SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS FOR FRESHMEN

A new Freshman Greek Scholarship Grant to be made through Eta Sigma Fraternity is planned for this Silver Jubilee Year and annually thereafter. The Grant results from a further gift by the Donatrix of funds for the Annual Essay Contest. Basically, it is intended to promote the study of Greek among entering college freshmen; and it is hoped to provide eight such persons with grants of fifty dollars each in the fall of 1949.

Full details will be announced in a later number of The Nuntius. But at present, with the understanding that procedures during 1948-1949 will be experimental in character, the plan envisions competitive examinations in high school Latin among high school seniors during the second semester, when such seniors have a reasonable expectation of attending college next year and of enrolling for a course in Greek language. Eight winners in all would be chosen, and checks for fifty dollars each would be issued to these persons in October, 1949, upon the receipt by the Executive Secretary of the Fraternity of official word from the registrar of the institution each winner is attending, informing him that the person concerned is duly enrolled for a course in Greek language.

While the contest will be potentially open to any high school seniors who feel they meet the qualifications of the test, the probability is that in actuality it will be limited to those high schools in the neighborhood of an active and energetic Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. Prime responsibility for the launching and carrying through of the local contests will thus rest with individual chapters.

Here are suggestions for procedure now:

(1) Inform the high schools of your neighborhood of the coming Freshman Greek Scholarship Grant and its terms.

(2) Tell them that on a fixed day next spring, probably in March, a contest based on a four year program in high school Latin will be held at your institution.

(3) Prepare to administer the contest, with the understanding that you will be furnished with a common examination to be used in all the examination centers simultaneously.

(4) Arrange to send in the contest papers, or the upper third of them (a detail yet to be decided), sealed, to the office of the Executive Secretary, where final judgment will be made. Not more than one award will go to any one center, with the possible exception of centers where two Chapters exist simultaneously.

FROM MISS MARY K. BROKAW...

It is a source of pride and pleasure to send greetings to members of Eta Sigma Phi in this, their "Silver Jubilee" year. For many of these twenty-five years, first as an undergraduate, charter member of Gamma Chapter and later as editor of The Nuntius, I have followed with interest and concern the growth, progress and activities of the society. I am especially pleased that Eta Sigma Phi has triumphed over the difficulties it encountered during the war years and has successfully demonstrated that, like any healthy, living organism, it has within it the qualities necessary for growth and vigor.

In this quarter century of activity, I visualize the ranks of those devoted to the "love of beauty and wisdom" as an unbroken, continuous, and steadying force in an uncertain and rapidly changing world. This it is that renews our confidence in the basic worth of the society's purposes and increases our assurance that Eta Sigma Phi by its promotion of interest in the classics and their eternal verities will continue to furnish trustworthy criteria to those who seek them.

Fraternally yours,

Mary K. Brokaw
Philadelphia
FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES... 

It is a pleasant duty at the opening of this college year to express to each chapter and individual member of Eta Sigma Phi greetings from your Board of Trustees. We have behind us a year of accomplishment. While the report of the National Treasurer on November 11, 1947, listed nine chapters as having paid dues, his report at the close of the 1947-1948 session shows twenty-six chapters that have paid dues, with three others on the active list but with dues still unpaid. This splendid achievement in reactivating the fraternity is due to the loyal and diligent efforts of our national officers, and of our wise and efficient Executive Secretary, Dr. Korfmacher. We are grateful to them. Can we not hope for even greater progress this year?

In these days the old doctrines of liberal education, which were once so stable, seem to have been largely discarded, while the purpose of education in general appears to be directed toward enlarging the earning power through courses of practical application, rather than toward enriching the vision of our students. "How far", writes Dr. Douglas Freeman, noted editor and historian, in a recent editorial, "the fires of war spread their devouring flame! Who would have thought, when a mad fellow pulled a trigger in a brawling Bosnian town, that he was soiling and spoiling a cause that has been gracious and beautiful ever since youths listened wide-eyed to Socrates as he sat under a plane tree in a grove near Athens?" There is indeed increasing need on our campuses for a level of students, such as you who are enrolled in the ranks of Eta Sigma Phi, devoted to studies essentially humanistic in their aims.

Eta Sigma Phi provides a common meeting ground, where fellowship between minds kindred in their love for the classics of Greece and Rome may be promoted. But there are two other purposes stated in our Constitution which call for concentrated and persistent effort: first, "to develop and promote interest in classical study among students of colleges and universities"; second, "to engage generally in an effort to stimulate interest in classical study and in the history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome". It is the duty of every chapter by personal example and through its public activities to make its influence felt upon student life and thought. We call on you to give serious thought to this obligation, and to plan your program for the year in such a way that at its end you may boast that you have within your institution kept alive, to some extent at least, the spirit of liberal education to which the Classics makes such a vital contribution. All luck to you!

Fraternally yours,
A. Pelzer Wagener
The College of William and Mary

THE FOUR-ITEM LATIN WEEK BULLETIN

For some years, the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Inc., has been publishing, through its committee on Educational Policies, a "Latin Week Bulletin". The little pamphlet, useful at the time of Latin Week, is equally readable at any other time. The Association is now offering packets containing the "Latin Week Bulletin" for 1945, 1946, 1947, and 1948, at the special rate of twenty-one cents per packet, postage included. Orders may be made, with coins or stamps enclosed, through the Executive Secretary of the Fraternity.

THE ALUMNI--STILL WITH US!

At the 1948 Annual Convention of the Fraternity, particular stress was laid in discussions on the importance of the alumnal members of the Fraternity. One of the best hopes of a revived strength in the organization would be through a reawakened interest of the great numbers of persons--many of them now influential and perhaps prosperous citizens,--who in their student days were members of the Fraternity. Surely many of these men and women still have happy recollections of their days in the Fraternity and would like to know how it is now faring.

They may receive The Nuntius for one dollar per year. But lists of them, so that the National Office may write, are to be had only through cooperation from the individual Chapters. Such cooperation was definitely called for in resolutions approved at the 1948 Annual Convention. A start should be made at once. Even a list of those who graduated just last year--in June of 1948--would be a considerable help and would make a fresh beginning in the building up of a national "alumnal members' roster."
FOURTH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Board of Trustees has approved plans for the Fourth Annual Essay Contest of Eta Sigma Phi, the funds for which are being again provided by the same Donatrix who has so signally aided the Fraternity in the past, and who is this year aiding the Freshman Greek Scholarship Grant.

(1) The subject of the essay is to be "Plato’s Apology and Its Meaning for Today". The maximum number of words will be 2,250. Papers must be typed in double space, on one side only of normal sized typewriter paper.

(2) All papers must be original, and quotations must be duly credited. Format, mode of citation, and the like must be consistent within the paper and may be modeled upon the usages of such publications as The Classical Bulletin, The Classical Journal, The Classical Outlook, and The Classical Weekly.

(3) Any undergraduate enrolled in a course of Greek or Latin at the time of the submission of the paper, in any approved American college or university, may participate.

(4) Papers must be postmarked not later than April 1, 1949, and are to be mailed directly to the Executive Secretary. Each paper must be accompanied by a brief note from a member of the department of classical languages at the contestant’s school. The note shall testify to the contestant’s right to participate in the contest and shall express the instructor’s judgment that the paper has been fairly and originally prepared. The letter shall include the contestant’s name and school and home address. No limit is placed on the number of papers that may be submitted from one school.

(5) A Board of Judges, to be announced in a later number of The Nuntius, will receive the papers (identified only by code number) from the Executive Secretary.

(6) Provided at least fifteen persons representing at least five different schools submit papers, prizes will be awarded as follows: first, $50.00; second, $35.00; third, $25.00; fourth, $20.00; fifth, $12.50; sixth, $7.50. Results will be announced in The Nuntius of May 15, 1949.

FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT...

I join with the other officers in greeting you in this, our Silver Jubilee year. If Eta Sigma Phi in earlier years has meant as much to former members as it has to us in these recent years, then I am sure that a great deal of educational value and enjoyment has been derived from it during this quarter century.

This past success must be a foundation for future progress. The purpose of Eta Sigma Phi is to promote the study of the classics, and this is largely effected by the individual Chapters. To direct the work the National Executive Council serves the organization as a clearing house. In order that each Chapter may obtain the greatest possible effect, it is urged that all Chapters report to the National Executive Council their projects and suggestions.

The National Officers are eager to help in any way possible to strengthen the Fraternity. The Officers welcome all communications, whether contributions of ideas or requests for suggestions to make this year truly a Silver Jubilee.

Fraternally yours,

Travis Ussery
Washington University

CHRISTMAS MEETINGS IN SAINT LOUIS

The Eightieth Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association, in conjunction with the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, on the invitation of Saint Louis and Washington Universities, will be held at Hotel Sheraton, on December 28, 29, and 30. It is expected that the conventions will bring to Saint Louis a distinguished company of classical philologists and classical archaeologists. Programs have been long in process of preparation, and the sessions will be of genuine interest.

Members of Eta Sigma Phi may wish to become better informed on the workings of these two important groups. Those who expect to be in Saint Louis at the time may wish to tender an offer of service to the Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements, Professor Eugene Tavenner. Professor Cornelia Catlin-Coulter of Mount Holyoke College is President of the American Philological Association, and Professor Sterling Dow of Harvard University is President of the Archaeological Institute.
Yet sometimes a somewhat obvious possibility seems completely to escape notice, or to hover darkly on the outer rim of potential choice. The undergraduate, during the greater portion of his life, has been in school and associated with educators. Still teaching as a career is not thought of nearly so often as one might expect it to be.

At the present moment there seems to be a genuine shortage, for example, of high school teachers of Latin, both men and women. And in the immediately foreseeable future, there appears to be no source from which a corps of adequately trained teaching personnel for the classical languages—particularly high school Latin—is to come. Even now Latin is in more classes than one cares to admit being taught as an “extra” subject by persons to whom it is positively distasteful. Such conditions hardly bespeak the brightest of futures for American classical studies.

The objections to teaching as a career are numerous, and in most instances valid enough. Financial remuneration, for example, is not proportionate to the preparation expected of the teacher, or to the efforts required of him. Perhaps an improvement there is ahead—unless public and private institutions are prepared to reconcile themselves hereafter to successively poorer and less inspired mentors.

But the social contribution of the teacher is immeasurable in its potentialities for good, and in the abiding satisfaction it can bring to the teacher himself. Cicero preserves a fine fragment of Ennius:

Homo qui erranti comiter monstrat viam
Quasi lumen de suo lumine accendat facit;
Nihilo minus ipsi lucet cum illi accenderit.

Who guides a stranger kindly on his way,
Lights, so to say, another’s lamp from his;
No less his own lamp gleams for kindling that.

“No less his own lamp gleams”—this, in brief, is the teacher’s life. He instructs, inspires, guides, shares with numerous others the precious stores that are his; and in sharing them lessens them in no degree but rather adds to their abundance.
A SILVER JUBILEE YEAR

Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity was founded at the University of Chicago in 1914. It was nationalized in 1924, and finally incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois in 1927. Hence, the school year of 1948-1949 carries us to the twenty-fifth year since the signally important step of nationalization was taken, and it is for that reason that the present year is being designated as our "Silver Jubilee Year".

It is the hope of the National Officers and the Board of Trustees that the year will conclude with something more than a somewhat worn label. The fact that the Fraternity can trace its continuous national history over a period of a quarter-century, following a decade during which it existed as a local organization, seems proof sufficient of a surprising vitality. The years since 1914 have seen profound and fundamental challenges to the security of our national existence, in history's two greatest wars and cataclysmic internal disturbances. They have seen educational theories and practices questioned with an intensity and a bitterness hardly to be matched in the same length of years during any preceding epoch.

Yet an honorary Fraternity, dedicated to the interests of the languages and civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome and the abiding effects of those languages and civilizations today, has passed through ten formative years, and a quarter-century beyond them, and is alive and active today. True it is, that its present state is far less flourishing than the vigorous condition it once enjoyed. True it is, too, that in a certain sense the Fraternity is "on trial for its life" in these recent years of its reactivation.

But it must be with faces resolutely turned to the future, with inspiration from the better days of the Fraternity but with no idle repinings because of them, that we as a select group enter upon this our Silver Jubilee Year. May it be one of achievement and of significance! If it is to be, two things will obviously be needed: (1) planned and intelligent activity within the Chapters themselves; (2) full cooperation in the national activities of the Fraternity.

A BOW FROM THE NUNTIUS

With the beginning of Volume 23, The Nuntius once again assumes a somewhat different format. These are days of experimentation, and obviously The Nuntius is interested in doing as much as it can on the basis of the somewhat slender financial resources at its command. The present format, it is hoped, will make possible a wider inclusion of material than could be presented heretofore.

The Editor has now a slight backlog of materials for possible publication. More is needed. First, always, news from the Chapters! This is the national organ of a Fraternity composed of Chapters. What those Chapters are doing and planning is of first interest to all readers.

Second, The Nuntius would like to receive short poems--translations and original verse--essays, and the like. They must be short, as the items appearing thus far will indicate.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

In line with resolutions passed at the Twentieth Annual Convention in Saint Louis last April, the Twenty-first Annual Convention, on the invitation of Gamma Chapter, will be held at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, in April, of 1949. Suggestions as to the precise dates should be sent to the National President. In a swift-flying year, next April is not far away, and Chapters will be wise to begin plans at once to send at least one delegate to the annual meeting.

AGAIN, GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES!

The first number of The Nuntius has a way of appearing when both Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day are much in the air. It is a busy time and a happy time, and The Nuntius is eager to wish all its readers well in these festival times. Again, the suggestion is in order to Chapters to extend the effects of student fraternal spirit beyond the bounds of this nation. Dire need is the lot of thousands in the stricken countries of Europe and Asia. A CARE package to a foreign student would be a generous and practical gesture. If each active Chapter, for example, could raise the funds necessary for such a venture, the Fraternity would be performing a wonderful work of cooperative benefit—wonderfully in accord with the spirit of Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day!
AMONG THE CHAPTERS

Again, the back cover of The Nuntius lists Chapters now recorded as “active”. The list will vary somewhat from issue to issue—in the direction of greater numbers, possibly, though this will depend on local initiative. As far as possible, the present list carries the name of a Chapter officer or faculty adviser. To make these listings as correct as may be, Chapters are asked to send necessary information to the Editor.

One of the chief values of a Fraternity journal is to give an interchange of news and activities. We learn from one another and our programs may be of help to some one else. Chapters are therefore asked to submit news stories, plans, programs, and especially lists of Chapters officers and Chapter members regularly and promptly.

GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY

Marian Malham, who is also National Treasurer of the Fraternity, writes on October 19 that nine persons constitute the Chapter. The officers are as follows; President, Marian Malham; Vice-President, James Karikas; Second Vice-President, Worley Baughman; Secretary, Delores Neff; Treasurer, James Ontas; Sergeant-at-arms, Don Morris. Open house for all Greek and Latin students was scheduled for November 4, the party to be held in a cabin outside Athens, with entertainment by members of the Chapter.

PI, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Word from Professor H. R. Butts, Faculty Adviser, indicates that PI "seems to be getting off to a good start". Several new members are expected to be initiated this year. PI is the home Chapter of National Vice-President Bill Johnson.

ALPHA EPSILON, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Twelve members were installed at an initiation banquet on October 27, and Professor William A. Aiken, of the department of history, was inducted as an honorary member. Professor Aiken is at present working on a volume of translations from Catullus. The program for the year includes addresses by members of the Chapter on Greek and Latin lyric poets, the first to be by Professor Aiken on Catullus. Officers for 1948-1949 are: President, Rheiner T. Hutchins II; Vice-President, C. Donald Beilsheim; Secretary-Treasurer, Alvord M. Beardslee. Professor Horace W. Wright will serve as Faculty Adviser.

ALPHA XI, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

At its first meeting for the current year, Alpha XI set a budget of some three hundred dollars for expenditures. An extensive program is being planned, to be begun with a meeting early in December, for any student at the institution interested in attending. Dr. Welton, of the department of history, will be the featured speaker. Officers for the year are: President, Travis Ussery; Vice-President, Betty Moore; Second Vice-President, William Donovan; Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Thiele.

ALPHA PI, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

On October 14, Alpha Pi initiated eight new members. Officers for the current year are: President, Theodore Lindquist; Secretary, Marie C. Brettschneider; Treasurer, Alvin Rudisill; Sergeant-at-arms, Ruthe Fortenbaugh. Marie Brettschneider reports a total of twenty-seven persons at Gettysburg entitled to receive The Nuntius, surely an impressive number.

ALPHA OMEGA, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

John C. McLean, Secretary, writes on October 17, that plans are under way to emphasize the classics at Louisiana State, with a program to welcome new students in Greek and Latin as one of the items to be included. He adds, "We deeply regret losing Miss Lafferty as our Faculty Adviser. She was responsible for the reactivation of our Chapter and had devoted herself freely to the Chapter. We wish for her every success in her new position on the faculty of Wesleyan College. We are most fortunate to have replacing Miss Lafferty, Dr. Avery, a man of considerable accomplishment in the classical world".
A successful year is expected by Beta Alpha, and a program committee is actively arranging speakers for the year. The Chapter entered a float, beautifully decorated as a chariot, in the Dakota Day parade at the University, and will once more sell wrapping paper to build up its Keith Memorial Fund. Officers for the year are: President, Mary Ann Lyons; Vice-President, James Rice; Secretary, Yvonne Hansen; Treasurer, Alan Lord; Historian, Claricie Visser; Doorkeeper, Robert Stark. There are twelve active members.

PERSONALITIES IN THE FRATERNITY

Elsewhere in this issue of The Nuntius there appears a letter from Miss Mary K. Brokaw, of Philadelphia, who during her thirteen years at Ohio University served, as she says, “two stretches” as Executive Secretary and Editor of The Nuntius. In 1943 Miss Brokaw resigned at Ohio to become associated with Time Magazine. She is now embarking upon library science, and expects to enjoy it as much as she did her work in classics. She has the Master’s Degree from the University of Chicago, spent the summer of 1938 in the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, and has pursued additional graduate work in the classics. The Nuntius welcomes a former Editor and a continuing friend!

Betty Conv, President of the Saint Louis University Classical Club in 1946 - 1947, and at present a graduate student in classical languages at Saint Louis University and assistant to the Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi, has recently announced her engagement to Ray Schmandt, Assistant in History at the University, and President of Beta Zeta Chapter in 1945 - 1946, and 1946 - 1947. Feliciter!

Professor A. Pelzer Wagener, of the College of William and Mary, President of The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Inc., for the current year, is pushing forward vigorously with plans for the Forty-fifth Annual Meeting of that organization, to be held at Richmond and Williamsburg, on April 7, 8, and 9, 1948. Professor Wagener is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi, and the present number of The Nuntius carries his letter of greeting to the membership.

Dr. Marcus W. Collins, Honorary member of Eta Sigma Phi through Beta Zeta Chapter at Saint Louis University, has recently been made Professor of Sociology at John B. Stetson University. Professor Collins has an impressive background in the classical languages, though he is now devoting his energies to the social sciences. Eta Sigma Phi is happy to have his interest and support.

Travis Ussery, who has been a dynamic force for the activities of Alpha Xi Chapter, and who is now President of that Chapter and also National President of the Fraternity, has recently entered the Law School at Washington University. Felix faustusque sit cursus eius studiorum!
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  Prytanis: Marian Malham | **Alpha Nu:** Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina  
  Adviser: Professor John C. Bailey |
| **Delta:** Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana  
  Grammateus: C. Jack Scott | **Alpha Xi:** Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri  
  Prytanis: Travis Ussery |
| **Epsilon:** State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa  
  Prytanis: Robert L. Kringle | **Alpha Omicron:** Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin  
  Prytanis: Jane Straub |
| **Eta:** Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, Florida | **Alpha Pi:** Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania  
  Prytanis: C. Robert Held |
| **Theta:** Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana  
  Adviser: Professor Verne B. Schuman | **Alpha Rho:** Muhlenburg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania  
  Prytanis: L. Samuel Krause |
| **Lambda:** University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi  
  Prytanis: Carl A. Megehee | **Alpha Sigma:** Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia  
  Adviser: Professor C. E. Boyd |
| **Pi:** Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama  
  Prytanis: Hubert H. Harper | **Alpha Upsilon:** Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio  
  Chrysophylax: Jean Parkinson |
| **Rho:** Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa  
  Adviser: Professor George E. McCracken | **Alpha Phi:** Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi  
  Chrysophylax: Marilyn Sanderson |
| **Sigma:** Miami University, Oxford, Ohio  
  Prytanis: Harry Martin | **Alpha Chi:** Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana  
  Grammateus: Roy G. Russ |
| **Tau:** University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky  
  Adviser: Professor Jonah W. D. Skiles | **Alpha Psi:** Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania  
  Prytanis: Howard F. Jack |
| **Upsilon:** Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi  
  Prytanis: Mary Troy Morgan | **Alpha Omega:** Louisiana State University, University, Louisiana  
  Grammateus: John G. McLean |
| **Psi:** Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee  
  Adviser: Professor Clyde Pharr | **Beta Alpha:** University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota  
  Prytanis: Mary Ann Lyons |
| **Omega:** College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia  
  Prytanis: Joseph Buchanan, Jr. | **Beta Gamma:** Westhampton College, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia  
  Adviser: Professor Pauline Turnbull |
| **Alpha Gamma:** Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas | **Beta Zeta:** Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri  
  Prytanis: Gene Hogan |
| **Alpha Delta:** Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia  
  Prytanis: Kate Dure Elmore | **Beta Eta:** Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri  
  Adviser: Professor Robert Hoerber |
| **Alpha Epsilon:** Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania  
  Prytanis: David J. Sweet | **Beta Theta:** Hampden-Sidney College, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia  
  Chrysophylax: Lindley M. Winston, Jr. |
| **Alpha Theta:** Hunter College, New York City, New York  
  Prytanis: Rita Wickman | **Beta Iota:** Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina  
  Adviser: Professor C. B. Earp |
| **Alpha Kappa:** University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois  
  Prytanis: John H. Smith |  |