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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Forty-second National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi will convene at 9:00 a.m. on April 10, 1979, at the Mar-
non Room of the Hotel John Marshall, in Richmond, Virginia. Megs Pyrtanis (left) and Judge J. A. ADA-coen, assistant by Megs Hyparchos II. Luke Petkis, Megs Genomastors Delora Pulese and Megs Chrysophyllus Thomas H. De Moos, will preside at the business sessions on Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11. Beta Gamma Chapter at the University of Richmond is the host for the meeting. Pyrtanis Greg Daughey, Hyparchos J. Darryl Foster, Gamma metamorphoses Larry J. Denny, Correspondent Secretary John Oute and Chrysophyllak Bob Blanton are officers of Beta Gamma Chapter, and Professor Stewart Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Beatty are the Advisors.

The business meeting on Friday will adjourn at 12:00 noon, permitting the delegates time for lunch. From 2:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. workshop sessions will be conducted in the Jackson, Byrd and Lee Rooms. We plan to offer provocative and up to date discussions of topics of vital concern to all classters. These workshops will be offered twice in two fifty minute periods, in order that the delegates may attend more than one. The third period has been reserved for Regional meetings and committee work. The Annual Banquet will be held at 5:30 in the Marshall Room.

Dr. Frank M. Snowdon of Howard University will address the members of the convention at the banquet. He has chosen the very interesting and timely topic "Attitudes toward the Blacks in the the Greco-Roman World". Professor Snowdon is a Harvard University Ph.D. He served as U.S. Naval Attaché to Bogoslova and is Assistant Professor of Howard University and as chairman of the Classics Department there. His most recent position is "Blacks in Antiquity" just released by Harvard University Press. Professor Snowdon will also deliver a lecture on the Negro in Greek and Roman Art at the University of Richmond on the evening of April 9.

After the banquet delegates will be free to enjoy the sights and pleasures of Richmond and to meet informally.

The second business meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and the convention will adjourn at 1 o'clock. There will be an optional trip to Williamsburg at 2 p.m. The complete program for the convention is on page 7.

Our convention city, Richmond, Capital of Virginia since 1779, is a blend of the old and the new South, where traditions and gracious living are combined with modern progress and thought.

History books spring to life here when one stands in the very pew in St. John's Church from which Patrick Henry inflamed the colonies with his "Liberty or Death" oration; in visits to the state's Jefferson-designed Capitol Building; to John Marshall's and Robert E. Lee's homes; the Confederate and Valentine Museums, and the battlefields surrounding the City.

Visitors find they can virtually step next door to some of the world's largest and most modern manufacturing plants. (You are invited to see your favorite brand of cigarettes being made in the Tobacco Capitol of the World); to fashionable shopping centers, and beautiful new residential sections. They will also enjoy cultural and entertainment facilities and attractions such as the Virginia Museum and the Barkdale Dinner Theater. In addition, the wife of the late Bishop James A. Pike will be speaking at the University of Richmond on Friday evening.

On May 13, 1967, Captain Christopher Newport, Captain John Smith, and their adventurous followers landed at James- town, Virginia, and established the first permanent English Settlement in Ameri- can soil. A few days later a small company of these explorers pushed off from the land once again, sailing up the James River. They were stopped by the falls. At these falls grew Richmond.

Although Richmond long had been one of the leading cities of the Nation, the Civil War put it in the spotlight of public interest. For four harrowing years the Federals hammered almost incessantly at the gates of the Capitol of the Confederacy until it was finally

Athens: 1969

(Mrs. Mayo was the winner of the 1969 Scholarship to Athens. In her letter accompanying this report Mrs. Mayo said her idea in writing was "to try to get my fellow Eta Sigma Phi members want to go too: I'm sure you'll agree she has succeeded.

I have found that those who are not acquainted with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens are surprised to learn that our group of twenty students spent much less than our four-week six-month stay in Athens and we never entered a classroom. It is true that the ASCS has elegant facilities, including an excellent library, but we rarely stayed in Athens more than a few days in succes- sion. Our trips (usually by our chartered bus, but occasionally by plane and boat) varied from one day to nine, and we traveled north as far as Delphi, southea to the tip of the Peloponnesus, west to Olympia, and east to Crete and Rhodes. A typical day in Athens or on the road consisted of a morning visit to a site, picnic lunch by the sea (swimming and short siesta included), an afternoon visit to a site, and dinner at 8:30. At the sites we were instructed by our director, Dr. William Wyatt, by fellow students (we met weekly at a topic a month before we left home), or by an archaeologist who was particularly familiar with the site. This was one of the most exciting aspects of the American School: that we could hear the men who had such intimate knowledge of the sites, whom we had known previously only through their books and articles, and who had actually been there when some of the most important archaeological finds were made. It was a privilege to have Professor Carl Blegen, who had been present when the first Linear B tablets were found at Pylos, conduct us through Nestor's Palace. Likewise, none of us will soon forget climbing the mound at Marathon with Eugene Vanderspool or sitting in the shade of a column on the Acropolis as he explained the Propylaea and the Erechtheum with such clarity and deftness.

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Athens: 1970

William Cole, Jr., was awarded the scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens for the summer of 1970.

William is a graduate of Randolph-Macon College where he was a member of Delta Pi Chapter. He is now teaching in public school in Richmond, Virginia where he is "helping some turned-over former English students discover that literature has piercing possibilities, working with seventh graders in exploratory Latin, and writing my own textbook for a combined second and third year class since neither textbook suits both classes. And an elite group is taking elementary Greek after school". Indeed "a full life".

Of his interest in Classics William writes "One of the reasons perhaps that I feel an affinity for the Classical writers (my favorites are Homer, Lucretius, Vergil and Horace) is their deep feeling for the earth and Order, a sympathy which I share since I was raised on a farm amid the stubblefields and savagories which these poets describe so well. In a paper my senior year at Randolph-Macon College, I investigated the different inter- pretations of nature in Homer and Vergil, using Plato as a centerpiece. The theme of Mires Eladse, Marshall McCluhan, A. B. Lard, Eric Havelock and Ernst Cassirer contributed greatly to my study."

Rome: 1970

Rosemary Wiesczak is this year's recipient of the scholarship to the American Academy in Rome. A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she is a member of Beta Omicron Chapter, and a senior at Mount Mary College where she is majoring in the Classics and mathematics, and minorig in Physics. "People are always asking me about this strange combi- nation, and I can only reply that it was Fate. I enrolled in my first Latin courses partly because I liked the language, but mostly at the persuasion of my teachers. But now, no persuasion is necessary; I'm thoroughly enthralled by Latin and Greek."

Chairman of the Beta Region, she is also Chairman of the High School Relations Committee, an endeavor of the Milwaukee area chapters which is encouraging high school Latin students to con- tinue their studies in Latin.


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**Classical Associations:**

**The American Classical League**

This is the first in a series of guest articles by officials of the various national and regional Classical associations. This series will give you some idea of the aims of these organizations so that you will be better able to choose which ones to join. It is important that all classicalists belong to and actively participate in classical organizations—national, regional and local—for their own professional stimulation and to provide joint efforts to further the cause of the Classics.

Professor William M. Seaman, Professor of Classics at Michigan State University, was a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter while studying at the University of Illinois.

The address of the American Classical League is Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 45066 if you would like to receive more information about the League.

The American Classical League, now in its fifty-first year, has long been associated with the campaign to keep the study of Latin in the secondary schools. Early in its history, it was ACL which conducted the now famous Classical Investigation, which had much to do with the change of Latin textbooks from dry, dull grammar books to texts which introduced more interesting reading, coupled with material which formed a course in classical civilization in general.

In the minds of some people ACL has been an association of high school teachers. But it should be remembered that many university professors of闽on were its leaders: people like B. L. Ullman, W. L. Carr, Lillian B. Lawler, Walter Agard, Van L. Johnson, and many others. In recent years ACL has asked to be considered as the co-ordinating body for all classics teachers on all levels from high school (or junior high) through graduate school. For it is a well-known fact that the various local, regional and national organizations tend toward fragmentation. From its inception ACL has had as its governing body a Council which was made up of representatives of all classical organizations in the land.

Although the ACL office in Oxford, Ohio, on the campus of Miami University, serves as a central office, where the membership files are kept, where Classical Outlook is printed and distributed, where the Service Bureau has its stands and mailing room, and where the Junior Classical League has its center, we have tried to operate ACL as a Delphi watching the center of things in Washington, D. C. At George Washington University Dr. John F. Latimer, former president of ACL, acts somewhat as a lobbyist and keeps a finger on the pulse of what is going on at HEW, Congress, and NEA.

One of the difficulties of carrying on a crusade to save Latin is the fact that Latin teachers are not “joiners” and will not rush to sign up as members of an organization which is vital to its existence. The response to questionnaires, for example, is distressingly small. At the same time, high school Latin teachers are comprehensive, well informed, and are not interested in their affairs. To them I would say that all they need to do is ask for help.

Because of the intrusions of modern language growth and perhaps because of the increased emphasis on such things as “relevant” courses for minorities, Latin now is faced with its greatest threat in history. We do not know if it is a dying cause, but many of us in ACL will continue to fight for what we consider to be valuable. To this end Latin instruction has to undergo changes which are being instituted in many places. And we will try to keep the classics alive even if it means teaching them in “humanities” courses. We invite the cooperation and support of all those who believe that there is worth in studying the civilization of Greece and Rome which is our heritage. Especially we invite the aid of the students, for this seems to be their age.

Professor William M. Seaman

President, American Classical League

The ACL Newsletter

The ACL Newsletter is the principal voice of CAUSA (Classical Action USA), the co-ordinating arm of the ACCLS’s Classical Crusade. The Newsletter is edited by Professor John F. Latimer, Executive Secretary of the American Classical League.

The Classical Crusade aims to strengthen and improve the study and teaching of Classical Literature in all levels, to encourage former students of the Classics to renew their interest and revise their knowledge of our ancient heritage, and to make the general public more fully aware and appreciative of that heritage.

The need for an active Crusade is pointed up by the report contained in the January 1970 Newsletter of enrollments in Latin and Greek classes throughout the country. The report shows an overall decline in enrollment of 38% since 1965. As Professor Latimer notes “Unless something is done to check this trend in the decade ahead we will see Latin phased out of secondary schools and both Latin and Greek fighting for existence in the colleges. The problems we face as a profession have never been so serious. They may be stated badly and very simply: We must make the study of Latin a more meaningful experience for those who elect it in the secondary school and college. We may talk about the values of classical studies, particular Latin, with the eloquence of a Cicero, but unless we demonstrate those values in the classroom, the future is bleak. We must talk about values, yes. But if we do not get the student in the classroom, the cause is lost before we have gone much farther.”

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CONVENTION

A good time was had by all! All twenty-two chapters who attended the Forty-second National Convention held at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Virginia April 10 and 11, 1970.

The convention was called to order by the Megas Prytanis Michael J. Adelman. A welcome was extended to the delegates by Greg Daughterty, Prytanis of the host chapter, Beta Gamma. Megas Hyparchos Lee Perkins responded. The Megas Grammateus Delora Pelosi then called the roll of chapters and the delegates gave their annual reports, relating a variety of activities in promoting interest in the Classics (including a ‘Happy Birthday, Rome’ billboard) and raising money (e.g. selling refreshments at basketball games). Megas Chrysophylax Tommy De Moss then gave the treasury report of the various receipts and expenses of the past year.

Miss Wilkins’ bequest

Professor Theodore Bedrick gave the report of the Board of Trustees. He announced the bequest to the Fraternity of 10,000 dollars in the will of Miss Maureen Dallas Wilkins. He also revealed that Miss Wilkins was the ‘anonymous donor’ who had for years supported the contest program. The Executive Secretary, Professor Mary Ann Burns, reported that there are 78 active chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. She also thanked the many people who have helped her this year. Professor Bedrick, as Chairman of the Committee on Contests, explained the decision of the Committee and of the Grand Executive Council to limit the number of contests to those in which there was sufficient participation (the contest winners are listed on page 2). The Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Professor Graves H. Thompson, gave the report of that Committee. The scholarships were awarded to Miss Rosemary Wieczorek for Rome and to Mr. William C. Cole, Jr. for Athens. The committee recommended that the date for application be moved forward next year because the Christmas holidays interfere with the circulation of the applications among the members of the Committee. Also suggested was the possibility of having a third scholarship if Fraternity income permitted it.

New Chapters

The Megas Hyparchos Lee Perkins reported that petitions for charters had been received from Southwest Missouri State College and Eastern Illinois University.

The Grand Executive Council approved both these petitions and the Convention concurred. The Megas Prytanis then announced the names of committee chairmen and invited delegates to volunteer for these committees.

Workshops

In the afternoon session two workshops were held. In the first Professor Laura V. Sumner of Mary Washington College gave a talk on Roman coinage, illustrating it with coins from her personal collection. She passed many of these coins among the delegates and it was quite obvious why one was called an aes grave and why the expression ‘heavy as lead’ is so appropriate. In the second, Professor Stuart Wheeler of the University of Richmond spoke on the multi-sensory approach to the teaching of Latin and, with the assistance of Sister M. Isaac Jogues, demonstrated some of the techniques. Everyone found both workshops entertaining and enlightening. After the workshops, regional and committee meetings were held.

Dr. Snowden Speaks

The banquet was held Friday evening, featuring such regional specialties as cream of peanut soup! Speaker at the banquet was Dr. Frank M. Snowden of the Classics Department of Howard University who spoke on Attitudes toward the Blacks in the Greco-Roman World. Dr.

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1970 Contest Winners

The Contest Committee announces the results of the 1970 Contest. Supervision of the grading was handled by Professor Lewis A. Sauaman of Delta Sigma Chapter at the University of California. The members of the Contest Committee are Professor Theodore Bedrick, Chairman, Professor John Helms and Sister M. Isaac Jogues.

Greek Lettering (17 participants)
FIRST PRIZE: George M. Tracy, Gamma Phi Chapter, Le Moyne College
SECOND PRIZE: Sandra Evers, Delta Alpha Chapter, Randolph-Macon Women’s College
THIRD PRIZE: Alice Jean Patterson, Delta Alpha Chapter, Randolph-Macon Women’s College

Latin Composition (12 participants)
FIRST PRIZE: Karen Agee, Theta Chapter, Indiana University
SECOND PRIZE: Margarita Serba, Delta Gamma Chapter, Marywood College
THIRD PRIZE: G. Edward Gaffney, Pi Chapter, Vanderbilt University

Latin Composition (14 participants)
FIRST PRIZE: Harry Lee Perkins, Beta Theta Chapter, Hampden-Sydney College
SECOND PRIZE: Shaye Cohen, Gamma Delta Chapter, Yeshiva University
THIRD PRIZE: William C. Wanahaus, Beta Upsilon Chapter, Marshall University

Congratulations to these winners and to all who participated in the contests.

SKY-DANCERS—THEN AND NOW

(Dr. Lillian B. Lawler, Emeritus Professor of Classics at Hunter College, is the recognized authority on the Dance in Ancient Greece and is published extensively on the subject. Professor Lawler has been a friend and supporter of Eta Sigma Phi for many years and we are very grateful for this latest expression of her interest.

Television viewers of the epoch-making exploration of the moon’s surface by American astronauts have commented frequently on the gait of the men as they moved about, and many have called it a “lunar dance.” The use of the term is something of an odd coincidence, for the idea of cosmic dances of one sort or another is very old—perhaps one of the oldest cosmic concepts known to man.

Cosmic dances mentioned in Greek Literature fall in general into three categories: (1) “dances” of the stars and planets themselves, as they move or seem to move through the sky; (2) dances performed on earth, and designed to portray the movements of the heavenly bodies; and (3) dances which are said to have been performed by beings of one sort or another, on the moon or the sun.

The Greeks had a broader concept of the dance than we do today. Indeed, to them any series of rhythmic movements, made by human beings, animals, plants, or objects of any sort, could be called a dance—and not necessarily in a metaphorical sense. Lucian, in his essay On the Dance (I), speaks seriously of concentric movements of the heavenly bodies as an actual dance; and, in fact, as the forerunner of all dancing later developed on the earth. Other references to the cosmic dances are to be found throughout Greek literature. For instance, Sophocles, in the Antigone (1146), has Dionysus invoked as “dance-leader of the fire-breathing stags,” and the Athenian messenger says that Dionysus “dances around the heavens, having choras of stags about him.” In an epigram of Marcus Arvartius (Arth. Pal. 9, 270), we read of “the golden deer borne by a stag” in another epigram, interestingly enough by the great poet Homer (Iliad. Pal. 9, 577), we find mention of “the immemorial winding, spiral movement of the choras,” in which appear words customarily used technically of the dance.

Dances done on earth, in conscious imitation of the movements of heavenly bodies, were of great antiquity even in Greece. The Ionians, Phrygians, Thracians, Lydians, and other peoples of the Mediterranean and Mesopotamian areas, as well as by the Greeks. A fragment of a poem by the same Dionysius of Kyrene (508) says that the Greek celtic choruses portray the movement of the sun. The anonymous compiler of the Enkytintoikon Magnum, speaking of choral dances (506, 47), says that when Greek dancers encircled an altar, they moved first from the left to the right in imitation of the circle of the zodiac, “which moves in a direction opposite to that of the heavens.” I.e. “from west to east.” Then, he says, they moved from right to left, imitating the motion of the heavens; and finally “ran around the whole altar.” Though differing in details, his remarks bear a striking similarity to those of a scholar on the Hecale of Euripides (647), who says that choral dances portrayed in the strophe of their song and dance “the movement of the heavens from east to west,” in the antistrophe “the movement of the planets from west to east,” and in the epode, sung while standing still, “the stationary position of the earth.” The two passages have aroused a great deal of controversy; but without going into all the arguments we may suggest that both writers are speaking not of the dance of the chorus of tragedy, which apparently was basically tetradional rather than circular, but of a very old cosmical dance which may have been one of the ancestors of the cyclic or diurnal dance in honor of Dionysus.

The Greeks had a broader concept of the dance than we do today. Indeed, to them any series of rhythmic movements, made by human beings, animals, plants, or objects of any sort, could be called a dance—and not necessarily in a metaphorical sense. Lucian, in his essay On the Dance (I), speaks seriously of concentric movements of the heavenly bodies as an actual dance; and, in fact, as the forerunner of all dancing later developed on the earth. Other references to the cosmic dances are to be found throughout Greek literature. For instance, Sophocles, in the Antigone (1146), has Dionysus invoked as “dance-leader of the fire-breathing stags,” and the Athenian messenger says that Dionysus “dances around the heavens, having choruses of stags about him.” In an epigram of Marcus Arvartius (Arth. Pal. 9, 270), we read of “the golden deer borne by a stag” in another epigram, interestingly enough by the great poet Homer (Iliad. Pal. 9, 577), we find mention of “the immemorial winding, spiral movement of the choroi,” in which appear words customarily used technically of the dance.

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Famous dances of the third type are those in the works of Lucian; however, it is highly probable that Lucian’s source was the Cynic philosopher Menippus, of the third century B.C. In Lucian’s humorous dialogue Icarnomepia, in which Menippus himself is presented as the principal speaker, the Cynics pretend to account for an imaginary Dionysus by means of the outer space. He tells how he bound upon his shoulders the wing of an eagle and the wing of a vulture, and flew up to visit the moon and also “beaver,” the latter ruled over by Zeus. He is well received by Zeus and the other Olympian divinities, and is entertained at a dinner during the course of which “Apollo played the kithara and Silenus danced the kordax.” (The kordax, the distinctive dance of Attic Old Comedy, was a notoriously lewd affair, characterized by obscene movements and gestures.) Somewhat different are the actions of the sky-dancers in Lucian’s tongue-in-cheek True History, in which his hero travels to the moon and gets involved in a series of events involving the “Kordax—or the dance of the stars” accompanied by the violent singing of huge radishes as weapons! Incidentally, those two works of Lucian contain other passages which may prove striking to the modern “space-fan.” We also learn from the American astronauts that there is a robot that, viewing the earth from the moon, identified that if he stretched his arm forward he could cover the whole earth with his thumb-nail; and he used that fact to urge that we refrain from conflicts upon our small planet, and work for the good of all the peoples of the earth. In the Icarnomepia (12 and 13), the Cynics say that the earth, as seen from space, looked very small—much smaller than the moon, and that all of Greece “was equal to the site of four fingers.” Accord- ingly he derides pride in possessions, especially land holdings, which he says are really only “Epicurean atoms.” We recall also that moon-dust recently brought back to earth by the astronauts was a major cause for joy. In the True History (I, 25), Lucian’s hero says that on the moon “clothing for the rich is made of softened grass, and that for the poor of woven brawn.” Upon leaving the moon, he receives as farewell gifts from King Endymion “two glass tannies and five made of bronze.” (I, 27). In the Icarnomepia (15-19), the Cynic, following the instructions of his Epicurean to hold the vulture’s wing still and
Reminders

The L.G. Balfour Company has notified the National Office that orders received after May 1st will not be mailed out until September 1st. Balfour has found that orders sent during summer vacation tend to become lost. The National Office will therefore hold any orders received from now until September unless specifically instructed otherwise. Fallfour also reports no increase in the cost of the Fragrance pins for next year.

Have you
- Delivered or sent in your annual report? Reports received will be published in the October Nuntius.
- Sent in your vote on the amendment amendment? We need eleven more votes in favor for it to be ratified. It has taken over a year to get replies from 41 of the 78 chapters (59 in favor, 2 against). Unless sufficient favorable replies are received by the end of this school year the amendment will fail. The ineffectiveness of this present method of amendment is pointed out by the trouble experienced in getting responses in spite of two letters and three notices in the Nuntius. According to our records the chapters that have sent in their vote are: Eta, Theta, Lambda, Pi, Alpha Delta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Phi, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Alpha, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Delta, Beta Zeta, Beta Theta, Beta Iota, Beta Kappa, Beta Lambda, Beta Mu, Beta Xi, Beta Omicron, Beta Sigma, Beta Upsilon, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Gamma, Gamma Epilson, Gamma Eta, Gamma Iota, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Mu, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Chi, Delta Alpha, Delta Delta, Delta Delta, Delta Epsilon, Delta Eta, Delta Mu, Delta Xi, Delta Pi, Delta Rho, Delta Tau.

Sincere thanks to Greg Daughtery and the other members of Beta Gamma Chapter for a most efficiently run National Convention.

(The are the annual reports of those chapters in attendance at the convention and of those who sent in their reports. Those not printed in this issue will appear in the October Nuntius.)

Gamma
Ohio University

Gamma chapter, located at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, began the 1969-70 school year with a new advisor. After serving nearly a decade Professor Hollinger stepped down and Mrs. C.A. Locking now donates her time and energy to our chapter. Our first project was to raise money for the organization. We chose to present a Roman market, at which we sold novelty items which members of our chapter made themselves. Our warm ranged from tables made from discarded telephone cable spools to wreaths of ivy sprayed with gold paint. The sale was not only a financial success but also brought our membership closer together. The publicity we received from our sale was well worth our efforts. At Ohio University where so many organizations pre-dominantly we were pleased to inform the students that an interest in the Classics was alive and living in Athens. During the winter quarter Gamma chapter held an open house to introduce Classics members in ETA SIGMA PHI. Refreshments were served and some of our members presented a demonstration of modern Greek folk dances. At past chapter meetings we have also presented films on Roman and Greek culture and a reading of the Menexechi. One of the goals which we have set for ourselves this year is to perpetuate an interest in the Classics at the college level. In accordance with our goal we brought to campus Miss Tucker Blackburn from the University of Cincinnati as a guest speaker. Miss Blackburn had recently returned from the Greek island of Crete where she had been working under Dr. Caskey, as a member of the Cincinnati Archaeological team. She spoke to us of her excavating at sites both in Greece and England, and illustrated her talk with numerous slides. For the remainder of the year we are working to further the realization of a special Classics publication. Our chapter also hopes to bring a Greek Orthodox priest to Ohio University to speak on the use of the Greek language in the Orthodox Church.
ALPHA EPSILON
Lehig University

This year Alpha Epsilon chapter has continued programs instituted in the past few years, with one exception: the film series, which we ran so successfully in '60-'69, had to be dropped this year owing to conflicts and duplications in the campus calendar. We initiated four new members in the fall at a ceremony and banquet held on December 10, 1969. Current plans call for a spring initiation to be held on April 16, with possibly six new members enrolled. In connection with the spring initiation, we shall be awarding prizes to the winners of the contest we ran on March 14 for high school students in the Bethlehem area. This contest was given on three levels, for second, third and fourth year Latin students, and involved in every case translation of an unseen passage, i.e., sight translation, from Caesar, Vergil, or Cicero. The prizes will be ETA SIGMA PHI silver and bronze medals. The turnout for the contest was numerically very disappointing as compared with previous years. One factor in the decline is the drop in Latin enrollments in our local high schools. As to other factors that may be involved, we should welcome suggestions from any chapter with experience in this line. Perhaps sight translation has less appeal for present day students than, say, an essay question. Our only additional activity was to act as co-sponsor of two archeological lectures on campus, one in the fall and one in the spring. In sum, we can say that Alpha Epsilon is enjoying a moderately successful year, and that we expect to continue our programs in the following academic year.

Robert C. Asher

ALPHA PI
Gettysburg College

The first meeting of the year was held on September 25, 1969 in the Classics Building, President Tom Weischadle presiding. Possible initiatives were considered. The Amendment on amendments was unanimously accepted. Initiation took place on November 13 for the six new members: Wilbert H. Beachy, III, Gretchen Cranz, Steven Donsatt, Gordon Fray, Richard Goodlum, and Sara Sue Shidell. A banquet followed the ceremony. The Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Spyro Pavlanton, the department chairwoman, was attended by Mr. Held and Mr. Parks, the chapter's other two advisors, as well as most of the members. On February 23, 1970, the chapter held a meeting during which new officers were elected. The chapter's other two advisors, as well as most of the members. On February 23, 1970, the chapter held a meeting during which new officers were elected. The chapter's other two advisors, as well as most of the members. On February 23, 1970, the chapter held a meeting during which new officers were elected.

BETA ALPHA
University of South Dakota

Chartered in 1938, Beta Alpha is the only chapter in South Dakota. In memory of its first faculty sponsor, Beta Alpha Chapter grants an academic prize each year for excellence in Greek, from the income on "E" Bonds accumulated over a period of years. The chapter has also made an annual $25,000 contribution to the national Endowment Fund. The annual prize of the study of Latin in South Dakota high schools, the chapter administers a Translation Contest, for which book awards are presented. We also sponsor the observance of National Latin

Gretchen Cranz; treasurer, Gary Wagner; sentinel, Wilbert Beachy. Four representatives volunteered to attend the forty-second national convention in Richmond, Virginia, April 10-11. Mrs. Pavlanton will be the faculty representative. Dennis Kohl is taking the Eta Sigma Phi Greek translation test, and Tom Weischadle and Barbara Borthery are taking the Latin translation test. Alpha Pi is sponsoring its annual High School Latin Contest again this year. We are looking forward to another spring party at Mr. Pak's home this year.

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The Role of Latin in American Education

This is a recent statement of the National Council of State Supervisors of Foreign Languages. Such a statement deserves recognition.

The National Council of State Supervisors of Foreign Languages endorses and encourages the teaching of Latin in American schools.

The rationale offered for Latin is essentially the same as that for the modern languages; through the study of a foreign language the monocular and monolingual individual expands the boundaries of his own relatively narrow world to encompass a world which is at once more cosmopolitan. It is thus a very fact of foreign language study which makes languages crucial to the humanities.

Yet the continuing value of Latin to today's curriculum rests in its uniqueness. Latin presents the student an opportunity to develop a sense of the significant past by coming into direct contact with the Roman world. The late William Riley Parker, Distinguished Service Professor of English at Indiana University, said: "To live intellectually only in one's own time is as provincial and misleading as to live intellectually only in one's own culture." The importance of the past from which all Western civilization has evolved is self-evident.

That Latin differs in its grammar from most languages commonly taught in our schools—even radically in the case of English—illustrates again the unique contribution this ancient language can make. Since Latin is one of the highly inflected languages, its contrast with English is especially sharp. The potential of Latin to create general linguistic concepts within the speaker of English makes it an ideal instrument for developing a deeper understanding of language per se.

As a means of building an historical perspective of developing linguistic concepts, of creating a sense of judgment based on understanding of the past, Latin remains unsurpassed.

Although benefits do accrue from even a brief encounter with a foreign language, it is generally recognized that language competence results from extended sequences of study. The values of the study of Latin outlined here assume that a person will have the opportunity to pursue his study for three to six years.

Multi-sensory methods and materials especially suited to the interests, needs and abilities of secondary school students can make the teaching of Latin more meaningful than using a traditional approach at these levels.

As modern languages move on the educational spectrum into the elementary and junior high schools, the number of youngsters studying two or more languages becomes increasingly widespread. There is justification to encourage the student who has begun a modern language at an early age to add Latin during his junior high school years.

The Council urges educators to reassess the values of Latin to the curriculum. The decreasing decrease of Latin enrollments in the schools is alarming to many. This decrease can most readily be attributed to the small number of Latin teachers being prepared by colleges and universities; retirement of the Latin teach-
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BETA GAMMA
University of Richmond

With our fourth annual picnic this year being held at Virginia Beach, Beta Gamma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi will conclude the most active year of its short existence. Our principal activity was hosting the Forty-second National Convention on April 10-11, at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. The highlight of the convention was certainly the banquet address of Dr. Frank M. Snowden of Howard University. We have also sponsored talks by Professor Stuart Wheeler on “Greece Yesterday and Today”, Mrs. Rachel Whitelock of Quantico High School on her long experience in teaching Latin, Dr. Ward Jones of William and Mary on Horace’s trip to Brundisium which he illustrated with his own slides, and Dr. Laura Sunner of Mary Washington College who lectured on the “Birth of an Archaeological Dig.” We also took a group tour through the newly remodeled Classical World section of the Virginia Museum in February. At our initiation on March 10 we received a new active member and also initiated as an honorary member, Mr. Ralph A. Elmore, Mr. Elmore, prominent Richmond businessman, was recognized for his long-standing devotion to the ideals of Antiquity and his generous support of the Department of Ancient Languages at the University of Richmond and the Institute of Mediterranean Studies, which he was instrumental in founding. Rounding out the year we will conduct the Second Annual Eta Sigma Phi Medal Latin Translation Contest, and we intend to again award medals to outstanding high school Latin students in the area. At present there are 104 Active members in Beta Gamma chapter.

Greg Daugherty

BETA IOTA
Wake Forest University

This year Wake Forest College became Wake Forest University. We also have a new adviser. Professor John E. Roberts replaced Dr. C. B. Earp, chairman of the Classics department, as our adviser. We have thirty-one active members and will soon be voting on and initiating new members. During this year we heard a lecture on the Odyssey by Professor John Finley of Harvard University. In the Fall Beta Iota will spend a weekend retreat in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

A. C. Graham, Jr.

Hampden-Sydney College has continued to foster interest in classical studies. Our first step toward achieving this goal was to sponsor a movie on Greece, supplied to us by our visiting Classics professor this year Dr. Arthur M. Young, former head of the Classics Department at the University of Pittsburgh. We conducted two initiations this year, each followed by our traditional chocolate punch reception hosted by Dr. & Mrs. Graves H. Thompson, who have generously assisted us in our activities over the years. We were privileged to have two distinguished speakers this year, Dr. Bernard Knox presented an imaginative evaluation of Euripides as “the most tragic of the poets.” A few weeks later we heard an informative talk by Dr. Robert Scranton on the archaeology of an ancient harbor. We are also planning to administer the annual Latin contests at a local private school. We believe that these tests have encouraged high school students to continue their classical studies. Our recently elected officers have already begun to make plans for next year. Among our projected activities is a Classics Emphasis Weekend. We hope that a number of chapters will be able to attend. Finally, we are pleased that our treasurer has allowed us to donate $25.00 to the Eta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund.

J. C. Graham, Jr.

BETA BETA
Furman University

Our chapter inducted two new members. We are distributing medals to outstanding high school Latin students.

Kenneth M. Holland

BETA THETA
Hampden-Sydney

This year Beta Theta chapter at