CELEBRATIO '74

Salve, Members of Eta Sigma Phi!

Let's celebrate! This year marks the 50th Anniversary for Eta Sigma Phi and we want it to be a memorable one, but first a look at the past.

Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity had its beginning in the Department of Greek at the University of Chicago, when a group of students organized an undergraduate classical club to honor students in Greek and Latin. This club later united with a similar organization at Northwestern University and became Eta Sigma Phi. The Fraternity became national in 1924 and chapters were organized at leading colleges and universities. Until World War II there was a steady growth of the organization, but travel was limited during the war years and no national conventions were held. Since the reorganization of the Fraternity in 1947, many old chapters have been revived, and new chapters have been chartered. Today, there are approximately 80 chapters. Celebratio '74 recognizes the great need for reorganization and unity. We hope that the convention this year will be a step in the right direction.

The convention will begin on Friday at 8:30 a.m. with a home-style breakfast prepared by Georgetown's own home economics honorary. The breakfast will be served in the oldest and largest Baptist church in Georgetown, Kentucky.

At 9:30 a.m., registration begins in the lobby of the Science Center, an ultramodern building completed in 1968, which contains seminar rooms and large classrooms where all of our meetings will be held. We will then move into the assembly room for the first general session beginning at 10:00 a.m. Roll call will be taken and annual reports of the Chapters will be given, along with various other reports.

At 11:15 a.m. there will be a coffee break followed by two informative lectures arranged for the enjoyment and stimulation of the delegates. Regional and committee meetings are scheduled for 12:00 noon, during which time members of various chapters will meet and discuss business matters.

A luncheon in honor of our national advisors will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the Lee E. Cralle Student Center, and the time a skit will be presented by the national officers and music by Georgetown's music department.

Two more lectures will be given in the afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 followed by workshops at 4:30 led by the national officers and designed to advance the interest in the classics. This year, we have big plans for the fraternity, some of which include the establishment of a lectureship tour and program library, and plans for a compendium of job opportunities. These are designed to stimulate interest in the classics and will be discussed in the workshops; therefore, we urge different members of each chapter to attend at least one of them.

Again at the Lee E. Cralle Student Center at 7:30 p.m., the college caterers will await us with a banquet honoring Dr. William Y. Adams of the University of Kentucky and following the dinner, Dr. Adams will tell us about his recent archaeological discoveries. More entertainment will be provided afterward.

On Saturday morning the second general session will be held at the Science Center following a breakfast by the home economics honorary.

Tentative cost for the convention including meals on Friday and breakfast on Saturday is $18. Reservations will be made at Scottish Inns at $6 per person in a double room.

Gamma Theta Chapter is eagerly awaiting the convention and attending chapters. Let's try to have even more chapters represented this year to help emphasize the purpose of Eta Sigma Phi: "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, including inter-campus relationship; to engage generally in an effort to stimulate interest in classical study, and in history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome."

See you there!

Very truly yours,

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DINGS AND THINGS

For those of you with plenty of time and a burning to try your hand at something: Remember the "forgotten" Romance languages—Dalmatian, Sicilian, and Romanian. Well, Romanisch is alive and well in present-day Switzerland, and anyone wishing to study it in its natural habitat is welcome to do so. Write Herr Henner Specha at the Lufthansa, Oderstrasse 47, 7000 Zurich, Switzerland, and/or the Consulate General of Switzerland, 1106 International Trade Mart, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 for information on making arrangements. We understand the students are very friendly.

Here are just a few of the summertime options:

- **Dalmatian**: The language of Split, Croatia, is spoken by about 150,000 people. It is closely related to Greek and Albanian. Dalmatian is spoken in the Dalmatian region of Croatia and is taught at the University of Split. If you are interested, you can contact Dr. Marko Horvat at University of Split, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Romance Languages, Split, Croatia.
- **Sicilian**: The language of Sicily, Italy, is spoken by about 1.2 million people. It is a Romance language that is spoken in the region of Sicily. If you are interested, you can contact Dr. Giuseppe Alì at University of Palermo, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Romance Languages, Palermo, Italy.
- **Romanian**: The language of Romania is spoken by about 21 million people. It is a Romance language that is spoken in the region of Romania. If you are interested, you can contact Dr. Liviu Călărași at University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philology, Department of Romance Languages, Bucharest, Romania.

Should you have more time to fill out your summer calendar, you might consider investigating the Vergilian Society. The Vergilian Society is a club that is dedicated to the study of the Roman playwright Vergil. The society meets every week during the summer months to discuss various topics related to Vergil's works. If you are interested, you can contact Dr. John R. Bennion at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Classics, 1102 Washington Street, Urbana, IL 61801.
Dr. William Y. Adams to Address Convention

Dr. William Adams, professor of anthropology at the University of Kentucky, will be the speaker for the Friday evening session of the Eta Sigma Phi National Convention. Additional study trips are from Stanford University, the University of California, and the University of Arizona. He has done extensive archaeological research in the Western United States, and has made survey and large-scale excavations in the Nile Valley, Egypt, and has worked on Nabataean pottery since 1966. In fact, he just recently returned from Egypt where he collaborated with the Egypt Exploration Society in excavations at Qurna, Bmann, Egyptian Nubia.

He has lectured to archaeological societies in many places throughout the United States and Canada, and he has published a number of works. Among his most recent publications is one with the intriguing title "The Archaeologist as Detective." Dr. Adams' talk at the National Convention should prove very interesting to members of Eta Sigma Phi.

AMENDMENTS FROM THE 45TH NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE 46TH CONVENTION

1. Article VII (Election of Officers and Terms of Office), section 3.
   Add: "In the case of a tie vote, the Grand President will cast the tie-breaking vote, in his official capacity." [Passed. To be voted on at the 46th National Convention]

2. Article X (Local Chapters), section 1.
   The following to be added:
   "To be eligible for a charter in Eta Sigma Phi a college or university:
   1. Must be accredited.
   2. Must have a regular curriculum.
   3. Must offer a major in Latin or Greek or both.
   4. Must have a faculty sufficient to meet the needs of the department.
   5. Must have some type of organization which has existed for a period of one year consisting of at least five members who meet the requirements of Article XI, Section I. Such organization must submit to the Executive Secretary reports after they have petitioned for a charter. These reports must be submitted bi-monthly to the Executive Secretary.
   The Committee recommends deletion of parts 1, 4, and the last sentence of 5, and revision of part 3.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S ARMCHAIR:

From the Mailbag:
A historian with the U.S. Air Force at Clark Air Base in the Philippines reports the possibility of initiating a charter of Eta Sigma Phi at Angeles University in the Philippines.

Announcement:
The Eta Sigma Phi Medal is a major function in encouraging better performance in the Classics. Keep a supply on hand.

"UBINAM GENTUM SUMUS?"

In order for the study of the classics to remain a dynamic force on college campuses throughout the nation, the scope of program offerings must be expanded and broadened. This is one of the conclusions indicated by the Phi Sigma Sigma Gamma Sigma chapter at the University of Texas, Austin, United States. According to the current list of the Executive Secretary, the chapter has the largest number of members of any chapter in the nation. One of those sent out in reply, we feel that the survey respondents from Gamma Sigma chapter questionnaires returned represent a good overview of all schools both large, small, and all those between Eta Sigma Phi chapters of neighboring schools.

The results were found to be pretty much as expected. The majority of surveys returned were from small to medium sized schools (up to 5,000 in enrollment). This, however, is not particularly significant considering the large preponderance of this size school in existence. Faculty size varied somewhat in accordance with the size of the school and number of courses offered. The faculties at the largest schools (10,000+), however, tended to be abnormally small in proportion to their size. Teaching Assistant and student graders were employed very infrequently and almost exclusively at the largest colleges. Latin and Greek were generally found to be a fall back for language requirements; and, classical civilization courses were offered in a majority of the schools sampled, although those offering a major's program in Classical Civilization were in the minority. In addition, Eta Sigma Phi, and other departments (e.g. cross-listing of courses and coordinated program) were found in only about half of the schools surveyed; and the most popular areas of study were in Latin, Greek, and Mythology, with small pockets of interest found in Etmeric in Translation, Archaeology, and History. At least half of the schools returning surveys reported a department of classics by students, faculty, and staff, and students and faculty administration tending to pay down classics the most. The most important information gathered pertains to growth and expansion. The news was not as encouraging as hoped for: for, by and large, departments are just holding their own or, in some cases, experiencing a decrease. There were only a handful of schools planning any increase. Eta Sigma Phi is in a little better shape in that only one school reported the possibility of becoming an inactive chapter, while five chapters informed us of their intention to reactivate.

When was some concern expressed, that can be drawn from these data? To us, the most striking was the increase in the number of students in the schools, as might be expected, there was found the greatest amount of emphasis on the classics. Of course, but more important, in these schools there were found no ties to other departments, little or no classical civilization study, etc. Other schools who offered at least some of these options to students fared much better. This

would indicate, then, a definite need to diversify and expand existing programs in order to interest a wider range of students. How is this to be accomplished? And, as spokesperson for classical studies, can the members of Eta Sigma Phi initiate and spread an interest in the classics in the community — and, thereby, the general student body — at large? First of all, we suggest an increase in the amount and range of classical civilization courses offered. This will have the effect of drawing students into areas of related interest (e.g. ancient history, foreign culture, etc. in translation, and the like) and possibly sparking a curiosity toward the classical languages themselves. In conjunction with this, there should be a firm attempt to establish ties with other departments and develop programs of coordinated study in similar areas of interest. Above all, the key to any successful program of expansion, we feel, is diversification and a wide offering of subjects designed to appeal to the greatest range of interests, in conjunction with an all out effort to demonstrate the value and applicability of classical studies to students and administration.

As members of organized chapters of Eta Sigma Phi, there is much we can do to augment interest in the classics. Many suggestions were sent in by a number of chapters ranging from on-campus speakers to public service projects, to work with high school classics organizations. Speakers are always a good standby, not only for chapter programs, but also for general presentation to the public. It must be remembered, however, that to appeal to the public, a speaker must be able to get his topic across to this interest only a few members of a small group. Public service projects are an excellent means of making yourself known, provide you the membership to carry them out. By and large, though, the best means of attracting new classical seems to be work at the high school level. Numerous chapters, including Gamma Sigma, have announced plans to host or help with high school organization and their activities. If interest can be stimulated and maintained at the high school level, it will generally carry over into college and, thus, serve to augment badly lagging classics programs at the higher levels. Encouragement of programs through the establishment of Eta Sigma Phi chapters is undoubtedly another good means of encouraging study of the classics. Again, emphasis and key to success is going to be diversity and vigor activity.

The study of classics seems to be at a crossroads. The future, whether it will be a long decline toward extinction for the classics or a new Golden Age of increased study and revived interest, is going to depend on a large measure on our activities. If we do nothing, the classics will very likely continue on the decline it has been experiencing for the last ten or twenty years. But, if we act now and make people realize the value, necessity, and tremendous interest possible in studying the classics, we members of Eta Sigma Phi will go a long way toward preserving the continuation of the classical tradition.

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Greece

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The impressive scale model of the ancient city in the Museo della Civita Romana (a treasure house of teaching collections) provided a guide to, and a measure of progress in, familiarization with Roman topography and monuments during the course of the summer; and there was adequate unscheduled time to permit investigation of the resources of the Academy Library, independent visits to monuments, sites, and museums, and exploration of pre-clasical Rome. (Dodi L. Carnelley, University of the Academy, conducted superb lecture tours of the Sistine Chapel and Statues of Raphael in the Vatican, the Piazza Navona and its fountains, and important Etruscan churches.) These free proseic sentences cannot do justice to the quality of the course or properly convey all the excitement and fascination of a summer spent in Rome at the American Academy. Such a program must be personelly experienced to be adequately appreciated.

Catherine Speckworth Gibbes
CURRENTLY ACTIVE CHAPTERS

**Gamma:** Ohio University
   Athens

**Epsilon:** State University of Iowa
   Iowa City

**Eta:** Florida State University
   Tallahassee

**Theta:** Indiana University
   Bloomington

**Lambda:** University of Mississippi
   University

**Pi:** Birmingham-Southern College
   Birmingham, Alabama

**Sigma:** Miami University
   Oxford, Ohio

**Tau:** University of Kentucky
   Lexington

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   Nashville, Tennessee

**Alpha Delta:** Agnes Scott College
   Decatur, Georgia

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   Columbia

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   Appleton, Wisconsin

**Alpha Pi:** Gettysburg College
   Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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   Allentown, Pennsylvania

**Alpha Sigma:** Emory University
   Atlanta, Georgia

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   Jackson, Mississippi

**Alpha Psi:** Washington and
   Jefferson College
   Washington, Pennsylvania

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   Vermillion

**Beta Beta:** Furman University
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**Beta Gamma:** University of Richmond
   Virginia

**Beta Delta:** University of Tennessee
   Knoxville

**Beta Zeta:** Saint Louis University
   St. Louis, Missouri

**Beta Theta:** Hampden-Sydney College
   Hampden-Sydney, Virginia

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   Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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   Fredericksburg, Virginia

**Beta Omicron:** Mount Mary College
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   Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Beta Upsilon:** Marshall University
   Huntington, West Virginia

**Gamma Alpha:** Indiana State
   University, Terre Haute

**Gamma Beta:** Bowling Green State
   University, Bowling Green, Ohio

**Gamma Gamma:** University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Gamma Delta:** Yeshiva University
   New York, New York

**Gamma Eta:** Louisiana College
   Pineville

**Gamma Theta:** Georgetown College
   Georgetown, Kentucky

**Gamma Iota:** Wabash College
   Crawfordsville, Indiana

**Gamma Kappa:** Heidelberg College
   Tiffin, Ohio

**Gamma Lambda:** St. Mary's College
   Winona, Minnesota

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   Newark

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