WILL ETA SIGMA PHI?

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From time to time your editor has called the attention of his readers to the critical shortage of high school Latin teachers and has attempted to encourage more of our members to become Latin teachers. In order to bring this problem before you more forcefully he requested Professor Bock, who is Chairman of the Committee on Procurement and Preparation of Teachers of the Joint Committee of American Classical Organizations, to write the following article.

Will Eta Sigma Phi rally behind another cause, underwrite another project, earn new laurels?

Congratulations to you upon initiating and awarding your first scholarship for study abroad. This is an excellent opportunity open to all students of the Classics. Eta Sigma Phi has a record of sponsoring and contributing to projects in vital areas of the Classics: (1) awarding medals to outstanding high school students (2) providing a scholarship for the eligible college student to study abroad. These two programs concentrate on recognition of academic superiority. What about a program to encourage professional ambition and preparation, i.e. promoting the teaching of the Classics as a vocational objective? From the standpoint of enrollment the situation is good and improving in high school Latin. According to reports from various states, there are larger and additional sections of Latin I and II, restoration of Latin in high schools which had previously dropped it from their offerings, inclusion of Latin in the curriculum of the numerous new junior and senior high schools that are being constructed across the nation, requests for Latin III-IV classes and reinstatement of Latin III-IV classes in schools which had discontinued the offering. This is indeed heartening. The increased and increasing population at the college level has prompted the raising of entrance requirements and affected the survival rate in colleges and universities to such a degree that the teen-ager is more serious in the selection and study of solid studies. Such a favorable climate has been created that both quantitatively and qualitatively we are in exceedingly fine condition in the high schools as far as the subject and student.

This increase in enrollment and interest creates, however, a very critical problem—that of a Latin teacher shortage. More sections, additional years mean that the part time Latin teacher (Latin in combination with other classes, e.g. Latin-English) becomes a full time, all-Latin, teacher. The larger system with a full time Latin teacher(s) must add a part time teacher. Additional positions are created in new high schools. In the meantime a high percentage of Latin teachers are retiring from the secondary system and conversely a very low percentage has trained in the last ten or fifteen years to become Latin teachers to fill these vacated and new classrooms. To meet the emergency many unqualified and substandard teachers will enter or return to the classroom. For the good health and prosperity of the Classics it is absolutely necessary to keep this number at the minimum. We can not afford to suffer the effects of an increased amount of poor teaching.

What can Eta Sigma Phi do to avert this crisis and guarantee the future of Latin in our schools?

(1) Encourage more high school students to take Latin III-IV in order to be better prepared for college Latin
(2) Sell those students and your classmates on the idea of continuing their study of Latin in college
(3) Urge them to minor or major

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MEGAS PRYTANIS

Samuel T. Cowling is a native of Chicago, where he attended Loyola Academy. He was fortunate in being able to study Latin for four years and Greek for two in high school, and he continued the study of both of these languages in his first two years in college.

Sam is now a Senior at Georgetown University and a loyal member of Beta Tau Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. He is a candidate for an A.B. degree with a major in English. This year Sam is serving as Editor-in-chief of the JOURNAL, the campus literary magazine. He is also a member of Georgetown's Literary Society.

Sam plans to be an English teacher after he has done graduate work. At the present time he plans to attend Northwestern University.

MEGAS HYPARCHOS

Margaret Schaefer attended St. John Catholic High School in her home town, Milwaukee, and studied Latin for four years. Her interest in Latin continued in college and she is now a Senior at Mount Mary College, majoring in Latin and minoring in mathematics and English. This semester Margaret is doing practice teaching in Latin at Rufus King High School and hopes to become a teacher in the school system of Milwaukee. In addition to her activities in Beta Omicron Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi she is a member of Zeta Tau Delta, honorary English fraternity, Linguapolitan, a language club, and has been a member of the staff of the Mount Mary QUARTERLY.

It would seem that Margaret would be busy enough with her work in college but this represents only a small part of her activities. She has a job as a cashier in a drug store and still finds time for her chief hobby, music. Margaret plays the piccolo and flute and has been a member of several bands and symphony orchestras and is now a member of the state championship V.F.W. Band. Margaret has attended two Eta Sigma Phi National Conventions and is very enthusiastic about our national meetings.

MEGAS GRAMMATEUS

Dorothy Pavkov also has attended two National Conventions and she believes that all members of Eta Sigma Phi should attend at least one. She said that if members should attend these meetings, "their interest in the organization would soar sky high!!" Dorothy, a native of Akron, Ohio, was Valedictorian of her class at Kenmore High School. Here her teacher made Latin so interesting that she continued to study Latin at Ohio University when she entered as a scholarship student. In her Senior year Dorothy is secretary of her dorm, Prytanis of Gamma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, a member of the Convocation Committee, Kappa Delta Pi, honorary society of students of education, and Alpha Lambda Delta. Last year she was publicity director of the YWCA and a member of the Women's Glee Club. Mathematics is her major and Latin and English her minor subjects.

Dorothy's plans for the future are most interesting. She expects to do graduate work in mathematics and she has taken some courses in engineering to give her experience in applied math before becoming a college teacher. She will receive a certificate to teach at her graduation so that she may teach Latin, English, and mathematics in high school, if she should so desire.

MEGAS CHRYSOPHYLAX

Thomas M. Moore attended high school in Bloomfield, Nebraska, which is still his home. When he completed high school, he entered the Marine Corps and served for three years. During this time he attended several service schools and was a court reporter at the time of his discharge. At present Tom is attending the University of South Dakota, where he is majoring in accounting. He is a member of Beta Alpha Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and of Phi Delta Theta. Tom wants to become a lawyer and he plans to enter law school at Notre Dame after his graduation from the University of South Dakota.
ETA SIGMA PHI CONTESTS – 1957

Professor William C. Korfmacher, Chairman of the Eta Sigma Phi Contests, reports that forty-nine colleges and universities in the United States and Canada participated in the 1957 contests. One hundred and forty-five students contested for the awards which are presented through the courtesy of our Anonymous Donor and Dr. Val B. Satterfield of Saint Louis. The contest winners are listed below in order for each contest:

TWELFTH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST: William F. Boggess, West Virginia University; Rita Greco, Mount Mercy College, Pittsburg; Kathleen Kelly, College of Saint Rose, Albany; Raymond D. Houck, Hampden-Sydney College; Mary Jo Neola, Trinity College, Washington, D.C.; Randolph Gregg, Hampden-Sydney College.

EIGHTH ANNUAL GREEK TRANSLATION CONTEST: Anthony J. Podlecki, Holy Cross College; John Ford, Victoria College, Toronto; Kenneth F. Joyce, Boston College; John W. Howard, Boston College; Judith J. Kimberlee, Victoria College; Donald R. Lyons, Fordham University.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SATTERFIELD LATIN TRANSLATION CONTEST: John Luster Brinkley, Hampden-Sydney College. Honorable mention without distinction of place: William Dusing, Saint Michael's College, Toronto; John Ford, Victoria College, Toronto; Carolyn Grosz, Duke University; Zoe Mogill, College of Notre Dame of Baltimore.

FIFTH ANNUAL CHAPTER FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENSUS (for Eta Sigma Phi chapters only): Alpha Psi Chapter, Washington and Jefferson College, by Aniello Palmieri; Beta Upsilon Chapter, Marshall College, by William Charles Moran; Beta Theta Chapter, Hampden-Sydney College, by William L. Odom.

SCHOLARSHIP TO ROME

The Board of Trustees is extremely pleased to announce a scholarship for study at the American Academy in Rome for the summer of 1958. The Managing Committee of the Academy has very graciously consented to remit the tuition for the holder of our scholarship for next summer. The exact amount of the scholarship cannot be announced at the present time but it will be at least $250.00.

Announcements concerning the scholarship will be mailed to all chapters soon. The deadline for application will be February 1, 1958. Questions concerning the scholarship should be addressed to Professor Graydon W. Regenos, Department of Classical Languages, Tulane University, New Orleans 18, Louisiana, the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, or to the National Office.

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(4) Point out the great and growing need for teachers of Latin and insist on the pursuit of that objective
(5) Talk to yourself about becoming a Latin teacher
How can Eta Sigma Phi assist in achieving these goals?

1) Publicity — talk them up, write an editorial or feature article for your school or local newspaper, prepare copy for your local or college radio station or TV channel, circulate a letter or statement to high school students in your city, county, state, to incoming freshmen, to student advisors, to guidance and personnel officers in your institution, to your chapter alumni

2) Scholarship aid — for student planning to teach Latin, to start a student on his professional path, to help a student continue on his professional way — in college, as a graduate student.

The Junior Classical League is instituting a system of scholarships for high school seniors who will enter college with the view to preparing to teach Latin. It would be a fine service for Eta Sigma Phi to render if it established a fund (direct aid or load) that would enable a college student to continue or complete his professional preparation, or influence him to decide on teacher preparation upon recognition of his ability and interest.

How much support will Eta Sigma Phi give to a Publicity and Scholarship project? How many of you will become Latin teachers? Let’s do our part!
New Initiates

The following is a list of initiates reported from February 15 to October 1, 1957.


Delta: Ellie Brinkman, Anne Martinez.

Epsilon: Thomas Kraabel (associate).

Zeta: Timothy Little, Sandra Miskelly, Philip Schaefer.

Theta: Homer L. Elliott, Shirley Gregg, George Hamman, Jane E. Tonetti, Joseph Voyles.


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ABOVE is a view of the Gannon Science Building on the campus of St. Peter's College in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gamma Pi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed at Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, New Jersey, at one o'clock on May 30. National Prytanis Samuel T. Cowling and David Leytze, both members of Beta Tau Chapter at Georgetown University, were the installing officers. Following the ceremony the new chapter entertained its guests at a buffet luncheon. Gamma Delta Chapter of Yeshiva University and Gamma Nu Chapter of New Jersey State Teachers College were invited to participate in the installation but since no members of these chapters were able to attend, the chapters sent greetings and congratulations. The Reverend Thomas J. Wade, S.J., Chairman of the Department of Classics, Mr. George C. McCauley, S.J., of the Department of Classics, and Dr. George A. Yanitelli, Chairman of the Department of English and also Professor of Classics, were initiated as honorary members. Twelve active members, whose names appear on page 4, were initiated.

Saint Peter's College, a Jesuit institution of higher education, was chartered April 3, 1872. The central location of the College on Hudson Boulevard makes it easily accessible to the residents of New Jersey, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Long Island, and Staten Island. The College includes a College of Arts and Sciences, a Day Division and a Night Division of the School of Business Administration, and a Division of Adult Education. The present total enrollment is 1876, of which 790 are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences. An outstanding feature of the College is the Graduate Scholarship Committee, which promotes further study for graduates. Last year this committee assisted graduating seniors in receiving seven U.S. Government grants, five Fulbright Fellowships, five foreign government grants, thirteen fellowships and twenty-four scholarships. The debating team is always a top contender in eastern debating and last year the basketball team made the National Invitation Tournament.

Mr. George C. McCauley, who organized the new chapter, is its Adviser. James Magee was installed as Prytanis of the chapter last May and John F. Collins of Brooklyn is the Prytanis for the new year. Before the organization of Gamma Pi Chapter there were two Classical Clubs on the campus, the Philologists, made up of students who study Latin and Greek in the original, and the Humanists, who are students of literature in translation. Gamma Pi Chapter will now sponsor the Humanists, and for this year the group has chosen for its study Humanistic Symbols in Greek and Latin Literature. The members of Eta Sigma Phi are going to read all of Sophocles in Greek and give a public defense of their study at the end of the year. The chief interest of the study will be literary and philosophical appreciation of the plays. Gamma Pi Chapter has its own room in the activities building which was made from the former cafeteria building after the completion of Dinneen Hall, the newest building, not yet dedicated. The latter contains an auditorium, cafeteria, and a modern speech laboratory with forty-two booths and ample tapes for language study.

The National Office takes special pleasure in welcoming Gamma Pi Chapter. We wish it every success and look forward to mutual benefit for all our chapters.
AMONG THE CHAPTERS

**Epsilon, State University of Iowa**

Sally Springs was elected Prytanis of Epsilon Chapter for this year at the chapter's last meeting. Some new members will be initiated into the chapter during the fall. Professor Oscar E. Nybakken, Adviser of Epsilon Chapter, is now serving as Head of the Department of Classics since Professor Gerald F. Else has gone to the University of Michigan.

**Lambda, University of Mississippi**

Lambda Chapter held its last meeting of the past academic year on May 16, at which time Professor Alex Cambitoglou of the Department of Classics gave a formal lecture on Greek vases and vase paintings. The chapter is large and lively and it enjoyed an elegant party after the lecture at the home of Tom Hines, Jr., a member of the chapter. Lee Davis Thames, who is a major in Greek and was editor of the annual last year, is the new Prytanis of the chapter for this year. Professor William H. Willis, Head of the Department of Classics and one of the advisers of Lambda Chapter, is a visiting professor at the University of Texas this year.

**Beta Lambda, Marymount College**

Elizabeth Hinther, Prytanis of Beta Lambda Chapter, presided at the first meeting of the new year on September 24, which was an organizational meeting. Three pledges will be initiated on October 22, which will bring the membership to twelve for this year. Beta Lambda Chapter and several others always secure the membership certificates and cards prior to the initiation and present them as part of the ceremony, which adds a great deal to the impressiveness of the service. The National Office is glad to assist in this matter if the chapters are able to request the certificates at least three weeks in advance of the ceremony.

**Beta Xi, Rosary College**

Joanne Holmes reported the following item from Beta Xi Chapter near the end of last year: Betty Keoughan, a charter member of Beta Xi Chapter and one who helped organize the chapter, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for this year and will study in Rome. Miss Keoughan is a teacher at Bloom High School in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

**Tau, University of Kentucky**

Sue Davenport is the Prytanis of Tau Chapter this year and early in the summer she began making plans for her chapter. Tau Chapter has been operating under difficulties recently, since many of its records and parts of its equipment were destroyed in a fire. Sue, who is majoring in accounting, has excellent ideas for making the chapter more active and we predict that under her leadership Tau will be a lively and interesting chapter. One idea seems to the editor to be especially good, that of having separate meetings for pledges to acquaint them with the fraternity and its purpose. Some chapters do this and since our present ritual presupposes that the neophytes have been so prepared, it is an idea worth considering by chapters which neglect this. Sue is also thinking of having the pledges wear arm bands for a week to get the fraternity before the students, another excellent idea.

**Beta Kappa, College of Notre Dame of Maryland**

Beta Kappa Chapter began its activities for the new year on October 8 with its annual dinner at Candle Light Lodge. Zoe Mogill, Prytanis for this year, says that the chapter "has prospects of initiating several new members this year from among the classes in Latin so that we shall substantially increase our active membership." An interested and full program is already planned for the year.

**Beta Upsilon, Marshall College**

For several years Beta Upsilon Chapter has been awarding a medal for excellence in four years study of Latin to a student at Huntington East High School, the only one in the county which offers four years of Latin. Two of the winners of these medals, Carol Hunt and (Continued on next page)
Barbara Dunn, are now members of Beta Upsilon Chapter. Last year's winner, Shirley Kincade, is now a student at Marshall and will probably be initiated into Beta Upsilon Chapter soon. Professor Lucy Whitsell, Adviser of the chapter, reports that there are three other high schools in West Virginia which offer four years of Latin and the chapter has decided to award medals in these also in the hope that students may demand more than the presently accepted two year terminal course.

Former national vice-president Jeannine Hensley Rowlette received her M.A. in English at Marshall College last year and is now an instructor in English at Texas Western College, El Paso, where her husband is stationed.

Helen Milton recently married Robert Rine and is now teaching Latin and English at Dunbar, West Virginia. Richard Bowyer, Tom Fulcher, and Bob Knox of last year's graduating class are now students in Theological School.

GAMMA DELTA, YESHIVA UNIVERSITY
Gamma Delta Chapter sponsored a Latin Translation Contest between two private high schools, Yeshiva University High School for boys and Ramaz High School, on May 22. The response was enthusiastic and two winners were chosen to receive the prizes awarded by the chapter. Gamma Delta now plans to make this contest a part of its permanent activities but to increase its extent continually by including additional schools each year. Morton Axelrod, Prytanis of the chapter last year, said that "this project serves to motivate study of the Classical Languages in addition to bringing the name of Eta Sigma Phi before students while they are still in high school."

Professor Harry Levy of Hunter College spoke to the chapter on May 5 on "The Swan Song of Latin Poetry; The Poetry of Claudian." This was a very successful meeting and the members intend to ask Professor Levy to return. Officers for the new year were elected on May 23 and Saul Berman was elected Prytanis.

GAMMA LAMBDA, SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
Roger Donahue, Secretary of Gamma Lambda Chapter, reports that his chapter is again in business and at the recent organizational meeting three objectives for the year were outlined: first, to continue the Latin contest which was initiated last year; secondly, to gain greater recognition for Eta Sigma Phi on the campus; and thirdly, to raise sufficient funds for the various activities of the chapter. Roger's enthusiasm leads us to feel that this will be a very successful year for the chapter.

GAMMA NU, NEW JERSEY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
The highlight of Gamma Nu's program last year was a talk on "Cicero as a Humanist" by Professor Bruno Meinecke, who is now teaching in the East as a Whitney Fellow. The meeting was open to the entire student body and faculty and to teachers and students of Latin in the nearby high schools. The turnout was very gratifying, according to Patricia Kliem, Corresponding Secretary. Professor Meinecke introduced his lecture with a reading from his own poetry, which delighted his audience. Looking to the future the chapter recorded the talk on tape, so that in later years classes would be able to hear it.

GAMMA XI, HOWARD UNIVERSITY
Gamma Xi Chapter initiated five new members at the close of last year. This young chapter is very active, as you read in the last issue of THE NUNTIUS. Gamma Xi, under Mrs. Sylvia Gerber, the Adviser, is establishing a record which our older chapters could well emulate.

GAMMAomicron, MONMOUTH COLLEGE
Gamma Omicron Chapter also is very active and is making a record for itself. The Newsletter which the chapter inaugurated last year was sent out again on May 13 and this contained some fine activities of the chapter. Medals were awarded in two high schools. In order to encourage incoming freshman to consider Latin when making out their programs of study Professor Bernice Fox, Adviser of the chapter, prepared a brochure which was sent to each new freshman. The attractive four-page booklet with a picture of the Parthenon on the front explained the language requirement of the College and how it could be satisfied by taking Latin, the opportunities open to Latin students, and a page about Eta Sigma Phi. We extend our congratulations to Professor Fox and Gamma Omicron Chapter for this excellent publicity for Latin and Greek and Eta Sigma Phi. You will remember that a $100 scholarship is available to a student in Latin at Monmouth through the generosity of Mrs. Charles Blair, an honorary member of the chapter.

Of the graduating seniors Chuck Lyon is going to seminary, Walter Morrill has a teaching assistantship in English at the University of Illinois, and Chuck Courtney will attend Harvard as a Danforth Fellow.

Readers of THE NUNTIUS will appreciate a comment of Professor Fox: "Eta Sigma Phi has done more for the morale of the students in the Classics Department than any other one thing."
FROM YOUR EDITOR

Your editor is pleased to send you greetings again and to wish each and every chapter continued success. It is a particular pleasure to welcome Gamma Pi Chapter. We are looking forward to greeting Gamma Rho Chapter, which will be founded soon on the campus of Hope College at Holland, Michigan.

We regret that we are unable to announce the exact date of the Thirtieth National Convention at this time. The recent decision of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South to change the date which had been announced for its annual meeting makes it necessary for us to change the date already set for our meeting. But our National Convention will be held at Washington, Pennsylvania, with Alpha Psi Chapter as host, either the last week in March or a date after April 13. All chapters should be planning to send delegates.

A recent study of our membership indicates that each year slightly fewer members are being initiated into our fraternity. Your editor believes that part of this decrease comes from the failure of a few chapters to report all members who are initiated, since from time to time the National Office discovers a member who has never been reported and for whom fees have not been paid. Although we have called this to your attention several times, we think that it is of sufficient importance to be repeated. New initiates should be reported to the National Office immediately after initiation.

We hope that many of the chapters will be able to make a contribution to the Endowment Fund from the receipts of some project or activity of the chapter. We should like to bring the Fund from $6,000 to $10,000 as soon as possible in order to assure sufficient funds for the promotion of the scholarship.

Does your chapter award the Eta Sigma Phi Medal? If it does not, please give some thought to this. The registrar of the Medals would like to remind you that the medals do not have to be purchased by an Eta Sigma Phi chapter but may be purchased by any teacher of Latin who desires to award them. The only requirement is that the teacher must certify that the medals will be awarded to a student with an average of 90 or better throughout the year. The medal is an excellent method of encouraging the study of Latin. Perhaps your chapter could publicize the medals throughout your state or at least in your section of the state. The Executive Secretary would be happy to assist the chapters in any way possible.

Your attention is invited to the advertisement of our fraternity jewelry at the bottom of this page.

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