

77th Annual National Convention Held at St. Olaf College, April 15-17

*Minutes submitted by Megale Grammateus
Andrew O'Brien (Beta Psi)*

The 77th Annual National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi was held in Northfield, Minnesota on March 15-17, 2005. The host chapter of this year's convention was Delta Chi of St. Olaf College. Twenty five chapters came from around the country through all means of transportation, but eventually everyone wound up at Buntrock Commons on the St. Olaf campus in time for registration. Every registrant received a smart t-shirt and guides to the convention, St.

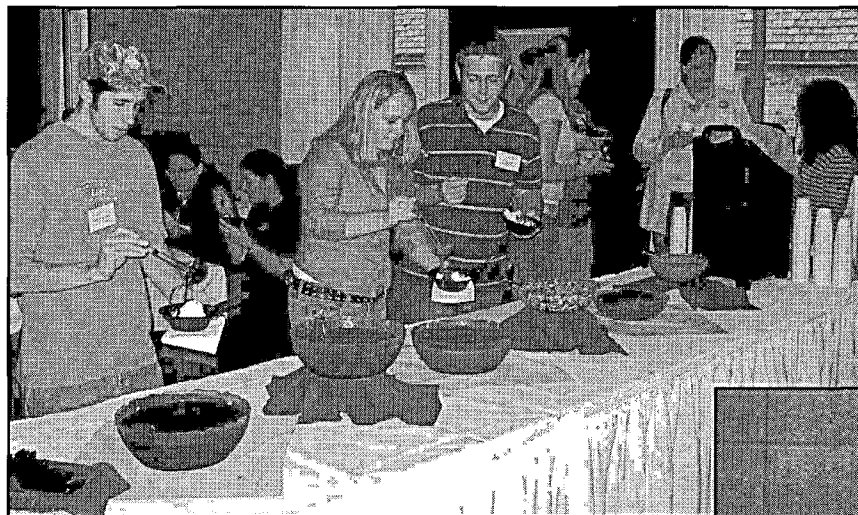
Olaf College and Northfield in general. During registration, everyone was treated to ice cream sundaes, a tradition at St. Olaf College events.

After the ice cream social, Stephanie

Walker, serving as both Megale Prytanis and convention host from Delta Chi, formally opened the convention with some welcoming remarks to all the attendees. She then gave a brief introduction and

orientation to the convention. She also paid thanks to everyone who helped in planning and organizing the national convention. Stephanie's welcoming speech was followed by a few remarks by Christopher Thomford, president of

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*Students enjoy the opening night ice cream social.
Below, conventioners attending the business meeting.*



Megale Prytanis Stephanie Walker welcomes members to Northfield.

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Froberg Scholarship Winner

The Summer Scholarship Committee announced that the recipient of the 2005 Brent Froberg Scholarship to the American School in Athens is Joseph O'Neil who joined Eta Sigma Phi as a member of the Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College. After graduation from Monmouth, Joe earned an M.A. in ancient history at the University of Illinois in Chicago and this year has taught Latin at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. Next fall he will begin a doctoral program at the University of Toronto.

There were no recipients of the summer scholarships to the American Academy in Rome or to the Vergilian Society in southern Italy. The Summer Scholarship



Committee encourages all eligible members of Eta Sigma Phi to apply for the 2006 scholarships.

Fox Scholarship Winner

Dawn McRoberts, a Latin teacher at Kenwood Academy in Chicago, Illinois, has been selected by the Board of Trustees to receive the second Bernice L. Fox Teacher-Training Scholarship. The award of \$500 will be used to support Dawn's attendance at the 2005 CANE Summer Institute.

A member of the Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College, Dawn was the local chair of the 73rd annual Eta Sigma Phi Convention at Monmouth College in 2001 and was Megas Hyparchos in 2001-2002. She started teaching at Kenwood Academy in September of 2004.

Eta Sigma Phi offers the annual scholarship to an Eta Sigma Phi member who is teaching, or preparing to teach, in the secondary schools. The award is to be used for a summer activity contributing to the recipient's preparation for teaching, such as attendance at the Summer Institute of the American Classical League, the Kentucky Language Institute, or the Illinois Pedagogy Workshop; or attendance at university courses leading to certification.

There is no application form, but those wishing to apply should submit a proposal that includes a description of the program, a budget, any other financial support



expected, and their contributions to Eta Sigma Phi when they were undergraduates. They should also ask an appropriate person (department chair, principal, supervisor, etc.) to send a letter of support. They should indicate the chapter into which they were initiated, as well as the date of the initiation, if possible.

Proposals should be sent by February 1, 2006, to Executive Secretary Sienkewicz for consideration at next year's Board meeting.

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St. Olaf College, who welcomed everyone to Northfield and gave some reflections on his own experiences as a Classics student. Following his remarks, the *certamen* competition began. After several rounds of intense trivia that delighted and challenged everyone participating, the Loungers of Destiny, a coalition of students from Gamma Omega, Epsilon Omicron, and Eta Delta, came away victorious. With the contest over, Friday's activities came to a close.

The next morning at 9 a.m., the Megale



Members of Delta Chi chapter at the registration desk



Sr. Therese asking questions during the certamen

Prytanis opened the First Business Meeting of the convention in St. Olaf College's Holland Hall. Megas Grammateus Andrew O'Brien (Beta Psi) presented the minutes of last year's 76th Annual Convention in New Orleans. After directing everyone to last year's minutes, which had been published in the Spring 2004 *Nuntius*, the National Secretary then asked for each chapter present to give their local chapter report. After each chapter presented their report, they provided a hard copy to Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz (Gamma Omicron) for publication in the *Nuntius*. Following the chapter reports, Dr. Sienkewicz gave reports on contests and scholarships. He announced that Dawn McRoberts of the Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College was

this year's recipient of the Bernice L. Fox Latin Teaching Training Scholarship. He also announced the winners of this year's Eta Sigma Phi translation contests. Dr. Joseph Garnjobst reported for the Summer Scholarship Committee that there was only one winner of the 2005 scholarships. Joseph O'Neil of Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College was awarded the Brent Froberg Summer Scholarship to the American School in Athens.

After those announcements, Megas Chrysophylax Richard Harrod (Gamma Omicron) gave his treasurer's report. He also took this opportunity to talk briefly about Eta Sigma Phi's participation at the National Convention of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America, held in Bos-

ton earlier in the year. After the treasurer's report, Megale Hyparchos Katie Jones (Eta Gamma) gave her report, in which she talked about her efforts to reactivate deactivated chapters and about the unprecedented six new chapter applications.

When the vice president had finished giving her report, it was decided that there was no old business to attend to. However, for new business, a motion was made that Eta Sigma Phi declare 2005 the Year of Languages as set forth by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. Following a reading of proclamation the assembly approved the motion by voice vote and Prytanis Walker signed the proclamation. Following the settling of new business, the floor was opened to the three schools making bids to host the 78th Annual Convention. Bids were made by three chapters: Gamma Omega at Baylor University, Epsilon Nu at Creighton University and Eta Eta at Virginia Tech. Representatives from each of these chapters gave preliminary presentations to the assemblage. The

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St. Olaf VIPs, from left to right: Stephanie Walker, Christopher Thomford, Anne Groton and James May

Sr. Therese awarding certificates to winners of the Sight Translation contest



Catherine Larsen talking about her composition "The Dido Series" with soprano Hannah Dixon listening

Right, members of the Gamma Omicron delegation enjoying the banquet

Below, participants in the Best Dressed Vir/Femina Contest



Megas Grammateus then accepted nominations for 2005-2006 National Officers. At this point, the assembly broke off into committee meetings.

Following the committee meetings, the society reconvened in Holland Hall to hear the presentation of papers. There were three papers presented this year. The student presenters were John J. Fraser (Beta Sigma) with "A Glimpse of a Soul Beautiful," Julie Arnold (Delta Upsilon) with "Character Driven Choice: A look into epithets and fate in Homer's *Iliad*," and finally Erin E. Peretti's (Beta Pi) "Boudica: Life and Legacy of the Warrior Queen." Following these excellent papers,

the First Business Meeting ended, and everyone had lunch.

The afternoon activities began with a performance of Catherine Larsen's (Eta Delta) "The Dido Series" in Fosnes Recital Hall. Catherine composed three pieces about Dido, using lines from Vergil's *Aeneid* as her libretto. Catherine played the musical accompaniment, while Hannah Dixon (Eta Delta) sang. Following this moving performance, the attendees went on to the Olympic Games at the Tostrud Fieldhouse. At this point, the weather outside had turned quite nasty, so everyone was happy for indoor activities. The convention organizers had set up four

games. The first was a chariot race on the indoor track, in which one rider sat on a small skateboard and two "horses" (i.e. fellow students) pulled the "chariot" with ropes. Rushing down the field and around the *meta*, the chariots contended with each other vigorously, with some dramatic crashes and turnovers. The next game was the toga relay race. Each team consisted of two students with one leg tied together, who then ran to one end of the indoor track, adorned themselves with a toga (in this case, a bedsheet), and ran back to the starting line. The third game was the *fris-cus* throwing contest, in which competitors strove to see who could throw a frisbee the

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Winners of the Olympics

farthest. The fourth game was the *nau-machia*, a naval battle that took place in a small kiddie pool. Captains steered their ships (rubber duckies) with rulers, and whoever survived the tumult was declared the winner. The overall winners of these four games were then presented with the chance to personally participate in *bougonia*, "slaughtering" the papier-mâché bull with baseball bats. The bull was filled not with bees but with golden candies, which were shared by all.

Following the intensity of the games, everyone settled in at the Viking theater to hear Dean James May deliver his lecture "The Athenian Trireme: The History, Reconstruction, and Operation of an Ancient Warship." May had participated in the reconstruction of an authentic, seafaring trireme, and he delighted everyone with his knowledge of the trireme and his experiences at sea on the reconstructed warship. His lecture was accompanied by interesting photographs and video footage of the reconstructed trireme at sea.

After the lecture, the attendees gathered in Fosnes Recital Hall for another musical presentation, this by the St. Olaf College Early Music Singers and Collegium Musicum. Director Gerald Hoekstra conducted the group, which performed a number of Medieval and Baroque pieces in



Outgoing prytanis Stephanie Walker inducts new officers. From left to right, prytanis Walker, outgoing hyparchos Jones with new hyparchos Catherine Larsen, new chryso-phylax Tom Evison with outgoing chryso-phylax Richard Harrod, and incoming grammateus Sharif Said.

Latin, including two settings of lines from the *Aeneid*. At the close of the concert, the afternoon activities ended, and everyone prepared for the evening's banquet.

In the Black and Gold Ballrooms, the convention attendees were treated to a delicious meal. During the dining, the participants of the Greco-Roman Costume Contest made stops at the tables, showing

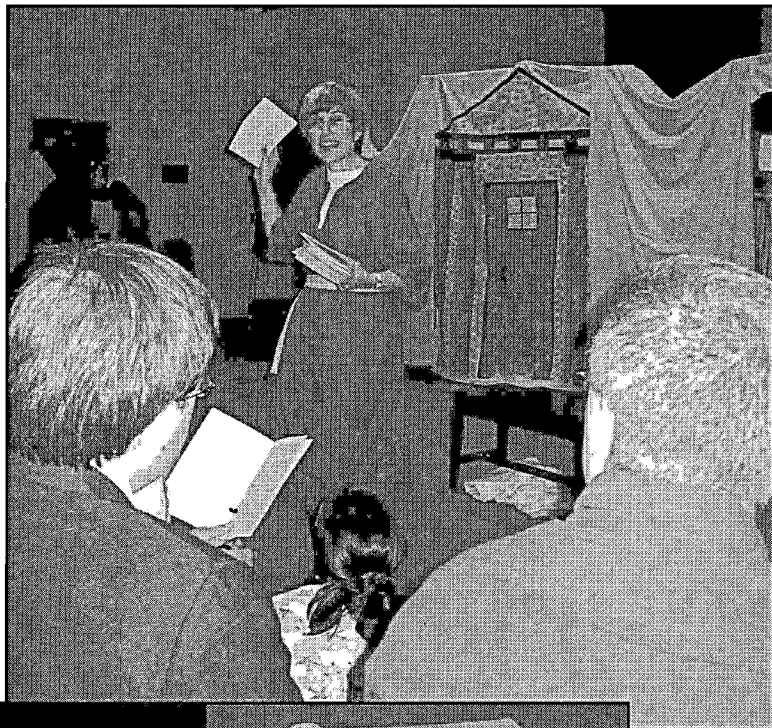
off their carefully made costumes. After the banquet, Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz made several announcements and awarded prizes. Erin E. Peretti's (Beta Pi) paper "Boudica: Life and Legacy of the Warrior Queen" was honored, and Eta Delta (Hillsdale College) was awarded this year's Outreach Award for its service to its local community. The delegation

from Epsilon Nu (Creighton University) was awarded the prize for best costumes, and the Loungers of Destiny, the victorious team from Friday night's *certamen*, were given their prizes. Various delegates also entertained the convention with an a cappella version of "The Eta Sigma Phi Song" arranged specifically for this occasion by Stacy Heinrich of Monmouth College.

After dinner, the attendees returned once again to Fosnes Recital Hall for a rendition of Plautus' *Curculio*. The play was a boisterous and funny affair, with songs, puns, and physical comedy thrown together. In a nice touch, the performers spoke many of their lines in Latin as well as in English, giving the assembled Classicists much delight. At the close of the play, Saturday's activities adjourned, and everyone retired for the evening.

Prof. Groton hawking programs at the play

Below, cast of play



The next morning, the Megale Prytanis opened the Second Business Meeting. To start off the morning, those chapters competing in the T-Shirt contest presented their wares, and after much deliberation, the convention awarded Gamma Omega (Baylor University) the prize of Best T-

Shirt. The order of business next turned to the Committee reports. The New Chapter committee gave their assessment of the applications, and, after some discussion, all six applications were approved for new chapters at the following schools: Purdue University in Indiana, Austin Peay

University in Tennessee, the University of Alabama, Franklin and Marshall in Pennsylvania, Roger Williams University in Rhode Island, and Union College in New York.

The Finances Committee discussed the society's funds and distribution, and

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the Contest and Scholarship Committee proposed the creation of an e-mail list to better facilitate awareness of the scholarships and contests sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi. The Convention Site Committee presented their report on the details of hosting a convention, and the Resolutions Committee performed a lively and amusing song about St. Olaf College and the convention's activities. Finally, the Officers Committee discussed the details of their meeting, which went over the duties and

responsibilities for National Officers.

After the Committee Reports, Executive Secretary Sienkewicz gave his report, and Sister Thérèse gave the report from the Board of Trustees, announcing the changes to the Board's membership. Retiring from the board was Dr. Alden Smith of Gamma Omega Chapter at Baylor University. Replacing him on the board was Dr. David Sick of Beta Psi Chapter at Rhodes College who was elected for a three-year term. The term of Trustee

Daniel Levine of Beta Pi Chapter at the University of Arkansas was also renewed for three years. The order of the convention next turned to elections. The bid of Eta Eta chapter at Virginia Tech to host the 78th Annual Convention was approved, and the national officers were then elected. Karen Kelly from Gamma Omega (Baylor University) was elected *in absentia* as Megale Prytanis, Catherine Larson of Eta Delta (Hillsdale College) was elected Megale Hyparchos, Tom Evison from Ep-

Resolutions

*Resolutions Committee, Eta Sigma Phi Convention, 2005
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota*

This Resolution is the work of the following
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Erin Peretti	

O King Olaf! O Vikings! O Leif Erickson, Norwegian Immigrants, Lake Wobegone, Lutherans... and Others! Our Eta Sigma Phi Committee on Resolutions salutes you all—*Salvete omnes!*—and begins with other invocations as well.

ὦ γλαυκῶπις Ἀθήνη, τοῦτον ἄειδε ἅγιον
τόπον πολύτροπον, ὡς ἔχει, ἱερὰ ῥέζων,
δαίτᾳ τε τίμα ἡμᾶς, Διὸς δ' ἐτελείετο βουλή.
ἔξ' οὐ δὴ τὰ πρῶτα διαστήτην γε μετὰ τῶν
τούτων ἐταίρων, φίλῖα καὶ ὁ δῖος St. Olaf

O bright-eyed Athena, sing of this holy
Place of many twists and turns, as it is,
Performing the sacred rites, a feast, and give us honor.
And thus the will of Zeus came to pass
Sing then from the time when first friendship stood among
These companions, and shining St. Olaf.

O shuttle service (vocative)! To you we owe "20 minas, after we invented it, if we could find it." Navigating past the ghost of Jesse James, through wispy-cereal spiced air, we made our way to the crenellated glory, the mighty fortress above the Norwegian Valley, to the campus of Hagios Olafios's hill-gracing limestone walls: The College Built on a Bluff.

It was a balmy 40 degrees in Minnesota, and the St. Olaf students were out frolicking in their summer attire. We surely enjoyed the "warm" Minnesota welcome, but those of us from the red states were a bit taken aback when asked to leave our guns at the door, before entering the hesychiastic synousia of gargoyles. We basked in the security of this metascandinavian haven, and the peerless xenia of godlike young Oles.

Gratias maximas *discipulis sancti Olaf Deltaque Chi* for introducing us right away Friday night to the frozen North of Minnesota with Ice Cream—was it "Land O' Lakes"?—and for the bracing CERTAMEN, where we saw a wondrous event, a victory by the LOUNGERS OF DESTINY; oh yes, and an actual question about Isocrates!

Saturday morning our sometimes loquacious chapter reporters delivered month-by-month (and sometimes day-by-day) accounts of their events. At times nail-bitingly exciting, inspiring, and informative, these *RES GESTAE* left us all proud of our many accomplishments... and surprised at how many of the same movies we all watch. We rejoice in these activities, which are always fun, and often bring "classics to the masses."

Three excellent student papers reminded us of the importance of good scholarship, and how pleasant it is! John Fraser led us to ask "O Socrates, where art thou?" Julie Arnold's thoughts on fate in the Iliad convinced us all, based on an impressive list of quotations. Erin Peretti's paper on Boudicca inspired us to ask, "is the soul of a wild woman made, or born?" Perhaps John and Erin could work on this question together, and report back to us next year.

Let us not forget the opportunity of serving on committees—who says that Eta Sigma Phi doesn't prepare us for the "real world"? We were a mixed bag: from different places; some were young, and some... were young at heart. Many were intelligent academicians, and some of us were less than academic. Per-

silon Iota (University of Florida) became the new Megas Chrysophylax, and the new Megas Grammateus was Sharif Said from Beta Sigma (Marquette University). After the elections, the new officers were sworn in. Then, the outgoing Megale Prytanis officially closed this year's convention, bringing to an end the 77th annual convention of Eta Sigma Phi.

The following chapters were represented at the 77th annual convention: Alpha Lambda (University of Oklahoma),

Alpha Upsilon (College of Wooster), Beta Iota (Wake Forest College), Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame of Maryland), Beta Pi (Arkansas University), Beta Sigma (Marquette University), Beta Psi (Rhodes College), Gamma Alpha (Indiana State University), Gamma Gamma (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Gamma Iota (Wabash College), Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College), Gamma Omega (Baylor University), Delta Theta (Dickinson College), Delta Upsilon (Valparaiso

University), Delta Chi (St. Olaf College), Epsilon Iota (University of Florida), Epsilon Nu (Creighton University), Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts), Zeta Beta (Temple University), Zeta Iota (University of Georgia), Eta Gamma (Loyola University New Orleans), Eta Delta (Hillsdale College), Eta Zeta (Truman State University), Eta Eta (Virginia Tech), and Eta Omicron (Assumption College). Observers from Purdue University also attended.

haps even less than intelligent. But nevertheless, we all worked together and forged ahead.

All praises to the prandial gods—the divinities of box lunches and cold beverages, especially juicy juice, who sustained us and fortified us to brave the generous rain on our way to the Hall of the Muses! We are grateful for the tremendous afternoon of music, to the Early Music Singers and the Collegium Musicum of St. Olaf College for such lovely Latin. But chiefly we are bound to thank those two Divas of Dido for a performance of “the Dido Series” that made the audience leap to its feet in a standing ovation, and to beg for the CD. So our great thanks go to Kate Larsen and Hannah Dixon of Hillsdale College.

And the “Olympic Games” can only be described as a friscus-flinging, charioteering, three-legged, cow bashing, rubber-ducky of a good time. The sounds of people falling off small carts in a violent manner rang through the air, and the spontaneously-generated bees tasted like sweet, sweet candy.

O short, strong man! We marvel at you, Jim May, at your muscle, and your knowledge. You brought to life for us all what it is like to be 5'5" and row a real-life trireme, while covered with sweat (some of it your own).

Saturday's costume contest served the noble function of gracing each banquet table with maidens of surpassing beauty, dressed in ancient garb. They were a feast for the eyes, as we feasted on our food. We all hail the handsome couple from Creighton University, who won the laurels—and wore them, too!

And finally, the play. Anne Groton has done it again. Her *Curculio* was a triumph! A tour de farce! We praise the St. Olaf Physical Plant, which even realistically produced a hot humid Mediterranean climate for the audience. The play itself, while gently bowdlerized, nonetheless kept us rolling with its risive

humor. It neatly combined the stock characters of the ancient stage with the stock character of the Classicist, and its punned one-liners and musical numbers will keep us laughing until next year's convention.

And now, finally (really), we come to **the farewell song**. Yes, we are in the land of music. We might say that in Minnesota “The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Music,” except... there are no hills. But in the spirit of all the music we have enjoyed this weekend, including the beautiful and touching “song for Eta Sigma Phi” by A. Conner, and arranged by Stacey Heinrich, we offer the following, based on the St. Olaf Fight Song, and arranged by David Sick.

Cantemus, collegae amicitiae, Sancti Olafii gloriam.

We came to St. Olaf.
Our Society is the real stuff—
the crown of the cream of the colleges great.
We translate fast and furious—
in no way injurious.
Oh, where is Carleton College? It's still not too late.

Refrain:

- um (2nd decl. acc. sg.)
- -Ia (1st decl. abl. sg.)
- -Ia (1st decl. abl. sg.)

Complete rendition:

Um Ia Ia, Um Ia, Ia, Um Ia Ia, Um Ia Ia, Um Ia Ia, Um Ia Ia, Um Ia, Ia, Ia.

*Typed by D. B. Levine. May 02, 2005
Fayetteville, AR*

Boudica: Life and Legacy of the Warrior Queen

This paper by Erin Peretti of Beta Pi Chapter of the University of Arkansas was voted the best paper read at the 77th Annual Convention.

Beneath the streets of London lies a layer of charred earth called the 'Boudica layer.' This combination of burnt soil, wood and pottery is all that remains of the original town of Londinium, destroyed by the great rebellion of Boudica in the first century, AD. When King Prasutagus of the Iceni passed away, he bequeathed half of his estate to his queen, Boudica, and his daughters, and the other half to the Roman Empire in hopes of winning the favor of the Romans. Unfortunately, his plans were in vain; despite the Iceni's previous status as a client-kingdom, his lands were invaded by the Romans, his riches confiscated by the governor of the province, his wife was brutally beaten, and his daughters raped. In retribution for these actions, as well as years of perceived enslavement, the Iceni and neighboring tribes united under the leadership of Queen Boudica and led one of the most devastating revolts in Roman history.

Archaeological evidence for this revolt abounds. Beneath the modern cities of London, Colchester and St. Albans, this 'Boudica layer' records the events of the revolt and preserves a little piece of life during that age. Literary evidence, on the other hand, is comparatively meager. Only two ancient authors recorded the event, Tacitus and Cassius Dio, and both of these accounts were written years after the events. While delving farther into the narratives of Tacitus and Dio, one finds layers of hidden meanings. The placement of the Boudican story within the pieces and the way in which Boudica herself is characterized presents carefully planned political commentary on the state of the empire during the time of authorship for both Tacitus and Dio. The negative characterizations of Boudica which pervade both historians' works are commentaries on the Roman political situation. Roman readers would have been very familiar with stories of similarly powerful women, such as Nero's mother, Agrippina, and made



Erin Peretti reading her paper

comparisons between the strength and the actions of each. Likewise, the characterization of Boudica as a barbarian set her apart from Roman civilization and society. Within the texts, the depiction of Boudica as female and barbarian are almost entirely intertwined, existing together to define her as 'cultural other,' culminating in an allegory for Roman fears of losing cultural superiority.

To the traditional powerful Roman male, Boudica embodied everything that was opposed to Roman culture. She was a barbarian and a Celt, wild and unrestrained, powerful and female. Within the Tacitean narrative, Boudica and her Iceni consistently stand out as savage barbarians. The Roman army stood in rank and file, highly organized and professional, comprised solely of male warriors, but on the Celtic side, to quote Tacitus, "between the ranks dashed women, in black attire like the Furies, with hair disheveled."¹ The Celtic Druids "[poured] forth dreadful imprecations," frightening the Romans with the "unfamiliar sight so that, as if their limbs were paralyzed, they stood motionless, and exposed to wounds." Paulinus then had to urge them on, encourage them to overcome their fears of this "troop of females and fanatics," and fight the enemy.² The Celts were so different and barbarous,

so uncivilized and un-Roman, that the sight of their enemy terrified the usually dominant and professional Roman troops. Likewise, when describing the fall of Verulamium, Tacitus says that the barbarians "delighted in plunder and were indifferent to all else...for it was not on making prisoners and selling them, or on any of the barter of war, that the enemy was bent, but on slaughter."³ Tacitus is careful to point out the differences in Celtic military custom from that of the Romans. Whereas the Romans go to war to conquer land, get prisoners, and similar booty, the Celts were only occupied with the massacre of their enemies in these narratives. These Celts were very un-Roman and on the brink of military success.

In Dio's account, as well, themes of barbarity abound. Dio describes Boudica as follows:

In stature she was very tall, in appearance most terrifying, in the glance of her eye most fierce, and her voice was harsh; a great mass of the tawniest hair fell to her hips; around her neck was a large golden necklace; and she wore a tunic of diverse colours over which a thick mantle was fastened with a brooch. This was her invariable attire. She now grasped a spear to aid her in terrifying all beholders.⁴

Unlike the cultured and civilized Roman woman wearing her stola, Boudica was terrifying, harsh, and war-like, she led an army, wielded power, and faced death on the battlefield.

The barbarian nature of the opposing forces is clearly emphasized in the writings of both these authors, but at the very outset, the specific fact that a woman is leading the army adds to their uncivilized practice. In Rome, the battlefield was the realm of male citizens, with associations of virtue and valor. Women were not foot soldiers in the Roman army, let alone commanders. In both of the classical texts, Boudica's gender is highly emphasized and served as a caution of strong women in Roman culture. Powerful women such as Agrippina, Nero's mother, threatened to overthrow the traditional gender roles of Roman society where the male sought public office and political power and the

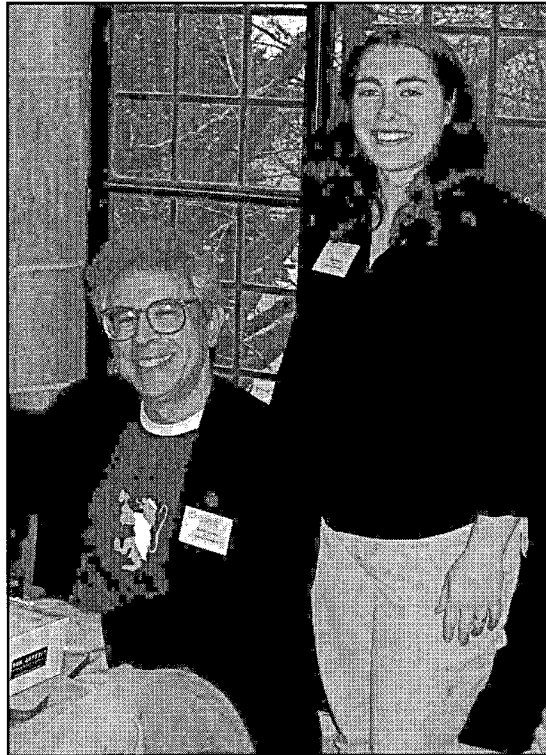
woman might be educated and refined but not an official political player.

In Dio's narrative, the theme of Boudica's femininity is particularly strong. In fact, when commenting on the revolt, he accentuates that: "all this ruin was brought upon the Roman by a woman, a fact which in itself caused them the greatest shame."⁵ Dio mentions of Boudica herself, that she "possessed greater intelligence than often belongs to a woman," further calling attention to her femininity and his aversion to her as a power figure.⁶

Because of Boudica's gender and her status as a barbarian, she was a metaphor for the outside threats to the Roman Empire during a time of political instability or weakness. Thus, the victory of the Roman commander, Suetonius Paulinus, was greatly accentuated and represented a desire for the return to both cultural and gender norms within the empire. Tacitus is stating that while strong women such as Agrippina and Boudica may threaten the male dominated society, and while barbarians might one day endanger Roman superiority, in the end, Roman masculinity and culture triumph.

Within these texts, this eventual victory of Paulinus not only emphasizes the Roman superiority over the barbarian force, but harkens back to "the glorious days of Republican Rome,"⁷ where civilized men ran Rome, as opposed to the lyre-playing and overindulgent Nero, who throughout the texts functions as a stereo-type for all the mad or tyrannous emperors, including not only himself, but Caligula, Domitian and Claudius.

Despite Boudica's feminine wiles and her barbarian ways, the depiction of her in Tacitus and Dio's accounts are not entirely negative. The focus upon the concept of *libertas* transforms Boudica into a mouthpiece for the Roman elite, who lacked their former Republican freedom which had been vastly constricted, not only under the Emperor Nero, but under many others. Stories of the emperor Nero enclose the Boudican revolt in order to place the current political situation into a pattern of poor rulers. The grave events of the revolt and the thousands of deaths,



Erin Peretti with her advisor, Prof. Dan Levine

both Roman and Briton, contrast sharply with the games and acting of Nero, and the political instability brought on by both of these situations resonated deeply with the Roman nobles. As compared to Nero, Boudica serves as a foil to the mad and tyrannous emperor. In a role far removed from the characterization of Boudica as a barbarian, she becomes a symbol of virtue, fighting for the freedom of her country and expressing the desire of the Roman elite for their former freedom.

In Dio, for instance, when Boudica prays on the battlefield, she wishes not only for victory, but also for "preservation of life and liberty against men insolent, unjust, insatiable, impious" against those "who bathe in warm water, eat artificial dainties, drink unmixed wine, anoint themselves with myrrh...and are slaves to a lyre-player and a poor one, too."⁸ Dio is expressing anger at Nero and all corrupt emperors through the words of Boudica. In Tacitus, she becomes the champion of liberty of the Roman patrician class, now lacking the freedom of the old Republic. When Boudica implores her troops, she says, "in this battle you must conquer or die. This is a woman's resolve; as for

men, they may live and be slaves."⁹ Boudica is acting as though she was a Roman man, fighting for her country, and in turn, being more Roman than the tyrannous Roman emperor. When Boudica next speaks, she says that it would even be better to be sold to a master and be a slave in name than to possess "empty titles of freedom."¹⁰ These empty titles, contained within a text of political commentary and criticism, are a reference to positions in the Senate and the power of the Roman elite, which now lack the honor derived from winning the positions by oratorical prowess. During the reign of Nero, while the *plebs* adored the emperor for his building projects and his grand games, to quote the historian Ronald Syme, "the non-political classes acclaimed the new order everywhere, with enthusiasm, but no senator could bring himself to confess a joyous acceptance," for "what the *Princeps* gained, the Senate lost—hon-

our as well as power, and the imperial administration steadily encroached."¹¹

Even though senators governed some provinces and Nero could not single-handedly run the entire empire, the once mighty Roman patricians could no longer follow the *cursus honorum* leading them to governmental glory. During this time, upper class Romans relied instead on being appointed to the positions they once earned through their political prowess and oratory and "curtailed the power and status of Roman aristocrats as individuals."¹² The senate was little more than a traditional remnant left over from the republican era.

Through the relation of both Nero's crimes and the events of the rebellion, Tacitus is urging the reader to connect the two. The comparatively brief depiction of the revolt, "viewed as *redintegratio animi* for the jaded reader, the revolt can be treated as a self-contained episode, a contribution to the history of Roman imperial relations, associated only by contrast with the politics of Neronian Rome."¹³ The reader is first filled with disgust at Nero's crimes and his moral corruption as compared to the upstanding Roman citizens and is then made aware of the feelings of the once-

Boudica (Continued)

powerful Senate through Boudica's speeches. Then, once the *Annales* returns again to Rome and Nero's government, the reader's reactions "will be conditioned in part by the intervening account of provincial affairs."¹⁴ The politically minded ancient reader would have, in their current state of imperial oppression, felt sympathy for the members of the revolt who fought for their *libertas*, and been even more outraged to be once again enlightened of Nero's actions in the subsequent section. Furthermore, in Tacitus' description of the events, he implies that "military discipline has broken down with the material comforts of service in the *colonia*,"¹⁵ and by extension, these same comforts and decadence have corrupted the emperor Nero.

Throughout both the Tacitean and Casian texts, the reader is, via the authors' words, witness to the bloody revolt of the East Anglian tribes, as well as to layer upon layer of political commentary. The revolt is used to illustrate the weakness of the Roman government and its susceptibility to threats from both powerful women and barbarian hordes, and thus Boudica is portrayed as a barbarian, emphasizing her difference from Roman culture, and as a female warrior where her ferocity is exaggerated. Likewise, Paulinus' eventual victory is a triumph of the Roman way of life and rights the political situation.

Footnotes

¹ Tac., 14.30. Literally, the Latin reads *muliebre et fanaticum*.

² Ibid.

³ Tacitus, 14.33.

⁴ Dio 62.2.

⁵ Dio 62.1.

⁶ Ibid., 62.2.

⁷ Michael Roberts. "The Revolt of Boudicca (Tacitus, *Annals* 14.29-39) and the Assertion of *Libertas* in Neronian Rome." *The American Journal of Philology*, Vol. 109, No. 1. (1988), 118-132; 125.

⁸ Dio, 62.4.

⁹ Tacitus, 14.35.

¹⁰ Tacitus, 14.35.

¹¹ Syme 1970, 9.

¹² Hopkins, *Death and Renewal*. (New York: Cambridge University Press: 1983), 121.

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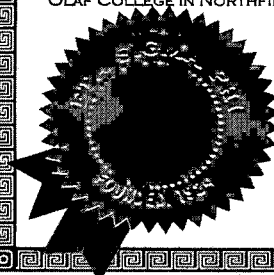
WHEREAS, ETA SIGMA PHI CONDUCTS ANNUAL SIGHT TRANSLATION EXAMS IN LATIN AND GREEK FOR ITS LOCAL CHAPTERS;

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WHEREAS, ETA SIGMA PHI SUPPORTS THE VISION STATEMENT OF THE YEAR OF LANGUAGES THAT ALL AMERICANS SHOULD BE PROFICIENT IN AT LEAST ONE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH, THAT FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION MUST BE PART OF THE CORE CURRICULUM AND BE TREATED AS CENTRAL TO THE EDUCATION OF ALL CHILDREN, AND THAT FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATORS MUST STRIVE FOR UNITY OF PURPOSE AND TAKE STEPS TO REALIZE FULLY THE POTENTIAL OF PROFESSIONAL STATUS;

NOW, THEREFORE, ETA SIGMA PHI, THE NATIONAL CLASSICS HONORARY SOCIETY, IN KEEPING WITH THE DECLARATION OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON THE TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE (ACTFL), DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM 2005 AS THE YEAR OF LANGUAGES AND URGES ALL ITS MEMBERS AND LOCAL CHAPTERS TO USE THIS PROCLAMATION IN THEIR MISSION TO PROMOTE LANGUAGE LEARNING, ESPECIALLY LATIN AND ANCIENT GREEK.

SIGNED AT THE 77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF ETA SIGMA PHI, HOSTED BY DELTA CHI CHAPTER AT ST. OLAF COLLEGE IN NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA ON APRIL 17, 2005.



SIGNED: *Megale Prytanis*

MEGALE PRYTANIS

Eta Sigma Phi and the Year of Languages

Proclamation passed by Eta Sigma Phi at the National Convention. Check out the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) "Year of Languages" website at <http://www.yearoflanguages.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageid=3591>.

Outreach Award

At the 77th Annual Convention Eta Delta Chapter at Hillsdale College was recognized by the Board of Trustees for the outstanding outreach project for the promotion of Latin. The award is \$100.

With the financial assistance of the local Kiwanis Club, members of Eta Delta Chapter distributed dictionaries to all third-grade students in Hillsdale County. A distribution included a short presentation, which included giving the students an introduction to the Classics, explaining by examples the connection between modern English words such as "astronaut" and "hippopotamus" and their ancient Greek roots, and assisting the students to write their names phonetically with Greek letters. In all, members distributed over 600 dictionaries to twenty-nine classrooms in fourteen schools.



Members of Eta Delta Chapter (lower left, Hannah Dixon; lower right, Megan Ramey; upper right, Megan Bezier) pose with students from Sauk Trail Academy and their new dictionaries.

Convention Awards

The following Awards were made at the 77th Annual Convention.

Winners of the Olympic Games

Michael Cantrell, Michael Kelleher, Stephen Gaetano, Kevin Kimball of Eta Delta (Hillsdale), and Roberto Zamora of Gamma Iota (Wabash)

Best Dressed Vir

Brian Gockley of Epsilon Nu (Creighton)

Best Dressed Femina

Heidi Drayer of Epsilon Nu (Creighton)

Best Paper

Erin Peretti of Beta Pi (University of Arkansas)

Student Performance

Catherine Larson of Eta Delta (Hillsdale)

Service Prize

Eta Delta (Hillsdale)

Certamen Winners

Paul Ray of Eta Delta (Hillsdale)
Karen Kelly of Gamma Omega (Baylor)
Konstantina Choros of Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts)
Daniel Walin of Gamma Omega (Baylor)
Team Name: Loungers O' Destiny



Students from North Adams-Jerome show off their dictionaries.

Certamen Winners



Executive Secretary Sienkewicz awarding the NLE book prizes to the winners of the 2005 certamen: (l to r.) Paul Ray of Hillsdale, Karen Kelly of Baylor, Daniel Walin of Baylor, and Konstantina Choros of the University of Massachusetts. The name of their team was "Loungers O' Destiny."

Res Gestae

The following chapter reports were either presented at the convention or sent directly to the national office.

Alpha Lambda (University of Oklahoma)

This year has been especially fruitful for the Alpha Lambda Chapter. Our main focus has been on collaboration. We have had for some time the unique opportunity at the University of Oklahoma to work in conjunction with other organizations involved in encouraging the study of the Classics. This year, through extensive cooperation with the American Institute of Archaeology, the OU Classics and Letters Society, the OU Center of Classical Archaeology and Civilizations and the newly formed Classical Archaeology Society, we have been able to offer our student body more.

Some of the meeting topics this year included: "Rebuilding Archaeology and Ancient History in Iraq" by our very own Prof. Daniel Snell; "Caesarea Maritima, Dream and Reality: The Excavation of King Herod's City by the Sea" by our own Prof. Farland Stanley; "Let the Gods Decide: Oracles, Omens, and Battles" by our own Prof. Alfred S. Bradford; "The Art, Archaeology & Religions of the Etruscans, Romans & Greeks" The Biblical Archaeology Society (BAS) Seminar, which included such topics as "Etruscan and Roman connections: The Tiber River as Boundary in early Roman History" by Claudio Bizzarri; "Reflections of Etruscan culture from paintings and designs on bronze Etruscan mirrors" by Alba Frascarelli.

In addition to a high turnout at these meetings (generally between 50 and 100 participants), we added 16 initiates. We

look forward to another successful year and expect only further progress.

Alpha Upsilon (Wooster College)

In September we had a barbecue. In October we held a movie night and watched *Life of Brian*. In December we went Latin Caroling and had a holiday party. In March we celebrated the Ides of March.

Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney)

Beta Theta held two initiation ceremonies this spring, with a total of thirteen initiates, bringing our total membership to a recent high of twenty-three.

In the fall members attended performances of *The Furies* at the University of Richmond and *Bacchae* at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. On the Hampden-Sydney campus there was a talk by Bernard Frischer, director of the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities at the University of Virginia, who presented a virtual tour of the Roman Forum.

Last spring one of our members, Geoffrey S. Lea, was honored with the David C. Wilson Memorial Award in Greek, receiving a book and a check for \$500. At Final Convocation on April 21 of this year, we will again give the Wilson Award to one of our members, and the Leila B. Thompson Eta Sigma Phi Prize in Latin, which has not been given in the last few years, will be awarded to another member. The latter prize, named for the wife of our long-time adviser, is a book and a check for \$1000.00.

We regret that for the first time in many years we do not have members, or our adviser, attending the convention.

We will be having a meeting soon to elect officers for next year.

Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame of Maryland)

On September 10, 2004 some attended an AIA lecture at John Hopkins by John J. Dobbins of the University of Virginia on the Pompeii Forum Project.

On November 10, 2004 we hosted the annual Sister Mary Gratia Memorial Lecture. Gladys Callahan Justice gave a slide-illustrated lecture entitled "A Visit to King Tut's Tomb." This was attended by several teachers, students, alumnae and friends.

Some of us attended another AIA lecture at Hopkins on January 28 on the Oldest Known Synagogue in the World: Delos, 2nd Century B.C. by Dr. Monika Tuemper. This was the endowed John J. Callahan Memorial Lecture, named in honor of the deceased husband of our long-time friend and honorary member Gladys Justice.

On February 19 some of us enjoyed a performance of the twelfth century Latin classic, *Ordo Virtutum* by Hildegard of Bingen. This extraordinary performance was done by the Peabody Chamber Opera.

To raise funds for our activities we held our annual Roman Raffle in October and our Maryland Classics Raffle in April. In the midst of our fall raffle we enjoyed a Latin night at Pizza Hut, which donated to our fundraiser a percentage of the payments by our group. Faculty and students from other departments joined us, along with family and friends. The fundraisers, combined with donations from alumnae, made it possible for us to add more than \$1500 to Sister Mary Gratia Scholarship Fund, which provides students with funding for an archeological tour of Italy, Greece, or Turkey.

On April 22 we will induct three new members. The Induction Ceremony will be followed by a potluck Roman dinner provided by Latin and classics students.

We need to acknowledge the generous financial support and strong moral support that we receive every year from our alumnae in all our projects.

We are pleased to make a small donation to the Endowment Fund.

Beta Pi (University of Arkansas)

It has been yet another glorious year for the Beta Pi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. In addition to welcoming fourteen new initiates, the Beta Pi's hosted several spirited guest lecturers and workshopers in the never-ceasing quest to spread awareness and appreciation for the Classics in Northwest Arkansas.

On October 18th, Beta Pi sponsored Patrick E. McGovern, a senior research scientist and associate professor of anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania, for his lecture titled "Wine and the Vine: The Archaeological and Chemical Hunt

Reactivated Chapters

Eta Sigma Phi welcomes back the following chapters which recently reactivated by holding an initiation ceremony and submitting a report of initiates to the executive secretary.

Epsilon at the University of Iowa
Alpha Eta at the University of Michigan



Togaman (Wade Heaton) and Beta Pi member Andy Tomasello (in an equestrian toga) taken at the University of Arkansas by local Chrysophylax Jasmine Merced-Ownbey. Heaton's appearance was sponsored by the Beta Pi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi (University of Arkansas) and included a "symposium" presentation afterwards.

for Viniculture." The lecture attracted Classics majors, Chemistry majors and Bacchantes alike. The lecture was followed by a reception and wine-tasting, which was also swimmingly successful.

On February 9th, the chapter was honored to host Togaman Wade Heaton, guest lecturer at last year's national convention, for a lecture and demonstration titled "Toga: Non Vestis, sed Conceptio." The popular presentation was followed by a reception and workshop, allowing the curious to try their hand at the duty and beauty that is the toga.

On April 7th, Beta Pi welcomed Rebecca Resiniski, Assistant Professor of Classics at Hendrix College, for a lecture exploring the overlap between incestuous and same-sex desire in the myth of Myrrha as told by the Roman poet Ovid and the contemporary American poet Frank Bidart.

In addition to the lecture series, the Beta Pi's enjoyed another rollicking Saturnalia Christmas party and the Second Annual Eta Sigma Phi Toga Party, this year dubbed a Greek Symposium to contrast and compliment last year's Roman Banquet.

The Beta Pi chapter has many lofty plans for next year, including a guest lecturer on numismatics and the ancient economy to attract the numerous business students at the U of A. The lecture will be followed by a minting workshop and reception.

The Beta Pi Chapter is grateful for its success in the past year, and looks forward to employing the information and advice you have to share in order to make next year even better.

Beta Sigma (Marquette University)

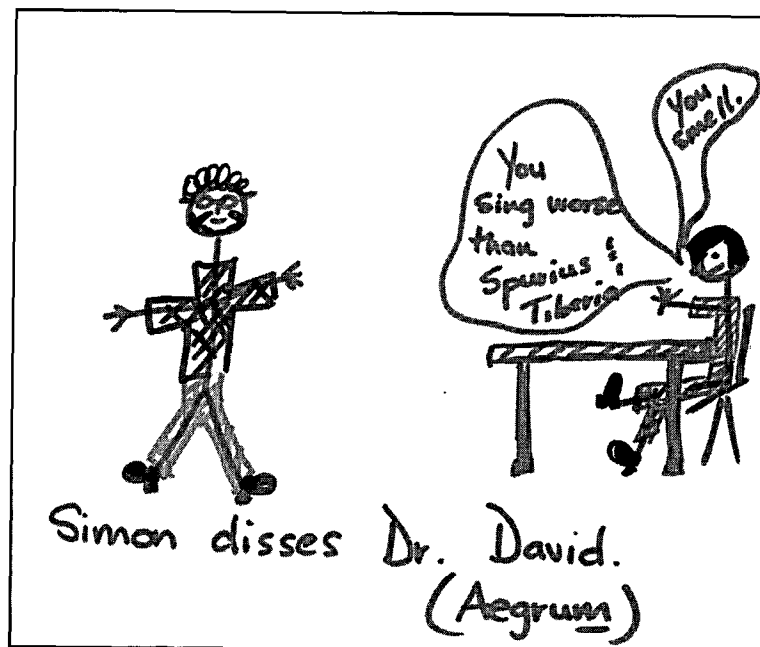
The Beta Sigma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Marquette University has had an amazing year. Our officers represented Eta Sigma Phi at Marquette's annual organizational fair, "O-Fest," at a booth that provided information on how to get involved with Classics at Marquette. We kicked off this year's activities by scheduling a group trip to see *The Comedy of Errors* at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's theatre performed by the Milwaukee Shakespeare Company. We then held our annual Classics Valentine sale in February. Our third event took us to see *Julius Caesar* performed at the UWM campus, and followed with a discussion group at a local coffee

shop. The middle of March found us celebrating/mourning with an Ides of March party, which included laurels, a viewing of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and lots of food and drink. Shortly thereafter, we held a Classics majors and minors party, which served to introduce Classics students, who had previously not found themselves in the same classes, to each other. Our last event was a speaker on the value of Classics in education, Dr. Fleming, from Rockford, Illinois. We have two more events scheduled for the remainder of the year, including the selling of buttons with classically-oriented phrases in Latin and Greek on them, as well as a trip to hear a reading of Euripides by a Milwaukee theatre company.

Beta Psi (Rhodes College)

Beta Psi opened the Fall with our customary barbeque, which we hold every year to raise interest in the Classics and to answer any questions students might have about the Greek and Roman Studies at Rhodes College or about Eta Sigma Phi. The event was well-attended by both students and faculty. We also held a discussion forum for the film *Alexander* in which students and professors discussed the Macedonian general and the cinematic portrayal of his campaigns.

Beta Psi was privileged to have Andrew



Drawing by a student at Bruce Elementary School in Memphis, TN, for members of the Beta Psi (Rhodes College) chapter.

Res Gestae (Continued)

Wallace-Hadrill give a lecture on Pompeii. Students had the opportunity to have lunch with Professor Wallace-Hadrill and to talk about his field of expertise.

Additionally, four of our members, Caroline Bishop, Elokin Capece, Andrew O'Brien, and Todd Ridley, presented papers at the Third Annual ACS Undergraduate Research Symposium in Classics held at Millsaps College. Our students covered a number of topics including magic in the ancient world, *virtus* in the Late Republic, and stylistic techniques in Augustine's *Confessions*.

We have also continued our service project at Bruce Elementary School, which remains our pride and joy and is now in its eighth year. This year, Rhodes students handled the responsibilities of organizing lesson plans for our elementary school friends. We participated in a number of fun and educational activities, such as making Latin valentines, learning the Greek alphabet, and exploring a labyrinth, with candy not the Minotaur at its end.

We initiated one new member in the Fall and ten new members in the Spring, and, after this convention, we will elect new officers in preparation for another year in Classics for Beta Psi.

Gamma Alpha (Indiana State University)

The Gamma Alpha chapter at Indiana State University has had quite a busy academic year. With only two officers, President Angela Nicholas and Secretary/Treasurer April Philpott, and our wonderful faculty advisor Marilyn Bisch, we knew that it would take exemplary organizational skills to make 2004-2005 a triumphant year for Eta Sigma Phi. The

year began with a meeting in which we drew up a calendar of events for the school year. Our first activity was a week long book and bake sale at the end of October. We could not have predicted how successful this fundraiser would be. In one week, we succeeded in raising nearly \$400. A special thanks is due to the former director of the Honors Program, Dr. Don Jennermann, without whom our book and bake sale would not have been possible. We inducted two new members during the fall initiation ceremony and enjoyed a homemade Italian meal afterwards.

The spring semester began slowly but certainly picked up speed. Much of the officers' time has revolved around planning activities for the annual Founding of Rome Banquet and "Latin Fest 2005." The Founding of Rome Banquet, always a favorite with members of Eta Sigma Phi, will take place April 21st at the Olive Garden. We plan to initiate 12 new members that evening. Graduating seniors will be recognized as well. The highlight of the evening, though, is the recognition of outstanding high school Latin students, who along with their teachers, were invited to attend and celebrate Rome's birthday with us. It received such a warm reception last spring that we have decided to make the inclusion and recognition of outstanding local scholars a tradition. Perhaps the highlight of this year will take place the following day with Latin Fest 2005. The goal of Latin Fest is to continue to foster the relationship between Indiana State and Indiana high school students and teachers. Activities include a panel discussion, certamen, quiz games, skits and learning how to make a toga! We are very excited about Latin Fest and hope it will continue through the years. The Latin and Classics programs here at Indiana State continue to grow in popularity among incoming students. We hope that in the coming years Eta Sigma Phi will also continue to further develop its trend of community outreach and service.

Gamma Gamma (University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee)

This past October we were pleased to initiate six new members to our Chapter. In November, taking advantage of the on-

campus screening of a modern Danish film version of *Medea*, we organized an event which combined viewing the modern film followed by seeing a video of a classical theatrical production of the *Medea* in Greek with pizza and discussion following.

This month we are hosting a lecture entitled: "Hannibal's Invasion: The Case for the Highest Pass" to be presented by Richard F. Hough, Professor Emeritus of Geography, San Francisco State University.

Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)

It has been an exciting year indeed for the Gamma Omicron chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. We started the year off on the cibus (food) foot with a picnic at Dr. Sienkewicz's house. As always, this is a gay affair that mixes business with delicious treats. Similarly, we have had two sets of initiation ceremonies this year where food was also a major feature. At these events we welcomed eleven new initiates into Eta Sigma Phi.

In October we hosted a photo exhibit on "12 Black Classicists," examining African American contributions to the Classics. As part of the exhibit we were fortunate to have Michele Ronnick of Wayne State University deliver a lecture on the autobiography of one of these black Classicists, William Sanders Scarborough.

On the Ides of March, thanks to a generous gift from the estate of late Professor Bernice L. Fox, we started a new Monmouth Classics tradition, an annual *Cena Classica*, a luscious banquet of old world foods, including Nonni Roman Bread, Cornish game hen with plum sauce, carrots in wine sauce, watercress salad in vinaigrette dressing, garnished with dates, olives and other delectables. Unfortunately due to our Presbyterian heritage, we had to replace the wine with grape juice, but we were still so pleased with the menu that it shall become the permanent feature for future cenas. Photos from the dinner and a full menu can be found at <http://department.monm.edu/classics/CenaClassicaMMV.htm>.

Following this feast we welcomed Dr. James DeYoung as our annual Fox Classics lecturer. He spoke on "Producing Euripides' *Trojan Women* for a Modern Audience." This lecture was followed by a wonder-

Quid Novi?

Send information on your chapter's activities by October 1, 2005, for inclusion in the fall *Nuntius*. Photographs of members are always welcome, and be sure to identify the people in the photographs. Send information and photographs to Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz (see p. 2).

ful performance of the *Trojan Women* by Monmouth College's Crimson Masque. Shortly after these successful events two members of Gamma Omicron attended their first meeting of CAMWS in Madison, Wisconsin. Upon their return with Dr. Sienkewicz, the chapter began laboring on our shirt design for this convention. Its in a recognizable sign, that has been successful all across America with the Greek word "KIKKABAZONTES" or "HOOTERS" emblazoned on the front. Finally, we are looking forward at the end of April to a lecture by Kate Hovey, a children's literature specialist, on Greek Mythology.

Two members of our chapter were recognized for their outstanding performance on the National Latin and Greek Exam. Ryan Bay '07 earned a *magna cum laude* on the Latin II National Latin Exam and

Savannah Dorsett received a green ribbon for her score on the Beginning Attic Greek National Greek Exam.

All in all this year at the Gamma Omicron Chapter has focused on the three f's of life, Food, Friends and Fun.

Gamma Omega (Baylor University)

This past year has been very eventful for the members of Gamma Omega and for the Baylor Classics department. Our newly-elected officers met several times to decide what amazing and wondrous mysteries should be opened unto the other members. After much discussion, as well as some weeping and gnashing of teeth, we determined that we would continue with our plan to take over the world, or at least the lounge of the Modern Foreign Languages Department. Our first idea was

to perpetuate the name of Eta Sigma Phi on campus and throughout the world with the release of new and excellent t-shirts. It would be a shame after all, if our department were not well-robed. The official Gamma Omega shirt of the year is black with white lettering indicating that we are better known as the "Etasigmaphia," and the back informs everybody of a fact that we already know: "The only good language is a dead language."

October was a very busy month for Gamma Omega. We started it off with a bang, with our fourth annual OctHOMERfest. For the uninitiated, OctHOMERfest is a Baylor extravaganza in which we sell baked goods and read aloud the words of Homer in as many different languages as possible. This year, the event coincided with a lecture appearance by Robert Fagles,

List of Chapters Submitting Annual Reports

The following chapters submitted annual reports to the national office in 2004-2005. If your chapter is not on this list it is very important for you to submit a report for 2005-2006. Chapters not reporting receive only one copy of the *NUNTIUS* and run the risk of eventual deactivation. You can submit your annual report on line at <http://department.monm.edu/classics/ESP/annualreports.html>. Printable copies of the form are also available at that url.

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 Alpha Omega Louisiana State University
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 Alpha Tau Ohio State University
 Alpha Upsilon College of Wooster
 Beta Theta Hampden-Sydney College
 Beta Iota Wake Forest University
 Beta Pi University of Arkansas
 Beta Sigma Marquette University
 Beta Psi Rhodes College
 Gamma Alpha Indiana State University
 Gamma Gamma Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
 Gamma Nu Montclair State University
 Gamma Omicron Monmouth College
 Gamma Sigma University of Texas at Austin
 Gamma Upsilon Austin College
 Delta Theta Dickinson College
 Delta Omicron Texas Tech University

Delta Sigma Univ. of California-Irvine
 Delta Chi St. Olaf College
 Epsilon Eta Kent State University
 Epsilon Kappa Brigham Young University
 Epsilon Omicron Univ. of Massachusetts
 Epsilon Rho College of Charleston
 Epsilon Sigma Augustana College
 Epsilon Psi Santa Clara University
 Zeta Beta Temple University
 Zeta Delta The University of the South
 Zeta Epsilon Rutgers University
 Zeta Theta Pennsylvania St. University
 Zeta Iota University of Georgia
 Zeta Lambda University of Louisville
 Zeta Nu University of Maryland
 Zeta Tau University of Pittsburgh
 Eta Gamma Loyola University
 Eta Delta Hillsdale College
 Eta Zeta Truman State University
 Eta Eta Virginia Tech
 Eta Theta DePauw University
 Eta Iota University of Arizona
 Eta Mu University of California, Davis
 Eta Nu University of Rochester
 Eta Omicron Assumption College
 Eta Pi Hobart & William Smith Colleges
 Eta Rho Univ. of Illinois at Chicago
 Eta Tau UNC, Asheville
 Eta Psi Michigan State University

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who kindly agreed to read to the passers-by for a short time. Two weeks later, we assisted the department in welcoming current and former students for the annual Homecoming party/open house. On the same weekend, Dr. Alden Smith, the illustrious head of our classics department, received the Master Teacher award, the highest honor granted to Baylor faculty. We ended the month with a Halloween party at which Baylor Classics students, alumni, and faculty gathered for pumpkin carving, bobbing for apples, a costume contest, and other seasonal festivities.

Shortly after the Halloween party, some of our leading members were stricken by a horrifying disease that apparently only those graduating within the year contract. Lamenting and bewailing the fate of these members made it difficult for the chapter to continue with their happy-go-lucky activities. With the help of a past prytanis, however, the remaining officers kicked the chapter back into gear with highly successful Take-A-Dative in early March. This year's theme was Homer on the Range, allowing us to rediscover our inner cowboys and cowgirls. The event provided a great opportunity for us to get to know the eight members we had inducted two days previously. It also gave us a reason to design another t-shirt! Additional members will be inducted at our next meeting. In addition to inductions and Take-A-Dative, the chapter assisted the department with the second High School Latin Day for central Texas students. Legion XIV provided some educational entertainment for the participants, and a suspenseful *certamen* tournament allowed the schools to display their knowledge of the classical world. Movie Fridays and weekly Sit-By-The-Stick celebrations were also renewed this semester. Our departmental lecture series continued with appearances by Robert Fagles, Duane Roller, Ian Storey, and Patricia Rosenmeyer; we held a conference on slavery and oppression from ancient to modern times organized by the Classics Department. We are proud of our own Becky Tompkins, Erik Ellis, and Scott Landua, who presented papers at the southern section of CAMWS, and Bill White, who presented a paper at the 101st CAMWS meeting.



Some members of Delta Theta at Dickinson College

Delta Theta (Dickinson College)

This past year has been exciting for the Delta Theta Chapter. On March 10, 2005, we inducted fifteen new members into our chapter and we have been involved in many interesting activities. To start off our year, we worked to create a new club on campus, the Chimaera Club, to spread interest in the Classics to other people besides majors. We were able to be officially recognized by the college and have around forty members. The Chimaera Club will work closely with Eta Sigma Phi in the future to do many activities. We held our third annual Lasagna Dinner which was a big hit. Faculty, students, and staff attended the event at the Classics House, and everyone had a great time. We have had several movie nights and study nights as a group. We had a study abroad fair where members who had been abroad shared their experiences with people interested in going abroad. In the spring semester, we had our annual Greek dinner. During this dinner we had Greek food and watched *Troy*. The event was very successful. Right now, students are working in coordinating Latin Day with the local High Schools. Several members are getting together to judge projects, and two of our officers will be attending the actual event as judges. Throughout the year we have hosted numerous speakers and held many receptions for these speakers. We look forward to the continuation of club events in the future, especially with our new Chimaera Club.

Delta Upsilon (Valparaiso University)

Over the last two years our chapter

has initiated twenty five new members. Valparaiso has a thriving chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America and our members regularly attended the many AIA lectures, the last one of which was about the Palace of Nestor at Pylos.

Thirty students attended dinner and the play *Julius Caesar-Bladerunner-esc* with cell phones and laser guns. On April 25, 2005 we will hold the 1st Annual student translation symposium/convivium where students will read in the original Greek, Latin, and Hebrew poetry and prose then offer their own polished, free translation of authors, such as Horace, Catullus, Livy, Cicero, Vergil, New Testament, Homer, Sappho, Herodotus, the Septuagint, and Plato.

One of our members, Jeff Beibay, delivered a paper at the 2005 CAMWS meeting in Madison, Wisconsin.

Delta Chi Chapter (St. Olaf College)

Delta Chi chapter kicked off the year with its Second Annual Ultimate Frisbee Battle. Right after Halloween we celebrated the Eleusinian Mysteries, complete with *kukeon* and dramatic recitations. In November we sponsored a *Gladiator* movie night, and in December we hit the streets of Northfield for Christmas caroling in Greek, Latin, and German.

February saw us competing in the Eta Sigma Phi translation contests. As the Ides of March approached, many of us performed in Plautus' *Curculio*, which we took on tour to several schools in the Twin Cities and surrounding area. We also initiated 23 student members and two



Nic Harter grew up in Hopkins, a suburb of Minneapolis. Next to the Mississippi River in St. Paul, where he drowned, his parents have put up a small cross made by Nic's grandfather and inscribed with the words "Requiescat in Pace"; the Latin words remind them how much Nic enjoyed studying Latin. Members of Delta Chi think of Nic whenever they hear the wind chimes in St. Olaf's Memorial Tower; each of the 114 chimes commemorates a student who died while attending the college. Nic's chime was added at the close of his memorial service on the evening of Dec. 7, 2004. A fuller obituary can be found at <http://www.cdmn.info/news/safety/s050308.html>.

honorary members into the chapter, just in time for them to help us run the national convention.

Our report must close on a sad note. One of the members of Delta Chi chapter, St. Olaf junior Nicholas M. Harter, was killed in a scuba-diving accident on November 21, 2004. Nic was a double major in English and Ancient Studies; a happy, vivacious person, he was passionate about everything and wrote great quantities of poetry. Fun-loving and out-going, he had been actively involved in the planning of this meeting and was looking forward to it. We know that he is with us today in spirit, and we would ask you all to stand now for a brief moment of silence, to honor his memory.

Epsilon Iota (University of Florida)

We had a very full and successful year. We started the year after numerous hurricane delays with our fall inductions. We immediately implemented a new program: a book club in which we read Greek and Latin works in translation. October was a busy month. On October 1, we helped the Center for Greek Studies host the 25th Annual Greek Dance, complete with Greek food, folk dancers, and our favorite, bouzouki music. Member Tom Evison braved the torrential rains as our dedicated parking attendant. Inside; the tradition of making human etas, sigmas, and phis first reared its ugly head. In mid-October, we started our weekly tutoring lab for students in Latin and Greek classes. We experienced great success with this program, especially before finals week. We also continued to offer tutoring services

on a one-on-one basis via our tutoring listserv, over which students and tutors could arrange meeting times around their individual schedules. On October 15, we celebrated Octogafest, a toga party at which even Dionysus himself made an appearance. On the 17th, we went to the theatre department's production of *The Bacchae*. On the 21st, advisor Dr. Karelisa Hartigan delivered a lecture on Santorini as part of the Alumni Lecture Series. At the end of the month, we ran in the Hustle for Humanity and hosted a symposium in preparation for CAMWS-SS.

We welcomed John Camp on November 10 with a pizza lunch in the afternoon before his AIA lecture on recent excavations in the Athenian Agora. Before Thanksgiving, we organized an extremely successful canned food drive. We collected over 1200 cans, which we donated to the Ronald McDonald House, Peaceful Paths Shelter for Battered Women, and the St. Francis House. We thanked Anthony Strazulla's Latin 1 class for bringing in the most cans, 517, with a pizza lunch. We participated in our first Habitat for Humanity build on December 4th. Amber Graham, Brenda Fields, and Alyssa Henriquez spent hours digging in cold, deep ditches and leveling a yard. On the 9th, we held a day-long tutoring session, and on the 10th, we celebrated the end of the semester and re-opening of state parks following hurricane clean-up with a BBQ. Graduate students roasted spiders on the open flames while the rest of us embarrassed ourselves with our poor Frisbee skills.

In January, we inducted 20 new members and held a meet-and-greet pizza

lunch (these are quite popular with our department) for prospective new hires Dr. Victoria Pagan and Dr. Andrew Wolpert, who later accepted the department's offer and will join our faculty next year. On February 9th, Jack Davis spoke with the AIA on the Palace of Nestor at Pylos. On February 19th, we participated in another Habitat Build, this time with greater attendance thanks to better weather. On March 11th, we hosted a lecture by Eta Sigma Phi trustee Dr. Alden Smith on Ovid's *Absence of Epic in Ex Ponto* 3.3. We were extremely excited to bring him to speak. The following morning, William Hall led an interactive mask lecture and workshop. In the last few weeks, numerous members competed for scholarships offered by the Classics Department and the Center for Greek Studies, and we had many winners who will be recognized at an award ceremony at the end of the month. At this ceremony, we will recognize two outstanding members of the Epsilon Iota Chapter with \$500 scholarships. Our new shirts arrived two weeks ago. This year, we went with a classic polo featuring the Eta Sigma Phi logo. We also ordered fabulous, very trendy hats. A week ago, we held our last meeting and elections for next year's officers, and this week, we are recognizing the department's secretary and office manager with Druscilla and Heather Appreciation Week. After another marathon tutoring session, we plan to finish off the year with a BBQ and day of tubing.

Epsilon Nu (Creighton University)

The Epsilon Nu Chapter has sought to exemplify the ingrained principles of Eta Sigma Phi and preserve the integrity of the Classics. We have worked towards achieving this task not only through various chapter activities, but also through community service. Our chapter has grown significantly over this past year and is successfully striving to become more recognized on campus. We continue to build camaraderie among members to spread interest in the Classics beyond the academic spectrum with many creative events.

Epsilon Nu's primary chapter activities include movie showings, restaurant outings, picnics, and all other events that

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pertain to the greater organization of Eta Sigma Phi.

Epsilon Nu ended last year and commenced this school year with a picnic in a local park for all the majors and professors in the Classics Department.

During our monthly movie showings and pizza nights we have watched the following films: *Gladiator*, *Life of Brian*, *O Brother Where Art Thou?*, *History of the World, Part I*, *Mad Max*, *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and *The Passion of the Christ*. Members gathered at a Bacchanalia to celebrate the end of the last school year and the Fall 2004 semester. Members also frequent Katie's Greek restaurant and the Greek Islands.

The formal induction ceremony was held in January 2005 to welcome over 20 new members into our organization, after which many of us went out to eat at the Greek Islands Restaurant.

Elections were held at the end of the 2004 Spring semester to fill the necessary positions for the chapter.

The chapter participated in the Fall 2004 Involvement Fair, to recruit students for the Classics club and enrolled over 60 students in our club.

Epsilon Nu designed and sold our first-ever T-shirts.

Working with "Project Welcome," an organization for Sudanese refugees, Epsilon Nu adopted Jada Loro, the son of a Sudanese family, to raise money for his education. Two major fundraising events were held in this effort. A Pumpkin carving contest was held on Halloween which raised over \$100. The chapter collected pledges for a charity bike ride amounting to \$500.

Throughout the Fall and Spring semesters, student and faculty members of Epsilon Nu volunteered their help at many *Certamina* for the district Junior Classical League Convention. We have built a strong relationship with the Nebraska JCL and plan to continue working with high-schoolers in the future.

Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

The Epsilon Omicron chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the University of Massachusetts Amherst is large and vivacious,

comprised of over 100 certified members. We enjoy unfailing support from the Classics department at UMass, including a generous grant this Spring which helped to finance fundraisers and subsidize tickets to the annual banquet, allowing more students to participate. There is a strong sense of community in our chapter, and we endeavor to include as many people as possible, reaching out to the greater community in new and exciting ways.

Epsilon Omicron plans various events so that our members can attend activities that spark their interest. Our chapter took a day trip on Sunday, March 6th to attend a wonderful performance of Christopher Marlowe's first play *Dido, Queen of Carthage* at the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, Massachusetts. We also have planned a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to view their extensive classical exhibit for Saturday, April 30th.

In order to bring the group together to have fun and relieve stress, we hold periodical movie nights at which we have seen *Troy*; *Gladiator*; *I, Claudius*; *Jason and the Argonauts*; and *Clash of the Titans*. Our last movie night on Thursday, May 5th will be a Toga Pot Luck Party. Members will be encouraged to dress and cook with historical accuracy, while visitors enjoy Monty Python's *Life of Brian* and Latin students commiserate with Brian as he has noun cases beaten into him by a Roman soldier.

This is a fun gathering for Eta Sigma Phi members to share their knowledge and love of the classical world with other students at the university.

In order to fund this ambitious itinerary, we conduct several fundraisers. Last Fall, our annual Book and Bake Sale was a success once again. Books were donated by faculty and students from all across the campus, and the profits purchased plane tickets to send two members to the annual Eta Sigma Phi convention. We also held a Valentine's Day Bake Sale, which among its many delicious and creative treats sold apples dipped in white chocolate which read, "To the most beautiful goddess. warning: Eta Sigma Phi is not responsible for any wars caused by the giving of this product." One final bake sale is planned for Monday, April 11th, and our final

fundraiser will be the Eta Sigma Phi T-shirt sale at the yearly banquet.

Our banquet this year promises to be an exciting event. The UMass Classics faculty has nominated a record 120 students for induction into Eta Sigma Phi this year. With our already active chapter strengthened each year by so many enthusiastic initiates, Epsilon Omicron may expect many more movie nights and museum trips. The spirit of Eta Sigma Phi lives at UMass through the enthusiastic students who gather to share their love of Classics.

Zeta Beta Chapter of Temple University

Zeta Beta Chapter of Temple University has had a busy year since we met in New Orleans. Our annual initiation was held on April 12th. We initiated seventeen new regular members and a graduate student associate, who will be teaching Latin at secondary level. On April 21st we made our annual celebration of Rome's birthday complete, as usual, with a large birthday cake. A new tradition of three-foot hoagies to accompany the cake has begun. Jeff Petsis, who graduated in summer of 2003 and took a year at the post-baccalaureate program at the University of Pennsylvania, returned to tell us that he had won a generous fellowship to do graduate work in Classics at Florida State University. We continue to receive good reports from and about him as he studies and teaches in the Sunshine State.

April continued on its busy way with a visit to the department of Greek, Hebrew & Roman Classics the next day, April 22nd, by Bill Parsons. Bill just minored in Classics, since he, as do many of our students, discovered Classics and Ancient History after he arrived at Temple. He became so interested in the topic, though, that he eventually began to teach Latin as an extracurricular subject, as well as regularly scheduled metal shop and ancient history at a middle school near Boston. He told us that he is petitioning to teach Greek next year!

We held one of our famous potluck dinners on April 30th, when guest speakers came to visit for the Honors Program course on the Medea theme that our department offered for Spring 2004. Professor Martin Winkler of George

Mason University delighted an expanded audience with film clips and commentary about the works of filmmakers Peier Paolo Pasolini (*Medea*), Jules Dassin (*A Dream of Passion*), and Lars von Trier (*Medea*). In the second half of the program, Professor Fred Ahl of Cornell spoke to us about the work of a translator, and especially about his own translation of Seneca's *Medea*. Eta Sigma Phi's were essential to the smooth proceeding of this gathering, right through the inevitable clean-up of the lounge!

In May we were geared up for graduation. The first ceremony involving our majors and minors was the initiation for Phi Beta Kappa honorees. Since the national Phi Beta Kappa president, Niall Slater of Emory University, a Classics professor, was a guest speaker, Eta Sigma Phi's assisted in many ways, from helping to fetch him from the airport, to organizing a dinner for him at Zorba's (guess what kind of food!) and adjourning around the corner to our chapter president's house, where the former concert-pianist-in-training, Christina Streletz, gave a concert that made us proud. Impromptu, too! The next day Professor Slater helped initiate three senior Eta Sigma Phi's and one junior Eta Sigma Phi among the Temple students coming into Phi Beta Kappa.

Six majors graduated in May wearing their Eta Sigma Phi Honor Cords. The sixth student, the lone male, could not attend graduation ceremonies. Wade Albert did us proud, however, by being accepted at Temple Law School, where he is studying hard this year and planning to storm Philadelphia politics after he receives his Juris Doctor. Three of the female graduates have taken a rest this year, but not before all had won graduation awards. Christina Streletz won the Nicholas Vlachos Prize for Excellence in the Study of Classics, Barbara Steele won the Radoff Prize for outstanding academic achievement, competing with students from all languages. Adrienne Kenyon represented us with the Jane Stenton award for academic excellence. Jeanne Haines, who double majored in psychology, decided to concentrate on Classics and this year has been attending the post-baccalaureate program at the University of Pennsylvania. She has applied for graduate study in Classics and



Zeta Beta Chapter with author of *Lingua Latina, per se illustrata*, from left to right: Matt Scannapicco, Lyndy Danvers, Hans Ørberg, and Alison Cutts

Religion in several programs, and should hear about acceptance soon. Dawn Kollonige followed her second major, in Health Services, and is working in that field in the Philadelphia area. In the summer, Zeta Beta incoming co-Prytanis, Andy Felder, attended classes at Temple's Campus in Rome. He was very enthusiastic about the experience, and in the fall Jamie Sawyer tried a semester there. She returned raving about the city and Temple's program, so our other co-Prytanis, Alison Cutts, along with major Ben Trent, about whom more below, have spent the spring semester there, also duly impressed by *la bella città!*

Former national Eta Sigma Phi Grammateus (Tufts) Karen Klaiber moved from a temporary full time teaching position at Temple to a presidential appointment. She married on the Fourth of July, and as Karen Hersch was elected one of the first two faculty members to Temple's College of Liberal Arts Society of Fellows for the Humanities. Dr. Hersch does not let this stop her from being Associate Sponsor of Zeta Beta, and a wonderful supporter of student activities.

This year Andromache Karanika also joined the Classics faculty after pursuing an education at Thessaloniki, Washington University at St. Louis, and Princeton. We lured her away from a post-doc fellowship at Stanford to join us, where she makes glad the hearts of our majors and minors who are concentrating on Greek rather than Latin! On our Rome Campus, Margaret Brucia has been hired to teach

Latin every spring semester. Alison and Ben, who have studied with her, report that she is vivacious, terribly smart, and takes students on great field trips. Her presence to offer the Latin language will make it possible for our students to remain in Rome for an entire year without falling behind in coursework in the major. The Temple program in Rome is open to students from other colleges as well, so if you are interested in the Eternal City, why not enjoy springtime at Temple Rome?

October was a banner month for us. We assisted Dr. Davis with a panel she organized for the Classical association of the Atlantic States, which met in Philadelphia. The panel featured a visit from Dr. Hans Ørberg of Denmark, author of the Latin textbook we use at Temple, *Lingua Latina per se illustrata*. Not only did Dr. Hersch speak on the panel, but she helped Dr. Davis organize. Eta Sigma Phi's turned out to assist, too. Dr. Ørberg was accompanied by his sons Anders and Stefen, who it turns out, were the models for the two boys in the narrative of the text, Marcus and Quintus. Dr. Ørberg's daughter Trina was the model for Julia, and his two youngest sons were the models for the twins born to "Aemilia" and "Iulius" in the text. We enjoyed hearing anecdotes about the real Familia Romana at a dinner we held on Thursday, October 7th, for all teachers and students in the Temple area who know these textbooks. After managing a superb potluck dinner and clean-up, students helped to take the Ørbergs to

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the hotel where the conference would be held. Early on the Friday four stalwart Zeta Beta members came out for the 8:30 a.m. panel. Andy Felder and Alison Cutts sold *Lingua Latina* tee shirts we had had made for the occasion, and generally fetched and carried. Lyndy Danvers and Matt Scannapieco manned the video cameras recording the session. The students also took care of the raffle of door prizes CAAS likes to have in each session of papers. We gave away *Lingua Latina* tee shirts and textbooks in our session. On the Monday after, Dr. Ørberg visited Temple Latin classes, where students in the beginning and intermediate courses were thrilled to ask him questions about the text, to listen to his explanation of how he came to write it, and to line up to get his autograph. The octogenarian scholar was amazed at being greeted like a visiting pop music star.

November saw Zeta Beta, runner-up in the 2004 *certamen* in New Orleans, back at its scholastic tricks. The four students who went with their sponsors to the annual meeting of the Philadelphia Classics Society not only enjoyed the speakers, and interacting with local classics teachers from elementary and secondary schools, but came away with the prize in the Trivia Contest. They later recycled the gift certificate for Barnes & Noble in a fundraising raffle to benefit Zeta Beta!

We held two welcome parties for majors and minors, complete with our favorite food, pizza. One was in September, and the other in February as the second semester started. Pizza also featured large in a "Pizza and Poetry" session in Dr. Davis's Hellenistic Alexandria class this spring. Dr. Karanika's beginning Greek class and several other majors, Zeta Beta members all, joined the members of the class for "Wine, Women and Song," the pizza replacing wine, all the women, as Garrison Keillor would say, good looking, and the song furnished by selection from the Greek Anthology. Doctors Davis and Hersch read some of the poems in Greek, students read in English, and Dr. Karanika capped the experience for us by reading in her beautiful modern Greek voice the ancient Greek poems she knows so well.

We held a fundraising bake sale on Valentine's Day, appealing to the sweet

tooth of each student and staff member who passed our table with cupcakes decorated for the holiday and brownies, perennial favorites. Proceeds went toward sending our delegates to national convention at St. Olaf.

In February we had a field trip to New York City, compliments of our dean, who furnished a bus. We first went to the Onassis Foundation, where we saw an exhibit of artifacts from the time of Phillip II and Alexander the Great. We were treated royally, and all received a free copy of the exhibit catalog and a poster from the exhibit as we left. The bus next took us to the Metropolitan Museum of Art where we just had time to eat lunch, then go through the Egyptian, Greek and Roman displays. A bonus of the trip was the ride along Central Park, where the Christo and Jeanne-Claude installation called "the Gates" was still in place. Dr. Hersch, whose specialty is the Roman Wedding, raced into the Park next to the Met and obtained a fabric sample of the saffron material, the color of the Roman wedding veil.

With all the munching of goodies and welcoming of new faculty members and majors and minors, we found more time to serve others. Our focus this year has been on disabled and underprivileged students. In the fall two Eta Sigma Phi members tutored a blind student, so that she could pass intermediate Latin. The illness that caused her blindness began when she was pursuing a Classics degree at the University of Pennsylvania. We helped her return to an old love, the Latin language. This semester Classics majors have rallied round a student in the Hellenistic Alexandria class, so that his confinement to a wheelchair and physical disability which causes difficulty in writing would not keep him from full benefit of the class. Classics majors willing to organize study sessions, note taking, and "driving" the wheelchair where navigation is rough have contributed to the student's success in the class.

In another area, our major and fellow Zeta Beta member Ben Trent brought Latin to a new audience. Temple University has an active bridge program for students who are disadvantaged in their secondary school education. It is called the Upward Bound Program, and prepares

New Chapters

Eta Sigma Phi looks forward to welcoming new members at the following institutions, whose petitions for new chapters were approved at the 77th Annual Convention:

Purdue University in Indiana
The University of Alabama
Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania
Roger Williams University in Rhode Island
Union College in New York
Austin Peay University in Tennessee

students from local schools to qualify for Temple classwork. Many subject areas are addressed, with emphasis on building new interpersonal skills, and writing and speaking ability, not to mention good study habits. Ben held a work study position in the program, and soon had convinced the Director that Latin would be just the thing to teach thinking, reading, writing, and speaking. With the supervision of a veteran secondary school teacher, Ben created a syllabus, lesson plans, and activities. The high school students in his section of Upward Bound were so excited by the Latin classes that they came with the Director to meet Dr. Ørberg and find out more about his textbook. They told him wonderful things about Ben and the Latin classes. Dr. Ørberg was pleased, but their Director was more than pleased, and decided to include Latin in the Upward Bound Program for future terms. Another Classics major, just initiated into Zeta Beta, Anna Burke, has stepped in to furnish Latin to the high school students since Ben relocated to the Rome Campus for spring. We hope to report of more interaction with Upward Bound as time goes on!

Meanwhile, Zeta Beta excels everywhere at Temple. Our delegate Matt Scannapieco chairs the Honors Program Council, another delegate, Lyndy Danvers is the Ombudsperson for GHR Classics and for the university-wide Intellectual Heritage Program. Delegates Natalie John-

son and Matt Cain are freshmen, active in the Honors Program and promising great involvement with Temple activities in the future—maybe even organizing a trip to Philadelphia for the rest of you Eta Sigma Phi-ers, so that at an annual convention you may find out what fun it can be to study the Classics in the City of Brotherly Love.

Eta Gamma (Loyola University)

This year the Eta Gamma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Loyola University has had a very productive year. We have striven to incorporate new and exciting activities for our chapters as well as our student body as a whole. Our primary activities have included having at least one movie night, where we served pizza and soda, per month, which movies include *Gladiator*, *Troy*, *Life of Brian*. Eta Gamma has also made an effort to increase funding for our chapters. Our fundraisers have included one bake sale a month as well as a 50/50 raffle this semester. As our advisory Dr. Connie Rodriguez is on sabbatical this year our co-advisor Dr. Davina McClan has introduced a book club into our chapter in which we have read and discussed Harry Potter in Latin and Greek. Our community service in our chapter has also grown. In April we put on Kids day in which children from local schools in the grades K-8 came to Loyola for a day of education and fun. Initiations this year was very exciting and the officers decided to have a mixer prior to initiations. On February 25th the Eta Gamma chapter initiated 10 new members and at the end of the year we will have our annual end of the year BBQ. We decided to order traditional jerseys with our organization's letters on the front chapter's letters on the sleeve and names we have chosen for ourselves which appear on the back. At the end of our final meeting we will elect new officers for the upcoming year as well as discuss new ideas to further our growth as a chapter.

Eta Delta (Hillsdale College)

Hillsdale College's Eta Delta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi began the 2004-2005 academic year with culinary delights at their annual fall picnic. Sixty classicists, including visiting professor Victor Davis Hanson,

attended, and abounding quantities of amazing, quasi-ancient style food were enjoyed by all. September's Homecoming Weekend saw the chapter win second prize in the all-school banner contest with a banner stating that timeless slogan of great conflict, "*Veni, vidi, vici*." In October, Visiting Assistant Professor of Classical Studies Dr. Gavin Weaire took a group of classics students to Ann Arbor, Michigan for a talk by Dr. Anthony Snodgrass, entitled, "The Classical Greek Cemetery: A Barometer of Citizenship." As the fall semester rolled in November, members of the chapter spent several Saturday mornings fundraising by raking enormous yards for faculty members. A movie night was held, including both a production of *Medea* in Ancient Greek and a modern British adaptation of Aristophanes' *Frogs* and *I, Claudius*. A reading of Plato's Symposium in a new American translation by our own Associate Professor of Classical studies, Dr. Lorna Holmes was read. November and December were filled with the chapter's participation in the Dictionary Project, wherein, with the assistance of monies donated by the local Kiwanis Club, many members of the chapter gave a dictionary to each third-grade students in Hillsdale County. A distribution included a short presentation, which included our giving the students an idea of what we study in classics, explaining by examples the connection between modern English words such as "astronaut" and "hippopotamus" and their ancient Greek roots, and assisting the students to write their names phonetically with Greek letters. In all, members distributed over 600 dictionaries to twenty-nine classrooms in fourteen schools.

The winter semester continued the chapter's staffing of tutoring for introductory Greek and Latin students. Movie nights also continued with showings of *I, Claudius*. Two student-organized weekly reading groups, one of which reads Greek drama in translation and the other of which focuses on conversational Latin using dramatic plays and phrases, began. February saw member Cate Larsen perform her original composition "The Dido Series" at her senior recital with the assistance of member Hannah Dixon, soprano. In March, the chapter once again spon-

sored Honorama, a bowling competition between honoraries on campus; this year all the honoraries raised over \$3500 for the college's Spring Break Alternative, benefiting Habitat for Humanity. At the college's Spring Honors Assembly, our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was presented with Omicron Delta Kappa's leadership award for "exemplary leadership through service." In late March, our chapter held its Date Infliction auction, where we auction off willing classicists to keep or to inflict as a date to the upcoming Cheese Ball. \$850 were raised. Visiting Assistant Professor of Classical Studies Joseph Garnjobst led a group of classicists in a day trip to the Toledo Art Museum, where the students learned about Greek pottery and classical art on the trip. With the arrival of spring also came visits by distinguished classicists: Dr. Stephen Heilen of Muenster University, Germany lectured on astronomy and astrology in the ancient world and Dr. William M. Calder III, one of America's foremost classicists, spoke on differences between the ancient and modern world views. A golden year for the Eta Delta chapter will wind down at the end of April with Floralia, the food event of the spring. This final banquet for more quasi-ancient style food always includes a student-organized classical parody.

Eta Zeta (Truman State University)

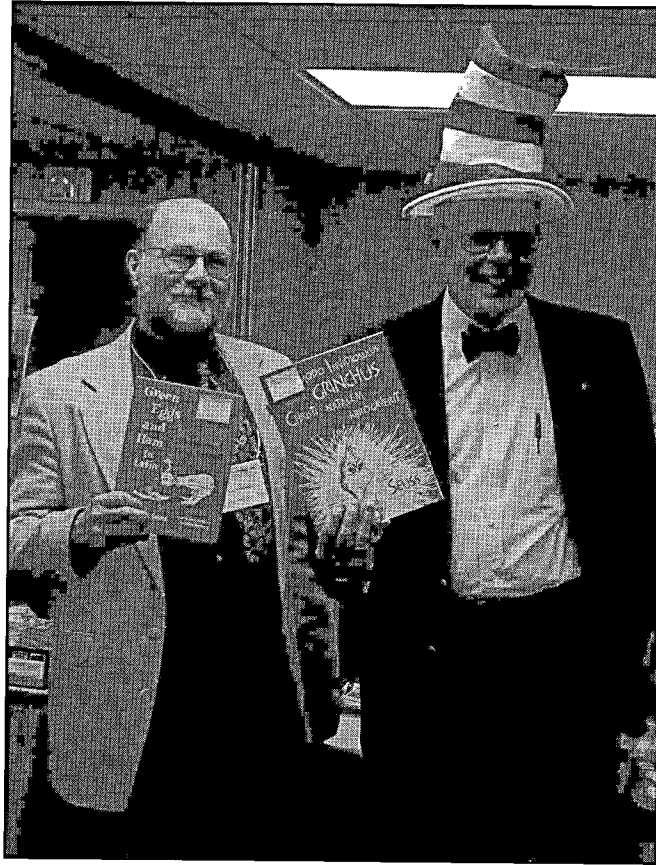
The Truman State University Classics Club has had a very eventful and productive year. Our fall semester saw the continuation of professor of the month honors, a scrumptious Greek dinner and exciting Homerathon. This winter we made the trip to Columbia to dine at the Olive Garden to satisfy the craving for yummy Italian food without having to cook. In addition to the Greek dinner in the fall, we hosted an Italian dinner for members, new inductees and professors this spring. Our master chef, Jeneva Wyatt, was instrumental in both endeavors. Also this spring, Dr. Lynn Fose spoke at a meeting about her research in Germany on disabilities in the Ancient world. Throughout the year we have gathered together at monthly symposia to celebrate the classical world in proper fashion. Finally, we have made great strides in designing a new

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Greek-based T-shirt to complement last year's Latin design.

Eta Eta (Virginia Tech)

The Eta Eta chapter initiated its largest class every on February 18th, bringing in eleven new members. We used additional readings for the initiation from Sappho and Isocrates. Five students participated in the translation contests. Three students and one professor attended the chapter's first national convention at St. Olaf. Activities this year included the regular Friday afternoon Classics Table, several movie nights, the annual t-shirt, a Sappho marathon and an *I, Claudius* marathon, our 7th year of service work with 3rd graders at Kipps Elementary School, and the 9th annual Hummel Lecture with Fred Franko from Hollins University. We will close the year with the annual Bacchanalia at which we will present graduating seniors with the "Virginia Hummel Cheap Used Book Prize," a gift for each student from the personal library of one of the Classics faculty.

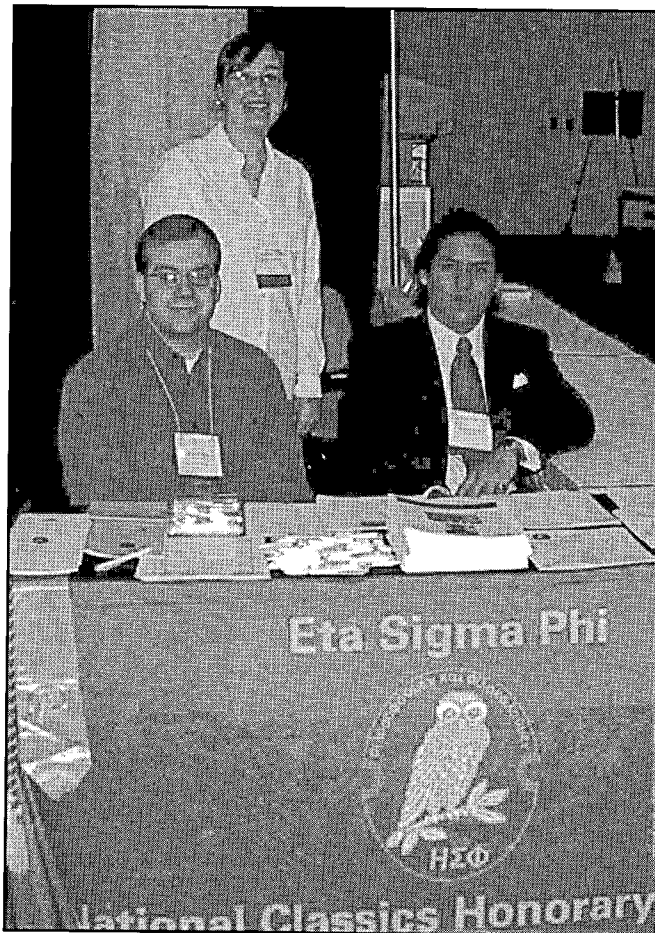


Cattus Petasatus

Pictured are current Executive Secretary Sienkewicz (left) and former Executive Secretary and Honorary Trustee Brent Froberg (right, petasatus) at the 2005 meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Madison, Wisconsin. They are holding Latin translations of books by Dr. Seuss published by Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers. Photo submitted by Dr. Lou Bolchazy.

Eta Omicron (Assumption College)

We began our year with a joint meeting with the Classics Club. We met to plan out the fun events we wanted to do during the year. While we discussed our plans, we baked and decorated classically themed cookies. We followed this by watching the popular movie *Troy*. After we watched it we discussed the discrepancies between the movie and Homer's account of the Trojan War in the *Iliad*. Later, we had our annual Eta Sigma Phi Initiation, where we welcomed Assumption's accomplished classics students into our group. On March 15, we had our Ides of March dinner, where we ate chicken and cheese-cake made according to ancient Roman recipes. A few weeks later we took a trip to the Worcester Art Museum to see their collection of Greek and Roman art. Our next activity had us cooking again when we baked traditional Roman pizzas and discussed the theory that the first pizza was described in Virgil's *Aeneid*. We plan a picnic by Assumption's duck pond to conclude our activities for the year.



Eta Sigma Phi at APA/AIA 2005

National Officers of Eta Sigma Phi represented the national classics honorary society at the annual meeting of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America in Boston, Massachusetts in January, 2005. Pictured from left to right are Megas Grammateus Andrew O'Brien of Beta Psi at Rhodes, College, Megas Hyparchos Katherine Morrow Jones of Eta Gamma of Loyola University in New Orleans, and Megas Chrysophylax Richard Harrod of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College.

Initiates July 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

The following are the names of students and others whose initiations into the Society were reported to the national office between July 1 and December 31, 2004. The date in parentheses is the date of the initiation ceremony.

Epsilon (University of Iowa)

Elizabeth Hickey-McCoy, Sara Anne Miller, Angela Brockett, Rita Bettis, Devon Gorski, Josh Olson, Trisha Render, Bradley Lovetinsky, Nicole Mann, Peter Nelson (11/16/04)

Eta (Florida State University)

Heather Austin, Jessica Ballantine, Caitlin Barry, Megan Hussey, Amanda Miner, Jennifer Ranft, Ashleigh Wells; Associate: Stephanie Layton (9/15/04)

Alpha Eta (University of Michigan)

Alexander C. Duncan, Alexander M. Jacobson, Daniel J. Griffin, Edward S. Cormany, Elizabeth R. Wolfram, Jennifer L. Finn, Helen J. Giordani, Jeremy K. Curtis, Michelle A. Farrell, Michael B. Long, Orin L. McIntosh, John J. Pas, Allison D. Oakes, Scott A. Lepisto, William B. Rak, David W. Satterthwaite (10/10/04)

Alpha Omicron (Lawrence University)

Sarah Suzanne Henrich, Julia Blair Ruff, Sarah Catherine Behling, Agustin Francisco Manzanaras, Joseph Peter McNeilly, Mara Catherine Sarabia; Honorary: Fr. Patrick T. Twomey (4/21/03)

Alpha Sigma (Emory University)

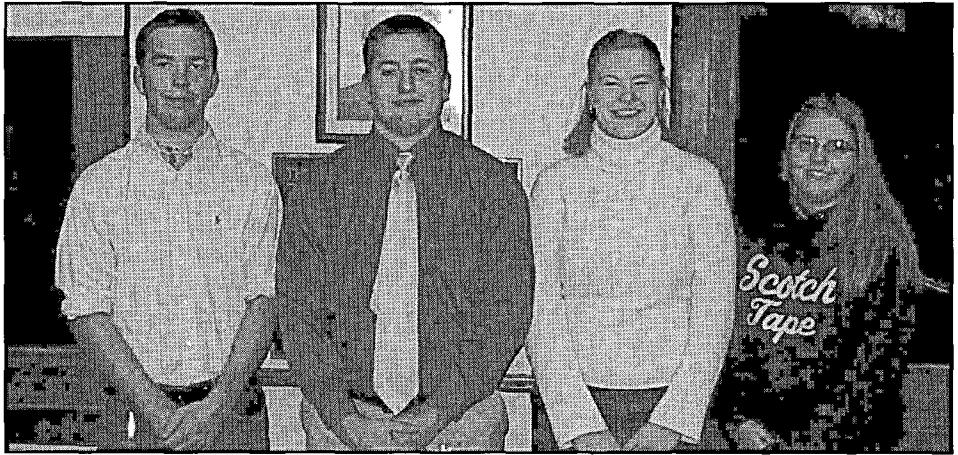
Timothy Balskus, Michael Bauman, Robert Bullard, Rosanne Cross, Adam Davie, Timothy Donahue, Meaghann Guyote, Alex Gyftopoulos, Steven Haag, Sarah Landis, Jason Merle (9/29/04)

Alpha Tau (The Ohio State University)

Jonah Baldwin, Brian Jones, Karen Ravelli, Liz Cook, Tom Moosbrugger, Evan Keller, Rabina Kochar, Jennifer Worman, Matthew Deal, Laura Murphy, Rukku Singla; Honorary: William Poly (12/2/04)

Alpha Phi (Millsaps College)

Carly Dessauer, Lindsey Topp, Cory Gilbert, Callista Sasser, Haley Brown, Katherine Elizabeth Miksa, Andrew Miles Harmon, Matthew Marston, Akanksha Gupta, Jes-



Some recent initiates of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College, from left to right: Ryan Bay, Jacob Donley, Ana Fisher, and Lisa Adams.

sica Lynn Tracy, Anthony Atchison, Matthew Paul Vieron, Michael Parks (5/15/04)

Beta Pi (University of Arkansas)

Jason D. Kizzia, Kris P. McNeely, Daniel L. Shepherd, Andrew C. Tomasello, Brandon Marshall, Ashley Butler, Emily Jakubec, Michael Spencer, Andrea Blakney (12/11/04)

Gamma Alpha (Indiana State University)

Evan Greve, April Philpott, Elizabeth Eiteljorge, Chad Bebee, Joyce Stamris, Melanie Montgomery, Joe Waling, Christopher Jones; Associate: Kevin Ward (3/21/04)

Gamma Gamma (University Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Laura Pope, Laura Wichert, Alison Grace Coffey, Rebecca Janke, Jennifer Nagl, Adam Palmer (10/10/04)

Gamma Iota (Wabash College)

Terry James Archambeault, Samuel Louis Borrelli, John Simon Budnik, Ross Barrett Dillard, Max Tanner Kinkead, Kyle Adam Long, Nicholas Jon Pompeo, Trent Alan Rogers, Christian Michael Habegger, Patrick Adam Beymer (4/12/04)

Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)

Lisa J. Adams, Ryan H. Bay, Jacob B. Donley, Salina R. Fisel, Ana M. Fisher, Corrine Thorsen (11/03/04)

Gamma Upsilon (Austin College)

Heather J. Adams, Holly A. Carlton,

Andrew H. Lawson, Raymond Pacheco, Hilary A. Page, Abhilasha J. Patel, Ishan Sareen (4/22/04)

Epsilon Iota (University of Florida)

Jon. R. Allen, Nick Allen, Jennifer Boston, Diana Cardona, George Collins, Kyle Counce, James Downey, Danielle Godshall, Janice Katherine Hill, Jeffrey David Hoy, Jr., Neha Jambhekar, Matthew Kear, Kristin Klein, Abigail Lee, Frances Locke, Ashlee Mixson, Megan O'Brien, Jane Rayburn, Gopalanandini Romeo, Christopher West (9/15/04)

Epsilon Kappa (Brigham Young University)

Karissa Christensen, Michael Cornick, Allison Briggs Crockett, Aaron Cummings, Rachel Dollahite, Anna Ricks Eagar, Rebecca Enyeart, Jon Farrell, Emily Hamblin, Jonathan Harmon, Daniel Jacobs, Ryan Jones, Frank Earl Kelland, Cathryn A. Knoles, Christopher Madsen, Airyana Markham, Joseph Gresham Miller, Mary Miller, Sean Northrup, Alicia Owings, Jacqueline Parker, Clifford Bright Parkinson, Mike Pope, Robert J. Reynolds, David Shelley, Anna Siebach, Jamie Steck, Tyler Stoehr, William Henry Weaver (9/30/04)

Epsilon Chi (University of South Florida)

Rebecca LaRotonda, Heather Veronica Duarte, Diana Maria Vergara, Travis L. Vaughan; Associate: Kurt C. Anderson (4/1/04)

Initiates July 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004 (Continued)

Zeta Gamma (San Diego State University)

Jason W. Clark, Meng Selene Cong;
Associate: Amy Jordan (2/20/04)

Zeta Delta (The University of the South)

Sarah Beer, Rachel Freeman, Andrew Gregg, John Hammond, William Harvard, Matthew Horton, Sara Miller, Colt Segrest, Meg Stacy; Honorary: Christopher McDonough (9/30/04)

Zeta Theta (Penn State University)

Daniel Matthews, Laura McGarvey, Samuel Kurland, Lindsey Tapper (12-7-04)

Zeta Iota (University of Georgia)

Katherine Rachael Keyes, James Moss Lohmar, Christopher Mackay, Meghan Clairborne, Robert Hicks (8/17/04)

Zeta Lambda (University of Louisville)

Jason Fowler, Kelly Schroder, Lisa Stapleton, Janice Ferguson, LaTrice Majors, Joyce Sines, LaQuaysha Greenwell, Ramsey Younis, Marguerite Hodge, Karis Land, Mike Welch, Kelly Watt, Madeleine Marcum, Blakesley Burkhart, Darren Monroe, Laurel Robbins, Tim Robards, Lacey Mouser, Ryann Chilton, Mike Black, Shannon Carneal, Vaughn Priddy, Matt McDaris (10/15/04)

Eta Delta (Hillsdale College)

Paula M. Eikenberry, Rachel D. Ward, Megan E. Gibby, Natalie N. Kompik, Kjerstin Anne Ostlind, Andrew T. Dixon, Lisa Louise Graff, Michael S. Kelleher, Robert Allan Loudon, Kevin Joel Kimball, Benjamin Douglas Sikma (10/8/04)

Eta Iota (University of Arizona)

Amanda Neiman, Emily Graff, Mikaela Bell, Holly Brauchli, Carrie Bieging, Christina Bell, Gered Ryan, Alyson Hill, Anna Soo, Amanda Propst; Associate: Eric Thienes (10/13/04)

Eta Nu (University of Rochester)

Jenna Cacciatori, Elizabeth Scherrer, Katherine Roache, Sarah Tinsley, D. J. Mishel, Emily Arthur, Klariza Robles, Abigail Barten, Kelly McCune, Audrey Ricketts (10/20/04)



Some recent initiates of Zeta Lambda Chapter at the University of Louisville

Eta Pi (Hobart & William Smith Colleges)

Elaina Bates, Christina Farris, Tyler Franconi, Matthew Garman, Caitlin Inglehart, Elizabeth Strickler, Jonathan Vaughn, Karen Lowe (10/28/04)

Eta Rho (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Kennly Asato, Stephen T. Bychowski, Flynn Gallagher, Kyle James, Charles O'Connor, Juliette Paradise, James Reckitt (4/23/04)

Eta Tau (University of North Carolina at Asheville)

Kristina Peace Newman, Robert A. Gilmer; Honorary: Dr. Sophie J. V. Mills (5/1/04)

Eta Psi (Michigan State University)

Stacey Pabis, Karin Jensen, Kate Fedewa, Ryan Judkins (10/19/04)

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Winners of the 2005 Eta Sigma Phi Maurine Dallas Watkins Sight Translation Contests

Advanced Greek (25 entries)

- 1st Daniel Walin, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
- 2nd Jason Nethercut, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
- 3rd Tom Hendrickson, Zeta Sigma at the University of Minnesota

Intermediate Greek Koine (15 entries)

- 1st Jeffrey Feland, Eta Mu at the University of California at Davis
- 2nd Elizabeth Beerman, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
- 3rd Tanner Kinkead, Gamma Iota at Wabash College

Intermediate Greek Classical (19 entries)

- 1st Christina Skelton, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
- 2nd Joey Cross, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
- 3rd Laura Swem, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
- Honorable Mention Stephen Gaetano, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Advanced Latin (59 entries)

- 1st Jason Nethercut, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
- 2nd Jennifer Starkey, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
- 3rd Andrew Charles Gregg, Zeta Delta at the University of the South
- Honorable Mentions William White, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
Robert Loudon, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Intermediate Latin (36 entries)

- 1st Nicholas P. Hogan, Eta Mu at the University of California Davis
- 2nd Jenny Kreiger, Delta Alpha at Randolph-Macon Woman's College
- 3rd Jeffrey Feland, Eta Mu at the University of California Davis
- Honorable Mention Alaina Burkard, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College

Latin Prose Composition (18 entries)

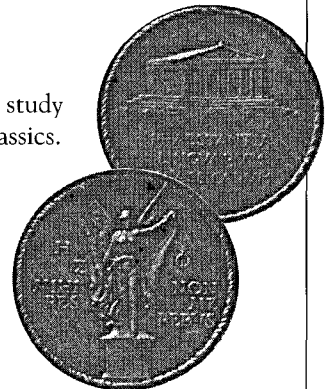
- 1st Jason Nethercut, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
- 2nd Ane Kirstine Wynn, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
- 3rd Tom Hendrickson, Zeta Sigma at the University of Minnesota

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 (1½ inches) at \$24.75 and the small (¾ inch) at \$10.25. A bronze medal (¾ 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, 5518 Lake Jackson St., Waco, TX 76710-2748. 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.



Report of Endowment Fund

77th Annual Convention, Northfield, Minnesota
April 15-17, 2005

I. Cash	Value as of 12/31/2004
1. E*Trade Bank (interest earned in 2004: \$53.14)	\$10,048.04
II. Dain Rauscher Portfolio	
1. LaSalle Bank, Chicago, IL	\$10,728.19
2. Corporate Bond, Target Corp. @9.625, due 02/01/08, non-callable (interest earned in 2004: \$577.50)	6,954.36
3. HRPT Prop. Tr., 700 shares (annual income: \$560.00)	8,981.00
4. Sr. Hsg. Pptus Tr., 70 shares (annual income: \$86.00)	1,325.80
5. XCEL Energy Inc., 379 shares (\$299.40 div. in 2004)	6,897.80
6. Wells Fargo Capital, 400 shares @7%, income, \$700.00	10,512.00
7. Cash, Tramarack Inv. Funds (yielded \$7.44 in 2003)	1,607.58
8. Five Star Quality Care, 14 shares	118.58
	Total: \$47,125.31
III. AXP Funds	
1. AXP Bond Fund	\$33,396.18
2. AXP Diversified Equity Income	11,826.88
3. AXP New Dimensions	13,658.41
	Total: \$58,881.47

Value of Endowment on 12/31/2004 \$116,054.82
(Value in 2001: \$111,900.29)
(Value in 2002: \$99,386.55)
(Value in 2003: \$103,622.69)

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Save these dates

The 78th annual convention will be held Friday, March 30, 2006 through Sunday, April 2, 2006 in Blacksburg, Virginia, at the invitation of Eta Eta Chapter at Virginia Tech. Details will appear in the next issue of *NUNTIUS* and registration information will be mailed to chapters in January.

Medal Fund, Annual Report, 2004

Cash on hand, January 1, 2004	\$481.05
Receipts:	
Loan, from National Office	\$70.00
Sale of large silver (7) @ \$24.75	173.25
Sale of small silver (17) @ \$10.25	174.25
Sale of small bronze (9) @ \$6.50	58.50
Interest, passbook #2984	5.87
Postage paid for shipping	8.02
Matured CD, #501105791	\$1995.36
Total	\$2966.30
Disbursements:	
To Medallion Art Co. for 100 large, silver medals	\$2895.00
Cash:	
Cash on hand, December 31, 2004	\$71.30
Total	\$71.30
Inventory:	
3 large silver @ \$24.75	\$74.25
100 large silver @ \$28.95	2,895.00
215 small silver @ \$10.25	2,203.75
74 small bronze @ \$6.50	481.00
Total	\$5654.00
Total value (money and medals)	\$5,725.30
Total 2001: \$5,357.29	
Total 2002: \$5,470.55	
Total 2003: \$5,624.15	

National Latin Exam Support

Eta Sigma Phi thanks the National Latin Exam for its continued support of the annual certamen at the National Convention. NLE provides funds for the book prizes awarded to the winners of the certamen. Sixteen teams competed. Winners were Loungers O' Destiny. Members were Paul Ra of Eta Delta at Hillsdale, Konstantina Choros of Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts, and Karen Kelly and Daniel Walin of Gamma Omega at Baylor. Each received a copy of *The Ancient Mediterranean World* by Winks and Matter (OUP), donated by the National Latin Exam.

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- The 29th National Latin Exam, sponsored jointly by the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League, is open to all students enrolled in Latin I, II, III, IV, V, and VI.
- More than 140,000 students took the 2005 National Latin Exam.
- The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the ACL/NJCL National Latin Exam on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 2005-2006.
- Gold and Silver medals, ribbons, and certificates are awarded to winners.
- An application for National Latin Exam Scholarships of \$1,000 each will be mailed to the Gold Medal winners in Latin III, IV, V or VI who are high-school seniors and plan to take at least one year of college Latin or Greek.
- Format:
Introduction to Latin, Latin I, II, III-IV Prose, III-IV Poetry: 40 multiple-choice questions; categories include grammar, comprehension, mythology, derivatives, literature, Roman life, and history.
Latin V-VI: Two Latin passages as the basis for 40 multiple-choice questions on grammar, comprehension, historical background, classical literature, and literary devices.
- The exam is to be administered the SECOND FULL WEEK in March (March 13-17) in each school. Awards are sent to the teacher in April.
- Cost: \$4 per student US, \$4.50 Foreign, to be sent with the application. For only one exam the cost is \$10.
- Applications are sent to teachers whose students entered the 2005 exam by the NLE office.
- Any requests for information or for applications should be sent to ACL/NJCL National Latin Exam, University of Mary Washington, 1301 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, and must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope; email address: nle@umw.edu.
- DEADLINE for receipt of applications is January 15, 2006.
- A packet containing four previous exams (2002-2005, all levels included) and a syllabus may be ordered by sending a \$9 check or money order (no purchase orders) payable to American Classical League to: American Classical League, Miami University, Oxford OH 45056.

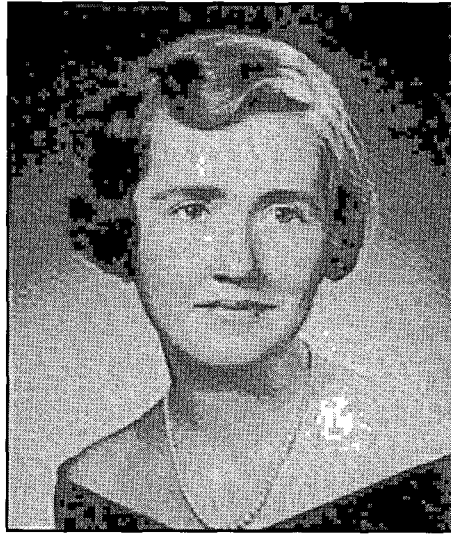
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Ann Connor and the Eta Sigma Phi song

The Eta Sigma Phi song published in the Fall 2004 *NUNTIUS* was first sung on May 14, 1952 at Beta Kappa's last meeting of the 1951-52 academic year. The song was composed by Ann Connor, one of the charter members of Beta Kappa, the first Grammateus and second Prytanis of that chapter. At a meeting in February 1953 members were told that Ann's song was to be submitted to the convention and voted on by members as the fraternity song. The March 15, 1953 issue of the *NUNTIUS* (27.3) gives the words of the song on p. 19, but apparently the topic did not appear on the agenda of the National Convention, which took place at Agnes Scott College in April. Neither the official minutes of that convention nor the report of the Beta

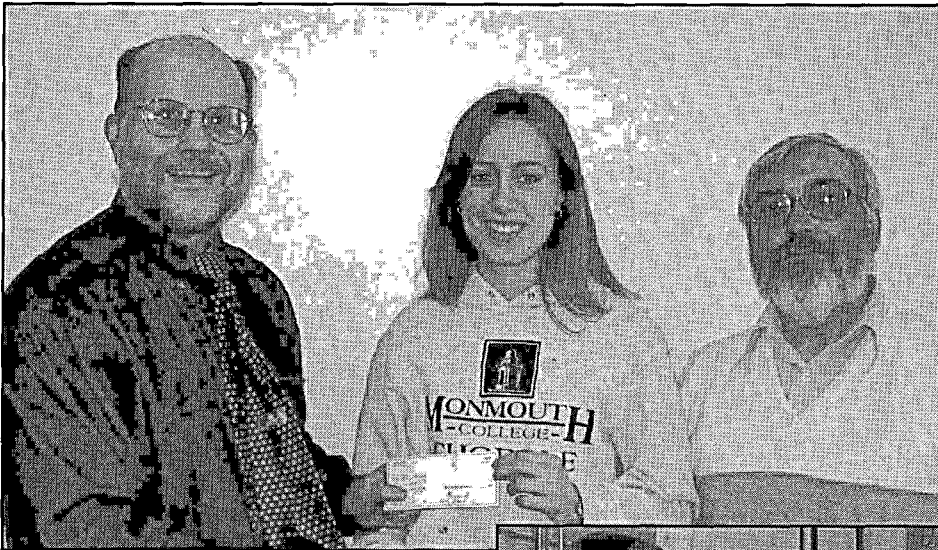


Ann Connor

Kappa delegates to the convention make any mention of the song.

Sr. Therese Marie Dougherty, the faculty advisor of Beta Kappa chapter, recently spoke with two alumnae who were among the first members of Beta Kappa chapter and they remember the debut of the song. In the yearbook Ann's classmates commented on her musical talent. Lucy Vecera, a classmate of Ann and charter member of BK chapter, recently wrote: "Ann was an accomplished pianist and an open, extremely generous, kind, outgoing person. 'Everybody' knew and liked Ann. She was unfailingly cheerful. As I recall she volunteered to write the Eta Sigma Phi song...she also wrote lots of the songs for Sing Song [an annual musical class competition at the College of Notre Dame]." Sr. Therese herself remembers being a frequent accompanist for the Eta Sigma Phi song during her student days.

It is unfortunate that Ann died about a year ago. She would have enjoyed that her song finally received national recognition at this year's convention, where it was sung at the banquet in an a capella arrangement composed by Stacy Heinrich of Monmouth College and at the Sunday business meeting in a trilingual version written by Dr. Anne Groton of St. Olaf College.



Stacy Heinrich, a junior music major at Monmouth College, is here receiving a \$100 prize for the best arrangement of the "Song for Eta Sigma Phi." Pictured with Ms. Heinrich are Thomas J. Sienkewicz, Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi, and James Betts, Professor of Music at Monmouth College. At Prof. Sienkewicz' request, Prof. Betts made the creation of arrangements of this song an assignment in his music composition class. A jury of music faculty chose Ms. Heinrich's a capella arrangement as the best one. Her arrangement was sung at the 77th Annual Convention of Eta Sigma Phi at St. Olaf College in April, 2005.

At right is the singing of the song at the Convention.



Eta Sigma Phi Honor Cords and Hoods



Some 2005 graduates of Gamma Omicron chapter at Monmouth College with their Eta Sigma Phi cords and hoods. From left to right: Prof. Tom Sienkewicz, Wyatt Preul, Kurt Gilmore, Kassia Phillips, Erin Musolf, and Misty Bowman.

Cords are \$15 each by mail and \$12 each if purchased at the national convention. Hoods are \$20 each by mail and \$17 each if purchased at the national convention.

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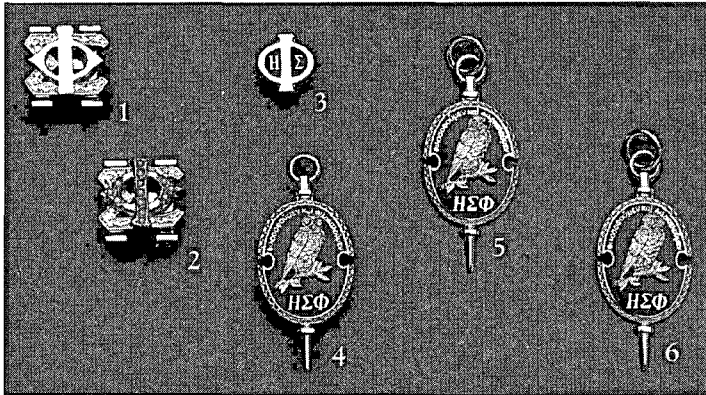


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THE ETA SIGMA PHI SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2006

The Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi are pleased to announce the following scholarships. *Nota bene: Separate application for admission to the desired program must be made to AAR, ASCSA, or VS.*

The Scholarship to the Classical Summer School at the American Academy in Rome will have a value of \$3,425. Programs Department, American Academy in Rome, 7 East 60 St., New York NY 10022-1001. <http://www.aarome.org/summer/css/>. E-mail: info@aarome.org. The deadline for applications to AAR is March 1, 2006.

The Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens will have a value of \$3,700, which includes the remission of one-half of all fees by the American School. Committee on the Summer Sessions, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 6-8 Charlton St., Princeton, NJ 08540-5232. <http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/>. E-mail: ascsa@ascsa.org. The deadline for applications to ASA is January 15, 2006.

At either of the above summer sessions, six semester hours of credit may be earned and applied toward an advanced degree in Classics at most graduate schools, provided that arrangements have been made in advance with the graduate school.

Eligibility: Eligible to apply for the above scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members and alumni who have received a Bachelor's degree since January 1, 2000, or shall have received it before June 2006, and who have not received a doctoral degree.

The Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae will have a value of \$2,800, which includes the remission of one-half the tuition fee by the Vergilian Society. Holly Lorencz, John Burroughs School, 755 S. Price Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124. <http://www.vergil.clarku.edu/tours.htm>. E-mail: hlorencz@jburroughs.org. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2006.

Eligibility for the Bedrick Scholarship: In addition to those eligible for the first two scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members who will be rising juniors or seniors in the summer of 2006, and preference for the scholarship will be given to such undergraduate members.

Selection of recipients is made by the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee, whose members are Professors Caroline A. Perkins of Marshall University (chair), Francis Dunn of the University of California at Santa Barbara, T. Davina McClain of Loyola University of New Orleans and Joseph Garnjobst of Hillsdale College in Michigan. In selecting the recipient of each scholarship, the committee will give attention to the quality of the applicant's work in Greek and Latin, intention to teach at the secondary-school or college level, and contribution to the activities of Eta Sigma Phi at the local and national level.

Deadline for completed scholarship applications: February 1, 2006.

The recipients will be announced about March 15, 2006.

Scholarship application information and forms may be requested from:

Professor Caroline A. Perkins, Chair
Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee
Department of Classical Studies
Marshall University
Huntington, WV 25701

The application packet may also be requested by e-mail: mailto:perkins@marshall.edu.

Eta Sigma Phi, the National Classics Honorary Society (<http://www.etasigmaphi.us>)