Dear Members of Eta Sigma Phi:

As I sit down and draw back in my chair, musing over just what thoughts I would most like to pass on to you, the members, one idea is rooted in my mind. It is the ever present question concerned with the relevance of Classical study, a question I know passes through everyone of your minds at least once. This is a question inevitably posed by one's fellow students, particularly those involved in the sciences. Like any other question that is reasonable, this one also demands an adequate and reasonable answer.

I must rediscover that answer from time to time, lest it be submerged in a flood of paradigms, intricacies of poetic meter, impossibly irregular verbs, and frustrating ambiguities in translating.

It is often annoying to some persons when they encounter an author who is fond of quoting: I know that I myself dislike such a practice when it simply veils a person's intellectual laziness. Yet I am compelled to reproduce this short paragraph from the philosopher Abraham Kaplan, because it so clearly pertains to what I want to say: "I am only pointing out that this profession, like any other, stands in need of justification. Now let me say at once that, as far as I am concerned, the satisfaction of intellectual curiosity is justification enough for any pursuit. Aristotle opens his METAPHYSICS with the observation that 'All men by nature desire to know.'"

Of course, we must admit that the mere fact that Aristotle authored that thought does not of necessity make it an adequate reply to the question "What good are the Classics, really?" And yet we know that that thought is not the exclusive property of Aristotle; it is, I believe, the basic motive which impels the physicist to search for new particles much as the classicist hunts for old manuscripts: both men share a burning desire simply to know. I think it is because the side-effects of the physicist's work—applied science—produces more spectacular concrete results in the pragmatic sphere, it is because of rockets and satellites and computers that the average person places so much admiration in them, that the side-effects of the classicist's work—applied literature—produces the frustrating ambiguities in translating. It also demands an adequate and reasonable answer.

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Simply because such influences are unmeasurable gives no ground for dismissing all significance from Classical study; this fact simply makes it difficult for a classicist—or for any scholar—to justify himself. Yet, because man is man, and not a thing to be poked at and peered at through a microscope, because he must extend his knowledge of himself simultaneously with his knowledge of things, he must therefore interest himself with the thoughts of an ancient Mediterranean culture that spoke so well of him, that knew so much and so intimately about him.

Paul R. Bannes

Paul continues: "I was then awarded a scholarship to St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota, where I spent my first two years. I had intended to major in a modern foreign language, until my sophomore year. It was at that time that I first came into contact with Greek; and by the end of that year I had convinced myself that I wanted to major in it. Thereupon I transferred to St. Louis University, where I declared a major in classical Greek, and from which I hope to be graduated in June of next year."

Paul does not have any definite plans for graduate school at this time. He does intend to earn a master's degree in Greek.
MEGAS HYPARCHOS GREGORY M. GAGNE began his study of Latin and Greek at Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha, Nebraska, where he was fortunate enough to have four years of Latin and two years of Greek. He received a National Merit Commendation and was elected to the National Honor Society and Quill and Scroll Society. Gregory also found time for outside activities, particularly during his senior year when he edited the school paper, was Chairman of the Public Relations of the Student Council, and wrote for the Omaha WORLD-HERALD and SUN. In the summer between his junior and senior years he attended the National Science Foundation summer program for high school students at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla, where he also edited the yearbook for the program.

Gregory began his college career at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy with an intended major in metallurgical engineering but transferred to the University of Missouri at Columbia for his sophomore year. He has continued his activities here where he was photography chairman of the Student Union and is presently feature editor of the school paper as well as photographer for the Newman Club. He was president of his pledge class of Eta Sigma Phi and is at present Prytanis of Alpha Mu Chapter. This fall our Megas Hyparchos entered the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri and will also take work toward a minor in economics.

It seems that Gregory never takes a vacation. During the past summer he worked for the American Smelting and Refining Company and also wrote on an assignment basis for the TRUE VOICE, a Catholic weekly newspaper. He says that his hobbies are bowling, photography, and golf, but one wonders when he finds time for these.

MEGAS GRAMMATEUS BARBARA PAYTON-WRIGHT is a senior at Birmingham-Southern College, where she is majoring in Latin. She is Chrysophylax of Pi Chapter this year and was Prytanis last year. She attended Tuscaloosa High School at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Barbara says this about her experience there: "Alea iacta est by my high school Latin teacher, Mrs. Olivia Fines, who instilled in me such an appreciation for the Latin language that in college I have never had a second thought as to my major field of study. In studying the Roman authors and poets in college, I have gained an even greater delight in the Classics; but as a senior, I have mixed emotions about the role of the Classics in my future. I want to go to graduate school—sed etiam I am nagged by a desire to be an executive secretary." (Editor's comment: Her teachers are nagged by a great desire to make her a teacher of Classics!)

Barbara summarizes her college career in these words: "Eta Sigma Phi activities have been a big part of my college extracurricular life at Birmingham-Southern. Also in the non-academic line, my participation in my sorority, Pi Beta Phi, has been rewarding. I've been a member also of Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortar Board, President's Scholars, Canterbury Association, Amazons, and worked on the staff of the SOUTHERN ACCENT, the college yearbook. I have participated in every phase of the intramural program and this year am serving as the women's basketball manager. My favorite sports, though, are volleyball and pingpong." Our Megas Grammateus has also recently become very interested in politics. During last summer she worked as a secretary for a real estate and insurance company. Barbara has been recommended by the Placement of Graduates Committee of the faculty of Birmingham-Southern College to the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation for a Fellowship in Latin.

MEGAS CHRYSOPHYLAX SARAH S. UZZELL is also interested in politics and was State Co-Chairman of Youth for Goldwater and is Southeastern College Director of Young Republicans. Sarah is a native of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, and attended Radnor High School at Wayne, Pennsylvania, where she studied Latin for four years and was fifth in her class of 180. She was a member of the Student Council for three years, edited the yearbook, played varsity basketball, held membership on the Hc-Q Team, which is similar to College Bowl, was an officer in the Biology Club and Affiliation Club, and was recognized as Junior Saturday Club Girl-of-the-Month and D. A. R. Good Citizen.

At Agnes Scott College, where Sarah is a sophomore, she is majoring in Classics, and is a member of Alpha Delta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. She is busy in extracurricular activities also, since she is a member of the House Council, the annual staff, and the Christian Association Board. She is President of the Conservative Club and an officer in Canterbury Club. She also finds time for basketball and volleyball. In addition to all of this Sarah pays the bills for Eta Sigma Phi and balances the bankbook.

In addition to politics Sarah is interested in reading, archaeology, hiking, and tennis. She says also that she enjoys her work with Eta Sigma Phi.

Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity, A Corporation

It seems advisable to publish at this time certain information about Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity which should be known by all members of the Fraternity and must be known by the officials of the various chapters from time to time. It is hoped that this information will be kept for future reference if needed.
Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity was founded at the University of Chicago in 1914 as an undergraduate classical club. This club and a similar club at Northwestern University united in 1924 to found Eta Sigma Phi and to become a national society. Alpha Chapter was at the University of Chicago and Beta Chapter at Northwestern University. The first chapter outside the fifty states was founded at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, in 1963.

Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois in 1927 and is still so incorporated. It is accordingly a corporation. This is the official term to be used to describe the Fraternity from the legal and financial standpoint.

Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity was recognized as a tax-exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service by letter dated November 28, 1945, under Section 501 (c) (7) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code, and the nature of its activities is educational and fraternal. This ruling is extended to new chapters by a yearly request to the Internal Revenue Service by the Executive Secretary. The National Office submits an annual income tax report on Form 990 for each chapter as of April 30, based on information received from the local chapter. The National Office also must submit an annual income tax report for the National Fraternity as of August 31.

Every business and employer and all persons and organizations having interest-bearing money on deposit are required to have an Employer Identification Number. The Employer Identification Number for Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity is 63-0459587, for both the National Office and for each chapter.

Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity has been invited on more than one occasion to become a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. This invitation has not been accepted because membership requires expensive initiation fee and dues and certain modifications in the structure of the Fraternity which would, to a great extent, mean that the organization would become a society for upperclassmen and perhaps its officers would have to be faculty members instead of undergraduates.

**Members Awarded Woodrow Wilson National Fellowships**

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has informed the National Office of Eta Sigma Phi that the following members of the Fraternity were awarded Woodrow Wilson National Fellowships for graduate study this year: Patrick Michael Hardy of Delta Beta Chapter, Canisius College, our Eta Sigma Phi Scholar to Athens, summer 1964; William H. Marshner of Alpha Pi Chapter, Gettysburg College, our retiring Megas Chrysophylax; and Jane E. Parrish of Gamma Gamma Chapter, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, our retiring Megas Grammateus. It is a great pleasure to announce these awards to members of Eta Sigma Phi, particularly because of the distinction which a student receives by receiving one of these coveted fellowships, awarded only to outstanding students. We are pleased also to note that members of the Fraternity have brought honor to their college or university, since an institution of higher learning receives added prestige by the number of Woodrow Wilson National Fellowships awarded to its graduates. We extend the congratulations of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity to these fellowship winners and to their schools which were responsible for their education.

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**AMONG THE CHAPTERS**

**PSI Vanderbilt University**

Prytanis F. Carter Philips, Jr., of Psi Chapter has inaugurated his chapter's activities early this year. The first meeting this fall was a lecture to which the university public was invited. Professor Richard W. Hathorn of Tau Chapter at the University of Kentucky spoke on "Another Look at Weather-Mythology" on October 15. His interesting address provoked much discussion afterwards. This was a most successful meeting.

**ALPHA PI Gettysburg College**

Alpha Pi Chapter initiated nine new members on October 17. Grammateus Linda Young tells us that there are twelve former members in residence this fall. The Fraternity is indebted to Professor John Glenn, Advisor of Alpha Pi Chapter, and the other members of the chapter for installing Delta Theta Chapter at Dickinson College last spring.
The National Office wishes to congratulate the officers and members of Alpha Epsilon Chapter on the fine publicity which it gained for the students to whom Eta Sigma Phi medals were awarded last spring. The Office of Public Information of Lehigh University issued a news release which gave the names of the winners of the awards in the various schools, and some facts about Alpha Epsilon Chapter and Eta Sigma Phi and its medals. This type of publicity is most important to encourage the study of Latin in high schools and also is useful for the Fraternity. Prytanis Kenneth M. Kucharz, Professor Joseph Maurer, the Adviser, and the other members of the chapter are to be congratulated.

**ALPHA CHI**  
**Tulane University**

Alpha Chi Chapter held its first meeting of the new year on October 28. New officers for the year were elected at this meeting and plans were made for the rest of the year. The chapter will attend a lecture by Dr. Richard D. Barnett, the Charles Eliot Norton lecturer of the Archaeological Institute of America, at a meeting of the New Orleans Society of the Institute. Professor Graydon W. Regenos is rejoicing in an increase in the number of students in the Department of Classical Languages at Tulane University; there are more than twice as many students as last year in the first, second, and third year courses.

**BETAOMICRON**  
**Mount Mary College**

Prytanis Patricia Bohte of Beta Omicron Chapter presided at the initiation of three active members and one honorary member on October 27. Beta Omicron was very busy last spring with many activities. It edited ANGELIA, the official publication of the Wisconsin chapters—a unique publication, since Wisconsin is the only state which has a state meeting and publishes a state magazine for the chapters. This volume, No. IX, was very beautiful and interesting. The editors were Kathleen Cahill, Patricia Bohte and Sandra Mueller. In addition to news items of
Delta Eta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed at Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on May 4, 1964. The installation ceremony was held in the Students' Cafeteria on the campus of the College. Professor Roy W. Nyswanner and members of Alpha Psi Chapter at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania, installed the new chapter and Professor Nyswanner presented the charter to Joan Lynch, President of the Classics Club and Prytanis of the new chapter. At the dinner following the installation the Classics Club Sextette sang Tennyson's “Ode to Vergil,” Horace’s “O Fons Bandusiae,” and Catullus’ “Laudes Dianae” as well as the Club song, “Gaudeamus Igitur.” Fourteen charter members and nine honorary members were initiated into the new chapter. Among the honorary members were Monsignor William G. Ryan, President of Seton Hill College, Sister M. Thecla, Vice-president, and Professor Helen C. Schmadel, Chairman of the Department of German.

Delta Eta Chapter was organized by Sister Rose de Lima, Chairman of the Department of Classics, and members of the Classics Club who qualified for membership in the Fraternity are the charter members of the chapter. The Classics Club has existed on the campus of the College for sixteen years and has at present about fifty members, since all students enrolled in the Department of Classics are eligible for membership in this organization.

Seton Hill College is named after Blessed Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, founder of the American Sisters of Charity and as Mother Seton revered for the image of American Catholic womanhood which she represents. “The Sisters of Charity founded Seton Hill in Greensburg in 1883, and for many years conducted here a distinguished academy for girls and a lower school for boys. The College was rechartered in 1918, and since then has graduated some 3000 young women, who came from almost every state in the Union and from many foreign countries, and who now live all over the world. Greensburg, the county seat of Westmoreland County, is pleasantly situated in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, twenty-five miles west of the Laurel Ridge. Pittsburgh... is thirty miles to the west of Greensburg.” The campus of two hundred acres is situated on a hill and ridge overlooking the city of Greensburg. The buildings reflect the periods of style from the time of the founding of the College to today's modern. Reeves Library, opened in 1958, houses a collection of about 50,000 volumes. About two hundred young women enter Seton Hill College each fall who have been carefully selected to pursue the curriculum which is based on the liberal arts and sciences. Courses preparing both elementary and secondary school teachers are offered and over fifty per cent of the graduating seniors in the last four graduating classes who accepted positions became teachers. Alumnae of Seton Hill are to be found in many professions, including law and medicine. There are sixty-four members of the faculty with degrees from thirty-one universities and additional instructors from time to time become part of the faculty to offer special courses.

Prytanis Joan Lynch, Grammateus Pamela Drach, and Chrysophylax Virginia D’Emidio were the officers of Delta Eta Chapter at the time of the installation of the chapter. This year Prytanis Judith Sedney will direct the activities of the new chapter with the assistance of Hyparchos Mary Belle McKinley, Grammateus Barbara Dore, and Chrysophylax Mary Patricia Reidy. Sister Rose de Lima will be the Adviser.

(Material for the above taken from the SETON HILL COLLEGE BULLETIN.)
Delta Iota Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed at the College of Saint Teresa, Winona, Minnesota, on May 4, 1964, by Mr. Timothy Willert, Prytanis of Gamma Lambda Chapter at Saint Mary's College. The installation was held at 7:00 P.M. following a dinner in Lourdes Hall. Members of Gamma Lambda Chapter were guests. Eighteen charter members, all majors or minors in classical studies, were initiated with impressive ceremony. During the initiation Mr. Willert distributed certificates and membership cards to each initiate. He presented the charter to Prytanis Susan Johnson and then read a letter from the Executive Secretary. After the installation of the new officers the Reverend Robert A. Taylor, Adviser of Gamma Lambda Chapter, addressed the initiates on the Classics as they affect personal living. During the following week the new chapter arranged a display which included the attractive charter, a telegram and congratulatory letters from twenty-one chapters. Also on exhibit were pictures of the members and officers and publicity clippings from local and college papers.

Delta Iota Chapter evolved from the campus Classical Club, which was organized by Sister M. Bede Donelan in 1925. In the course of the years the club sponsored distinguished lectures and successful college Latin week programs, all of which activity promises success for the new chapter. The chapter will benefit from the Mary E. McCahill Foundation grant recently presented to the College for lectures on classical subjects that would be of general interest to the entire student body. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCahill, the donors, have had a long and intimate association with the College. Mrs. McCahill is an alumna and an ardent admirer of classical learning.

The College of Saint Teresa, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded in 1907 by the Sisters of Saint Francis of the Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes, whose motherhouse is in Rochester, Minnesota. The College of Saint Teresa is located in the Hiawatha Valley on the banks of the Mississippi River between the picturesque bluffs of Minnesota and Wisconsin. On the spacious campus of approximately one hundred acres are ten buildings, including a new Roger Bacon Center for the study of sciences and the professions. The Italian classical type of architecture prevails. The College Chapel, basilica in style, follows the northern Italian Romanesque. The College is the largest residential college for women in Minnesota and has an enrollment of 1100 students, drawn from twenty-eight states and twelve foreign countries, housed in three spacious residence halls. The faculty consists of Sisters, Priests, lay men and lay women with a ratio of one faculty member for every nine students. The College, recognizing that learning is the vocation of the college student, has provided an able faculty dedicated to the achievement of the academic goals of thought, judgment, communication and interpretation. It has achieved the highest accreditation and confers the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. It has gained distinction in various fields of study and special recognition has been given to the language departments.

Susan Johnson was elected Prytanis of the new chapter. Other officers are Hyparchos Susan Haeny, Grammateus Cheryl Uccellini, Epistolographos Suzanne Posch, Chrysophylax Patricia O'Neill, and Pyloros Helen Testroet. Sister M. Bede Donelan is the Adviser.

(The above article was prepared by Grammateus Cheryl Uccellini and the members of the Chapter, to whom we are most grateful.)
Delta Kappa

Delta Kappa Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed at Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin, on May 14, 1964, in the Student Union. The installation ceremony was conducted by Professor Ortha L. Wilner and the members of Gamma Gamma Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with the assistance of members of Beta Omicron Chapter, Mount Mary College, and Beta Sigma Chapter, Marquette University. Eight charter members and two honorary members, Dr. Viola Wendt and Dr. David Hiatt, were initiated as charter members. After a discussion by visiting members on the function and significance of the Fraternity at the local, state, and national levels, Dr. Alfreda K. Stallman, Adviser of Delta Kappa Chapter, installed the new officers of the chapter. Professor Wilner, Adviser of Gamma Gamma Chapter, presented the charter and membership certificates to the new members and following this ceremony there was a reception honoring the visiting chapters and the new members of Delta Kappa Chapter.

Delta Kappa Chapter was organized from the Classics Club of Carroll College, which was founded in 1961 by Professor Stallman, who was initiated into Eta Sigma Phi by Alpha Kappa Chapter at the University of Illinois. Delta Kappa Chapter plans both to broaden and to intensify its program by inviting prominent speakers, conducting spring seminars for high school students, and possibly producing a Roman comedy.

Carroll College is an institution centered on the liberal arts as many sided as the octagonal limestone tower which dominates the older portion of Main Hall, a campus landmark for seventy-six years. The Old Main Tower with its cupola and weather vane crown symbolizes the pioneer nature of the 118-year-old school. Carroll College was named in honor of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a personal friend of George Washington. Chartered by the territorial legislature in January, 1846, Carroll College replaced Prairieville Academy to become the first college in Wisconsin. As evidence of the desire of its early pioneers to reproduce the intellectual and religious culture which they had cherished in New England and New York, the new institution represented the purpose of establishing and promoting, in a land of opportunity, the ideals of Christian education and culture. Today it is a fully accredited Christian liberal arts college related to the United Presbyterian Church. The diversity of Carroll is a mixture of the old and the new, from the scholarship of the traditional classics taught in an upper room of Old Main to an electronic computer processing student mathematical data in a new building on the other side of the campus. The 970 Carroll students, coming from twenty states and seven foreign countries, can pursue major studies in twenty-four subject areas. The curricula offered lead to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.

During this year the activities of Delta Kappa Chapter will be under the leadership of Prytanis Susan Steinhardt. Other officers of the new chapter are Hyparchos Charles Cook, Grammateus Marion Snejkal, and Chrysophylax Anne Yokers. Professor Alfreda K. Stallman will be the Adviser of the chapter. (We are indebted to Professor Stallman for the above article concerning the installation of the chapter and the history of the College.)
AMONG THE CHAPTERS—Cont.

the various chapters it included a fine tribute to Professor Ortha L. Wilner who is retiring from the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and also as Adviser of Gamma Gamma Chapter. There are also articles by members of the various chapters, news items, and some excellent verse. Beta Omicron also entertained the winners in its Latin Contests and awarded the Eta Sigma Phi medals at this time. The program included a Romani Hootenanny.

GAMMA TAU
Mississippi College

Professor Thomas T. Boswell has returned to Gamma Tau Chapter after a leave of absence during last year. He has this to say about Gamma Tau Chapter: “I am pleased to report that we have the beginnings of our most successful year. We are planning to initiate around seventeen people. Our officers are most anxious to resume the donation of fifty dollars to the Endowment Fund, and I believe that before long the check will be forthcoming. We are also resuming our annual fifty dollar scholarship here on the campus, and our hope is to set up an Endowment Fund whose interest will help on that. They have also voted to pay a hundred dollars on the expenses of delegates to the National Convention. To raise money we are selling hamburgers in the girls’ dormitories once a week. I am sure that these are classic hamburgers! On December 14 we are sponsoring a reading of Euripides’ TROJAN WOMEN, which we hope to make an annual affair. Our other programs this year will include a panel discussion by members of the faculty on the value of Latin and Greek to their fields, English, philosophy, and history; a joint meeting with the Belhaven chapter; and a guest speaker from Pennsylvania. We are also setting up a program to try to interest more high school students in majoring in Latin with the view toward teaching.”

DELTA DELTA
University of Alberta

Grammateus Judith Kales of Delta Delta Chapter sent this resume of the activities of her chapter, which arrived too late to be included in the May issue of NUNTIUS but which we are pleased to share with the members at this time: “Delta Delta Chapter has enjoyed a busy and interesting year. At a meeting in October the new executives chosen consisted of Jim Mosovich, Prytanis, Judi Kales, Grammateus, and Anna Burko, Hyparchos. Slides of Greece and Italy were shown by two of our members who visited there recently. At the November meeting, slides of Baalbek were shown, which were also taken by one of our members on a recent visit. At the February meeting, the club enjoyed the “World of Vergil,” accompanied by slides and discussion. During February we participated in Varsity Guest Weekend with a display of objects of classical interest and by showing slides of the classical world. Also in February we were honoured by the presence of Dr. Grube, the President of the Canadian Classical Association and the Head of the Department of Classics at the University of Toronto. Dr. Grube lectured on the topic “How the Ancients Looked at Literature.” At the March meeting Dr. W. G. Hardy spoke on the topic “Latin and Greek—the Aristocrats of the Languages.” The year was concluded in May with a banquet in honor of Dr. W. G. Hardy, the retiring head of the Department of Classics at the University of Alberta.”

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