1993 National Convention

The 65th National Convention, hosted by Gamma Sigma chapter, convened March 26-27, 1993, in Austin, Texas. Part of the proceedings were on the University of Texas campus and part were at the Driskill Hotel.

Friday night featured a certamen, with prizes given to the top three teams. The certamen, in College Bowl format, challenged contestants to answer questions on all aspects of Classics language, history, mythology, literature, etc. Brent Froberg and Sr. Thérèse M. Dougherty served as quizmasters. First place won $75, second place won $25, and third place won Univ. of Texas Press books. The winning team included Patrick Wright and Peter Smith, both of Beta Theta chapter, Michelle Howard, of Eta chapter, and Keely Lake, of Beta Alpha chapter.

Saturday began with a tour of the Battle Cast Collection in the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, led by Univ. of Texas Classics Professor John Kroll. Then Dr. Martinez gave a wonderful presentation on the Univ. of Texas' papyrus collection. After lunch came the first business meeting, followed by the student papers. Heather Bennett, of Zeta Epsilon, presented "Lucretius' Magna Mater." Perry Bell, of Beta Iota, presented "The Sabine Women: Historical, Aesthetic, or Both?" Keely Lake, of Beta Alpha, presented "Spartan Women in Ancient Athletics." The Grand Symposium was in the Maximillian Room of the Driskill Hotel, and the banquet address was given by Dr. M. Gwyn Morgan, Professor of Classics at the Univ. of Texas, who presented "Roman Emperors, Roman Historians, and Roman Rhetoric."

Sunday morning the final meetings were held at the Driskill Hotel, where the officers were elected for the 1993-1994 year. Jennifer McBride of Gamma Sigma was elected Megas Prytanis; Keely Lake of Beta Alpha, became Megas Hyparchos; Peter Smith, of Beta Theta was elected Megas Grammateus, after having filled that position during the convention to replace the missing Megas Grammateus; and Jennifer Helton, of Beta Iota, became the Megas Chrysophylax.

Report of the Megas Hyparchos

I have been fortunate to attend the last three national conventions, but I have noticed that each year the attendance is sparse at best. If your chapter has not attended a convention in the last five years, it is in danger of having its charter revoked. Eta Sigma Phi has been reluctant to enforce this portion of the constitution, and it should not have to. There is no part of the country which will be convenient for everyone, and for chapters like my own (Beta Alpha, at the Univ. of South Dakota), almost nowhere is convenient. The convention is worth the effort to attend, however, and students who attend have the opportunity to make friends from all over the country. More than just making friends, you get to see that no matter how small your Classics department, there really are other Classics undergraduates out there. So please, if you are still an active member of your chapter, make plans to attend the 1995 convention at the Univ. of Arkansas. If you have graduated, write your former department and encourage members to attend. And for those who complain that the convention is never near their region, but that your convention bids are turned down when you try, remember our hosts for next year: Beta Pi offered a bid three years in a row, but their bid finally won, and we shall be visiting them soon.

Hope to see you in 1995!

— Keely Lake

Megas Hyparchos
Salvete Omnes:

At the beginning of 1994, the value of the fund to establish the Theodore Bedrick Scholarship for the Vergilian Society's Summer session in Cuma, Italy, stood at a little more than $17,700. Originally, the trustees had set a goal of $30,000 before we offered the first scholarship to be awarded annually thereafter. At this point, we need to have about $12,000 more in gifts before we can achieve our goal.

You will find on the penultimate page of this issue a form which you can use to make a contribution to help us realize our goal as soon as possible. Any contribution, no matter how small, will help. I shall list all of the names of contributors to date in the next issue of Nuntius. I hope that by next year, we shall have the first competition for the Theodore Bedrick Scholarship, to be awarded for summer, 1996. We can meet such a goal.

Many of us who knew the late John Rexine felt sorrow at the news of his death in autumn, 1993. The next issue will have a feature on his career and on the contributions that he made, as a trustee for many years, to Eta Sigma Phi.

During this last year, Eta Sigma Phi inducted 602 new members, 84 more members than the year before but fewer than the 776 new members inducted two years ago.

At the 1993 Convention in Austin, Texas, we granted charters to three new chapters: Zeta Nu, The University of Maryland, College Park; Zeta Xi, Iowa State University, Ames; and Zeta Omicron, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Our fraternity grows in chapters and in numbers, encouraging signs for our future.

Valete,
Brent M. Froberg

1995 National Convention

When
April 7-9, 1995

Where
The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Who
All Members of Eta Sigma Phi

Host
Beta Pi Chapter

What
Speakers, Symposia, Certamen, Excursion, Camaraderie

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ZETA LAMBDA (The University of Louisville, Robert Luginbill): Elizabeth Seaton, Gerald Midkiff, Angela Linde, Derek Linde, Bruce Romans, Dan Turner (September, 1992). Julie Horneck, Grace Levitan, Daniel Braden, Anna Hurtgen, Joe Thomas (April, 1993).


Eta
Florida State University

In the fall of 1992, Eta chapter members helped sponsor FSU's traditional fall colloquia. In October, several of Eta's members helped with the Godby centenarius workshop, a FJCL competition. In November, our chapter and a local high school visited Jasmine Hill, the subject of Dr. Peter Howard's (Troy State University) speech at the Eta Sigma Phi national convention in 1991. To finish off 1992, several members of Eta chapter helped at the Sandalwood centenarius workshop, another FJCL competition.

Lambda
University of Mississippi

Lambda chapter donated two new Latin dictionaries to the Oxford (MS) Junior High School library to help encourage a new program in Latin there. On March 16, 1993, Lambda chapter joined with the Department of Classics at the University of Mississippi in sponsoring in the University Museums a lecture by Professor Josiah Ober of Princeton University to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of democracy. Lambda members and Classics faculty dined with Professor and Mrs. Ober prior to the lecture, and Lambda chapter provided the refreshments for the reception which followed. The event received considerable attention from the local press and was well attended. Lambda chapter also sponsored James Brown, a Classics major, to attend the national convention in Austin.

Alpha Omega
Louisiana State University

The Alpha Omega chapter sponsored a showing of I, Claudius in the Spring semester, 1993. For twelve weeks on Wednesday night, episodes from the series were shown; admission was free and open to the university community. Attendance was high with at least twenty-five, and as many as forty-three attending. The final episode was shown at a local restaurant which provided a viewing room.

Beta Alpha
University of South Dakota

In the fall of 1992, Beta Alpha hosted a film series, showing the documentary Greek Fire over a period of five weeks. This documentary focuses on the impact which ancient Greek culture has on our lives today. Beta Alpha members and the university community were invited.

Beta Alpha and the USD Classics department also helped bring Judith DeLuce (of Sigma chapter, Miami University) to campus to speak during the week of March 15-19, 1993. She met with several of the Classics classes and presented a Classics seminar on Ovid and aging and an evening lecture on the Riddle of the Sphinx, which compared the two plays, I'm Not Rappaport and Oedipus at Colonus.

One of our members, Keely Lake, recently inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, won the award for the outstanding junior. This award not only focuses on high merit but also recognizes a student who has taken many classes in the humanities in the spirit of the late Dr. Grace Beede, a long-time, highly regarded member of USD's Classics department and former member of Eta Sigma Phi's Board of Trustees.

—Keely Lake

Beta Theta
Hampden-Sydney College

The second annual Leila B. Thompson Latin Prize was awarded in the Spring of 1992 at the College's Awards Convocation to Junior Geoffrey Steadman. Beta Theta chapter had raised an endowment for this annual prize, which honors the wife of our long-time adviser, Graves H. Thompson. In the fall of 1992, Beta Theta Chapter sponsored a lecture on "The Gods of Greek Tragedy: Could You Believe Them?" by Professor Mikalon of the University of Virginia. The lecture was followed by a reception and dinner in Professor Mikalon's honor and was attended by faculty members in the Department of Classics and by members of Beta Theta Chapter.

Members of the chapter also assisted the local arrangements committee at the biennial meeting of the Southern Section of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Richmond at the end of October.

On December 7, 1992, Beta Theta's adviser, Professor C. Wayne Tucker, entertained the chapter at a party in honor of two graduating members, Trip Howe and Patrick Wright.

On February 18, 1993, the chapter held its annual initiation ceremony at the home of our former adviser, Graves H. Thompson, and his wife, who provided refreshments for the reception after the ceremony. We initiated eight new members, and the chapter from Randolph-Macon Woman's College joined us and initiated three new members. Prior to the initiation, Beta Theta sponsored a lecture by Professor Judith Evans Griggs of Sweet Briar College on "Sex and Status: Male-Female Relationships in Ancient Rome." The chapter entertained Professor Evans Griggs and two of her students at a dinner following the lecture, and they joined us for the initiation ceremony.

Beta Iota
Wake Forest University

In October 1992, Dr. Robert Ulery spoke to chapter members about his most recent trip to Rome during which he studied original Sallust manuscripts. Beta Iota had a Christmas party in December, 1992, inviting professors, members, and any student of Classics.

In January, 1993, one of Beta Iota's members showed the slides he had taken during his trip to Venice the previous semester. On April 21, 1993, Dr. Alan Mandelbaum spoke at the chapter's initiation and celebration of Rome's birthday.

Beta Iota sponsored Professor Andrea Webb-Deagon from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington to come and speak about teaching methods for foreign languages. At the end of the semester, Beta Iota held a bake sale and hot dog sale to raise additional funds.

—Jennifer Helton

Beta Pi
University of Arkansas

Beta Pi began 1992 with an astronomy and camping night. There was a Saturnalia party in December, and a CLST film festival for the university community. Beta Pi planned a t-shirt sale for the spring and organized the Classical portion of the Flan-Fest with the region's high schools. The year ended with a dramatic reading in Greek and Latin.

—Josh Garvin
Gamma Omicron
Mommonmouth College

During the 1992-1993 school year, the Gamma Omicron chapter inducted five new members, one of whom was Debora Davies, who served as the visiting Classics professor while Professor Thomas Sienkiewicz was directing an off-campus program in Italy. Through selling cookies and raffle tickets, Gamma Omicron sent three members to the national convention. Gamma Omicron also co-sponsored the Eighth Annual Fox Classics Lecture on “Ovidius Naso Was the Man: Shakespeare’s Debt to Ovid,” given by Monmouth College’s Professor of English Jeremy McNamara.

Epsilon Epsilon
Rockford College

The Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Rockford College had the privilege of attending four AIA lectures this year pertaining to the ancient world. These were given by scholars from universities at home and abroad. The themes were: “Greek and Roman Excavations at Troy” (Rose), “Myth and Symbol in Minoan Art,” (A. Liakos), “Mathematical Instruments in Antiquity,” (Turner), and “Building the Eternal City,” (DeLaine).

The annual induction of members — two this year — was held on April 10, 1994, at a dinner of chapter members and guests in the President’s Dining Room at Rockford College. Certificates of membership were presented at the annual Honors Day Program on April 27, 1994. Thus was completed the 20th year of the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter.

— Peter Sipes, Grammateus

Epsilon Omicron
University of Massachusetts

At the Spring, 1992, initiation Epsilon Omicron chapter heard Randall Skalsky speak about the interpretation of the frieze on the Portland Vase. Mr. Skalsky is a member of Eta Sigma Phi from his undergraduate days at the College of Charleston.

Epsilon Omicron regularly hosts lecturers in the area of Classical Civilization, including James Freeman of the English Department, who spoke about Classical allusions and variations of Classical models in Milton’s Paradise Lost. In the regular meetings, Epsilon Omicron continues to see Classical Movies, including I, Claudius, Classical tragedies, and, perhaps, in the interest of realism, Caligula. Epsilon Omicron held a book sale, bringing out Latin, Greek, and even Hebrew textbooks for the university community, offering cut-rate prices, ranging from $0.50 to $1, well within the reach of struggling students.

Zeta Mu
Troy State University

Zeta Mu initiated its sixteen charter members on May 21, 1993. During Fall Quarter, 1993, the chapter sponsored a performance of Sophocles’ Ajax by Aquila Productions; over 400 area high school students of Latin attended.

Invitations of membership was extended to fourteen students, and initiation was held in early May, 1993.

Initiates, September 1992 to August 1993

ETA (Florida State University, W.W. deGrummond): Wallace H. Callen, Jeffery B. Knapp, Janice N. Osborne. Associate Member: Benjamin J. Banks.


SIGMA (Miami University, Judith De Luise): Lisa A. Bowman, Kathleen K. Delarue, Amy T. Donah, Mark T. James, Shirley Jones, Craig R. Shisler, Andrea Corso.


ALPHARHO (Muhlenberg College, Robert Wind): Andrew Gorman, Thomas Capelli, Linda Kushnir, Laura Szymanski, Anthony Torre, Christopher Dinallo.

ALPHASIGMA (Emory University, Niall Slater): Saskia J. Benjamin, Greta G. Boers, Shawn B. Darr, Erik B. Oliver.

Medal Fund, Annual Report, 1993

1993 Scholarship and Contest Winners

I. Maurine Dallas Watkins Translation Contests:
   A. Forty-Fourth Annual Greek Translation Contest:
      Advanced Level
         1. Stephen Hultgren, Epsilon Xi, Gustavus Adolphus College
         2. Louese M. Hoppe, Delta Chi, St. Olaf College
         3. Sharon Hill, Delta Chi, St. Olaf College
   Intermediate Level
      1. Devin G. Casenbaker, Epsilon Era, Kent State University
      2. Daniel Lee Carlisle, Epsilon Nu, Creighton University
   Intermediate Level, Koine
      1. Daniel Carpenter, Gamma Iota, Wabash College
   B. Forty-Third Annual Latin Translation Contest:
      Advanced Level
         1. Alexander Kozak, Alpha Pi, Gettysburg College
         2. Brian Baytosh, Psi, Vanderbilt University
         3. Jon Babb, Beta Delta, The University of Tennessee
            Malcolm Pettingell, Alpha Omicron, Lawrence University
      Intermediate Level
         1. Stephen Hultgren, Epsilon Xi, Gustavus Adolphus College
         2. Mark O’Brian, Alpha Tau, The Ohio State University
         3. John Millstone, Psi, Vanderbilt University
   C. Twenty-Seventh Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest
      1. Jon Babb, Beta Delta, The University of Tennessee
      2. Brian Baytosh, Psi, Vanderbilt University
      3. William Carney, Psi, Vanderbilt University

II. Summer Scholarships:
    For the Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Ellen Mulligan, Zeta Iota, The University of Georgia.

The Theodore Bedrick Scholarship Fund

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THE ETA SIGMA PHI
SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR 1994

The Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity are pleased to announce that two scholarships will be offered in 1994 to enable one member of Eta Sigma Phi to attend the 1994 Summer Session of the American Academy in Rome, Italy, and another to attend the 1994 Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece.

The Scholarship to the American Academy in Rome will have a value of $2,600.

The Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens will have a value of $3,150, which includes the tuition fee remitted by the American School.

At either summer session, six semester hours of credit may be earned which is applicable toward an advanced degree in Classics at most graduate schools, provided that advance arrangements have been made.

Selection of candidates for the scholarships is exercised by the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee whose members are Professor David Kubiak of Wabash College, Chairman, Professor Harry C. Rutledge of the University of Tennessee, and Professor Catherine Freis, Millsaps College. Enquiries and requests for blanks should be addressed to Professor Brent Froberg, Department of Classics, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069-2390.

Eligible to apply for the scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members and alumni who have received a Bachelor’s degree since January 1, 1988, or shall have received it on or before June 1994, and who have not received a doctoral degree. In selecting the winner of each scholarship, the Committee will give attention to the quality of the applicant’s work in Greek and Latin, the applicant’s intention to teach at the secondary school or college level, and the applicant’s contribution to the activities of Eta Sigma Phi at the local and national level.

The applicant must submit a transcript of his undergraduate work, letters of recommendation, and a statement not to exceed 500 words to include purpose and reasons for desiring the scholarship. Applications must be submitted to Professor Kubiak by December 15, 1993. The winner of each scholarship will be announced about January 25, 1994.

For the Scholarship Committee,

David Kubiak