 105 E. Maiden Street
Grammateus: J. Victor Mur totalitarian, III, Hays Hall
Chrysophylax: Tracy K. Boyer, Hays Hall
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Hyparchos: Robert Schuldingkamp
Grammateus-Chrysophylax: Ray Brown
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Prytanis: Eloise Talley, East Hall
Hyparchos: Clair Ledbetter
Epistolographos-Chrysophylax: Mary Jo Cahill
Epistolographos: Glenda Nord
Pyloros: Florence Winkler
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Hyparchos: Ann Chambliss
Grammateus: Elizabeth Webb, 2012 Hanover Avenue
Chrysophylax: Meta Hill
Pyloros: Ellen Mercer Clark
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Hyparchos: Geraldine Burkhart, Route 4
Epistolographos: Harmon Long, Blountville
Grammateus: Joyce Reynolds, 313 North Street, Newport
Chrysophylax: Sam Monk
Pyloros: James Tubb, 1011 Houston Street
BETA EPSILON—Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York
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Hyparchos: Marie Albert, 3919 5th Avenue
Chrysophylax: Mildred Jacoby, 107 Beach 59 Street
Pyloros: William Human, 149 N. Merrick, Clayton
BETA ETA—Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri
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Hyparchos: John Vanlandingham
Deuterohyparchos: Bill Icenogle
Epistolographos-Chrysophylax: Chal Henderson
Grammateus: John King
Chrysophylax: Charles Bunce
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