SUMMER STUDY
IN ATHENS

During the past summer I was privileged to be a member of the summer session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. The session is made up of two groups of twenty students each, one starting a week ahead of the other so that they are never in the same place at the same time. Our group was led by Professor Fordyce Mitchel of the University of Missouri, who did an admirable job in all respects.

The session lasted six weeks, approximately half of which was spent in Athens studying the city and the area. While in Athens we lived in the dormitory of the school. The remainder of the time was spent in travel around Greece, mainland and to some of the islands. No classroom work was involved because we did our studying on the ancient sites themselves and in museums. Each student was required to present two site reports to the rest of the group, and while in Athens we were able to use the American School’s library to prepare for these. The emphasis of the program is, of course, archaeological, but the members of our group were quite diversified in their backgrounds and interests. To me, this diversity made the experience even more rewarding, both academically and personally.

The first few days of the program were spent in Athens, enabling us to become acquainted with the city and with our colleagues. After this we alternated trips which lasted several days with short periods in Athens.

The first trip was a ten day bus tour of the Peloponnesus, which included visits to Corinth, Isthmia, Epidaurus, Sparta, and Olympia. This was the most difficult part of the whole session because most of us were unaccustomed to the rigor of hiking and climbing. It was during this trip, however, that the members of the group became very close, making even the most grueling expeditions pleasurable.

For our next trip we flew to Creta, where we spent three days studying Minoan culture. After a few more days in Athens it was off to Mykonos, where we met with some surprise, the Cyprus war to be specific. Unable to get a ship back to the mainland on the appointed day, we were stranded on the island and forced to spend an extra day on the beach. On the next day we returned to the mainland on the deck of a car ferry, along with several hundred tourists whose predicament had been similar to our own. When we reached Athens yet another surprise was in store for us, for on that very day the military dictators resigned and free elections were restored. Watching the celebrations in Syntagma Square that night was one of the most exciting moments of my life. Our final trip was to the north. The highlights of this trip was, of course, our stay in Delphi, certainly one of the most beautiful spots in the world.

The summer session of 1974 was many things. It was miles of walking and climbing, a chance to hear some of the most distinguished scholars of our time lecturing on their own excavations, swimming in the Aegean, birthday parties for our group members, and much more. All of it was worthwhile.

Jerry Muniz

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In retrospect, the summer program at the American Academy in Rome was flexible enough to make the six weeks worthwhile for all types of Classics majors. The group ranged from PhD candidates in archeology, to PhD’s and MA’s in literary arts, to high school Latin teachers with either an MA or BA in Classics.

However, during a good portion of the six weeks the course looked as if it were designed strictly for general engineers, sociologists, and city planners. Technical terms such as terracotta revetments, trabeation of the building, the periphery of the city, and opus reticulatum were coming out of our ears after every excursion.

In addition to material that was dry to some Classical humanists, the course was exhausting. The excursions spent outside of the city at the sites of early Etruscan and Roman colonies and settlements lasted all day. In Rome sites studied and toured included the Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill, and the museums on Capitoline Hill and at the Vatican. On these days spent inside the city, each member of the group was free to go out and “experience Rome” after the siesta. The Italian buses presented quite a “culture shock” to this unsophisticated Southerner.

For these reasons there were many times that I wanted to go home. I was far too much of a humanist to appreciate “opus reticulatum.” Besides, what college undergrad or high school student would want to hear these terms when a grad student who has spent eight years in Classics isn’t even interested in hearing them! Furthermore, I couldn’t find a sense of continuity between the crazy Italians on the buses and their efficient Roman ancestors. Sometimes I found myself thinking that my father who is an engineer would be getting much more out of this whole program than I was.

However, the course and Rome itself did present their own opportunities for reflection and for the realization that the whole experience would be, in retrospect, everything that it was supposed to be. There is, in the museum at EUR, a plastic model of the city. The professor took us there twice so that we could see the city in section, the city and tie theories together. It was surprising how much about the growth and layout of the city had entered our heads, without any effort just, pure circumventive exposure.

In addition to this circumventive method of education, the program offers the students opportunities to do things that the average tourist wouldn’t think of doing—probably, because he doesn’t have the time. For example, we didn’t get by with passing through the Pantheon for just an examination of its interior and nitches. We went all the way up to the dome and through the oculus. Another unforgettable experience was the trip inside the substructures of the foundations of the Republican temples in the L’Argo Argentina. These experiences produced small occurrences of claustrophobia and acrophobia; but, thrills, once they were over.

Lastly, inspire of the inflation, pollution, and confusion that surround the life of the Italian people, there was the time to realize that a sense of continuity with the past can be found through an observation of the way the Italians relate to their past. One night a few of us spent some time watching some amateurs perform Plautus’ Amphitruo. Even though we didn’t understand much of the Italian, the Plautine spirit hit us, and we couldn’t think of any people other than Italians that we had rather see perform Plautus.

This fall I am teaching Artes Latinae to high school and junior high students. Surprisingly, it helps to know about the layout of the ancient and modern city of Rome and the way that Roman apartments were built. Furthermore, of course, the total experience offers excellent “ad-lib” devices. Whenever my first year students have to give the Latin for “they see in their heads the top of the Pantheon as well as the eye on the face.”

Finally, I feel superior to my aunt and uncle who have spent about an equal amount of time in Rome without knowing what really goes on under those ruins in the L’Argo Argentina. Any Classics major at any level can absorb all kinds of experiences on this summer program. It is a chance for the student to merge together the humanistic aspects and the more practical aspects of Classics, to experience circumventive learning, and to admire people who do things differently. I might, in the years to come, take the course again, at my own expense, if the Academy will let me. It is like an Ingrid Bergman flick or an Aeschylus tragedy in that each time you experience it there is always something else to gain from it.

Sally Rogers
RES GESTAE 1973 - 1974

The following chapters sent delegates to the convention but did not turn in their reports: ETA (Florida State University, Daytona Beach), Gamma Phi (Millaps College), Gamma Theta (Georgetown College).

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ETA (Indiana University): This year the Theta chapter at Indiana University began the season with a meeting in which all members and interested persons. The first semester we had two lectures. In the first, the associate dean, gave a slide lecture on Greek art. Mr. Frederick presented us with a lecture on "Ancient Greek Mythology."

The second semester, the club went as a group to the movie "Freeman Women" with a reception afterwards at the home of Mr. Long, our undergraduate advisor. We initiated 16 new members on March 27, and had a banquet afterward. April 6 we are going to assist with the Indiana Junior Classical League. We are fortunate in being able to send 3 members to the national convention. We still have in the planning stages the Academic Day, and also have the opportunity to have a member/faculty basketball game (co-ed, of course). Presented by Philip Taylor, President.

SIGMA (Miami University): This chapter has consisted of the last two years two of our best and busiest at Miami. Drawing upon the experience of our faculty members, we have had personal slide collections presented on Israel, Greece, Yoga, and the Greek Games. We have given a slide presentation on Hera for our local high schools. We have also held a lecture for our local high schools. We have sponsored a number of meetings in conjunction with watching our football, basketball, and baseball games. We have had a number of informal meetings in conjunction with watching our football, basketball, and baseball games. We have had a number of informal meetings in conjunction with watching our football, basketball, and baseball games. We have had a number of informal meetings in conjunction with watching our football, basketball, and baseball games. Finally, we also have a local chapter of the American Institute of Archaeology. The Beta Delta chapter plans to end its year with induction of new members and officers in May. Presented by Chris Cooley.

BETA Upsilon (Marshall University): The Beta Upsilon chapter at Marshall University was very productive this year. Our first activity after the 1973 national convention was a workshop held on April 14, 1973 under the leadership of the Classics Department and held for the benefit of interested area high school students. Three programs were offered and students had the choice of any two. After lunch a professor from our university presented a slide lecture on Roman Spain. The workshop had the purpose of promoting our local high school students as well as emphasizing the enjoyment and importance of classical studies. The workshop was very successful in terms of interest we received.

As usual, Beta Upsilon presented an annual address to the outgoing seniors in our local high schools at their respective senior assemblies.

BETTY LITZ (Miami University): "In case the normal rotation of areas for the National Convention cannot be followed, the following March 27-30, a special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held to make a suitable choice from proffered invitations, on the condition that no such meetings are held at the same institution."

"Any school whose charter has been either suspended or revoked may petition the Executive Committee for approval to reinstate its charter, provided the school has not lost its accreditation. Action taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the next National Convention."

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Antiquitas in Ohio

Southern hospitality is brewing its best in Tallahassee, Florida, and to make the brew the mellower, we're setting it in the April sun to age. From April 18 to 19, then (that's all day Friday through Saturday noon), Eta Sigma Phi will sit in annual phintopotentary session. The campus is Florida State University, the host is Eta Chapter; the VIP guest is you, and you'll find us easily accessible by air, rail, bus, or car.

Plan to come early and stay late. Although Convention doesn't get into official gear until Friday the 25th, Tallahassee's Hellenic Heritage Week starts Monday the 21st with a smorgasbord of play, displays, and antique pageantry. It all comes to a climax Friday, when amidst business sessions on money, amendments, and elections — you'll be treated to dramatic insights into Aristophanes and Aristotle, a Greek banquet complete with dancing Bates, and the spectacular FSU Circus "Flying High," an original "Quicksie History of the Theatre" at a Roman feast preceding The Birds, and a Convivium to end all Conviviums. Saturday is a fitting finale, with the Greeks Olympic, a made-to-order Mr. Apollo contest, and tours of Tallahassee's fabulous ante-bellum attractions following the final business session.

Every chapter is allowed two delegates and as many participants as possible. We've got room for all y'all at the Seminole Reservation, and we need you here, too, because Convention — where each chapter presents its annual report and each participant gets to grapple with a passel of committee work — is primarily your show. How much will it cost? A maximum of $1500 will cover your food, lodging, transportation, and entertainment during the Convention session; once we finish collecting money around town, the cost to you should be less than that.

So there's every reason to come on down. All the dalliances of the Caesars (and more) in the genuine Florida sunshine at a price less than most motels' 'single occupancy overnight' — that's "Antiquitas in Ohio," and that's why we've gonna keep the brew pot stewing 'til y'all come.

GAMMA KAPPA/Heidelberg College:
The 1974-75 activities of the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi began with the initiation of a banquet dinner in France Hall sponsoring Mr. Ronald W. Roberts, Art Advisory Council of the Arts Council, Mr. Steibrig, an alumnus of Heidelberg, who spoke of the role of the arts today. At this banquet, Mrs. Eta Sigma Phi, Sigma Tau Delta (the English Honor Society), Delta Sigma Theta (the National Black Women's Honor Society), and Sigma Phi. The literary banquet served as a formal business at which the members discussed a variety of topics, including the future of the chapter.

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, Dr. and Mrs. Kramer hosted a formal dance for homecoming for the chapter. The dance was held at a downtown restaurant and was attended by over 200 members of the chapter. The dance was followed by an awards ceremony where the chapter presented several awards to its members.

The 1975-76 activities of the Gamma Kappa Chapter will be concluded on April 8 with the spring initiation ceremony and the annual banquet at Mama Mia's Greek restaurant. The chapter plans to continue its activities in the future and will be looking forward to the next academic year.

ETCETERA
The editor solicits suggestions for short articles and other information which would be beneficial to members of the fraternity.

Beginning next year, students who have completed the National Convention at Georgetown this year. A faculty committee and student team will be responsible for preparing the national convention report. The national convention report will be published in the fall and will be available to all members.

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Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity List by Chapter

**Gamma:** Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

**Epsilon:** University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

**Zeta:** Denison University, Granville, Ohio

**Eta:** Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

**Theta:** Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

**Lambda:** University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi

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

**Sigma:** Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

**Tau:** University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

**Psi:** Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

**Omega:** College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia

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

**Alpha Epsilon:** Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

**Alpha Omicron:** Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin

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

**Alpha Rho:** Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania

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

**Alpha Upsilon:** College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio

**Alpha Phi:** Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi

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

**Beta Alpha:** University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota

**Beta Beta:** Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina

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

**Beta Delta:** University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

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

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

**Beta Iota:** Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

**Beta Kappa:** College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

**Beta Mu:** Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Beta Nu:** Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia

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

**Beta Sigma:** Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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

**Beta Chi:** Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland

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

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

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

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

**Gamma Eta:** Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana

**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

**Gamma Mu:** Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

**Gamma Xi:** Howard University, Washington, D.C.

**Gamma Omicron:** Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois

**Gamma Rho:** Hope College, Holland, Michigan

**Gamma Sigma:** University of Texas, Austin, Texas

**Gamma Upsilon:** Austin College, Sherman, Texas

**Gamma Phi:** Le Moyne College, Syracuse, New York

**Gamma Chi:** Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri

**Delta Alpha:** Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia

**Delta Beta:** Canisius College, Buffalo, New York

**Delta Gamma:** Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania

**Delta Epsilon:** Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi

**Delta Zeta:** Colgate University, Hamilton, New York

**Delta Theta:** Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

**Delta Iota:** College of Saint Teresa, Winona, Minnesota

**Delta Kappa:** Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin

**Delta Mu:** Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

**Delta Nu:** La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Delta Omicron:** Texas Technical University, Lubbock, Texas

**Delta Pi:** Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia

**Delta Rho:** Radford College, Radford, Virginia

**Delta Sigma:** University of California-Irvine, Irvine, California

**Delta Tau:** University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

**Delta Upsilon:** Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana

**Delta Phi:** Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri

**Delta Chi:** St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

**Delta Psi:** Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania

**Delta Omega:** Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota

**Epsilon Alpha:** Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana

**Epsilon Beta:** George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

**Epsilon Gamma:** University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania

**Epsilon Epsilon:** Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois