Amicus Salutem Dico:

As I looked over some old copies of the Nuntius one day I realized that Eta Sigma Phi has been facing the same problems for years: insufficient funds, falling national enrollment, weak local chapters, decreasing attendance at the National Convention, and fewer people entering the annual contests. Fortunately this year we are financially sound, therefore let us turn our minds, as Virgil said, to greater things.

This year's convention was a busy time for everyone. We all enjoyed ourselves, but we did some serious work as well. We were appalled at the number of chapters which have lost or will soon lose their charters. This loss hurts not only the national organization, but also the individual chapters since there is a ten dollar readmission fee. The requirements for chapter membership in the national organization are minimal, but if a chapter is having trouble financially or in any other way Prof. Den Adel should be notified so that special allowances may be considered.

I was especially concerned because several of our dormant chapters failed to respond to mailings. We do not wish to lose any chapters, but what can we do when we receive no response at all?

One of our committees at this year's convention discussed the many problems which plague local chapters and came up with these suggestions: (1) all secretaries should order a sufficient number of copies of the Nuntius and personally see that each member receives his copy; (2) local chapters should procure enough copies of the Eta Sigma Phi Constitution (order them from Prof. Den Adel) so that new members will be more informed about their organization and, therefore, be more interested; (3) local chapters should hold frequent student run meetings featuring interesting Classics-related programs; (4) always open a good program to the public and use all the resources at your disposal to advertise your chapter of Eta Sigma Phi.

It is always good to see the delegates who attend the National Convention, but very few of our chapters send delegates more often than once every five years. The importance of sending delegates to the National Convention is tremendous. Not only is this a requirement for chapter membership (one delegate must be sent every five years), but it is also vital to the Classics since delegates make important decisions governing our organization. At the convention delegates may acquaint themselves with the job market, meet other people in the field of the Classics, receive ideas for programs and money-making schemes, but most of all, delegates can discover that they are not alone in the struggle to revitalize liberal arts and academic excellence. Granted some chapters simply cannot send two delegates every year, but each chapter should try. Just imagine what we could accomplish at one convention with two delegates from each chapter!

We were also surprised that we could not award all of the prizes for this year's National Contest. We had so few entries compared to the number of tests sent out, that we had to assign this problem to a

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Contest Announcement

1) Twenty-Ninth Annual Greek Translation Contest

This contest will consist of the sight translation of a passage in Greek which is considered within the comprehension of students in the second or above of the study of Greek.

2) Twenty-Eighth Annual Latin Translation Contest

This contest will consist of the sight translation of a passage in Latin chosen in reference to students who have had two or more years of Latin in high school (the equivalent in college) and at least one or more semesters in college.

3) Twelfth Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest

This contest will consist of the translation of a passage of English into Latin. This contest is intended for advanced students of Latin who are in their third or fourth year of college Latin.

Prizes

First prize in each contest will be $35.00; second prize $25.00; and third prize $15.00.

Eligibility

The above contests are open only to students in classes in Greek and/or Latin in colleges and universities which have active chapters of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Written notice of a desire to participate, postmarked not later than January 13, 1978, must be sent to the Executive Secretary, Professor Raymond L. Den Adel, Department of Classics, Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois 61101. Materials will be mailed by him in time for the contest to be administered simultaneously in all competing schools during the week of April 6, 1978.

Contest papers in all of the above contests are to be forwarded to the Executive Secretary and must be postmarked not later than February 17, 1978. Each paper must be accompanied by an identification page, which will be supplied in advance of the contest. There is a limit of three papers from any one school in each contest.

COnvention Preview

April 6-8, 1978

Colgate University was the setting for another fine convention. Dr. John Rexine, David Evans, and their helpers were most gracious and the program was varied and inspirational. Now we look ahead to the meeting at Indiana State University at Terre Haute, Indiana, on April 6-8, 1978. Lynn Dunnagan and staff are already planning to continue our excellent convention tradition. Since we are meeting in a rather central location, many of the chapters which need to attend to uphold constitutional requirements should be able to do so. According to my records, these are: Gamma, Epilon, Zeta, Lambda, Tau Omega, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Iota, Alpha Mu, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Phi, Beta Gamma, Beta Omicron, Beta Sigma, Beta Gamma Delta, Gamma Lambda, Gamma Xi, Gamma Rho, Gamma Upsilon, Gamma Chi, Delta Beta, Delta Gamma, Delta Epsilon, Delta Theta, Delta Iota, Delta Mu, Delta Nu, Delta Omicron, Delta Rho, Delta Phi, Delta Omega, Epsilon Zeta.

If chapters will start planning now, this could be the largest convention in recent years.

Again I ask student officers and local chapters to try to interest students and faculty in schools without chapters to start them in schools which once had them to reactivate them. We were pleased to welcome Duquesne University’s Epsilon Theta Chapter into our ranks this spring!

We also welcome as a new member of the Board of Directors, Dr. John Rexine of Colgate University, and we thank Dr. William de Grummond of Florida State University for his past service. Professor Theodore Bedrick continues as Chairman of the Board, and we appreciate his willingness to continue in that capacity. I am pleased that Professor Froberg and Professor Fitts will once again be in charge of the contest and scholarship competitions, respectively. Please note that the Rome and Greece scholarships will have a value of $1,000 and $1,200, respectively. We need more entries for both contests and scholarships!

There is one more chapter to be notified of the availability of Eta Sigma Phi for many years. At the convention we honored Estella Kyne of Washington and Lois Larson of Illinois for 50 years of membership and support. We shall be happy to recognize others upon knowledge of similar records, We hope that our old friends will continue to support us in any way possible.

Best wishes to all for a prosperous academic year!

Sincerely,

R. L. Den Adel
Executive Secretary

The Gamma Alpha chapter of Eta Sigma Phi cordially invites everyone to attend the Fifty-Third Annual National Convention which will be held at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, on April 6, 7, and 8, 1978. The theme of this year’s Convention is “The Golden Ages of Greece and Rome.” Our featured speaker will be Professor Paul MacKendrick. We hope every chapter will be represented on this momentous occasion.

Mark R. Ewald
Program Chairman

Eta Sigma Phi Medals

Eta Sigma Phi medals for honors in second and fourth-year Latin are one of our best contacts with high school students of Classics. Chapters can use them as prizes in contests or in other ways to recognize achievement.

There are two silver medals available: the large silver medal at $12.00 and the small silver medal at $6.25. The bronze medal is also $3.75 and costs $4.00. Please add $1.00 total per order for postage and handling. It is suggested that the silver medals are appropriate for the most excellent fourth year.
Minutes of the 49th Convention April 15-16, 1977

Colgate University in Hamilton, New York was the site of the Forty-Ninth National Eta Sigma Phi Convention. The convention was held on Thursday, April 14. The Delta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, which had the honor of that evening with the film Ode to the King and a subsequent reception in the Glessner Center, held its own meeting the same evening there was a meeting of the Trustees and the Executive Council to determine the procedure of business during the first and second general sessions and to determine a loose structure for the convention itself. At 9:30 A.M. Friday morning, the Executive Council met in the Chase Memorial Library. The topics of discussion were: to increase the scholarship allotment to the Athenians winner from $1,000 less the back interest of $200, to increase the amount of the revenue offered the Rome scholarship $75, and to offer the J.A. Martin scholarship. These suggestions were adopted and the questions were referred to the Committee of Ten.

Dr. Roy Lindahl of Furman University suggested that since next year's convention will be in Athens, Georgia, the second edition of the Nuntius could be expanded to 32 pages. He further recommended that at least certain articles could be dedicated to the subject of the convention.

The Delta chapter then reported that four committees had been established by the convention to meet the following year:

1. Committee on Expansion headed by Dr. John P. Brown.
2. Committee on Purpose and Role of the Eta Sigma Phi chapter headed by Dr. John L. Williams.
3. Committee on Time and Place (including a new chapter) headed by Dr. H. Thomas Verge.

Dr. Stephen R. Fennel then urged that the Eta Sigma Phi Convention fund should be used to support chapters, particularly those in new and second-year chapters, which would be continued as long as the fund existed.

Dr. Raymond Den Adel of Rockefeller College then delivered the report of the Executive Committee. He reminded that it was not yet time to publish the minutes of the report.

Dr. Edward J. Gourley suggested that the application for a new chapter be accepted and the report to the Executive Committee, which would be conducted by Dr. J. A. Martin.

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for this year’s convention was handed to the delegates by Randy Bilbo, Prytania of Phi Delta Eta. He expressed gratitude for all the work done by everyone to study the amendments and recommended that the President be authorized to attend the committee meeting concerning these proposals.

Megas Prytania of Tulane University made announcements pertaining to the convention’s registration before it was then delivered by the national officers. Cheryl Thomas first reported for the committee concerning the registration for next year’s convention. Two important changes were presented to the delegates: attendance will be taken electronically for the first time via a system called “Eta Sigma Phi Convention” for 1978, one from Gamma Alpha chapter at Indiana University, and another from Gamma Omicron chapter at Monmouth College. Mark Eitel, President of Prytania of Gamma Alpha, presented the invitation for Indiana State, while Dr. Linda had delivered the request on behalf of Prof. Bernice Fox of Monmouth College. Ms. Thomas stated that it was the consensus of the committee that Indiana State University be chosen as next year’s host. His motion was adopted by the university and more delegates were encouraged to attend. After some discussion the delegation voted to accept the recommendations of the committee. The weekend of April 7 and 8 was suggested as a tentative date which would contain the 80th anniversary celebration of officers and the Executive Secretary.

Megas Prytania of Tulane University made recommendations to the convention. Funds were allocated for encouraging the expansion of Eta Sigma Phi by writing letters to chapters. David expressed the necessity for writing letters to chapters for next year’s Vice-President, for him not to have the time to do so. He recommended five ways in which the Exclusion Committee could further its endeavors:

1. national mailings or announcements by national publicity of the National Convention.
2. presentation of certificates to chapters which start new chapters at other schools.
3. distribution of information on the best ways to operate the national office.
4. regional action should be left to individual chapters.
5. a method of rewarding chapters.

Megas Prytania of Tulane University recommended amendment number one for the second reading:

Dr. Thomas proposed a new amendment. This was to be read aloud: 

"Eta Sigma Phi shall be open equally to men and women."

This was agreed and was read aloud: 

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SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1978

The Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity are pleased to announce that two scholarships will be offered in 1978 to enable one member of Eta Sigma Phi to attend the 1978 Summer Session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece, and another to attend the 1978 Summer Session of the American Academy in Rome, Italy.

The Scholarship to the American Academy in Rome will have a value of $1000.000, less the tuition fee remitted by the American Academy.

The Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens will have a value of $1200.00 less the tuition fee remitted by the American School.

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

Selection of candidates for the scholarships is exercised by the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee, whose members are Professors R. Leon Fitts of Dickinson College, Chairman, Justin Glenn of Florida State University, and Carrie Cowherd of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Enquiries and requests for blanks should be addressed to Professor R. Leon Fitts, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. 17013.

Eligible to apply for the scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members and alumni who have received a Bachelor's degree since January 1, 1972, or shall have received it in or before June 1978, and who have not yet 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 and his intention to teach at the secondary school or college level.

The applicant must submit a transcript of his undergraduate work, letters of recommendation and a statement not to exceed 500 words of his purpose and reasons for desiring the scholarship. Applications must be submitted to Professor Fitts by December 16, 1977. The winner of each scholarship will be announced about January 15, 1978.

For the Scholarship Committee

R. Leon Fitts
Chairman