

72nd Convention at Dickinson College

Delegates Pass Amendments to Constitution

Delegates to the 72nd national convention, held April 14-16 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, at the invitation of Delta Theta Chapter at Dickinson College, voted in favor of the constitutional amendments which had been passed on a first vote at last year's convention.

The amendments, which were recommended to the delegates by the Constitution Committee, which met after the first business session, were divided into three groups: the first involving procedures that had become outdated and references to

fees that have changed over the years, the second removing gender-specific references to members and officers, and the third either removing or changing to "Society" the word "Fraternity."

Copies of the amended constitution will be printed and sent to all chapters in the fall.

The convention opened on Friday night with registration and a reception at the Comfort Suites. A team made up of Raina Weaver, Ben Grazzini, and Keith Kitchen of Zeta Theta at Pennsyl-

vania State University, and Benji Joffe of Gamma Delta at Yeshiva University, knocked off last year's winners from Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida in the final round to win the *certamen*. Thirteen teams participated in the *certamen*.

At the first business session on Saturday morning on the Dickinson College campus, the delegates heard reports on the various activities of the Society and received bids for the 73rd convention. Nominations for national officers were also made.

Committee meetings followed, and then the delegates enjoyed a funny thirty-minute send-up of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* by a group of actors associated with a local Shakespearean festival.

Members' papers followed the play. Tracy A Jamison of Gamma Omega at Baylor University spoke on "Comedy or Tragedy? Euripides' *Bacchae*." Zina B. Lewis of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College gave a paper on "The Classical Eve in Her Struggle for Autonomy and the Quest for *Sapientia*: An Analysis of *Xenia*, Wisdom, and Wifehood in the

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Sister Thérèse Marie Dougherty (standing) reads questions during the *certamen* on Friday night.

Right, the winning team at the *certamen* was made up of (from left) Raina Weaver of Zeta Theta at Penn State, Benji Joffe of Gamma Delta at Yeshiva, and Ben Grazzini and Keith Kitchen, both of Zeta Theta.



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Far left, *Megas Prytanis* Jason Morris presides at the first business session as *Megas Hyparchos* Tracy Jamison looks on.

Left, *Alyssa Choate* of Alpha Lambda at the University of Oklahoma reads her chapter's report.

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Aeneid and *Paradise Lost*." Paul N. Slovin of Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida gave an illustrated paper on "The identification of infectious diseases in Ancient Greece through the Hippocratic texts and a discussion of the etiology of the Plague of Athens." The final paper was "Atticus' Critique of Cicero's *Against Verres 1*" by Cynthia A. Harmon of Beta Iota at Wake Forest University.

At Saturday night's banquet, the prize for the best paper, selected by a group of advisers who did not have students reading papers, went to "The Classical Eve" by Zina B. Lewis.

Lunch, which was provided by Dickinson College's Department of Classics, was eaten on the campus with entertainment provided by gladiators David Krug

and Jason Rosenstock, with Dickinson's Professor Christopher Francese acting as referee.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to a guided tour of the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg. Expert commentary was provided by JoAnna M. McDonald.

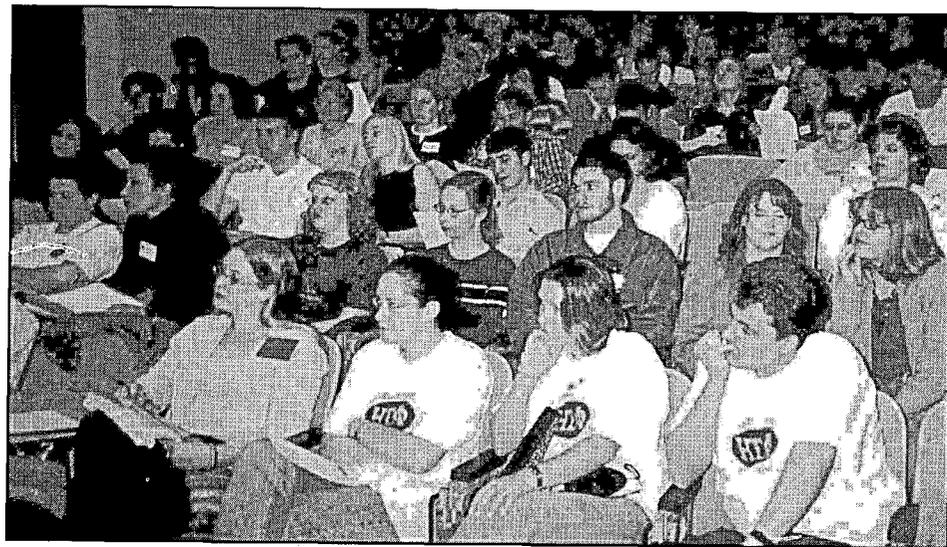
At the banquet the after-dinner program began with Benjamin Joffe singing excerpts of his Latin translation of Sgt. Pepper's *Lonely Hearts Club Band*. He also explained some of the Latin phrases he employed and the difficulty of translating some modern words into Latin. Garrett Fagan of the Department of Classics at Pennsylvania State University then gave an illustrated lecture on "How Clean Were the Romans." The presentation of awards followed. In addition to those

The four members who read papers before the delegates are Paul Slovin of Epsilon Iota (University of Florida), Zina Lewis of Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College), Cynthia Harmon of Beta Iota (Wake Forest University), and Tracy Jamison of Gamma Omega (Baylor University).



going to the winners of the *certamen*—a book prize provided by the ACL/NJCL National Latin Exam—and to the presenters of papers, the first award—a check for \$100—for the best project promoting the study of the Classics in the local community went to Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College. Barbara McDonald, secretary of Dickinson College’s Department of Classics, received special recognition for all of the work she had done to prepare for the convention.

At the Sunday morning business session, the delegates heard reports from the committees that had met the previous day. In addition to the Constitution Committee (see above), the Committee on New Chapters recommended, and the delegates voted approval, that chapters be established at the University of Rochester, Loyola University of Chicago, and



Delegates listen to the members’ papers

the University of California at Davis.

The Executive Secretary reported that 866 new members had been initiated in 1999, including 787 active members, twenty-seven associate members, and fifty-two honorary members. The total is 161 more than 1998’s 705 new members. He also reported that of the four new chapters approved by the 1999 convention, chapters had been installed at the Catholic University of America and the University of Dallas. However, Stanford University and St. Anselm College had not yet installed chapters. Megas Chryso-phylax Clay Kelsh circulated the 1999 report of the operating account, showing a balance on December 31 of 1999 of \$12,086.87 compared with a balance of \$6,938.13 at the end of the previous year. The Trustees voted to

transfer \$5,000 of the operating fund balance to the endowment for scholarships.

Honorary Trustee Brent M. Froberg presented the report on the endowment, which showed a value on December 31, 1999, of \$108,736.13.

Sister Thérèse Marie Daugherty, Chair of the Board of Trustees, announced that there will be a new prize of \$25 presented to the chapter that brings the best chapter attire to the convention, and that the prizes for the translation contests will be increased to \$75, \$50, and \$30 for first, second and third places, respectively, for the advanced contests, and to \$60, \$40, and \$25 for the intermediate contests. The notice of the contests will be sent out in January, with the tests to be administered in February in the hope of having the results in time for their announcement at the convention.

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Right: Saturday’s lunch was enlivened by a performance by “Gladiators” Jason Rosenstock (left) and David Krug.

Above: At the banquet, Gladiators Rosenstock and Krug are about to attack Honorary Trustee Brent M. Froberg as Mary Fitts looks on.



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At the Sunday morning business session, Megas Chrysophylax Clay Kelsh presents the financial report.



Below: Zina Lewis accepts the chapter prize on behalf of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College from Trustee Alden Smith.



Left, Benji Joffe of Gamma Delta (Yeshiva University) reads selections from his translation of songs from Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band at the banquet.



Right, Professor Garrett Fagan of Pennsylvania State University entertained diners with his illustrated talk on "How Clean Were the Romans?"

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Sister Thérèse and R. Leon Fitts were elected to new three-year terms on the Board of the Trustees, and Anne H. Groton of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College was elected to complete the remaining year of Margaret Musgrove's term.

Following presentations by representatives of chapters proposing to host the 73rd National Convention, the delegates voted to hold the 2001 convention in California at the invitation of Delta Sigma at the University of California, Irvine, which was represented at the convention by Anastasia Paveloff.

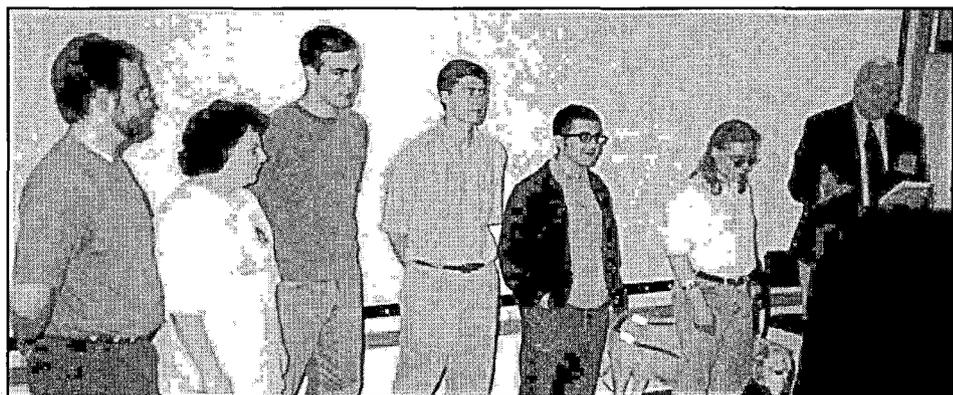
The Resolutions Committee then presented its report, which was accepted unanimously by the delegates.

The meeting concluded with the election and installation of officers for 2000-2001: Benjamin Joffe of Gamma Delta (Yeshiva University) was elected Megas Prytanis; Eric Adams of Zeta Iota (University of Georgia), Megas Hyparchos; Lois Carpenter of Beta Nu (Mary Washington College), Megas Grammateus; and Matthew C. Fryman of Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney College), Megas Chrysophylax.

Convention delegates represented Gamma (Ohio University), Alpha

Lambda (University of Oklahoma), Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney College), Beta Iota (Wake Forest University), Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame of Maryland), Beta Nu (Mary Washington College), Beta Upsilon (Marshall University), Beta Omega (Ball State University), Gamma Delta (Yeshiva University), Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College), Gamma Omega (Baylor University), Delta Theta (Dickinson College), Delta Sigma (University of California, Irvine), Epsilon Iota (University of Flor-

ida), Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), Epsilon Rho (College of Charleston), Epsilon Upsilon (University of New Hampshire), Zeta Beta (Temple University), Zeta Gamma (San Diego State University), Zeta Theta (Pennsylvania State University), Zeta Iota (University of Georgia), Eta Beta (Southern Illinois University), Eta Delta (Hillsdale College), Eta Zeta (Truman State University), Eta Iota (University of Arizona), and Eta Kappa (Catholic University of America).



The new national officers are sworn in by Executive Secretary C. Wayne Tucker (far right) as the outgoing officers look on: from left, Megas Chrysophylax Matt Fryman, Megas Grammateus Lois Carpenter, outgoing Megas Chrysophylax Kelsh, Megas Hyparchos Eric Adams, Megas Prytanis Benji Joffe, and outgoing Megas Prytanis Jason Morris.

Megas Grammateus Morgan's Take on the Convention

The 72nd Annual National Eta Sigma Phi Convention began on April 14, 2000, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, at Dickinson College. Delegates were welcomed by David Krug of the local chapter, Jason Morris—the most high National Megas Prytanis—and Apple, who delivered a brilliant lecture concerning “Doggy Naps in the Ancient World” with only her eyes and then proceeded to take a nap herself. [Editor's note: Apple is Megas Prytanis Morris's dog.]

Next came the *certamen*. The finals pitted last year's champions the University of Florida against the challengers from Penn State University. Nike proved characteristically fickle and awarded victory to the deserving Penn State/Yeshiva team. Shortly thereafter the Florida team retired upstairs to sign a suicide pact over next year's competition, whilst the Penn State team retired upstairs and got plowed. The evening ended with delegates consulting Bacchus over food and drink at the Market Cross Pub. Only after his 23rd O'Douls did Dr. Smith pitch face first into his plate of bangers. A good time was had by all.

Dawn greeted the delegates at a far-too-early 8:00 a. m., and with it came the chapter reports. Afterwards the delegates realized their chapters share much in common, including a love of all things Greek, most things Roman, and Monty Python's *Life of Brian*. We next heard from Dr. Fitts on contest winners, Dr. Smith on scholarship winners, and Clay Kelsh on the budget. Who cares? Nominations were accepted for next year's national officers, as well as host schools for next year's convention. The business session broke up into committee meetings, which met for all of fourteen seconds, yet yielded the complete and total decipherment of Linear A. We were that good . . . honest.

After the committee meetings, we were treated to the thirty-minute version of *Julius Caesar*. Shakespearean theater was subsequently set back fifty years because of it. The delegates returned to academia as we listened to the presentation of papers. Midway through Paul Slovin's “Identification of Infectious Diseases in Ancient Greece” the entire



The minutes of the 71st convention are read by Megas Grammateus Jason Morgan.

New Hampshire delegation wretched and eventually was medevaced from the convention. Fortuna was provident when she mercifully abducted Paul's favorite “Ebola up close and personal” slide. Lunch shortly followed.

With lunch came the gladiatorial combat. When the ref broke the marble slab over the retiarius's back WWF-style, I nearly soiled myself. Also many of our female delegates swooned over the murrillo. Gladiators get all the women.

Once the games ended, we hopped on the bus and headed to Gettysburg. Our plans were temporarily suspended due to some—and I quote—“yo-yo with a gun.” It was only later that we came to understand that the yo-yo in question was Eric

Adams of Georgia and the gun was in fact a 42-oz. Yard Dog from the above-mentioned Market Cross Pub. While at the field of Pickett's Charge, we learned of our worth in combat. Speaking from three years of experience in the enlisted ranks and three years of officer candidacy, I can say with absolute certainty that a half-dozen well-trained third-graders equipped with nothing but slingshots would decimate a fully armed company of classicists. Huzzah!

The evening brought with it the banquet. Things started swinging when the delegates realized the cash bar was not carding. For those of us who ordered the beef, Paul Slovin identified it as the primary vector for the Athenian plague. Post-infection, Benji Joffe of Yeshiva University presented and then sang excerpts of the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* in Latin. The delegation collectively laughed up their diaphragms. Paul was quick to point out the epidemiological similarities to his Ebola theory. Next came Dr. Fagan and his tour of ancient toilet humor as the waitress brought the evening's dessert. The banquet ended and the delegates retired “to rub themselves to get there quicker.”

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason “Captain” Morgan

Editor's note: Unfortunately, Morgan had to leave Sunday morning before the convention ended—whether suffering from the previous night's meal or off to train as a gladiator, we don't know.

College of Wooster's “Non-Stop Homer” Makes the News

On February 17 the Department of Classical Studies at the College of Wooster sponsored “Non-Stop Homer,” a marathon reading of the *Odyssey*. The reading, in fifteen-minute blocks and accompanied by the playing of a dulcimer when a lyre could not be found, involved faculty, staff, and students, including a number of members of Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. The reading made it into the *Wall Street Journal*, and Professor Rachel Hall Sternberg, the chapter's adviser, was interviewed about the reading on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*.

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band in Latin

Benjamin Joffe, who was elected *megas prytanis* at the national convention in April, translated songs from the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band as a requirement for his initiation into Gamma Delta Chapter at Yeshiva University. His effort resulted in an article in the *New York Times*, which was picked up by the Associated Press and published in newspapers across the country, and an interview on National Public Radio's *Weekend Edition*. Joffe sang some of his translations at the convention's banquet and agreed to the publication of the following in *Nuntius*.

Excerpts from Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds

Picture yourself in a boat on a river,
With tangerine trees and marmalade skies,
Somebody calls you, you answer quite slowly,
A girl with kaleidoscope eyes.
Cellophane flowers of yellow and green,
Towering over your head.
...
Lucy in the sky with diamonds,
Follow her down to a bridge by a fountain
Where rocking horse people eat marshmallow pies
...
Newspaper taxis appear on the shore,
Waiting to take you away.
...
Lucy in the sky with diamonds,
Picture yourself on a train in a station,
With plasticine porters with looking glass ties,
Suddenly someone is there at the turnstile,
The girl with the kaleidoscope eyes.



Depinge te in scapham in flumine,
Cum arboribus frugum Tingeris⁴
caelisque quae ex marmalade constitunt⁵
Aliquis te vocat, admodum lente resondes,
Puella cum oculis similibus pulchraformascopis.⁶
Flores perlucidi⁷ flavi viridesque,
Eminentes super tuo capite.
...
Lucia⁸ in caelo cum adamantibus,
Sequere eam deorsum ad pontem prope fonte
Ubi centauri vacillantes⁹ edunt crusta palusmalvarum¹⁰
...
Vehicula se propulsa quae vectores ad
vecturam ferunt et quae ex actis diurna
consistunt¹¹ in litore apparent,
Exspectantia te auferre.
...
Lucia in caelo cum adamantibus,
Depinge te in vehiculo se propulso quod
in longuriis currit¹² in statione,
Cum baiulis qui ex vicario ad ceram
consistunt¹³ cum redimiculo ad collum
quae imagines repercutit,¹⁴
Subito aliquis adest in palo ad aditum,¹⁵
Puella cum oculis similibus pulchraformascopis.

4 frux Tingeris, tangerine (*lit.* the fruit of Tangier)

5 cum . . . caelis . . . quae ex marmalade constitunt, with marmalade skies (*lit.* and skies which are made from marmalade); marmalade, -is, n., marmalade

6 cum oculis similibus pulchraformascopis, with kaleidoscope eyes (*lit.* with eyes similar to kaleidoscopes); pulchraformascopus, -i, m., kaleidoscope

7 perlucidus, -a, -um, here = cellophane (*lit.* translucent)

8 Lucia, -ae, Lucy

9 centauri vacillantes, rocking horse people (*lit.* tottering centaurs)

10 palusmalva, -ae, marshmallow (palus + malva)

11 vehicula se propulsa quae vectores ad vecturam ferunt et quae ex actis diurna consistunt, newspaper taxis (*lit.* self-propelled vehicles which carry passengers for a fare and which are made from newspapers)

12 in vehiculo se propulso quod in longuriis currit, on a train (*lit.* on a self-propelled vehicle which runs on rails)

13 cum baiulis qui ex vicario ad ceram consistunt, with plasticine porters (*lit.* with porters who are made of a substitute for wax)

14 cum redimiculo ad collum quae imagines repercutit, with looking glass ties (*lit.* with a band for the neck which reflects images)

15 palus ad aditumturnstile (*lit.* post for entrance)

Excerpts from
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

It was twenty years ago today,
Sgt. Pepper taught the band to play
They've been going in and out of style
But they're guaranteed to raise a smile.
So may I introduce to you
The act you've known for all these years,
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

...
I don't really want to stop the show,
But I thought that you might like to know,
That the singer's going to sing a song,
And he wants you all to sing along.
So let me introduce to you
The one and only Billy Shears
And Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club
Band.

Erat abhinc viginti annis hodie,
Centurio Piper¹ catervam canere docebat
In morem et de more ierunt
Sed risum tollere spondent.
Liceatne igitur mihi vobis igitur introducere
Actum quem omnes hos annos recognovistis,
Centurionis Piperis Caterva Sodalitatis
Animorum Solitiorum.²

...
Spectaculum sistere vere nolo,
Sed vos scire fortasse velle,
Cantorem cantum cantaturum esse,
Et vult vos omnes unis cantare.
Igitur vobis introducam
Unum solumque Gulielmum Forfices³
Et Centurionis Piperis Caterva Sodalitatis
Animorum Solitiorum.

1 Centurio Piper, Sergeant Pepper (cp. n. 2)
2 Centurionis Piperis Caterva Sodalitatis Animorum
Solitiorum, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
3 Gulielmus Forfices, Billy Shears

Excerpts from
A Day in the Life

I read the news today oh boy
About a lucky man who made the grade
And though the news was rather sad
Well I just had to laugh
I saw the photograph.
He blew his mind out in a car
He didn't notice that the lights had changed

...
I'd love to turn you on
Woke up, fell out of bed,
Dragged a comb across my head
Found my way downstairs and drank a cup,
And looking up I noticed I was late.
Found my coat and grabbed my hat
Made the bus in seconds flat
Found my way upstairs and had a smoke,
Somebody spoke and I went into a dream

...
I'd love to turn you on

Nuntium hodie legi hercule¹⁶
De fortunato qui floruit
Et quamvis nuntium tristius erat
Age mihi modo ridendum erat
Picturam videbam.
Mentem in vehiculo se propulso¹⁷ exstinguebat
Non animadvertit luces commutatas esse
...
Te excitare amem
Experrectus sum, ab lecto excidi,
Pectinem traxi trans meum caput
Meam viam de scalis inveni et poculum bibi,
Suspiciensque, animadverti me serum esse.
Meum pallium inveni meum petasum adripuique
Vehiculum publicum se propulsum ad multi homines¹⁸ exacte in
punctis temporis comprehendi
Meam viam sursum scalis inveni et tabacum volvutum fumavi,¹⁹
Aliquis locutus est et in somniare coepi

...
Te excitare amem

16 here = oh boy
17 vehiculum se propulsum, car (lit. self-propelled vehicle)
18 vehiculum publicum se propulsum ad multi homines, bus (lit. self-propelled public
vehicle for many people)
19 tabacum volvutum fumavi, had a smoke (lit. I smoked rolled tobacco); tabacum, -i,
tobacco (L.L.)

Res Gestae

The following are chapter reports either given at the convention or sent to the national office.

Gamma (Ohio University): The Gamma Chapter has had a pretty busy year. This Fall Quarter, we hosted Christopher Faraoone of the University of Chicago who gave a fascinating talk on witchcraft in Athenian courts. Winter Quarter, we hosted Brian Rose of the University of Cincinnati, who updated us with his talk on recent excavations at Troy. This quarter, we were pleased to welcome John Hale, who enlightened us concerning recent geological discoveries at Delphi that gave new credence to the writings of Plutarch and others. We look forward to hosting Martin Helzle, who will be giving a presentation on Aeneas, coming up in May, in conjunction with Ohio University's Ludi Saeculares theme to what is becoming our annual Panathenaea. Last year, we read one book of the *Iliad* each hour for twenty-four consecutive hours. This year, we are doing the same with Virgil's *Aeneid* (though, obviously, it will be only twelve consecutive hours). This event, in its second year, is sponsored in part by the OU Department of Classics, the Department of Comparative Arts, and the Gamma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. We have been working hard this year, having only two initiated members, but gathering a small number of devoted and helpful followers, who were initiated 7 April, bringing our active membership up to ten. We have also been sponsoring weekly happy hours at a local cantina, where students and faculty have a chance to interact in a more social atmosphere. Welcome to our new members! And thanks to our faculty, who have been a tremendous help in making it all possible.

Alpha Lambda (Alpha Lambda): This year Melanie Rich became the faculty advisor of the University of Oklahoma Eta Sigma Phi Alpha Lambda Chapter. Her first objectives as faculty advisor were to increase the number of new initiates and encourage the participation of current members. In March, 24 new members were initiated, the largest number of inductees in the history of our chapter.

Through the diligent work of our officers, the Eta Sigma Phi Alpha Lambda

Chapter co-sponsored with the Archaeological Institute of America and the University of Oklahoma Classics Society lectures by Dr. Peter Ian Kuniholm from Cornell University, Dr. Alan Simmons from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Dr. Richard De Puma from the University of Iowa, several lectures by University of Oklahoma professors, and a tour of our own multi-million dollar History of Science and Rare Book Collection.

It is the goal of our current officers to continue to promote the scholarship, growth and participation in the Alpha Lambda Chapter. We are excited about the speakers and activities we have already begun planning for the next academic school year.

We are grateful for the chance to work with such a prestigious organization and the wonderful officers and members of our chapter. We are all looking ahead to the successes we plan for next year.

Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney College):

At the beginning of this semester, the College held a major symposium on "Immortal Troy: Enduring Legacy in Western Culture," which involved a six-week course with lectures by both College and outside scholars, including Brian Rose, the head of the Greek and Roman excavations at Troy, and discussion session after the lectures; and a three-day symposium with a series of afternoon and evening presentations, also by inside and outside scholars.

Beta Theta held an initiation ceremony on February 16 for five new members. We also initiated an alumnus, R. Maxwell Meador of the Class of 1958, who has taught Latin at Virginia Episcopal School since his graduation from the College.

The Leila B. Thompson Eta Sigma Phi Latin Prize was awarded on April 22 to our current president, Matthew Fryman. The prize is named for the wife of our former adviser, Dr. Graves H. Thompson, and the endowment was raised through a solicitation of alumni of our chapter and from other friends and colleagues of the Thompsons. Our initiations formerly were held at the Thompsons' home, and Mrs. Thompson, who is an honorary member of our chapter, provided the refreshments after our initiations.

Finally, Beta Theta Chapter wishes to make a contribution to the endowment fund for Scholarships.

Beta Iota (Wake Forest University): October 20, 1999: Fall Meeting. February 22, 2000: Spring Meeting. April 12, 2000: End of the Year Banquet and Induction of new members. Dr. Carol Zerner spoke at the banquet on her excavations at Lerna. April 13 and 14, 2000: Institute for Literature here at Wake Forest. Dr. Elaine Fantham spoke on "The Deviant Women in the *Aeneid*" and on "Women's Rites and Rights."

Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame of Maryland): This year we have made large strides in advancing the awareness of classics at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. In the fall we held an induction of four new members. On October 12, 1999, members of our chapter attended a lecture of the Smithsonian Associates in Washington, D.C., given by Wilhelmina Jashemski entitled "A Pompeian Herbal: Ancient and Modern Medicinal Plants. We also attended two of the AIA lectures at Johns Hopkins: "The Royal Hunt of Alexander the Great: by Professor Olga Palagia and "Amarna: the City of Akhenaten" by Dr. Rita Freed.

We held our annual Roman Raffle in the fall. We held our Saturnalia on December 11, singing Christmas carols in Latin and sampling authentic Roman dishes. This spring we started off the semester with our annual Maryland Classics Raffle. To accompany this our chapter hosted a dinner and lecture by Gladys Callahan Vocci, entitled "The Greek Isles: Crete and Santorini." We plan to hold an induction of one new member and pledging of four on May 5, 2000, following a tour of the Walters Art Gallery's special exhibit "Gold of the Nomads: Scythian Treasures from Ancient Ukraine." Three members of our chapter have joined the Senior Classical League.

Our annual Latin Day for middle and high school students was held in conjunction with the Maryland Junior Classical League's Annual Convention on our campus. In addition to all of our special events, we continue our ever-present

fundraiser of selling bagels to our Weekend College students. This has proven to be an obligation and service to the weekend students rather than just an occasion for improving our chapter finances. It enables us to contribute both to our Sister Gratia Ennis scholarship for classics at CND and to the Cumae Scholarship offered through the National Office.

Beta Nu (Mary Washington College): The 1999-2000 school year has been very busy for the Beta Nu chapter of Mary Washington College. We are especially pleased with the new web pages for our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and the MWC Classics Club, built by our *grammateus*, Lois Carpenter. We participated in Classics Club events, such as Latin Scrabble and readings in English literature inspired by classical authors. At this we read aloud poetry by such authors as Carl Sandburg, Sylvia Plath, Robert Graves, Tennyson, and even an article from *Motorcycle Magazine*.

In the fall and later this spring, members of Beta Nu chapter volunteered to serve as judges at a *certamen* for high school students organized by MWC Classics faculty and the Fredericksburg Area Latin Teachers Association.

We also sponsored several lectures. In the fall Roxanne Gilmore, first lady of Virginia and professor of Classics at Randolph-Macon College, spoke on "Thomas Jefferson, Versailles, and Classical Imagery," and Rudolph P. Hock, of Howard University, spoke on "The Slave Metaphor in Greek and Roman Historiography." In the spring Gregory N. Daugherty, chair of Classics at Randolph-Macon College, spoke on "Fires and Firemen in Nero's Rome" for our annual lecture in honor of new Eta Sigma Phi members.

This spring our number of initiates jumped from 8 to 20. The twelve new members are: Jennifer Adelsperger, Anna Blackwell, Sarah Boone, Maren De Groot, Terry Edwards, Laura Hamilton, Michael Hyatt, Aaron Kook, Janine Kutty, Christy Manspile, Vickie Ogden, and Cristabel Opp. The initiation ceremony was held on March 17th and was followed by a pizza social.

Later this spring we plan to help with the annual birthday party for Rome held

by the Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, and to organize a Roman banquet in conjunction with the Roman history class. This weekend is particularly exciting, not only because our *grammateus* and *prytanis* are attending the Eta Sigma Phi convention, but also because other members of Beta Nu chapter are volunteering at the spring conference of the Classical Association of Virginia being held at Mary Washington College.

Beta Pi (University of Arkansas): This year the Beta Pi chapter has been busy sponsoring activities to further the classical enlightenment of our 23 active members and 11 recently initiated members. To start off the year, a celebration of the Eleusinian Mysteries was hosted on September 18 by our vice-president Mikhelle Taylor. In addition to the pantomime artistically provided by Matthew Harrington of the Daphne and Apollo episode (as in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*), the members suffered the *aischrologia* on the journey to the unveiling of the mystery, about which all in attendance have been sworn to reveal nothing. A fall campout was attended November 6, during which members enjoyed viewing the stars and experiencing a reading of the *Iliad* in Greek. A play reading of a modern version of *Lysistrata*, complete with all the bawdy jokes of Aristophanes, was held on November 20 with the hospitality of Josh Garvin. The fall semester closed with the Saturnalia, hosted by Dr. David Fredrick, which featured, in addition to the traditional opening of Saturnalia gifts, the recitation of poetry of Propertius and of passages of the *Metamorphoses*, in addition to elegiac poetry composed by students.

The spring semester featured the third annual celebration of the Lupercalia on February 12, graciously hosted by Dr. Daniel Levine. *Spartacus* was viewed and later in the year Fellini's *Roma* was enjoyed in conjunction with an Italian-themed dinner. A spring campout was endured in below freezing temperatures on April 8 where the fable of the Tres Porcelli was told, in addition to the stargazing and camaraderie that always accompany our campouts.

In the near future, our chapter will host the renowned Stanley Lombardo for

Eta Sigma Phi Medals

Eta Sigma Phi medals awarded to honor students in secondary-school Latin classes help to promote the study of Latin in high school and give Eta Sigma Phi an excellent contact with high school students of the Classics. Chapters can use them as prizes for contests or as a way to recognize achievement.

In addition, chapters can award the medals to outstanding students of the Classics at their home institutions.

Two silver medals are available: the large medal (1 1/2 inches) at \$24.75 and the small (3/4 inch) at \$10.25. A bronze medal (3/4 inch) is available at \$6.50. The various medals can be awarded to students at various levels of their study.

Medals may be ordered from Dr. Brent M. Froberg, 24 N. Yale, Vermillion, SD 57069-2719. Please add \$1.00 per order to cover the costs of postage and handling. Checks should be made payable to **Eta Sigma Phi Medal Fund** and should accompany the order.

a series of lectures on April 26 and 27. Finally the year will end with a banquet and party, during which original compositions in the style of Tacitus will be performed by Latin students.

Beta Upsilon (Marshall University): The past year has been fairly uneventful for the Beta Upsilon Chapter. Last spring we inducted three members into our organization and have a possibility of inducting eight new members this year and one associate member. The induction ceremony is planned for April 26, 2000. However, with increased membership and the return of our professors from their sabbaticals, we look forward to planning more activities within the next year.

Beta Omega (Ball State University): Beta Omega Chapter at Ball State University

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has participated in a number of events during the past school year. During the fall semester of 1999, the members of the chapter began a tutoring program designed to aid students in beginning level Greek and Latin courses. In addition, the chapter decided to add a bit of variety to our annual "Ides of March" party by involving students from the Latin club at Muncie South Side High School. The party, featuring authentic Roman food and games such as "Pin the Dagger on Caesar," was great fun for both the members and the students at the school.

Gamma Delta (Yeshiva University): For a chapter with three members, two majors, and one professor, Eta Sigma Phi's Gamma Delta has had quite a year. Allow me to speak in terms of what seem like hyperbolic accounts and comparisons:

Dr. Louis Feldman, as sole professor of Classical languages at Yeshiva University, taught more courses this past year—twelve in all!—than any other instructor in the undergraduate programs. Curiously, and perhaps in the realm of counterintuition, Dr. Feldman also has the fewest students—ten is the combined total for all Greek and Latin courses—as well.

"I get two different kinds of students in my classes," explains Dr. Feldman. "Extremely bright and crazy."

With the workload of a Dr. Feldman course, most students of Classics at Yeshiva need a little of both.

As for the students themselves, diversity is a key word, even in this small group. Our newest student of Greek, Joe Socher, comes to us as a transfer student from UCLA. Two graduating seniors, Jake Solomon (current Eta Sigma Phi member and chapter Vice President) and Pinchas Grossman, are on their way to graduate programs in Math, but only after having taken tours of duty through a year and a half of Latin and a year of Greek, respectively. Akiva Herzfeld, one of the two majors (and veteran E.S.P. member, former President and current Treasurer and Secretary), is also a living fencing legend at Yeshiva College, and, as Dr. Feldman has verified, one of the only star athletes at Yeshiva ever to endure the rigors of Latin and Greek under the current regime.

Considering that Dr. Feldman is in his

forty-fifth year of teaching, that's quite an accomplishment!

Finally, Gamma Delta members and their advisor, Dr. Feldman, have the distinction of being a part of the most popular group of academics on campus as well; that is, if you keep score of popularity by counting feature articles in Yeshiva University's official Public Relations newspaper, *Yeshiva Today*. Most recently, Akiva appeared in a lengthy piece showcasing his many fencing accolades. Before that, Dr. Feldman appeared in the March issue in an in-depth professor profile. And last fall, the author of this report, the other Classics major, enjoyed the limelight of Public Relations attention for his translation of the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* into Latin, an act which gained him admission into Eta Sigma Phi (and the presidency of the Gamma Delta chapter).

Thank you, Eta Sigma Phi. We look forward to next year!

Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College): We are the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Monmouth College in Illinois. There are six delegates here today representing our chapter. We started the year off with the Fox Lecture series with guest speaker Professor Alden Smith of Baylor University. Then, we had Professor Paula Saffire perform the Songs of Sappho. In the spring, we initiated nine new members and held a pizza party after the ceremony. Then, we performed *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* in Latin at both the Monmouth High School and at the Illinois Junior Classical Convention in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Also, we charted the state Senior Classical League and we have two members who are the president and vice-president of ISCL. In March, Professor Bernard Barccio performed as the Pompeiian Citizen at Monmouth College. In April, our advisor, Dr. Sienkewicz, held a Roman Mystery Banquet for our members in his home. Six Monmouth College Latin students took the National Latin Exam. Two received silver medals, and one a letter of commendation. Finally, we held two fundraisers in order to pay for the trip to the National Convention.

Gamma Omega (Baylor University): In the fall, after Tracy returned from the

American School in Athens and the return of the patent Baylor in Italy trip, our chapter needed some breathing room. Aside from bimonthly meetings a fall initiation (five initiates), a few speakers (Lowell Edmunds, Rutgers), and our typical Movie Fridays, we tried to get together for dinner every month or so and, in November, we participated in the Heart Walk for the American Heart Association. We also had our annual Christmas party at Professor Nordling's home. January brought a few new activities including the Build-a-Basket project in which we gathered and donated household items to local needy families. The highlight of our year was the weekend of 18 January when Aquila, a London-based theatre company toured through, believe it or not, Waco, Texas. They performed on Saturday night *Oedipus Tyrannos*, Sunday afternoon *King Lear*, and Monday morning, Book I of the *Iliad*. We continued the Movie Fridays as well as the lecture series which included Dennis Finney, Philip Lockhart, Richard Seaford, David Kovacs, and David Larmour. Our organization initiated another ten *nepioi* in the Spring, as well, and created a web page. Lastly, out of ten graduating seniors, the classics department completed five theses: Marcus Foster, "The Study of *Logos* in the Gospel of John"; Rachel Hanna, "From *Securitas* to *Saucia Cura*: Lucretian Echoes in Virgil's *Aeneid*"; Leslie Hutton, "More than He Said, She Said: Sexual Identity and the Rite of Passage in *Catullus* 63"; Tracy Jamison, "Staging a Tragicomedy: Euripides' *Bacchae*"; Everette Robertson, "Relationship between Samos and Athens."

Delta Theta (Dickinson College): The Delta Theta Chapter at Dickinson College has kept a busy year as they tried to prepare for the convention. Some highlights for the year were the induction of some six new members, and the end of the semester viewing of the Monty Python classics, "The Life of Brian, A True Education in Latin Grammar," and "The Search for the Holy Grail." Various speakers have come to the campus, some of the bigger names being Karl Galinsky from University of Austin and the world renowned Mr. Fagen, "Roman Baths," himself.

Teaming up with the theatre department has become a commonplace thing. This shows in the fact that the *Medea* comes to campus on the 18th and in the gladiatorial display, choreographed by Jason Rosenstock and costumed by Kevin McCombs.

Delta Sigma (University of California at Irvine): Activities for 1999-2000—Welcome Week at UCI: This was the first week of the fall quarter, September 1999. We provided an information table regarding our chapter. We built a mini, tabletop “parthenon” to display proudly for this event and in the Classics department permanently.

Video Nights: Once per quarter our chapter sponsors a video night. Fall: *The Life of Brian*. Winter: *The Clash of the Titans*. Spring: *Gladiator*, a new film by Ridley Scott, coming out May 5, 2000.

Tutoring Sessions: Every morning and every Tuesday night, the Eta Sigma Phi officers and various graduate students are available to help students with Latin and Greek. We have been largely successful with this service and it has helped raise the Latin and Greek grades of many individuals.

T-shirt Sales: We offered two designs this year—one Greek and one Roman. This was our main fundraiser for this school year.

Potlucks: Once per quarter we have a potluck to which every student taking a Classics-related course is invited, including graduate students and professors. This spring quarter we will have a night-out at a Greek restaurant for dinner instead of a potluck.

Symposium: We have invited other Classics departments in the area to send a student who will present a paper at our Symposium May 20, 2000. This is our second annual Symposium after a very successful event last year. This is a daylong event that fosters undergraduate interest in research, allowing undergraduates a rare chance to discuss their ideas with their peers.

Spring Initiation: We will initiate our new recruits for this school year by an event at the department chair’s home. Seven or eight individuals.

Trip to the Getty: In February 2000 we

visited the Getty and received a tour of the antiquities exhibit from two curators of the exhibit.

Wayzgoose: UCI has a sort of “renaissance pleasure fair” every spring quarter that allows clubs to construct booths, games, and to fundraise. It is a large campus-wide event and thousands of people may attend.

Graduation Send-off: We will have one last “hoorah” for individuals who will graduate June 2000 by a potluck to which most every professor and graduate student comes.

Epsilon Iota (University of Florida): New member inductions in September 1999 and January 2000.

Throughout the year, we have highlighted study abroad programs to Greece and Italy, sharing scholarship, financial aid, and planning information and handouts at almost every meeting. We also incorporated guest speakers.

Guest speakers: Mike Zimmerman, a graduate student and teaching assistant, spoke about opportunities for archaeological digs for undergraduates. Dr. Martin McKellar, overseas studies services program assistant, spoke about paperwork and different programs. Dr. Hartigan and Dr. Paden, professors of classics and language, spoke about the summer programs they each teach at in Greece and Italy and gave colorful slide shows.

Field trips and events: Members assisted with promoting and videotaping annual Gainesville Women’s Club Greek Dance. Members attended exhibit at the Harn Museum of the Karnoff Collection, Etruscan and South Italian vases. Career workshop—new this year—worked with the University’s Career Resource Center for presentation on job opportunities for classics majors besides teaching. Résumé Workshop—new this year—enhance your résumé with your knowledge of the ancient world and travel experiences. Hosted luncheon for prospective professor in the department (who will be joining the Classics Department in the fall) to meet undergraduates. Druscilla Appreciation Week—tradition of honoring the department’s secretary-goddess; Planned trip to Nationals!

Technology: Extensive use of e-mail

lists effectively reach all members, new and old, with meeting reminders, forwards from the department, announcements and updates. Enhanced web page gives up-to-date information on the schedule, the officers’ contact information, links and photographs. We bought a digital camera and scanners to keep the web page bright with recent photos.

Social: Halloween Toga Party (preceded by a special toga-tying lesson); Saturnalia, complete with pagan rituals; Upcoming: Spring BBQ at Lake Wauberg.

Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts at Amherst): 1990-2000 marks the second year of a resurgence for Epsilon Omicron, here at UMass Amherst.

We began the fall semester with our annual two-day used book sale, this one’s profits soaring beyond all expectation to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$600. For this large sum we have to thank an immense supply of extraordinarily high-quality books (mostly from private donations), as well as a great crew of enthusiastic members. Most of the money will be used to subsidize our initiation banquet, and perhaps to purchase a few good commentaries or other books to augment the library’s collection, based on next semester’s classes.

The sale was followed by a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, whose awesome collection of vases is rivaled on the east coast perhaps only by the Met in New York. We spent a great morning there, followed by a trip to Cambridge (L. *Cantabrigia*, -æ) where we bought Loeb’s aplenty at the Harvard University Press bookstore and Schoenhof’s Foreign Books. In a few days’ time, we were watching the Star Trek episode “Bread

Quid Novi

Send information on your chapter’s activities to the Executive Secretary by September 15, 2000, for inclusion in the fall *Nuntius*. Please include pictures if you have them, and be sure to identify the people in the photographs.

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and Circus” as a pre-finals, post-museum diversion.

Spring has been quieter, but no less fun; we recently stopped at the remarkably well-stocked Worcester Art Museum (great mosaics). After the tour Professor Kitchell and about half of us went to an old college haunt of his for lunch, while the less courageous of us enjoyed the fine fare of Tatnuck, an independent book-seller-restaurant—a rival easily worthy to surpass any lackey-laden Barnes & Noble.

We’re still looking forward to our annual initiation and banquet, and perhaps a departmental BBQ if we all aren’t too daunted by finals. Next year is sure to bring new fun and challenges, as well as new officers, and we look forward to them all.

Epsilon Rho (College of Charleston): During the academic year '99-00, the Epsilon Rho Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was involved in various activities. Initiations were held in early October inducting four new members. A banquet was held on October 14 for classics majors. This banquet had prominent South Carolina education administrators in attendance including the Director of Social Sciences for the district and local Latin teachers. A luncheon was held with Barbara Fripp the Director of the Gifted and Talented Program in Florence, South Carolina. Eta Sigma Phi sponsored this luncheon to inform our classics majors about the experimental Latin program developing in Florence. Two teachers from the program came to talk to our students about their experiences teaching Latin to elementary students. The approach used in this program is a communicative approach with a focus on English derivatives. Our chapter also hosted receptions following lectures given by prominent classicists. The two lectures were “Knife Wielding Women of the Bacchanalia” by Dr. Lillian Joyce from the University of Alabama and “Walls and Writing at Ancient Pompeii” by James L. Franklin, Jr. from Indiana University. Eta Sigma Phi members also volunteered for the Junior Classical League’s State Forum. Recently on April 8, 2000, Eta Sigma Phi and the College of Charleston hosted the Regional Latin Forum consisting of events

in certamen, arts, and sports. Eta Sigma Phi members were also involved in teaching Latin to local elementary students. Three members taught for eight weeks in area elementary schools using communicative approach with a strong emphasis on derivatives. Most of the students taught were in remedial classes and the program was used to increase their test scores. Three of our graduating seniors are planning on being local schoolteachers. One student already has a job and the others are pending employment. Our upcoming event is a celebration of Rome’s birthday and the graduation of our seniors. This celebration will consist of readings of Virgil and Catullus and lectures about the birth of Rome and linguistics. This event is scheduled for April 20.

Epsilon Upsilon (University of New Hampshire): The 1999-2000 season proved to be a banner year for the Epsilon Upsilon Chapter. An active schedule of events has made for not only a productive year, but also one in which our members became an increasingly tight-knit group of friends who love keeping the Classics alive here at UNH.

Our monthly movie series has been quite successful, with titles such as *Cleopatra*, *Equus*, featuring Richard Burton, and *Julius Caesar* (with Marlon Brando playing Marc Antony), to name a few. This has been a good chance for most of us to relax and spend time together on a regular basis.

Other events also included in our calendar were a book sale and a bake sale, both with proceeds directly benefitting the chapter (December and April), induction of five new members (December), attendance of a live stage performance of *The Iliad* at the Portsmouth (NH) Music Hall (November), and an exciting bus trip down to Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts on March 7th of this year.

Last October distinguished Yale professor Dr. Bernard Knox delivered a lecture at UNH entitled “Always To Be the Best: the Competitive Spirit in Ancient Greece.” Also slated here for May 3rd of this year is a lecture of the esteemed Brunilde Ridgway, rounding out the second of two this school year in UNH’s own John C. Rouman Classical Lecture Series.

Zeta Gamma (San Diego State University): Priore vere sex induximus mystas, ex quibus duo erant honorarii. Iosephiculus Scarafone pryтанis et Antonius Stagliano hyparchos et Annika Farber grammatisa (siquam licet vocari) et Daniela Huebner chrysophylax magistratus facti apud nos permanent usque ad hoc ver. Alii autem alumni non pauci nobis assistere pergunt, et quinque novissimos a. d. IV Kal. Mai. rite inducendos accipiemus. Maxime nobis dolet multos annos peractos postquam magnum ad conventum delegatos misimus, sed nobis indulgeatis, quaesumus, quod itinera longa fuerunt atque pecunia parva. Hoc autem tempore (ut ante) res nobis parant Amici Classici, societas alumnorum universitatis ac civium urbis apricae nostrae, quibus gratias agimus maximas.

Praesertim nobis placet tandem quidem cunctam contionem sublaturam esse illum de nomine propositum, quem delegati Sanctididicani ante novem annos protulerunt, et nunc expectamus ut desiderium nostrum compleatur.

Ferimus etiam salutem ab Archonte Basileo E. Nicolao Genuensi, qui omnia Latina Graecaque in oris collibusque Pacificis esse bona profitetur, ac cui ipsi et Iosepho Fabro docto opem tulimus nosmet ad situm Araneum Classicorum et Humanitatum construendum (<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/clasxhum/cl-hu.html>). Nos uti valeamus omnes.

Zeta Theta (Pennsylvania State University): This year, after electing four new officers newly returned from a semester in Athens, our chapter has mostly been involved in planning small scale activities designed to generate more awareness about Eta Sigma Phi among students at Penn State who are, or may become, interested in Classical Studies. Fall semester saw a trip for both members and students enrolled in Classics courses to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City for a tour of both the Greek and Egyptian exhibits, led by Penn State Professors Donald Redford and Wilma Stern. This semester, we planned weekly dinner study halls for students in Latin and Greek classes to work together and get to know each other (though low turn-

out resulted in just a few meetings), and also possible movie nights for the showing of movies with Classical themes. Our officers have also all been preparing for graduation in May, and we have been recruiting replacements from an increasing amount of intelligent Classical language students at Penn State.

Zeta Iota (University of Georgia): Sing unto me muse, the labors of Zeta Iota and the toils of its members, who increased their numbers by twelve this year. Many an activity fell to the undertaking of our group, raising the frequency of meetings and including a host of activities.

Far though it may be, we followed the road to the Carlos Museum in Atlanta, viewing the ancient monuments of the past, lest they become forgotten by the ages of man. Particularly of interest were the mummies on exhibit which were recent acquisitions for the museum.

Also, we held a sale of books donated by the late history professor, Linda Piper. Proceeds benefited not only Zeta Iota, but they also went toward a study abroad scholarship in the donor's honor.

Most recently, we ventured even farther to the north, to the city of Nashville, Tennessee, home of the maiden in the form of a Parthenon replica. Much revelry did commence among the travelers, and the sight of the maiden did cause all to rejoice.

We hope to continue to grow in numbers and in friendship, meeting even more often for Zeta Iota dinners, movies, and even the occasional chapter certamen. As always, we search for even more ideas that our classics community may grow together.

Eta Beta (Southern Illinois University at Carbondale): Our chapter is lodged in a Classics program that is thriving—over 30 majors at this point, and most of them in Eta Sigma Phi! We continue to be dramatic, sponsoring a performance of Seneca's *Trojan Women* last fall, with the new Dean of the College of Liberal Arts in the cardinal role of Andromache, and a supporting cast of Eta Sigma Phi members and others. We couldn't get the playwright himself, so we did the next best thing, and invited the translator of the play, Fred Ahl, to come to our campus and

take the sinister role of Ulysses. Profits from our sales of Eta Beta T-shirts and our first annual bake sale made it possible to bring Professor Ahl to SIUC, where he gave a public lecture on why tragedy is funny. His visit was co-sponsored by the SIUC Honors Program. The major event this spring is a guided tour of the (Nashville) Parthenon, taken as a day-trip on Easter Saturday. Last fall, we started a "Classics Study Hall" on Thursday afternoons, which continued into the spring and has inspired similar efforts by other departments and even by the College itself. Stand back, world—we're on the threshold of our fourth year!

Eta Gamma (Loyola University of New Orleans): The Eta Gamma Chapter at Loyola University New Orleans has had an event-filled year.

Throughout the year, our chapter has held monthly meetings and several movie and pizza nights for members. Movies viewed include *Ulee's Gold* and *The Odyssey* among others.

Keeping with our annual tradition, once again our chapter celebrated Halloween in the "classical" tradition at Prof. McClain's home. This year the decorations simulated the "myth of metals."

On October 23, 1999, the Eta Gamma Chapter brought the Aquila Theatre Company from London/New York to perform Homer's *Iliad*: Book I. We were able to host the performance free of charge with financial support from our SGA, \$3000, a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts via the Southern Arts Federation, \$3000, support from the Provost and the Honors Program of Loyola, and Tulane's classics department. It was a huge success with 482 in attendance!

This year we held initiation in February and inducted ten new members and two honorary members. This induction was important for our chapter because this year we had a real live olive branch straight from Delphi!

Also this semester, on March 22, 2000, Mr. Wade Heaton performed "The Toga: It's not just clothing, it's a concept." Mr. Heaton introduced us to the functionality and cultural importance of the toga. This was made possible with financial support from our SGA, \$200.

Eta Sigma Phi Web Page

The web page of the national office can be found at:

<http://people.hsc.edu/organizations/etasigmaphi/home.html>

On the page will be found various information on Eta Sigma Phi, as well as links to the pages of local chapters. If your chapter has a web page, please send the address to the Executive Secretary so that it can be added to the national page.

Over the past year, we have been taking a more active role in our campus community. We now have an office in our school's student organization office. Furthermore, we recently participated in Loyola's Open House in the Department and Student Organization Fair.

We will conclude this year with our annual "Lar-B-Q" at Prof. McClain's home.

In recognition of members who have received special awards: our Hyparchos, Brent Hernandez (classics major, secondary ed. minor), received the Louisiana Classical Association Scholarship and was also just awarded a Manson A. Stewart Scholarship by CAMWS, the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Ashley Gibb (classics and psychology double major) will be attending Keele University in London in the Spring. One of our prytaneis, Katherine Connelly (classics and psychology double major), will attend graduate school in psychology at the University of Virginia. The other prytanis, Catherine Putonti (computer major, classics minor, has been offered a job in computer programming in New Orleans. Jentel Ougrah (classics major, biology minor) will enter the School of Dentistry at Temple University. Faye Felterman (English and philosophy double major) will begin graduate work in English at Tulane University. Liz Cummins (classics and English double major) has completed the Museum Certification Program at Tufts University and will be entering graduate work in Art History in the

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Fall. Mary Anne Franks (English and philosophy double major, classics minor) continues her studies at Oxford on a Rhodes Fellowship.

The Eta Gamma Chapter presently includes 44 active members.

Eta Delta (Hillsdale College): In September we initiated twenty new members in our Fall Induction ceremony. We celebrated this event with an all-chapter cookout two weeks later. In November, in conjunction with Phi Alpha Theta, the national History honorary, we hosted a luncheon with guest speaker, Victor Davis Hanson from Cal-State Fresno, who came to speak on the agrarian roots of Greece in the Western Tradition. Later in the month, we braved the cold to go out stargazing, again in conjunction with the History honorary. Throughout the year, on alternating weeks we convened for Greek and Latin reading group, in which we read selections from Hesiod's *Works and Days*, and Cicero's *Pro Cluentio*. Our final event of 1999 was a bit of a disappointment, as we had put the Darlene Berning Memorial Team Bowling trophy on the line in a challenge of the Literary honorary in a bowling match. Unfortunately, the other honorary failed to show. Still eager for some friendly competition, we had an intramural scrimmage between the Hellenists and Latinists, in which the Greeks, avenging the battles of Cynoscephalae and Pydna, roundly defeated the Romans.

With the beginning of the new year we began to think of fundraising, which has focused on three projects: the sale of chocolate truffles for Valentine's Day and Easter, the sale of T-shirts, and the second annual raffle. So far all three projects have been very successful, and have allowed us to travel to the convention with no out-of-pocket expense. While reading group continues throughout the semester, our thoughts are turning to our next upcoming event—Honorama, a bowling challenge to all other honoraries on campus for honor, for glory, and for charity, with all proceeds going to the campus' Habitat for Humanity Spring Break Alternative. At present, seven other organizations have taken up the challenge. Trophies will be awarded for the highest individual and team scores, as

well as for the honorary which raises the most money. We are hoping for a clean sweep of all categories. We have also instituted our very first Spring Initiation, in which we have inducted another seventeen members, bringing our active number of members to just under sixty. Our numbers will fall back to around forty at the end of the year, as we will be graduating twenty one seniors. We hope to honor them and bid them farewell at our Floralia in early May.

Eta Zeta (Truman State University): Since last year, the Eta Zeta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Truman State University has been working hard to increase its membership. Last spring, we initiated one new member, this fall we initiated four new members and an honorary member, and we recently initiated one more new member earlier this April. With this, our club now has doubled its size.

In addition to recruiting new members, we have been keeping busy in other ways as well. We had a home-cooked Roman banquet, a few movie nights, and celebrated Saturnalia at a local Mexican restaurant, complete with soft party hats and all.

If you remember, last year we had wanted to get T-shirts that said "We're the Real Greeks," but our president changed his mind. This year, however, you may see some of us boasting our new shirts that do indeed proclaim us as the Real Greeks.

In October, Truman State University hosted the fall meeting of the Missouri Classical Association. One member presented a paper there and another served on a panel which discussed the bridge from high school to college Latin.

In March, three of our members presented their research on Vergil's *Aeneid* at the Truman State University Undergraduate Research Symposium.

We were also represented at the University of Missouri-Columbia Occasional Classical Papers held earlier this spring.

Finally, we are looking forward to working with a local group on campus to bring a brass quintet from Greece to Kirksville in the fall.

Eta Iota (University of Arizona): Since the foundation of the Eta Iota Chapter

at the University of Arizona last year, we have been working on the achievement of many goals. While we have been focusing and discussing ways in which we can promote the study of the classics throughout all levels of education, one of our main goals has been building a foundation that the initiates of the future can benefit from.

Aside from recruitment, the Eta Iota Chapter has participated in the University of Arizona's Annual Language Fair for the past two years. At this fair, grade school students compete for prizes and recognition in various language competitions. Our Chapter provided the judges for the Latin and Greek competitions. We have also had several knowledgeable members teach an Egyptian class to the participating students.

The institution of our "Brown Bag Lunch" with the professors in the Classics Department at the University of Arizona has been one of our most interesting projects. At these lunches, the professor presents a discussion on a topic that is not discussed in a regular classics course at the University. These lunches are open to the entire body of the University and have been a great way for many students to learn about specialized topics in classical study.

We have many goals for the upcoming year, now that our chapter is moving out of its building stage. We hope to continue and increase our participation in Greek and Latin tutoring at all levels. Furthermore, we are in the planning stages of a classical language encouragement program in which Eta Sigma Phi members can assist grade school Greek and Latin teachers in keeping students excited about the classics.

Eta Kappa (Catholic University of America): October 15—Installation of officers and Induction Ceremony. November 19—1st movie and discussion night: *History of the World*. January 26—Co-sponsored lecture by Brian Rose, head excavator of Troy. February 2—1st official Eta Sigma Phi meeting of the semester. February 11—2nd movie and discussion night: *Fall of the Roman Empire*. March 15—3rd movie and discussion night: *Julius Caesar*. April 14-16—National Eta Sigma Phi Convention. May 1—Last official Eta Sigma Phi meeting/end-of-the-year party.

Initiates July 1-December 31, 1999

The following are the names of students whose initiations into the society were reported to the national office between July 1 and December 31, 1999. The date in parentheses is the date of the initiation ceremony.

Iota (The University of Vermont): Sarah Jean Gallant, Edward V. Varano, John James Cardasis, Norman W. Merrill II, Farrah S. Spence (4-24-98); Heather Lynne Cline, Sarai Schulz, Judith R. Holst, Richard M. Merrill, Melissa Johnson (5-5-99).

Psi (Vanderbilt University): Michael Alexander, Elizabeth Brown, Ramsey L. Burke, Crystal L. Collins, Blake Dvorak, Richard Ian Gray, Dustin L. Hegland, Eric Hossler, Van W. Leeper, Molly Morgan, Abraham J. Saad, Maria A. Tsagaris, Angelyn Wollen-Fager (4-21-99).

Alpha Pi (Gettysburg College): Kevin Callahan, J. Russell Canard, Sam Herley, Alicia L. Kofke, Jonathan B. Metrick, Jamieson P. Tall, John Truex (4-24-96); Paul Mahler (11-5-97); Joshua Eyer, Dan Fitzpatrick, Beth Gennaro, Carrie Mercadante, Matthew F. Sullivan (4-22-98); Ashley Binter, Theodore S. Calabrese, Freyan Crishna, Brian DeCicco, Colleen Hubbard, Courtney Hurd, Jacqueline Lumbra, Melanie Milburn, Mechelle D. Regester, Laura Root, Thomas C. Sansone, Jennifer Sollenberger, Siri White (3-24-99).

Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame of Maryland): Rebecca J. Piotrowski, Lane M. Muth, Molly Selk, Laura J. Cool (10-26-99).

Beta Upsilon (Marshall University): Sydney Burke, Melody Downs, James T. Morgan (4-23-99).

Beta Psi (Rhodes College): David B. Weatherman, Katie Lovett Thompson, Constance Anne O'Bryan, John Howell Hamilton, Neely K. Draughon, Ross M. Cascio; Honorary: A. Victor Coonin, Patrick A. Shade (10-5-99).

Gamma Delta (Yeshiva University): Benjamin Joffe, Jake P. Solomon (10-17-99).

Gamma Omega (Baylor University): Amanda Seamans, Ashley DeMasco, Lee Anne Ferguson, Brian Robinson, Martin Anthony, Holly C. Horan, Leshawn Smith, Mark Eisenbarth, Everette Robertson, Mathew Polk, Dawn Gilley, Eric Herrstrom, Heather Foote, Keith Reich, Ryan Moore, Britta Spann; Honorary: J. Kent Gregory, Eric Kylo (2-16-99).

Delta Alpha (Randolph-Macon Woman's College): Melissa Lauren Abell (10-11-99).

Delta Beta (Canisius College): Mark S. Collins, Stephen J. Molvarec, Robert J. Menz, Jr., Robert Shufelt (10-1-99).

Delta Theta (Dickinson College): Kristen Donovan, Kristin Masters, Patrick Shank, Kim Eckman, Jamie Bunce, Kelly Connor, Amy Hanners (10-7-99).

Delta Omega (Macalester College): Daniel Leon, Roland DuCote, Theresa Vogel; Associate: Nanette Scott Goldman (5-5-99).

Epsilon Zeta (University of Idaho): Mary L. Abshire, Tanna Day, David J. Eacker, Aaron W. Griffin, Linda R. Miller, Joshua

J. Murphy, Nathan Wesley Preston; Associate: Deon L. Goodwin (11-16-99).

Epsilon Iota (University of Florida): Mar-laine Browning, John Burer, Leslie Campbell, William Caraxis, Georgia Cuffe-Ferguson, Grace Camille Francisco, Lammachack (Jaime) Keothavy, Shannon M. McCarthy, Nicole Neville, Greg Odegaard, Imee Omensetter, Christina Parnello, Christina Repko, Abel Saborit, Jr., Kathleen Somera, Steven Weitz, Avner Yemin, Vanda Rudez (9-22-99).

Epsilon Kappa (Brigham Young University): Eliza Cicotti, P. Michael Truman, Virginia Darowski, Roderick Saxey, Jennifer Newcomer, Andrew Hill, Kayla Rehme, Jacob Shields, Maria Peterson (11-7-99).

Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts): Jennifer Arria, Michael Bloom, Mary Bozzuto, Alejandro Brain, Emil Busi, Holly Christian, David Cole, Libby Donohoe, David Dubrino, Andrew Eastwood, Lisa Gentile, Maria Georges, Larry Holston, Amy Julien, Stephanie Karlovich, Kevin Kingsbury, Laura Lazaretti, Tara Letasz, Leah Makuch, Andrew McClellan, Patricia Meegan,

Gamma Omicron Wins First Chapter Prize

Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College received the first prize—a check for \$100—for an outreach project promoting the study of the Classics in its local community.

Members of the chapter read *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* in both Latin and English to high school Latin students. The reading was before the Monmouth High School Latin classes and the Illinois State Junior Classical League Convention. Well over 200 students were exposed to the presentation at the convention. The members also helped in the administration of the JCL convention by acting as judges for contests, proctoring exams, and moderating *certamen* rounds.

Projects submitted for the prize could include making presentations at local secondary schools, sponsoring lectures or films open to the public, participating in honors clubs interest fairs, etc. The projects will be judged on their innovation, level of participation by members, and number of people reached.

Descriptions of projects to be considered for the prize should be sent to Eta Sigma Phi, H-S Box 68, Hampden-Sydney, VA 23943-0068, in advance of the convention next spring, but those submitted at the convention will also be considered. In addition to descriptions of the projects, submissions may include programs, newspaper articles, etc.

2000 Summer Scholarship Winners

American School of Classical Studies at Athens

Stephanie Suzanne Spaulding

Iota (University of Vermont)

American Academy in Rome

Jennifer Schreiber

Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

Vergilian Society at Cumae

Christina Moxey

Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame of Maryland)

Nolan Mitchell, Amy Quintin, Leighanne Regan, Khrystine Searles, Carl R. Shewack, Jr., Susan Solimine, Michelle Steffen, Terry Stigers, Jennifer M. White, Margaret Willard, Elizabeth Winship, Sean Wright; Associate: Colin Brodd, Mary Clark, Emily Ellis, Jacquelyn Myers, Anne H. Snyder (4-29-99).

Epsilon Sigma (Augustana College): Emily Isaacson, Matthew Johnson, Lirim Neziroski, Mark Richards, Jessica Terrien (5-2-99).

Zeta Beta (Temple University): Joanne Irene Gehring, Michele LaFeria, Tammy Pierson, Rebecca A. Sammon, Dawn Woods, Byron Koukaras, Louis T. Palladino, Bryan Rogomentick, Ethan Takahashi; Honorary: Paul Bronson, Kenneth R. Lewis, Sharnita Solomon (4-21-99).

Zeta Theta (The Pennsylvania State University): Stephanie L. Hintz, Susan Park, Carrie Lee Hippchen, Nicole Curry, Christina Chong, Kristy Greefkes, Joshua Miller, Benjamin J. Grazzini, Holly G. Moore, John Kirk Waterstram, Brian D. Rabonovitz, John R. Tomedi, Jr., Jessica Corrado, Melissa A. Schraeder (10-27-99).

Zeta Omicron (Wayne State University): Gina Terese Bodanyi, Samuel D. Bryant, Frank Dedenbach, Christina M. Giglio, Nua Gjon Gjelij, Christopher Grulke, Janette Elayne Jennings, Frederick Robert Latimer, Carl David Maiaale, Annette M. Stocks, Matthew Carl Underwood, Karen Abdoo VanAssche; Associate: Doris C. Runey (3-25-99).

Zeta Pi (University of Utah): Andrew Dabb, Lisa K. Manwill, Susanna Merrill, David Dick, Christopher Jensen, Robert Jackson, Michelle Russell, Nellie H. Christensen, John Philip Snow; Associate: Rita Wright (4-29-99).

Zeta Sigma (University of Minnesota): Toby Ball, Kevin Cunningham, Jeff Pilacinski, Melissa Rethlefsen, Shannan Stewart (4-29-99).

Zeta Phi (University of California in Santa Barbara): Matt Dunford, Todd Clary, Mui Tran (6-6-99).

Eta Sigma Phi Honor Cords

Eta Sigma Phi Honor Cords are \$15 each, including postage and handling, or \$12 each if the cords are picked up at the national convention.

Orders for the cords, with a check for the total amount (please do not send individual students' checks) payable to **Eta Sigma Phi**, should be sent to Eta Sigma Phi, H-S Box 68, Hampden-Sydney, VA 23943-0068.

Eta Delta (Hillsdale College): Skyla Freeman, Shaunna Blunt, David DeMarco, Daniel Streett, Jessica Watson, Lindsay White, Sherri Sprute, Kathryn Flake, Jaylene Carwin, Eli Plopper, Robert Klevay, Brock Treece, Koren Mumma, Amy Farnham, Andrew Billstein, Karen Elisabeth Oprea, Rudolf R. Luthi, Hope Henry, Stephanie Gast, Sarah Hempel, Daniel Phillips (10-9-99).

Eta Iota (University of Arizona): Elena Henry, Raylee Downard, Cameron Paterson, Anne Koons, Scott Plumlee, Christina Klinger, Kristina Billings, Welby Nielsen, Heather Hilliard, Matt Parry, Akisha McGee, Rhiannon Rowlands, Matt Hunstiger, Graig Uhlin, Margo Kaplan, Lawrence Galindo; Associate: Karin Halvorsen, James Moore, Kevin Dicus, Travis Quay (10-12-99).

Eta Kappa (Catholic University of America): Sue Flores, Jennifer Jasked, Ben Kaczarski, Jessica DePrizio, Jamie Reddington, Mary McCarthy, Amber Garofolo, Andy Wray, Tim Chirdon, Chris Susie, Patrick High, John Welsh, Douglas Smith, Chris Mank, Stephen Scott, Erin Boyles, Michael G. Dana; Honorary: Galen Stork (10-22-99).

Eta Lambda (University of Dallas): Shannon K. Bralick, Teresa Danze, Peter R. Heyne, Karen L. Jones, Abigail King, Pamela Leuthardt, Terra Lewis, Laura E. Nicklaus, Elizabeth Pauken, Eileen Puhlinger, Nicholas P. Tippery, Meghan E. Trask, Richard R. Weber (11-19-99).