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*Growth and Expansion Year*

## MAURICE CONTOR OF PSI ELECTED NEXT MEGAS PRYTANIS OF ETA SIGMA PHI AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

In one of its most successful meetings in recent years Eta Sigma Phi, at its Twenty-second National Convention, at Nashville, Tennessee, April 21 and 22, elected Maurice Contor of Psi Chapter, at Vanderbilt University, to be its next Megas Prytanis. He will take office on September 1, 1950.

### Other National Officers

As Megas Hyparchos, the Convention chose Theodore Pappas of Beta Alpha, University of South Dakota. The new Megas Grammateus will be Lynn Shields of Zeta Chapter, Denison University. Dolores Neff of Gamma Chapter, Ohio University at Athens, was reelected Megas Chrysophylax.

In the faculty group, Professor Gertrude Smith of the University of Chicago, now on leave of absence as Visiting Professor at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, remains as Honorary President. On the Board of Trustees, Professor W. Frederick Schaffer of Gettysburg College and Professor William C. Korfmacher of Saint Louis University, whose terms of office expire with the close of the current fiscal year, were succeeded by Professor Grace Beede at the University of South Dakota and Professor William H. Willis at the University of Mississippi. The present Executive Secretary and Editor of The Nuntius was reelected.

### Representation at the Convention

Sixteen chapters were represented at the Twenty-second National Convention: Gamma, Zeta, Eta, Lambda, Pi, Tau, Psi, Omega, Alpha Delta, Alpha Xi, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Chi, Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha, Beta Zeta, and Beta Iota. There were twenty-four official delegates including the four national officers, and a grand total of fifty-two registrants. The most remote Chapter in point of distance represented was Beta Alpha, University of South Dakota, at Vermillion.

## CONVENTION VOTES APPROVAL OF EIGHT SCHOOLS PETITIONING FOR CHAPTERS OF THE FRATERNITY

On recommendation of the Committee on Re-activation and Expansion, headed by National Vice-President William Donovan of Alpha Xi Chapter, Washington University, the Twenty-second National Convention voted approval of eight petitioning institutions interested in establishing chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. This is the largest number to be admitted at one time since the resumption of activities by the Fraternity on a national basis following World War II.

### List of the Institutions

The eight schools, alphabetically listed, are the following: Adelphi College, Garden City, New York; the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Boston College, Boston, Massachusetts; Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois. Each of these institutions was notified by the National Vice-President by telegraph.

### Previous Recent Approvals

Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland had been approved at the Twenty-first National Convention and subsequently installed. Between the two conventions approval was granted to Beta Lambda at Marymount College, Salina, Kansas; Beta Mu at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Beta Nu at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia. This is therefore a total of twelve chapters in a twelve-month period.

In view of present needs the Convention granted the Grand Executive Council permission to act on other petitions from schools with which there had been correspondence but no final action at the time of the Twenty-second National Convention. Several institutions fall into this group.



Twenty-second National Convention Group

ETA SIGMA PHI--GREETING AND WELCOME

The official welcome to the delegates at the Twenty-second National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi was spoken by Dean Robert S. Waldrop of Vanderbilt University. The response for the Fraternity was given by National President Elliott Wilkins. Dean Waldrop's address, in part, follows:

"In the words of Edgar Allen Poe:

'To the glory that was Greece  
And the grandeur that was Rome',

we do this day show forth our respect and welcome you all to the Athens of the South.

"In a very real sense, we are met here to pay honor and respect to those who in a concrete way seek to keep our feet on the ground and our eyes in clear focus through understanding of the best of the past, which is truly a vision of the future.

"Vanderbilt University welcomes all of you of Eta Sigma Phi, and I in particular greet you. I am honored and feel it a distinct pleasure to have been asked to say a word of welcome on behalf of the University. I cannot explain why I should have this privilege, when there are so many able people on the campus. In 1933, I was acceptable for membership in Eta Sigma Phi as a junior student at the University of Oklahoma. Then my major was Philosophy and Greek; now that my field is Psychology, I wonder that you would recognize me. . . .

"But as Edith Wharton wrote;

'There are two ways of spreading light:  
To be the candle or the mirror that reflects it'.

With a little polishing, perhaps I can reflect enough light to make your welcome warm. . . .

"In 1928, Psi Chapter was established at Vanderbilt to foster and develop these ideals (of Eta Sigma Phi). As most of you know, Vanderbilt University has supported in its requirements for admission and in its curriculum the belief that a classical education is fundamental to an educated person.

"I am frank to confess that, although a contemporary of the specialized scientist with his emphasis on the individual in current society, the present lack of concern for and awareness of the ideals of Eta Sigma Phi leave me with some feelings of insecurity. This age in which we are living is one of emo-

tional vitality but also in a sense one of intellectual helplessness. The very energy with which we expend our emotional vitality makes it all the more tragic, for we have fallen into the error of considering our emotions as ideas. . . . Our apotheosis of the emotions has become a substitute for the process of critical intelligence. . . .

"It is my conviction that our ennui, our boredom, our desolate sense of vacuum which drives us to all sorts of foolish indulgences both politically and academically is the direct result of our having no intellectual pattern in our lives. It is my further conviction that this pattern lies in the truths of the classics. . . . So without the understanding of the classics, the anchor of the intellect, men become apostles of restless anger and mad repudiation. They hate all patterns and finally are unable to construct even a pattern of their own resentments. . . .

"The intellectual without a classical pattern is particularly subject to thought fashions which sweep through academic life. In every era there are catchwords which catch the unwary in academic circles by their psychological attractiveness and are never subject to a thoroughgoing analysis. A little while ago 'progress' was in that position. And so the word 'scientific' had its hour.

"This year Vanderbilt celebrates its seventy-fifth year of seeking to provide an atmosphere conducive to the development of an intellectual pattern rooted firmly in classical studies. . . . I should like to express my personal appreciation to the society of Eta Sigma Phi for the intellectual stimulation and motivation which your presence provides. You challenge the complacency of our minds as did the classical figure with the cry: 'Think, Athenians. I beg of you--think!'"

TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION SET

Following a report by the Committee on the Time and Place of the Next National Convention, it was unanimously decided at the Twenty-second National Convention to accept the invitation of Tau Chapter, at the University of Kentucky, at Lexington, for 1951. It was further decided to keep to a time as close as possible to that in the present year, since the dates had appeared acceptable to a goodly number. Hence the dates of April 6 and 7 (Friday and Saturday), 1951, were settled upon. Tau Chapter, which was represented at Nashville, is one of those Chapters reactivated within recent months. Professor Jonah W. D. Skiles is the Faculty Adviser.

GREEK TRANSLATION CONTEST HAS TIE  
FOR FIRST

Bernard Richard Gunstra, of Houghton College, Houghton, New York, and Janice John, Trinity College, Washington, D.C., tied for first place in the Eta Sigma Phi Special Greek Translation Contest staged for the first time this year. Gunstra participated under the pen name of "Xan" and Janice John as "Monica Jerome".

The remaining winners are: Dennis G. Lyons, Jr., Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts (Albert Gerald), second place; Peter G. Theis, Marquette University Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Linus), third place; Ann Blocker Fleming, Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama (Morgan le Fay), fourth place; William Isaacson, Marquette University (Marcus Aurelius), fifth place; and Michael J. Brown, Jr., Fordham University, New York, New York (Sinon), sixth place.

Judges for the Contest were Professor Christopher C. Brouzas, University of West Virginia, Chairman; Professor George E. Ganss, S.J., Marquette University; and Professor Levi R. Lind, University of Kansas. All three of the judges read all the papers, identifying them by pen names only. Winners were determined by the low point system. The two tied for first place had 12 points each; the second place winner, 15 points; third, 17 points; fourth, 23 points; fifth, 25 points; and sixth, 31 points.

There was a total of thirty-seven entries, from fifteen different colleges. Prizes range from fifty dollars for the first place (two prizes in that amount will be awarded) to seven dollars and fifty cents for sixth place. These awards are the gift of the Anonymous Donor, who provides also for the Annual Essay Contest.

ANN BLOCKER FLEMING CAMWS WINNER

Ann Blocker Fleming, Prytanis of Pi Chapter at Birmingham-Southern College, in addition to placing in the Eta Sigma Phi Special Greek Translation Contest is the winner of the Delcamp Greek Scholarship Award, given annually through The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, to an undergraduate completing work for the Bachelor's degree in the year of the award, as an aid for graduate work towards the Master's degree with a major in Greek. The amount of the award is five hundred dollars. Ann has planned to study at the University of North Carolina. The Award is made on the basis of a letter from the applicant, recommendations, and an examination consisting in the translation at sight of a passage from a Greek author.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONVENTION

Marked by a series of singularly inspirational addresses, and characterized by a business-like and earnest attention to Fraternity needs, the Twenty-second National Convention bids fair to set a high precedent for future general gatherings of Eta Sigma Phi.

There were four faculty addresses. The first of these, reproduced in part elsewhere in this issue of The Nuntius, was a sincerely cordial and thoughtful "Greeting" of Vanderbilt University to the Fraternity, read by Dean Robert S. Waldrop. It was given at the First General Session, on the morning of April 21. At the Second General Session, on the afternoon of the same day, Professor William H. Willis, of the University of Mississippi, spoke cogently and interestingly on "Some Responsibilities of the Classics Student".

On the evening of the same day, the delegates assembled at the Nashville Parthenon, where Professor David M. Robinson of the University of Mississippi spoke on the building and its Athenian original. His lecture was continued in Memorial Hall at Vanderbilt University later in the evening, with illustrations, under the title, "The Parthenon, Earth's Best Gem". Professor Robinson spoke with ease and interest his long career in classical archaeology has given him. At the final General Session, on Saturday afternoon, Professor Clyde Pharr of Vanderbilt University read an impelling and instructive paper on "Some Privileges of the Classics Student".

In addition to these formal talks, there was a well-pondered address by Professor Victor D. Hill, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on the financial state of the Fraternity and possible avenues of improvement.

Social gatherings included a Complimentary Luncheon on Friday, and a Complimentary Tea on the afternoon of the same day. Business achieved included the ratification of constitutional changes read for the first time at the 1949 meeting, and a proposal for certain additional amendments, the chief of which was to have new officers take over immediately after the National Convention, instead of on September 1, as is the present rule.

Attention was called by the Executive Secretary to the fact that the Convention was meeting in "Latin Week", and that April 21 was the "Birthday of Rome". A resolution of appreciation in this connection was sent to Professor Clyde Murlye, of Northwestern University, chairman of "Latin Week" and editor of Latin Week Bulletin.

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“IN THE COURT OF TIME”

A singularly impressive line in one of the fragments of the verses of Solon appeals to the testimony of the ages:

συμμαρτυροειη ταυτ' αν εν Δικη Χρονου

“Witness to me shall I find in the Court of Time”. Solon was beset by critics after his political and social reforms in sixth-century Athens. He was accused of doing too much, and of doing too little. His own position was that he had held a tempered course, which Time would approve of as wise.

Too often we forget that the classics may likewise appeal to that same august Court. Ours is a discipline that has stood the test of the centuries, that has survived the temporary supremacy of many opposing theories of instruction, and that has come down to us still fresh and strong. We adapt it, to be sure, to our own needs and purposes, as the Greeks and Romans themselves, like many generations that were to follow them and to precede us, adapted it. But it remains fundamentally the same.

Hence in the clamor today for programs in “general education” the classics may well assert a solid claim for inclusion and emphasis. “General education” is, we are often told, liberal education

modified somewhat--altered to suit the needs of increasing numbers of students, transmuted to serve the needs of democratic living.

But liberal education, in its best understanding, “general education” must remain. And if we approach such a regimen of training under the familiar tripartite avenue of the humanities, the natural sciences, the social sciences, then, “What is to be included in the humanities?” Is there to be foreign language, or only lectures about foreigners? A classical language, or only a course in ancient civilization?

Unless a foreign language is included, “general education” will be devoid of one of the salient agencies for humane training. And unless that foreign language is, for great numbers of students, Greek or Latin, the educators will be missing a tool which offers the combined benefit of superlatively subtle linguistic excellence and superlatively important background in civilization and culture.

Greek and Latin have for centuries stood the test of tools of liberal education. Their cause has been passed upon, not one time but many times, and always with a thoroughly favorable verdict, in the Court of Time.

TO 1949-1950, AU REVOIR!

The masthead of The Nuntius for the academic year now concluding has carried the caption, “Growth and Expansion Year”. Fortunately, events have justified the choice of motto, for 1949-1950 has been truly a year of growth and expansion.

The devoted work of Faculty Advisers, local and national Officers, Trustees, and Members, as well as the interest of persons outside with a desire to become affiliated, has gone far towards realizing the happy result. The authorization of eight new Chapters at the last National Convention is an excellent sign of desirable growth. The installation of several Chapters since the close of 1948-1949, and the reactivation of others, also add to the pleasantness of the present scene.

The response to the Special Greek Translation Contest, and to the Fifth Annual Essay Contest, has been gratifying. And here we say a hearty “thank you” to the Anonymous Donor, whose beneficence makes these events possible.

But there is yet much to do--especially in bringing the Fraternity back to a sound and reasonable financial condition. One of the things that would help a great deal would be a constantly increasing number of alumnaal subscriptions. For this, all Chapters can help.

**JANICE JOHN OF TRINITY FIRST  
IN ESSAY CONTEST**

Janice John, of Trinity College, Washington, D.C., was adjudged the writer of the best paper in the Eta Sigma Phi Fifth Annual Essay Contest, and the winner of the first place fifty dollar prize. The remaining winners are the following: second place, Elizabeth Courtney, Rosary Collège, River Forest, Illinois, for the thirty-five dollar prize; third place, Martha Hanes, Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, for the twenty-five dollar prize; fourth place, Marian Lewis, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, for the twenty-dollar prize; fifth place, Margaret Clennin, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, for the twelve dollars and fifty cent prize; and sixth place, Frederick Brenk, Marquette University, for the seven dollars and fifty cent prize.

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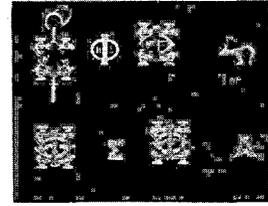
Judges in the Contest were Professor George J. Ryan, College of William and Mary, Chairman; Professor Olivia N. Dorman, Florida State University; Professor Philip Whaley Harsh, Stanford University; and Mrs. H. W. Joedicke, Mary Institute. Papers were identified by code symbol only. Approximately one-third of papers submitted (there were forty-four in all, from nineteen different institutions) was sent to each of three of the Judges; then the best six from each of the three batches were submitted to a fourth Judge, by whom the final decision was made.

The topic this year was "The Timelessness of Sophocles' Antigone; a study and evaluation of ideas in the play meaningful through the ages and also for our own day". There were very favorable comments on the general high character of the papers submitted, and there is considerable agreement that the Annual Essay Contest is a worthy and helpful activity of the Fraternity. As in the case of this year's Special Greek Translation Contest, the funds for the awards are provided by the Anonymous Donor.

**A Two-Contest Winner**

Special interest is had in the fact that Janice John is also tied for first place the Special Greek Translation Contest and therefore qualifies--because of placing in both contests--for a doubling of her award money in the Translation Contest. She is a junior at Trinity College and is carrying this year a course in Greek. Her home is in Washington, D.C.

Furthermore, it is worth noting that women students this year almost swept the contest. Only one place was taken by a man, Frederick Brenk of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



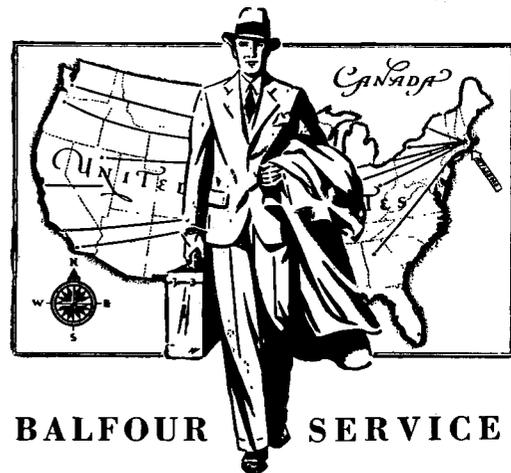
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AMONG THE CHAPTERSGAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY (ATHENS)

Nine new members were pledged by Gamma Chapter at its February meeting, to bring the membership to a total of sixteen. The meeting was entertained by a talk on "Roman Coins".

EPSILON, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Chapter Secretary Eugene Linke reports an initiation meeting on November 1, with James Sandrock admitted as an active member and Professor James F. Gilliam as an associate member. There was a Christmas party on December 8 at the home of Professor G. F. Else, with a question and answer contest between faculty and students. A business meeting was held on February 23 at the home of Professor D. S. White. Present officers are: President, Mrs. Ruthe George; Vice-President, Naomi Sherman; Secretary, Eugene Linke; Treasurer, Donald Minnick. There are two initiates, two active members, and thirteen associate members.

ZETA, DENISON UNIVERSITY

Again in the active list, Zeta, which had been dormant from 1941 to 1949, has a Chapter membership of fourteen persons, including four new initiates. There have been regular meetings. Officers elected on March 2 for the coming year are; President, Marilyn Shields; Vice-President, Katherine Mahood; Secretary, Sarah Richards; Treasurer, Merlin Bradley; Social Chairman, Janet Davis.

ETA, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Professor Olivia N. Dorman, Faculty Adviser, writes under date of March 9: "You will be glad to know that we have reactivated Eta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi with a present membership of five faculty members and three graduate students, and are expecting to initiate six undergraduates and probably another graduate student after the conclusion of the present quarter. We are enthusiastic about our present situation and prospects".

PI, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE

In his report to the National Treasurer, Chapter Treasurer Benjamin F. Stokes III reports ten initiates in Pi Chapter, sixteen active members, and one honorary member, Professor H. R. Butts.

TAU, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

From Chapter Treasurer Dianne McKaig comes a report of ten initiates, two active members, and four associate members. Tau Chapter members cooperated with Professor Jonah W. D. Skiles, Faculty Adviser and Head of the Department of Ancient Languages, at the Third Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, held at Lexington on May 11, 12, and 13. Professor Skiles was General Chairman of the event.

PSI, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Psi Chapter has had a very active year--climaxed by the coming to the Vanderbilt campus of the Twenty-second National Convention of the Fraternity. All who attended were impressed by the care and completeness of the preparations for this event Psi Chapter had made. A good year is expected in 1950-1951, especially as the National President-elect, Maurice Contor, is a Psi Chapter man.

ALPHA DELTA, AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

One of the larger delegations at the Twenty-second National Convention--four in all--came from Alpha Delta Chapter, headed by Martha Marilyn Weakley, Chapter President.

ALPHA XI, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Under date of March 10, National Vice-President and Chapter President William Donovan reports an addition of twelve new members to the Chapter, which has had an active year and one of experimentation as to desirable types of meetings.

ALPHA OMICRON, LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Bette Bohl, Chapter President, writing on April 14, says, in part: "During the past few years Alpha Omicron Chapter has been very small, and we have not had sufficient funds to enable us to send a delegate. However, we are pleased to inform you that the Chapter has increased considerably, and that next year we will be able to send one, and very possibly two, delegates to the Twenty-third Convention. We are looking forward to next year's representation, and are very sorry that we could not attend to the matter this year". As of November 17, 1949, Alpha Omicron had a membership of nine initiates, ten active members, and two honorary members, Miss Edna Weigand and Mr. M. Cunningham.

ALPHA RHO, MULLENBERG COLLEGE

Reported for the second semester in Alpha Rho are three meetings. On February 9 the Chapter heard recordings of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar". The meeting of March 4 was held jointly with Alpha Epsilon at Lehigh University and was given over to a discussion of the life and writings of Euripides. On May 11 the Chapter met at the home of Dr. Perry Kendig, and the discussion dealt with the "Case of the Classics Today"

ALPHA TAU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Tau, reactivated in 1949-1950, has been moving steadily forward, word to the Executive Secretary indicates, and it expects within the next few months to begin to display considerable strength.

ALPHA PHI, MILLSAPS COLLEGE

In his Report to the National Treasurer dated April 10, 1950, Chapter President Dewey Buckley listed fourteen persons initiated after April 1, and twelve active members.

ALPHA CHI, TULANE UNIVERSITY

Betty Brandau, Chapter Treasurer, reports on April 14 twenty-three initiates in Alpha Chi, and fourteen active members.

ALPHA PSI, WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE

There are eight initiates and nine active members in Alpha Psi, according to a count submitted on April 19 by Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Edward S. McConnon.

BETA ZETA, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

The March meeting of Beta Zeta was held at Fontbonne, corporate college of Saint Louis University, and was featured by a talk on "What is Archaeology?" by Professor Constantine G. Yavis, of the University's department of classical languages. Maryville, another corporate college of the University and with Fontbonne and Webster cooperating in Beta Zeta Chapter, held for the first time this year its "Marie Wise Averill Latin Contest". First place was won by Gail Henderson.

Beta Zeta's final meeting of the year will be held at the University, on Sunday evening, May 21. Officers for 1950-1951 will be elected.

BETA IOTA, WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Beta Iota was especially well represented at the Twenty-second National Convention, having the largest delegation there of all the Chapters attending, with the obvious exception of the host Chapter. Professor C. B. Earp, Faculty Adviser, in a communication to the National Treasurer dated April 23, reports that ten days prior to that date a very large class--totaling thirty-three persons, had been initiated into the Fraternity. This is a definite record.

GREEK PLAY AT RANDOLPH-MACON

Invitations are again out for the annual presentation of an ancient play, in Greek, at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, in Lynchburg, Virginia. This year's presentation will be "The Seven Against Thebes", and will continue a tradition of many years' standing for these truly ambitious dramatic performances.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

A letter from James H. Goode, Jr., dated January 2, 1950, says in part: "I am a history and English major doing graduate work and teaching. Mr. Brown (Professor J. N. Brown) is teaching me Latin at odd times over coffee. He has retired at North Texas State College, and he spends his time helping students like me to appreciate the Greeks and Romans".

It is to be hoped that Mr. Goode will from time to time encourage himself by the legendary story of Cato the Elder, who, it is said, did not begin the study of Greek until he was eighty. And he seems to have made a success at it.

GOOD NEWS FROM NORTHWESTERN

Beta Chapter, at Northwestern University, has been inactive for some years. Hence it was very gratifying to receive in the Executive Secretary's office, under date of April 21, a card from Florence Sachtschale, saying that there was to be a meeting of classics students on April 27, "to elect officers, and begin to make arrangements for reactivation". The card requested "some literature or information you may have available concerning the history, purposes, and requirements for national affiliation in Eta Sigma Phi". Later communications give May 24 as the "reactivation meeting" date. Dr. Grundy Steiner will be Faculty Adviser.

CURRENTLY ACTIVE CHAPTERS

- Gamma: Ohio University, Athens, Ohio  
Prytanis: Dolores Neff
- Delta: Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana  
Grammateus: Martha E. Hanes
- Epsilon: State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa  
Chrysophylax: Don H. Minnick
- Zeta: Denison University, Granville, Ohio  
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