FROM YOUR EDITOR

Your editor has taken the liberty of expressing his comments on the first page for two reasons, to bring certain items to your immediate attention and to use the space in this issue more judiciously. First of all I wish to express the greetings of your officers, in addition to that of your President printed on this page, and my own personal best wishes to all of you at the beginning of our new year. Last year was a particularly fine year for our fraternity and every indication is that this may be an even better one.

We extend our special greetings and congratulations to our three new chapters, who are introduced to you in this issue, and in doing this we feel certain that we speak for all other chapters. Psi Chapter at Vanderbilt University returned to active status on October 24 with the initiation of members and organization. We welcome them back to the fraternity most heartily.

Pi Chapter at Birmingham-Southern College was the first chapter to respond to the appeal for contributions to the Endowment Fund by a gift of $25.00 and Beta Upsilon Chapter at Marshall College was second with a gift of $25.00 also. These contributions came last spring.

At the beginning of this academic year Alpha Chi Chapter at Tulane University very generously contributed $50.00. The officers are most grateful for these gifts and hope that other chapters will follow the fine precedent set by these chapters. We were able to add $500.00 to the Endowment Fund last year through the gifts and from the general treasury and the Medal Fund. Your Executive Secretary has set June 1960 as the date on which he hopes that we shall reach our goal of $10,000.00.

THE THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION will be held at Saint Louis, Missouri, April 24 and 25, 1959, with Beta Zeta Chapter of Saint Louis University as host. The convention hotel will be the Melbourne, an Albert Pick Hotel across from the campus. Saint Louis has excellent plane, rail, and bus service. You are invited to visit this historic city in the beautiful state where your editor was born.

THE ETA SIGMA PHI SCHOLARSHIP will be awarded again this year for study at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. The stipend will be $500.00, contributed jointly by the Fraternity and the Managing Committee of the School. Application blanks will be mailed to all chapters in December. It would be well if each chapter began at once to encourage qualified alumni to apply for the scholarship.

THE SALE OF MEDALS showed a slight increase last year. Many chapters still are not awarding the medals in local high schools. We urge you to do so in order to encourage the study of Latin. The need for high school teachers of Latin and for college teachers of Latin and Greek is ever increasing and it is a duty of our fraternity to try to fill this need. One way in which we can do this is to encourage the study of Latin in high school so that these students will continue to study Latin in college and perhaps begin the study of Greek. Another way is for more of our members to prepare to teach Latin and Greek. To read and discuss the literature of the Greeks and Romans with young students is a most pleasant and rewarding experience.

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

I am hoping that this issue of THE NUNTIUS finds all of you filled with fond memories of a most enjoyable and prosperous summer vacation and well into the year that lies ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to each of you personally my best wishes for a very successful year.

Throughout the summer many excellent suggestions have been sent to your officers and Dr. Butts. We are considering each one very carefully and will attempt to use as many of them as possible. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Again, my best wishes for a fine year for you and Eta Sigma Phi.

David L. Biddle

Megas Grammateus Sue Davenport, Chairman of the committee to revise the Ritual, has been working on this project during the summer. She has completed a revision of the pledge ceremony. Please send her your suggestions.

Our fraternity is honored this year by the high offices in classical associations to which some of its faculty members have been elected. Professor Gertrude Smith, our honorary president, is president of the American Philological Association, Professor Graydon W. Regenos of our Board of Trustees is President of the Southern Section of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South and President-elect of the Association, and Professor Oscar Nybakken, Epsilon Chapter, is President of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South.
ANNUAL REPORT OF REGISTRAR OF MEDALS

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 4e of the Constitution there is printed below the annual report of the Registrar of the Medals:

RECEIPTS:
Feb 14 1958 Cash on hand by transfer from Professor Stow $282.92
Mar 22 1958 Payment on back account 11.50
Sale of large silver medals 34 @ $3.75 127.50
Sale of small silver medals 144 @ $1.25 176.25
Sale of bronze medals 178 @ $1.25 222.50
Overpayments .80
TOTAL RECEIPTS $821.47

DISBURSEMENTS:
Feb 14 1958 Checks 1.50
Feb 14 1958 Stamps 4.50
Payments to Medallic Art Co. for medals 320.25
May 15 1958 Refund on returned medals 6.25
Jun 25 1958 Transfer to Endowment Fund 280.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 612.50
Aug 31 1958 CASH ON HAND 208.97

This account is kept in an Economy Account, which means that checks are purchased @ .075 each and there are no bank charges on the account.

Medals which are paid for and held by the Medallic Art Co. on August 31, 1958, are as follows:

Large silver - 12 - $36.00
Small silver - 3 - 3.00
Bronze - 178 - 96.25
$135.25

THE NUENTIALS

PROFESSOR WILLIS IN EUROPE LAST SUMMER

Professor William H. Willis, Chairman of our Board of Trustees, has just returned from an extended summer trip to Europe, in the course of which he attended the International Congress on Papyrology at Oslo, Norway, as representative of the Archaeological Institute of America, on a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies. Before the Congress, he visited Paris and Geneva, and spent nearly two weeks each in Greece and Italy visiting archaeological sites and museums.

At the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, he found a strong appetite for another Eta Sigma Phi scholar as capable as Don Laing, the 1957 scholar to Athens. At the American Academy in Rome he met Harry Rutledge, of Alpha Tau Chapter, Ohio State University, the winner of the 1958 scholarship to Rome, who was doing excellent work and was tremendously enjoying his summer in the academy.

Following the Oslo Congress, Professor Willis spent several weeks in Great Britain, studying collections of Greek papyri at the University of Aberdeen, in London at the Classical Institute of the University of London and at the British Museum, in Oxford, and in Dublin.

IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR VICTOR D. HILL

Professor Victor D. Hill, a leader in the founding of Eta Sigma Phi as a national fraternity, passed away in Athens, Ohio, on June 20, 1958. As Chairman of the Department of Classical Languages at Ohio University from 1920 until his retirement in 1954, Professor Hill devoted himself wholeheartedly to furthering the teaching of the Classics, and Eta Sigma Phi was one of his main interests. During World War II, when Gamma Chapter became reduced to two members on the campus, he foresaw the time when the Fraternity could again grow and continued his efforts on its behalf. He served several terms on the national Board of Trustees, of which he was chairman from 1949 to 1954, and along with Gamma Chapter, he served as host to the national conventions of 1927 and 1949. Members will remember him for his warm friendliness and wise counsel.

—Dr. Paul R. Murphy,
Ohio University
MEGAS PRYTANIS

Megas Prytanis David L. Biddle, a senior at Washington and Jefferson College, is a native of Williamsburg, Pennsylvania. In a manner characteristic of his enthusiasm and administrative ability he began his work as our highest officer by the time the thirtieth national convention had adjourned and his letter to you last year was evidence of his interest in the fraternity. He has represented Alpha Psi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at three national conventions and has served as secretary of that chapter. Dave’s campus life is busy with such honors as president of his social fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, for two years, vice-president of Phi Alpha Theta, honorary society of students of history, and operations officer of Pershing Rifles. He is president of the Washington and Jefferson Class of 1959. He is a member of the Student Christian Association, Association of the United States Army, and the Outing Club. He spent six weeks of his summer vacation at R.O.T.C. camp at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. David is a pre-ministerial student and is assistant minister of the Claysville Presbyterian Church, Claysville, Pennsylvania.

MEGAS GRAMMATEUS

Megas Grammateus Sue Davenport has assumed more duties than is usual for the Secretary since she is busy revising our Ritual. A senior at the University of Kentucky, Sue is an accounting major with a minor in math. After four years of Latin in high school she continued Latin and took associated courses in the Department of Ancient Languages and Literature, where she also served as a student helper. She has been treasurer of Tau Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and last year the chapter was very active under her leadership as prytanis. Her campus honors are many: Cwens, Links, and Mortar Board; president of the SuKy Club this year; vice president of the YWCA association; secretary of Beta Alpha Psi, national accounting fraternity; and a member of Tau Sigma of Orchesis, a modern dance group. A master’s degree in accounting and study for a CPA license are her plans for the immediate future.

MEGAS HYPARCHOS

Megas Hyparchos Richard A. Matzek enjoyed the privilege and distinction of studying Greek in both high school and college. Latin and English are his major subjects at Marquette University, where he is a senior, and his minor is Philosophy. He has served as Chrysophylax and Prytanis of Beta Sigma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and has twice represented his chapter at national conventions. His work as Chairman of the Amendments Committee for two years was of outstanding value to our Fraternity. He has been a member of the Liberal Arts Student Council for two terms and a member of Crown and Anchor, a campus literary discussion club. Dick is also a musician, plays clarinet in the Concert Band, has been a member of the University Marching Band throughout the time that he has been at Marquette, and is at present drum major. A native of Milwaukee, he has lived at home while attending the university. Dick intends to become a lawyer.

MEGAS CHRYSOXYLAX

Megas Chrysophylax Michael Durfee, a future physician, will receive an A.B. degree with a major in Zoology from Ohio University next June. His home is Arlington, Virginia, and at Washington-Lee High School he studied Latin, served as president of the student body, and was elected Governor of the Old Dominion Boys State and a Senator of Boys Nation. Student government ranks high among his interests but at Ohio University he has limited himself to few organizations in order to do justice to his pre-medical studies. He has served on the Men’s Disciplinary Committee as an alternate and was a member of the Student General Court. He studied Greek, was elected to Gamma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, was chrysophylax last year, and is now prytanis. Mike is interested in classical music, and reads all types of literature from medical history to the court addresses of Clarence Darrow. He is “strictly an amateur clarinetist” and was a life guard for three summers at a summer camp. Last summer Mike was a “scrub nurse” in the Department of Surgery at Arlington Hospital.
of Professor T. T. Jones, founder of the chapter and Head of the Department of Ancient Languages for many years.

**BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

Beta Alpha Chapter awarded Eta Sigma Phi medals again last year to the winners in the state essay contest which it conducts among high school students. The subject of the essay was *The Role of Latin in the Geophysical Year*. The awards were made during Latin Week. The April meeting of the chapter was a buffet supper at the home of Dr. Grace L. Beede, Adviser of chapter. It was planned to look at Jupiter and Saturn from the University Observatory but rain prevented this part of the program. Mary Ruth Lang, retiring Prytanis, wrote that "I have found Eta Sigma Phi one of the most stimulating parts of my college life and hope that I can somehow pass on this feeling to my successors." We are pleased to learn that our fraternity played this significant part in her college career.

**BETA LAMBDA, MARYMOUNT COLLEGE**

Beta Lambda Chapter began its new year on September 17 with an organizational meeting at which Prytanis Agnes Domdoma presided. Six members of the fraternity were graduated last spring and one was married and did not return to school this fall. The chapter initiated fifteen new members on October 15 which will increase its strength and effectiveness on the campus. Sister Marie Antoinette, Adviser of the chapter, conducted a survey of the status of Latin in the schools of Kansas last year and reported her results to the Classical Association of Kansas and Western Missouri. The picture of the status of Latin was disappointing. Reports were received from 58 percent of the 711 Junior and Senior High Schools in the state. Of these only 39 percent offered Latin and only seven schools offered four years of Latin. One of the reasons given for not offering Latin was that qualified teachers are not available. We are grateful to Sister Marie Antoinette for this information and we share her deep concern for the future of Latin in her state.

**BETA TAU, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**

Alfred F. Parisi, who did such an excellent job as Secretary of Beta Tau Chapter last year, has been elected to the same position again this year and during the summer let the National Office know of the plans for the next year. The chapter will again sponsor a lecture series and continue some of the more informal discussions which were held last spring under the direction of guest speakers from the faculty. The David J. Morton Memorial High School Latin Translation Contest will be held in March this year and there is hope of awarding a scholarship to a Senior for the best paper in the Advanced Division. Richard Troy, Alfred's roommate who is serving (Continued on page 8)
OUR NEW CHAPTERS—GAMMA RHO

GAMMA RHO Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed at Hope College, Holland, Michigan, on April 18, 1958. Professor Grundy Steiner, Adviser of Beta Chapter at Northwestern University, performed the initiation and installation ceremonies. The installation took place in the evening and following this Dr. J. Coert Rylaarsdam addressed the new members at a meeting to which the public was invited. The title of his address was *The Classical Heritage and Our Vision of Man,* and the College has been given permission to publish the address. Dr. Rylaarsdam, an alumnus of Hope College, is a member of the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago. After the address the new members were hosts at a reception in Durfee Lounge in honor of the new chapter and its guests.

Professor Edward J. Wolters of the Department of Latin was instrumental in founding the new chapter, which was organized from the Latin Club, founded in 1952 and expanded into the Classics Club last year by the addition of members from the Department of Greek. Professor Wolters, Dr. Rylaarsdam, and Professors D. Ivan Dykstra, William J. Hilmert, and Henry Voogd of the faculty were made honorary members. Professors Wolters and Voogd are co-advisers of the chapter. The following are the charter members of Gamma Rho Chapter: Eugene J. Boelte, Kenneth Brink, Charlene DeVette, James G. Devitt, Fred W. Dieckman, James L. Evers (Prytanis), Betty Heidema, Lorraine Hellenga (Grammarus), Myron J. Kaufman, Frederick R. Kruijthof, Ronald D. Lokhorst, Milton R. Ortquist, Bruce Parsil, Loretta Plassche, Carl Poit, Sheryl J. Schlafer (Chrysophylax), Lee V. Ten Brink, Adrian Tenhor, Henry L. Van Der Kolk, Lora Jane Van Duijnen, and Mary R. Van Dyk.

Hope College is a fully accredited liberal arts college, founded and maintained by the Reformed Church in America, located in Holland, Michigan, a city of about 16,000, which is approximately one hundred and fifty miles north and east of Chicago and world famous for its tulip festival. In 1848 the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America had approved a recommendation for "an institution of high order for classical and theological instruction." An Academy was established in 1851 at the new town of Holland, which had been founded only five years earlier. In a report of the Principal to the General Synod there appeared the statement "This is my anchor of Hope for this people in the future," which gave the name Hope to the institution and also its symbol, an anchor. The Academy became a college in 1862 and was incorporated in 1866. Its motto *Spera in Deo* emphasizes the college's belief that the Christian religion is central to all true education. The government of the College is invested in a Board of Trustees, composed of forty-two members. The present enrollment of the College is about one thousand students. The Department of Classical Languages has a faculty of three and an excellent enrollment in both Greek and Latin.

The HOPE COLLEGE ANCHOR of May 2, 1958, carried an interesting article about the founding of the chapter and installation. We congratulate Gramma Rho on such excellent publicity and also Hope College on a fine college weekly newspaper. Your editor was very favorably impressed with the copy of the paper which was sent to the National Office.
GAMMA SIGMA Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed at the University of Texas on April 11, 1958, in the Battle Library of the Main Building on the campus at Austin. Professor Graydon W. Regenos, a member of our Board of Trustees and Adviser of Alpha Chi Chapter at Tulane University, was in charge of the ceremony. The initiation and installation were performed and witnessed by many distinguished members of our fraternity, since the founding of the chapter took place at the time of the meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Among those present were Professor Gertrude Smith, our honorary president, Professor Gertrude Ewing, William C. Korfmacher, and William H. Willis of our Board of Trustees, Professor Evelyn Lee Way, Adviser of Lambda Chapter, Professor Grace L. Beede, Adviser of Beta Alpha Chapter, Professors Robert N. Mooney, Clyde Pharr and Mrs. Pharr, and O. C. Reinmuth of the Department of Classical Languages of the University, and several other faculty members of the fraternity.

An initiation banquet was held on April 14 at the University Teahouse. At this time Professor Gertrude Smith was honor guest and gave an informal account of the beginning and early history of Eta Sigma Phi. Additional members were initiated on May 1, at which time Professor Clyde Pharr, former Adviser of Psi Chapter at Vanderbilt University, spoke on the dignity and prestige of our fraternity and urged the members to be proud of their membership and list it next to Phi Beta Kappa. He also persuaded the group to elect an additional officer, "press secretary," to be called Keryx.

Professor Harry J. Leon, Chairman of the Department of Classical Languages, and Mrs. Ernestine F. Leon, his wife, also a distinguished scholar, Professors George G. Arnakis and James A. Hitt and Mrs. Minnie Lee Shepard of the faculty were initiated as honorary members. Requirements for membership in Gamma Sigma Chapter are an overall B average in the Main University as well as in classes in the Department of Classical Languages, sophomore standing, and completion of three semesters of work in Latin and Greek. Charter members who fulfilled these requirements were: Jay Bright, Kimball Davis, Kerstin Hildegarde Ekfelt, E.
**OUR NEW CHAPTERS—GAMMA TAU**

GAMMA TAU Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed at Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, on May 1, 1958. Professor A. P. Hamilton, Adviser of Alpha Phi Chapter at Millsaps College, and members of that chapter performed the initiation and installation ceremonies. Prior to the ceremonies the large number of visitors from Alpha Phi Chapter and the initiates were guests at a delightful banquet.

Professor Thomas T. Boswell of the Department of Classical Languages organized Gamma Tau Chapter and is its Adviser. As an active member of Lambda Chapter, University of Mississippi, in his undergraduate days he was so impressed with the significance of our fraternity that he began working toward the organization of a new chapter at Mississippi College as soon as he joined the faculty there. The chapter is an outgrowth of a very strong Classical Club with very high standards which he established. Dr. Richard A. McLemore, President of the College, and Dr. Howard E. Spell, Dean, were both influential in the organization of the chapter and were made honorary members. Professors Charles D. Cannon and Louis E. Dollahide, Jr., of the faculty were also initiated into honorary membership. The charter members of the chapter are: Floyd Beeson, William T. Crosby, Emogene Durley (Reporter), Charles W. Hedrick (Prytanis), Mittie Kay Hester (Grammateus-Chrysophylax), Ralph Daniel Howell (Hyparchos), Jane Lee, David Mahaffey, Richard Pass, Luke Platt, Dorothy Posey, Johnny Snell, and Charles W. Thornton.

Mississippi College was organized in 1826 as Hampstead Academy. One year later it was known as Mississippi Academy and in 1830 it became known as Mississippi College. At that time the college was coeducational but later women were not admitted. The College was transferred to the Presbyterian Church in 1842 but since November 11, 1850, it has been owned and operated by the Baptist Church. The College purchased Hillman College, a woman’s college, in 1942 and from that time it has been coeducational again. Today it is a fully accredited liberal arts college and offers advanced degrees in some fields, has a faculty and staff of over one hundred and a student body of 2000. The enrollment in Greek and Latin averages one hundred and fifty. Latin has the larger enrollment inasmuch as it is required of all majors in English and strongly recommended as a preparation for other foreign languages. The campus contains thirty-two buildings, among them the beautiful chapel constructed in 1860. Clinton, Mississippi, home of the College, is a city of 2500 inhabitants located five miles west of Jackson, the capital city of the state.
as President for the second term, will continue to use the long pledge period which was set up last year in order to pick the proper candidates for election.

GAMMA LAMBDA, SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
Richard Schaefer, Secretary of Gamma Lambda Chapter, reports that the chapter is looking forward to a very active year under the leadership of its new president, Roger Donahue. At a recent meeting a three-fold objective for the coming year was set up: to conduct another Latin contest among the high schools of southern Minnesota, to make the fraternity better known around the campus and in southern Minnesota, and to organize some money-making projects to support the contests, activities of the chapter, and its publicity. Last year over two hundred students entered the Latin contests, the winners of which were awarded Eta Sigma Phi medals.

GAMMA OMICRON, MONMOUTH COLLEGE
Gamma Omicron was one of eleven honorary organizations on the campus of Monmouth College to buy banners last spring to be carried in the academic processions. Gamma Omicron's has the Greek letters in gold on a royal purple background and its fringe is gold. The project of the year for the chapter is to let people know more about the chapter. In November Professor Bernice Fox, Adviser of the chapter, will speak before the Kiwanis and her advanced Latin class will be reading Plautus and Terence and hopes to present some of its own translations later in the year. Professor Fox and Dr. Garrett W. Thiessen, an honorary member of the chapter, have just published an attractive book entitled Poems from the Latin which presents their paraphrases of poems from Lucretius, Ovid, Horace, Juvenal, Martial and Seneca. The publication was made possible by a grant from the College. We congratulate them on their interesting interpretations and hope to present some of them later for our readers.

GAMMA PI, SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE
We extend our greetings to the Reverend John Larkin, S. J., the new moderator of Gamma Pi Chapter. We also send our best wishes to Mr. George C. McCauley, S. J., as he begins his theological studies at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Maryland. We are very grateful to him for organizing Gamma Pi Chapter and directing its activities up to the present. His successor inherits a well-organized and enthusiastic chapter which will continue to prosper under its new leadership.

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