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New Contributions To Endowment Fund

Gamma Chapter at Ohio University has contributed \$200.00 to our Endowment Fund. Professor Paul R. Murphy of our Board of Trustees informs the National Office that the members of the chapter wish the contribution to be "From the Alumni of Gamma Chapter in Memory of Professor Victor D. Hill." The late Professor Hill was a member of our Board of Trustees for many years and the contribution represents the interest from savings bonds which Gamma Chapter purchased when he was its adviser.

Gamma Gamma Chapter at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee has recently contributed \$25.00 from its funds. Megas Prytanis Franklin Lotter is a member of this very active chapter which is under the advisership of Professor Ortha L. Wilner.

Our Anonymous Donor, who makes possible our Essay Contest and Greek Translation Contest, has made a contribution of \$50.00 to the Endowment Fund. It is a real pleasure to report this additional generosity on the part of our gracious Donor. If our Donor is interested in the Scholarship and its significance for the future of the Classics, certainly our individual chapters should show a similar interest. A contribution of only \$25.00 from each chapter would make our goal of \$10,000.00 a reality.

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Our Thirty-Second National Convention

Dear Members of Eta Sigma Phi:

Since our Thirty-second National Convention convenes in a short time, I would like to urge as many of you as possible to be represented at Huntington. This is the only effective way to solve common problems and to attain the goals of our society on a national scale.

To insure that your views are expressed, I suggest that you confer with your delegates on the probable areas of business: alumni membership, revision of the Ritual, chartering new chapters, and the like. I hope also that you will feel free to present any local problems or outstanding activities to the convention. Please remember that each chapter is to submit a report of activities and this year we shall return to the former custom of having the reports read at our first session.

I am sure that those of you who have attended previous conventions will second these statements. Besides its obvious practical aspects, it is a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

I am looking forward to meeting you.

Fraternally yours,
Franklin Lotter

April 1 and 2, 1960

Huntington, West Virginia

These are the dates and place of our Thirty-second National Convention. Beta Upsilon Chapter, located at Marshall College, will be our host. The tentative program on page 18 will give you a preview of the outstanding events which Prytanis Thomas P. Lordeon, Professor Lucy A. Whitsel, the Adviser, and the Members of Beta Upsilon Chapter have arranged for the delegates. Your Executive Secretary urges every chapter to be represented, if possible. Certainly chapters in this section of the country should make every effort to send delegates, particularly those which have not been represented in recent years. Each chapter was notified in January of the date of its last representation.

Marshall College, founded in 1837 as a subscription school by a group of local citizens and named in honor of Chief Justice John Marshall, a close friend of one of the citizens, has grown from one small log structure to a beautiful 25-acre campus. In a two-story brick building which replaced the log cabin Marshall Academy, under which

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Member of Alpha Delta Receives Scholarship



Miss Martha G. Thomas of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, has been awarded the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship for 1960 to study at the American Academy in Rome. Professor Regenos, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, says that the choice of the scholar was difficult this year because of the excellent qualifications of the applicants but that the Committee was unanimous in its choice of Miss Thomas. This information comes too late for a complete story about Miss Thomas but this will be included in the May NUNTIUS.

Convention

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name the school was incorporated, prepared students for college entrance and for teaching positions in county schools until 1850, when the administration and financial support of the school passed to the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Under the new auspices the Academy advanced academically and became Marshall College in 1858. The Civil War, however, brought financial difficulties and near the beginning of the war the College was sold for debt. Education did not cease on the site, but some members of the purchasing family conducted a private school to fulfill the provisions of the deed which limited use to school purposes. In 1867, soon after the birth of the State of West Virginia, a Normal School was established by the state at Marshall College and from that time the College has grown steadily. It now includes the College of Arts and Sciences, Teachers College, and Graduate School, and has a faculty of two hundred. The enrollment for the first semester 1959-1960 was 4035. (The above information and the accompanying photographs are by courtesy of the News Bureau of Marshall College.)

Huntington, West Virginia, is the largest but among the youngest cities of the state. It has a population of about 100,000, with a metropolitan population of 700,000, and is situated on the Ohio River in the western section of the state known as the Tri-State area. The first white people to visit the site of the present city were Captain Celeron de Bienville and a party of explorers who were sent by the French Government in 1749 to reaffirm the claims to the region which were first made by La Salle in 1669. The land was later granted to soldiers for service in the French and Indian War but permanent settlement of the site was not made until 1796 when the Buffington family built homes here. Collis P. Huntington, who had been associated with Hopkins, Crocker, and Stanford in building the Central Pacific Railroad, acquired controlling stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in 1869 and selected this site for the terminus of the road. The modern city is named from him and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad is its chief railroad and one of its major industries. Eastern, Piedmont, and Allegheny airlines, interstate buses and other railroads also serve it. Marshall College is the cultural leader of the city and enjoys the wholehearted cooperation of its citizens.

Tentative Program

Thirty-Second National Convention

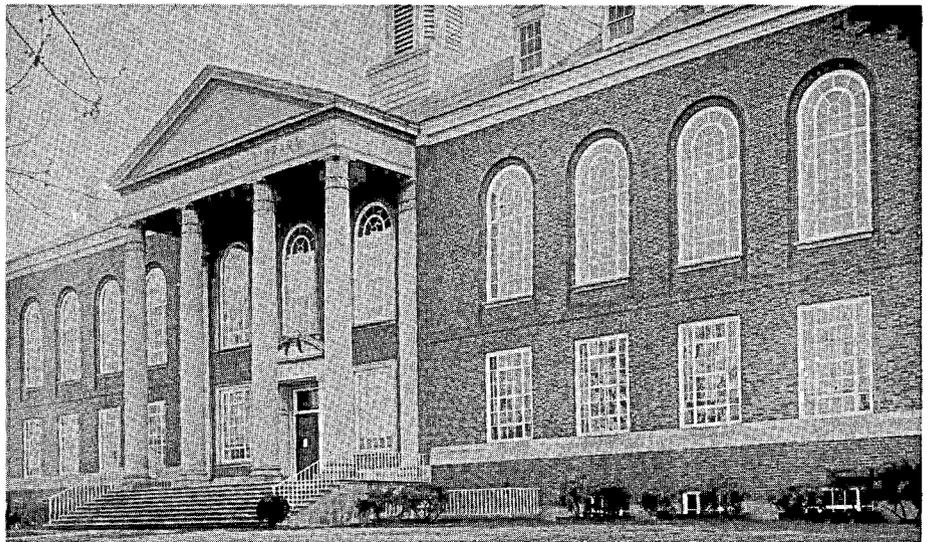
To Be Held at Huntington, West Virginia, April 1 and 2
Upon the Invitation of Beta Upsilon Chapter, Marshall College

Friday, April 1, 1960

- 8:00 - 9:00 A. M. Registration, Hotel Prichard
- 9:00 A. M. First General Session, Hotel Prichard
Address of Welcome, President Steward H. Smith, Marshall College
Response, Megas Prytanis Franklin Lotter
- 9:30 A. M. Business Meeting
Minutes of the Thirty-first National Convention
Roll Call of Chapters and Chapter Reports
Report of Megas Chrysothylax
Report of Board of Trustees
Report of Executive Secretary
Report of Standing Committees
- 12:00 Noon Lunch wherever the delegates desire to dine
- 1:00 - 4:00 P. M. Visit to Blenko Glass Plant, Milton, West Virginia
- 4:00 P. M. Second General Session, Science Hall Auditorium, Marshall College
Appointment of Committees
Report of Committee on Expansion and Reactivation
Business
- 4:30 P. M. Reception in honor of delegates by Beta Upsilon Chapter
- 6:30 P. M. Subscription Banquet, Marshall College Dining Hall
- 8:30 P. M. The ORESTEIA of Aeschylus, as presented at Randolph-Macon Woman's College under the direction of Miss Mabel Whiteside and recorded on film
Reception by Alumnae of Randolph-Macon Woman's College

Saturday, April 2

- 9:00 A. M. Third General Session, Science Hall Auditorium, Marshall College
Illustrated Address by Miss Kloris Dressler, Hinton, West Virginia, Eta Sigma Phi Scholar, Summer 1959
Business Meeting (concluded)
Election and Installation of New Officers
- 1:00 P. M. Adjournment of Thirty-second National Convention



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Items of Business

Three are no amendments to the Constitution awaiting approval at this convention.

Megas Prytanis Franklin Lotter has appointed a committee to work on the revision of the Ritual, which was referred to this convention by the Thirty-first National Convention. The work of this committee will be reported to the convention but it is not intended to complete the revision at this time.

Eta Sigma Phi has long neglected its responsibility to its alumni members. Mr. Lotter is very interested in working with this phase of our work and plans to devote a great amount of time to it at the convention. If you have suggestions, be prepared to present them to the convention or send them to Mr. Lotter.

Petitions for Chapters

The National Office has received petitions from two groups which are reviewed here for the information of the chapters.

ALMA of Ursuline College, Louisville, Kentucky. The name ALMA was chosen because of its rich connotative value in Latin, for the classical tradition as exhibited in art, literature, and

music through the ages has "nourished" man's culture. Ursuline College was founded in 1938, is under the supervision of the Roman Catholic Church, has an enrollment of 439 students, and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The College maintains very high academic standards, e.g., it does not give credit for elementary Latin, French, German, Spanish or Mechanics of English. There are 55 students enrolled in the Department of Classics. ALMA was founded in October 1959 but succeeds The Scipionic Circle, which had been inactive. There are at present 12 members and the club is studying the story of Prometheus and its use in art, literature, and music through the ages.

The Classics Club of Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Baylor University was founded in 1845 under the Republic of Texas, is under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention, has an enrollment of 4500 students, and is fully accredited by all leading accrediting agencies, both in reference to the University itself and its various colleges, which include a Class A College of Medicine, Colleges of Dentistry, Business, and Law, and Schools of Music and Nursing. This semester 400 students are enrolled in the Department of Classics, which has a faculty of four. The Classics Club

was founded in December 1959 and has a membership of fourteen. Requirements for membership include outstanding work in both overall college work and in Latin and Greek.

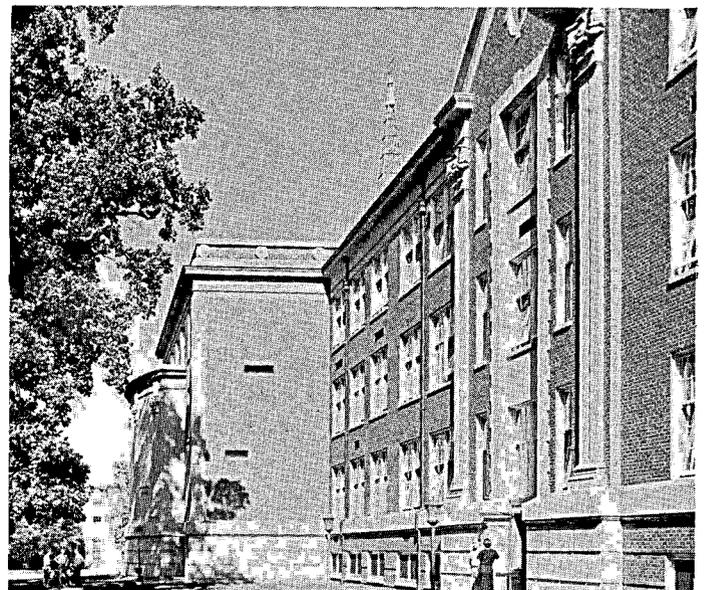
Each of the above petitions was approved by the Head of the Department of Classics and the Academic Dean.

It is a pleasure to report that a petition has been received from Gamma Eta Chapter at Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana, for reactivation. The activities of this group are reported more fully under Among the Chapters.

After NUNTIUS had gone to press, a petition was received from the following school: Lindenwood College, Saint Charles, Missouri. Lindenwood College was founded in 1827, is controlled by the Presbyterian Church, and has an enrollment of 492 students. The College is fully accredited and a well established school. There are 42 students enrolled in the Department of Classics at the present time. The department offers only courses in Latin. The Classics Club, known as Pi Alpha Delta, dates back at least to 1930. The petition is signed by four eligible students and approved by the Head of the Department and the Dean of the College.



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From Your Editor . . .

The following, mutatis mutandis, is repeated from the March 1958 NUNTIUS:

The month of March brings many duties for Eta Sigma Phi chapters. We are listing some of these here to help you remember:

1. Elect delegates to the National Convention to be held April 1 and 2 and make reservations for these.

2. Report all initiated to the National Office in order to keep your chapter on the Roll of Active Chapters.

3. Prepare the report of your chapter for the National Convention.

4. If your chapter is unable to be represented at the convention, send your report, with a letter of regret that you cannot attend, to the *Megas Grammateus*, Miss Lynn McGaan, Grier Hall, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois. This is required by a resolution passed by the 1953 National Convention.

5. Perhaps you might want to invite the Thirty-third National Convention to meet with your chapter. Such invitations should be addressed to Miss McGaan also. If you have invited the convention previously and your invitation could not be accepted, try again.

6. Send news items for NUNTIUS.

7. Make arrangements with the local high schools to award the Eta Sigma Phi medals and order the ones needed from the Executive Secretary (see more below).

8. If you have suggestions for improving NUNTIUS or the Fraternity, or constructive criticisms, send these to the National Office.

9. Attend your local meetings and enjoy the fellowship of your members.

There are many others which you might think of, such as becoming a Latin teacher, showing your professors that you appreciate them by being excellent students, but like Cicero, *ea praetermitto*.

Eta Sigma Phi Medals

The prices of our medals for high school students of Latin are listed below for your information:

Medal no. 1 Fourth Year Latin (Silver, 1½") \$3.75

Medal no. 2 Alternate Fourth Year Latin Award (Silver ¾") \$1.25

Medal no. 3 Second Year Latin Award (Bronze ¾") \$1.25

Medals should be ordered at least three weeks before they are needed from the Executive Secretary.

Many of our chapters now award the Eta Sigma Phi medals in local high schools but a majority of them do not. Your editor feels that those who do not award them are missing an excellent opportunity to encourage the study of Latin in high school. The medals also are useful in improving the quality of work done by the students in Latin classes because high school students like to be recognized and will work harder if they can look forward to some recognition. A point which is sometimes forgotten also is that in many high schools awards are made in other languages and the students may come to the conclusion that other languages are more important since the French government, the Spanish consul, or a local society of German-speaking people gives an award for excellent work but no one is interested in rewarding Latin students. We should recognize, of course, that the object of high school Latin study is not to receive an award but we must acknowledge that it does not do any harm to a subject to give it proper publicity.

The medals are neat and attractive and are appreciated by the recipients, as indicated to the National Office by many letters. Each of the medals bears on its obverse a representation of the Victory of Paeonius as restored, the initials of our Fraternity, and the quotation, *Mihi Res, Non Me Rebus* from Horace, EPISTLE 1. 1. 19. The reverse shows the Parthenon and the words *Praestantia Linguarum Classicarum*.

The Recent Revival of the Classics

STEPHEN M. WINSETT
Prytanis, Gamma Sigma Chapter
University of Texas

In the November issue of NUNTIUS our Megas Chrysophylax, Douglas C. Burger, made the statement that "the study of the Classics is slowly dying out," which, in my estimation, is erroneous. As I am totally ignorant of the circumstances and condition of classical studies at the institution where he is studying, I must assume that they are rather in dire need of repair. For it is my experience that quite the contrary is true, since the study of the Classics is undergoing a vast revival.

There are, I believe, several reasons for this renewal of interest in the great works of the ancients, and I may be able to advance a few theories concerning some local instances where the Classics seem to be "dying out." First, however, let us look at some facts which tend to back my statement concerning the revival of classical studies, but I am unable to give exact figures because of the short time which was permitted for preparing this paper. Here at the University of Texas our Department of Classical Languages has doubled in enrollment during the past five years and Eta Sigma Phi also has reflected this growth. This is not only in "Classical Civilization" courses but in the language study of Latin and Greek also. This is especially true in the instance of several new courses here. One of them, a one-semester Latin course designed to give a reading knowledge of Latin to advanced students, is literally "bursting" with students. There are thirty enrolled students and the course is being audited by five more. New courses are being added constantly to our classical curriculum and enrollment is growing yearly. It would seem that Classics had never before been offered at the University and now suddenly a wealth of literature and knowledge had been opened to students!

I realize, of course, that this is a local instance but there are other instances which tend to prove my statement. One need only to walk into a bookstore near any campus and see walls lined with new and vibrant translations, which seems to be Mr. Burger's real worry—Petronius' SATYRICON by Arrowsmith, THE ILIAD by Graves, THE COMPLETE GREEK TRAG-

EDIES by Lattimore, Green, Arrowsmith, and others, plus those gifts to the financially-minded student, new paperback translations of Ovid's ART OF LOVE and METAMORPHOSES by Humphries, SATIRES AND EPITLES OF HORACE by Bove, SATIRES OF JUVENAL by Humphries, plus countless others. Almost daily I see another translation of the Greek historians or philosophers. This recent revival of modern translations has boosted the Classics as they have never been before. The fact that a lot of the translations are in paperbacks proves that they are not just sitting on the shelves but *are selling!* These translations are bringing Classics to places never before reached by any classical tradition.

It is an admitted fact that classical studies tend to become stale and stagnant. This old idea of classical is now advancing and changing. Thanks to inspired instructors and translators, the Classics are becoming alive again and are more and more recapturing the ideas and meanings the original authors intended. The Greeks and Romans live again through the translators' gifted abilities and efforts.

The above is not, however, to disagree with Mr. Burger's intentions to impress upon the members of Eta Sigma Phi the importance of carrying on the classical tradition. No one can fully understand or appreciate our civilization without a full knowledge of classical studies. Nowhere is found such a warehouse of ideas, thoughts, history, drama, and literature than are stored within our classical heritage. Interesting new students in classical studies, especially language study, should be among the top ranking responsibilities of a member of Eta Sigma Phi. The importance and influence of a classical education can be expressed even today, in our "missile-minded" society, to such an extent that once again man may have the insight and wisdom to see his error and create a better world.

Editor's note: After Megas Prytanis Lotter and your editor learned of Mr. Winsett's desire to reply to Mr. Burger's article, he was encouraged to get it ready for this issue of NUNTIUS and so he had very little time to prepare his article. It is a pleasure to have our members express opinions and it is hoped that more will avail themselves of the opportunity offered by NUNTIUS.

New Initiates

October 1, 1958, to October 1, 1959

(Continued from November issue)

Gamma Epsilon: Duane Baardseth, Ellen Cauwenbergh, Phyllis English, Alan Fortney, Robert L. Hall, Jr., Sharon Houtkamp, Mary Jane Jinkins, David Kent, Maryjo Kores, Philip C. Meili, Keith Mueller, Rita Myrant, Eugene Radtke, Andre Ranney, Karen Lee Thoreson, Frederick Walz. Associates: Ingeborg Aprile, Lloyd Gunderson, Charles Gruneisen, Jean Helliessen, Wesley D. Rae, Glenn Sampson, Susan Wortzman.

Gamma Zeta: James P. Tortelli.

Gamma Iota: Karl S. Anderson, John B. Bacon, David J. Bohling, David R. Fink, Warren K. Hall, George A. Million, Gary E. Parker.

Gamma Kappa: Darwin Anneler, Veretta Brown, Ronald Bump, Harriett Gurley, Jean Leibengood, Sue Owen, Ken Romig, Rebecca Scheifler, Jack Scott, Dan Taylor. *Honoris Causa:* Ruth V. Dietzel, John C. Sacorafos, William G. Thomson.

Gamma Lambda: James I. Bream, Paul J. Breza, David A. Busch, Richard A. Caldwell, Stephen P. Collins, John E. Collison, James E. Fitzpatrick, Norbert J. Gernes, Dennis E. Schimek.

Gamma Mu: Raymond Lubert, John McLaren, Marilyn Magee, William Morton, James Roof.

Gamma Nu: Kathleen Brennan, Frank Cofone, Anna Eiben, John Hughes, Patricia Inverso, Lois Kelb, Frances Mangiaracina, Constance Rogasis.

Gamma Xi: Ella Mizzell, Joan Burt, Gwendolyn McSwain, Barbara Pope, Bertha Smith. Associate: Michael McHugh.

Gamma Omicron: Joseph Babinsky, Roger Boekenhauer, Barbara Coleman, Joan Conner, Richard Formanek, Robert Gillogi, Claire Hagg, Karen Harr, Dean B. McGaan, Lynn McGaan, John Phillips.

Gamma Rho: Marilyn K. Freeman, Margaret R. Greenshields, Jane A. Heerema, Richard W. Johnson, Robert S. Marshall, Coralie A. Wolf. *Honoris causa:* Ki Bum Han.

Gamma Sigma: Joel H. Blair, Jr., Robert W. Davis, Gayle Marie Hayden, Solomon Joseph Park, III, Donald E. Robertson, Carolyn Ann Seymour, Molly Kathleen Sullivan, Pamela West-erfield, Stephen M. Winsett. Associates: Fred Growcock, Lynn H. Nelson, Newton I. Tennison.

Gamma Tau: James Crowson, Richard Ethridge, Nancy Hood, Harold Overton, Larry Thornton, Dale Yonce.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS

ZETA

Denison University

Professor L. R. Dean, Adviser of Zeta Chapter, has reported the good news that the chapter will be able to initiate some new members this semester. Zeta Chapter has had a very small membership in recent years but has remained active.

LAMBDA

University of Mississippi

Grammateus Charles Ray Davis of Lambda Chapter has sent the following report to the National Office: Lambda Chapter began its activities for the year with a meeting in October at which Prytanis Lynn Lloyd presided. Dr. J. Allen Cabaniss, Professor of History, gave a delightful talk on his recent trip to Europe. At the November meeting the chapter decided to help entertain the annual meeting of the North Mississippi Classical Conference, to entertain the Latin classes of Oxford High School in the spring, and to award Latin medals to the outstanding students at the University High School. Woodrow McWhorter and Lynn Lloyd gave reports on some of the major classical periodicals. At the December meeting Professor Willis announced the donation of the first of three groups of antiquities to the University by Mrs. Robinson, the widow of the late Professor David Moore Robinson.

PI

Birmingham-Southern College

At the January meeting of Pi Chapter Professor William Myer of the Department of French spoke to the members at a dinner meeting on the influences of Latin on modern Ro-

mance languages. Ten new members were initiated in February under the direction of Prytanis Jack Phillips. Professor H. R. Butts spoke to the members about Eta Sigma Phi and its work at a banquet in honor of the new initiates.

TAU

University of Kentucky

Former Megas Grammateus Sue Davenport, an alumna of Tau Chapter, recently wrote a very interesting letter to the National Office. She is very eager to keep in touch with Eta Sigma Phi and will assist in any plan which is worked out for alumni members to continue affiliation with our Fraternity. Sue is head of accounts and of the agency departments of a large interstate brokerage firm in Lexington. She is working for a C.P.C.A. license in insurance and hopes to receive this by November. She has asked to go to West Virginia on a field trip at the time of our National Convention in order to be able to be a part of our meeting. Members of the Thirty-first National Convention will remember the great amount of work which Sue did on the revision of the Ritual.

ALPHA OMICRON

Lawrence College

Alpha Omicron Chapter has been quite active this year, according to the report of Prytanis John F. Hagemann. The first meeting featured a skit, written by Professor Spiegelburg of the Department of Philosophy, on "The Other Side of the Trial of Socrates." The chapter also sponsored a reception for Dr. William Edgerton of the Oriental Institute, who spoke at a convocation. The chapter has stiffened membership requirements because so many members lost interest in Eta Sigma Phi and in the Classics after fulfilling their language requirements. Alpha Omicron will award at least one, and maybe two, Eta Sigma Phi medals this year. Mr. Paul Plass is the Adviser of the chapter this year in the absence of Professor Cunningham.

BETA ZETA

Saint Louis University

Reverend Francis C. Hunleth, Adviser of Beta Zeta Chapter, reports that eighteen new members were initiated into the chapter on February 21. Delegates to the Thirty-first National Convention will remember the excellent entertainment which Beta Zeta Chapter arranged for them and Father Hunleth says that we would be most welcome again this year, especially since the new library is completed and has big, beautiful, and comfortable rooms for meetings. He is planning to attend our Thirty-second National Convention.

BETA IOTA

Wake Forest College

During the summer the Prytanis of Beta Iota Chapter, James O. Hodges, wrote letters to a number of students who were entering Wake Forest College in September and encouraged them to take Latin. This year the enrollment in Latin classes for the first semester was 144. At commencement last June the chapter awarded medals to the outstanding Latin students for the year in each one of the three high schools of the city of Winston-Salem. Professor C. B. Earp very kindly supplied this information about Beta Iota Chapter.

BETA LAMBDA

Marymount College

Prytanis Mary Jo Frank presided at the initiation of Glenda Lee Persigehl on January 19. The initiates of Beta Lambda Chapter wear caps and gowns at the ceremony. Refreshments were served following the initiation and the members read the January NUNTIUS, which was distributed at this meeting. The February meeting, to which visitors were invited, consisted of a program of slides of outstanding sites in Rome with commentary by Christine Green. The second part of the program was a discussion of Graves' GREEK MYTHS, which has recently

been presented to the department. A surprise treat and the Eta Sigma Phi song closed the meeting, according to the report of Adviser Sister Marie Antoinette.

BETA OMICRON

Mount Mary College

Sister Mary Dorothea, Adviser of Beta Omicron Chapter, brought pictures of the October initiation meeting of the chapter to the meeting of the American Philological Association in New York after Christmas. She very graciously lent the photograph, which is reproduced here, to your editor for



use in this NUNTIUS. Pictured left to right are Grammateus Monica Josten, Prytanis Dianne Haering, and Chrysophylax Laura Empey as they await the arrival of the neophytes, who were initiated in a candlelight ceremony.

GAMMA DELTA

Yeshiva University

Gamma Delta Chapter held its first meeting in November. Dr. Louis H. Feldman of the Department of Languages and Literature and Adviser of the chapter spoke on "The Orthodoxy of the Jewish Community of Hellenistic Alexandria." In December the chapter had the pleasure of a joint meeting with the Literary Society of Yeshiva, at which Professor Seymour Lainoff of

the Department of English and Professor Feldman discussed the *ILIAD*. It is reported that this was a very lively discussion.

GAMMA ETA

Louisiana College

All members of Eta Sigma Phi will be pleased to learn of the reactivation of Gamma Eta Chapter after a period of inactivity for about three years. Professor Nikolai A. Alexandrenko, a member of Eta Sigma Phi while an undergraduate at Louisiana College and an associate member of Alpha Chi Chapter during his graduate days at Tulane University, joined the faculty of Louisiana College last fall. He immediately began the reorganization of the chapter and on March 10 eighteen members and one honorary member were initiated. At a reorganization meeting in February Mr. Bobby Box was chosen as Prytanis to serve with Hyparchos Ottis Bryan, Grammateus Sue Boyet, Chrysophylax Cynthia Mathis, and Pyloros David Evans. A very fine article about the reorganization of the chapter appeared in the college newspaper. We are truly grateful to Professor Alexandrenko for reorganizing the chapter and wish it every success in the future.

GAMMA LAMBDA

Saint Mary's College

Grammateus Richard R. Schaefer and the members of Gamma Lambda Chapter are very enthusiastic about the response to their recent Eta Sigma Phi Latin Contest, which the chapter sponsored in the Diocese of Winona. Over two hundred students from eight schools participated in the contest. The winners will be announced on April 1, at which time Eta Sigma Phi medals will be awarded to the individual winners and a trophy to the winning school. The chapter is establishing a Latin seminar in the hope that it will become a part of the classical curriculum of the College with credit. New members will be initiated into the chapter in May.

GAMMA OMICRON

Monmouth College

Professor Bernice Fox, Adviser of Gamma Omicron Chapter, has supplied the National Office with some clippings from the Christmas edition of *THE ORACLE*, the Monmouth College newspaper. She says that the Classics have been receiving a great amount of excellent publicity this year. The headlines of one article read: "Greek, Latin Dead? Harr Says We Use It All the Time." In the article, written by Karen Harr, a member of Gamma Omicron Chapter, the author points out that "In spite of ugly rumors to the contrary, Latin and Greek and the civilization from which they came are not extinct." She quotes an article from *THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE* concerning an exchange of animals between the Whipsnade, England, zoo and the Moscow zoo, a "deal" which involved \$15,180 worth of animals. The Latin names of the animals were used in order that the English zoo might be quite certain what it was to receive. Miss Harr also points out that our standards of a well-rounded student have not changed much since the world of Homer and Plato, since Dartmouth College recently announced the award of a 2400 year old vase to the undergraduate who "best exemplifies the four Greek criteria of excellence, intellectual attainment, leadership, character, and athletic prowess." In addition to this article, which is the first of a series, the paper also carried a discussion of Vergil's "Messianic" Eclogue and a translation. We congratulate Miss Harr on her excellent article and Gamma Omicron Chapter on such fine publicity for the Classics.

GAMMA SIGMA

University of Texas

Prytanis Stephen M. Winsett of Gamma Sigma Chapter recently wrote a very full letter to the National Office about the activities of his chapter, which was most welcome, inasmuch as it has been some time since we have been able to report on this chapter.

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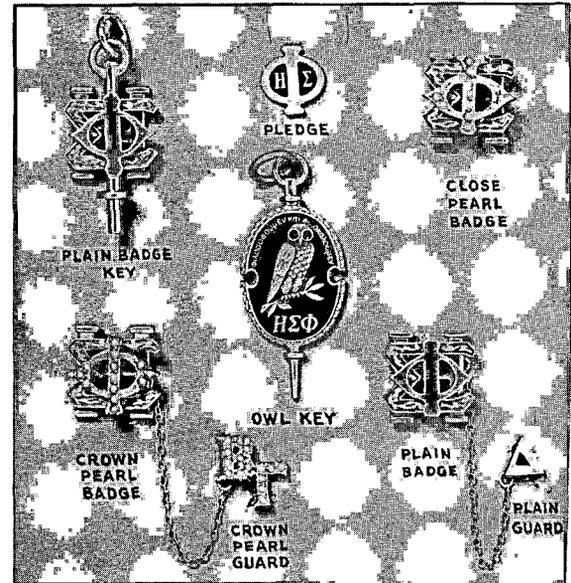
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Part of the account is given in Mr. Winsett's own words: "We are having, if not our most prosperous year, at least our most active. Our current project is an exhibit for a "Showcase" of the University of Texas to be presented at our 'Round-Up' activities of this April. We are having to compete with a nose-cone from a missile and a space monkey named 'Sam' but we hope to work up an interesting exhibit. We are very proud of the achievements of Dr. William A. Arrowsmith, Associate Professor of Classical Languages at the University and an honorary member of Eta Sigma Phi, who has just recently added another star to his crown by winning the Tulane Drama Review Literary Award of 1959 for his *THE CRITICISM OF GREEK TRAGEDY*, published last March. Dr. Arrowsmith is currently in Rome collecting material for an edition of the *TEXAS QUARTERLY* on contemporary Italian Literature. Another interesting item of our chapter is our newly-organized study groups. Last semester Eta Sigma Phi organized a study group

under Dr. Arrowsmith to read the works of Euripides and Aristophanes. We met in the homes of the professors and tried to develop or rather 'break down' the usual student-teacher relationship and become an interesting group. This met with such success that Dr. Philip Levine was kind enough to undertake a group on Catullus and other Latin poets. This semester Dr. James O. Hitt is conducting a group in some lesser-known dialogues of Plato and the pre-Socratic philosophers. The groups meet every two weeks." The chapter plans to initiate new members soon. The Adviser of the chapter this year is Dr. Robert Sonkowski.

ALPHA EPSILON

Lehigh University

Prytanis John T. Docker of Alpha Epsilon sent the following report on March 1:

Alpha Epsilon's program during the current academic year has emphasized public meetings. In October the Chapter sponsored the showing of the film, *The Ancient World: Greece*, which was

received enthusiastically by a large audience of undergraduates and townspeople.

On February 23, Alpha Epsilon co-sponsored a lecture by Professor Moses Hadas, Jay Professor of Greek at Columbia University. Professor Hadas' subject was: "Humanism and the humanities."

In March Dr. Douglas D. Feaver, Assistant Professor of Classical Languages at Lehigh University will speak on ancient Greek music, a subject in which he become a recognized authority. This lecture will be illustrated with examples of music played on the *auloi* which Dr. Feaver himself has made.

Closed meetings for the year included the annual initiation meeting in November at which time three members were inducted into the fraternity, and a Lucullan Collation at the Casa di S. Theresa on March 1.

The Chapter will be represented at the 32nd National Convention in Huntington, West Virginia, on April 1-2.