



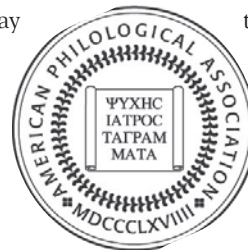
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Eta Sigma Phi Receives Category II Status from APA

Eta Sigma Phi was notified in May by the American Philological Association that the society has been upgraded to Category II status. Most recently, Eta Sigma Phi has been a Category I member of APA. As such, the society was able to hold meetings and receptions and to have a display table in the Book Exhibit at annual meetings. In recent years, national officers and other Eta Sigma Phi members have attended the annual meeting and represented the society at a display table. This presence at the APA meeting has increased the visibility of Eta Sigma Phi among classicists and explains, at least in part, the increasing number of schools which have petitioned for new chapters. With Category II status, Eta Sigma Phi will not only be able to have a display table but will also be able to organize panels for



the program. The first Eta Sigma Phi-sponsored panel will be at the 2010 APA meeting to be held in Orange County, California, at the invitation of Loyola Marymount College. Some details about the submission process still need to be determined, but the Eta Sigma Phi will definitely be soliciting papers from undergraduate students only on any topic related to the ancient Greek and Roman worlds. Anyone submitting a paper must be a member of the American Philological Association, but does not have to be a member of Eta Sigma Phi. The society hopes to invite an internationally-known scholar to serve as respondent for this panel. A call for papers for this panel will be mailed to advisors of all Eta Sigma Phi chapters sometime in the fall. The announcement will also appear in the APA Newsletter.



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Members of Host Chapter, Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, at the Registration Desk to welcome delegates to the 2008 convention.

ETA SIGMA PHI: Statement of Purpose and Benefits of Membership

The purposes of Eta Sigma Phi, the national Classics honorary society, are to develop and promote interest in classical study among students of colleges and universities; to promote closer fraternal relationship among students who are interested in classical study, and to stimulate interest in classical study, and in the history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome. Members are elected by local chapters which have been chartered by the society. Most members are undergraduates but chapters can also initiate graduate students, faculty, and honorees. There are more than 180 chapters of Eta Sigma Phi throughout the United States.

Benefits of membership include:

- a membership card and certificate
- subscription to *Nuntius*, the biannual newsletter of the society
- an annual national convention including a certamen and banquet
- the opportunity to give academic presentations before an audience of peers and scholars
- annual sight translation exams in Latin and Greek
- honors cords and sashes for graduation
- bronze and silver medals of achievement
- eligibility for summer travel scholarships to Greece, Rome or southern Italy
- eligibility for a Latin teacher training scholarship

About NUNTIUS

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The Final Round of Certamen 2008 (above)

Executive Secretary Sienkewicz reads questions as a team from Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas Austin and Eta Delta at Hillsdale College defeats a team from Zeta Beta at Temple University in the final certamen round. Pictured, from left to right are Sienkewicz, Tara Stewart, Kelly Heckler, Shannon Baxter, and Ryan Horowitz of Zeta Beta, Gillian Grady, Nick Rich and Elizabeth Mawhiney of Epsilon and Ashley Bishop of Gamma Sigma.



Certamen Competition (right)

A certamen team from Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia and Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame in Maryland listens intently to a certamen question. Pictured, from left to right are Kira Jones of Zeta Iota and Sara Priebe, Niki Johnson, and Ashleigh Sheridan of Beta Kappa.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Torrenson, Megale Grammateus 2007-2008

Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts Amherst hosted the 80th annual national convention in Amherst, Massachusetts, March 28-30, 2008. There were fewer attendees than in past years, but it made for a nice group of people. Once registered, attendees received information about the campus and gifts, including their own Eta Sigma Phi frisbees.

After the opening remarks, the convention began with the customary certamen tournament. Team after team was taken out by difficult questions and by some especially challenging questions posed in Latin. A team consisting of members from

Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas Austin and Eta Delta at Hillsdale College emerged victorious after eliminating their last opposing team from Zeta Beta at Temple University.

The next morning Dr. Ralph Hexter, President of Hampshire College, delivered the opening remarks during which he talked about the importance of studying classics, the development of Latin, and Latin as a world language today. Megale Prytanis Jasmine Merced-Owney of Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas kicked off the official meeting, and Megale Grammateus Elizabeth Torrenson made a motion to accept the previous year's minutes which were voted in by acclamation. Next, we heard about what Eta Sigma Phi was

doing around the nation when each of the twenty-one attending chapters delivered their chapter reports.

Dr. David Sick of Rhodes College then announced the results of the 2008 Maurine Dallas Watkins Translation Contests, including the 59th annual Latin translation contest, 58th annual Latin translation contest, and 42nd annual Latin prose composition contest. He presented certificates and monetary awards for advanced, intermediate, and koine Greek, as well as advanced and intermediate Latin and Latin prose competition.

Dr. Tom Sienkewicz from Monmouth College spoke about summer scholarships. He announced the 2008 winners of the Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the

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American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the Scholarship to the Classical Summer School American Academy in Rome, and the Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae. He also awarded the Bernice L. Fox Latin Teacher Training Scholarship and encouraged those who are eligible to apply next year.

Sarah Ruff of Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida delivered her report as Megale Chrysophylax. She discussed the financial situation of Eta Sigma Phi, specifically the benefit of increasing the dues and the increase in income over the past year. Next, the Megale Hyparchos, Jes Geary of Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri, explained her role as Hyparchos, and reported that there were seven new petitions for opening a chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. Since there was no old business, Megale Prytanis Jasmine Merced-Ownbey continued on to discuss the hosting of next year's convention and the nomination for new national officers. After delegates from Beta Psi at Rhodes College volunteered their school in Memphis, Tennessee for next year's convention, nominations for next year's officers were opened. After much confusion, Jes Geary from Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri was nominated for Megale Prytanis. Ashley Bishop from Gamma Sigma at University of Texas Austin, Liz Mawhiney from Epsilon at the University of Iowa, Ryan Horowitz from Zeta Beta from Temple University, and MaryBeth Banovetz from Eta Delta at Hillsdale College were nominated for Megas/Megale Hyparchos. Kate Wofford from Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas Austin, Madison Dickinson from Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida, and Rori Smith from Zeta Beta at Temple University were nominated for Megale Grammateus. Finally, Niki Johnson from Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame, Bryan Behl from Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida, and Gabby Country from Zeta Beta at Temple University were nominated for Megas/Megale Chrysophylax.

The meeting on Saturday morning was wrapped up with three informative and scholarly papers. The first paper read was entitled "Ripped up by the Roots: Sopho-



David Sick (left), Coordinator of the Sight Translation Exams, presenting certificates of recognition to the two exam winners present at convention: Katie Becker from Eta Delta at Hillsdale College (winner of the Koine contest) and Martin Shedd of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College (recipient of 2nd place in Intermediate Latin)

cles' *Antigone* and the Fall of the House of Oedipus" by Zachary Good of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College. Next, "Golden Rain: Imagining the Self in Terence's *Eunuchus*" was read by Kira Jones of Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia. Finally, "Pulling the Strings of Isis and Serapis" was read by Megale Hyparchos Jes Geary of Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri.

After the first business meeting, Eta Sigma Phi members went to separate committees to deal with necessary issues concerning new chapters, finances, contests and scholarships, next year's convention site, etc. The afternoon was divided into different sessions to explore the area. Some visited the Mt. Holyoke Art Museum, and some brave souls chose to hike up Bear Mountain. Others stayed on the university's campus to watch classical movies, create classical comics, and play Roman games.

The formal banquet that night was opened by Megale Prytanis Jasmine Merced-Ownbey with the costume contest, the theme being "The Roaring '20s." Only one award was given for classical attire. Honors were also bestowed upon the victors of certamen, consisting of del-

egates from University of Texas Austin and Hillsdale College, and the winners of the comics contest. Zachary Good was lauded for his outstanding paper given earlier that day. Dr. Sienkewicz presented delegates of Temple University with this year's outreach award. Kenneth Kitchell was recognized for his exceptional efforts towards the promotion of Classical studies and academia. After receiving the annual life time achievement award from Dr. Davis of Zeta Beta at Temple University, Kenneth Kitchell enlightened and entertained the convention attendees with "The House of Many Doors: a Life in the Classics." We were highly engaged by his talk which ranged from humorous memories about smoking Jesuits to thought-provoking and encouraging insight about the many rooms and doors in the classical field and during our lives. As per usual, the singing of the Eta Sigma Phi song ended the banquet.

Megale Prytanis Jasmine Merced-Ownbey kicked off the second business meeting on Sunday morning with contestants from Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida, Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia, and Epsilon at the University of Iowa flaunting their t-shirt designing

Right, delegates to the 2008 Convention listening attentively

*Below, the 2007-2008 National Officers
From left to right, Sarah Ruff (Megale
Chrysophylax), Elizabeth Torrenson
(Megale Grammateus), Jes Geary (Megale
Hyparchos) and Jasmine Merced-Ownbey
(Megale Prytanis)*



abilities. After the parade of t-shirts, the committee reports began with the seven new petitions, each being described in terms of eligibility as potential Eta Sigma Phi chapters by Megale Hyparchos Jes Geary. Each petition was discussed, and votes were taken for the acceptance of each petition. Mt. Holyoke College and Franciscan University of Steubenville were approved without much debate. Although only having Latin courses and a classical minor, the University of North Texas was approved after much discussion. The remaining four petitions from John Carroll University, Wright State University, Washington and Lee University, and Richard

*Right, Zachary Good of Eta
Delta at Hillsdale College
reading his paper*

Stockton College of New Jersey were also approved with little debate. Megale Chrysophylax Sarah Ruff reviewed the discussions of the finance committee.

Next, Andrew Carroll, Prytanis of Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, made the committee report on next year's convention site. Since there was again only one bid to host the convention, the committee focused on



answering questions and giving advice to prepare those members involved in planning the next convention.

Dr. Davis spoke on behalf of the program committee with the recommendation that the ties between undergraduates and the American Philological Association be strengthened. Dr. Sick, along with students from Beta Psi, Gamma Iota, and Zeta Beta, made the resolutions report based on

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motto of the University of Massachusetts: *Ense Sapientia petit placidam sub libertate quietam*. The endowment report, usually given by Dr. Froberg, was given instead by Dr. Sienkewicz, who reported that in order to have an endowment that will be financially stable, dues will have to be raised in a few years.

The executive secretary, Dr. Tom Sienkewicz, gave the Executive Secretary's Summary, including a brief report on the benefits resulting from the raising membership dues from twenty to thirty dollars in 2007. He also mentioned the probably need to raise the dues again in the near future. He also spoke of the growing number of chapters, the growth within the chapters, and the attempt to acquire more memberships. It was reported that this year had the highest membership year yet, consisting of over twelve hundred new members.

The Board of Trustees report was delivered by Dr. Davis from Temple University.

Dr. Davis began by recommending that a vote concerning changes to the by-laws be taken at the next convention in order to increase the term of Executive Secretary from one to three years. She strongly suggested that the wording of the eligibility for scholarships be modified so that it is clear that only active members of Eta Sigma Phi are eligible. A motion was then made to extend Dr. Sienkewicz's term as executive secretary for one year and to extend the terms of Dr. Levine and Dr. Sick for three years on the Board of Trustees. All motions were accepted by voice vote.

Dr. Davis made further recommendations in respect to those presenting papers at convention. She suggested that they receive remission for registration payment (but no additional stipend). She also proposed that the winning paper be published in the *Nuntius*. Free registration for faculty sponsors attending the convention with their students was also put forward.

There was no discussion about next

year's convention site, and Memphis' bid was quickly approved.

Next, Megale Prytanis Jasmine Merced-Ownbey led the elections. Niki Johnson from Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame, Bryan Behl from Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida, and Gabby Country from Zeta Beta at Temple University made their speeches for the position of Megas/Megale Chrysothylax. After the vote,



Right, Convention Local Chair Andrew Carroll of Epsilon Omicron
Below, singing the Song for Eta Sigma Phi at the Banquet





Inducting the 2008-2009 National Officers. Pictured (left to right): Bryan Behl; Mary Beth Banovetz; Jes Geary; Elizabeth Torrenson; Sarah, Ruff; and Jasmine Merced-Ownbey

Bryan with a “y” Behl was declared the new Megas Chrysohylax. Kate Wofford from Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas Austin, Madison Dickinson from Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida, and Rori Smith from Zeta Beta at Temple University made their speeches for the position of Megale Grammateus. After the chapter vote, Rori Smith was declared the new Megale Grammateus. After Ashley Bishop from Gamma Sigma at University of Texas Austin, Liz Mawhiney from Epsilon at the University of Iowa, Ryan Horowitz from Zeta Beta from Temple University, and MaryBeth Banovetz from Eta Delta at Hillsdale College gave their speeches for the position of Megas/Megale Hyparchos, MaryBeth Banovetz became the new Megale Hyparchos by a majority of votes. Jes Geary of Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri became the new Megale Prytanis, having run unopposed.

The officers were officially inducted, and closing remarks were made by the departing Megale Prytanis, Jasmine Merced-Ownbey. Jasmine thanked Eta Sigma Phi for the opportunity to serve as their Megale Prytanis. She then officially closed the meeting.

The following chapters were present at

the 80th annual Eta Sigma Phi convention at University of Massachusetts Amherst in Amherst, Massachusetts: Epsilon (University of Iowa), Alpha Mu (University of Missouri), Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame), Beta Pi (University of Arkansas), Beta Psi (Rhodes College), Gamma Iota (Wabash College), Gamma Nu (Montclair State University), Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College), Gamma Sigma (University of Texas Austin), Delta Sigma

(University of California Irvine), Delta Chi (St. Olaf College), Epsilon Iota (University of Florida), Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts Amherst), Zeta Beta (Temple University), Zeta Iota (University of Georgia), Zeta Lambda (University of Louisville), Zeta Chi (Xavier University), Eta Delta (Hillsdale College), Eta Eta (Virginia Tech), Eta Theta (DePauw University), and Eta Omicron (Assumption College).

Important Dates

2008

Oct. 15 2008–2009 Annual Reports Due
Nov. 15 Eta Sigma Phi Panel at CAMWS-SS in Ashville, NC

2009

Jan. 8–11 Reception for Advisors and Eta Sigma Phi members at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association in Philadelphia, PA
Feb. 1 Deadline for applications for Eta Sigma Phi Scholarships
Feb. 13 Deadline for requesting test materials for 2009 Maurine Dallas Watkins Translation Contests
Feb. 16–20 Watkins Translation Contest Exams administered
Feb. 28 Deadline for mailing Watkins Exams
March 27–29 81st Annual Convention in Memphis, TN
May 1 Deadline for submission of 2008–2009 *Res Gestae* for Summer 2009 *Nuntius*

About the 2008–2009 Officers



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Note: Jes Geary recently had her name legally changed to Jesca Scaevola.

I grew up in Jefferson City, Missouri and thus was able to attend the excellent Latin program found at the local high school. I had an interest in Classics at a young age and was exposed both at home and in elementary and middle school. I was placed in an advanced program in elementary school that allowed students to expand their knowledge base outside of the regular curriculum and found that of my options, the studies of ancient Rome, Greece, and Egypt were my favorites. As I continued my education, I was allowed the option to take a short introductory Latin course in middle school, which spurred me on to the high school's Latin program.

In high school, I took on several extracurricular activities and was quite active in our Latin Club (now a branch of the National Junior Classics League), one of few winners for the NJCL translation contest my sophomore year, as well as the secretary my junior year.

After all of this, what could I do but join the Classics department at the University of Missouri. In my course as an undergraduate, I have striven to attain as

much knowledge of the ancient Mediterranean as possible. This course of study has led me into history, philosophy, and many other fields. I feel a strong base in Classics and the associated subjects has allowed me to flourish in many different departments and encouraged my lust for knowledge.

When I am not studying or participating in university-related activities, I'm an avid player of video games ranging from role-playing games to war games to simulated scenarios. I also love literature of all kinds, ancient coin collecting, and writing.

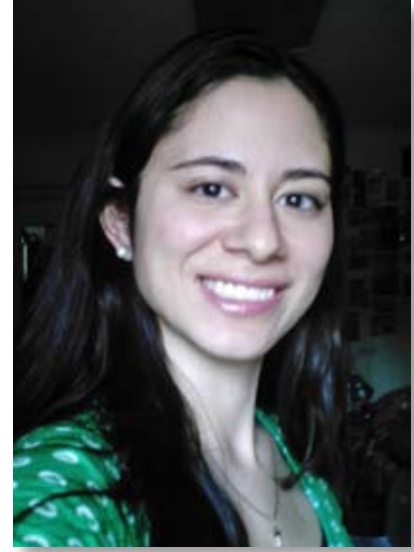
Previous to my national presidency, I have been both the vice-president and president of the Alpha Mu chapter, as well as national vice-president. I am blessed to have such wonderful officers at the Alpha Mu chapter and together we have tried to create an awareness of our home department as well as a place for students to come together in their pursuit of knowledge.

I believe that, on a national level, Eta Sigma Phi is an integral part of any Classics student's undergraduate life, offering numerous scholarships to aid in educational experience and allowing them to meet students from all over the nation who hold the same interests. I have witnessed Eta Sigma Phi inspire up and coming Classicists, create a strong fellowship of students, and help build the future of Classics and I am proud to be a part of such an organization.

Megale Hyparchos

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I was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. From an early age I professed an interest in old things; my parents tell me that at the age of eighteen months I wanted to be a paleontologist. My interest in the Classics began when I discovered a book on Greek mythology in a dusty corner of my elementary school library. I reveled in the tales of gods and goddesses, heroes and magical creatures. When I ran out of books on Greek mythology, I moved on to Greek history and eventually to Greek philosophy. I even dressed up as Athena



MaryBeth Banovetz

for Halloween one year and on another occasion I donned an Asclepius costume complete with home-made Caduceus.

I had no opportunity to take either Greek or Latin until my freshman year of college, but I knew that I wanted to major in the field of Classics. My parents, both employed in the medical profession, supported me and helped me to find a school with a good Classics department. I came to Hillsdale bright-eyed and eager, and waltzed into an introductory Greek class my first day freshman year. I cannot say that I waltzed out again that day, but I soon found my stride. I have never looked back on my decision to study the Classics; every day I find something new from the pages of Homer or Plutarch or Cicero or a host of other authors that inspires me to continue.

I am now finishing up my sophomore year of college and am on track to graduate with a double major in Philosophy and Classics. I joined Eta Sigma Phi during my freshman year, and the honorary society been of great benefit to me. It has provided me with the opportunity to share my love of the Classics with other college students as well as the faculty of Hillsdale College and members of the community. I have had the opportunity to volunteer as a peer tutor, spending my evenings once a week in our Classics Reading Room helping my fellow Hellenists. Through community outreach projects, such as our Dictionary Program, I have visited local elementary

schools to inspire younger generations of scholars. Eta Sigma Phi also provides a unique opportunity through the National Convention, which has allowed me to connect with Classics majors from across the country.

In addition to the Classics, I have interests in a wide variety of other fields. I am an avid crafter and dabble in miniatures, beading, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and scrap booking. I also cultivate a number of potted plants, which, depending on how often I water them, might be called my pride and joy. At home in Wisconsin, I work at a local fabric store; when I am at Hillsdale I work for the admissions office as a tour guide and host to prospective students. I enjoy reading, especially the works of the philosophers *not* assigned to me in my philosophy classes as well as mystery novels. I am also an avid movie buff, so I can often be found catching up on the latest films with friends at the local movie theatre on half-price movie nights or in my room with a rental.

I am looking forward to my term as Vice President of Eta Sigma Phi and I hope that I will be able to serve the honorary society as well as it has served me. Eta Sigma Phi provides an important service to undergraduates by providing opportunities to enjoy Classics outside of the normal classroom setting and also provides the students with a means to meet and network on the local, regional, and national levels. Working on community outreach projects, college students encourage an interest in Classics in younger students. Eta Sigma Phi also provides opportunities, such as lectures to introduce members to professionals in the field. My experience in the honorary has inspired me in my study of the Classics and I hope that Eta Sigma Phi will continue to provide similar services to future generations of Classicists.

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Like most students who attend Temple University, I grew up in the Philadelphia area. I attended public school in a small



Rori Smith

district, which allowed the faculty to devote a great deal of personal attention to students. This was beneficial for students with unique interests that might have fallen outside the normal range of high school study, for example, a student who harbored a passion for Trojan heroes, amorous and epic poets, and all things Cretan.

Throughout my life I have had firsthand exposure to antiquity. My father is an artist and, therefore, family outings are almost exclusively to museums. My parents often mention that I was only six months old the first time I visited New York City and all its glorious displays of art and antiquities. My go-to movie as a child was "Don't Eat The Pictures," where Big Bird and the rest of the Sesame Street crew spend a night in the Egyptian Gallery of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. I credit most of my interest in Classics to the visual stimulus of visiting the ancient galleries of many museums. As a child, I loved imagining whom the people were that once possessed those abandoned objects and I would create characters to answer those questions for myself, to tell me how they lived their life, what things they believed in, and what was important to them. My early-established relationship with material culture may in fact be the source of my interest in archaeology.

In elementary and middle school, books

about the Egyptians, art, and famous explorers piled up on my shelves. It was the summer after tenth grade that sealed my fate as a Classicist forever. I attended a summer institute at Brown University and enrolled in a course on the influence of Classical texts in modern literature. That summer I read from the canon of classical texts. I read more than I ever imagined possible in a six-week period. I lived in an entirely academic environment and saw what a career in academia entailed. Never had I been more intrigued and enthusiastic. I knew it was exactly what I wanted. The next two years of high school I surrounded myself with Classics. My favorites were Homer, Ovid, Sappho, and Dante. Through Ovid I discovered the myths of King Minos and his daughter Ariadne, of her suitor Theseus and his defeat of the Minotaur, of the great inventor Daedalus and his doomed son. This mythological Crete inspired me to research the historical peoples of Crete and I have not yet exhausted my interest in this topic.

My interests today lie in the archaeology of the Bronze Age Aegean and Anatolia. I am interested primarily in cult and burial practices and the cross-cultural transmission of religious ideologies. This past semester I undertook a research project analyzing the transformation of the Hittite pantheon during the second millennium B.C. I have also researched the mother-goddess cult that permeates Mediterranean and Near Eastern culture. I am currently employed at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology as an archival and research assistant for the archaeological site at the Phrygian capital-city Gordion in Turkey. I will also be involved in Temple's peer-teaching program this fall as an assistant to Dr. Laura Samponaro in her Latin II course. In preparation for my graduation next spring I am beginning the process of applying to graduate school this summer.

Eta Sigma Phi has been personally important to me because it has allowed me to form a stronger bond with my fellow Temple Classicists. Eta Sigma Phi brought us especially close when we were planning and hosting the 2007 National Convention, but it gives us the opportunity on a regular basis to talk with one another out-

About the 2008-2009 Officers (Continued)

side of the classroom, to bounce ideas off one another, and to help each other direct our course of study. I feel that Eta Sigma Phi is important on the whole for a very similar reason. It promotes communication between peers at different universities and creates a national community of undergraduate scholars. We are able to learn from one another through the presentation of our research, but also through the informal interactions that we have wherein we can discuss our interests and ideas and receive feedback from our peers. Every member of Eta Sigma Phi has something to teach his or her fellow members because each one of us has a unique interest in the Classics, a unique question that we must understand about the great civilizations of the past and a unique academic path that we hope to pursue in the future.

Eta Sigma Phi is a forum for students with an interest in Classics to deepen our course of study through communication with other undergraduate Classicists. It is a venue for the presentation of our scholarship and the reception of valuable feedback from those in a similar stage of scholarly development. Eta Sigma Phi creates a network of students with individual perspectives on Classics and a love for certain elements in particular who, through these unique passions, influence and inspire their peers.

Megas Chrysothylax

Bryan Behl, Epsilon Iota at the
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I was born and raised in Melbourne, Florida, where I attended Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy from kindergarten through the twelfth grade. Latin was required for all sixth grade students. While I had always possessed a passing interest in Classics, it was not until then that I began to fully appreciate them. History, art, philosophy, religion, government – virtually every aspect of life had somehow been touched by these ancient peoples. My intentions upon entering the University of Florida were to dual major in Classical Studies and Biology; it was to be my



Bryan Behl

last hurrah with Classics before entering the world of research science. Passion beat practicality, however, as I abandoned Biology. As I enter my senior year, I will be applying to graduate school for Ancient Mediterranean Religions. I then hope to pursue my doctorate in the History of Intellectual Thought. My ultimate goal is to become a college professor and study the development of society, religion, and philosophy and how they affected one another. I am also considering pursuing the pastorate through Great Commission Churches. The Classics have profoundly changed my life, my very way of thinking. The study of Greek actually changed the way I processed information. Due to the complexity, challenging nature, and intricacies of the grammatical structure, my mind had to adapt to a new way of thinking. The result was that my thoughts now conform more to the Greek way of thinking. I appreciate what the aorist tense and middle voice bring to the language. I appreciate the beauty and power of a language unbound of word order. I prefer to think this way. I joined Eta Sigma Phi the spring term of my freshman year. Over

the following two years, my involvement with the group grew eventually leading to my being elected treasurer. My experiences with Eta Sigma Phi have been spectacular. I have learned a lot and grown closer with my fellow Classics students. We have a great community. It really is all about relationships. As individuals we can only do so much, but united under a common banner we have had a great impact in the areas of scholarship and service.

In my spare time, I am very involved with my church in Gainesville, Gator Christian Life. I lead a home group, a group of about twenty students who study the Bible together, perform service projects, and go share the gospel with fellow students. I take my faith very seriously. It is only reasonable. My studies in Classics have aided in my spiritual life as I have been able to translate passages of the New Testament to better understand them. In addition, my understanding of the context of the times helps as well. Besides that, I also enjoy reading, ultimate Frisbee, and Tai Chi. Classics have become engrained deeply into my life. Eta Sigma Phi will always be a cherished part of my experience with Classics, and I look forward to serving this coming year.

Eta Sigma Phi provides a tremendous opportunity both to those studying the Classics and those simply interested in them to come together and form a community. United in spirit and mind, the members of Eta Sigma Phi create an atmosphere that is both academic and fun, professional and creative, and educational and inspiring. Whether one has only a passing interest in Classics or plans to spend a lifetime devoted to their study, Eta Sigma Phi enhances the lives of all involved.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following chapter advisors who recently retired from teaching: Prof. Charles Lloyd of Beta Upsilon at Marshall University, Prof. Louis Perraud of Zeta Eta at the University of Idaho, and Prof. Harry Evans of Epsilon Mu at Fordham University. Eta Sigma Phi is grateful to them for their many years of service to the society. *Multas gratias agimus!*

2008 Lifetime Achievement Award

Eta Sigma Phi, the national classics honorary society for undergraduate students of Latin and ancient Greek, honored Dr. Kenneth Kitchell with a Lifetime Achievement Award, at its 80th annual convention, at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, March 28-30, 2008. The Eta Sigma Phi Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 2006 to recognize individuals who have, during their long careers, made outstanding contributions to the promotion of Latin and ancient Greek. Previous recipients of the award are: Jane Hall (one of the founders of the National Latin Exam) in 2006 and Rudolph Masciantonio (who ran a very successful Latin program for inner-city youth in Philadelphia) in 2007. Dr. Kitchell was recognized for his many successful efforts to promote Latin nationally. His accomplishments include: many useful pedagogical articles as long-time editor of the "Clearing House" for *Classical Outlook*; a Latin promotional video entitled "It Killed the Romans" as chair of the Committee for the Promotion of Latin for the Classical Association of the Middle West and South; and, as president of the American Classical League, a major fund-raising



Martha Davis, Chair of the Board, presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to Kenneth Kitchell

effort to support Latin programs in states affected by Katrina. Dr. Kitchell is also one of the founders of National Latin Teacher Recruitment Week and is a strong voice nationally for increased and improved

Latin Teacher Training in the United States. He also served for many years as the faculty advisor to Alpha Omega chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Louisiana State University.

Farewell by Megale Prytanis Jasmine Merced-Ownbey

Thank you all for the time you allowed me to serve as Megale Prytanis of Eta Sigma Phi. Since I'm going to be president for only a few more minutes before we install our new officers, I'm going to exert executive privilege and say a few words before I step down.

Last night, someone asked me "So you're done with Eta Sigma Phi tomorrow?" and after replying "yes," I immediately felt sad. I mean, Eta Sigma Phi has been a part of my life for the last five years. This is my fifth convention. I have been an officer of the Beta Pi chapter for three years and a national officer for the last two. I have made so many friends both with students and faculty and we have all enjoyed learning from each other. Eta Sigma Phi feels like an extension of my family, and it's hard to say goodbye. I've always felt like



it shouldn't end just because we graduate; and I've always felt that graduate students should still be active members...

... So Rhodes: don't be surprised if this grad student crashes your convention next year.

Thank you all again. We need to keep in touch, so FaceBook me!

*Jasmine Merced-Ownbey
Outgoing Megale Prytanis*

Afterward: The incoming officers of my local chapter (Beta Pi, University of Arkansas) appointed me Graduate Advisor at our end-of-semester party for Spring 2008. So no, I don't have to say goodbye, and hopefully one day, I'll be a Faculty Advisor. Graduate and graduating students: stay involved!

2008 Convention Awards

PRIZES

Best-Dressed *Femina*
\$25 cash prize for the female dressed in the best ancient costume at the annual convention banquet.

Maureen Moriarity of Eta Omicron at Assumption College (There was no award for best-dressed *vir*.)

COMIC AWARDS

This was a special award at convention connected with the display of APA Comic Posters dealing with the statue of Ceres on the Chicago Board of Trade Building. Delegates were invited to create their own cartoons on a classical topic. The entries were judged by the local committee. Two \$25 awards were made at the banquet to **Francis Smith** of Eta Eta and **Bob Hepburn** of Eta Eta at Virginia Tech.

BEST PAPER READ AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

The author of the best student paper read at national convention receives a \$50 cash prize and remission of convention registration fees. The paper is also published in the *NUNTIUS*. The winner is determined by a group of chapter advisors.

Zachary Good of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College



Best-Dressed Femina Maureen Moriarity of Eta Omicron accepting her prize from Executive Secretary Sienkewicz

BEST CHAPTER REGALIA

The chapter with the best chapter regalia displayed at the national convention is awarded a \$50 cash prize. The winner is determined by acclamation at convention.

Gamma at the University of Iowa

SERVICE AWARD

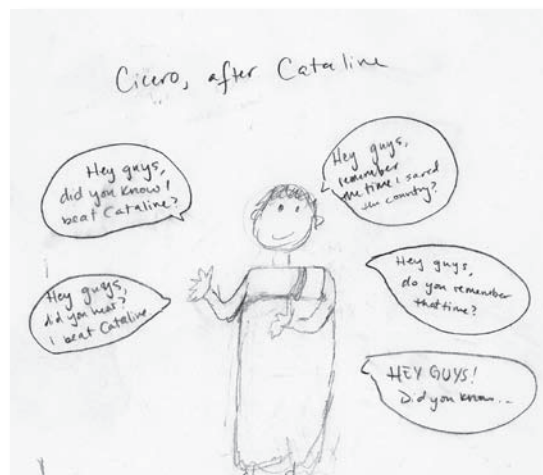
This \$100 cash prize is awarded annually at convention to the chapter which has performed the most noteworthy service activity in the promotion of Latin during the academic year. The winner is determined by the Board of Trustees based upon information provided in chapter reports submitted at convention. Chapters unable to attend convention are invited to send a written report of their service activities to the executive secretary prior to convention.

Zeta Beta at Temple University

Here is a description of the winning project:

Ethan Takahashi, former officer of Zeta Beta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, and now an attorney with a specialty in international relations who is serving in the Peace Corps in Mongolia, asked for assistance with some projects he has undertaken.

One of them, in conjunction with his class for English As a Second Language, is trying to build a reading room of materials. He asked Zeta Beta to send books, particularly ones related to English language learning and to Classics. They responded with more than \$500 worth of materials that were collected in donations or paid for with funds from fundraising projects.



Far left, Et tu, Lupe by Robert Hepburn of Eta Eta at Virginia Tech

Left, Cicero by Frances Smith of Eta Eta at Virginia Tech

CERTAMEN

Members of the winning team in the certamen at national convention each receive a copy of *The Oxford Dictionary of the Classical World* by John Roberts. These prizes are provided by the National Latin Exam. Eta Sigma Phi expresses its gratitude to the National Latin Exam for its financial support for this contest. This year's recipients:

Gillian Grady of Epsilon at the University of Iowa

Nick Rich of Epsilon at the University of Iowa

Elizabeth Mawhiney of Epsilon at the University of Iowa

Ashley Bishop of Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin

2008 SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Heather Woods (Eta Zeta Chapter, Truman State University) the American Academy at Rome Classical Summer School Scholarship

Katherine Rice (Gamma Omega Chapter, Baylor University) the American Classical School at Athens Scholarship

Jason Pedicone (Theta Gamma, Roger Williams University) Vergilian Society Watch for reports on their summer travels in the next issue of NUNTIUS.

2008 FOX LATIN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The 2008 Eta Sigma Phi Bernice Fox Teacher Training Scholarship winner is **Andrew O'Brien** of New Orleans, Louisiana. Andrew teaches Latin at St. Paul's Episcopal School in New Orleans, LA.

He earned his BA at Rhodes College and served as Megas Grammateus in 2004-2005. Andrew used the award to attend the 2008 American Classical League Summer Institute at the University of New Hampshire. Watch for his report on his experiences in the next issue of NUNTIUS.



Above, Grateful Mongolian students holding some of the items sent to them by Zeta Beta

Right, winners of Certamen 2008
Pictured left to right: Gillian Grady, Elizabeth Mawhiney and Nick Rich of Epsilon at the University of Iowa and Ashley Bishop of Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin



2008 Convention Resolutions

Sapientia petimus placidam sub libertate quietem

Editor's Note: The motto of both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the University of Massachusetts Amherst is *ense petimus placidam sub libertate quietem*.

So, we arrived at Boston Logan, and we said, "*Sapientia petimus placidam sub libertate quietem*". So, we drove through the night, through the snowstorms, through Erie, Pennsylvania; we left behind the *paludes lacertorum* of Florida, and we told strangers on the way, *Sapientia petimus placidam sub libertate quietem*. And all we met told us, "Go, go ye, to western Massachusetts, to the home of the pioneers." And we, because we were ignorant corn farmers from Indiana, we said, "What is this strange place you speak of, this oxymoron, western Massachusetts. There is only Boston." And they said, go, go, ye, beyond the Cimmerians, to western Massachusetts.

Fortunately for us, as Aeneas followed the Sybil, as Dante followed Vergil, we were following the golden brow of Andrew Carroll and the members of the Epsilon Omicron chapter. We said, *Sapientia petimus placidam sub libertate quietem*, and they said, "Come, come ye to western Massachusetts."

And they set for us contests, *certamina* and *agones*, to see whether we might be worthy of *placida quiés*. And we failed at



viros Romam mittent qui regem petant, or *viros Romam mittunt qui regem petent* or *petunt* or whatever, but the heroes from Iowa and Texas survived.

And we exchanged tales from our adventures. Some said, "We seek *placida quiés*, because we have been sacrificing *piñatas*." Others said, "We seek the same, for our enemies make us date non-classicists." And were heard tales from beyond the end of the world, beyond the last camps of Alexander, for Zeta Beta has now sent beauty's flame to Mongolia. And the three wisest among us made eloquent orations, and we learned that in-breeding kills and our ancestors reveled in stealing gods and virginities.

But these sibyls demanded more labors from us. They said, "You must descend

into this frigid grotto called Bartlett, and then you must climb this mountain and make sacrifices to the dryads who live on the summit there." And we said, "Great daimones, how can we? We are but nerdy beings. Here, we give you Elpenor and Palinurus; they are the bravest of the nerds; maybe they can climb the mountain." Let us not forget to bury them on the way home.

And they took us to another nearby town, for there was a greater temple of the muses in that town, for you see this valley is filled with temples of learning. And in that temple, we saw many votive offerings left by Greek travelers. The natives worship these offerings and make copies of them. And we said, "We have seen these statues in the homeland." And we drew pictures so that the locals might use them in their temples. And they said, "Why do your draw like children or Alcibiades at a symposium? But they accepted our best efforts: a knife-wielding lupus and an attention-starved Cicero.

And they led us to many *mirabilia visu*. We saw a shadow, a fleeting image of the truth—a college president who is a classicist, namely Ralph Hexter of Hampshire College. What is this place that makes philosophers king? And we learned of the mansions of the mind of Kenneth Kitchell, the winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award. He inspired us to a life of investigation and scared us with tales of smoking Jesuits.

And they set at our hands all the dainties of a feast, and they distilled pure water from their pond in bottles with their own insignia.

And the muses set the fire of inspiration in the heart of the Executive Secretary, Thomas Sienkewicz, and we bore beauty's flame in song...again and again and again.

Tandem placidam quietem invenimus, et Epsilon Omicroni magnas gratias agimus. At last we found peaceful rest, and we sincerely thank the members of Epsilon Omicron and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. We are restored for the travels, and contests, and wonders to come.

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\$40 (1/2 page);

\$75 (whole page).

Rates for other individuals and organizations available upon request. Send payment and electronic camera-ready copy to the editor.

The 78th Annual National Convention was held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst from April 10-13, 2008. The convention was held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and the cover of Nuntius features a photograph of the convention table.

Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees 2007–2008

We have much for which to thank the sponsors and local student committee of Epsilon Omicron Chapter at the University of Massachusetts. The Eightieth Annual Convention has been a well-organized event in a lovely and welcoming setting. I hope to see you all next year at the end of March in Memphis, Tennessee, when Beta Psi of Rhodes College will host the 2009 convention. To show our encouragement of attendance, the Board has voted to remit registration in the future for one sponsor from each chapter when he or she is accompanied by one or more students.

In its business meeting, the Board recommended that Trustees Daniel Levine (Beta Pi, U of Arkansas) and David Sick (Beta Psi, Rhodes College) be approved for new terms in office. [Editor's Note: The Assembly subsequently approved Professors Levine and Sick as Trustees for another term.]

The board recommends that Dr. Sienkiewicz's term as Executive Secretary be extended for one year, and suggests that in future the term of Executive Secretary be extended by three-year increments through a change to the by-laws. A three-year extension would save time at future conventions.

We have important good news concerning our affiliation with the American Philological Association (APA). We have been Category I members of APA, and as such have had the privilege of a display table in the Book Exhibit at annual meetings. Our national officers and other Eta Sigma Phi members have manned the table. Now we have now applied for Category II status. This category would entitle us not only to make our Society visible through the display table, but also to organize panels for the program. It is our hope to sponsor panels for the reading of papers by undergraduate students, the first such panel to be held when APA meets in Orange County, California at the invitation of Loyola Marymount College in January, 2009. We urge Eta Sigma Phi members to watch for the call for papers and to submit abstracts. Persons who are internationally known scholars in the APA will be asked to act as respondents for the panels.

We will continue to encourage students to submit papers for reading at the Southern Section of CAMWS. We would like such presentations to be made in alternate

years at CAMWS-Southern Section and CAAS.

For the presentation of scholarly papers at our own future conventions, as for the one at Memphis in 2009, we have approved the following: Students whose papers are chosen for presentation will have their registration remitted. No other monetary reward will be given for papers presented. Winning papers will be published in our newsletter, the *Nuntius*.

Our thanks go out to all national officers and local Eta Sigma Phi students who have manned display tables at the American Classical League Institute; the Classical Association of the Midwest and South; the Classical Association of the Midwest and South, Southern Section; and the Classical Association of the Atlantic States during this academic year. We feel that our national and international profiles are growing brighter because of your efforts and charm.

We would like for you to know that we are very impressed by the exciting activities of the local chapters this year, especially the Outreach Projects. We ask you, though, not to include in your annual reports any activities anticipated for times after the close of spring semester at your various institutions. The wonderful events of summer can be reported on in your next annual report. And remember that things

you plan do not always occur. We'd like your annual reports to deal with reality, not wishful thinking.

In numbers we are stronger than ever. Serving a growing constituency and sending our representatives out to professional meetings to man our display tables strains the national budget, and makes it more difficult for us to support the Scholarships and Contests we feel are important parts of our mission. Please anticipate another call to raise membership dues in the future, and meanwhile, consider using some of the funds you raise locally for donations to the scholarships. We Trustees are all excited to be planning a new summer scholarship which will offer opportunity to Society members to participate in archaeological digs. Look for more information to be forthcoming on the progress of this planning, and contribute to the implementation of the old and new scholarship opportunities through your direct support.

Start planning your fundraisers, and prepare to join us for Convention 2009 in Memphis! Best wishes from the Trustees to you all!

Martha A. Davis
Zeta Beta Chapter Sponsor at Temple
University
Chair, Board of Trustees, Eta Sigma Phi
Society

2009 Eta Sigma Phi National Convention

HOLD THESE DATES for the 2009 Convention

81st Annual Eta Sigma Phi Convention will be held at the invitation of Beta Psi Chapter at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee on March 27-29, 2009. Delegates will stay at the DoubleTree Memphis, 5069 Sanderlin Ave. (1-800-222-TREE or direct 901-767-6666). The rate will be \$107.00 plus tax per room. The local committee for the 2009 convention is led by Allie Marbry (maral@rhodes.edu), the prytannis for Beta Psi. The adviser to Beta Psi is Dr. David Sick (sick@rhodes.edu). Please feel free to contact either of them with your questions and suggestions.



Paul Barret, Jr. Library at Rhodes College

National Office Income and Expense Reports 2006 and 2007

Last year's expense report from the Executive Secretary's Office, covered the period March 16, 2006 through March 15, 2007. From now on this information will be reported on a calendar year basis. Since a dues increase was implemented in 2007, calendar year reports for both 2006 and 2007 are provided here for comparative purposes.

<i>Category Description</i>	<i>1/1/2006–12/31/2006</i>
INFLOWS	
Uncategorized	1,079.35
Certificate Replacement	20.00
Charter Fee	305.00
Convention Dorm Room	50.00
Convention Registration Fee	5,302.00
Express Mail Fee	240.00
Gift Received	2,647.56
Honor Cords	3,597.00
Honor Hoods	1,294.00
Initiation Dues	22,485.00
Interest Inc	33.96
Jewelry Sold.	1,189.50
Lifetime Nuntius Subscription	50.00
Medal Fund Inc.	28.75
Other Inc.	166.32
OVER PAYMENT	143.95
Postage Fee	5.00
Processing Charge.	177.00
Shopping Cart Payment Received	3,435.75
Transfer From Endowment.	7,200.00
Web Accept Payment Received	313.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	49,763.14

OUTFLOWS	
Accountant Fee	159.00
Archive Maintenance.	30.00
Book Prizes	40.00
Certificates	7,146.00
Computer	387.65
Convention Expenses	4,736.25
Endowment Management	25.00
Entertainment.	285.31
ESP Charter	15.00
Fax Charges.	101.00
Fee	131.73
Government Fee	20.00
Honor Hoods Purchase	898.00
Honors Cords—Purchase	517.00
Jewelry Purchased	1,427.10
Misc	811.32
Nuntius	5,329.18
Office Assistance	600.00
Office Supplies and Photocopying	654.63
Overpayment Refund	26.00
PayPal Fee	129.73
Postage.	1,220.19
Prizes	262.99
Promotion Expenses	1,510.86
Promotion Expenses—APA	2,543.37
Refund.	42.00
Scholarship Award	8,600.00
Translation Contest Prize	880.00
Travel Reimbursement	5,130.00
Web Page Maintenance	150.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	43,809.31

OVERALL TOTAL 5,953.83

<i>Category Description</i>	<i>1/1/2007–12/31/2007</i>
INFLOWS	
Uncategorized	0.00
Certificate Replacement	60.00
Charter Fee	350.00
Convention Registration Fee	45.00
Express Mail Fee	518.00
Gift Received	1,092.35
Honor Cords	4,935.21
Honor Hoods	1,674.00
Initiation Dues	26,095.00
Interest Inc	27.78
Jewelry Sold.	1,398.00
Lifetime Nuntius Subscription	50.00
Other Inc.	15.00
OVER PAYMENT	116.62
Postage Fee	1,602.77
Processing Charge.	240.00
Shopping Cart Payment Received	2,875.00
Transfer From Endowment.	7,446.17
TOTAL INFLOWS	45,335.36

OUTFLOWS	
Uncategorized	6,791.00
Accountant Fee	159.00
Bad Check.	390.00
Bank Charge	35.61
Book Prizes	392.75
Certificates	7,725.00
Computer	145.61
Donation	93.00
Endowment Management	25.00
Entertainment.	184.26
Fee	104.27
Government Fee	20.00
Honor Hoods Purchase	1,218.00
Honors Cords	27.00
Honors Cords—Purchase	1,035.00
Jewelry Purchased	1,599.62
Misc	37.27
Nuntius	6,773.03
Office Assistance	900.00
Office Supplies and Photocopying	224.70
Office Supplies and Postage	1,263.16
Overpayment Refund	222.00
PayPal Fee	179.16
Pin	432.00
Postage.	295.53
Prizes	492.50
Promotion Expenses	709.93
Promotion Expenses—APA	4,547.01
Scholarship Award	8,600.00
Translation Contest Prize	865.00
Travel Reimbursement	3,800.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	49,157.87

OVERALL TOTAL 3,822.51

Report of Endowment Fund

80th Annual Convention
Amherst, Massachusetts
March 28–March 30, 2008

I. Cash	Value as of 12/31/2007
1. E*Trade Bank (interest earned in 2007: \$2.57)	\$1,093.07
II. Dain Rauscher Portfolio	
1. LaSalle Bank, Chicago, IL (interest earned in 2007: \$577.50)	\$10,551.09
2. Corporate Bond, Target Corp. @9.625, due 02/01/08, non-callable (interest earned in 2007: \$577.50)	6,019.62
3. Enterprise Prods Partners, LP	11,535.76
4. Sr. Hsg. Pptys Tr., 70 shares (est. annual income: \$99.00)	1,587.60
5. Con. Ed. Inc. 146 shares (\$338.92 div. in 2007)	7,132.10
6. Wells Fargo Capital, 400 shares @7%, income, \$700.00 in 2007	9,240.00
7. Cash, Tamarack Inv. Funds (yielded \$57.13 in 2007)	1,489.18
8. Five Star Quality Care, 14 shares	116.20
Total:	\$47,671.55
III. Ameriprise Financial Funds	
RVS Diversified Equity Income Fund Cl A	\$24,203.61
RVS International Select Value Fund Cl A	12,755.74
RVS Diversified Bond Fund Cl A	37,530.69
RVS Diversified Bond Fund Cl B	4,227.52
RVS Large Cap Equity Fund Cl A	16,271.58
Total:	\$94,989.14

Value of Endowment on 12/31/2007 \$143,753.76

(Value, 2006, \$143,177.90)

Brent M. Froberg, Mgr. Endowment

Medal Fund, Annual Report, 2007

Cash on hand, January 1, 2007 \$50.63

Receipts:

Sale of large silver (4) @ \$28.75	\$115.00
Sale of small silver (4) @ \$10.25	41.00
Sale of small bronze (18) @ \$ 6.50	117.00
Interest, passbook #2984	1.38
Postage paid for shipping	3.25
Total	\$328.26

Disbursement:

To CD #505000811 3yrs. @4.90% (matures, 7/17/10)	\$318.00
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Assets:

CD #505000265 3yrs. @ 4.25% (matures, 7/05/08; interest earned, 2007: \$16.99)	\$416.77
CD #505000535 3 yrs. @ 5.25% (matures, 7/13/09; interest earned, 2007: \$24.50)	\$491.28
Cash on hand, December 31, 2007	\$10.26
Total	\$1,236.31

Inventory:

84 large silver @\$28.75	\$2,415.00
182 small silver @\$10.25	1,865.50
26 small bronze @\$6.50	170.00
Total	\$4,450.50

Total value (money and medals)
Dec. 31, 2007 \$5,686.81

Eta Sigma Phi Owl LAPEL PINS now Available

These economically-priced oval lapel pins are one-inch high and bear the Eta Sigma Phi owl seal in purple and gold. All members who attended the 2007 convention received a pin with their registration packet. These can be purchased in a batch of ten for \$10.00 plus \$5.00 for postage and handling.



Ripped up by the Roots: Sophocles' *Antigone* and the Fall of the House of Oedipus

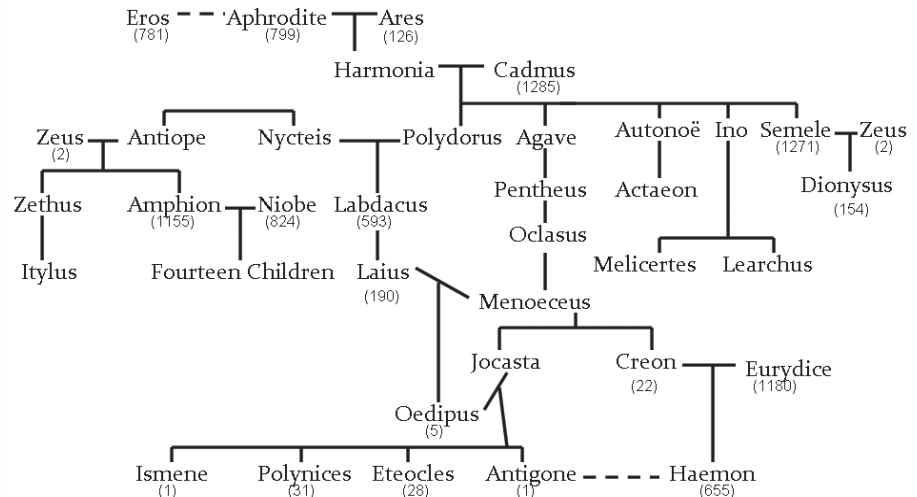
by Zachary Good of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

(Judged best paper read at the 2008 National Convention)

The story of the line of Cadmus and the kingship of Thebes is rooted in a mythology which existed prior to the time of Homer and was still being revised and commented upon in the most prosperous days of Athens (Greece and Rome, 24. Baldry, H.C. Greece & Rome, 2nd Ser., Vol. 3, No. 1, Mar., 1956). The *Antigone* of Sophocles takes up this ancient story and chronicles the fate of the *ἑσχάτης ῥίζας* '... ἐν Οἰδίπου δόμοις' ("the last root of the House of Oedipus," *Antigone*, 599-600). In the *Antigone*, Sophocles utilizes his audience's knowledge of the rich genealogy of the Labdacids and a myriad of explicit mythological allusions to the events of the Theban cycle, scattered throughout the choral odes which punctuate the play, not only to comment upon the drama at hand, but also, as this paper will primarily argue, to set up Antigone as the capstone, or perhaps, more accurately, the tombstone to the line of Oedipus, the reign of the Cadmians, and the Theban cycle as a whole.

The most important mythological material involved in a comprehensive analysis of the *Antigone* is that which Sophocles assumes to be part of his audience's prior knowledge. This includes not only the history of the House of Oedipus, but also the stories surrounding the kingship of Thebes and the city's patron deities. First let us deal with those allusions involving the first two generations of the House of Cadmus which are most central to the mythology and with which the playwright's contemporaries were familiar, many of which are consequent on the pervading presence of Dionysus in the *Antigone*'s first chorus. The chorus, hailing the rising sun as it casts its light on the corpse of the fallen Polynices, tells the story of the assault on Thebes. This first choral ode tells of a warrior referred as *πυρφόρος* (fire-bearing) who is *βακχεύων* when he assails the walls of Thebes (*Antigone*, 135-6). This Argive warrior, Capa-

The Last Root of the House of Oedipus



Note Bene: All numbers in parentheses represent the first line in the *Antigone* in which the above character is mentioned.

neus, is clearly associated by Sophocles' diction with Dionysian ecstasy, a willful or divinely-imposed subjection of reason to a state of spiritual rapture, although cases in which the gods inflict on mortals a blinding madness as punishment, typically for irreverence, are an important exception (Capaneus' hubris, it should be noted, also earns him a prominent place in Canto XIV of Dante's *Inferno*). Though not always used as a technical term, *παννυχίσις* typically describes the liberation of emotion most characteristic in maenads, female devotees of Bacchus (Oxford Classical Dictionary. Eds. Hornblower, Simon. Spawforth, Antony. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003. pg 480). The first chorus' subtle but explicit reference to the god of wine has a two-fold importance: his presence reminds the readers of Dionysus' genealogical link to Cadmus who was grandfather to the god through his daughter Semele, while it simultaneously shows the god's continual influence over events surrounding Thebes and the Cadmian line. From the first charge of the assault on Thebes to the triumphal procession and all-night (*παννυχίσις*) revels which the god leads, Sophocles shows that the House of Cadmus is inextricably linked with the presence of Dionysus (*Antigone*, 148-154).

Accounts of the children of Cadmus appear explicitly in mythology as early as Hesiod, but are treated more fully by Euripides, a contemporary of Sophocles, and Theocritus who tells the story of how Cadmus' other daughters, Ino, Agave, and Autonoe, who were all maenads, are driven by the god to murder Pentheus, Autonoe's son, ripping him to pieces as they would an animal-sacrifice to the god (cf. Hesiod. *Theogony, Works and Days*. Trans. West, M.L. New York: Oxford University Press, 1988, line 940 with *The Greek Bucolic Poets*. Trans. Edmonds, J.M. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1977. XXVI). It is notable that in Theocritus' account he presents the dismemberment of Pentheus as just, painting his intrusion on the rites of the maenads as the negative embodiment of the poem's moral: "no one should treat with scorn the affairs of the gods" (*The Greek Bucolic Poets*. XXVI, 38). Euripides' *Bacchae* is dedicated entirely to the retelling of this story and from it we derive many of the details of Dionysus' resume as overseer of his cult's practices. Cadmus' lone male heir was Polydorus, the father of Labdacus, whose piety can be assumed from the fact that little is known about him other than Pausanias' account of his

bronzing a log which fell from heaven with “the thunderbolt hurled [by Zeus] at the bridal chamber of Semele” (Pausanias. *Description of Greece*, Vol. 4. Trans. Jones, W.H.S. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1978. 9.12.4). Labdacus’ offenses against Bacchus, however, earned him the same fate as his cousin Pentheus with whom, Apollodorus tells us, “he was like-minded,” implying that he too resisted the worship of Dionysus (Apollodorus. *The Library*. Vol. 1. Trans. Frazer, Sir James George. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1976. 3.3.8). This recurring sin of impiety finds its origin in Cadmus himself, whose crime is referenced, though somewhat obscurely, by Sophocles in his remark on the river Ismenus (*Antigone*, 1124). Here the poet alludes to the founding myth of Thebes in which Cadmus, “being angered,” slew the serpent which guarded the river, a creature dear to Ares, and was, along with his wife, “turned into a serpent.” Apollodorus tells likewise how Cadmus, thus earning the disfavor of the god, was sentenced to an “eternal year” of compensatory labor (Apollodorus, 3.4.1). The historian later adds that their punishment was compounded by their serpentine transformation (Apollodorus, 3.5.4). It is notable too that this river is named for one of the fallen children of Niobe, to be discussed later on in this paper, whereas the Dircean, another local stream, is named for Dirce, the wife of Lycus, killed by Amphion and Zethus who tied her to the horns of a bull, a punishment for mistreating their mother.

The third choral ode again takes up this legacy of irreverence which, begun by Cadmus, was carried on by his son Pentheus and grandson Labdacus. Ino’s sons, Learchus and Melicertes, meet a similar fate and are murdered by their parents who, entrusted by Hermes with the care of the infant Dionysus, are driven mad by the ever jealous and vengeful Hera. Athamas, Ino’s husband, hunted Learchus “as a deer” and slew him with an arrow. Ino, likewise, threw Melicertes into a boiling pot (Apollodorus, 3.4.3). Homer relates how Ino, in her grief, threw herself into the ocean and became the sea-deity Leucothea (*Odyssey*, V.332ff). The other daughters of Cadmus met similar ends which would

ensure that the narrowing and eventual end of their family line. Semele destroyed herself when she looked upon the bare face of Zeus. Agave, having killed her son, fled Thebes, and, after being taken in by Lycothorses, murdered him so that Cadmus might rule Illyria, presumably not having any children by him to ensure Cadmus’ claim (cf. Hyginus, 184 and 240. *The Myths of Hyginus*. Trans. Grant, Mary. Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, 1960). Similarly, it can be presumed by the fact that no other offspring of hers are mentioned in extant literature that Autonoe is beyond child-bearing age after the death of Actaeon, though her husband Aristaeus is known to have fathered three other children; a daughter Macris, also called Nysa, a nymph and a caretaker of Dionysus, and two sons Charmus and Callicarpus (Apollonius. *Argonautica* IV.1128, Nonnus, *Dionysiaca* 84.82.4). Dionysus’ powerful influence over Cadmian Thebes is further compounded when Semele, brought back from the underworld by her son, is added to the host of Olympus as Thyone, the goddess of inspired frenzy. Actaeon, the son of Autonoe, also is slain with similar divine impunity, though not by Dionysus. Apollodorus relates how he was turned into a stag and eaten by his hunting dogs, for lusting after either Semele or Artemis (Apollodorus 3.4.4).

Having thus drawn through inference a rough sketch of what contemporary audiences would have implicitly known about the relation between Thebes’ patron deity and the House of Cadmus, it is proper, before considering the main action of the play itself, to work out what explicit allusions Sophocles makes to the greater story-arc of the Theban cycle. Sophocles, along with many others, speaks of Antigone’s descent from both sets of Thebes’ alleged founders: that is, not only, Cadmus and Harmonia, but also Amphion and Zethus, to whom the building of the city-walls was attributed. Herodotus tells us in his *History* that he has seen an inscription that “would date from about the time of Laius the son of Labdacus, grandson of Polydorus and great-grandson of Cadmus” (Herodotus, 5.59.1. Trans. Godley, A.D. Herodotus. Vol. 2. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1969-1975).

Sophocles completes Antigone’s paternal (and also, tragically, maternal) lineage by telling us that Oedipus is the son of Laius and the father of Antigone. The later historian Apollodorus ties these two founding lineages together by telling the tale of the marriage of Polydorus, Oedipus’ great-grandfather, to Nycteis, sister to Antiope, the mother of Amphion and Zethus (Apollodorus, 3.5.5). It is likely that during the time of Sophocles this integration of the two founding myths was already established and added to the mythological emphasis placed on the Labdacids by the poet. For a sense of how Apollodorus historically justified the conflicting accounts of the foundation of Thebes, compare the ambiguity inherent in the accounts of Cadmus and the Spartoi and Amphion and Zethus (Apollodorus 3.4.1. and 3.5.6) to the surety with which Homer propounds the truth of the latter story (*Odyssey*, XI.260ff). After the death of Labdacus, Lycus, ward to Laius and brother to Polydorus’ father-in-law, took the throne of Thebes for twenty years, at which time he was usurped by Amphion and Zethus (Apollodorus, 3.5.5). Their rule, however, was just as short-lived, and both their lines were extinguished by the foolishness of their wives. Niobe, the wife of Amphion, who is twice mentioned in the *Antigone*, boasted that she had more children than Leto. In turn the goddess’ children, Artemis and Apollo, struck down her family, leaving Niobe alone to bewail them (Apollodorus, 3.5.7). Similarly, Homer tells the story of how the death of Itylus, the sole heir of Zethus, at the hands of his careless mother, persuades Penelope to endure the plague of the suitors rather than return to her father (*Odyssey*, XIX.523). Pausanias adds too that Zethus, upon hearing the news of his son’s death, died of a “broken heart” (Pausanias, 9.5.9).

It is in the marriage of Polydorus and Nycteis that the lineage of Cadmus, the first founder of the Thebes, intersects with the lineage of Amphion and Zethus, the builders of its wall. The fruit of this marriage is Laius who, during the struggle between Lycus and the sons of Antiope, lives as an exile in the kingdom of Pelops. Returning from this exile to Thebes, Laius brings with him Chrysippus, the

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son of Pelops whom he had kidnapped (cf. Apollodorus, 3.5.5 and Hyginus, 85). Laius then compounds this sin of “Eros” with a second: that of disregarding the oracle which informs him that his son will violently supplant him. Fearing this oracle, Laius leaves the young Oedipus, begotten against the will of the gods, to die in the wilderness of Cithaeron (Apollodorus 3.5.7). Sophocles takes up this story in his *Oedipus Rex*, which tells of the fulfillment of the prophecy concerning Laius’ death and the strikingly similar story of how Oedipus, like his father, attempts to thwart prophesy and is similarly punished. Oedipus, having killed his father, married his mother, and fathered Eteocles, Polynices, Antigone and Ismene, dies in exile, a story which Sophocles would relate in his *Oedipus at Colonus* approximately forty years after the publication of the *Antigone*.

Now, having outlined the lineage of both Cadmus and Amphion up to the time of Antigone there is need of a last, brief digression. We have seen how every known extension of the lines of both Cadmus and Amphion has been cut off, leaving the fate of the house with Antigone and Ismene, but here a scholiast of Euripides makes a contribution to our genealogical chart which adds gravity to the present drama (Wissowa, Georg. “Oklasos.” *Realencyclopädie der Classischen Altertumswissenschaft neue Bearbeitung*. Stuttgart: J. B. Metzler, 1894-1980). The scholiast suggests that Pentheus was the father of a man named Oclaus who in turn fathered Menoeceus, the patriarch of the House of Creon and Jocasta. Perhaps knowledge of this line of Cadmus was either so elementary that it was left unsaid, or perhaps further evidence has simply not survived, in either case additional occurrences of name Oclaus are not extant. If this is the case then the betrothal of Antigone and Haemon carries the hope of the continuation of a pure Cadmian lineage. By the same token, the eventual deaths of these lovers would represent the final, or perfect, catastrophe of the bloodline of Cadmus. But what of Ismene? Here again extant myth is, for the most part, silent. One amphora dating from the mid sixth-century BC shows her death at the hands of Tydeus (Tydeus and Ismene.

Side A from a Corinthian black-figure amphora, ca. 560 BC). Literature’s silence about Ismene after the attack of Argos on Thebes shows that she is effectively, if not actually, dead. It may even suggest that Sophocles has resurrected her character to act as a dramatic foil to his heroine Antigone. Regardless of the reason, we find no reason to suspect that Ismene is eligible to continue the line of Oedipus.

Sophocles makes it clear throughout this work that the last of the Labdacids, that is, Antigone, is doomed to suffer for the crimes of her forefathers (“No generation shall free this tribe” *Antigone*, 596). As more and more of these characters are implicated in this story, the drama rises to become epic in tone as each adds gravity to final calamity. Having gathered an idea of what this accumulation of import looks like with respect to the descendants of Cadmus, let us examine those more peripheral allusions which Sophocles primarily confines to the fifth choral ode, in which the chorus laments Antigone’s fate as she approaches her “bridal chamber” and “grave.” Those mythological analogues which Sophocles thinks most pertinent to Antigone’s story are those of Danae, Lycurgus (the “rocky bond”), and Cleopatra, Boreas’ daughter (*Antigone*, 944, 955, 984-6). Danae, like Antigone, is imprisoned by an insecure king; however, Creon sees Antigone’s rebellion as a threat to his regime, whereas Acrisius hides Danae in a bronze chamber to avoid his prophesied death by patricide, calling to mind again the story of Laius and Oedipus. Zeus, himself enamored of Danae, sends a shower of gold into her brazen prison impregnating her and ensuring the fulfillment of the oracle to Acrisius (Apollodorus, 2.4.1). Lycurgus and Cleopatra also suffer similar imprisonments, Sophocles tells us, the former physically trapped in a “rocky bond,” the latter in a “brideless” marriage (*Antigone*, 956, 980). They also, like Danae, have a two-fold connection to Antigone. Lycurgus, as many of the heroine’s ancestors, was driven by Dionysus to destroy his son before his own life was ended by the god. In Homer’s *Odyssey* Glaucus and Diomedes recall the story of Lycurgus driving Dionysus with an ox-goad into the sea as an example of an offense

against the gods equivalent to the offense they would commit in fighting each other and violating their paternal ties of *xenia* or “guestfriendship” (*Iliad*, VI.133-5. Apollodorus’ account of Lycurgus’ madness—how he mistook his son for a vine and chopped him to bits—and his death—how he was thereafter bound on Mount Pangaean and trampled by horses—complete our understanding of this story. Apollodorus, 3.5.1). The manner in which Lycurgus’ impiety destroys his lineage is also reminiscent of many above mentioned stories of the Theban cycle. Cleopatra, on the other hand, is forced to see her children blinded by Phineus, whose second wife falsely accuses them of attempting to corrupt her virtue (Pausanias, 3.15.3-4). Sophocles adds to Pausanias’ account and suggests that it was actually the step-mother who blinded Cleopatra’s sons. Whether Sophocles presents the older version of the myth, as he significantly predates Pausanias, or whether he means to overstate the step-mother’s influence to the point of actual agency is debatable (*Antigone*, 969ff). Regardless of the particulars of the legend, the story of Cleopatra is not doubt an appropriate one to make as she, like Antigone, has endured the blinding of her dearest relation, unable to intercede on their behalf.

While the resemblance Danae, Lycurgus, and Cleopatra bear to the plight of Antigone is striking, more important to Sophocles is the way in which these mythical analogues highlight her role as the last remnant of her house, who, having revered the things honorable to the gods, brings reconciliation through her death (*Antigone*, 941-3). Sophocles tells us that Danae receives Perseus as a result of her imprisonment (*Antigone*, 950). Lycurgus, having overcome his madness, is allowed during his imprisonment to “know the god” whom he provoked, and, as a scholiast on Apollodorus tells us, Aesclepius restored the sight of Cleopatra’s sons (*Antigone*, 460-1. See Frazer’s note #319 in Apollodorus). Antigone says, however, that her fate is “most like” that of Niobe who was left to bewail the loss of her children and the termination of her line (*Antigone*, 825-831). Apollo and Artemis. We recall killed Ismenus along with the other thirteen

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children of Niobe, the wife of Amphion, when she boasted that she had more children than their mother Leto (Apollodorus, 3.5.6). Antigone is similarly left to mourn the lineage of Oedipus and of Cadmus, from which every branch has been cut, knowing that burying her brother will bring honor to her family name while simultaneously dooming herself, the hope of that line's perpetuation, to a criminal execution. Unlike any of these mythical exempla, Antigone is not ultimately spared her fate. Only by her death, Sophocles seems to say, will she bring honor to and end the strife of the House of Oedipus.

Sophocles' particular intent in constructing the mythological backdrop of the *Antigone* is to make its heroine a paragon of justice and the perfect representative of the House of Cadmus. Her sacrifice as the last remnant of the House of Oedipus, and a mortal rightly ordered with respect to divine law, brings resolution not only the limited action of a play, but also the entirety of the Theban cycle. The final ode is a prayer that Dionysus might grace their city with his "healing feet," a prayer answered, not by the salvation of Antigone, but by the deaths of Haemon and Eurydice, punishing Creon for his maltreatment of the corpse of Polynices (*Antigone*, 1144). Now, at the utmost catastrophe, the chorus closes the play with the moral *χρή δὲ τὰ γ' ἔς θεοῦς μηδὲν ἀσεπτεῖν*: it is necessary to never act impiously toward the gods, a proverb for which the House of Cadmus stands as the perfect antithesis, while Antigone is its perfect fulfillment (*Antigone*, 1349-50). Sophocles' thus presents in his *Antigone* a complete picture of the immediate consequences of impiety, but more importantly, he, by drawing on an extensive store of mythological models, shows the impact of the Cadmians' recurring generational impiety on not only the city and kingship of Thebes, but also on Antigone, its final root and reconciler.

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HOLLAND—Hope College professor John T. Quinn died on June 19, 2008 while running near the campus during the noon hour. Dr. Quinn, an associate professor of classics who had been a member of the faculty since 1995, was pronounced dead at Holland Hospital where he was taken by emergency responders. Dr. Quinn had apparently been running alone when he collapsed near 14th Street and Lincoln Avenue at approximately 1 p.m. He was 45.

"John Quinn was a respected colleague and friend. His passion was teaching in the Classics. This he did well and with great enthusiasm. John was a faithful servant, beloved especially by his students and the campus community," said President James E. Bultman.

Dr. Quinn taught Latin as well as the two major languages of Roman Egypt: Greek and Coptic (Egyptian). His research interests included the translation of ancient texts. He took his students on study tours to Greece and in 2004 led an alumni tour that explored Italy's Roman past. During his career he was supported in his research by grants from the National



Endowment for the Humanities, the U.S. Department of Education, the Fulbright-Hayes Group Study Abroad in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the Consortium for Inter-Institutional Collaboration in African and Latin American Studies. He was also the faculty advisor to Gamma Rho chapter of Eta Sigma Phi.

He received the B.A. from the University of Notre Dame (1984) and the M.A. (1986) and Ph.D. (1994) degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Quinn lived in Holland. He is survived by family in the Chicago area.

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NLE Level IV (prose or poetry)	-Second semester of intermediate Latin -One-semester intensive intermediate Latin course if it began in January
NLE Level V	-Student's first semester of advanced Latin
NLE Level VI	-Any semester of advanced Latin beyond a student's first

*Colleges and universities offering multiple terms rather than two semesters over the usual autumn-spring academic year should calculate what their terms mean in comparison to semesters and consult with the Office of the NLE (1-888-378-7721, nle@umw.edu) concerning the correct examination to administer.

If it is not possible for all students at all levels at your institution to be examined at the same time, then consult with the Office of the NLE (1-888-378-7721, nle@umw.edu) for permission to have the different classes take the NLE at different times.

The name of the chair of the department or of a dean, etc., may be used for the block on the application form that asks for the name of the principal. Since it is recommended that the exam's administrator open the test packet when it arrives and count the exams, a departmental secretary may be a good choice for the administrator of the exam. In a case where an institution has received permission to have different classes take the NLE at different times, the administrator would oversee the overall distribution of the exams to and collection from those designated to administer the NLE to the various classes. In any event, the administrator must be someone who is NOT teaching a class that is going to take the NLE. Remember, no teacher whose class is taking the NLE at any level is allowed access to the exams until the Tuesday after the last date the test can be administered.

Awards, including certificates and medals, as well as individual scores, the national norms, and an answer key will be sent to college instructors in the same way that they are sent to high school instructors. Students taking the exam in college, however, are not eligible for the NLE scholarships.

College students who earn certificates and/or medals for their performance on the NLE are eligible to have their names listed in the Eta Sigma Phi Newsletter, the *Nuntius*. To make sure that the editor of the *Nuntius* receives the names of your institution's winners, please check that the name of your institution includes one of the following words or abbreviations on the score sheets sent to you, "college," "coll.," "col.," "clg.," "c.," university," "univ.," or "u." If it does not, or if there is any doubt, then consult directly with the newsletter editor, Tom Sienkewicz, Monmouth College, TOMS@monm.edu.

College/University Analysis of National Latin Exam 2008

Level	Overall Took	Average	Non-College Took	Average	Colleges/Univ's Took	Average
Intro	16,923	30	16,922	30	1	38
Latin I	51,492	28	51,446	28	46	34
Latin II	33,628	28	33,607	28	21	23
Prose III	17,298	27	17,287	27	11	30
Prose IV	2,915	29	2,911	29	4	37
Poetry III	3,108	23	3,088	23	20	28
Poetry IV	7,256	26	7,192	26	64	26
Latin V	2,431	28	2,412	28	19	31
Latin VI	311	29	302	29	9	36
Totals	135,362	27	135,167	27	195	31

The 2008 Collegiate Greek Exam

The Collegiate Greek Exam, co-sponsored by the American Classical League and Eta Sigma Phi (the national undergraduate classics honorary), was taken by 79 elementary Greek students at ten colleges and universities. There were 40 multiple choice questions. Following the lead of the National Latin Exam, an effort has been made to provide wide recognition of

students taking this exam. Just under 25% of them are receiving recognition. The three students earning the highest score of 36 will receive small silver Eta Sigma Phi medals. The six remaining students who earned a score of 30 or better will receive small bronze Eta Sigma Phi medals. In addition, the student earning the college or university's highest score will receive

a certificate of commendation. (If there were medal winners at this institution, a certificate goes to the next highest paper.) Faculty interested in administering the 2009 Collegiate Greek Exam to their students are encouraged to contact Dr. Wilfred Major (wmajor@lsu.edu) at Louisiana State University. Copies of the 2008 exam are available free of charge upon request.

Wise, Jessica	Kenyon College	36	silver medal
Gross Joshua	Kenyon College	36	silver medal
Palaia Glenn	Kenyon College	36	silver medal
Sterzinger, Ann	Southern Illinois University	34	bronze medal
Rooney Kevin	Baylor University	32	bronze medal
Jamie Fishman	Kenyon College	31	bronze medal
Wilhelm, Megan	Kenyon College	31	bronze medal
Wade Denver JJ	Wabash College	31	bronze medal
Holloway, Staci	Louisiana Scholars College	30	bronze medal
Clark Brian	Iowa State University		certificate of commendation
Kephart Anna	Kenyon College		certificate of commendation
Kerr, Edwi	Louisiana State University		certificate of commendation
Lawrence, James	Wabash College		certificate of commendation (ex aequo)
Norbut Bryan	Southern Illinois Univ.		certificate of commendation
Rapoza Rachel	Hamilton College		certificate of commendation
Stephens, Cory	Louisiana Scholars College.		certificate of commendation
Stump, Jacob	Wabash College		certificate of commendation (ex aequo)
Vallarta, James	Monmouth College		certificate of commendation
Warr, Alex	Wake Forest University		certificate of commendation
Yang James	Baylor University		certificate of commendation

Chapter *Res Gestae* 2007–2008

These reports of the chapter activities for the current academic year have previously been called Chapter Reports. Beginning with this issue of *NUNTIUS*, however, these reports will be called **Chapter Res Gestae** in order to distinguish them more clearly from the **Annual Reports** which each chapter is required to submit every fall. Many thanks to Eta Delta of Hillsdale College for the suggested name change! Shorter oral versions of these reports are presented by a chapter delegate to national convention. All chapters, even those not attending the convention, are encouraged to submit their *Res Gestae* for the summer issue of *NUNTIUS*.

Editor's Note: These reports are reprinted exactly as they were submitted by the chapter advisor. No stylistic changes were made.

Gamma at Ohio University
Resuscitated in the Spring of 2007, the Gamma Chapter has been very busy with providing Classics related events to Ohio University's campus and surrounding community. In the fall, the society screened Frank Miller's blockbuster "300" after which was an enjoyable and informative question and answer session with Professors Bill Owens, Ruth Palmer and James Andrews concerning the historical accuracy of the film. Also in the fall, the Gamma Chapter teamed up with Amnesty International for a forum discussion entitled "Slavery Through the Ages." The forum focused on slavery in the Ancient World, Pre-Civil War South, and the Modern Middle East. Speakers included: Dr. Bill Owens (Classics and World Religions Department, Ohio University); Dr. Robin Dearmon Jenkins (African American Studies Department, Ohio University); Dr. Ali Akbar Mahdi (Sociology Department, Ohio Wesleyan University); Kathleen Davis (the Polaris Project). Currently, the Gamma Chapter is anticipating its upcoming event: a Classical Feast comprising of cuisine from Ancient Greece and Rome.

Epsilon at the University of Iowa
Service activities include tutoring 1st and 2nd year Latin students, elementary after-school Latin program, volunteering

at Iowa City Public Library for children's Greek mythology program.

Poetry readings (one/semester) for Classics Dept.

Guest speakers regarding study abroad, post graduate opportunities, special collections at UIowa libraries (Katie Eckvall, Carin Green, David Schoonover).

Multiple students have studied or are currently studying abroad, mainly in Rome but including Greece and archaeological digs in The Netherlands.

Regular movie nights (I, Claudius, Gospel at Colonus, Titus Andronicus, etc.).

Four new initiates, for a total membership of ten.

Officers:

Prytanis: Gillian Grady, Ben Butler
Hyparchos: Liz Mawhiney, Will Storm
Grammateus: Laura Wallace
Chrysothylax: Tiffany Griffin
Advisor: Carin Green

Zeta at Denison University
Although the Zeta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi intended to hold numerous events this year, the Campus Governance Association here at Denison denied funding for our organization, thus rendering these events impossible. However, Zeta chapter inducted ten new members during the spring term.

Eta at Florida State University
Eta chapter has been rebuilding its numbers after a wave of graduations last year. We inducted 8 new members this year and expect to have a good number more joining in the Fall. This past year, students sponsored a series of regular events for members of the organization. These included a weekly afternoon tea and study session as well as movie nights during which students screened episodes of *Rome*. Three students participated in the annual Eta Sigma Phi translation contest and one, Gabe Fechter, placed third in Advanced Latin. Students also acted as judges for Latin competitions in local high schools during the year. Members have formulated plans to increase the visibility of the chapter on campus next year and are looking forward to resuming activities in the Fall.

Lambda at the University of Mississippi
After a couple of dormant years, Lambda chapter initiated a bumper crop of new members in April 2007 and has had a great year. We began a Classics film series, open to the campus at large and showing monthly. We served as volunteers for the Mississippi Junior Classical League convention in early March and are looking forward to working with high school and middle school students in the area more next year. Our *pyloros* (and *prytaneis* for 2008-2009), Jessica Smith, designed a beautiful t-shirt for the University of Mississippi Classics community at large (but in Eta Sigma Phi colors!). At our spring initiation we brought another large group of new members into the fold (34), made our advisor Dr. Molly Pasco-Pranger an honorary member, awarded our graduating seniors honor cords, and finished the evening with a Mediterranean reception.

Tau at the University of Kentucky
Tau Chapter was revived this January after 20 years of dormancy. We are looking to use our newly reborn group to strengthen our network of Classics students, to increase the number of Classics majors, and otherwise find reasons to get together and have fun.

We participated in the national translation contests this year and are planning a better showing with more submissions and preparation for next year. Hopefully this will include a new emphasis on Koine Greek. In addition, we hope to develop a tutoring program for our Greek students, giving first semester students encouragement and help to aid in retention. To bring more students to the program, we also canvassed high schoolers at our state's World Language Festival to encourage them in taking Latin or Greek.

Our chapter helped to host several events including two pizza parties and two well-attended talks for an excavation in Calabria. We are currently planning more such talks for next semester, particularly about Koine. We sold t shirts for the Greek students with Latin shirts forthcoming in next semester. We also plan to participate more fully in the University community with a polyglot party and early semester activities in conjunction with K Week.

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Omega at the College of William and Mary The Omega chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the College of William and Mary held several events along with the William and Mary Classics Club. In the fall, we hosted an open Certamen for high school students in the area. Although attendance was a little low (we picked an SAT day, by mistake), the participants had a lot of fun. We plan to repeat this event next year. We also participated in the annual Homerathon, in which the members of Classics Club and Eta Sigma Phi read an entire Classical epic aloud. This year we enthusiastically read Vergil's *Aeneid*, either in the original Latin or in translation. In the spring semester, we attended a Roman banquet, where both students and faculty enjoyed "authentic" Roman and Greek foods. As always, this event was well attended and enjoyed by all. We also proudly inducted a lovely new group of members this February and are excited to have them join us. In addition, we have had meetings and other smaller social events. It has been a thoroughly exciting and busy year for the members of the Omega chapter.

Alpha Gamma at Southern Methodist University

The Alpha Gamma Chapter of SMU initiated 20 new members and 1 honorary member at the Eta Sigma Phi National Honor Society Induction ceremony on February 12, 2008. The ceremony took place in the Rotunda of Dallas Hall, reminiscent of the interior of Rome's Pantheon. Following the ritual and the signing of new members in the Chapter Membership Book, the officers, members, and several alumni spent a convivial hour renewing old acquaintances and making new friendships while enjoying light refreshments. In early April the sponsor and several members visited the Bridwell Library on SMU campus to peruse the Medieval Latin manuscripts, including a 15th century Latin grammar and a copy of Cicero's Letters. Plans are underway to celebrate the founding date of Rome on April 21.

Alpha Kappa at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Under the benevolent leadership of Dr. Ariana Traill, Alpha Kappa Chapter reac-

tivated in the Spring of 2008 by promoting Eta Sigma Phi membership and recruiting new initiates. Initiation is scheduled to occur on April 30 with much fanfare and the enthusiasm from faculty members and graduate students. Other activity this year included an in-house translation exam for the undergraduates, organized by the graduate students, which had about 25 participants.

Alpha Lambda at the University of Oklahoma

During this past year, members and officers of the Alpha Lambda Chapter of the University of Oklahoma held a number of exciting programs and events. Many lectures and activities were cosponsored with the OU Classics and Letters Society and the OU Archaeological Society. In the Fall, students performed scenes from Lucian and Sophocles and presented the English play, *The Pumpkinification of Claudius*. The play was performed at the annual OU Classics Day which draws approximately 500 students from 20 statewide high schools. It was also presented for a regularly scheduled meeting of the department's organizations.

In an effort to encourage member participation, Thomas Reilly, who has served this past year as Treasurer for Eta Sigma Phi and President of the OU Classics and Letters Society, presented a lecture on ancient shields. Students and faculty enjoyed meetings conducted by Dr. Bernard Barcio, Mark Miner, and OU's own John Hansen and Kyle Harper.

Again this year, chapter volunteers continued the tutoring program which provides free help for university students in Latin, Greek and Classical Mythology. Chapter members also cosponsored the annual Certamen Contest and held two separate bake sales. Students from diverse disciplines attended showings of "300" and the HBO "Rome" series. Following the viewings, officers held group discussions over the historical accuracies and inaccuracies of the presentations.

We have closed this academic school year with the initiation of 15 new members and an election of officers. Our new officers have already begun planning events for the coming school year.

Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri Over the 2007-08 school year, Alpha Mu has again sponsored a variety of activities that promote an interest in Classics. At the beginning of each semester, our officers spoke to as many Classics classes as possible on the benefits of local and national membership in Eta Sigma Phi, and also answered any questions students had in person.

As is traditional for our chapter, we held several events throughout the year, including a visit to the corn maze in the Fall semester and the screening of a Classical movie each semester. Our dedicated members also volunteered for service events, including a food drive entitled "Ceres' Cupboard," in which we raised over 1,400 pounds of food for the local food bank, and Project Linus, in which we created hand made fleece blankets for children in need.

It was also a year of accomplishments for several of our members. Some highlights: Elisabeth Alkier and Matt Pickard headed up the Latin Club at Columbia Catholic School; Tiffany Lee presented papers at the ACL, the University Model School Conference, and CAMWS, and has accepted admission to the University of Kansas for graduate studies; Robbie Hill has accepted admission to graduate school in Medieval History at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; and Jes Geary presented at the University of North Dakota Undergraduate Philosophy Conference and the 80th annual Eta Sigma Phi Convention.

We sent two delegates to the National Convention in Amherst, where our own chapter president and national vice-president, Jes Geary, was elected as the national president. Finishing out the school year, we have concluded our initiation and look forward to the annual *Cena Deorum*, a costume banquet for our members and faculty along with a certamen in which teams battle for the prized golden apple.

As we enter a new school year, the Alpha Mu chapter looks forward to new events, new faces, and new opportunities to increase awareness of Eta Sigma Phi and Classics on the University of Missouri campus.

Alpha Tau at Ohio State University
As the 2008 academic year began, the Alpha Tau chapter of Eta Sigma Phi had one main goal in mind: staving off the oblivion our chapter had sunk into in the recent past. In an effort to prevent this from happening again, we kicked off the year with several successful events.

First, we organized two successive readings of the *Iliad* over pizza. The event drew not just members of Eta Sigma Phi, but Classics graduate students, professors, and, if anyone will believe it, one non-Classics undergraduate who had never read Homer before in his life. The highlight of both events was the rousing performance that Professor Heiden, one of the department's leading Homeric scholars, gave when reading books 2 and 9. Armed with his own loose translation, he made the audience feel as though Thersites were dishing out his insults in the very room we were reading, as though Achilles were sitting there before us all in his magnificent insolence.

Later on in fall quarter, the Alpha Tau chapter hosted two other successful events. In response to popular demand, the leadership organized a meeting between undergraduates and junior faculty to discuss graduate school. Over the course of the meeting, students got the chance to ask questions about everything from the application process and the GRE, to where good Classics graduate programs actually are. Given the success of the event, we are hoping to make an annual event.

Finally, to round off the quarter, we organized a group outing to see a modernized version of Euripides' *Trojan Women* that was being performed on campus. The title of the play—*Trojan Women 2.0*—should have been our first sign of what we were in for. From its post-modern setting, to its burlesque, Project-Runway type musical interludes, the play left all of us feeling more than a little uncomfortable. All the members of the group breathed a huge sign of relief when Professor Heiden decided to leave after the first half of the play (after all, as he put it, that was where Euripides ended it!). For the second half became an explicit, and totally unnecessary, mass orgy between the exiled Aeneas and his Trojan companions and

Dido and her handmaidens! As we left the theater, a feeling of catharsis was not in the air. Perhaps, I mused, Aristotle had it all wrong: true tragedy is not about eliciting fear and pity in the audience; it is all about eliciting uneasiness and laughter!

When the group reconvened after winter break, we picked up where we had left off at the end of fall quarter. In January, we held our annual elections, attracting members with pizzas and circuses (we simply did not feel that bread would do the trick). At the election meeting, we discussed plans for the rest of the quarter, and decided upon having a reading of some author besides Homer. After the votes had been tallied, Aristophanes emerged on top. A few weeks later, several members of the group, as well as a couple faculty members and graduate students, got together to perform *Lysistrata*. While an amateur production in every sense of the word, it was nevertheless a fun and enjoyable experience for all.

Now, as spring quarter begins, the group is looking forward to several upcoming events. First, we are planning on having a few more readings, the first of which will be Apuleius' *Golden Ass*. Secondly, the group is planning to continue the tradition begun last year of hosting an end-of-the-year feast, or Bacchanalia, for Eta Sigma Phi members and Classics faculty. We are hoping to live up to last year's meal, although we are aware that it may be an uphill battle since our talented student chef transferred to Chapel Hill. By offering one or two hecatombs to the gods, however, we think that doing this should not be a problem. Thus, for the near future at least, the prospects for the Alpha Tau chapter are looking up. Oblivion is nowhere on our radar screens.

President: Justin Vorhis
Vice-President: Ross Eichenseer
Treasurer: Olga Koutseridi
Secretary: Jordan Martin
Advisor: Yiorgos Anagnostu

Beta Gamma at the University of Richmond

In the past year, both our classics department and our chapter have expanded, with the addition of two new professors and ten new members. This year we began

a tradition of weekly meetings we call "classics tea," in which students and faculty meet for presentations, conversation, and, of course, tea and cookies. We also took the National Latin Exam for the first time and plan to continue this in future years. Our department is flourishing and so is our chapter.

Beta Iota at Wake Forest University
Beta Iota Chapter sponsored a Classical Movie Night on March 5. Students gathered to watch "300" and enjoy pizza. We have elected new officers and inducted 16 new members at our annual banquet on April 13. The program at the banquet was a tribute to Professor John L. Andronica, chair of the Department of Classical Languages, who is retiring this spring after teaching at Wake Forest for 39 years. Professor Andronica shared his memories and reflections of his time at Wake Forest, and students and colleagues spoke about their gratitude for his many contributions to building a strong and collegial program.

Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland

It is pleasing to think that the Romans and the Greeks were sporting people and would have been game for March Madness. Even though we are not on the court, members of our chapter have had quite a rush this March. We are currently promoting our Maryland Classics Raffle, where we feature prizes from Maryland businesses that we consider to be "Classics," supporting the Sister Gratia Ennis scholarship fund, which provides help for short-term study abroad in classics. This March was the inaugural and hopeful conquering of the National Latin Exam for our group. Our Classics Department was featured in an article in The Baltimore Sun which surveyed work being done and Classics being promoted in the Baltimore area, encouraging study of Classics across the state and across the disciplines. We are also assisting Sister Therese Marie Dougherty as she hosts two Institutes which are supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. One of them is a workshop for teachers from the Maryland/Virginia area with a focus on the Augustan Age, the literature and ideals that came

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from it, and the best ways to present that to their students. The other is an Institute that we are preparing for which teachers from across the country applied for called “Houses of Mortals and Gods,” where they will spend a week in Maryland with guest lecturers, followed by a month in Italy for a first hand look at the ancient Romans through readings in literature and visits to archeological sites.

Still not having hit March Madness yet, this fall we found ourselves running with a different kind of basket. Each fall we host a Roman Raffle in which the prizes are sent in baskets of different themes. This also supports our scholarship fund. Before we gathered the baskets, we started the famed movie series, inviting Notre Dame students and making *Gladiator* our first. This went well; however, we have not been able to continue our movie series because there was some March Madness with campus activities...we’re working on it! Despite our love of those movies, we ended up not watching Rome together. I suppose that’s because we were tutoring.

Before the semester finishes, we plan to take a trip to a local middle school to introduce students to Ancient Roman culture and to give them a taste of the glory of Latin, and we’ll continue to offer assistance to Notre Dame students as they study it too. This year is also not without lectures. We attended a lecture at Johns Hopkins in the humanities which was given by anthropologist John Verano of Tulane University concerning the mummies of the Moche culture in Peru. This Tuesday, we will attend the Baldwin Lecture in the Humanities at Notre Dame, to be given by Marjane Satrapi, critically acclaimed author of *Persepolis*, a graphic novel which tells about her childhood in Iran during the Islamic Revolution.

Our Sister Gratia Memorial Lecture is also approaching fast. This is to be given on April 16 by Tom Falkner, a former Eta Sigma Phi Rome Scholarship winner, and husband of an Eta Sigma Phi alumna. He will focus on Homer in the 21st Century, and that evening we will draw the winners for our Maryland Classics Raffle. We also plan to see the Baltimore Choral Arts Society and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra perform Carl Orff’s *Carmina*



Ashleigh Sheridan, Sister Therese Marie Dougherty, and Sara Priebe of Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame in Maryland

Burana in May. The end of the semester is coming faster than we think, and at the end of that, for a few of our members, stands a trip to Roman Germany. We’ll be visiting Cologne, Berlin, Trier, Aachen, Mainz, and Frankfurt to get a perspective on the activity of the Romans in Germany. When we come back from there, we will be right on the edge of celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Beta Kappa Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi in 2009.

It has been a productive year at Notre Dame for Classics and we’re looking forward to finishing out the semester well. Regardless of who takes the championship this year, we know that Classicists will always be true champions.

Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington

During its March and April meetings, Beta Nu initiated 19 new members, including its first honorary member, at least in living memory, Joseph Romero, Associate Professor of Classics at the University of Mary Washington. Dr. Romero received his B.A. at Mary Washington at a time when Beta Nu was only sporadically active, so this initiation was long overdue for a favorite son. On April 9, Beta Nu hosted its 11th

annual Eta Sigma Phi public lecture at the University of Mary Washington. Before the lecture begins each year, the names of the newly initiated are read out and the recipient of the next year’s Laura V. Sumner Memorial Scholarship in Classics is announced. This last seems especially suitable because Laura V. Sumner, Professor of Classics for many years at Mary Washington, founded our chapter (April 27, 1950). Our speaker this year, Dr. Peter Schertz, Curator of Ancient Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, enthralled the audience as he presented “Made from Life: A Terracotta Portrait Bust in Boston.” Finally, while we did hold our usual classical essay contest for local middle and high school students this year, we were disappointed in the number of entries (after receiving almost 200 last year). We are reviewing our advertisement of the contest and taking a look at other possible service projects in case the contest has run its course.

Beta Psi at Rhodes College

Our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi is involved both on campus and off. On campus we sponsored various events such as weekly viewings of HBO’s *Rome*, our own version of Saturnalia in December, and discus-

sion of the film 300. Our primary activity is off campus. Once a week, members participate in the Bruce Program in which we travel to Bruce Elementary, a local school in Memphis, to teach students a little about the Greco-Roman world. A new lesson is planned every week by one of the members. Lessons have included in the past the creation of our own Roman triumph procession, a lesson in the Greek alphabet, a “toga-party” and lesson on Roman dress, and the adoption of Roman names. It is a wonderful activity that allows members to take their enthusiasm for the Classics outside of the classroom, and to have fun with it, while serving the community. This activity underlines our chapter’s commitment to keeping Classics fun and proving its importance in our modern society.

Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College

The Gamma Omicron Chapter of Monmouth College has worked hard to keep busy throughout the 2007-2008 academic year. We started the year with the annual picnic at Dr. Sienkewicz’s house. During the fall semester, Gamma Omicron sponsored several movie nights which were held in the newly built Home Theater in Gracie Peterson Hall. One of our members, Seth Leitner, participated in an archaeological dig at Porolissum in Romania during summer 07, and presented his findings at one of the AIA lectures in November. Seth’s lecture included project details and some of the activities which took place at the excavation. The film selections included 300 (2006) and *The Giant of Marathon* (1959). Our chapter also read Aristophanes’ *Lysistrata* out loud on the quad of the Monmouth College campus. We concluded the fall semester with the initiation of seven new members into the Gamma Omicron chapter.



Right, Allie Marbry of Beta Psi at Rhodes College planting seeds at Bruce Elementary school in conjunction with a lesson on Persephone and Demeter.

Below, members of Beta Psi at Rhodes College at the Rhodes student activities fair to promote some of their programs. Pictured from left to right are Christina Magrans and Justine Evans.



bought were subject to cleaning dorm rooms, tutoring students, and running errands. The Cena Classica, Monmouth College’s annual Classics Department Dinner, and the Bernice L. Fox Classics Lecture were held on March 3rd this semester. This year’s lecturer was James M. May, professor of Classics, Provost and Dean of St. Olaf College. May’s lecture, entitled “Re-constructing and Rowing on the Trireme *Olympias*,” was about the history of triremes in the ancient world, the project to construct a ship according to ancient design, and his experiences as a rower on this ship, *Olympias*. Our chapter had three members attend the National Convention this year, and they were accompanied by Dr. Thomas Sienkewicz and Dr. Nicholas Dobson. Sophomores Joshua Gundlach and Robert Grafsgaard, and junior Alex Hannah made the journey to Massachusetts to represent our chapter at this annual event. We initiated three new members this semester, including Nicholas Gresens, a visiting lecturer and PhD candidate from Indiana University.

Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin

The 2007-2008 academic year was a dynamic and industrious one for the members of the Gamma Sigma chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. Most importantly, we inducted 19 new members throughout the year! We conducted two initiation ceremonies, one in fall and one in spring Both included

At the beginning of the spring semester, our chapter held a t-shirt design contest which was open to all Monmouth College students. Our winner was Jesse Barlow, a former Latin student and Graphic Design major. Jesse’s design was used in order to create t-shirts that our chapter intended to enter in the t-shirt contest at this year’s Eta Sigma Phi National Convention. In February we held another movie night and showed *King Arthur* (2004). Our chapter also held a “Roman Style Auction,” in which members of our chapter were auctioned in order to raise money for our chapter. Students were invited to bid on an Eta Sigma Phi member, who would be at their service for an hour of the student’s choice. The chapter members who were

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wonderful Greek food, fraternization among faculty and students, and dramatic readings from two classical works from Plautus and Terence. We also organized two successful bake sales to help raise money for these events. We participated in several University of Texas events, including the Liberal Arts Council's Organization Fair, as well as the University's Major Fair, where we discussed the benefits of studying Classics with undergraduate students. Most recently, three of our officers, Kate Wofford, Andy Tang, and Ashley Bishop, traveled to the national convention in Amherst to represent our chapter, and Ashley was part of the winning Certamen team! We also had three winners in the annual translation contest, including Megan Campbell (Honorable Mention for Advanced Latin), Ellen Cole (Honorable Mention for Latin Prose Composition), and Dhananjay Jagannathan (2nd place in Advanced Greek). Our culminating event of this year was our Undergraduate Research Symposium, in which five of our members (Andy Tang, Ellen Cole, Megan Campbell, Anna Finnigan, and Dhananjay Jagannathan) presented their research. We also invited students from Baylor University, Rice University, Texas A&M, and Trinity University to attend.

Gamma Omega at Baylor University

It was another glorious year for Eta Sigma Phi Gamma Omega chapter at Baylor University. We started this year off with a Back-to-School Social complete with snacks and balloons. The purpose for this was for returning students and professors to catch up after summer and to make newcomers feel welcome in the Classics Department. There was an excellent turn-out and cake and punch were in good supply.

We had a particularly large induction class this year, adding twenty-seven capable and impassioned classicists to our numbers. Returning members were quite entertained by the inductees' attempts at translating this year's *ipsum lorem* by their unusually creative classics-related song-and-dance routines. One group's song even involved a moose. Delicious pizza was applied liberally to the affair and a good time was had by all involved.



Recent Initiates into Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College: from left to right, Anna Bradac, Michael Heaton, Robert Grafsgaard, and Ellen Duffin.

This year OctHomerFest was actually held in October, thanks to copious sacrifices to the gods and the resulting benevolent weather. It was a smashing success. We had a record-breaking year in the sales of tasty sandwiches and OctHomerFest shirts, and Homer was proclaimed to the unwashed masses in original Greek, English, Latin, German, Spanish, French, and even Esperanto. Much *kleos* was attained by one of our professors who read a certain battle scene so well that several of us were moved to reenact the scene on the spot.

At the end of the fall semester we celebrated Saturnalia at the house of the Classics department head, Dr. Thorburn. Professors brought their families, students brought other students, and everyone

brought an appetite. A generous spread of food was provided by various professors which included, among other things, a large and very delicious cheese ball by Dr. Augoustakis. At about the same time, we unveiled our "Homer for the Holidays" shirt which mirrored the success of the OctHomerFest shirt. It features Homer sporting a Santa hat and three omegas with rough breathing marks (wJ, wJ, wJ). It was a fitting end to the semester.

Our annual Latin Day was also a success on Leap Day, with one hundred and thirty high school students in attendance, ripe for indoctrination. We put on a highly critically acclaimed performance of the play *Miles Gloriosus* by Plautus, while the students also had a chance to participate in

certamina. Also our legions made their way through Macedonia, as soon as spring had thawed the passes and they sacked Athens.

In April we had a Classics Teacher Appreciation Day, showing those who have blessed us with their knowledge of Greek and Latin our gratitude for their efforts with the greatest gift we could give them: scrumptious food.

During the academic year, we had three invited lecturers, Dr. Dimitrios Yatromanolakis from Johns Hopkins, Dr. David Larmour from Texas Tech, and Dr. Tony Corbeill from the University of Kansas, offering interesting lectures ranging from Comasts on Greek vases to Roman Religion and Juvenal's *Satires*. This year, we also continued the informal Friday afternoon lecture series, with our teachers lecturing on topics such as Greek Black Magic, Gladiators, Cuneiform for Beginners, Perseus and Medusa, Socrates and Alcibiades and many more.

Finally, we had our annual Take-A-Dative celebration in April, celebrating with the proliferation of another brilliant T-shirt, a cookout at Dr. Augoustakis' house and backyard, card games, and our new Take-A-Dative tradition, a puzzle. Our theme this year was "Make it a Dative of Respect, not a Dative of Advantage," illustrated on our shirts by a depiction of the abduction of Persephone. We were not lacking delicious burgers and hot dogs, however, sadly we were defeated by the puzzle this year which was a much more difficult one (1000 pieces) than last year's. Nonetheless, a good time was had by all.

We capped off our year with a send-off party for our graduating seniors to honor properly those who have fought so long and so well.

Delta Lambda at the College of the Holy Cross

The 2008-2009 school year was the third year of reactivation for Eta Sigma Phi at the College of the Holy Cross. We have settled into a routine that will, hopefully, continue after the founding members graduate. Though Eta Sigma Phi is an honor society, it also serves the role of a social organization within the Classics department. We have weekly meetings on Tuesday nights. The department

provides us with pizza and soda. Members take turns doing presentations at the meetings. This year's presentations have included an examination of the ancient Lycian language, a display of the Classical influence on Philadelphia architecture, and selections from a musical that several of our members are writing based on the Agamemnon tradition. We also have monthly social events. These usually take place at a member's apartment and involve good food. We inducted five new members this year in our annual induction ceremony. They all show signs of taking leadership roles in the chapter in coming years. The club took an active role in helping the department to organize and run Classics Day—a day on which over 500 students from eighteen high schools came to Holy Cross for certamen competitions, a costume contest, and a chariot race. We have just completed the election process for officers for the 2009-2010 school year. Our goal for the near future is to take the club to the next level in terms of organization and attendance; we have no doubt that our new officers are up to the task!

Delta Sigma at the University of California, Irvine

The Delta Sigma chapter at University of California, Irvine is happy to express pleasure in our '07-'08 school year! In the fall quarter we held our first ever undergraduate colloquium. We invited Dr. Mary Hart, assistant curator of antiquities at the Getty Villa in Malibu, California to be our first speaker. Her presentation was entitled "Theater Culture in Ancient Greek Art," and was enthusiastically received by all. After Dr. Hart's lecture, we were able to host a festive reception. We are grateful to the UCI School of Humanities for funding this event and hope to be able to host another undergraduate colloquium next year. In addition to the colloquium, we visited the new museum, MUZEO, in Anaheim, where they were having an exhibit on Imperial Rome. We also hosted an afternoon showing of the movie "300" during fall quarter. In the winter quarter we took a trip down to San Diego to watch the La Jolla Playhouse production of a modern adaptation of Aeschylus' *Seven against Thebes*, called *The Seven*. Members

Eleanor Stuart and Zack Smith were able to attend the annual convention this year and we hope to be able to send a larger contingent next year. T-shirts have been made for our chapter for the first time in many years. A special thank-you should go to Aleah Hernandez and Eleanor Stuart for the design of the t-shirt. At the beginning of the school year we started a Harry Potter reading group in which we are sight-reading the Attic Greek translation of the first book in the series and we have continued to meet throughout the year as time and schedules permit. It has been a lot of fun and we all thoroughly enjoy it and plan to continue meeting next year. Before the end of this school year, we will visit the Getty Villa in Malibu, and host an exciting initiation ceremony for our new initiates.

Delta Chi at St. Olaf College

We began our year with the Second Annual Olympics, held in cooperation with St. Olaf's Society of Ancient History; we once again received favorable portents before the games with the sighting of not one but two eagles! For Halloween we celebrated the Eleusinian Mysteries with barley, dramatic recitations, and a bonfire.

In November two students from our chapter who are interested in becoming Latin teachers attended the annual meeting of the Classical Association of Minnesota, held at the University of St. Thomas. In December many of us went caroling together through Northfield, singing in Latin, Greek, and German to anyone who would listen—including a dining room filled with senior citizens in a long-term care center.

After January term, which quite a few of our members spent in Greece or some other exotic location, we returned to reality, and several of us participated in the Eta Sigma Phi translation contests. During the first week of March, a cast of 23 Classics students from St. Olaf performed Plautus' *Mostellaria* in a musical mixture of English and Latin, taking the show on tour to six other schools in southeastern Minnesota before the two home performances. On March 11, we initiated 21 new members, one of whom will attend the national convention in Amherst.

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We continue to hold weekly Classics Conversation Tables with a variety of speakers: Classics alumni talk about how their college major has (or has not) influenced their later lives; faculty and students discuss their research interests and summer projects; and films like “Let’s Wrap,” Prof. Norma Goldman’s classic video about how to wear a toga, inspire and enlighten us. Still to come this semester are a new t-shirt, a Classics *certamen*, another sporting event, and our traditional spring picnic.

Epsilon Eta at Kent State University
The Epsilon Eta Chapter inaugurated 5 new members on April 5, 2008:

Adam Alderson, Joseph Bissler, Andrew Fontanarosa, William Patrick Givens and Heather Sue Moser.

The chapter in the past has celebrated the induction of new members and the end of the academic year with a banquet at one of the local restaurants. This year the festivities will be held at the beginning of the Fall semester with a cookout and celebration of new initiates.

Danielle Mongold, inducted in 2006, completed an Honors Thesis with a thesis written in Latin.

Daniel MacGregor, inducted in 2007, is working on an Honors project comparing epistolary stylistics of select neo-Latin authors with that of classical writers such as Cicero.

Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida
The Epsilon Iota chapter at the University of Florida began its year with the induction of 36 new members in September followed by one of our traditional barbeques. Current members, alumni, and professors gathered at Payne’s Prairie, a local nature preserve, to welcome our new inductees. We held our annual Octogafest, where we donned our authentic Roman wear and enjoyed food, fun, and classics-themed games. In November, we sponsored a canned food drive to benefit the St. Francis Center, a homeless shelter in downtown Gainesville. The Latin I, II, and III classes competed against each other and the winning class earned a donut party. Everyone’s combined efforts allowed our chapter to donate over 2,000 cans, making this



Left to right, Karelisa Hartigan, Lewis Sussman, Andrew Wolpert, Mary Ann Eaverly, Megan Wallis, Victoria Pagán at the 30th anniversary celebration, January 30, 2008, in the Keane Faculty Center at the University of Florida.

year’s can drive our most successful one yet. In December we held a Bake-A-Thon to spread holiday cheer to families at the Ronald McDonald House. After five hours and lots of frosting, we delivered trays of cookies and stacks of homemade cards to the families.

We began our spring semester by celebrating Epsilon Iota’s thirtieth anniversary on the University of Florida campus (commemorated in this year’s tee shirt design featuring a toga clad alligator, with the caption, “EST. MCMLXXVIII”). We inducted over 50 new members, including honorary member Dr. Mary Ann Eaverly, undergraduate advisor for the department. We also recognized retiring professor Dr. Karelisa Hartigan, who founded the chapter in 1978 and served as the advisor for 27 years. Retiring professor Dr. Lewis Sussman delivered a captivating and charmingly illustrated presentation on travel in France. To welcome the new members, we celebrated with another barbeque hosted by our current faculty advisor Dr. Pagan and her family.

The Epsilon Iota officers were able to represent Eta Sigma Phi when the

University of Florida Classics department underwent a ten-year external evaluation in January. We welcomed the visiting professors Dr David Bright and Dr Karl Galinsky with a presentation to show them more about Eta Sigma Phi and the active role that we play in our school community. In January a group gathered to enjoy an evening of theater when a company performing William Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar* came to our campus. In March we recognized National Latin Teacher Recruitment Week by inviting a panel of local high school Latin teachers to give us advice about finding jobs and to share their experiences in the classroom. We also hosted guest lecturers, including Rothman Distinguished lecturer Dr. Barry Strauss, with our famous pizza lunches. This year we continued to provide free tutoring labs twice a month for beginning Latin students. We also started a new tradition with classics movie nights, which we hope to continue in the future.

We will end the school year with a presentation of scholarships at the annual classics awards ceremony. Epsilon Iota had a successful year and we were honored to

celebrate an exciting landmark with our thirtieth anniversary. Eamus lacerti!

Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University

The Epsilon Kappa chapter of Brigham Young University has been busy this year. The club kicked the semester off with an opening social to welcome our new initiates. Our classical trivia game let our new classicists show off their skill, and our volleyball game against the Students of the Ancient Near East proved that classicists aren't just limited to book smarts. For a brief break from midterms in the fall, we held an exciting classics movie night. On a more serious note, our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi assisted in hosting Brigham Young University's annual J. Reuben Clark III lecture in March. We were pleased to invite Greg Neil Daugherty, Professor of Classics at Randolph-Macon College and President of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. His address was titled "A Chilly Reception: The Classical Tradition and American Popular Culture." We also hosted a lecture in February on Luperclia given by Professor Roger Macfarlane, a member of our faculty. Finally, our chapter is excited to plan a symposium in the fall with the theme "Society and Culture in the Greek and Roman World." We have been receiving abstracts, and we are looking forward to a busy, challenging, and productive new year.

Epsilon Mu at Fordham University Matthew McGowan, *Epsilon Mu* Advisor Reporting (mamcgowan@fordham.edu)

Epsilon Mu is happy to report that on May 1, 2008 it inducted twelve new members into Fordham University's chapter of *Eta Sigma Phi*. Already the new members have done a marvelous job breathing new life into the undergraduate and graduate Classics Program. Responsible for the *spiritus recreatus* are Frederick "Norm" Dannen III, Christian De Rose, Michael Esposito, Daniela Filippone, Nicole Lauterbach, Matthew Lowenthal, Aurelia Pohrib, Aleksandra Radyuk, Susanna Reed, Amanda Risi, Maurielle Stacy, and Matthew Shimkus.

Epsilon Mu also played a crucial role in the success of this year's "Latin Day"

held April 2, 2008 on Fordham's Rose Hill Campus, where some 200 high school students gathered to celebrate the beauty and wonder of the Latin language. We look forward to many exciting activities next year, including a fall barbecue, Roman movie night, and the induction of many new members.

Epsilon Xi at Gustavus Adolphus College
It has been another busy year for the Epsilon Xi chapter at Gustavus Adolphus College. In the fall we took part in our annual broomball tournament between the Greek and Roman classicists. We also enriched ourselves culturally with a visit to the traveling Pompeii exhibit at the Science Museum in St. Paul, and, afterwards, enjoyed Greek cuisine at the traditional restaurant Cristos. We also hosted a movie night and watched *The Life of Brian* after playing Classics Pictionary. During January term, we hosted the Festival of Felicitas, replete with authentic Roman food and ancient costumes.

In the Spring, the Gustavus Adolphus Theater department produced *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and we had a group outing to watch the performance together. We also hosted a reception for the St. Olaf Classics students, who went on tour with their performance of Plautus' *Mostellaria*. The semi-annual Festival of Dionysus (or Bacchus for you Romans out there) will be held here on May 3rd in the Arboretum. It is an inviting opportunity for our entire campus to enjoy our Classics students' performances of excerpts from our favorite playwrights—Plautus, Aristophanes, Sophocles and more. Finally, we are happy to announce that our ranks will be increased by 17 new members following induction in May.

Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
In May 2007 we initiated another 32 Latin and Greek scholars to our ranks. So after saying good bye to many of our officers and members last May we started the 2007-2008 school year running in September, with a new advisor, a new group of members, and a lot of fresh ideas.

First, during the 2007 National Con-

vention at Philadelphia, Epsilon Omicron volunteered to host this year's National Convention. We started holding regular committee meetings to organize activities, buses, and speakers. The chapter also began fundraising for the convention, which included four book and bake sales. And like last year after all the book and bake sales were said and done the chapter donated four boxes of books to Recycle Your Textbooks. We had 88 students and professors come and join us at our fair campus. But you would think with all the work that is needed for the convention, Epsilon Omicron would have no time for anything else, how wrong you would be.

Our Vice President, Angie Bonavita, has been keeping up the tradition of Chris Lavalette and running the Greek and Latin tutoring program. Over a dozen students have volunteered this year to help their fellow classicist in trying to master the double dative and optative mood in their Latin and Greek classes.

In spring of 2007 Epsilon Omicron, with the guidance of Prof. Anthony Tuck, decided to start hosting semesterly lectures. On April 10th Prof. Emma Blake of Tufts University gave a talk on The Stone Towers of Sardinia, then again on November 1st Prof. Marios Philippides spoke on the Sotades painter. The chapter hopes to host another lecture this April, 2008.

From November 9th to the 11th members helped run the registration table and provide direction to delegates of the Rome and its Civil Wars conference that was held on the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Amherst College campuses. During the off time, Prof. Breed invited the volunteers to sit in on the lectures and meet some of the classicist from both sides of the Atlantic.

During the fall Jesse Sawyer organized a field trip to see the Gods in Color exhibit at the Harvard Art Museum. 10 people from the chapter drove into Cambridge to see the interesting reconstructions of what are normally bare marble statues. We also enjoyed walking about the Harvard Campus and dining in Harvard Square.

On February 28th, 2008 the chapter hosted an Archaeological Field School night to help disseminate information about Poggio Civitate, Porta Stabia and

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Historic Deerfield excavation opportunities to our members. The night was a success, drawing in about 40 students to hear Prof. Anthony Tuck, Prof. Eric Poehler, and Siobhan Hart speak about their digs that are being organized here on campus.

Our chapter has also sent off a good number of students across the Atlantic this year. During the summer four members of our chapter (Andy C, Ben C, Seffanie S, and Katie B) attended the field school at Poggio Civitate (Murlo) and this summer Andy will be going back. During the spring two of our members (Ben C and Wes M) attended the CENTRO in Rome and two more (August S, and Melissa C) were studying elsewhere in Europe.

Epsilon Omicron was happy to host the 80th convention and we look forward to seeing you all again next year at Rhodes.

Epsilon Sigma at Augustana College
Epsilon Sigma at Augustana College enjoyed a banner year. We inducted seven new members into the chapter (our number of majors and minors has set a new record). Our main events this year included a very nice “Mediterranean buffet” in January, where our department unveiled its new curriculum, and an AIA lecture in March. We held our first annual “Homeric Barbeque” to celebrate the coming of Spring and another year together. Our chapter looks forward to helping host the annual meeting of the Illinois Classical Conference in the coming year.

Epsilon Upsilon at the University of New Hampshire

Salvete! It has been a busy semester for all of us. We would have more to report, but with thesis papers, endless translating, and memorizing paradigms, we have found it difficult to get everyone together very often. Over the past school year we have had a mysterious midnight initiation, held game nights that ended up in long arguments over acceptable Boggle and Scrabble words, watched – and mercilessly picked apart – movies of a classical nature, attempted to make our own Greek statues out of clay, helped each other with every level of every language found at our study

tables, performed a reading of selections from the *Iliad* for the mythology lecture class, traveled to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to examine the ancient artifacts, and we have even been working on researching and crafting a historically accurate toga for a professor to wear to class. We have been able to have weekly meetings all semester with great discussions and lots of ideas that we only wish we had time to follow through with. Overall, it has been a productive and enjoyable year and we look forward to recruiting new members in the fall to join in our academic and social endeavors.

Epsilon Psi at Santa Clara University

The chapter’s annual induction ceremony was held on May 29, 2007, with Prytanis Athena Arnot-Copenhaver and Hipparchos Hilary Edwards officiating. At this event 12 new members were initiated and presented with their membership pins. The prior year’s initiates received their official membership certificates and the graduating seniors their honor cords. An election was held for chapter officers for the 2007-2008 academic year: Lizette Faraji was chosen as Prytanis and Alex Donalson as Hipparchos.

During the academic year the Epsilon Psi Chapter sponsored three events. In fall quarter there was an excursion to see the Berkeley Repertory Theatre’s production of Mary Zimmerman’s *Argonautika*. In winter several members went to Stanford University to hear Jonathan Shay, author of *Achilles in Vietnam*, speak on leadership in Homer’s *Iliad*. Best attended was Santa Clara’s own “Retrial of Socrates,” with Professor William Greenwalt of the Classics Department appearing for the prosecution, Professor William Prior of Philosophy providing the defense, and students serving as the jury. Happily, this time Socrates was acquitted.

Preparations are now in progress for the 2008 induction ceremony which will be held in late May.

Zeta Beta at Temple University

We would like to thank you for coming to the convention we hosted last year in Philadelphia. It was successful, not to mention loads of fun. We were proud to have the

Pennsylvania Classical Association (PCA) join us and help with Certamen.

Soon after convention Lyndy Danvers and Libby Torresson read poetry at the second annual World Voices Day, where twenty-two languages were represented. Lyndy read from Sappho and Libby read the comical *Chatullus* poem. We also took a spring trip to see a certain Mr. King Tut at the Franklin Institute.

Much of the rest of spring semester was used for much-needed recovery from hosting the convention. The semester ended with the graduation of five Eta Sigma Phi Classics majors, each of whom graduated *summa cum laude*. Another Eta Sigma Phier graduated with a degree in History.

During the summer Lyndy Danvers and Libby Torresson represented Eta Sigma Phi at the annual meeting of the American Classical League in Nashville, Tennessee, the home of the “Parthenon.” It’s a cool mock Parthenon, to say the least! The summer passed quickly, what with intensive Greek, summer jobs, and the like, and we were soon returning to the books for fall. To kick off the semester, Dr. Davis and Aly Friesen represented Classics at the freshman orientation session for the College of Liberal Arts, which featured poetry reading. Dr. D. read from Sappho and Aly read a selection from Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*. Also in September was the traditional welcome back party for Classics majors. In October, Dr. Farabee, a professor from the English Department, talked to us about her trip to Carthage. She enriched our ideas about that well known city through her interesting illustrated account of her travels.

It was not long before Lyndy and Libby were traveling via Amtrak to meet Dr. Davis in Washington, D. C., where we represented Eta Sigma Phi at the centennial meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States (CAAS). After we returned from Washington, we decided to have a Pizza and Poetry night. Dr. Sampanaro, Dr. Markovic, and Classics students relaxed in our comfy module to read a fragment of the ever beautiful poetry of Catullus. At the end of November, Ryan Horowitz and Dr. Davis attended the annual professional day of the Philadelphia Classical Society (PCA).



Tara Stewart of Zeta Beta is reading the Lament of Andromache from the Iliad, and Gabby Country is reading the description of Fama from Aeneid 4. To their left is Julietta Bekker, the organizer of the event, at which students and faculty read from 25 different languages.



We held several informational events for Classics majors and minors. These were meant to be useful especially for those going on to graduate school for Classics, or to the post-baccalaureate program at the University of Pennsylvania to hone their language skills. Our first guest was the extremely organized Lyndy, who came over from Rutgers and fed us some valuable morsels of information about the application process and subsequent life in graduate school. During the week of fall finals, we took a break from studying to listen to the advice and musings of Dr. Sampanaro and Dr. Markovic, who are both recently finished with their doctoral degrees. Several of us later finished up the information sessions at a meeting with Dr. Jackie Murray and Traci Dougherty, who is currently in the UPenn post-bac program. They brought the insight of experience and

some material examples to the mystique of graduate school applications to those of us about to embark on that journey.

In January Dr. Davis, Libby and Lyndy were again traveling to represent Eta Sigma Phi, this time at the American Philological Association meeting in Chicago, where we joined Dr. Sienkewicz and Jes Geary in manning the Eta Sigma Phi information table.

We held two initiation ceremonies, one at the annual Winter Solstice Party in December. Ryan Horowitz and Shannon Baxter were initiated, and Dr. Laura Sampanaro, who has been our enthusiastic and valuable faculty co-sponsor this year, became an honorary member. The party was filled with joy and laughter as we sang Latin songs, ate delicious potluck dishes, including Apicius recipes, and enjoyed the company of cherished friends. Our spring

initiation brought us Lauren Faralli, Kelly Heckler, Heather Holtzapple, Pat Knabel and Amanda Thompson as our newest members.

This spring semester we held another Pizza and Poetry session, where we read from Horace. Our chapter decided to take advantage of the spectacular opportunities which Philadelphia provides, and went as a group to see a performance of the *Odyssey* given by the Curio Theatre and Sarah Ruhl's *Eurydice* at the Wilma Theatre in May.

Six of our chapter members studied at Temple's Rome Campus during this year, some for a semester, and one for an entire year. Another chapter member, now graduated, spent a summer session in Rome learning spoken Latin with Father Reginald Foster.

Immediately upon returning from Amherst, we held a "Libby Appreciation Day" in honor of Libby Torresson, our chapter prytanis and retiring Megale Grammateus. Libby was very surprised—she almost missed the occasion. We presented her with a

jeweled Eta Sigma Phi owl pin. As it turned out, we celebrated two other achievements that day: Lyndy Danvers was presented with an owl pin for her outstanding leadership in preparing the Philadelphia Convention, and our Dr. Eric Kondratieff received a Classics mug from the Mt. Holyoke Museum in recognition of his Excellence in Teaching Award as a Lecturer in our College. A card arrived from the new Megale Prytanis, Jes Geary, in time for the party.

As we look back on our year, we realize that we represented Eta Sigma Phi and Classics not only at conventions and meetings, but across the world as far away as Mongolia. Much of the proceeds from our fundraising efforts went to the project of providing books for learning English and books about Greco-Roman civilization to a Peace Corps initiative in which one of our chapter members, now an attorney, has

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Above, Adam Blistein, Executive Director of the American Philological Association, being initiated into Zeta Beta at Temple University at Parilia, April 21, 2008. Pictured, from left to right, Laura Sampronaro (co-sponsor of Zeta Beta chapter), Gabby Country (Zeta Beta grammateus), Libby Torresson (Zeta Beta prytanis), Blistein, Martha Davis (co-sponsor of Zeta Beta), and Eric Kondratieff (Temple faculty member and honorary member of Zeta Beta).

Right, Adam Blistein (center) with Rori Smith (left), Megale Grammateus 2008-2009, and Libby Torresson (right), Megale Grammateus 2007-2008.



been involved. We held bake sales at Halloween and Valentine's Day, and a raffle at the Winter solstice Party. Former Classics majors and even Temple staff members contributed money, also. We sent some used books that we ourselves had enjoyed as we learned to read, and purchased other books from Scholastic Book Sales that benefited Temple University's Children's Hospital. The mother of one of our chapter members, a librarian, assisted us in purchasing a set of twenty-five readers at a level appropriate to the English language level

of the Mongolian students. We sent three large mail bags of books, which thrilled the students in Mongolia. They sent us several pictures of themselves holding books we sent. Look for photos in the *Nuntius*!

We worked very hard also to raise funds for attending convention in Amherst, and are proud to report that with results of our own projects, and our requests to the Dean's office and the Temple Student Government, we obtained enough money so that our registrations and lodging were covered completely! That's all our report

for now: We have to go start the fund for convention in Memphis.

Zeta Epsilon at Rutgers University
The Zeta Epsilon Chapter at Rutgers University this year inducted an outstanding number of undergraduates (twenty-four), as well as one graduate student. Our initiation was a great success, with Chapter Officer Amanda Mita devoting a weekend to making our fabulous *coronae* from one of our officers, and another Officer Jad Kaado, helping to officiate resplendent

in the dress of a centurion. Initiation ceremonies may provoke nervous excitement among initiates, but thankfully Jad kept order among the eager throng with a firm hand. We celebrated afterwards with good food and excellent conversation—the *Deipnosophistae* had come to New Jersey! The Chapter is looking forward to further events this year that will honor and celebrate the mission of Eta Sigma Phi.

Zeta Eta at Loyola Marymount University In 2007-2008, the Zeta Eta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi registered as an official student organization at Loyola Marymount University. Members of the chapter decided to make it their goal (beyond the stated goals of the national association) to provide a comfortable and helpful environment for the relatively select number of LMU students who have braved the studies of ancient languages, history, and culture. As a new official student organization on campus, we decided to create more opportunities to fundraise and to advertise our society. We had two successful bake sales, several successful movie nights, and held the twenty-first annual Dionysus Festival. We also participated in Samarkand, a large campus marketplace event organized by Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka, this past March.

Our biggest event of the year is always the Dionysus Festival in the spring semester. The Dionysus Festival is a collaborative effort among all the Classics majors and minors, along with Eta Sigma Phi, to reenact a traditional Greek festival dedicated to Dionysus. During the event, there are usually skits, dances, and games performed in honor of the patron god of the Greek stage. This year, we were even able to offer a sacrifice (as the ancients often had done) in the form of a piñata shaped like the Trojan Horse. The goals of D-Fest are to foster enthusiasm and bring awareness to the ancient Greek and Latin cultures, languages, and literatures, while at the same time to have fun. D-Fest also raises money for our Eta Sigma Phi chapter, in order to sustain our organization on the LMU campus.

This year, we were also fortunate enough to get a table at the Samarkand event, where we dressed up and sold clas-

sical wisdom at very reasonable rates. It was a great opportunity to further establish ourselves in the LMU community. Lastly, we elected a new and promising executive board and expect a very eventful and fun year.

Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia The 2007-2008 academic year has kept us all rather busy at Zeta Iota. A number of our members graduated last year and many more will be leaving at the end of this year, but we did induct two new members, and many classics students have indicated strong interest in next year's initiation. We hope to generate more attention through our new advertising campaign, featuring the immortal (if somewhat altered) phrase of Julius Caesar: *venit, vidit, unxit*.

As always, one of our primary concerns is to support the Classics department at the University of Georgia. To this end we sent a troop of volunteers to help run the Theatre of Pompey Symposium last October 13th. The symposium was the first such event to focus on a single monument and brought respected scholars from American institutions as well as King's College, London. We also assisted with Athenaze, the department's annual open house, recruitment and reunion event, and hosted a panel for high school students interested in studying the Classics.

In March we co-sponsored the annual information meeting for prospective Latin teachers in conjunction with the National Latin Teachers' Recruitment Week (NLTRW). The meeting was conducted by Dr. Richard LaFleur and Dr. Keith Dix. College professors, high school Latin teachers, high school students, and prospective teachers met in a round-table discussion concerning careers in secondary education. We also volunteered to act as "guinea pigs" and took the brand new Georgia Certification Exam (G.A.C.E.) for Latin teachers and so provided the evaluators with their first data regarding the difficulty and clarity of the exam.

We had a bake sale fundraiser in February and a book sale at Athenaze to help fund our outreach efforts. Last December we held a gift-drive and provided Christmas for a number of under-privileged children in the Athens area. We continue to

have informal dinner meetings at various restaurants downtown and held a picnic to celebrate the Founding of Rome last fall at which we read Livy. On February 23rd we sent a delegation to the Classics Colloquium at Emory University, where our own Dr. Hermanowicz and Dr. Rynearson presented papers.

We participated in the Walk for Autism April 12th in Atlanta and hosted a movie night fundraiser featuring episodes from "I Claudius." Our last event was an end-of-year dinner where we elected our new officers and bade farewell to those of us graduating. In closing, as the end of the academic year approaches we look forward to a bright future and another wonderful year in the other Athens. Go dawgs!

Zeta Lambda at the University of Louisville In the fall of 2007, we initiated twenty new members into our Zeta Lambda chapter of Eta Sigma Phi: Alicia McCollum, Kelsi Hardy, Katie Floyd, Tara Luster, Nate Gilbert, Paula Rada, Rachel Wunderlin, Kyle Osborne, Meghann Swiergosz, Joe Brashear, Kyle Samons, Elise Brittain, Chris Jones, Robert Harrison, Dustin Wagner, Stephen Kristian, John Amann, Laurie Duesing, Lena Brown, and Sean Dempsey.

Our chapter conducted a number of fund raising activities, using the money raised to provide official Eta Sigma Phi medallions, ribbons, and certificates to the outstanding Latin students in our local high schools as an outreach activity. Also under our auspices, at our annual spring symposium, our own University of Louisville outstanding Greek student, Stephen Kristian, and our outstanding Latin student, Laurie Duesing, were recognized and given prizes to honor their achievements. Our chapter also received a grant allowing some sixty of our members and others interested in the Classics to attend a campus production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," for which our President, Kara McCoil, was stage manager. Finally, one of our new members, Joe Brashear, attended the national convention this year.

Zeta Nu at the University of Maryland Chapter Zeta Nu of the University of

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Maryland, College Park, held its annual initiation on March 6. We welcomed six new regular members, three associate members, and two honorary members. The ceremony was followed by a reception for members and guests, and by a lecture on “The Seduction of Rhetoric” by one of Maryland’s own M.A. graduates, E. Del Chrol, who has gone on to earn a Ph.D. from USC and now teaches at Marshall University in West Virginia.

On April 26, members of chapter Zeta Nu organized a special activity as part of the University’s outreach event, Maryland Day. Chapter members joined their advisor, Professor Lillian Doherty, in writing the names of visitors in Greek characters. We made Greek name tags for about 200 people!

Zeta Xi at Iowa State University

At the end of the year, the Zeta Xi chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Iowa State University stands with the following student officers: President Bethany J Mathes, Vice President, Mattias P Gassman, Treasurer Katharine J Collins, Director of Diversity Matthew P Caffrey,, Secretary Laura A Schrader. Our Faculty Advisor is Dr. Rachel Meyers.

Our events over the year have included initiation for our new members, classically themed movie nights, and we sponsored our active club members who attended Iowa State University’s “A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum.”

At our annual awards ceremony, we welcomed David Hansen, Rachael Shimek, Aaron Cronk, Darin Hayne, and Anna DaSilva as new members.

Next year we say good bye to many of our active members and they are graduating, transferring, or studying abroad. We look forward the opportunities that next year will bring to welcome new members into our society, and hope to continue to foster brotherhood among our members through continued efforts at gathering to enjoy movies, plays, and fun.

Zeta Chi at Xavier University

In September, our Zeta Chi chapter held party to welcome prospective inductees with a classically-themed movie night (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the*

Forum). In October members met as part of a larger student group with several faculty members to discuss the book *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder; we reflected upon its themes of compassion and service. We ended 2007 with a Saturnalia party that included pizza, games, and a raffle featuring classically-themed prizes (donated by the faculty from various trips to Europe). An unexpected snowstorm in February forced us to cancel plans to discuss Tracy Simmons’ book *Climbing Parnassus* and our visit to the Cincinnati Art Museum (we will reschedule the Art Museum trip next year; a new book has been chosen for our common reading in the fall). Our year ended with an induction of seven new members and a pizza party, with more faculty-supplied prizes raffled off (April 25). Zeta Chi is especially pleased that we were able to send a representative to the Eta Sigma Phi national convention at the end of March: this is the first time since the chapter was founded that our chapter was represented. Hopefully, we will send more students next year (but don’t conflict with the University of Miami’s Undergraduate Conference in Classics!).

Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Eta Delta chapter started the year off once again by working on the Dictionary Project. In our fifth year of the project, over 30 members volunteered to distribute dictionaries, generously paid for by the local Kiwanis Club, to over 500 third-graders in every elementary school in the county. In presenting the dictionaries, our members explained to the students what the study of the Classics entails and gave them a timeline to show how old the things we study are. We also taught them the Greek alphabet and how to transliterate their names into Greek characters, and finally we taught them various etymologies and Greek and Latin word roots.

We expanded the number of student tutors at Hillsdale Preparatory School to six, covering all of the students in the school ranging from Kindergarten through the eighth grade. This year we are incorporating after-school tutoring to students at the school who need additional help. Now in their second year of Latin study, students at Hillsdale Prep were in need of addi-

tional textbooks and activity books which we provided for them. Student tutors and other members of Eta Sigma Phi sold Latin Valentine’s Day cards hand-made by the children in order to defray some of the costs of the books. In the last week of March, several members of the honorary went to the school to watch their musical production of *The Odyssey*, which included the entire student body in the cast.

In addition to tutoring elementary and junior-high students, Eta Sigma Phi also staffed a peer tutoring room available each semester to students of Greek and Latin in their first two years of language study.

In February Eta Delta Chapter hosted the ninth annual Honorama charity bowl-a-thon in which the Classics honorary challenges all other honoraries on campus to bowl for honor, for glory, and for charity. Eta Sigma Phi is currently experiencing a bit of a drought; we handily won the first three challenges, but have been unable to recapture the hotly-contested team trophy, though individual competitors have brought home several of the top three individual trophies, and continues to retain the philanthropy trophy. This year Honorama raised over \$500 for the local chapter of Circle-K, a college-level member of Kiwanis International, an organization dedicated to serving the children of the world.

Our own February fundraiser was our fourth annual Date Infliction Auction, an event where Eta Sigma Phi puts its finest specimens up on the auction block and people bid for the privilege of inflicting the geeky awkwardness of the typical Classics nerd upon an unsuspecting victim. You would be surprised how much people would pay not to date a Classics major. The auction culminates each year in the epitome of *Schadenfreude*, The Cheese Ball. This year our theme is “Big Hair, Bad 80s,” where we brought back the wall of bangs and leg warmers an all of us wished that they had Jessie’s Girl as we did the Safety Dance.

Our first attempt at a Classics movie night ran into technical difficulties, as the library’s antiquated VHS copy of “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” remarkably would not fit into the new classroom building’s DVD player.



Left, Stanley Lombardo reads at event sponsored by Eta Mu at the University of California Davis

Below, Comedy Review at Eta Mu's Classics Day



On the scholarly side, in the second week of April, the Classics Department hosted a dinner, followed by talk by Dr. John Pedley of the University of Michigan entitled, "Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, and the Conquest of Egypt."

Our final function of the year was our annual Floralia, which featured Roman-style dining, a student-produced play, and the ritual assassination of the outgoing president and the installation of the incoming officers.

Eta Zeta at Truman State University
The Eta Zeta Chapter at Truman State University held several events during the 2007-2008 academic year. In September we participated in a Classics Quiz Bowl, a welcome event for new Classics students. In October we discussed study abroad opportunities in Greece and Italy; the highlight of the evening was a presentation by Josie Grillas, a senior Classics major, who showed slides and spoke about her summer 2007 experience with College Year in Athens. We also held a campus-wide Homerathon in which students invoked the spirit of Homer by reading aloud on the Quad from an English translation of the *Odyssey*. In November we hosted a Greek Dinner for students and faculty. Our five senior Classics majors presented their research projects at the annual Classics Capstone Symposium. In early December, faculty and students gathered together to read Book 6 of the *Iliad* aloud in Greek. Throughout the fall and into the spring, we held monthly showings of the HBO series *Rome*.

During the spring, the Eta Zeta chapter visited the "Mythological Subjects" exhibition at the Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City, MO. In February several of us participated in the Eta Sigma Phi translation contests. We celebrated National Latin Teacher Recruitment Week in March with testimonials from Truman alumni about their experiences teaching Latin at middle and high schools. April was a busy month. Dr. Eric Ross, a guest speaker from Iowa State University, presented a lecture entitled "Hecuba's Revenge: Gender, Rhetoric, and Justice in a Time of War." We initiated eight new members into the organization and, following the initiation ceremony, we hosted our annual Italian Dinner for faculty and students. Several participants from the study abroad course "Sacred Sites in Greece" presented their research projects at Truman's Student Research Conference. We held another campus-wide Homerathon, reading aloud on the Quad from an English translation of the *Iliad*. Our semester ended in May with the Catullus Cantoria, during which faculty and students met one last time to read Catullus 64 aloud in Latin.

Eta Iota at the University of Arizona
The Eta Iota chapter has had a very active year. The chapter has welcomed over a dozen new members. The events began with a mosaic workshop for club members who now present this workshop to classes of sixth grade students in local schools. Each student makes their own mosaic and learns about the historical and cultural roles of this art form in the classical tradition. The annual Latin Valentine's Day card sale on the mall was very popular again this year. The chapter took a trip to the Getty Villa in Malibu at the end of April, and volunteered for the CAMWS conference hosted at the University of Arizona from April 16-19, 2008.

Eta Mu at the University of California, Davis
Eta Mu, the University of California at Davis [UCD] Eta Sigma Phi chapter, has worked vigorously over the past year to ensure that students who study classics are actively involved on campus. The chapter is devoted to spreading the traditions of classics on campus and allowing open access for any who wish to learn more. Our

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events are varied and consist of socials, lectures, panels, and publicity.

This year we have had multiple socials consisting of classical movie nights watching such films as *Gladiator*, *Troy*, and *Rome*. We have also had our annual Halloween party in which students dress up in their favorite classical costume. Academically we have hosted a number of speakers on such topics as Ovid, Caesar's rhetoric in battle, and overviews of the classical tradition. In May of 2007 we had Stanley Lombardo come and perform his translation of *Aeneid 2*. This event was free and open to the public.

In October 2007, we published another issue of *Nota Bene*, UCD's undergraduate annual classics journal. It features student essays, poems and photographs related to classical topics.

Eta Sigma Phi at Davis has also hosted various student panels with the goal of reaching out to younger classics students in hopes of retention for future classes. Topics for these panels have been "Why Study Classics," "How do you become a Classics Major," and "Studying Abroad with Classics." These panels reach out to the student community and allow for retention of those just starting lower division languages in classics.

Our biggest events are connected with Classics Day and UCD's Picnic Day celebration. On Classics Day we open our department to the public and encourage high school students to come to UC Davis and to major in classics. Events include panels, lectures, games, socials, and a dramatic performance of ancient plays. The Picnic Day parade is our chance to show off to the alumni and campus what the classics department is. This year we marched as a Roman triumph and had close to 40 students participate. Holding banners and in full costume, we truly made a sight as the crowd eagerly cheered us on.

Eta Xi at California State University, Long Beach

The Eta Xi Chapter at California State University, Long Beach has had a busy year. In September we started off the year with a gathering of members and guests and conducted an initiation of five new members. In October, our university

hosted the fall meeting of the California Classical Association-South, and the members of Eta Sigma Phi volunteered service of assisting with parking, signs, and miscellaneous other tasks. We finished the fall semester with our annual Saturnalia party, which was well attended by current members and alumni.

Spring semester began with another gathering in honor of the Lupercalia and included the initiation of another five new members. The highlight of our year was the hosting of a guest lecturer, Dr. Christofilis Maggidis, Associate Professor of Archaeology and Classical Studies in the Department of Classical Studies at Dickinson College. Professor Maggidis gave two lectures, one on March 3 entitled "Beyond the Walls of Agamemnon: the Search and Discovery of the Lower Town at Mycenae" and the other on March 4 entitled "Human Sacrifice in Ancient Greece: Myth or Reality?" The two lectures were very well attended, not only by faculty and students of CSULB, but also by faculty from local high schools, and area universities including University of California, Irvine and University of California, Los Angeles. It was truly an honor to host a scholar of such expertise and a privilege to learn of the most recent finds at Mycenae and the cutting-edge questions with which Dr. Maggidis is dealing.

The members of Eta Sigma Phi organized a trip, April 18, to the San Diego Natural History Museum, to see the current exhibit entitled "A Day in Pompeii." We will finish our year on May 9 with a gathering at the home of our advisor, where we will elect new officers for the 2008-09 academic year.

Prytanis, (President) Joseph VanSuch

Hyparchos (Vice President): Brooke Hundtoft

Grammateus (Secretary): Carla Braswell

Chrysothylax (Treasurer): Kimberly Wallace

Pyloros (Sergeant-at-arms): Mitchell Koops

Historiographos (Historian): Christine Dorso

Advisor: Dr. Elaine Wida

Eta Omicron at Assumption College

Our Chapter, often in conjunction with our Classics Club, has been active this

year with numerous events. After an initial organizational meeting in the Fall, we had a workshop on Oct. 24 during which students made their own togas to wear to any Halloween festivities. On October 29, just prior to Halloween, we held the popular annual "Paint your own pot or pumpkin," open to all students. On November 17 several of our members traveled to New York City with members of arch the Foundations Program, to view the newly reinstalled Classics collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. We also saw the Ghiberti doors from Florence. Some students also visited The Cloisters. We finished the semester by baking classical and Christmas-themed cookies, which gave us the idea for a spring fundraiser.

On February 11 the Chapter inducted 10 new students! They are: Mark Blessington, Lindsay Brissette, Eve Broffman, Jennifer Clancy, Francis DeAngelo, Rebecca Dempsey, Margaret Dion, Tammy Goguen, Deryk Goodrich, and Danielle Simoneau. After the initiation we had baklava and sparkling cider and discussed plans for the semester. We have 7 students who are attending the national convention with Professor Catto. The College's Student Government Association and The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Cultures have generously agreed to fund some of the expenses. The Chapter held a bake sale and will be having a calendar raffle to fund the rest. We held our annual Ides of March authentic Roman dinner a bit early, on March 12. During dinner preparations we also made cookies for the Ides as well as St. Patrick's Day and Easter (a strange mix) to sell at the bake sale. On March 26 Professor Catto offered her workshop "Learn (Ancient) Greek in 50 minutes," to students, staff, and faculty. This is to promote the offering of beginning Greek in the fall semester. The Chapter plans a trip to the Worcester Art Museum on April 17 as well as a trip, on a Wednesday evening or Saturday to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. We will conclude the semester with a make-your-own pizza night during which we will review the ancient Olympics in anticipation of this summer's Olympic games.

During the year some Chapter members have also been involved in a com-

Roman Triumph
in Eta Mu's
Picnic Day
Parade, with
participants
shown below



Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Asheville

The Eta Tau chapter at the University of North Carolina at Asheville continues to be busy in our fifth year of existence with meetings and various activities. This spring we inducted four new members: William Fisher, Paul McKayne, Jennifer Sons, and Jordan Samuels. We also began re-organizing our Classics Library, finishing the journal section in the Classics Seminar Room and slowly but surely working on the book and audio-visual areas in the Classics Suite.

We also had a successful Classics Awareness Week, April 14-18, for which we invited our campus to take a break from work and watch *Gladiator* and Disney's *Hercules* with us; decorated our suite and bulletin boards (adding photographs of all our majors, and an "O, the Places We Go" section to highlight study and research abroad opportunities); held bake sales to raise money for Eta Sigma Phi cords presented to graduating members of our chapter; and met with area high school students to discuss the benefits of studying Latin. We also volunteered at a local historical cemetery by doing lawn work, and participated in a reading party for students at a local Housing Authority.

munity outreach project with the Latin program run by Dr. Anne Nelson at the local Abbey Kelly Foster charter school. Tammy Goguen and Maureen Moriarity gave presentations on mythology in connection with Prof. Nelson's Classical Mythology course. Sierra Calla has been helping by grading many assignments for Latin courses and filling in on a per diem substitute basis. Prof. Nelson has had a workshop entitled "Killing Two Birds with One Stone: College Students in an Elementary and Middle School Mythology Class" accepted for the American Classical League Annual Institute in June. Four Assumption College students will co-

present including Eta Sigma Phi members Tammy Goguen, Deryk Goodrich, and Maureen Moriarity.

Eta Rho at the University of Illinois at Chicago

I became faculty advisor to our chapter in January 2008; this report covers the current semester only. We have one very important event to report. Of the students who qualified for an invitation to join our chapter, nineteen accepted. The initiation and appointment of officers took place on April 30 2008 with a reception.

Allan Kershaw

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We look forward to additional volunteer and social activities that we have begun to plan for next year under the leadership of our new officers for the 2008-2009 academic year: Prytanis: Megan Miller; Hyparchos: Alejandra McCall; Grammateus: Jennifer Sons; Chrysophylax: McKane Hill; Pyloros: Bill Fisher.

Eta Phi at Union College

The chapter experienced another year of rapid growth, initiating 22 new members in April. Our members this year enjoyed a stimulating series of talks by visiting Classicists, attended a production of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* by Peter Meineck's Aquila Theater Company, and organized a magnum *convivium* in honor of the Roman New Year. Initiates presented their scholarly work in front of a variety of audiences, from the Eastern Zone Latin Teachers Association to the Four College (with Hamilton, Skidmore, and Colgate) Parilia Conference, now in its third year. At the end of the year, we're all looking forward to a *Cena Romana*!

Eta Omega at Austin Peay University

During the '07-'08 academic year, the Eta Omega chapter hosted several events, most for the first time. We participated in the university-sponsored G.H.O.S.T. night (Great Halloween Options for Safe Trick-or-treating), giving out candy to trick-or-treaters from a table decorated and manned with an Underworld theme. On November 1st, as a charity fundraiser (proceeds going to the Visitation Hospital in Haiti), we threw Gladiatorial and Olympic Games. Participants ran races, threw "disci," played trigon, and fought with foam swords. In the spring, under the auspices of the Inauguration Committee welcoming the university's new president, we hosted McArthur Award fellow Dr. Jonathan Shay, author of *Achilles in Vietnam* and *Odysseus in America*. Shay spoke to several of the Classics classes and gave a public lecture about soldiers' experience with post-traumatic stress disorder and their return home, showing all of this in the light of what Homer tells about in his epics. Finally, from April 9th-11th we hosted the Tennessee State Junior Classical League annual convention. Over the

course of three days, hundreds of Latin high school students from across Tennessee came to Austin Peay and competed in academic testing; athletics; certamen; and oratory, performance, and general talent competitions. During the convention, Austin Peay faculty gave a lecture on archaeology and led some of the delegate students in a mock Roman sacrifice. Many of the students, chaperons, and teachers commented on how they wanted to make Austin Peay the permanent home of the state convention.

Our elected officers for the year were Ashley Brown (president), Rachel Jones (vice president), Beth Turner (secretary), Scott Cochran (treasurer), and Tim Choate (sergeant of arms). We gained nine new members, mostly from students being to take Latin or Greek.

Theta Alpha at Franklin & Marshall College

The Theta Alpha chapter at Franklin & Marshall College initiated nine new members on April 22. We participated in a Family Language Day that encourages students from local elementary schools to study languages. We also held a movie night to view the series "Rome" and co-sponsored a trip to the newly renovated Greek and Roman galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Theta Delta at Seton Hall University

The Theta Delta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has successfully completed its third year at Seton Hall University. The 2007-2008 year witnessed the largest number of events and members thus far. In conjunction with the Seton Hall Classics Club, History Club, and other partners, Eta Sigma Phi sponsored and co-sponsored many events including trips to New York City to the Metropolitan Museum to see the Greek and Roman rooms and the play, *Conversations in Tusculum*. In support of the local arts, members attended *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* which was presented by Milburn High School. Here at Seton Hall, "Classics in the Round" featured a talk by Professor Raymond Capra on "The Evolution of Greek and Roman Theatre." In conjunction with Roman Civilization classes, a

film series including *the HBO Series: Rome, I Claudius, Gladiator, and Spartacus* was presented and sponsored by the Chapter. The final event of the year was the Father Cotter Memorial Lecture which was given by Professor Matthew McGowan entitled "Exile from Rome to the Renaissance and Today: Ovid, Seneca, Petrarch, & David Mahon," which was co-sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi.

The year ended with the initiation of new members and the institution of new officers. This was a year of enormous growth and activity which will hopefully continue into the next year.

Theta Zeta at Case Western Reserve University

One of our major events of the year was to help out with the 4th annual City Dionysia Competition. This is a competition hosted by Professor Paul Iversen and the Classics Department of CWRU that allows high school Latin classes/clubs to prepare and perform 15- to 20-minute creative skits based on a preselected Greek or Roman work (e.g. *Oedipus Rex*, etc). Our major role in facilitating this event is to represent the Classics Department in the competition, generally making quite the comedy out of some rather famous Greek tragedies. This year we did a hilarious version of *Hippolytus*.

Another large event held by the Classics Department is the Annual Classics Outing, an evening for majors, minors, professors, and "closet classicists," as our advisor calls them, to gather together and celebrate the Classical world and classical learning. This year, students gave different readings or presentations representing their different classes. In addition, the members of Eta Sigma Phi put on a comedic spoof of Book 4 of Vergil's *Aeneid*. We modernized the story: Aeneas was a college football star, Dido a cheerleader.

Also, the Classics Department hosts a few major literary readings throughout the year in which many members of Eta Sigma Phi always participate. This year there was an off-campus reading of Homer's *Odyssey* as well as a 12-hour reading of Vergil's *Aeneid* held inside our main student center.

Membership of our chapter is growing

slowly but steadily, and we are anxious to hear the replies from the seven students who have been given bids for this year. We've recently had elections for the 2008-2009 school year and would like to congratulate these students for the following positions:

Prytanis – Tess Henderson

Hyparchos – Jeremy Ondo

Chrysophalax – David Carper

Grammateus – Alex Medoro (accepted, to be initiated on April 28, 2008)

We are also very sad to be losing two very special Eta Sigma Phi members, seniors Timother Beutler (Chrysophalax, 2 years) and Mark Savinell (Prytanis, 2 years), and we wish them the best of luck with graduation and all their post-collegiate endeavors.

Theta Lambda at Hamilton College

Theta Lambda is a new chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. Since our founding in May 2007, we have already initiated 14 members.

We began the year with a chapter meeting to get to know each other and to plan activities for the year and future years. Our first real accomplishment came in the form of T-shirts for the department. We also organized a regular homework night, where we can collectively answer each other's grammar questions so that we can have deeper class discussions on content. It has been really nice to see our majors and our Eta Sigma Phi members from different class years and different abilities come together and work together. We held two parties last semester. Our annual Halloween party was a tremendous hit, as students and faculty alike got dressed in costume. Our second party welcomed the new members into the department. This year we had a record breaking 14 majors declare, many of whom will be eligible for initiation into Eta Sigma Phi this spring.

On April 18th, three of our senior Eta Sigma Phi members presented papers at *Parilia*, an annual undergraduate research conference with Classics students from four upstate N.Y. colleges: Skidmore, Union, Colgate, and Hamilton. Leah F. Delany will present, "Blowin' in the Wind": Bob Dylan and Ancient Greek Lyric"; Maria-Christina Rubino, "The Bar

of Greatness: Athletes as Demigods and Superheroes in Pindar and Pausanias"; and Albert B. Trithart, "Fearmongering and Jingoism: The Rhetoric of Imperialism in Ancient Athens and the Contemporary United States." We are delighted and excited that so many of our younger majors are eager to travel to the conference and support those presenting papers.

As a new chapter, we are still brainstorming for the future. We still hope to work with the community around Clinton, NY and bring Latin to local high schools, as well as to strengthen the love of the Classics on our campus. We are currently talking with the local high schools to set up a tutoring program for those kids who want to learn Latin independently, because, sadly, Latin is not offered to the students in the local Clinton schools. In upcoming years we would really like to sponsor a myth challenge night open to the entire campus, to have a Greek lyric poetry reading spotlight during one of the many campus-wide acoustic coffeehouses and to have a marathon night of the HBO series *Rome* as well. We look forward to seeing our chapter grow and flourish.

Theta Pi at Kenyon College

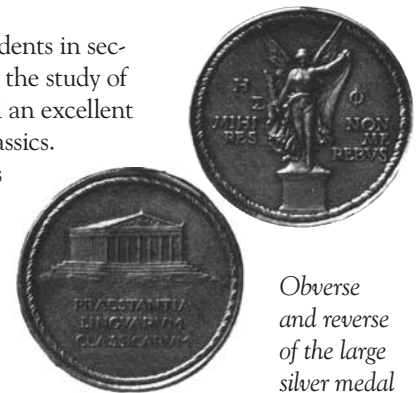
The events of Kenyon's chapter of Eta Sigma Phi for the 2007-2008 year have consisted of the initial induction of the chapter, new members, and officers in the Fall. We have reached a consensus that annual inductions should take place at this time of year, typically toward the beginning to the semester. Upon returning for the Spring semester, we have had an initial meeting to notify people of the scholarships, translation contests, and other general benefits that exist for members. As an event during the semester we held an 'I, Claudius' marathon showing. We had another meeting toward the end of the Spring semester to discuss the end of the year party and how we might dovetail our group's efforts into the official Classics department party held at the end of every year. The Eta Sigma Phi publication was distributed as well as official certificates, and we are presently organizing one final event, going to CoSi (the science museum in Columbus, OH), which will be showing an IMAX film about Ancient Greece. Beyond this, discussion about next year's officers was discussed, and nominations/elections/appointments will take place in the Fall. This concludes the first year in Kenyon's Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi.

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 \$28.75 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.



Obverse
and reverse
of the large
silver medal

Initiates July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

Epsilon (University of Iowa)

Tiffany Griffin, Nicholas Rich, Paul Richardson, Laura Wallace (10-22-07)

Alpha Delta (Agnes Scout Collage)

Caitlin Bohannon, Marlie Bolin, Elizabeth Braunstein, Kimberly Brewer, Jana Earnhardt, Kaitlyn Fernandez, Kyrie Himebrook, Rebekah Jaynes, Jessica Jones, Arianne Kahn, Stacey Mantooth, Lauren McClees, Katherine Newburg, Elizabeth Schob, Leona Zipperer (11-14-07)

Alpha Mu (University of Missouri-Columbia)

Elisabeth Alkier, Marie-Etta Hunter (9-19-07)

Alpha Sigma (Emory University)

Hayley Heaton, Adelaide Joanna Hirth, Rachael Karr, Halie Glenn Lieberman, Kathryn Marklein, Leslie Patterson, Anneka Reid, Susan Brooke Stewart (10-25-07)

Alpha Upsilon (The College of Wooster)

Daniel Buckler, Kylie Carpenter, Jessica Cleveland, Skye Gillispie, Michelle Ort, Erica Prange, Nora Simon, Jordan Smith, Jessica Twombly, Pauline Weigand, Emily Wilson, Allison Young (4-15-07)

Beta Pi (University of Arkansas)

Justin Allison, Travis Biddick, Jessica Estenssoro, Crystal Huneycutt, Megan Marsh, Matt Naglak, Mallory Pummill, Noel Runyan, Samantha Sigmon, Metta Smith, Spencer Taylor, John Ferry (12-8-07)

Beta Psi (Rhodes College)

Rebekah J. Kuhn, Sara E. LaPlante (10-25-07)

Gamma Iota (Wabash College)

Elliott Allen, Mitch Brown, David Haggard, Steve Iles, Chad Simpson, Denver Wade (4-24-07)

Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)

Travis Anastasoff, Anna Bradac, Ellen Duffin, Robert Grafsgaard, Michael Heaton, Lawrence A. Thomas, James M. Vallarta Jr. (11-9-07)

Gamma Rho (Hope College)

Katherine Card (9-25-07)

Gamma Sigma (University of Texas at Austin)

Alexandra Bullard, Jennifer Chambers, Keeley Folan, Dhananjay Jagannathan, Charles Luskin, Andrea Parker, Vijay Pattisapu, Cindy Pham, Tim Tutor; Honorary: Russell Gallatin (9-30-07)

Gamma Omega (Baylor University)

Kirsten Appleyard, Ali Ashley, Caroline Brush, Toni Camacho, Jessi Carrothers, Lyndsay DiPietro, John Driver, Lilly Ettinger, Kristen Fisher, Noelle Jacot, Gideon Jeffrey, Rebecca Jordan, Foster Lerner, Stephen Li, Meaghan McNeil, Heather Outland, Emily Parker, William Priest, Mary Claire Russell, Anna Sitz, Harry Smith, Ray Stewart, Nathaniel Turner, Faith Wardlaw, Ashley Williams (10-16-07)

Delta Sigma (University of California-Irvine)

Ereich Empey, Laura Lofing, Jay Shah, Zachary Daniel Smith, Laura Stogner, Yunfei Zhang (12-3-07)

Epsilon Iota (University of Florida)

Jennifer Amores, Elizabeth Barnes, Salvatore Bartoloma, Bryce Bolin, Sara Danker, Chelsey Douglas, James Edmonds, Sylvia McClure, Knute Nathe, Samantha Porter, Emily Read, Juan Andre Romana, Emily Rubin, Harrison Sepulveda, J. Anthony Tidwell, Joshua Valdes, Nicholas Werner; Honorary: Mary Ann Eaverly (9-27-07)

Epsilon Rho (College of Charleston)

Joseph D. E. Bowling, Amanda Davis, James D. Duncan, Anita Hart, Paula Kiesling, Rachel M. Leschak, Chris Mathewes, Jessica Colie McClellan, Seung Paek, Erin Ringer, Kathleen Rogers, Isabel M. Salazar, Danielle E. Sureda (10-24-07)

Zeta Beta (Temple University)

Shannon Baxter, Ryan Horowitz; Honorary: Dr. Laura Samponaro (12-3-07)

Zeta Lambda (University of Louisville)

John Amann, Joe Brashear, Elise Brittain, Laurie Duesing, Katie Floyd, John Nathan Gilbert Jr., Kelsi Hardy, Robert Harrison, Chris Jones, Stephen Kristian, Tara Luster, Alicia McCollum, Kyle Osborne, Paula Rada, Kyle Samons, Meghann Swiergosz, Dustin Wagner, Rachel Wunderlin (12/17/07)

Zeta Chi (Xavier University)

Elizabeth Arnold, Gillian Halusker, Matthew Hartig, Eleanora Heink, Grant Nahrstedt, David Oldham, Paul Romolo, Anne Schmid, Michael Shonebarger, Evan Ward, Brandon Weislak, Emily Williston, Thaddeus Winker (5-4-07)

Eta Iota (University of Arizona)

Carly Bieterman, Logan Browning, Marcus Cannon, Mellissa Carroll, Dwanna C. Crain, Rachel Crookston, Valerie Gandara, Linda Gosner, Robert Siqueiros, Brenna Ward; Associate: Adam Cirzan (10-5-07)

Eta Mu (University of California)

Kelsey E. Burnham (6-4-07)

Eta Pi (Hobart & William Smith College)

Melissa Backus, Taylor Barnette, Nicholas DeSantis, Leila Saber-Khiabani (10-25-07)

Eta Rho (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Sarah Acosta, Christopher Kapolas, Kyrie-Eleison Kirkland, Alan Lei, Michael Mattini, Alexandra Ramon, Japheth Shao, Michael Smoody, Edgar Tovar (4-26-07)

Eta Xi (California State University)

Carla Braswell, Deborah Castro, Christina Dorso, Reanna Galindo, Brooke Hundtoft, Stephen Johnson, Mitchell Koops, Kimberly Wallace (10-16-07)

Eta Psi (Michigan State University)

John Breen, Justin Cubilo, Anne Fishbeck, Megan Hartranft, Julia Lathin, Katie Lohmeyer (11-2-07)

Theta Beta (University of Alabama)

Brian Blank, Christin Byars, Ann Haynie, Drew Jones, Jessie Waite (10-1-07)

Ubi Sunt Alumni Nostri?

Theta Gamma (Roger Williams University)

Nick DeFusco, Charles Kelly, Philip Levine, Rian Sirkus (5-11-07)

Theta Theta (University of Connecticut)

Alysha Adamo, Eric Baird, Kelsey Brown, John Flanagan, Tori Hendrix (9-8-07)

Theta Lambda (Hamilton College)

Leah Finkelstein Delany, Margaret Elizabeth Noonan, Adam Polonski, Albert Benjamin Trithart (9-20-07)

Zeta Lambda (University of Louisville)

Tara Gill (9-28-07)

Theta Omicron (Carthage College)

Sarah Cvey, Elizabeth Greer Griffith, Neal Hill, Danielle Norkunas, Cassandra Torgerson (10-15-07)

Theta Pi (Kenyon College)

Alexander Bender, Alison Fisher, Jamie Fishman, Elizabeth Gottschalk, Rob Gyenes, Chris Henson, Tim Miller, Alden Tigh, Jessica Wise (10-5-07)

Theta Rho (University of Miami)

John Azinheira, Angel DelVecchio, Jay Dorsey, Kait Ginder, Eric Gomez, Damon Helms, Chris Kumetz, Erik Kumetz, Alexa Lee, Ryan Mason, Colleen O'Brien, Laura Pascal, Samantha Perkins, Stephen Sinclair, Sarah Swenson; Honorary: Dr. Daniel Holmes (11-7-07)

Jenn Baxter of Zeta Beta at Temple University has passed the Pennsylvania Bar exam. She credits the Classics in her undergraduate years with much of her success in Law.

Eric Collins of Zeta Beta at Temple University is in his first year of teaching Latin at Allentown HS in New Jersey and has persuaded his school to switch texts to Orberg's *Lingua Latina*.

Cassandra Amato of Zeta Beta at Temple University is in graduate school in Leeds, England.

Lyndy Danvers of Zeta Beta at Temple University is enjoying her first year at graduate school at Rutgers.

Traci Dougherty of Zeta Beta at Temple University has made excellent grades in Latin and Greek at the University of Pennsylvania Post-Baccalaureate Program.

Kelly Heckler and **Tara Stewart** of Zeta Beta at Temple University both came to a Classics major late in their undergraduate career and are both headed to the U of Penn Post-Baccalaureate Program next year. Andrew and committee members from UMass, take note: Your wonderful convention convinced Tara that Classics is in her graduate school future!

Matthew Katsenes of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College earned an M.A.T. in Latin from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in May and will start a new Latin program at Pentaucket Regional High School in West Newbury, Massachusetts, this fall.

Jon Panofsky of Zeta Beta at Temple University is pursuing a master's degree in History at the University of Miami where he helped kickstart the new Eta Sigma Phi chapter there by helping to organize a costumed, torchlight ceremony for initiation.

Matt Scannapieco of Zeta Beta at Temple University has been an assistant for Latin instruction at St. Joseph's Prep, but has decided to apply to grad school in Classics.

Amy Sommer, Latin teacher at Cherry Creek High School in Denver, Colorado, received the 2008 award for outstanding teacher of a lesser-taught foreign language from University of Northern Colorado. Amy is a 2002 graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota, where she was a member of Eta Sigma Phi. She received her MA in teaching Latin from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2004 and has taught Latin at Cherry Creek High School for four years. Each year the University of Northern Colorado hosts a foreign language day for high school students in the state. At this annual event they also give four awards for outstanding teachers of Spanish, French, German, and the lesser-taught languages. To be considered for this award, a teacher must be nominated by a fellow foreign language teacher, compile a portfolio demonstrating his/her teaching accomplishments, and submit letters of recommendation from an administrator, a colleague, and a student.

Dawn McRoberts Strauss of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College, Megale Grammateus in 2000-2001 and Megale Hyparchos in 2001-2002, is now teaching a full Latin program and Fenwick Academy in Chicago. This year she was invited to participate in an NEH summer institute in Rome run by Sr. Therese Marie Dougherty.

Andrew Viscariello of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College will begin a masters program in Classics at the University of Kansas in September, 2008.

2008 Membership Update

As this issue of *NUNTIUS* went to press, 1070 new members had been initiated into Eta Sigma Phi during the academic year 2007-2008. The final membership total for 2006-2007 was **1273** (the second highest total on record). The final membership total for 2005-2006 was 1194. The highest annual membership total ever was 1588 (in 1967-1968).

Final membership numbers for 2007-2008 will be reported in the next issue.

Petitions for New Chapters Approved by the 2008 Convention

Eta Sigma Phi also looks forward to welcoming members from these institutions in the near future:

Franciscan University of Steubenville,
Ohio
John Carroll University in University
Heights, Ohio
Mount Holyoke College South Hadley,
Massachusetts
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
University of North Texas at Denton

Washington & Lee University in
Lexington, Virginia
Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio

The constitution requires that these schools hold an initiation ceremony before the next national convention. Otherwise, the petition for a new chapter must be resubmitted.

Chapters Reactivated in 2007-2008

Chapters are considered deactivated if they have not initiated any new members in the past four years. Reactivation is a simple process. All a deactivated chapter has to do is submit a report on new initiates to the executive secretary. The following chapters have reactivated since the last issue of NUNTIUS:

Tau at the University of Kentucky
Alpha Kappa at the University of Illinois
at Urbana
Gamma Pi at St. Peter's College

List of Chapters Submitting the 2007–2008 Annual Report

The following chapters have submitted annual reports to the national office for 2006–2007. If your chapter is not on this list, it is very important to submit a report as soon as possible. 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.

Gamma at Ohio University
Epsilon at the University of Iowa
Zeta at Denison University
Eta at Florida State University
Lambda at the University of Mississippi
Omega at the College of William and Mary
Alpha Gamma at Southern Methodist University
Alpha Delta at Agnes Scott College
Alpha Lambda at the University of Oklahoma
Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri
Alpha Nu at Davidson College
Alpha Omega at Louisiana State University
Beta Gamma at the University of Richmond
Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington
Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas
Beta Sigma at Marquette University
Beta Psi at Rhodes College
Gamma Theta at Georgetown College
Gamma Iota at Wabash College
Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College
Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas-Austin
Gamma Omega at Baylor University
Delta Beta at Canisius College
Delta Lambda at the College of the Holy Cross
Delta Sigma at the University of California-Irvine
Delta Chi at St. Olaf College

Delta Omega at Macalaster College
Epsilon Eta at Kent State University
Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida
Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
Epsilon Xi at Gustavus Adolphus College
Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts
Epsilon Rho at the College of Charleston
Epsilon Psi at Santa Clara University
Zeta Beta at Temple University
Zeta Epsilon at Rutgers University
Zeta Eta at Loyola Marymount University
Zeta Kappa at Trinity College
Zeta Lambda at the University of Louisville
Zeta Nu at the University of Maryland
Zeta Xi at Iowa State University
Zeta Rho at the University of Texas-Arlington
Zeta Tau at the University of Pittsburgh
Zeta Psi at Hollins University
Eta Gamma at Loyola University
Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
Eta Zeta at Truman State University
Eta Theta at DePauw University
Eta Iota at the University of Arizona
Eta Mu at the University of California-Davis
Eta Xi at the University of California-Long Beach
Eta Omicron at Assumption College
Eta Pi at Hobart and William Smith College
Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Asheville
Eta Psi at Michigan State University
Theta Alpha at Franklin and Marshall College
Theta Gamma at Roger Williams University
Theta Zeta at Case Western Reserve University
Theta Lambda at Hamilton College
Theta Omicron at Carthage College
Theta Pi at Kenyon College
Theta Rho at the University of Miami

Winners of the 2008 Eta Sigma Phi Maurine Dallas Watkins Sight Translation Contests

59th Annual Greek Translation Contest

Advanced Greek (30 entries)

- 1st Nicholas Kauffman, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
- 2nd Dhananjay Jagannathan, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
- 3rd Lorin Bird, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University

Intermediate Greek (19 entries)

- 1st Maggie Hoyt, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
- 2nd Jody Lent, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
- 3rd Tyler Fyotch, Eta Mu at the University of California, Davis
- Honorable Mentions Susan Drummond, Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington
Kevin Moore, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College

Koine Greek (24 entries)

- 1st Katie Becker, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
- 2nd David Spencer, Eta Mu at the University of California, Davis
- 3rd Kjerstin Ostlind, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

58th Annual Latin Translation Contest

Advanced Latin (56 entries)

- 1st Thomas Halvorsen, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
- 2nd Maggie Hoyt, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
- 3rd Kirk Gabriel Fetcher, Eta at Florida State University
- Honorable Mentions Megan Campbell, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
Kjerstin Ostlind, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Intermediate Latin (35 entries)

- 1st Jonathan D. Kandelshein, Gamma Delta at Yeshiva University
- 2nd Martin Pyper Shedd, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
- 3rd Regina M. Loehr, Eta Zeta at Truman State University
- Honorable Mentions Courtney Do, Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington
Deepti Menon, Eta Mu at the University of California, Davis

42nd Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest

Advanced Prose Composition (23 entries)

- 1st Thomas Halvorsen, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
- 2nd Lisa York, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
- 3rd Kyle Helms, Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida
- Honorable Mentions Ellen Cole, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
Heather Outland, Gamma Omega at Baylor University

Alexander the Great New Research: Are His Mummified Remains in Gortynia-Arkadia, Greece?

By Christos A. Mergoupis of Gamma Pi at St. Peter's College

Editor's Choice: This research by a member of Eta Sigma Phi was featured in CNN International's iReport for Tuesday, May 13, 2008. The editor encourages other members of Eta Sigma Phi to submit reports on their original research for publication in the *NUNTIUS*.

Many individuals have been contacting and asking me about the research I have been working on since the Summer of 2007, about the possible whereabouts of the remains of Alexander the Great. I would like to explain my research for these individuals, for these proud Hellenes and Philhellenes, who do not have the time to be able to watch the full video journal which premiered on CNN International on Tuesday, May 13, 2008. I will also post the links related to my research, at the end of this article. Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge that this research is an ongoing, work in process. My research is entitled "GORTYNIA ARKADIA: The Undiscovered Land for the Remains of Alexander the Great." Copyright 2007. The preliminary draft of the proposed theory and research were written on August 29, 2007. They were officially presented on September 21, 2007 to the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, of Saint Peter's College in New Jersey.

If Greece or Hellas, as it is properly known, was the Cradle of Western Civilization, then it would be the land of Gortynia in Arkadia of the Peloponnesos, which would be the birthplace of Hellenic Civilization. It would also be here, at Gortynia, in which the War for Hellenic Independence of 1821, witnessed many important battles against the vast Ottoman Empire. Defenders of Hellenic ethnicity, culture, and ideals, were led by great liberators such as Theodoros Kolokotronis and Georgios "Papaflessas" Dikaiois, among many noble others.

Historical and mythical accounts trace the royal line of kings and heroes back



Alexander the Great at the Battle of Issus (333 B.C.) Mosaic detail from the House of the Faun in Pompeii, now in the Museo Archeologico Nazionale (Naples)

to Gortynia, to the House of Pelasgos. Legends state that Pelasgos, was the son of the god Zeus and the nymph Niobe, and was the progenitor of the Pelasgians (the Proto-Arkadians) and patriarch of the Gortynians.

The son of Pelasgos would be Lykaon, the founder of Ancient Lykosoura on Mt. Lykaion in Gortynia and the first Hellenic king. According to the geographer and historian Pausanias, in his "Description of Hellas" written about 174 A.D., "it was the first Hellenic city to see the light of day," thus, making it the oldest in the Peloponnesos, let alone all of Hellas. It would be here on Mt. Lykaion, in the place called *Κρητέα* [Greek for "cave" or "grove"] in which according to myth, that the Father of the Olympian Gods, Zeus *Λύκαιος* [Greek for "the Enlightened One"] was born. Yet, this land of Gortynia, known for its noble culture, many myths, and beautiful landscape holds many deep secrets... secrets which could help solve one of the greatest mysteries in history.

As a researcher, student of the Classics, and admirer of Hellenic archaeology for many years, I have done extensive

research and formed an interesting theory (with much conclusive evidence) on where the final resting place of Alexander the Great's remains could possibly be located. After many months of research and analysis, I have come to conclude that his remains may in fact be located in Gortynia, Arkadia.

Even in death, Alexander III of Macedonia, Son of Philip, has become the object of leadership, heroism, adventure, and boldness. Thus, he deserves to carve his name in the eternal stone and to be also called, *Μέγας Αλέξανδρος* or Great Alexander for his greatest achievements in Hellenic, as well as world history. Many scholars and avid admirers would say that the greatest adventures of Alexander occurred during his lifetime, but that would not be the whole truth. In reality, his greatest adventure still continues posthumously of course. There have been innumerable expeditions to find his tomb and mummified remains. Historical accounts would tell us that Alexander was buried in his founded city of Alexandria by Ptolemy II Philadelphos. Other accounts verify that he was buried near the Oasis of

Siwa. Yet all attempts for discovering Great Alexander's corpse and tomb have failed.

Scholars acknowledge, based on biographical accounts, that Alexander became very ill and died in Babylon, in 323 B.B.C. There, they mummified his remains, in order for his body to be transported back to Aigai, Makedonia in Greece, as had Perdikas (one of Alexander's *Διάδοχοι* [Greek for "Successors"]) planned on intending to do. Furthermore, by mummifying him, Alexander was preserved to be a symbol of a god on earth and the people's connection with the divine, pantheon realm. Mummifying Great Alexander was the best way of preserving him, as the ultimate symbol of Hellenism for many years to come. On its way to Aigai, the body was hijacked by Ptolemy I and brought to Memphis. Alexander was indeed buried in Alexandria (after being transported from Memphis, by Ptolemy II Philadelphos-Son of Ptolemy I), but his mummified remains disappeared from the city, around the late 4th-early 5th Century A.D.

Nevertheless, why have there been so many failed attempts at discovering Alexander the Great's final resting place? Throughout all these centuries since the corpse and tomb's disappearances, these countless expeditions for their discovery should have turned up some clues or missing accounts of their true location. But then other questions arise: What if archaeologists are looking in the wrong places? What if they are missing pieces to a greater puzzle of truth and amazement? I believe that in order to find the remains of Alexander, one must first re-examine his early life and roots of his family's lineage, as well as the importance of his last testimony to his *Διάδοχοι*; (one of which is that he wished to be buried near his father, in the land where his father's spirit resides, as well as the land of his ancestors). This new quest for his mummified remains does not begin in the far-East of Babylon (present-day Iraq), nor in Egypt, but here, in the peaceful and lush mountainside of Gortynia-Arkadia, in Greece. (*Note: Gortynia is the name of a region, in the south-west of Arkadia. It is considered as the "heart" of Arkadia).

On Monday, July 16, 2007, I came upon

a very old Byzantine Orthodox Christian icon, when I was visiting various monasteries of the Peloponnesos. The icon is calligraphed upon the wall of the mountainside in which the Arkadian monastery of *Ἅγιος Ἰωάννης ὁ Πρόδρομος* [Greek for "St. John the Forerunner"] is safely lodged into. It uniquely depicts Alexander the Great dead and in his mummified form; it was like no other I have seen before. What truly amazes me is that the icon is located in a very devout, Byzantine Orthodox Christian monastery. Is it possible? A Byzantine icon depicting a dead pagan, who was revered as a great king and demi-god? (*Note: The original monastery was built there around the 9th Century A.D. Other accounts claim it was built in the 12th Century/13th Century A.D. Nevertheless, no one is really sure when the present monastery began. According to the current monks, some of the archives were lost over the years when the monastery was abandoned, after the Hellenic War for Independence of 1821).

This icon portrays Abba St. Sisois (one of the holy monks of the Early Christian Church) visiting the remains of Great Alexander in the late 4th-early 5th Century A.D., roughly before Sisois died in 429 A.D. Even though there are a few versions of this portrayal, this particular icon is unique, for as I have analyzed, it uniquely depicts Alexander in his "mummified state." It shows his remains having a copper-like tone and it is the only one that exists which portrays him like that, and not in a skeletal form.

There is no historical mention of when it was "precisely" created or why this icon was chosen to be depicted. Unfortunately until now, no one has yet reflected upon the icon's importance and how significant it is to the inhabitants of Gortynia-Arkadia (especially to the people of the local village of Atsicholos [originally *Atzi-Cholos*]) and to their unique relationship with Great Alexander. Furthermore, this icon was the "smoking gun," which led me to many other interesting facts and clues.

According to the monks of the Prodromos Monastery, the icon is the work of the famous Byzantine iconographer, Theophanis the Cretan or of his disciples. I personally date the icon circa the mid-16th

Century (1535-1570 A.D.), when Theophanis and his pupils were still active in their Cretan School iconography technique. Theophanis was active in his work from (1527-1548 A.D.). His pupils continued his iconography technique thereafter, for many years. Another possible date estimation for the icon's creation, could be c. late 16th Century (1570-1585 A.D.). The estimation of the latter date, is based on other several iconographs, which were created during that time period in the Prodromos Monastery.

(*Note: The Byzantine iconographer, Frangos Katelanos, also created an icon depicting Abba St. Sisois visiting the dead Great Alexander; c. mid-16th Century (1548-1558 A.D.). This icon of Katelanos, clearly and distinctively, presents Alexander the Great in his "skeletal form," unlike the icon of Theophanis. This version of the portrayal is located in the Varlaam Monastery (c. early 16th Century A.D.), which is one of the monasteries of the *Μετέωρα* [Greek for "high in the heavens"], located in Kalambaka, Greece. Katelanos, an iconographer from Thebes, was a very prominent apprentice of Theophanis the Cretan. He continued the iconography technique of Theophanis, but with his own uniqueness of artistic form, he evolved the Cretan style. He is considered to represent a new style of Byzantine iconography, known as the Theban School).

The Arkadian monastery which contains this icon, is precisely located near the ancient city of Gortynos, the most ancient city after Lykosoura. The legendary founder of the city was Gortys, a descendant of King Lykaon and heir to the land around Mt. Lykaion. Also, the river Lousios passes besides the ancient city and the myth is that the young Zeus bathed in its frigid waters. Thus, the river gets its name from the Greek word *λούσω*, which means "to bathe." (*Note: Ancient Gortynos is even mentioned by Homer in *The Iliad*, in which the Gortynians and other Arkadians were led by King Ortynos, during the Trojan War).

Furthermore, the city's ruins lie beneath the shadow of Mt. Lykaion, the reputed birthplace of the Olympian deity, *Λύκαιος Ζεύς*. (*Note: Even today, the peak still bears its ancient name of

Alexander the Great New Research (Continued)

Διαφόρπι [Greek for “Cradle of Zeus” or “That Which Carries/Bears Zeus”]). It would be Zeus, in which Alexander would refer to as his “true” father later in life, as a result of the Oracle of Ammon in 331 B.C. proclaiming him as the Son of God...the Son of Zeus. (*Note: Alexander was even considered to be a Son of Zeus, even before he left Hellas to fight the Persians. He was once acknowledged as a *Διόσκουρος* [Greek for “Son of Zeus”] even by his mother Olympias and the mysterious Pythia, Oracle of Delphi).

According to Pausanias, Alexander in 336 B.C., age 20, was named General and King of the Hellenes in their campaign against the Great Persian Empire at the Second Pan-Hellenic Conference held at Korinthos (*Note: In other words, the League of Korinth). Before Alexander marched East with his army, he followed the ancient main road (later recorded by the Romans as the 84th Roman Road on the TABULA PEUTINGERIANA, which was the official Roman road map) from Korinth and reached Gortynos, in order to pay homage to his Arkadian ancestors. Legends and historical accounts (even by Pausanias and Apollodoros to name a few) state that the Makedonians were descended from Makedon, a Son of Lykaon. At the renowned *Ἀσκληπιείον* [Greek for “Sanctuary of Asklepios”] in Gortynos, Alexander bathed in its healing waters and made sacrifices to the god Asklepios, Son of Apollo. Before he left, Alexander dedicated his armor (thorax, shield, and spear) to the temple, as well as to the Gortynian people. Since the 4th Century B.C. and up until 1912, the insignia of Gortynia in Arkadia, especially that of the modern town of Atsicholos, had on it the thorax and spear of Alexander the Great. Some individuals familiar with Alexander’s travels make the argument that this emblem was actually a copy of an insignia of Great Alexander’s. Unfortunately, the original seal, as well as the Makedonian armor which was left by Alexander himself to the people of Gortynos, have been lost throughout the ages because of war, poverty, famine, and emigration.

Also, it is of no coincidence that the remains of Alexander vanished without a trace from Alexandria, roughly around

the same time period of the late 4th-early 5th Century A.D., when ancient Gortynos was deserted and its remaining inhabitants founded the village of *Atzi-Cholos*. A possible etymology I have proposed for the name of the original establishment of *Ἀτζί-Χολός* could mean “Wrath of the Youthful One” or “Wrath of the Luminous One”; (*Note: The second word of *χολός*, means “wrath” in Greek). The name is unclear, but it could refer to the youthful demi-god Asklepios, the god Phoibos Apollo, or to Alexander the Great himself. Ironically, the first word of *Ἀτζί* has also a very important meaning in the Semitic languages of the lands in which Alexander had spread his ideals of Hellenism. The etymology of *Ἀτζί* in the semitic language of Assyro-Babylonian means “to see (from light).” This term was accordingly associated for *UTU*, the Sumerian god of light and of the sun, as well as the god of well-being and health; he was the equivalent of the sun god *BABAR* (called “Shamash” by the semitic people).

According to ancient historians such as Arrian and Plutarch, it was not uncommon for Alexander to allow his troops to intermarry with women from other tribes of ancient Hellas, as well as in the ancient civilizations he had decree over in Egypt, Asia Minor, Persia, and India. He realized that it was the only way for Hellenic ideals and culture to successfully flourish. Such a fact could also shed some insight on how the original villagers of *Atzi-Cholos* came about using a Semitic/Assyro-Babylonian term, for the first word of their village’s name. If some of the Makedonian soldiers of Alexander, who followed him on his campaign into Asia, did intermarry with Gortynians and have possible offspring, then they still would have had some contact with the families they left behind, even years later when, and if, they returned home.

Furthermore, it is clearly and historically proven, that many of the men with Alexander, did intertwine Hellenic values and language, with those of the Persians and other Semitic cultures. It is probable that they attributed the term *Ἀτζί* (a term associated with *UTU* or for his other equivalent, *BABAR*) to the Hellenic deity of Phoibos Apollo, or even to his son,

Asklepios. If these men who were with Alexander, did return home (especially the ones who, and if, intermarried with women of Gortynos), they would have shared some of the language terms they adopted from other Semitic cultures (i.e. Assyro-Babylonian, etc.), with their families. They would have even attributed the term *Ἀτζί* to the two, foremost gods they worshipped in Gortynos—Phoibos Apollo and Asklepios—and become part of the Hellenic, Alexandrian dialect of *Κοινή* [Greek for “Common”] for the Gortynians. The term of *Ἀτζί* would have been transmitted throughout the generations, until the citizens of ancient Gortynos relocated within the Lousios Gorge, and founded *Ἀτζί-Χολός*. The term’s usage, would have been a solemn way of remembering the hardships and sacrifices of those individuals, who fought alongside Great Alexander. Individuals who even helped him spread the ideals of Hellenism, during all the years of campaigning in those Semitic regions. If this is true, it is not farfetched to believe to why the inhabitants of Gortynia and especially the villagers of Atsicholos preserved and used the emblem which depicts on it the thorax and spear of their patron Alexander the Great for so many years, as their own official seal. It thus, seems only justifiable and honorable for the local inhabitants to have an icon created about St. Sisois’ visitation of the dead Great Alexander, as a way of venerating the great hero and liberator of ancient Hellas, who proclaimed himself a fellow patron of Gortynia and as a living Pelasgian-Arkadian descendant.

Nevertheless, *Atzi-Cholos* was probably a predominately early Byzantine Christian establishment, which still maintained the insignia of Great Alexander as their official seal, even though it was bestowed upon their ancestors by a pagan leader. This is of great importance and personal pride for the villagers of the modern Atsicholos. The original establishment of *Atzi-Cholos* is 1 km north of ancient Gortynos in the Lousios Gorge and built on both sides of the River Lousios; the site of the original village is today called the *Χαλάσματα* [Greek for “Ruins”]. The Prodromos Monastery is also located in close proximity of the *Χαλάσματα* vicinity.

All the evidence that I have collected (in which not all of it I could mention), points to the conclusion that Gortynia has a very deep relationship with the disappearance of the remains of Alexander, than any researcher could have hoped or realized. Could it be that after all these years, those devout followers of Alexander, people who even worshiped him, listened to his final testimony and brought his remains to the land of his Arkadian ancestors and the birthplace of his “true” father? To the land where his immortal father’s spirit resides? No one will truly know, unless a group of passionate archaeologists take it upon themselves to search once again for his remains.

The land of Arkadia still has mysteries waiting to reveal to the people of Greece and to the rest of the world. One could start in the land of Gortynia and use as their guide the local inhabitants, who still seem to remember the local legends of the arrival and departure of Alexander the Great. These very people, who used as their official seal the emblem depicting the thorax and spear of Alexander, and who live in the shadow of Mt. Lykaion, the birthplace of Zeus and of Hellenism, may be the ones who can further aid in solving the great mystery.

For the record, I am not saying that this Byzantine icon of “Abba St. Sisois visiting the remains of dead Great Alexander,” proves that Alexander’s mummified remains are in the land of Gortynia, in Arkadia. Just relying on the Byzantine icon, is not scholarly enough for a claim. The icon just led me to other interesting facts and clues, which help make a solid argument for them to have been brought to Gortynia-Arkadia. This is why it is called a “theory” and not a “definitive claim.” But as all researchers in Academia who create an original theory, I am strongly supporting mine, as well as supporting other theories on the subject.

Furthermore, many researchers and archaeologists are trying to discover the tomb of Alexander the Great in Alexandria or in the Oasis of Siwa in Egypt. They are constantly exploring and excavating the region, for the reason that, according to Diodoros Sikelos, Alexander wanted to be buried near his father. Many scholars

believe this remark to refer to Alexander’s true father, *Ammon Zeus*, thus, they suppose his body is still in Egypt. But Ammon Zeus was indeed worshipped in many other areas, especially in Hellas. He was the equivalent of the Hellenic god, *Lykaios Zeus* (“Zeus, the Enlightened One”), who was heavily worshipped in Gortynia-Arkadia (*Note: Proof of this is from ancient coins that have been discovered in colonies founded by Arkadians, with the image of Ammon Zeus on the obverse of the coins, and the reverse having the name *ΑΡΚΑΔΩΝ* inscribed on it, in reference to the coin being of the Arkadians; c. 400-300 B.C.). Till this day, nothing has been found regarding the tomb of Alexander. Many individuals have been searching for his remains for many centuries. But my concern is not the tomb, but where in fact where his mummified remains mysteriously transported to. It is not that difficult to suppose that his remains may have been possibly returned to Greece, by individuals who still worshipped him.

The main reason why Alexander’s remains could have been brought to Gortynia, is because in that vicinity of ancient Gortynos is Mount Lykaion, the reputed birthplace of *Lykaios Zeus*. Alexander truly believed he was the Son of Zeus. If one reads and thoroughly analyzes all of his biographical accounts from credible ancient sources, in their original languages, Alexander presumably wished to be buried in the land of his Father when he died. The ancient Hellenes knew of Mount Lykaion as being the holy vicinity of the spirit of Zeus. This is also the reason, to why the Arkadians further called it by the name of Mount Olympos. Furthermore, this is also a very possible reason, to which why Alexander went to Gortynos at age 20; (*Note: Gortynos at that time was a mere village, because the City of Megalopolis nearby became the “metropolis” of the Arkadian cities). Alexander traveled there, because Mount Lykaion is in close distance of the city and acknowledged himself as a Pelasgian/Arkadian, in which Pelasgos (father of King Lykaion of Arkadia) was believed to have been a Son of Zeus himself.

Nevertheless, for a man who truly believed that he was a Son of Zeus, having

him finally rested within the sacred vicinity of Mt. Lykaion, would have been the best way for devout worshippers of Alexander to honor his memory and probable conscience wish.

Gortynia, the sacred vicinity of Zeus, would have been the most plausible of areas, in order for his devout followers to have finally rested Alexander’s remains, if, and only, they actually did acquire them.

I am just focused on where Great Alexander’s mummified remains could finally have been rested, unlike many other researchers and scholars who are searching for his initial tomb or tombs, for there were a few historically recorded. My opinion on that matter, is that his tomb is still in Alexandria, Egypt. The difference with my original theory is not about the tomb of Alexander, which many people think at first when they read my report, but about his mummified remains. Nevertheless, all possibilities and theories, based on ancient and medieval accounts, should be taken seriously, regarding the mystery of the remains of Great Alexander. The benefits about theorizing, is that it helps the process of coming one step closer in trying to solve such a great mystery, as to what actually happened to the great Hellene’s mummified remains.

When Hellenes are involved, *everything* is a possibility.

Link 1: CNN International’s *iReport For CNN* program which first featured my Alexander the Great research/video journal on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

My segment is at the 6 minute mark of the acclaimed program. www.cnn.com/video/#/video/ireports/2008/05/16/ireport.for.cnn.a.myanmar.cnn

Link 2: *Alexander the Great New Research-Are His Mummified Remains in Gortynia-Arkadia, Greece?* Full Descriptive Video Journal iReport (11 min, 45 secs). www.ireport.com/docs/DOC-24455

Link 3: *Alexander the Great Discovery* Written iReport with images, which first caught CNN’s attention to vett my story and research, and show it on CNN International. www.ireport.com/docs/DOC-2018

Eta Sigma Phi at the ACL Summer Institute 2008

Members of Epsilon Upsilon at the University of New Hampshire represented Eta Sigma Phi at the 2008 American Classical League Summer Institute at their university.

Pictured (left to right) are Michael Munsey and Margaret Russell. Not pictured: Meredith Lee. Note the new Eta Sigma Phi banner designed by Megale Prytanis Jesca Scaevola.



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Right, sites of the national office and University of Missouri chapter



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Zachary Good, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

“What Was the Real Point of Lucretia’s Death? An Argument for Allegory”
Megan Miller, Eta Tau at University of North Carolina – Asheville

“Sulpicia: Elegiac Mistress and Lover”
Dwanna C. Crain, Eta Iota at the University of Arizona

“Pulling the Strings of Isis and Serapis”
Jesca Scaevola, Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri

“Abraham Lincoln: America’s Augustus”
Kristin Zavislak, Theta Iota at Illinois Wesleyan University

“Two-Faced Faustina: The Contrasting Images of Faustina the Younger”
Sarah Evelyn Brophy, Alpha Xi at Washington University in St. Louis

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Valerie Gardara, Gered Ryan, Dwanna Crain of Eta Iota at the University of Arizona

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