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Cover design from NUNTIUS in the early 1930s.

From the Centennial Committee

Carissimi Sorores Fratresque,

As we sit here at the Centennial Convention, we cannot help but ask one simple question: why is the centenary of this organization notable? Indeed, Scott Adam's Dilbert once opined that all such celebrations (centennials, millennia, etc.) result only because our distant ancestors happened to choose a base-ten counting system and we have a fascination with large, round numbers. Why go to the trouble of ordering the cake you are to enjoy at the banquet, or to bring you all here to Chicago?

Since its founding, Eta Sigma Phi has stood for the protection and advancement of Classical Studies, especially in the United States. As Professor Sienkewicz notes in his article in this issue, to examine Eta Sigma Phi's history is to examine not only the history of the United States in the 20th and 21st centuries but to look at a changing world that our society has endured. For one-hundred years, we have borne beauty's flame on the torch of Classical civiliza-

tion (to borrow from the American Classical League's language) and have served as a reminder of the importance and utility of a Classical education.

The centennial is a moment to reflect, to celebrate the hard work of our brothers and sisters throughout the ten decades that has made this organization what it is today. It is a moment to appreciate the challenges we have gone through to better prepare for the road leading into the future. While here in the Windy City, we hope you will take the time to consider this and to realize how important it is that organizations like this continue to exist in this modern world.

e cordibus,

DAVID GIOVAGNOLI
MICHELLE MARTINEZ
KYLE OSKVIK
THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



DAVID GIOVAGNOLI, KYLE OSKVIK (TOP),
AND MICHELLE MARTINEZ

From Alpha to Iota Omicron and Still Growing

BY THOMAS J. SIENKEWICZ

Members of Eta Sigma Phi will know from our ritual that the society had its beginning in 1914 when a group of students in the Department of Greek at the University of Chicago organized an undergraduate Classical club to which honor students in Greek and Latin were elected to membership. It is this event which we are recognizing this year with a centennial celebration. A similar organization was founded at Northwestern University in the following year. In 1924 these two groups united and the society became national. The unification of these two groups into a national organization was part of a trend which began with the founding of the American Philological Association in 1892, followed by the Classical Association of the Middle West and South and the Classical Association of New England in 1905, the Classical Association of the Atlantic States in 1907, and the American Classical League in 1919.

In many ways the history of Eta Sigma Phi and its chapters is a microcosm of the history of Classical Studies, both its successes and challenges, during the last 100 years. The history of our organization also reflects the history of our nation during the same period.

Within one year of nationalization, Eta Sigma Phi had already welcomed three sister chapters in nearby Midwestern states: Gamma of Ohio University, Delta of Franklin College (Indiana) and Epsilon of the University of Iowa. The five remaining years of the 1920s were marked by rapid growth with the addition of 34 chapters from as far west as Kappa of Colorado College and Alpha Beta of the University of Denver, and as far east as Iota of the University of Vermont. Alpha Omicron of Lawrence University was the 39th and last chapter to join during the Roaring Twenties.

The Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the Great Depression resulted in much slower growth for Eta Sigma Phi in the 1930s, when only 10 additional chapters were added, ending in 1939 with our 50th chapter, Beta Beta of Furman University. The War Years of the 1940s were no better, with only eight additional chapters added. The last chapter to join in the 1940s was Beta Kappa of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland (now known as Notre Dame of Maryland University). The Post-War years of the prosperous 1950s, however, saw a resurgence of growth for the society with an addition of 29 chapters, through Gamma Tau of Mississippi College. The 1960s were not far behind with 25 new chapters, ending with Delta Upsilon of Valparaiso University. One of these new chapters, it should be noted, was Delta Delta of the University of Alberta, which technically made the organization international.

The late '60s and early '70s were difficult times for Classical Studies in the United States with the elimination of many Latin programs in high schools and colleges throughout the country. These hard times eventually led to the demise of a number of chapters of Eta Sigma Phi, including Delta of Franklin College, Pi of Birmingham-Southern College, Rho of Drake University, Upsilon of Mississippi State College for Women and Alpha Alpha of Winthrop College, institutions which have either discontinued their Latin and Greek programs or closed their doors entirely. (*Requiescant in pace.*) It is no surprise, then, that only 13 new chapters were founded in the 1970s. Two of these new chapters, however, brought Eta Sigma Phi across the Rockies to Epsilon Zeta of the University of Idaho and Epsilon Kappa of Brigham Young University.

The 80s saw only a marginal increase in growth with 18 new chapters. With the addition of Epsilon Psi of Santa Clara University in 1987, however, the society finally spanned the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

By the 1990s the decline of Classical Studies in the United States had begun to turn around. Enrollments for high school students were stabilizing and were actually growing modestly in colleges and universities. It is no surprise, then, that the number of chapters of Eta Sigma Phi grew significantly in that decade, when 32 new chapters were added, ending with Eta Lambda of the University of Dallas in 1999 and Eta Mu of the University of California, Davis in 2000.

By the time Eta Sigma Phi entered the 21st century, then, it had welcomed 179 chapters from all over the United States, as well as one in Canada. The new millennium has already been good to Eta Sigma Phi. The first decade of the new century was the fastest growing in the society's history with 41 new chapters, ending with Iota Epsilon of Villanova University. Since 2011 Eta Sigma Phi has added an additional ten chapters, including our newest members: Iota Mu of Virginia Wesleyan College, Iota Nu of Skidmore College, Iota Xi of Bucknell University, and Iota Omicron of Siena College. 231 chapters in 100 years. A bright, proud and prosperous past to lead Eta Sigma Phi into its second century!

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GAMMA OMICRON
HONORARY TRUSTEE

A POSTCARD FROM PAUL MACKENDRICK
OF CAMBRIDGE, ACCEPTING THE INVITATION
TO ADDRESS THE CONVENTION IN 1978 AT
INDIANA STATE.



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Dear Mr Ewald,

I am pleased to accept your invitation to Terre Haute on Apr 7, as I had already done in a letter to Barb. Rozame on July 11, and I will come prepared to talk about Ovid. Further correspondence should be addressed to me here in Cambridge, zip code CB 3 0DS. I will let you know time of arrival when the transatlantic charter situation sorts itself out.

Yours faithfully

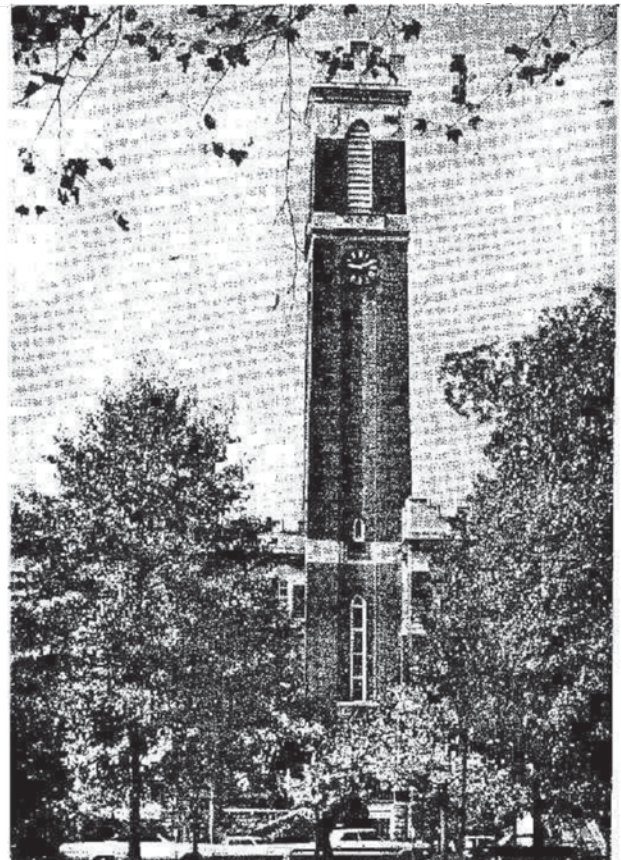
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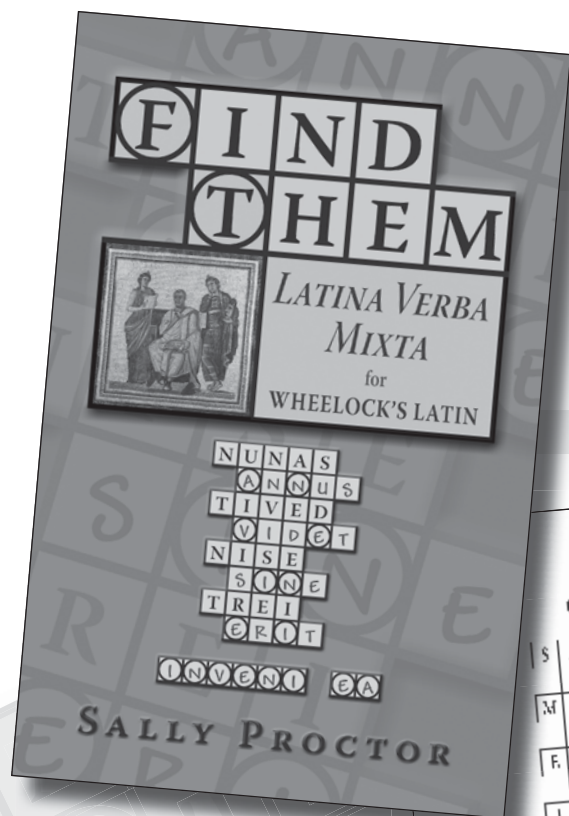
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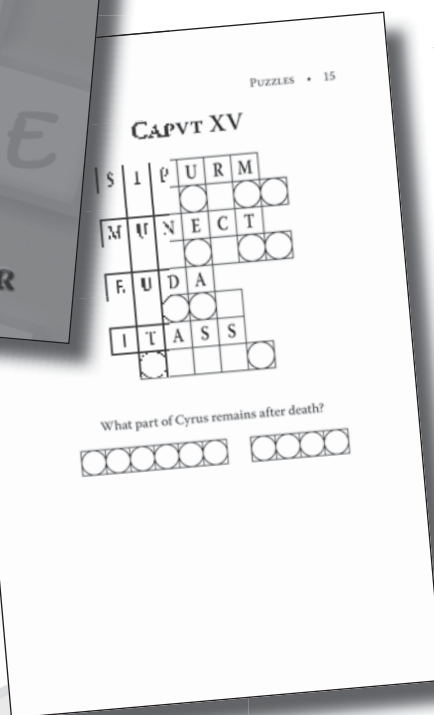


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From Chicago to Chicago: Eta Sigma Phi's Remarkable Periegesis beyond the Pillars of Herakles

BY GEORGIA L. IRBY

If individual chapters and members are the flesh and bone of ΗΣΦ, then the annual conventions are its soul. Chapters work hard through the school year to raise money to travel to convention, presenters polish up papers, costumes are created, and regalia is designed. We anticipate our bake sales and road trips. We share our inside jokes understood only by the few, the proud, those who have been initiated into the *sanctum sanctorum* of the most sublime literature produced by the human mind (*semper fi!*). It is the one opportunity each year for students and faculty to come together and to revel in what makes us **Classicists**, where we do not have to explain to newly met friends, “No, I do not study Shakespeare / Mozart” (though we have an introduction to Shakespeare that no English major ever will), or why Vergil is so brilliant, or what makes *The Life of Brian* funny (“What have the Romans ever done for us”?!); or you may prefer “*Romanes eunt domus*”), or why the 2004 Benioff-Petersen *Troy* was a waste of electrons (despite Peter O’Toole’s dazzling Priam). Although delegates change with the years, as do activities, the convention endures: *Certamina*, student papers, lifetime achievement awards, Greek and Roman dress contests, the banquet, t-shirt design contests, the election of new national officers. This experience binds us all.

A periegesis of convention host sites clearly shows how quickly the organization became national on a broad scale. By the fifth annual meeting, the organization had ventured out of the Midwest into the deep south, to Columbus, Mississippi, at the invitation of Upsilon Chapter—at which time it was suggested by the Convention Committee that ΗΣΦ convene alternately in the south, east, west, etc. in order to encourage wider participation. Before the War (WWII) suspended academic activities nationwide, the organization had made a quick tour of the country: Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Iowa, Illinois, Alabama, Louisi-

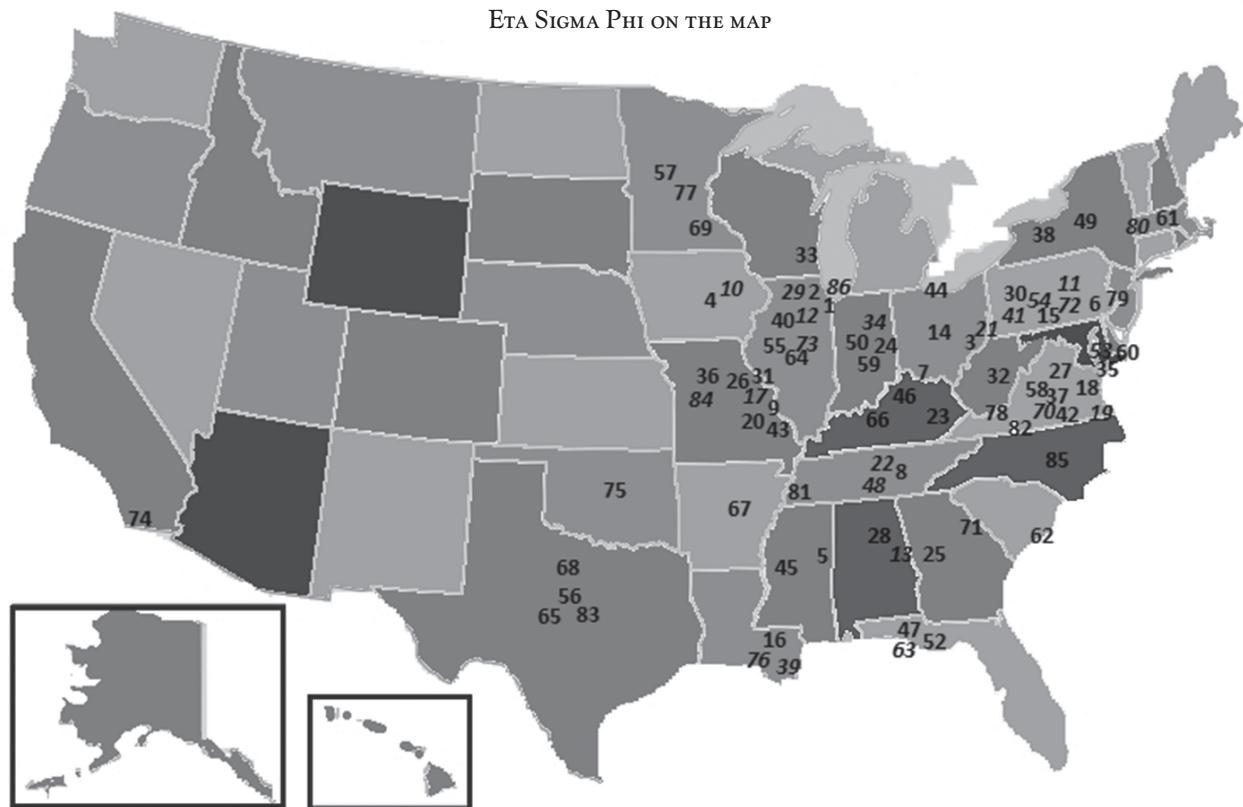


1934: MRS. MARY PINE AS MEDEA
AT THE 10TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

ana, and Virginia. With the restoration of “normalcy” after the war, convention activity also resumed, with meetings occurring predominantly in the south and Midwest: back to Virginia (Omega chapter hosted the conventions that bookended World War II), Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, Georgia, Alabama, Illinois, Pennsylvania. And new ground was broken in Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Florida and Minnesota. By the mid-80s, meetings were held even further “beyond the Pillars of Herakles”: Texas (1984, 1996), California (2002), Oklahoma (2003). In all, fifty five chapters representing twenty seven states have hosted the national convention, including also Arkansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Massachusetts. Missing from our ΗΣΦ map are the *limes*—most of the states west of the Mississippi river (barring Texas, Oklahoma, and California). Of those east of the river, only Michigan, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Delaware are unrepresented. And these conventions have been well attended from the earliest days. For example, at the 1929 convention in Columbus, Mississippi (Upsilon at Mississippi State College for

Women) “about sixty percent of the chapters were represented”, including “delegates from chapters in such widely distant places as New York City and Dallas, Texas; Iowa City and Tallahassee, Florida” (*NUNTIUS* 1929: 3.3.8). The early *NUNTII* even list chapters and their delegates by name (into the 1960s, we do this now online).

The host chapters, likewise, reflect ΗΣΦ’s diversity: from the collegiate powerhouses with flourishing doctoral programs (Alpha at the University of Chicago: 1925, 1936; Omicron at the University of Pennsylvania: 1930; Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas: 1984, 1993, 2011) to large state schools (Eta at Florida State: 1975, 1980, 1991; Zeta Iota at the University of



Georgia: 1999; Eta Eta at Virginia Tech: 2006, 2010) to mid-size and small liberal arts institutions, both public (Omega at College of William and Mary: 1942, 1947; Beta Nu at Mary Washington College: 1955; Epsilon Rho at the College of Charleston: 1990), private (Alpha Delta at Agnes Scott College: 1953; Beta Psi at Rhodes College: 2009), Catholic (Alpha Chi at Tulane University: 1940, 1967; Eta Gamma at Loyola University of New Orleans, where Mardi Gras beads are probably still dangling from the trees outside the convention hotel: 2004; Beta Sigma at Marquette University: 1961; Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland: 1963, 1981, 1988) and protestant (Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College: 1983, 1992, 2001; Gamma Omega at Baylor University: 1996; Beta Iota at Wake Forest University: 2013)—among many others, all listed at the end of this Centennial edition. Some chapters have even played host for multiple conventions: Alpha Xi at Washington University in St. Louis earns the most κλέος for its four conventions (1933, 1941, 1948, 1954), but several chapters have thrice extended their gracious hospitality: Beta Zeta at St. Louis University (1959, 1971, 1979), Psi at Vanderbilt University (1932, 1950, 1976), and Beta Gamma at the University of Richmond (1970, 1986, 1998) in addition to Florida State, Monmouth College, the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and the University of Texas—mentioned above.

Like the organization, the convention has not remained static. Convention has provided the venue to ratify a new constitution (1940), and amend it (frequently, contentiously so in

1934), as well as to revise the induction ritual (1959, 2013). Delegates originally met from Thursday evening through Saturday noon, but this schedule shifted to Friday evening through Sunday noon in the early 1980s. Conventions originally showcased one student paper, alternating between addresses from the ΗΣΦ Scholars to Athens and then to Rome (those students who had received scholarships to study abroad the summer preceding the convention). By 1990, a full panel of four student presenters became a standard feature. 2009 even featured a post-banquet performance panel, when two students—Nathan Self of Omega and William Storm of Epsilon—performed their own Latin and Greek versions of rock and folk music (Stairway to Heaven, If I Had a Hammer, *inter alia*)—“their performances were clearly enjoyed by the whole crowd.” Beta Kappa had been giving reports about *Certamen* at the convention for many years. At the 1987 meeting (Terra Haute, University of Indiana), there seemed little possibility for an excursion, and Brent Froberg thought *Certamen* might make for a good activity. Beta Kappa came to the rescue and *Certamen* has been a highlight of the annual meeting ever since. “Bearing Beauty’s Flame,” our national song (English lyric and melody), was composed by Ann Connor of Beta Kappa (1952), likely intended to be considered for adoption at the 1953 Convention in Atlanta at Agnes Scott College. Years later, after finding the song in a file, Tom Sienkewicz sent out a call. Sister Thérèse Dougherty recognized the lyric. In 2005 the song was harmonized by Stacy Heinrich of Monmouth College and verses

2012: UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
BEARING BEAUTY'S FLAME

BELOW, 2009: MEMPHIS
(RHODES COLLEGE)
DELEGATES VISIT ELVIS'S
HEROON AT GRACELAND



were added in Latin and Greek (composed by Tom and Delta Chi advisers Chris Brunelle and Anne Groton). The song was sung for the first time at the St. Olaf College convention.

Each convention has its special moments. And space hardly permits a full recounting. Let us just mention H.B. Schermerhorn's "informal lecture" at the Parthenon in Nashville (1932) and a tour of Andrew Jackson's home at the Hermitage that same year: "after a beautiful drive out of Nashville, the Convention arrived at this extremely historic and lovely spot" (6.3.4-5). The 1963 meeting in Baltimore featured an after-dinner illustrated lecture by Miss Dorothy Miner, Librarian and Keeper of Manuscripts of the Walters Art Gallery: "Masterpieces of Medieval Illumination in Baltimore." At the New Orleans meeting in 1967, John F. Latimer, executive secretary of the American Classical League, offered "a most excellent address" on "Classics and the Humanities." In 1978, the distinguished polymath Professor Paul MacKendrick of Cambridge University spoke on Ovid at the convention at Indiana State University. Also of note was the performance of Euripides' *Medea* at the 10th annual convention in Iowa City wherein "the cast was well-chosen, and the costumes and scenery were faithfully executed according to Classical details. The role of *Medea* was taken by Mrs. Mary Pine, who was the only member of the cast belonging to Eta Sigma Phi. Her interpretation of the part was exceedingly well done, and the audience was moved by the dramatic force of her speeches" (8.4.6-7). In 1948, at Washington University, delegates could participate in "informal dance" following the subscription banquet. After the banquet, attendees of the 1959 meeting at Saint Louis University "were entertained with a Demonstration of Magic." In 1965, delegates toured Colonial Williamsburg when the conference was co-hosted by four area Virginia schools. In 1975 at FSU, delegates enjoyed "A Quickie History of the Theatre" and a "Mr. Apollo"

contest before adjourning for a tour of ante-bellum homes in Tallahassee, Florida. Among the many highlights of the 2005 meeting at St. Olaf were indoor chariot races, Dean James May's lecture on triremes, and a performance of Plautus's *Curculio*, from an original translation, performed by the St. Olaf Players with music composed by Anne Groton. "The play was a boisterous and funny affair, with songs, puns, and physical comedy thrown together. In a nice touch, the performers spoke many of their lines in Latin as well as in English, giving the assembled Classicists much delight" (79.2.7). At long last, at the invitation of Zeta Beta at Temple University, in 2007, the convention came back to Philadelphia, where delegates met in the old city and enjoyed a terrific performance of *The Iliad* by Curio Theater, two guys and a drum, now a thriving and recognized drama company in the city which ΗΣΦ helped launch, along with the thousand ships. In 2009, delegates paid homage to Elvis Presley at his *heroon* at Graceland in Nashville where years worth of offerings from loyal fans are displayed—Elvis, our modern Herakles, who like a Greek hero died a spectacular death and continues to elicit the worship of pilgrims. Surely the Centennial celebration, in Chicago where it all began, will be a convention to remember, with a pilgrimage to the heroon at the University of Chicago where we shall dedicate offerings of shorn locks to our esteemed ancestors, where we shall hear the scholarly thoughts of Dignitaries and Rising Stars, and where we shall enjoy cake at the Hippocrene (with apologies to Horace): *Nunc est edendum, nunc pede libero / pulsanda tellus, nunc Saliaribus / ornare pulvinar deorum / tempus erat dapibus, sodales.*

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OMEGA

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Conventions Through the Years



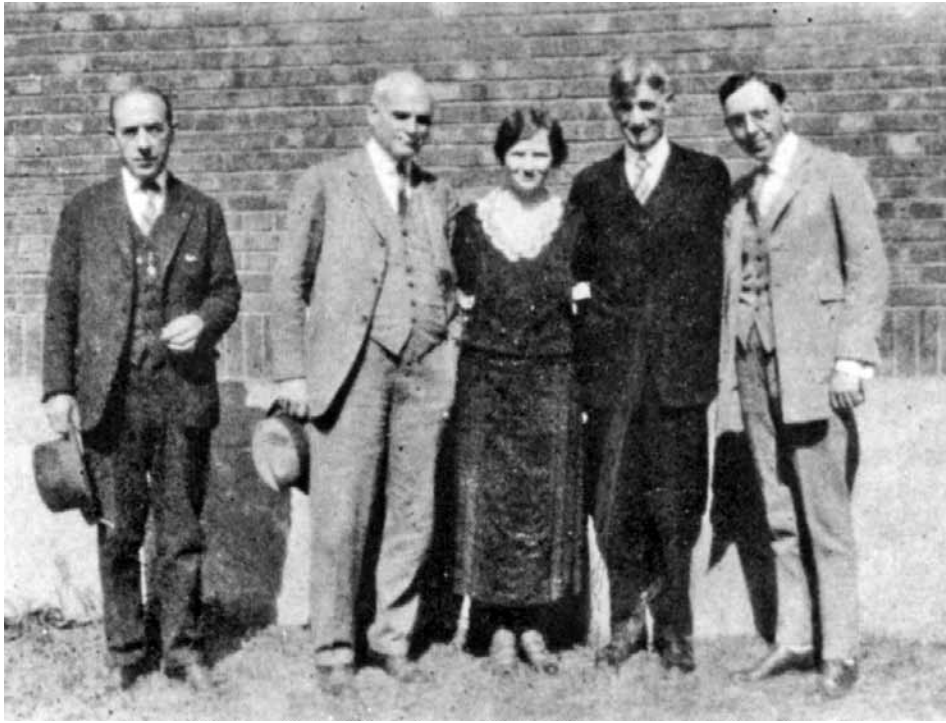
1935: LEHIGH UNIVERSITY



1936: UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



1937: BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN COLLEGE



1920s/30s



1940s :



1950: VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY



1951: UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY



1952: INDIANA UNIVERSITY. FIRST ROW: GERTRUDE EWING, SECOND FROM RIGHT; GRAYDON REGENOS TO HER RIGHT; WILLIAM WILLIS, PEERING FROM BEHIND THE COLUMN



1953: AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE



STANDING ON THE FAR RIGHT: HERMAN ROBERT BUTTS



1954: WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



1954: WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY



1956: BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN COLLEGE: FAR LEFT: H.R. BUTTS, AND GERTRUDE EWING ON THE FAR RIGHT



1960s: AN INITIATION



1960: MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

BELOW, 1960: BANQUET AT
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY



1969: SETON HILL UNIVERSITY

LEFT, 1969: OFFICERS AT
SETON HILL UNIVERSITY





1979: ST LOUIS UNIVERSITY: KRISTY MCGOWEN (MEGALE CHRYSOPHYLAX), LAURA HACKBERN (MEGALE HYPARCHOS), JAMES KOERNER (MEGAS PRYTANIS), MICHAEL PAINTER (MEGAS GRAMMATEUS)



1979: ST LOUIS UNIVERSITY: BRENT FROBERG AT THE FAR LEFT, THEN RAY DEN ADEL, W.W. DE GRUMMOND (IN BLACK FOUR-IN-HAND TIE), AND ON THE FAR RIGHT, TED BEDRICK

1980s: NEW OFFICERS ARE SWORN IN
LEFT, FACING THE CAMERA:
POLLY ANN (P.A.) MAGEE



PROFESSOR FROBERG,
PATRICK FROM
HAMPDEN SYDNEY,
MEGAS PRYTANIS
IN 1983, EILEEN
TORRENCE OF THE
GAMMA ALPHA,
SISTER THÉRÈSE
MARIE DOUGHERTY



1983 (MONMOUTH): FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: ROY LINDAHL, BRENT FROBERG, BERNICE FOX,
THEODORE BEDRICK, RAYMOND DEN ADEL, GRAYDON W. REGENOS



1990s (?)



1993: GAMMA OMICRON



2011: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
THE OFFICERS THROW DOWN THE *CERTAMEN* GAUNTLET!

2011: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
BETA PI HAS SOME POST-CONFERENCE FUN
(LEFT: TRISTAN JOHNSON, TIFFANY MONTGOMERY,
DANIEL LEVINE; RIGHT: JASMINE MERCED)





2012: UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
THE HOST CHAPTER, ALPHA MU, IN THEIR BANQUET FINERY



2012: UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI: BACCHUS (TIM MORRIS OF MONMOUTH COLLEGE)
VISITS REVELERS AT THE BANQUET (DANIEL LEVINE, TOM SIENKEWICZ IN THE BACKGROUND)



2013: WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY:
CANDIDATES FOR THE CENTENNIAL OFFICES



2013: WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
THE HOST CHAPTER, BETA IOTA,
IN THEIR "REGALIA"



2015: THETA TAU AT RICHARD STOCKTON, HERE WE COME!

A History of Professional Opportunities through Eta Sigma Phi

BY JOSEPH GARNJOBST

Eta Sigma Phi is a wonderful place where students engaged in similar pursuits are able to come together to promote their love of the Classics. In addition, Eta Sigma Phi also serves another purpose: pre-professional development. For many Classics majors, Latin and Greek Studies end at the undergraduate level, as they pursue careers in other fields, but for those who have also made the Classics their calling, or are wondering whether such a career

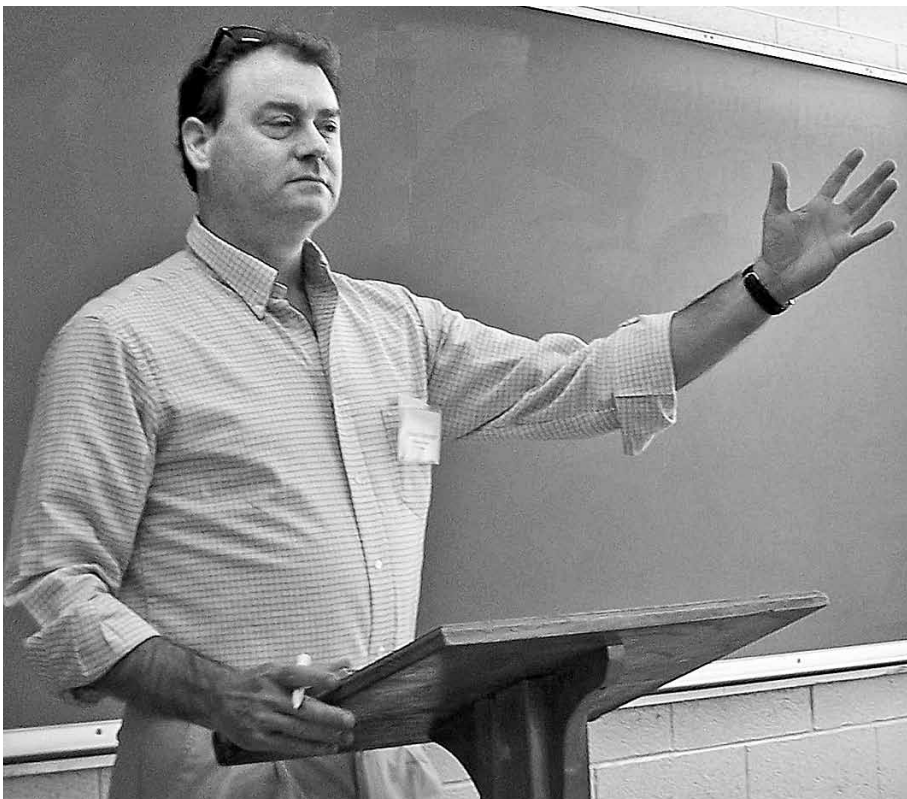
ing the summer school program of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and another stipend supports study at the American Academy in Rome. In 1999, Eta Sigma Phi began to offer a scholarship to the summer program of the Vergilian Society. This scholarship was shortly thereafter named in honor of Theodore Bedrick, a former Chair of the Board of Trustees. Eta Sigma Phi members are eligible for these stipends up to eight years after graduation, provided a PhD has not yet been granted to them.

For Eta Sigma Phi members considering a career in teaching Greek or Latin, the honor society offers the Teacher Training Scholarship, established in 2004 in honor of Bernice L. Fox, dedicated teacher and long-time faculty advisor for Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College. Students who wish to attend a summer teaching institute, such as the Kentucky Language Institute, the American Classical League Institute, or one of the *Rusticationes* of the *Septentrionale Americanum Latinitatis Vivae Institutum* (SALVI), can apply for the Fox Scholarship.

Students more interested in archaeology can apply for the Field Archaeology Scholarship. First offered in the summer of 2010 and named after H.R. Butts, this scholarship helps Eta Sigma Phi members defray the costs of overseas travel and (on occasion) post-excavation season travel.

Students continuing with graduate level studies, more often than not, will be required to take sight translation exams in Greek or Latin. These exams can be somewhat intimidating, but become less

so with practice. To that end, I would encourage those students to take the annual Maurine Dallas Watkins national translation exams, now in their 65th year for Greek and 64th year for Latin. These exams are set at the intermediate (2nd year) and advanced (3rd and above) for each language. Also offered are a Koine Greek exam (advanced) and a Latin Prose Composition exam (also advanced, and the relative newcomer to the stage in its 48th year). These exams help students improve their skills at taking sight exams, and so help prepare them for the graduate level sight-exam. Especially instructive is revisiting the passages



DR. GARNJOBST

is the right fit, Eta Sigma Phi affords tremendous opportunities to determine whether the Classics would be a good career choice.

In 1957 Eta Sigma Phi began to award scholarships for summer study abroad in Greece at the American School of Classical Studies. In 1958, the organization added a scholarship to study in Rome at the American Academy. These scholarships alternated: Athens in odd years, Rome in even years. In 1961, the trustees decided to offer two annual scholarships—to Athens and to Rome—a tradition that has continued to this day. The Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship supports a student attend-

with a faculty member afterwards. Whoever makes the most sense out of a passage of Greek or Latin at sight deserves a prize, and Maurine Dallas Watkins, an accomplished journalist and playwright perhaps best known for her beloved musical *Chicago*, endowed the fund that underwrites the awards.

Eta Sigma Phi members can further prepare themselves for graduate level work by writing a scholarly book review for the *NUNTIUS*. Reviewing books for print and online journals is part and parcel of a Classicist's job, an important service to inform colleagues about the significant books that are making seminal contributions to Classical scholarship. Students should choose a book published within the last two or three years and then write a review appropriate for the book's intended audience, whether general, undergraduate readers, or advanced graduate-level students or professionals. The reviewer should summarize the chapters and then critique the book's scholarly contribution. Reviews of this sort are especially helpful in the area of introductory language readers and textbooks, since it is primarily here that undergraduate student interests lie, either because the students themselves are looking for texts and commentaries that they might enjoy reading, or because they are future teachers who may be collecting texts and commentaries to use in their own classes and curricula.

Finally, Eta Sigma Phi offers three opportunities for students to present their own scholarly work to an audience of current and future peers: the annual convention, a practice started at the 62nd annual convention hosted by the Epsilon Rho chapter at the College of Charleston in 1990; the Eta Sigma Phi panel of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South Southern Section, first in 2000 at Athens, Georgia; and the undergraduate panel at the joint conference of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association, initiated in 2010 at the Orange County, California meetings. These panels are national competitions. The Eta Sigma Phi annual convention is restricted to active members, but CAMWS-SS and the

joint AIA/APA panel are open to all undergraduates. At each of these venues, three to six students present work representing their own current research, often resulting from a specific class or a senior thesis. Students who are seriously considering graduate school should contemplate submitting papers to some or all of these conferences, since presenting original research is an essential part of becoming a Classicist.

Members of Eta Sigma Phi with serious interest in pursuing Classics either in teaching or with a higher degree have a distinct advantage over undergraduates from schools without chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. Eta Sigma Phi members can take translation exams as early as their first or second year of college, and they can work their way up in degrees of difficulty throughout their undergraduate career until graduation, preparing themselves for MA-and PhD-level sight exams. Members can write scholarly reviews of books for the *NUNTIUS*, they can apply for scholarships for summer study or fieldwork abroad, and they can present their own original scholarship to an audience of fellow Classicists at one of several venues. Members of Eta Sigma Phi who avail themselves of these opportunities will have a much better idea of the challenges and rigors that advanced study requires, and they will gain valuable experience in all of those areas, so that when they enter graduate school, they will find that they have already been working at graduate school level for several years, that they have multiple presentations on their *vitae*, as well as experiences from traveling to Greece or to Italy, and that they have a thorough knowledge of the challenges that lie ahead for them. I can think of no better way to prepare students for a career in the Classics than through those opportunities which Eta Sigma Phi offers to its members.

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Beyond the Mystery: the Future of Eta Sigma Phi

BY DAVID H. SICK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I regularly tell new members of our chapter at Rhodes College that Eta Sigma Phi is at its core an honor society. They should be proud of the academic achievements that led to the invitation to membership, and there will be no further duties required of them. Of course, we hope that they will contribute their time and talents to the activities of the chapter and larger society. As we state in mythic terms in our induction ceremony, "...in Eta Sigma Phi Athene symbolizes the wisdom and power gained through the study of the Classics." To set aside that power upon induction would surely be a loss for the new member and the community.

Proficiency in Greek and Latin was once viewed as a prerequisite to membership in an elite community removed from the quotidian activities of contemporary society. That perspective tends to be a hard one to squelch; one need only read Donna Tartt's *The Secret History* to see that it persists. Classicists have for decades now been working to open the discipline to a wide audience, because we do believe that knowledge of the Western tradition provides an intellectual power for those living in contemporary society. At Eta Sigma Phi, we honor the academic accomplishment of our members, as we have done for the past 100 years, but we no longer (if we ever did) want to establish a secret society based on a gnostic mystery. We have, after all, put our ritual on the world-wide web. Instead we hope that membership will be the first step in a life-long association with the field. Our establishment of an outreach prize, of travel scholarships for members whether in college or as recent graduates, our efforts to bring undergraduates to professional conferences, our presence on social media, even the celebration of our centennial with invitations going out to all our alumni evince the society's efforts to expand and strengthen the community.

As I look to the next 100 years, I believe that our ties to our members after graduation provide a great opportunity for the society and could enable us to play a more prominent role in the larger intellectual community. As Phi Beta Kappa represents a life-long commitment to the liberal arts, Eta Sigma Phi could offer a life-long opportunity for interaction with cultures of the ancient Mediterranean.

The challenges we face are the challenges of academia in general and the professoriate in particular. Institutions facing economic hardships increase duties for faculty in teaching, research, and service, and, as a consequence, the time faculty can devote to Eta Sigma Phi decreases. Since the society is external to individual colleges and universities, faculty receive less credit for their work for the society. To support my claims, let me note that the number of full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty serving as advisers to chapters decreases each year, and the number of non-tenure track and adjunct faculty who are advisers increases. Our involvement with the larger community can help us to face and overcome these challenges. A system of chapters, where each includes members from the local non-academic community, would strengthen us both in volunteers and in economic resources. Our vulnerability comes from within the academy; our strength may come from without. Our first hundred years have seen the development of an amazing system of chapters on college campuses. I hope that the next hundred will see that system expand to other venues, be they virtual or physical, businesses or museums, bars or coffee houses, archaeological sites or *loci amoeni*.

DAVID H. SICK
RHODES COLLEGE
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

From the Megas Prytanis

BY STEPHEN GAN

Unless you've been living in Plato's Cave for the past few months, it should come as no surprise that 2014 marks a monumental occasion in the annals of ΗΣΦ—we're turning 100! To put that in historical perspective, here are a few figures: Since ΗΣΦ's inception, twenty-five Olympiads would have passed, the Peace of Nicias would have been sworn and broken almost fifteen times, and Julius Caesar would have conquered Gaul eleven times over. While it would be all too easy to rest on our laurels and speak to how terrific the past century has been, I think it's more fitting to look to the future with high expectations as we bid *vale* to years gone by.

Firstly, a brief look at the reams of Classical scholarship published in the past year will highlight the accomplishments of our many students. The volume of papers submitted to leading academic journals and entries for presentation at the APA conference is a solid testament to the bright future ahead of us in the

most tenacious field of scholarship. Secondly, as more and more initiates pour in from colleges around the country and ΗΣΦ's κλέος continues to become more and more renowned, we can offer more and more to those of us who will take the helm in a matter of a few short months. Our advertising network is expanding and our coffers with it, and it appears that ΗΣΦ will soon become the *international* undergraduate Classical honor society! Finally, as what was once palimpsest and papyrus has now become keyboards and word-processing programs, so too has ΗΣΦ gone from paper and pen to digitalized NUNTIUS records and daily *Certamen* questions via our Facebook page. As the poet Ovid once said, let us see what these greater pastures bring!

STEPHEN GAN
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NUNTIUS THROUGH THE YEARS

Reminiscences from ΗΣΦ Dignitaries and Rising Stars

Although Delta Lambda is located at my undergraduate *alma mater*, The College of the Holy Cross, the chapter was not active in my time (1968–1971), so I was not initiated into Eta Sigma Phi as an undergraduate. After receiving my Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University, which, to this day, does not have a chapter, I taught for nine years at Howard University, the home of Gamma Xi chapter. Although Dr. Carrie Cowherd revitalized the chapter while I was at Howard, I did not get involved in Eta Sigma Phi activities there. It was only when I moved to Monmouth College in 1984 that I came to appreciate the joys and benefits of the organization. Curiously, my transition from Howard to Monmouth was a move from Gamma Xi to Gamma Omicron, where I was finally initiated into the society as an honorary member in 1984.

It was my predecessor, Bernice L. Fox, who educated me about the value of Eta Sigma Phi, especially at a small liberal arts college like Monmouth. Gamma Omicron has had a very active chapter since its founding in 1956, with regular trips to convention and several members elected to national office. I soon found myself taking annual trips to convention with students, trips which will remain highlights of my career at Monmouth. I vividly remember stopping with students to visit the Parthenon in Nashville on one trip, Jefferson's Monticello on another, an alligator zoo at a third, and eating fried pickles for the first time in a little restaurant in the mountains of West Virginia on yet another. I hope Monmouth students remember those trips as fondly as I do.

I am proud to say that my wife and three children all eventually became members of Eta Sigma Phi as well. My wife, Anne, was initiated into Gamma Omicron in 1990, my daughter Marie in 1995, and my daughter Julia in 1997. In due time, my son Richard became a member of Alpha Omicron at Lawrence University in 2002. So we are an Eta Sigma Phi family!

For me, the special joy of being involved in Eta Sigma Phi has been the opportunity to work with and even become good friends with other faculty involved in Eta Sigma Phi chapters. In particular I have enjoyed working with three Executive Secretaries; first Brent Froberg, whom I knew first as a member of Beta Alpha at the University of South Dakota and then at Gamma Omega at Baylor University, and whose long type-written letters have always been a joy to receive; then, Wayne Tucker of Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College, who taught me to appreci-



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ate Southern gentility; and, now, David Sick of Beta Psi at Rhodes College, whose calmness in the midst of chaos I have always admired.

Other unforgettable people I have gotten to know well through Eta Sigma Phi are Sister Thérèse Marie Dougherty of Beta Kappa at Notre Dame of Maryland University, Martha Davis of Zeta Beta at Temple University, and Antony Augoustakis, initially of Gamma Omega at Baylor and now of Alpha Kappa of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; all of whom have served as chairs of the Board of Trustees. I especially remember the time that Sister Thérèse telephoned my home from a national convention, one which I had been prevented from attending because of a late season snowstorm, and apologetically explained to my wife that

she was calling to ask me to join the Board of Trustees—apologetically, because she knew what this would mean for my wife. Martha Davis was a special support for me in my years as Secretary Treasurer. The meals I shared with Martha, particularly those with my daughter Julia and son-in-law Victor, were especially memorable. Antony Augoustakis is a man with a great sense of humor who has brought a special international flair to the society. I would also be remiss not to mention Dan Levine of Beta Pi, whose Resolutions reports at convention are always works of great art and imagination; Joseph Garnjobst of Eta Delta at Hillside, who manages, without fail, to take a van load of students to convention nearly every year; and Georgia Irby of Omega at the College of William and Mary, who has added to the *NUNTIUS* features which promise to make the newsletter an even better record of our society in its second century.

If I were to add to this list, memories of the many students with whom I have had the pleasure to work through Eta Sigma Phi, both in Gamma Omicron chapter and at the national level, I would probably not finish this reflection until the end society's eleventh decade, so I will end here with the observation that, as we recall the words of Homer, Sappho, Plato, Cornelia, and Vergil in our initiation ceremony, we should be sure to remember that those memorable people of the distant Greco-Roman past are joined by many other individuals who have made our society the special organization that it is. Thank you, Eta Sigma Phi, for making such memories possible!

TOM SIENKEWICZ

I was inducted into Eta Sigma Phi in 1974 at Marquette University and served as chapter president in my senior year. Classics at a Jesuit university is always strong, and I got the benefit of a tour through the full Ancient World and deep into the Middle Ages where I've worked ever since. Translating the Gettysburg Address was the toughest—also the most fun—undergraduate challenge of Latin Prose Composition taught by my Eta Sigma Phi faculty mentor. I did my doctorate at the University of Michigan in medieval Spanish literature, constantly grateful for the Latin that helped me (with a little squinting) through all the vernaculars of medieval Iberia: Castilian, Aragonese, Portuguese, Catalan and Galician. Just being able to read medieval manuscripts makes you a star when you visit major collections. One library invited me to lecture on their Latin holdings and gladly spread out a quarter of a million dollars worth of treasures all at once simply because we could actually read them. I have enjoyed using my Latin probably every day for the past 40 years.

PROF. GEORGE GREENIA
 MODERN LANGUAGES
 COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

I became a member of Eta Sigma Phi while I was a student at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois from 1968–1972. It was either my junior or senior year when I became president of the Gamma Omicron chapter. Monmouth is a small college and in those years the number of Latin majors and even those studying Latin was quite small. It was not unusual for one of my Latin classes to have only three or four students in it. Thus studying Latin was a somewhat lonely major and little did I know then that becoming a Latin teacher after graduation would also be a lonely occupation where I was usually the only Latin teacher at a school. What made the lonely pursuit of learning Latin better, however, was participating in the Eta Sigma Phi meetings. The highlight every year for our chapter was to go to the national convention of Eta Sigma Phi. I remember in particular one convention that was held in Tiffin, Ohio. It turned out to be a very snowy and cold weekend as we trekked from Monmouth College to Tiffin, Ohio with our advisor and professor, Bernice L. Fox, in the backseat of my car. Yet we laughed and enjoyed ourselves immensely despite the slippery roads. I still have the Eta Sigma Phi pin that I received all those years ago and I sometimes think that the camaraderie we shared on those annual trips is what led me later to join professional Latin teacher organizations and to take my own students on annual visits to the Illinois Junior Classical League conventions.

DR. LEAANN OSBURN

As a graduating senior at The College of Wooster in 1976, I applied for the Eta Sigma Phi summer scholarships. I'd expressed a slight preference for going to Rome, but I was thrilled and honored to

be awarded the scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. That summer was a revelation in every way and profoundly shaped the way I have thought and taught throughout my career. I rode a train that still called itself the Orient Express from Paris to Athens, though I had to stand much of the way from Belgrade on, and felt like Odysseus washed up on the beach by the time I stumbled into the School. Jim Wright, then the Secretary of the School (and now 38 years later its Director), welcomed me and assured me it was going to be the greatest experience of my life—and it was. The first morning we hiked down very early to explore the interior of the Parthenon (already off limits to the public) before the tourists arrived and then all over the Acropolis. We spent the afternoon in the Agora. Many others began to fade with the heat and the length of the day, but I was enthralled as the Director, T. Leslie Shear, Jr., made the often exiguous scraps of walls, pavement, and even foundation trenches come alive as the civic and economic heart of the ancient city (when I began graduate school at Princeton the following year, I was privileged to take the first of a number of seminars with him).

Under the superb direction of Merle Langdon that summer, we explored everything from the tholos tombs at Mycenae to the royal graves at Vergina, from the ship sheds at Sounion to Delphi perched on the mountainside, often with the current excavators as guides. I was always the last one up the mountain, but I learned to see the ancient world as I never had from my reading, a world made real by the landscape of Greece and the struggle required to live in that landscape. Because of that summer, I decided I had to come back for the year-long program at the School, which I managed three years later. Those experiences taught me something of how to look at a vase painting, read an inscription in context, see a building as a nexus in a vast social network. I remain profoundly grateful to Eta Sigma Phi for opening up that world to me, and I hope I'm still sharing that joy of discovery with my students all these years later.

NIALL W. SLATER
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My initiation into Eta Sigma Phi came in the late 70s at Vanderbilt University. I remember a darkened room, a somber atmosphere, and the presence of several distinguished faculty, among them Professors Philips, Race, and Wiltshire. Despite the dignity of the occasion, it was festive, and a real marker of achievement. One highlight of my membership was winning prize money in one of the translation contests. I immediately blew the whole wad on a fancy dinner with my then girlfriend (now wife), thereby convincing her that Classics was the ticket to prosperity. After traversing the country for almost 10 years—as a high school Latin teacher, a Classics graduate student, and a visiting professor—I landed at the University of Missouri in 1991, where I soon learned that the Eta Sigma Phi chapter, founded in 1928, had fallen into dormancy. The chapter has been active since the mid-90s, waxing and waning through the years but always a welcom-

ing presence for our students, and usually energetic enough to send representatives to the national meeting. Especially memorable was our hosting the national convention in 2012, all local details organized by our student members. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase to the country the vitality of Classics at the University of Missouri.

DAVID SCHENKER
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ALPHA MU, PSI

My relationship with Eta Sigma Phi began in college, under the tutelage of Dickinson's Professor Philip North Lockhart, who nominated me for membership. I went on to become chapter president, though, oddly enough, I was not "officially" a member until the year after I graduated from college, when I applied for the Eta Sigma Phi scholarship to study at the American School in Athens. The dues, it turns out, accidentally had been not turned in the year of my induction. Professor Brent Froberg, then of the University of South Dakota, straightened the situation out with Phil Lockhart in time for my application for the scholarship, which is fittingly now named after him. For me, the fact that I won the scholarship at that particular time was a very good thing, because in many ways that trip opened for me a career in Classics.

The way it did so, though, is not, perhaps, the way one might suppose. It is not so much that I learned a good deal about archaeology, though that I did, indeed, at the able hands of John Fischer. Rather, that trip taught me even more about the dignity of the profession of Classical studies, both archaeology and philology. After working my way past Exo, the school's dog and mascot, who served as its friendly Cerberus, I spent many an hour in the ASCSA library perusing the *Fouilles de Delphes*, as well as reading the *Andromache* in Greek for my reading list at UVM. More importantly, *pace* Euripides, I found myself listening to William B. Dinsmoor, Jr., hold court during "ouzo hour," or T. Leslie Shear, Jr., Susan Rotroff, or George Mylonas. Even then, these were household names. From them I learned not simply how to tell a captivating story but also how to behave in the circles of the wise. They helped me to find my way, ultimately, to the University of Pennsylvania, where I would study with other notables.

Everywhere I went, in graduate school and beyond, I sought to kindle in my students—for I was teaching at Vermont and Penn, and then Rutgers and Baylor—a love for Classics expressed well through Eta Sigma Phi membership. We re-activated Vermont's chapter, as well as Rutgers' and Baylor's. Eta Sigma Phi offered me camaraderie as a student and a scholar, it opened doors for me as an undergraduate and a graduate student, and inspires me and my students to this day. I am honored to have been and to remain a member of its noble fellowship.

ALDEN SMITH
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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
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I joined Eta Sigma Phi as an Honorary Member, when I was inducted at Dickinson College (Delta Theta), my first academic position after graduating with a PhD from Brown University in 2000. Since then, I have been fortunate to work at institutions with an active chapter (Baylor's Gamma Omega and Illinois' Alpha Kappa). I believe that all institutions with a Classics Department should have an Eta Sigma Phi Chapter: I was not educated as an undergraduate in this country, but I had the joy of watching many generations of undergraduate Classics students become involved in Eta Sigma Phi and grow through the organization into becoming professionals in their field of choice; and, sometimes, these students chose to continue their studies in Classics, earning an MA or a PhD. I have seen students develop great bonds of friendship at the annual conventions, and these links are bound to last for a long time. But it is not just the students who meet their peers at conventions: professors also have the chance to interact with colleagues from across the continent, exchange ideas, strategize regarding the future of the organization and of the discipline: this very important dialogue among peers constitutes a strong proof that Classics is alive and well!

I believe that one of the most important moments at the Business Meeting during our annual conventions comes when students read their reports of activities: what a diverse group of chapters we have! Through Eta Sigma Phi, our students share ideas that result in wonderful engagements with the local communities, such as reading Homer or Virgil to the general public or volunteering at schools, hospitals, prisons. Classics is not an esoteric discipline after all. Because of the many opportunities provided by Eta Sigma Phi, students can study abroad and have first-hand experience of the wider Mediterranean world. Nothing compares to being *in situ* in Greece or Italy, participating in an excavation, tasting the food, watching the sun set, imagining how life in these ancient sites would have actually been like. But Eta Sigma Phi also rewards hard work: generations of young Classicists have won awards in the Translation contests. What a great way to honor our students!

As we celebrate our Centennial, evaluating our past, as we look forward to our future, I believe that this is also a moment of reflection. In the last five years alone, we have welcomed eighteen (18) new chapters: what a great accomplishment! We have organized so many successful conventions! We have funded a number of scholarships, for summer travel to the American Academy in Rome, the American School of Classical Studies in Athens (through the generous donation by my dear friend, Professor Brent Froberg), and the Villa Vergiliana at Cumae (Theodore Bedrick Scholarship). We are grateful to the late H.R. Butts, whose generosity helped establish a scholarship for archaeological fieldwork in the Greco-Roman world.

Finally, as the Chair of the Board of Trustees, I would like to seize this opportunity and express our sincere gratitude to those members of our community who have passed on and are no longer with us, advisers, trustees, secretary-treasurers, students, colleagues. In the words of Homer, recited every time

during the Eta Sigma Phi induction ceremonies around the country, “even as are the generations of leaves, such are those likewise of human beings; the wind scatters the leaves on the earth, and the forest buds and puts forth more again when the season of spring is at hand; so of the generations of humankind, one puts forth and another ceases.” These are the people who have born “beauty’s flame” in the past one hundred years: it is now up to us to hand it down to our successors.

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF
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ALPHA KAPPA, GAMMA OMEGA,
DELTA THETA



DR. AUGOUSTAKIS

Reminiscing about Eta Sigma Phi takes me back to 1973, a year when I sponsored student activities at the University of Texas at Austin. A young student, whose name I remember only as “Cal” (but perhaps he will see this writing and send his own memories to spark and correct mine), approached me and asked that I help him reactivate the UT chapter. We organized a new Gamma Sigma group, and attended the annual convention, which was at Milhouse University in Jackson, Mississippi that year. Thus began my membership and involvement in Eta Sigma Phi.

In 1988 I was abroad, teaching at Temple University’s Rome Program, when Grace Freed Muscarella, a colleague working with student activities while I was away, wrote to say that two young women, Shawna and Sonya, wished to start a chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Temple. Grace and I sponsored Zeta Beta together until she retired.

Although I worked closely with Zeta Beta students, it was not until 1994 that I again attended a national convention. The group president, Marilyn, and I drove from Philadelphia to Louisville, Kentucky, sharing the driving and surviving through a car breakdown near Cincinnati. We were definitely destined to get to convention: that is the only time I have ever heard of a Honda dealership staying open until midnight! While at the convention, we met Tom Sienkewicz and his Eta Sigma Phi. As I have related elsewhere, Tom stopped the Monmouth College van, hailed us aboard, and Marilyn and I went on to a pleasant lunch with his chapter members.

Meeting Tom was the event that brought me into Eta Sigma Phi as a national committee member and then Trustee. He accosted me (for those who know Tom and his practices of recruitment to professional organization work, that is not too strong a word) at lunchtime in the parking lot at an ACL meeting and demanded to know why I was not more active at national level in Eta Sigma Phi. After a bit of stammering, I found that I had

agreed to present myself for committee duties at the very next annual convention.

Before I knew it, I was a part of the small but dedicated group of professors that contribute to the continuity of the Society. Executive Secretary Wayne Tucker created my first responsibility by turning over to me his cards for the *Certamen*. Strangely, Former Executive Secretary Brent Froberg and Sister Thérèse Dougherty, who were to blame for many of the tough questions on the cards, made no move to deprive me of supervision of *Certamen*. Later, as Sister Thérèse, whose contributions to Eta Sigma Phi are legendary, pleaded once again one year for relief from the task of chairing the Board, I found myself expressing willingness to assume that responsibility. Unfortunately, none of the other Trustees had schedules that allowed them to challenge me for the

position, and so began my two terms as Chair of the Board.

Highlights of Society work, especially during the years when as Trustee Chair I worked with Tom Sienkewicz, who succeeded to the position of Executive Secretary, to develop programs and implement his innovative ideas, are bright in my mind. There was sustained growth in our financial foundation and in our membership levels. We began to polish the Society profile with panels at CAMWS South and APA, and encouraged increased year round activity in member chapters. Keynote speakers at convention were interesting. I formed a friendship with Professor Tom Watkins and his wife, Sharon, after he spoke at the Monmouth convention, and he supported workshops I sponsored for Philadelphia area pre-collegiate teachers in subsequent years. Lifetime Achievement Awards began, and among the recipients have been Rudy Masciantonio, with whom I worked in his program for Philadelphia area teachers in the first years after I began my tenure at Temple University in 1978, and Edward V. George, who was one of my own instructors at UT Austin. Though I mention these persons because this is a personal memoir, I must observe here how impressive the entire list of keynote speakers and Lifetime Achievement Award winners is.

Working with the other Trustees and with the members of national committees has been a privilege throughout the years. My admiration for each of them is unbounded. I will cite only one of them by name in this paragraph: Daniel Levine. When I say that he assumed the supervision of maintaining and increasing the *Certamen* cards, and directing the contests at convention, it will be easily understood by readers why I salute him!

I have saved for my last memories here what are the best ones, those that involve students. As a Trustee, I met wonderful national officers from a number of different schools, and am happy to have been able to keep in touch with many of them as they have graduated and gone on to graduate school or work in our discipline and in related ones. Since the Zeta Beta Chapter was

founded, it has had a good share of national officers, of which and of whom I am exceedingly proud. Zeta Beta is now sponsored by Professor Karen Hersch, who began working with me in student activities as soon as she came onto the faculty at Temple U. How lovely it was to learn that she herself was a national officer of Eta Sigma Phi when an undergraduate!

As I look back from the vantage point of retirement from the Board, and from teaching, too, I perceive a long parade of students, one so grand that I could wish another Vergil would appear to write them into a new epic. These are the future leaders of Eta Sigma Phi as Advisers, and the future heroes and heroines of Classics and of achievements of all sorts in the world after undergraduate years. I cannot aspire to likeness with Anchises—except in age—but as an Honorary Trustee of this important Society, I have a marvelous view.

MARTHA DAVIS
HONORARY TRUSTEE
ZETA BETA, GAMMA SIGMA

Despite being a photojournalism major, I took several Classics courses at the University of Missouri. It did not occur to me to join Eta Sigma Phi. One day, I attended a lecture at Pickard Hall with Gwen Bobbitt. There, I met Kailyn Hall and Jennifer England. They introduced me to Eta Sigma Phi and the joyful sharing of a common admiration of the Classics. It wasn't long until I was initiated as an Honorary Member, in March of 2010.

One of my most cherished memories as a member is studying abroad in Greece. This was an amazing trip that I will treasure all my life. Other special memories include the Ides of March bake sale and Bake-a-thon weekends at Gwen's and, later, my apartment. I smile as I recall our Heidelberg meetings and gold-fishing. Our chapter was tight-knit. We not only shared our love of the Classics, but we genuinely enjoyed being together and our friendships ran deep. I dutifully tried to be a good sergeant at arms, and always looked forward to the movie nights, and just getting together for no reason at all, just to be with each other.

Great things came my way through Eta Sigma Phi. Kailyn and I became close friends. I even got to photograph her beautiful wedding. The Event Committee invited me back to the University of Missouri to take part in documenting the 2012 National Convention, as a photojournalist. I created a slide show for them. I loved every minute of it. The Eta Sigma Phi advisers at Mizzou and the friends I made there gave me the love and support I needed during some of my more trying semesters at school. They became more like a family. Dr. David Schenker was like another dad, Dr. Michael Barnes like an uncle, and Dr. Barbara Wal-



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lach was like an aunt. I hold them and all the members of Eta Sigma Phi close to my heart. Eta Sigma Phi will stand out eternally as one of my most precious memories and I will always feel blessed to have been an Honorary Member.

ALLY ANDERSON

I was a Classics and Linguistics major at Indiana University from 1959 to 1962, and I still remember the happy moment when I was inducted into Eta Sigma Phi.

It must have been in the spring of 1962, and my fondest memory was the participation of Professor Verne Schuman, one of my all-time favorite teachers. Schuman taught at IU from 1926 to 1967. He was a Michigan Ph.D., trained primarily in papyrology. He had a collection of slides,

featuring pictures of his many travels to Egypt. No matter what subject he was teaching, "Dr. Schuman" would figure out a way to show "an Egypt slide" that was relevant. Can you guess how a picture of Egyptian farmers winnowing wheat is relevant to Horace *Odes* 1.1? Well, I can tell you that Dr. Schuman showed the relevance during a slide lecture on the occasion of the ΗΣΦ induction. And it was magic. I can't remember the details, but I remember with the greatest fondness the magic.

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As an undergraduate I came to realize rather early on that I wanted to pursue Classics as a career, and so my membership in Eta Sigma Phi was a particularly valuable experience. I was inducted into ΗΣΦ in the fall of 2000, which turned out to be a transformative experience. Through ΗΣΦ I met friends who would become colleagues and was fortunate enough to receive the Brent M. Froberg Scholarship, which allowed me to spend a summer at the American School in Athens. Both the camaraderie and scholarships available through ΗΣΦ were truly formative for me as an undergraduate contemplating a career in Classics and provided an excellent foundation for my graduate studies. Since I began teaching at Baylor I have witnessed ΗΣΦ's continued positive influence on the lives of students, especially those budding Classicists whose love of Latin and Greek is nurtured by the opportunities ΗΣΦ provides. It is a pleasure to see ΗΣΦ reach its centennial and hope many more such milestones lie ahead.

JEFFREY HUNT
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
GAMMA OMEGA

As I reflect on my experience of Eta Sigma Phi over the past fifty years and more, I am delighted to see how we have grown by leaps and bounds. When I was inducted into Beta Kappa chapter as a student, I looked forward to the arrival every month of a slim issue of the *NUNTIUS*, edited by the Executive Secretary, H. R. Butts. Sarel Fuchs, a Beta Kappa Chapter member and a national officer in the sixties, described Professor Butts as “distinguished, humorous, most pleasant though somewhat authoritarian, and completely devoted to the Classics and to Eta Sigma Phi.” She remembers that he “really enjoyed working with students and giving them a chance to run things (almost).”

The *NUNTIUS* was my connection to the society on a national level, as I looked forward to the monthly meetings of Beta Kappa chapter, which always ended with the singing of the Eta Sigma Phi song, composed by one of our earliest chapter members. Convention highlights in the 1960s and 1970s included an opening lecture by a local scholar and presentations by the scholarship winners describing their experiences at the American Academy in Rome and the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. If you didn't attend the convention, you could read these accounts in the *NUNTIUS*. As time went on the *NUNTIUS* arrived less frequently, as chapters may have been slower to share their local activities.

In the 1980s the Board of Trustees decided to encourage more scholarly participation by convention delegates by inviting submissions of papers to be read at the convention. Printing of the papers would strengthen the quality of the *NUNTIUS* as well as motivate others to share the fruits of their study.

When it was impossible to plan an excursion for the convention one year in the late 1980s, Brent Froberg, then Executive Secretary, asked Beta Kappa chapter to put together a friendly competition in the form of a quiz. Delegates were reluctant to show what they knew or didn't know. The winning team included Dr. Froberg's mother and a past national president of Eta Sigma Phi. But that was the start of a convention tradition that has continued and grown bigger and better with every year.

It was in the 1990s Chair of the Board of Trustees Dr. Ted Bedrick suggested that we add a Vergilian Society Summer Tour to our scholarships. This scholarship could be available to younger members, unlike the Rome and Athens programs that were available only to graduating seniors or recent alums. And through a generous bequest in honor of H. R. Butts a fourth scholarship was added in 2012, that would provide an opportunity for the winner to participate in an archaeological dig. And so today Eta Sigma Phi members have four possibilities for summer study funded through Eta Sigma Phi.



SISTER THÉRÈSE DOUGHERTY

well as connections through our convention attendance and electronic networking.

Congratulations, Eta Sigma Phi!

SISTER THÉRÈSE MARIE DOUGHERTY

NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY

BETA KAPPA

HONORARY TRUSTEE

I joined the Eta Delta chapter at Hillsdale College in 2001 with the encouragement and enthusiasm of Dr. Joseph Garnjobst. That was the first advice of his that I am glad to have heeded, as Eta Sigma Phi dominates my undergraduate memories. Who could resist the chocolate truffles that Dr. Garnjobst made and donated to us to sell as a fundraiser? Or the Society to Save the Subjunctive (“if only it were to exist”) and Ablative Absolut(e) t-shirts, or Semper Ubi Sub Ubi boxers? We flaunted our nerdiness by challenging other campus honoraries to an annual bowling contest and charity fundraiser, Honorama, whose prize was the Darlene Berning Memorial Trophy salvaged from a garage sale and a mountain of cash donated toward projects at local schools. In true Hellenic fashion we taunted our opponents before the fight with signs proclaiming that we would take down the abacus bead-counters of the accounting club and Winnie Iste Pu of the A.A. Milne Society. We showed up in our official purple and gold bowling shirts embroidered with our bowling aliases and we usually won. Speaking of winning, I still have the scrap paper from my third-place Latin prose composition for the Maurine Dallas Watkins translation contest. It was a selection from Tolkien's *Return of the King* and won me not only spending money but *fama*. Who could forget teaching local third-graders the Greek alphabet and derivatives, or making our own paper from all manner of fibrous materials?

The result of the latter made better paper towels than manuscript paper, but it renewed our appreciation for ancient and medieval craftsmanship.

Eta Sigma Phi deserves thanks for some of my best memories after graduation as well, since its scholarships funded my participation in summer programs at the American Academy at Rome in 2006 and American School of Classical Studies at Athens in 2010. It was so inspiring to see places, buildings, and artifacts that I'd studied and to use that concrete knowledge to recreate the ancient world—and its modern replacement—in the classroom.

I heeded another valuable piece of advice from my Eta Sigma Phi adviser: teaching is a way to earn a living doing the subject you love. I have in fact been doing that since M.A. graduation from Missouri in 2006. But there is one piece of Dr. Garnjobst's advice that I ignored: don't go back for a PhD because the market for Classics professors is really tough. But so is teaching junior high Latin. I'm back in graduate school at Catholic University of America so I can become a professor like him: an infectious mix of intelligence and wit, erudition and jocundity, who inspires students on the cusp of adulthood to take with them the wisdom, beauty, and humor of the ancients and medievals.

KETURAH "ELSIE MAE" KIEHL
HILLSDALE COLLEGE '04
ETA DELTA
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI '06

In the hallways surrounding the Classical Studies department at the College of William and Mary, Eta Sigma Phi is talked about in hushed tones, and then only after a quick glance around to make sure that no one is listening to the conversation about to occur. "It's our very own mystery cult," I was told when I first got invited to join. An apt description, and one that ensured my participation in the group. So when Professor Irby—the editor of the *NUNTIUS* and advisor of the Omega chapter—recommended that I run for prytanis, I immediately agreed.

It was one of the best and busiest years of my life, what followed; it turned out that our chapter had been nearly defunct, left in the care of our Classics Club for the past few years. With my wonderful executive board at my side, we rewrote the constitution required by William and Mary—including some little tricks for the next officers, such as requiring officer candidates to debate in Yoda-speak. Our hyparchos Zachary Mott, who has contributed to the *NUNTIUS*, helped to set up and lead tutoring services for both students of the College and area high school students. The executive board worked hard to set up a framework for a high school *Certamen* that could be used in the years after our departure.

One of the best memories that I have of my time as prytanis is of attending the national conference at the University of Missouri in 2012. Getting to meet students from all over the country who had such an interest in a field that so many overlook, getting to hear papers and chapter reports, getting to laugh at jokes

that can only be understood by Classicists, it was one of the best weekends of my senior year.

Even now, two years after graduation, I still love the feeling that I get when someone looks at my résumé and says, "Eta Sigma Phi? That sounds interesting; tell us about that." Many of my proudest moments are linked to my time in this wonderful organization. Enjoy the centennial celebration, and may Eta Sigma Phi continue to be strong in the future as it remembers the ancient past.

RUSS WALKER
OMEGA, PRYTANIS 2011-2012

Sadly, I have no memories of Eta Sigma Phi from my undergraduate or graduate school days because I never knew of its existence when I was a student at the Universities of Minnesota and Cincinnati. However, shortly after arriving at the University of Arkansas in 1980, I got a letter from a Professor Froberg in South Dakota informing me that my institution had an inactive chapter of this organization. He suggested that I bring it back to life. This was the beginning of a long and fruitful correspondence with my friend Brent.

The Arkansas Eta Sigma Phi convention was my first one, and I loved it. Though I did not attend another one for several years, our students could not stay away. They went to the University of Richmond in 1998, at which they won the *Certamen*. I wired congratulatory flowers that were delivered to their hotel room, much to their delight. In 2003 we were a delegation of twelve at the University of Oklahoma's convention, and one of our two *Certamen* teams won the competition. I have fond memories of going with our students to subsequent conventions at Tulane (2007), St. Olaf (2008), Rhodes (2009), Virginia Tech (2010), Texas (2011), Wake Forest (2012) and Mizzou (2013). This year's centennial gathering in Chicago will be my 10th Eta Sigma Phi convention.

I think I supplied a few questions for the 2003 *Certamen* in Norman, Oklahoma, and for the first time participated in asking the questions. It was so exciting I continued to take part in this form of convention fun in every subsequent one I attended. In 2010 Martha Davis finally handed me the *Certamen* baton, and since then I have had the pleasure of composing its toss-ups and bonus questions. Somewhere along the way, our *NUNTIUS* began publishing the questions.

In recent years I have often found myself the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, a task that I enjoy. It gives me a chance to work closely with the students at the conventions, and to stay up almost all night on the Saturday before the last business meeting, writing. I have done this five times: St. Olaf 2005, Rhodes 2009, Virginia Tech 2010, Missouri 2012, and Wake Forest 2013. In Memphis, the Resolutions Committee students picked me up and dragged me to the podium as I struggled mightily against them. They twisted my arms and "forced" me to read the resolutions, which I did, including fourteen haiku, accompanied by an orange I slowly raised in my right hand.

An example, on Jessica Wise's student paper (Kenyon College):

TRIMALCHIO'S TOMB
LIKE LIBERTUS BAKER MAN'S
HIS LITTLE DOG, TOO.

Our Resolutions Committee antics have included planted hecklers, a pseudo-Certamen, the singing of "Love Me Tender" in Latin, and "spontaneous" outbreaks of laughter that were both inappropriate and inexplicable. These compositions have found their way into the *NUNTIUS*, too—for better or for worse.

The best part of being involved with this society is the company that it keeps. Eta Sigma Phi members and their faculty advisors are some of the finest folks in our profession. The dedication and energy of members and colleagues is inspirational. I value the time I have had with every Arkansas Beta Pi initiate, and with the many Classics teachers with whom I have worked. Our people are the most cooperative, hard-working, consensus-building and copacetic human beings I can imagine. They are welcoming, warm, and winsome. I am grateful to have gotten to know them. To each and all: *MACTE ESTO VIRTUTE!*

DANIEL B. LEVINE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
BETA PI
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

"You, like Aeneas, grasp the Golden Bough that leads to the Underworld, a place where truths are revealed."

The day I heard these words it was rather hot and humid not unlike one might expect to find in the Underworld. It was August of 1993, I was 23, and had just completed my first year as a post-baccalaureate, non-matriculating student studying history and Classics. I was standing in a dark corner on the lower level of the Ruth Adams Building at Rutgers University and was told by the powers that be (*i.e.* Dr. Alden Smith) that I should control my high spirits like Achilles and endure like Odysseus. Not a problem, I thought, but in the back of my head I was asking how I had come to this very unexpected moment in my life. I had graduated from Cook College (now The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers) in 1991 after earning a B.S. in Environmental Policy, Institutions, and Behaviors and had planned to join the Peace Corps. Now, just a little over two years later, I was pledging to promote good will and friendship to the members of Zeta Epsilon and be a champion of Classics. *Heu!* It would be fair to say that my path to Classics was like Od-



DR. LEVINE

ysseus' journey home: circuitous, to put it mildly, but free, thankfully, of both Scylla and Charbydis. After graduating, I spent considerable time contemplating my future and yet all I needed was a journey to the Underworld to consult Homer, Plato, and Vergil. Soon after receiving my B.S., I returned to Rutgers to study medieval history and was taking language and history courses. I studied Latin in my first year as a post-bac and added ancient Greek the following summer by enrolling in Rutgers' Summer Intensive Greek course. I was about to enter into my second post-bac year and was learning secret knocks and standing in a dark corner pledging to grasp the Golden Bough like Aeneas. I suppose you could say that I grasped that bough and have never let go. Ultimately, I didn't study medieval history, but rather earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in Classics. Had my fate been sealed the day I became an Honorary Member of

Eta Sigma Phi? I'm still not sure. There followed a ten-year interval in which I didn't think much about Eta Sigma Phi, but that changed when I began teaching at Rhodes College where, under the helmsmen Dr. Kenny Morrell and our very own Eta Sigma Phi Executive Secretary, Dr. David Sick, I saw how enjoyable, productive, and thriving the Beta Psi Chapter was: Saturnalia celebrations, tutoring, school-outreach, movie nights, museum trips, marathon readings of the Classical literature, etc. Soon after I joined the faculty at Stockton, I helped found the Theta Tau Chapter where I have endeavored to replicate the best parts of both Zeta Epsilon and Beta Psi: there are still dark rooms where students hear the wisdom of Homer, Plato, and Vergil, marathon readings, community outreach, and celebrations. I attended my first National Convention in 2011 and was so impressed by the camaraderie, the scholarship, the range of activities, and, of course, the costume contest that I have returned every year bringing a small number of students. I was honored to become a member of the Scholarship Committee and recently joined the Board of Trustees. And, *mirabile dictu!* the Theta Tau Chapter at Stockton will be hosting the National Convention in 2015. I never could have imagined standing in that dark corner pledging my allegiance to Eta Sigma Phi that it would become such a welcome and significant part of my academic life.

KATHERINE PANAGAKOS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS
HONORARY MEMBER OF THE ZETA EPSILON CHAPTER AT
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NJ

Eta Sigma Phi has provided my students with opportunities to present their research to an appreciative audience and to participate in leadership roles not only on campus but also at the national level, and has supported them with teacher-training funds even after graduation. I'm very grateful for the ways that ΗΣΦ enriched their undergraduate experience and continues to foster their commitment to excellent teaching.

MARY PENDERGRAFT
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



DR. FROBERG

Theta Chapter of Indiana University inducted me as a member in March, 1962, nearly (as of this writing) fifty-two years ago. My coursework in that second-semester of my sophomore year included Vergil's *Aeneid* and the second semester of elementary Greek. Gregory Nagy, then the president of Theta Chapter, led the 1962 induction ceremony. At that point in my life I had neither any idea that I would, one day, have enjoyed membership in Eta Sigma Phi for more than half of its existence, nor had I any notion that I would have found myself actively involved with Eta Sigma Phi for all of these fifty-two years.

I had not declared a major at the time of my induction, either. Professor Norman Pratt, then the chairman of Indiana University's Classics Department had, unbeknownst to me, nominated me for a Ford Foundation Scholarship that would support my study for three years beginning with my junior year and going through completion of an M.A. degree. Not long after my induction, I received a note from the selection committee letting me know that they had received Professor Pratt's letter of nomination, but they lacked two additional letters of support and my declaration of a major.

To that point, I had not declared a major, and I had fewer than three days to request additional letters of support. Even with such a short amount of time, everything fell into place. Better yet, Professor Pratt had, through his nomination, led me to establish a goal for myself, something that would bring focus to my undergraduate work.

I succeeded Gregory Nagy as president of the Theta Chapter for my junior year; one of my classmates then succeeded me for my senior year. Following my completion of an M.A. degree in Classics at Indiana University, I went on to the Ohio State University and its Ph.D. program in Classics. About seven years before I came to Columbus, Harry C. Rutledge, a member of the Alpha Tau chapter at Ohio State, had become Eta Sigma Phi's

first recipient of its annually-awarded scholarship to the American Academy in Rome. Just a few years later, in 1968, I held my first academic appointment at the University of Tennessee. Harry Rutledge had just become the chairman of the Classics Department of the University of Tennessee, and so working together, we strengthened the chapter in Knoxville. Later, when I accepted an appointment at the University of South Dakota, I succeeded Grace Beede, longtime adviser of Beta Alpha Chapter.

Eta Sigma Phi, inspired by Professor Gertrude Smith, began 100 years ago at the University of Chicago. H. Lloyd Stow became Eta Sigma Phi's first Executive Secretary in 1930 following his graduation from the University of Chicago. I had become acquainted with Professor Stow through my attendance at meetings of the Classical Association of the Middle West and

South. In the autumn of 1968, the Tennessee Classical Association met at Vanderbilt University where Professor Stow served as the chairman of the Classics Department. He had persuaded his mentor, Miss Smith, to come out of retirement and teach in Vanderbilt's graduate program. And so, by attending that meeting and then going to an evening gathering at Professor Stow's home, I had the opportunity to meet Eta Sigma Phi's founder. I came to know others, too, who studied at the University of Chicago and later played significant roles in Eta Sigma Phi: Graydon Regenos, Grace Beede, and Edgar Reinke, all of them helpful and encouraging. From 1978 through 1996, I served as Eta Sigma Phi's executive secretary.

Late in June, 2001, when I thought that my days of active teaching had ended, I received an early morning phone call from Alden Smith, winner in 1982 of the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Professor Smith had, a few years earlier, become the chairman of the Classics Department of Baylor University, and from the beginning of his time at Baylor he had revived its long-dormant chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. He called my home in the belief that I might fill, on an emergency basis, a position in Classics at Baylor University. It took me several days to make up my mind, but as I have thought about that choice over these last thirteen years, I continue to wonder why I took so long to make up my mind.

At the heart of Eta Sigma Phi lies the aim of encouraging one another and promoting academic success in things that matter. At the Sixtieth Annual Convention in 1988, Sr. Kathleen Feeley, then president of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, quoted inspirational words from Cardinal Newman's *Idea of a University* (1910) as she welcomed delegates to her campus. Newman wrote: "I say that a cultivated intellect, because it is a

good in itself, brings with it a power and a grace to every work and occupation which it undertakes, and enables us to be more useful, and to a greater number.” Pericles, in his funeral oration, as recorded by Thucydides, characterized the Athenians by using these words (as adapted by Professor Smith): *philosophoumen kai philokaloumen*. If Eta Sigma Phi avoids extravagance and the softness against which Pericles warned the Athenians and continues to promote the cultivation of the intellect, our organization will continue to do what it has always accomplished. I have benefited from encouragement of classmates and colleagues, lovers of beauty and wisdom, and have tried to offer that same encouragement to generations of students in my classes. “Let the spirit of earnest endeavor, good will, and friendship pervade the body of Eta Sigma Phi and bind us all together.”

BRENT M. FROBERG
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
HONORARY TRUSTEE
GAMMA OMEGA

Eta Sigma Phi offered me such great opportunities for developing as a scholar through the translation contests and paper presentations, and also for developing as a professional through being an officer. And of course, I also made some great friends along the way. I know it will do so for many more students in the years to come.

THEODORE HARWOOD
ETA DELTA
MEGAS CHRYSOPHYLAX 2011–2012

Eta Sigma Phi gave me the chance to become part of some wonderful friendships that have far outlasted our time as students in the club. Eta Sig has become an extended family, and that is invaluable.

ANGELINE CHIU
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
IOTA, GAMMA OMEGA

My undergraduate institution, Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest, Illinois, did not have a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, but was an affiliate of Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society, and as a graduating senior in 1966 I was elected to both KΓΠ and Eta Sigma Phi. I was perhaps the last, and certainly one of the last Rosary graduates to be elected to ΗΣΦ because the Classics Department ceased to exist after my graduation. I was in any case very proud of being elected to ΗΣΦ.

The years went by and I didn’t think of ΗΣΦ until the mid-eighties when my then colleague at Santa Clara University, Bar-

bara Gold, had the idea to establish a chapter and did the necessary to bring that about. After only a few years Barbara left Santa Clara when both she and her husband, Carl Rubino, were appointed to positions at Hamilton College, happily ending a bi-coastal phase of their marriage. At Barbara’s departure I became the advisor of Santa Clara’s Epsilon Psi chapter and have continued in that role ever since. There is every indication that the invitation to membership comes as a valued prize to our students, as it did to me nearly 50 (can it be?) years ago.

HELEN MORITZ
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
EPSILON PSI

I served two terms as a national officer for ΗΣΦ, first as Megas Hyparchos in 2011–12, and then as Megas Prytanis in 2012–13, and I’ve been co-chairing the national Centennial Convention Committee in 2013–14. The most memorable thing about these years has been the people I’ve had the opportunity to meet, work with and learn from.

Many students have impressed me with their knowledge, particularly those who presented papers at ΗΣΦ’s national convention, or at the ΗΣΦ-sponsored APA panel. David Giovagnoli on Catullus and gender, Kirsten Block on Thucydides’ Athens, and Michael Robert Cook on Roman concrete construction are just a few memorable examples. There have also been students who showed uncommon dedication and capability in working for the good of ΗΣΦ as a national organization. My fellow national officers make great examples—Jordan Dillon, Brandon Glackin, and Lauren Milburn, among others—as do the convention-hosting chapters at the University of Missouri and Wake Forest University.

Many faculty have earned my admiration and gratitude with their unceasing efforts to benefit us students through ΗΣΦ. Executive secretaries Tom Sienkewicz and David Sick, trustees Antonios Augoustakis, Daniel Levine, and Joseph Garnjobst, and NUNTIUS editor Georgia Irby are some of the most remarkable.

The community fostered by our organization’s national presence, by the bringing together of all these quality people dedicated to the study of Classics, is invaluable. We need to work together to keep the Classics strong, and ΗΣΦ is a great vehicle and focus for our efforts to keep the ancients speaking in our own day and beyond.

Happy centennial, ΗΣΦ! Here’s to many more.

KYLE OSKVIK
EPSILON
MEGAS PRYTANIS 2012–2013
CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

When I graduated from Oberlin College in 1992, my dad gave me his mother’s beautiful ΗΣΦ owl, inscribed on the back, *R.K. H’33*. My grandmother, Rosalind Kennedy Pasco had majored in Clas-

sics at the Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University), earned a Master's degree at Columbia, and taught Latin in Tallahassee for years until her death in 1968, a couple of years before I was born. Even though Oberlin didn't have an ΗΣΦ chapter (no secret societies are permitted there—though ΦΒΚ has somehow gotten around the rule!), and so I didn't have a legitimate right to do so, I wore my grandmother's owl on my academic robes from that point forward.

I finally started earning my pin in 2006 when I came to the University of Mississippi, eight years into my teaching career. Our Lambda chapter is one of ΗΣΦ's oldest active chapters and also, I believe, one of the largest. We've made the choice to keep our qualifications for invitation to join at the minimum set by the national organization, preferring an inclusive, gregarious, and lively group to a super-elite handful. It has ebbed and flowed in its energy, but for the last several years has been lively indeed! Public readings of Greek and Latin lit, open Classics movie nights, trips to Nashville to visit the Parthenon, and our ever popular initiations *cum* Mediterranean feasts have been regular features of our ΗΣΦ year, and members have stepped up to help host high school and middle school groups on campus numerous times as well. Getting to know our chapter officers well and see them become strong leaders and organizers has been a continual pleasure.

I've also had a chance to see ΗΣΦ keep working in Classics students' lives after they graduate. One of ours (Jillian Humphreys, '09) won a Bernice L. Fox Latin Teacher Training Scholarship as she finished her degree and went on to teach Latin in Georgia for some years. Soon after that, I began to serve on the Summer Travel Scholarships Committee, and have chaired it for a few years now, with my excellent colleagues, Jim Johnson (now retired from Austin College) and Katherine Panagakos (Richard Stockton College of New Jersey) rounding out the committee. Giving out money is always fun, but the down side is having to choose just three scholarship recipients from among the many worthy and inspiring applicants we receive each year. ΗΣΦ alumnae/-i are out there doing great things!

A couple of years ago I dropped a few heavy hints, and my chapter inducted me as an honorary member of ΗΣΦ Lambda. Thus, my final *nescioquid* of guilt for wearing my grandmother's owl has been erased, and I expect I'll still be proudly wearing it when it reaches its own centennial in 2033. For now, though, my congratulations and my gratitude go to our *sunousia*—may it continue to thrive for many years more!

MOLLY PASCO-PRANGER
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

I have been so fortunate to have been a part of Eta Sigma Phi throughout my Classical career: as an undergraduate at the University of Massachusetts' Epsilon Omicron chapter, as Graduate Advisor to Rutgers' Zeta Eta, and now as Faculty Advisor to Temple's Zeta Beta. I have so many wonderful memories of Eta Sigma Phi, starting with my initiation in 1988. I was an Anthropology

major at the University of Massachusetts taking Greek as an elective, and rapidly Eta Sigma Phi drew me ever closer to the Classics.

Thanks to the department, I was able to travel to the national convention in Charleston, and it was there I was elected national secretary. The next year, in Tallahassee, I somehow found myself chatting with the wonderful Brent Froberg—nervously at first, and then boldly enough to make a weak joke about Socrates.

In 1995, as a first year PhD student at Rutgers, I won an Eta Sigma Phi Summer scholarship to travel to Rome, and it was Brent's voice on the answering machine telling me so. Friends, can you imagine the thrill? From that year until this I have sent Brent a holiday card detailing all of my Classical tribulations and exultations, and he has never failed to send me one too, so full of good will and encouragement that I am proud to consider him a *Doktor Vater*.

When I arrived at Temple University in 2001, Zeta Beta chapter was in full swing under the inspired and capable leadership of Martha Davis. All I had to do was hang on for the ride! We had so many adventures I can't possibly recount them here, but likely you have experienced much the same. As an undergraduate, the chance to meet students and professors from around the country was a truly invaluable. As an advisor, the chance to help students create some of their most meaningful college memories has been a joy.

KAREN KLAIBER HERSCH
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
ZETA BETA
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
MEGALE GRAMMATEUS 1983-84

I was a member of Eta Sigma Phi all four years I attended Baylor University, and I had the honor of serving as both chapter and national president my senior year. Eta Sigma Phi was an integral part of my development as a scholar, providing both connections and opportunities to practice skills useful in academia. Through the experiences of giving a paper and of representing Eta Sigma Phi at the APA, I became a more confident scholar. Most of all, though, I treasure the friends and experiences I gained in my own chapter and across the country.

KAREN (KELLY) JONES
GAMMA OMEGA
MEGALE PRYTANIS 2005-2006

In 2011, I found myself sitting at the Eta Sigma Phi exhibition booth in San Antonio and staring at our lovely new banner. The year "1924" caught my attention because, in fact, *Phi Sigma* was founded ten years before the society expanded to encompass both Northwestern and the University of Chicago. It was a humbling experience to realize I was in a position that almost one-hundred *megaloï prytaneis* had occupied before me. My passion for the Classics and their impact in the modern world was

part of a thread that bound together thousands of individuals across nearly a hundred years. It was for this reason that I began the investigations into creating a Centennial Committee, as this milestone was one that deserved to be recognized and showcased.

During my time in Eta Sigma Phi, I have always been amazed by the enthusiasm, intelligence, and dedication my brothers and sisters have had for not only the Classics but the organization as a whole. The executive boards from my time to the present have been instrumental to ensuring the success of the organization as it turned the century mark, as have the dedicated professors on the Board of Trustees, and especially Drs. Tom Sienkewicz and David Sick as executive secretaries.

I did not have the normal path of a Classics major: before I arrived at Truman State University, the only language besides English that I'd been exposed to was French. I spent two years in Classics Club before meeting the requirements for induction into the Society.

As we focus on our academic achievements and the long, storied history of the society, remember that for the one-hundred years that Eta Sigma Phi has been the place for excellent classicists, there have also been enthusiasts with the same passion that we have. Recognize them. Include them. Make sure that beauty's flame is visible and serving the community every day, and not just at the initiation ceremony. So many chapters are doing so many excellent service projects, such as teaching Latin to elementary school students or running book drives, but there is also great nobility in fostering that same enthusiasm on our own campuses, especially with non-majors.

With our dedication to the Classics themselves and to promoting enthusiasm in the wider community, I am sure Eta Sigma Phi will be able to proudly and confidently meet the challenges of this second century.

DAVID GIOVAGNOLI

TRUMAN STATE, ETA ZETA, MEGAS PRYTANIS 2010-11,
CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

In the spring of 2009, a ragtag group of Ancient Greek students gathered in the basement of the library. Avoiding their typical milieu of destruction and carnage, exacerbated in no small measure by their source material, these intrepid youngsters had gathered not to destroy, but to create. It was here on the campus of the College of William and Mary in Virginia that we recorded Ancient Greek versions of popular modern day songs. Earlier that semester, Dr. Irby, the coordinator of this happening, had introduced us to her collection of Ancient Greek translations, interpretations, and reimaginings of modern songs. Returning to my dormitory, I sat up late into the night scribbling out lyrics for an Ancient Greek version of the Beatles' "Rocky Raccoon." It was a mad dash for completion. To be recognizable and remotely enjoyable it had to rhyme, despite the tradition of meter-based Greek poetry. Accents and stresses were, shall we say, guidelines. Greek words were wrangled and contorted to fit the tune. The lyrics were intended to be grammatically correct even if contain-

ing little substance. Despite its banality, there was a certain joy to translating a line like "The doctor came in stinking of gin" to "ἰατρὸς εἰσηλθε λέγων μεθύω δῆ." When I finished, I made a quick recording and sent it out to Dr. Irby and fellow students which lead to a headlining gig at that year's Eta Sigma Phi conference in Memphis which had a call out for just this kind of entertainment. With the show on the horizon, I buckled down to my magnum opus: a reconsideration of Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven." Having already cut my teeth with a straightforward translation, I decided to tell the tale of Orpheus from his trip to the Underworld to his latter-day cult hero status, turning the eponymous stairway to heaven into a stairway out of the Underworld. I went for a more serious approach by doing some research to find words used to describe Orpheus as cult hero and cult activity in general and by actively working in literary devices and references to the original lyrics. In the end our ragtag group recorded the most widely distributed Ancient Greek rock and roll CD of the year (with nearly 30 pressings!) and I went on to perform my compositions at the Eta Sigma Phi conference. Though my forays into Ancient Greek composition lacked pedagogical rigor, they were a wonderful learning experience in terms of grammar, culture, and motivation and would have lacked impetus and validation without support from Eta Sigma Phi.

NATHAN SELF

(OMEGA AT THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY)

VIRGINIA TECH

Eta Sigma Phi is about connections: making them, renewing them, and encouraging them.

I first became involved with ΗΣΦ in the fall of 2007. I was back in the classroom after the summer and a sabbatical, and was feeling generally disconnected. True confession: I did not pay enough attention to mailings from national headquarters, so I messed up and didn't collect the appropriate dues from our new initiates. That was the occasion for my first email exchange with Tom Sienkewicz, as I pled for mercy. I cannot tell you how worried I was. And, if you know Tom, you know that he was stern yet kind. Once I met him, the trustees, and other chapter advisors, I quickly realized that they are the best sort of colleagues: generous, student-oriented people. I have since invited two of them (Dan Levine and Tim Moore) to make presentations on the Truman campus. Connections with such like-minded peers have become invaluable to me.

Not all of these peers are new acquaintances. Two just happen to be friends from earlier days. Joe Garnjobst was two years ahead of me in college; he was someone I looked up to for his ability with the languages. Katherine Panagakos was a couple of years behind me in graduate school, yet she had already been signaled out as an especially promising teacher. Going to ΗΣΦ conventions is a great opportunity for me to renew my connections with these dear people.

Encouraging new connections may be the best part. I attended my first convention in 2010 at Virginia Tech. Five of us traveled together to Blacksburg via an early morning drive (170 miles

on icy roads), two flights, and a final leg via shuttle bus. Covering that distance was worth it, because it enabled my four students (including a young David Giovagnoli) to meet other young Classicists. They left the convention both feeling good about their preparation thus far and with lots of ideas for doing even better in the future. Our experiences at conventions have also provided us with opportunities for leadership: I am proud of the four Truman students who have served as national officers for ΗΣΦ; I know that they were grateful for the chance to work with and for their peers from around the country.

I look forward to the Centennial Convention in Chicago to celebrate the connections that ΗΣΦ makes possible.

BRIDGET THOMAS
 PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS
 TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY
 ETA ZETA, HONORARY MEMBER

Experiencing the Classics through Eta Sigma Phi & a Rite of Spring

Being part of Eta Sigma Phi was a wonderful and transformative part of my undergraduate life at the College of William and Mary and contributed to my lifelong love of Classics. Although Psychology was my undergraduate major, I also studied Latin and Classics and spent quite a bit of time in the Classics Department. In 1969, I was initiated into Eta Sigma Phi. I became active in organizing Classics activities on campus, including founding the Classics Club and serving as its first President. During my senior year at the College of William and Mary, 1970–1971, I also served as President of the campus chapter of Eta Sigma Phi.

It was while serving as our campus Eta Sigma Phi President that I got the idea to complement classroom learning and discussion socials central to Classics education with experiential learning. I thought we could enhance our understanding of classical civilizations by enacting a Greco-Roman Rite of Spring. Classics Department faculty as well as students in Eta Sigma Phi and the Classics Club were enthusiastic about my idea, and together we created and planned the ceremony, drawing inspiration from a variety of classical sources.

We held our Rite of Spring on a beautiful April day in 1971. We dressed in tunics, togas, and other classical clothing, and some of us also wore ivy garland crowns on our heads. Brandishing a thyrsus in my right hand and playing a tambourine with my left, I led our festive procession of classically garbed professors and students past classroom buildings and dormitories into the Sunken Garden, a beautiful grassy field at the center of the Old Campus. There we ceremonially celebrated Spring by invoking Dionysus and exuberantly repeating the ancient chant “Io! Evohe!” We danced ecstatically and then dropped down to the ground to commune with Mother Earth as Gaia and Terra. We concluded with feasting, sharing some food and beverages we had brought with us for this occasion.

Our Greco-Roman Rite of Spring met with good response, not only from those of us who took part, but also from the many bystanders who delighted in watching us.

This Rite of Spring was not only a highpoint of my work with Eta Sigma Phi, it also deepened my connections with ancient sacred dimensions of Nature, which continue to be central to my life to this day.

Congratulations to Eta Sigma Phi on turning 100 years old!
 SELENA SUZANNE BISSET CARPENTER FOX
 CLASS OF 1971, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CIRCLE SANCTUARY NATURE PRESERVE
 & SENIOR MINISTER, CIRCLE SANCTUARY
 NEAR BARNEVELD, WISCONSIN

I first took over the faculty sponsorship of the Beta Nu Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the University of Mary Washington in 1997, and aside from handing the job to my esteemed colleague, Angela Pitts, while I was on sabbatical, I have remained sponsor from that time. I therefore have an abundance of happy recollections, but the one that comes most quickly to my mind is the one that put me firmly in my place for all time.

The first faculty sponsor of Beta Nu was Laura V. Sumner. She taught at Mary Washington from 1948 until her retirement in the early 1980s, and although she passed away in 1993, a couple of years before I arrived on campus, her impact still lingers. She was a woman of parts—even before she served as president of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in 1976–77, she was, in 1960, the first woman ever elected to the Fredericksburg City Council. She was also quite a character. She used to give talks on ancient coins at local high schools, taking along examples of coins to pass around. Once she accidentally used one of those coins—a Roman *aureus*, of all things—to feed a parking meter. (Yes, she got this very valuable gold coin back.)

Fast forward to 2006, when I was showing that year’s Eta Sigma Phi lecturer, the Etruscan expert Jean MacIntosh Turfa, around Fredericksburg. I took her for a tour of the Rising Sun Tavern, built as a home by Charles Washington, the youngest brother of George, before he set off to found Charles Town in what is now West Virginia and long before it was turned into a tavern in 1792. We were chatting with the tour guide, who turned out to be an alumna of Mary Washington. When I mentioned that my companion had given a lecture on Etruscan archaeology at the university the evening before, the guide immediately said that she loved classical archaeology and had taken courses on the topic with Laura Sumner. I was delighted and told her that we had announced the winner of the next year’s Laura V. Sumner Scholarship at the start of the lecture—and that is when she floored me. She told me that she had liked and respected Laura Sumner as a teacher so much that she named her daughter after her. Well, that was it. I had met my match. I knew that no matter how hard I might try, however much I might achieve in the classroom, I was never going to live up to Laura Sumner. It is a good thing, perhaps, to have a goal that is always going to be somewhat out of one’s reach.

LIANE HOUGHTALIN
 BETA NU FACULTY SPONSOR
 UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

As I reflect back on my college experience, I can say without a moment's hesitation that my experience with Eta Sigma Phi was among most rewarding opportunities I had for personal and professional growth. Eta Sigma Phi represents a unique niche for students of the Classics from all over the country through which to share our love and zeal for our discipline, whether we were from Florida or California, from a school of 50,000 or 5,000.

When I was elected National Vice President for the 2010–2011 academic year, I was afforded a tremendous opportunity to work with dedicated students and faculty at all levels, both nationally and within individual chapters. It was always a pleasure and an honor to interact with the other national officers. They were responsive, courteous, and provided positive feedback. We worked as a close-knit team with a decided end in mind: the betterment of Eta Sigma Phi. We always supported each other and were more than willing to lend a hand to help each other with our respective duties. Attending the APA/AIA meeting in San Antonio in January 2011 was enlightening and educational. My best memories were easily of sitting at the Eta Sigma Phi booth at the Book Display. Passersby, both students and professors, seemed impressed our professionalism and our knowledge about the organization we represented. It was inspiring to be surrounded by other undergraduate students who were as passionate about preserving and advancing our field as I was. While at APA, I also attended the Eta Sigma Phi Undergraduate Paper Panel. Even as merely an attendee, it was impressive to see the esteem that our panel received by recognized professors and experts in the field. To see the next face of Classics is impressive and gave me confirmation that our field will continue to shine.

The University of Texas at Austin did a commendable job in hosting the 2011 National Convention. All of the organizers were prepared, friendly, and generous. As a national officer I enjoyed leading panels about the future of Eta Sigma Phi, but I more enjoyed taking a back seat and letting other members take the lead in discussions. It was enlightening to hear the perspectives of students at colleges and universities across the nation and hear the issues their chapters have faced and how they ultimately prevailed. The most impressive discussions were those centered on how to spread the study of Classics and interest more students in our field.

I will never forget the years I spent with Eta Sigma Phi. I have continued my love of the Classics: I presently teach Latin in Florida and am involved in Florida Junior Classical League, after earning my master's degree, with distinction, from the University of Florida in 2013.

MARIA PETOSA

MEGALE HYPARCHOS, 2010–2011

Winter of my freshman year at the University of Cincinnati, I inexplicably found myself called to the classroom where I had Latin, after strong encouragement to be there and a casual

attempt from a classmate of mine to get a t-shirt size from me. This turned out to be our initiation ceremony, the typical Latin classroom had been transformed with the ceremonial ΗΣΦ regalia. My most vivid recollection from that event was trying so hard not to burst out laughing as our advisor attempted to demonstrate the secret knock—I hope I preserved the sobriety of the event, but I cannot say I succeeded in that moment. After the formalities, we were surprised with sweatshirts and dainties from a local bakery called The Bonbonerie—how sweet my initiation was!

As one third of the Centennial committee chairs, a “trihominate” as Dr. Sick branded it, I want to take the time to thank the other two members on the committee, David Giovagnoli and Kyle Oskvig. Although our correspondence has been largely over email, they have been wonderful co-committee chairs and have admirably balanced our duties to this organization with various graduate pursuits. I have also enjoyed interacting with the ΗΣΦ officers who are wonderful, motivated undergraduates who I know will go on to great things in or outside of our discipline. And finally, *maximas gratias* to the professors who help run this organization—without professors interested in promoting undergraduate studies in our discipline at a high level we would not be experiencing nearly as great of a classical revival that the 21st century seems to have brought us. I personally would like to thank Dr. Daniel Marković who advises Mu chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and is also our undergraduate advisor in the department who is always available for any help or questions we have. So, I suppose my request to those reading is—thank your professors!

I count myself lucky to be a member of this Classics organization. Although I am a member of both the Ohio Senior Classical League and our University's Classics Club, this organization fills a particular niche—the members around you are just as academically interested in Classics as you are, and this affords us an opportunity at our conventions to engage in high level discourse at a national, undergraduate level we may not have otherwise, in addition to having fun and meeting new people. So as you celebrate our centennial in Chicago, I leave you with a modified quote from Vergil to reflect on: “Et haec olim meminisse iuvabit.”

Ex imo corde,

MICHELLE MARTINEZ

PRYTANIS OF MU CHAPTER

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

I came late in life to Eta Sigma Phi. My one year of Latin at Waldoboro High School in my home state of Maine, was a happy one. Among other things, I succeeded in understanding—finally!—the definition and function of a preposition. Until Latin sorted it out for me, I labored under the misapprehension that all two letter words—at, in, to, me, he, it—were prepositions! Still young, I went off to the University of Maine, where I majored in French, and continued thence and thus to the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where I completed

graduate school, still in French. It was there I met Tom, who infected me with his own enthusiasm for Classical literature and history. The years passed and brought us to Monmouth, Illinois, three children, two cats and a beagle in tow. It was at Monmouth College where I signed up for beginning Greek with the Reverend Doctor William Amy, a professor of Religious Studies and ordained clergyman. I remember the class as great fun. One of my classmates, Stacy Stoyanoff, was already a Classics major. He won the Greek bible which was the traditional prize for that class. In subsequent years I enjoyed reading the Greek New Testament with Tom, one on one. It was my Greek classes that brought me into Eta Sigma Phi, where I very much enjoy the camaraderie of faculty and students, working together with enthusiasm and good fellowship.

The initiation ceremony always touches me with its high ideals. Some students, of course, take it more seriously than others. There is a scroll on which all initiates of the Gamma Omicron Chapter write their names. I have special fondness for so many of those individuals! One I loved particularly well and will always remember is the late Reverend Doctor Charles Speel, whom Gamma Omicron inducted as an honorary member, in recognition of his many years of study and friendship toward the Classical languages. I visited him one evening in hospital, in his last illness, when he was no longer able to speak with me. I had brought along my Greek New Testament and read aloud to him the first chapter of John, as he held my hand. This remains for me a special memory inextricably bound to my Eta Sigma Phi membership and the fellow feelings it inspires.

ANNE SIENKEWICZ

My memories of Eta Sigma Phi are some of the best experiences of my college life. I was not one of the popular kids in high school—I preferred to hide in the shadows (except when it came to singing). But when I got to college, I found people, and groups, who were really interested in what I had to contribute. Since childhood, I had been fascinated with ancient culture, and wow! here was a group that not only studied the classics, but celebrated them! I was elected president of our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. It meant a lot to me to be included in this group that supported my love for the classics—even to provide leadership, if just for a while.

I was so overwhelmed to be able to celebrate, at the end of the twentieth century, cultures that had long disappeared from most people's consciousness. It was a treat to be able to recreate Roman feasts and Saturnalia celebrations. And included on our altar was an olive branch, brought back from Greece (from Mount Olympus, if I recall correctly) by Bernice Fox, a Classics professor from way back. I handled that dry, graceful little bit of faded greenery with awe, knowing it was another fragile link to the ancients.

SYLVIA (ZETHMAYR) SHULTS
MONMOUTH COLLEGE 1990

Of an Eta and a Delta I sing...

Fundraising events are an important part of our chapter's regular activities. In February, student tutors have their Latin students at Hillsdale Preparatory School make Valentine's Day cards with various Latin phrases accompanied by pictures. These cards are then copied and printed on card stock to be sold to students at the college. This year, we expanded sales by adding hand-made calligraphy cards, featuring Latin titles. Our other fundraising events include Paint-a-Classicalist (in which participants pay money to throw paint-soaked sponges at Classicalists in statuesque poses and cover them in various colors of paint) and Date Infliction Auction (in which students from the honorary put themselves on the auction block to be sold and "inflicted" on someone at the infamous Cheese Ball). We also put on an adaptation of a Latin play each year for the benefit of the Hillsdale College community.

One special tradition of our chapter is Friday Pin day. As a way of demonstrating pride in the honorary, our members wear Eta Sigma Phi pins or an Eta Sigma Phi t-shirt every Friday. "Flair Friday" has made our honorary chapter more recognizable on campus.

Another set of time-honored traditions of our chapter are Homerathon and Virgil Vigil. In these festive events (held once per semester), students read through the entirety of the *Odyssey*, the *Iliad*, or the *Aeneid* in one night. Two semesters ago we read the *Odyssey* in a weekend marathon that ran continuously from 6 p.m. on Friday to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Twenty to thirty students braved the cold and brightened a long autumn night with the resonances of Homeric verse. This past semester, we held Virgil Vigil in a prominent place on the campus, illuminated by Christmas lights and festive decorations. Participants took turns reading through the *Aeneid*, partly in English and partly in Latin. More than thirty students attended, and the Vigil ran from Friday evening till 5 a.m. on Saturday. Another Homerathon is in the works for this semester.

As our membership reaches one hundred members, the officers of our chapter have a few goals for the upcoming year. First, we would like to continue all of the activities that we have done in the previous year. Second, we hope to fund more opportunities for our members such as attending Latin-speaking weekends and conferences. Third, we plan to continue expanding the visibility of Eta Sigma Phi on Hillsdale's campus. We are excited by all that our chapter has been able to achieve so far, and look forward to continuing our tradition of promoting Classical studies on Hillsdale's campus.

JOSHUA BENJAMINS
GRAMMATEUS, ETA DELTA 2013-2014
HILLSDALE COLLEGE

When I was inducted into *Eta Sigma Phi* in 1997, I was a senior in high school preparing to head off to college. Having taken four

years of high school Latin and two semesters of Greek at Monmouth College, I had a solid education in Classical languages. During high school, I had found Latin club to be one of the more enjoyable extracurricular activities and had also appreciated the annual academic awards of the National Latin exam and the local and regional competitions. This reinforcement of high-level intellectual achievement is not something that exists for most areas of academic pursuit in high school and I think it is part of what cultivated my interest in a sustained Classical education. Having observed my father's (Thomas Sienkewicz) many trips with his students to *Eta Sigma Phi* events, I anticipated that the organization would provide one of my bridges to college life and I was drawn to the combination of social and intellectual pursuit that the organization provides. Like many of life's expectations, though, this did not come to pass. My undergraduate *alma mater* (Mount Holyoke College) did not have a chapter during my years there and, at the time, there was no interest in starting one. I took two additional semesters of Greek and then shifted my intellectual focus elsewhere. By my senior year in College, my interest in Classical languages and culture seemed long buried, and my ultimate decision to pursue a PhD in the history of the art and architecture of the United States seemed to finalize this direction.

Because of this trajectory, I remember quite clearly the day on which my intellectual travels turned me back toward my Classical education. I was working on a chapter of my dissertation and was looking over my notes from days spent studying a microfiche edition of Benjamin Henry Latrobe's sketchbooks. I kept coming back to a phrase written on the title page of the first sketchbook. As any good child of a Classicist would do, I e-mailed my father to inquire if he could help me to identify the following words "*forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit.*" Within minutes I knew that this phrase came from the *Aeneid* and had started puzzling through the question of why Latrobe had chosen to write it on this particular sheet. This was the first of many Classical breadcrumbs left for me in Latrobe's archival materials (and, of course, the first of many similar e-mail exchanges). As this dissertation chapter has grown into a book project, now tentatively entitled *Epic Landscapes: Benjamin Henry Latrobe's Virginian Watercolors, 1795–1799*, the Classical foundations, knowledge, and sensibilities of the artist have become an integral part of my arguments and analysis. Accidently, I have found myself to be not only an art historian, but also a scholar of Classical reception. Thus, I have found that the seeds of my Classical education were not petrifying, but rather germinating, as they lay dormant in the intervening years.

Although my engagement with *Eta Sigma Phi* since my induction during high school has been more personal than professional, I have nonetheless found it to be a significant and supportive community. In several different years I attended AIA/APA conferences along with my husband, Víctor Martínez. During these conferences, and when my father was the *Eta Sigma Phi* secretary,

I sometimes assisted with planning the reception. Accordingly, I got to enjoy excursions to local bakeries and patisseries, most notably the Hellenic Bakery in Chicago, IL and an excellent Mexican pastry shop in San Antonio, TX. Most personally memorable was the CAMWS Southern Section conference in 2012, when I got to attend a session hosted by *Eta Sigma Phi* in my father's honor.

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I was well into a doctoral program on the other side of the country when my undergraduate institution, the University of Georgia, received its *Eta Sigma Phi* charter in 1991, and I remained completely unaware of the organization until my year at Baylor University (2002–2003), where I was inducted as an honorary member with all due pomp and circumstance, not to mention some smoke and mirrors. The following year found me on a two-year gig at the College of William and Mary whose chapter had been dormant for over three decades. After some e-mails from the indefatigable Tom Sienkewicz, Omega was reactivated and my own relationship with the Honorary organization was assured. My first convention was the memorable 2009 meeting at Rhodes College in Memphis, TN, where my student Nathan Self performed in Greek. The excitement was palpable as we began our road trip, guitar in tow, to make our mark on the music industry. (Incidentally, Memphis is mentioned in nearly 1,200 recorded songs! Time did not allow compiling a Memphis mix before we hit the road, but nonetheless we enjoyed listening to each other's favorite artists along the way.) We felt the *gravitas* of the occasion, a sense of history, as well as a connection with all those artists who got their start in Memphis, and those who lined up around the block to record at the historic Sun Studios when it reopened in 1982. Since assuming the role of *NUNTIUS* editor, I have been a regular attendee of the annual conference and am always impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the delegates and their advisers. I will also say that pulling together this Centennial edition has been great fun for me, delving into the history of the organization and my own Chapter. With delight I discovered boxes and notebooks full of records and chapter treasures. I imagined so many similar boxes around the country, wondering what treasures they might hold, and feel just a little sad that not more of those boxes were explored. But the great joy of *Eta Sigma Phi* remains the chance to work with wonderful people, everyone represented in this edition (and more), and the ties of friendship that bind us all. Long health and happiness to *Eta Sigma Phi*!

GEORGIA L. IRBY
COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
NUNTIUS EDITOR

Histories of Individual Chapters

Alpha at the University of Chicago

The Alpha Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was founded at the University of Chicago under the name “Phi Sigma.” The date of its founding is debatable, as the 1926 edition of Eta Sigma Phi’s newsletter, *The NUNTIUS*, stated that the group was founded in 1911 (*NUNTIUS* 1.1), while the University of Chicago’s 1920 yearbook gives us 1912 (*Cap and Gown* 1920). Other sources, including a 1926 article in *The Classical Journal*, provide a founding date of 1914 (Lambert J. Case, “Eta Sigma Phi,” *The Classical Journal*, 22 [1926]: 45–49). Multiple sources agree that in its first year, Phi Sigma was open only to students of Greek, “presuming,” the yearbook notes, “that one must be a Greek lover if he or she be allowed to delve in Classical society.” Eventually students of Latin were granted the privilege of membership in Phi Sigma’s second year. The group continued under the name Phi Sigma until 1924 when club president Lambert J. Case began working to nationalize the organization (*NUNTIUS* 1.1). “Phi Sigma” was then renamed “Eta Sigma Phi,” and the University of Chicago club merged with a similar Classical Studies group at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, planting the seeds for the nationalization. (Lambert Case went on to glory as the author of several books, including *How to Reach Group Decisions*. Bloomington, MN, 1958). Whether or not it was based on his experiences serving on committees with Eta Sigma Phi, we can only guess.)

If you had been a member of the Alpha chapter in the 20s or 30s, your pastimes would have been similar to what they are now. Your primary goal was outreach to local high schools to cultivate interest in the Classics. In 1933, you and your fellow members would have performed a play annually (*Cap and Gown* 1917), hosted lectures (*NUNTIUS* 9.1), and enjoyed successful parties where you indulged in bridge, crosswords, and jigsaw puzzles (*NUNTIUS* 7.1). In 1929, there would have been an 85% chance that you would have identified as female (based on their names, it is plausible that at least 23 of the 27 members did so). And if so, there would have been a 40% chance that your name was Alice, Florence, Mildred, or Ruth (*Cap and Gown* 1929).

The Alpha chapter is no longer active, though it is difficult to determine precisely when it became dormant. The Alpha Chapter is listed in the Chapter Directory and reported to have participated in the national convention in 1936 (*NUNTIUS* 11.1). In the next available *NUNTIUS* (January, 1940), the Alpha chapter has disappeared from the active chapter list (*NUNTIUS* 14.2). Too soon for World War II to have had an impact and not likely due to lack of student interest, so where did the chapter go? One can speculate that the group fell victim to the policies of university president Robert Maynard Hutchins. Hutchins was considered responsible for eliminating “football, fraternities, and fun” from the university campus in pursuit of purer academic goals (Milton Mayer, *Robert Maynard Hutchins: A Memoir* [Berkeley,

1993]: 292). This author cannot say with certainty if Hutchins ended the Alpha chapter, but if having fun were a crime, there is no doubt that Eta Sigma Phi would be the guiltiest fraternity on campus.

~ Megan Tynan

Epsilon at the University of Iowa

Sing, o muse, of the lofty endeavor to uncover the history of
Epsilon Chapter.
Indeed it was Zeus-cherished Janet and swift-footed Grace and
well-greaved Lindsey who
dug through the depths to uncover the deeds of yore.
Nothing was to be found but a mere three scraps of parchment,
Upon which the entirety of this poem shall be composed.
Our illustrious chapter began in the fortitudinous year of 1925,
and after a
Mere two years, indeed group photos graced the pages of the
yearbook.
Our mighty-hearted forebears, among whom was the intrepid
first Epsilon adviser
Professor Flickinger, hosted the Fourth National Convention and
Provided “Athenian After Dinner Entertainment,” which
rivaled even the noblest Greek Symposium.
Truly it was such a delight that we hosted again the 10th.
Help us, o muse, to correctly recount the wondrous year of 1936:
The year of afternoon teas and informal dinners, and Christmas
parties complete with a gift exchange.
Sing of the union between the Music Department and the
Classics Department,
And the stimulating discussion about Roman music.
And indeed the halls rang with such merriment and musicality.
Sing of the dissolution of the chapter and the dire years when
no student
Of Classics could play Greek Hangman or Latin Scrabble with
like-minded fellows.
And indeed they did weep, and the days were as dark as the
wine-dark sea.
Yet with the rosy-fingered dawn of February 2005 came a new
spark—
We were reactivated!
Now great deeds such as Plautus on the Pentacrest,
Homerathons, Vergil Vigils, and Ovid Overloads
again are able to be spectated on the campus of the University
of Iowa!
Certamens and Toga Days and Squirrel Augury events were held!
The best of our number are once again offered as national officers
and verily indeed one of our host did give name to the great owl
mascot,



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QuisTis during the convention of 2011.
Long live the mighty Epsilon Chapter!
Let us now and always vote first with a resounding, “Two for
Epsilon Chapter.”
~Epsilon Chapter

Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri

At the inception of our illustrious honorary society, Eta Sigma Phi, a few students came together to share a love for the Classics and spread this across the country. **Mu** chapter was one of the earliest chapters from the beginning, and was host to the 7th National Convention in May of 1931. Unfortunately those issues reporting all of the details are unavailable but it is reported in the November, 1930 issue of the *NUNTIUS* that, “Word comes from Mu Chapter (University of Cincinnati) that preparations have already begun to make this convention the greatest in the history of Eta Sigma Phi. Let’s help them ‘put it over’ by sending a large delegation.” We can only hope the attendees of 1931 were suitably charmed by our host chapter then. In later editions it is intimated that a discussion on the ritual arose during the convention, and that Mu chapter fashioned costumes for each role, and the Alpha chapter decided on *chitons* as part of their ritual. Perhaps Mu played an integral part in sparking this discussion on what is to be done about the decorum surrounding our ritual. We quite enjoyed reading about the news of Professor Blegen and Professor Semple’s excavations and the report of “Pleasant Social Hours” put on by Mu chapter in 1932, including an annual

Christmas dinner with “humorous yet appropriate gifts to faculty members” and the singing of Latin Christmas carols. But *ehue!* it seems that after a lag in initiation Mu dropped the ball for a handful of decades, from the 1940s through mid-2000s. The new initiates of June 2009 reactivated our chapter, and started our current tradition of inviting an annual guest lecture to present on a topic of particular interest to the undergraduate members of our department. While serving as Prytanis of both Classics Club and Mu chapter at the University of Cincinnati, Maria Petosa was elected to Megale Hyparchos in 2010 and served from 2010–2011 on the National Board. After Maria Petosa’s tenure, Lizzie Thoman was elected Prytanis of both Classics Club and Mu chapter for 2011–2012, who initiated four new members. The following year, Michelle Martinez was elected to serve as both Prytane of Classics Club as well as Mu chapter for the 2012–2013 year, and was reelected to those positions for the 2013–2014 year. Our chapter continues the tradition of high school outreach that our counterparts in the 1930s undertook, but rather than hosting teas and plays, we host *Certamina* and offer κλέος, ribbons, and pizza as prizes. Mu chapter continues to hold its members to high standards of academic rigor and initiates three–four members a year who meet the qualifications. This enables us to hold “pleasant social hours” at our weekly Greek sight-reading meeting and spoken Latin group. On the occasion of the Centennial Convention, Mu chapter hopes that our activity continues to grow and to promote the study of Greek and Latin, while appearing in the *NUNTIUS* for many more years to come.

~Michelle Martinez



OMEGA CHAPTER

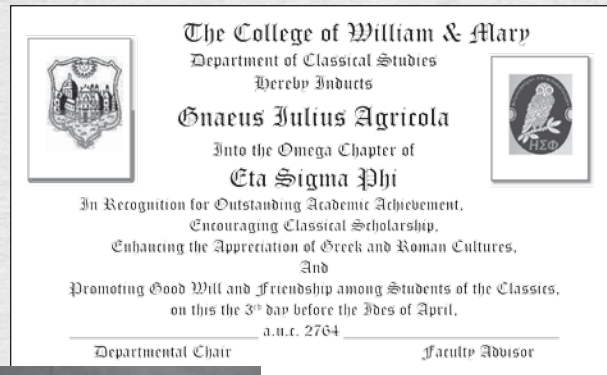
Omega at the College of William and Mary

Founded in 1927, the **Omega** chapter was very active in its early years, inducting ten to twenty members annually in the elegant Wren Chapel (which continues to enhance the mystery and *dignitas* of our Initiation Ceremonies—then, as now, faculty turned out in full academic regalia, one of the highlights according to current members). Those early officers kept careful records of funds and member rosters in their beautiful penmanship on specially designed Omega Chapter Stationery. There even survives a gilt quill pen which must have been used by the mystagogues to sign the By-Laws. In the Archives are also preserved correspondences from the Dean of Students endorsing Eta Sigma Phi activities—different times indeed. With the advent of the typewriter, the membership rosters begin to lose their romance and are now further reduced to a series of unassuming and practically invisible word documents on the Adviser’s Computer. To recapture some of that romance, Omega initiates today receive a “scroll”, printed on high bond paper, designed by the current Adviser, Georgia Irby.

Omega was also active at the national conventions: hosting the 18th annual conference (1942) and the 19th (1947—clearly the organization’s activities were suspended during the war years), and co-hosting the 37th convention in Richmond (with Hampden-Sydney College, Mary Washington College, and Randolph-Macon Woman’s College).

In addition to typical Chapter activities, Omega members also participated in composing the annual address to the Governor of Virginia in Latin verse, as prescribed by our Royal Charter. Written in English (in 1693!), the Charter was quickly translated into Latin.

For ever, by fealty, in free and common soccage, paying to us, and our successors, two copies of Latin verses yearly, on every fifth day of November, at the house of our governor, or lieutenant governor of Virginia, for the time being, for ever, in full discharge, acquittance, and satisfaction of all quit-rents, services, customs, dues, and burdens whatsoever, due, or to be due, to us, or our suc-



THE OMEGA CHAPTER SCROLL FOR NEW MEMBERS

LEFT, THE OMEGA CHAPTER QUILL WITH ATHENA’S OWLS (WHO ENJOY ATTENDING OMEGA CHAPTER INDUCTIONS)

cessors, for the said twenty thousand acres of land, by the laws or customs of England or Virginia.

Sadly, this practice seems to have languished soon after the Chapter was abandoned.

In the academic year 1969–70, Eta Sigma Phi had been replaced by the Classics Club. The students wanted something more inclusive, more democratic. It was a time of student unrest. Omega was finally revived in AY 2005–2006 to Alden Smith inspired theatrics (the sponsor did a brief stint at Baylor). The students were invited by means of a series of three mysterious digital “scrolls” sent by Athena on behalf of Apollo. The faculty are still amazed that about forty students actually showed up for the induction. The chapter now functions largely under the aegis of the more “democratic” Classics Club. Nonetheless, the revived chapter has been instrumental in language tutoring and in organizing a regional undergraduate conference here at the College.

~Georgia Irby

Alpha Iota at the University of South Carolina

The University of South Carolina's **Alpha Iota** Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was founded with gusto in 1928 by Ruth E. Brown and Maude Brazzelle. Ruth was nominated and chosen to be *Megas Grammateus* and Maude was chosen to be *Megas Pyloros* at the 1929 conference. Thus, *NUNTIUS* was published at the University of South Carolina that year (*NUNTIUS*, July 1929). In addition, four new members were initiated and the chapter planned to organize "Classical Clubs" and an essay contest for South Carolina high schools (*NUNTIUS*, Nov., 1929). Ruth and Maude were *Megas Grammateus* and *Megas Pyloros* until 1930, at which time Maude replaced Ruth as Editor in Chief of *NUNTIUS*. That year, eleven new members were initiated into the Alpha Iota Chapter and a banquet was given in their honor. According to Alpha Iota's Chapter Report in November, 1930, of the five students elected to Phi Beta Kappa at USC in November, four of them were members of Eta Sigma Phi. One of them was Ruth, then President of Alpha Iota Chapter.

In the 1930–1 academic year, three members were initiated. The Chapter planned to entertain the fifteen high school Latin students that would come to the campus for the finals of the State Latin Contest. According to the March, 1932 Chapter Report, thirteen students were initiated into Alpha Iota after "membership was crippled by June graduation." It seems that Ruth and Maude both graduated at this point.

Unfortunately, the Chapter fell dormant without the leadership of Ruth and Maude. The Chapter was revived in the Spring of 2012 by Classics major Del Maticic. An initiation was held in the fall of that year for the six new members. The next major event organized by the revived organization was a semester long initiative called the Epicurean Awareness Project in the spring of 2013. This involved student-led discussions on philosophy, an adult education class held at the local Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, and a lecture by eminent scholar David Konstan. The following year members helped organize and volunteered at meetings of the South Carolina Junior Classical League and members visited several high schools to talk about majoring in Classics. Another initiation ceremony was held in the fall of 2013 for six new initiates, including two associate members and one honorary inductee. Although the Alpha Iota chapter is not as heavily populated as it was during the 1930s, the revived chapter has as much, if not more, zeal for Classics. Alpha Iota members have, for the last academic year, been offering free Latin and Greek tutoring. Members were also present at USC's Classics Day 2013, and spoke to high school students about the rewards of pursuing Classical study further. The Alpha Iota chapter has also maintained contact with the South Carolina Junior Classical League, and will be active in the League's upcoming convention. The chapter is working in earnest to support a Classical revival at USC, and this goal forms the basis of the chapter's future events and initiatives.

~ Olivia Garrett

Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College

The **Beta Theta** Chapter of Hampden-Sydney College was installed by the Omega Chapter of the College of William and Mary on May 13, 1942. Since then, the Classics scholars of Hampden-Sydney College have carried the standard in promoting the study of ancient languages and literatures on the Hill. The Beta Theta Chapter still maintains the original roster, presented in the 1942 ceremony, which bears the signatures of all Beta Theta members.

In 1991, to better promote zeal for Classical study, the Beta Theta chapter established the Leila B. Thompson Eta Sigma Phi Prize in Latin to recognize each year a student with outstanding accomplishments in the study of Latin and to honor Mrs. Thompson, who for many years hosted the receptions for members of the society following initiation ceremonies.

For the last several years, the Eta Sigma Phi initiations for the Beta Theta Chapter are held with chapters from Sweetbriar College, Zeta Upsilon, and Randolph College, Delta Alpha. In an age when the Classics are increasingly overlooked as a valuable source of knowledge and wisdom for the modern world, the concerted effort between these colleges allows the sacred ceremonies of initiation into Eta Sigma Phi to resonate with gravity in the atmosphere of collected scholars.

~ Raymond Owen

Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland

Beta Kappa chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was installed on May 7, 1949. The chapter installation, initiation, and election of officers was conducted by Mr. Elliot Wilkins, National President-elect of ΗΣΦ and members of Omega Chapter of the College of William and Mary. We are the 49th chapter to be installed, the second at a Catholic institution, and the first chapter in the state of Maryland.

The 1950s were filled with scholarship and cultural enrichment. ΗΣΦ members attended archaeological lectures at Johns Hopkins University, travel lectures and productions of Classical dramas at Catholic University. In 1951 Ann Connor, Beta Kappa's first Grammateus, composed our chapter song, which was later adopted nationally as the official ΗΣΦ song. We sent delegates to as many national conventions as we could, and were the host chapter for the 35th convention in 1963. Sarel Fuchs, convention chair, became the first member of Beta Kappa elected to national office, serving as *Megas Hyparchos*.

The seventies opened a new era, with outreach to area schools. Our Latin Day brought hundreds of students to campus for *Certamen*. In addition, we held a College Classics Weekend for high school students, allowing them to be immersed in Latin, Greek, and Classical studies. Some students used Roman recipes to prepare our closing Roman banquet. All were involved in producing a Roman comedy, and enjoyed an evening in a Greek taverna, experiencing Greek food and dancing.

In the 80s we inaugurated an annual Sister Mary Gratia lecture in honor of our first chapter adviser and for about twenty years. Gladys Justice, honorary Beta Kappa member, presented illustrated archaeological lectures. We hosted the national convention twice in the 1980s. Our second convention included a performance of *O My Goddess*, a feminist musical rendition of Greek myths. In the late 80s we introduced to the National Convention the *Certamen* which has become a tradition.

In the 90s every Saturday morning we showed up at 6:30 to build up the Sister Gratia Scholarship Fund by selling coffee and bagels to our weekend students.

In the 2000s Heidi Herr's paper was selected for presentation at the annual convention and Crissy Moxey was awarded the ΗΣΦ scholarship to the Vergilian Society's summer program at Cuma.

In 2006 we inducted Jane Hall, founder of the National Latin Exam, into our chapter. Jane Hall was involved in our Latin Days and Classics Weekends from the earliest years and claims that these events inspired her to establish the National Latin Exam—an exam that has brought gold medals to Beta Kappa members.

Since the death of Gladys Justice, the Sister Mary Gratia Memorial Lecture has continued as an annual tradition, as we invite Classical scholars for presentations every spring.

Sister Thérèse has served on the Board of Trustees of ΗΣΦ since 1989 and Beta Kappa has continued to send delegates to conventions. Over the years we have given ΗΣΦ two more National Vice-Presidents, a National Treasurer and a National President.

We have officiated at the installation of four chapters: Beta Tau at Georgetown in 1950, Beta Chi at Loyola College in Baltimore in 1951, Delta Gamma at Marywood College in Scranton, PA in 1962, and Zeta Nu at the University of Maryland in 1997. We look forward to keeping up all the Beta Kappa traditions well into the future and supporting the efforts of ΗΣΦ on a national level for another 100 years. *Vivat Eta Sigma Phi!*

~ Sister Thérèse Marie Dougherty

Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington

The Beta Nu Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was founded in 1950, when the University of Mary Washington, in Fredericksburg, Virginia, was not only still called Mary Washington College, but was also still the women's college of the University of Virginia. Much has changed since then: Mary Washington and the University of Virginia had an amicable "divorce" in 1972, just as both were becoming co-educational institutions; and Mary Washington changed its name to "university" in 2004, to reflect its multi-college and multi-campus structure. The Fredericksburg campus is still, both at heart and in physical layout, a small liberal arts college and is proud to host a chapter of Eta Sigma Phi.

The History of Mary Washington College, 1908–1972, by Edward Alvey, Jr., (p. 592) records the installation of the Beta Nu

Chapter on April 27, 1950, and reports that "The national president conducted the installation service." Laura Voelkel Sumner was the faculty sponsor then and for many years following, and Nancy Stump was the first chapter president. The chapter seems to have been quite active in its early years. Archives of *The NUNTIUS* bear various reports: in 1950, Beta Nu held a tea for high school students and a white elephant sale; in 1955, it hosted the 27th Eta Sigma Phi Convention in Fredericksburg, VA; in 1957, it made a trip to Washington, D.C., for a performance of the *Oresteia* at Catholic University; and in 1965, it joined with chapters at the College of William & Mary, Hampden-Sydney College, and Randolph-Macon Woman's College (now Randolph College) to host the 37th Eta Sigma Phi Convention in Richmond, VA.

Alas, the chapter records were lost at some point, perhaps after Laura Sumner's retirement in the early 1980s, but, again, *The NUNTIUS* archives, as well as the memories of alums, help fill in the blanks. In 1985, for example, Mary Washington Classics student Susann Sowers (now Susann Lusnia, on the Classics faculty of Tulane University), led the way to an induction that included Mark Keith, now a Latin teacher at Riverbend High School in Spotsylvania County, VA, and co-chair of the National Latin Exam. The very next year Susann Sowers was awarded an Eta Sigma Phi scholarship to attend the summer session of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. The career paths of both these alums surely offer proof of the fine job Eta Sigma Phi does in promoting the development of professional classicists.

Beta Nu began maintaining chapter records again in 1997, when Liane Houghtalin took over as the new faculty sponsor. The chapter is particularly proud of two annual outreach activities from its "new" era: its Annual Eta Sigma Phi Lecture at Mary Washington, offered for the first time in 1998, and its Annual Eta Sigma Phi Classical Essay Contest, started in 2001. The annual lecture is open to the public and draws large audiences from the campus and local communities. We have brought in speakers from various colleges in Virginia and from multiple states, and last year we were especially delighted to present our very own Beta Nu alumna, Susann Lusnia—the first of many returning alums, we hope. We are also able to pay special tribute to our chapter's founding sponsor at this lecture, since the Classics faculty uses it to announce the recipient of the Laura V. Sumner Scholarship for the following year. The annual essay contest awards certificates, books, and Eta Sigma Phi medals to local middle and high school students for superior essays on classical topics. The essays have had a wide-ranging set of topics, chosen each year by the current chapter president. The 2013–2014 essay topic, chosen by chapter *prytanis* Brent Arehart, refers to Cicero, *De Officiis* 1.17, and asks if the essayist agrees that one's relationship with one's country is the most important of all relationships. The Beta Nu Chapter is pleased to be sending a representative, Irene Satchwell, to the Eta Sigma Phi Centennial Convention in Chicago, and it looks forward to the next hundred years of Eta Sigma Phi.

~Liane Houghtalin



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS BETA PI CHAPTER YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPH, 2009 (OR 2010?) SEATED, FROM LEFT: SAM LAFOY, SAMI MOORES, MATT NAGLAK, DANIEL LEVINE, SHEREE MORGAN, SARAH GRIFFIS, BILLY QUINN. BACK ROW, FROM LEFT: JUSTIN ALLISON, ZACHARY LEWIS, DREW AVERY, J. SETH JOHNSON, BRANDON HUDSON, TRISTAN JOHNSON, ALEX SIMPSON

Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas

I worked to revive the **Beta Pi** chapter at the University of Arkansas with the late Philip O. Spann, my colleague and co-editor of the short-lived *Arkansas Classical Newsletter* (“Classical’ is Our Middle Name”). By 1982, Beta Pi chapter was back in action, having been originally chartered in 1950. The first Prytanis of our reactivated chapter, James Ownbey, is still a Fayetteville resident, and a friend of the chapter.

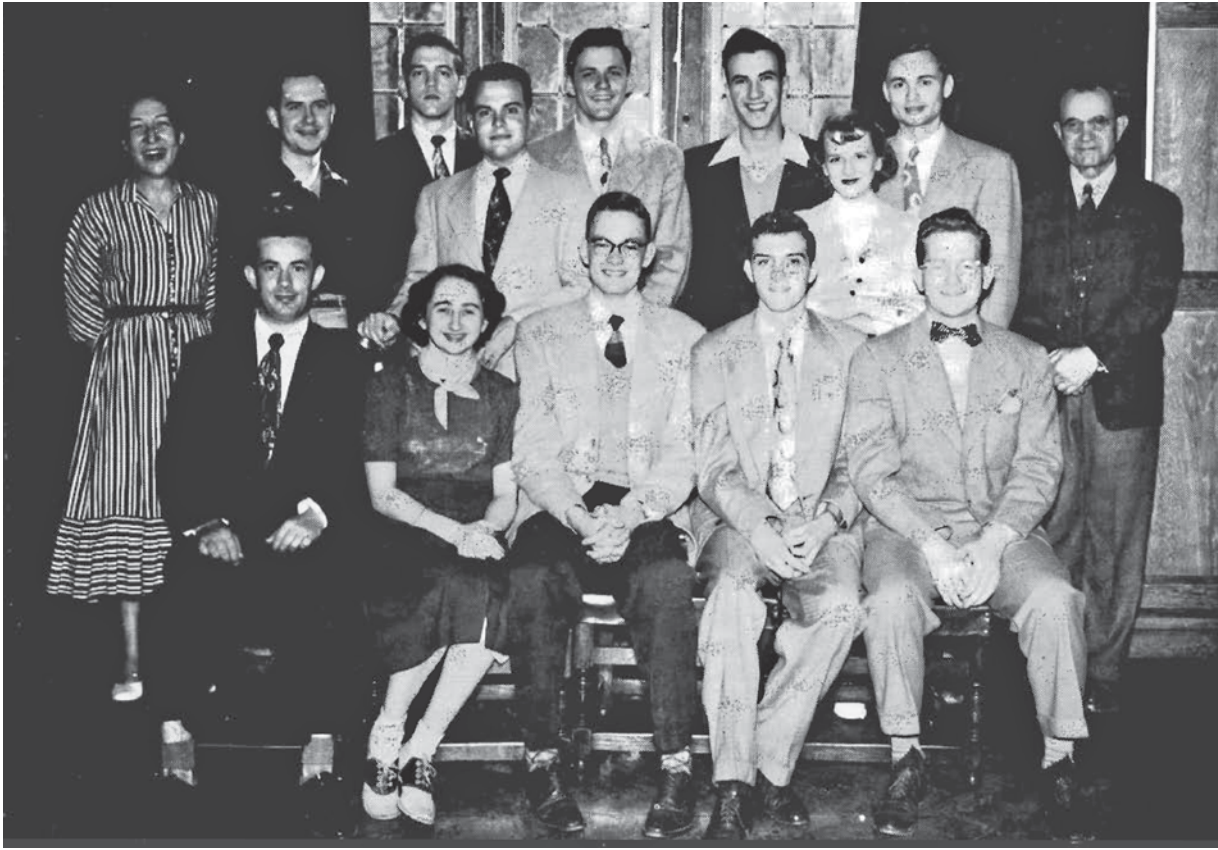
Those early years were filled with local activities. We had annual Saturnalia induction parties, at which we began the tradition of giving attendees wrapped gifts with Latin and Greek “tags” which, if properly translated, identified their contents. We delighted in making personal references, double entendres, suggestive misdirection, and mythological references in these clues. We follow the procedure even today. Our members read the ancient language aloud, make a literal translation, and then guess what is inside. My invariable response is, “Open it up and see if you’re right!” Miraculously enough, they are *always* right.

In the 1980s and 1990s, other local activities included Bacchic goat roasts beside the Mulberry River, which P.O. Spann organized with much enthusiasm. We continued the traditions of December Saturnalia initiations and outdoor overnight gather-

ings with the arrival of Professor Dave Fredrick, another Classical camping enthusiast, who enriched our outings not only with his guitar playing and original songs, but also his telescope, with which we marveled at celestial bodies on cold Ozark November nights, guided by Dave’s inexhaustible knowledge of astronomical lore. We have had readings of Greek and Latin poetry in public places, and a reading of Lombardo’s entire *Odyssey* translation in our Greek theater, with Stanley Lombardo himself reading the last book. Our students have had some clever theme parties, including several which they call “*Cenae Deorum*,” where all came dressed as Classical characters, including one memorable game of “pin the phallus on the satyr.” There was also a re-enactment of *The Mysteries* in a particularly dark and dank basement room—but I cannot reveal more as a great ox stands upon my tongue.

It was during these years that our students began attending the national conventions. They must have gone to Louisville in 1994 and proposed our campus for the next convention, because in April of 1995, we hosted the national convention in Fayetteville at the University of Arkansas.

Everyone had a great time! We spent a day at nearby Devil’s Den State Park, in the Ozark National Forest, where I gave a talk on “Caves in Ancient Greece,” followed by an exploration



BETA PSI: OUR FIRST GROUP OF INDUCTEES IN 1952. OUR FIRST PRYTANIS DAVID ALEXANDER WENT ON TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF RHODES AND LATER PRESIDENT OF POMONA COLLEGE. HE WAS A RHODES SCHOLAR (OF THE OTHER SORT) AND A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE. HE DIED IN 2010.

of the unspoiled “Farmer’s Cave,” in which we had to crawl on our bellies and squeeze through some very tough passages. Most of us came out covered in mud, but Professor Froberg emerged immaculate. Nobody has ever explained how he alone of all the spelunkers managed to stay so clean.

~Daniel Levine

Beta Psi at Rhodes College

The **Beta Psi** chapter at Rhodes College (then Southwestern At Memphis University) was founded in 1952 with the help of our *fratres* and *sorores* from the Lambda chapter at the University of Mississippi. The first class of initiates was an impressive group; it included William Thomas Jolly, Professor of Classics at Rhodes from 1965–1994, and John David Alexander. Alexander, the first prytanis, would become a Rhodes Scholar (of the other sort) and return to the college as President only thirteen years later in 1965! That was coincidentally the same year that Jolly returned to the college as a member of the faculty. Among the faculty sponsors was Dr. Peyton Rhodes, Professor of Physics and President of the College, after whom the institution was renamed in 1984.

~David Sick

Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College

Gamma Omicron of Monmouth College was founded in May of 1956 by Professors Bernice L. Fox and Harold Ralston of the Department of Classics. Other charter members included eighteen students as well as Professor Garrett W. Thiessen of the Department of Chemistry. The new chapter was initiated by members of the Epsilon chapter of the University of Iowa. One memorable story connected with this initiation deals with the cupcakes ordered for the celebration. The instructions were for the Greek letters to be “inscribed” on the top of each cupcake as follows: ΗΣΦ. Underneath these Greek letters, Miss Fox had written out the name of the organization: Eta Sigma Phi. When the boxes were opened the boxes to put the cakes out on the serving table, each cup cake was inscribed ΕΣΦ! At that late date, there was nothing to be done but “tough it out.” Miss Fox did call the bakery, angrily complaining about their embarrassing error. Their answer was that the Greek scholars at the bakery, realizing that obviously an “H” could not possibly represent an “Eta”, had kindly corrected her mistake! No one at Gamma Omicron knows whether the installing team from Iowa really believed this rather weak sounding explanation, or went back home with a hilarious story that the new chapter in rural Illinois did not yet know its “Eta’s” from its “Epsilons”!

Professor Fox was the mainstay of the organization for many years. She organized initiation ceremonies and regularly took Monmouth students to national conventions. She was very proud of the fact that from 1957 until 1986 Gamma Omicron chapter never failed to be represented at national convention, a record which remains unbroken in the national society. Over the years several Monmouth students returned from these conventions as national officers. Members of Gamma Omicron who have served as national officers are: Lynn McGaan, Grammateus, 1959–60; Sandra Epperson, Chrysophylax, 1961–62; Elizabeth Tanner, Prytanis, 1972–73; Kerry Bean, Grammateus, 1978–79; Louella Emmons, Prytanis, 1981–82; Katherine Roe, Grammateus, 1981–82; Marcene Holverson, Hyparchos, 1984–85; Karen J. Swank, Grammateus, 1986–87, 1987–88; Megan Long, Grammateus, 1992; Dawn McRoberts, Grammateus, 2000–2001 and Hyparchos, 2001–2002; and Richard Harrod, Chrysophylax 2004–2005 and Hyparchos, 2006–2007. Elizabeth Tanner was, in fact, the first woman to serve as megale prytanis of Eta Sigma Phi.

Faculty in Gamma Omicron have also been very active in the national organization. Bernice Fox served on the Board of Trustees from 1970 to 1980 and as an honorary member of the board from 1980 until her death in 2003. She also served as editor of the *NUNTIUS* in 1973–1974. Thomas J. Sienkewicz served on the Board from 1997 until 2003, when he became Executive Secretary. Sienkewicz served as Executive Secretary from 2003 until 2012 and as editor of the *NUNTIUS* from 2004–2010. He was named an honorary member of the board in 2012.

Gamma Omicron has hosted national conventions three times, in 1983, 1992, and 2001. The chapter also remains active on campus and sponsors a variety of annual events, including the *Cena Classica* (a banquet of only Roman foods) and the Bernice L. Fox Classics Lecture.

~Tom Sienkewicz

Gamma Omega at Baylor University

The **Gamma Omega** chapter at Baylor University received its charter in 1960; it functioned for a year and then for obscure reasons, the faculty—probably at the direction of the chairman—closed the chapter the next year. The chapter was reactivated in 1994 when Alden Smith joined the Baylor faculty.

Under Alden's leadership, the chapter has flourished producing six national officers: including three Prytanis: Jeffrey P. Johnson (1997–98), Jason Gajderowicz (2002–03), and Karen M. Kelly (2005–06); one Megale Hyparchos: Tracy Jamison (1999–2000), one Megale Grammateus: Amanda Seamans (2001–02), and one Megale Chrysophylax: Rochelle Schnyder (2003–04). In addition, Gamma Omega is frequently represented at Eta Sigma Phi sponsored panels (convention, as well as the APA and CAM-WS) and among the recipients of Eta Sigma Phi summer scholarships, a tribute indeed to the high academic standards of Baylor University, the dedicated Baylor faculty, and Alden Smith's yoda-like affect on his students.

Among my fondest memories of my year as an Instructor at Baylor were the Friday afternoon meetings of ΗΣΦ when students and faculty convened to discuss issues both monumental and trivial, play Classically inspired games, watch movies, and generally enjoy an hour or so of fellowship and intellectual conversation replete with inside jokes understood only by members of the Gamma Omega chapter.

~ Georgia L. Irby

Delta Sigma at the University of California, Irvine

Naught but vast darkness and strange whispers linger in the archival vaults of the **Delta Sigma** chapter. Who can say what eldritch secrets yonder lay, but what has seeped through the doors history thought forever shut? Established in 1968, only three years after the establishment of the University of California, Irvine, the Delta Sigma chapter first surfaces in historical records in 1972, with a list of the names of 17 new initiates appearing in the 46th volume of the *NUNTIUS*.

The following year, 1973, marked the fated year that the national chapter of Eta Sigma Phi would see a revision. It is this same revision, upon which appears, in 1986, yet another list of 21 names. For reasons unknown, the list of names, presumably of initiates, have appeared annually in the archives ever since, though the means of record-keeping shifts in 1990 from the *ad hoc* use of the 1973 revision of the Constitution to inscription within a more refined, blue marble tome.

A prominent practice of the Delta Sigma Phi chapter is what its constituents have referred to as the “Undergraduate Colloquium,” which has taken form in two iterations. Of the first iteration, only two colloquia are preserved in the records; at these colloquia, undergraduates from around the entire state were invited to congregate and discuss Those Ancient Days. A guest book dated 1999 indicates sojourners from Stanford, San Diego and even De Montfort, located in Leicester, UK! We know not why this first iteration of the Undergraduate Colloquium faded out of practice, but its practitioners left not a trace in their haste to abandon it.

In 2008, the better-known Undergraduate Colloquium, sponsored by the School of Humanities and survived by modern rituals, made its first appearance. Rather than a colloquium of undergraduate researchers, however, this second iteration featured a single outside speaker, to which the entire Department of Classics was invited. Dr. Mary Hart, assistant curator of antiquities at the Getty Villa in Malibu, CA, opened up the Undergraduate Colloquium with her talk entitled “Theater Culture in Ancient Greek Art.” Later speakers would include Dr. Kathryn Chew, from the California State University at Long Beach, Dr. Daniel Richter, from the University of Southern California, and many others to come.

In 2013, the first anteat (for such are the students called, who roam in a scholarly stupor the university of the Delta Sigma chapter), Kenneth Lai, was awarded the prestigious Theodore

Bedrick scholarship with which to explore in Turkey the hoary remains of those ancient splendors we call now Antiquity.

But why—why was the mysterious *ad hoc* list of initiates inscribed on the edition of the national constitution revised only a year after the first appearance in our records of the Delta Sigma Chapters—and why was it necessary that the Undergraduate Colloquium's first iteration fell to ruin: these are questions to which the archives are silent. Perhaps it is better not to venture into the forbidden lands that have outlasted even the records of time.

~Kenneth Lai

Delta Theta at Dickinson College

The Dickinson College **Delta Theta** chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was founded on April 22, 1964, as one of the college's first academic honor societies. This chapter has been an active contributor to undergraduate Classics for many years, promoting the national honor society's aim of encouraging an interest in and understanding of the ancient world.

Back in 2000 Delta Theta hosted the Eta Sigma Phi convention at Dickinson College, welcoming members of the honor society from colleges and universities across the country. The convention was made particularly memorable by a lively gladiatorial competition, complete with full costumes, script, live audience, and (of course) duel to the death. The combat can be seen on the Dickinson College YouTube page. The gladiator battle is a typical example of the Delta Theta experience: balancing education of the Classical world with a strong dose of lively entertainment and fun. One of the Delta Theta chapter members, Brendan Boston, was elected a national officer in 2010, furthering the college's commitment to the honor society.

The Delta Theta chapter is responsible for a number of Classical events on campus every year. Since 2008 Professor Meghan Reedy has hosted an annual Eta Sigma Phi dinner at her house, kindly welcoming the members of the chapter into her house for an authentic Classical meal. This event has become a favorite among students, who look forward to the chance to roast eggs and make homemade cheese every year. The chapter always invites one or two faculty members from other departments to join in the dinner and contribute to the conversation; the night has been known to end with a poetry reading from professors and students alike.

Dickinson College also has an active archaeology club, called the Chimaera Club, with which the Eta Sigma Phi club has cultivated a close link. Past events co-hosted with the Chimaera Club include a celebration of Floralia at the college farm, movie nights with discussions led by faculty members, and trips to the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

Many of current and past chapter members are and have always been active with academic opportunities on campus. Delta Theta members provide tutoring for lower level Latin and Greek classes, and for the past few years have helped faculty members judge the Capital Area Classics Festival. At the Latin Fest high school students from schools throughout the Cumberland Valley

gather to compete in Classically themed skits, original songs, a vocabulary bee, mythology quiz and more.

The Dickinson Eta Sigma Phi chapter is always active on campus, thinking up entertaining ways for students to get better acquainted with the Classical world. With the number of active members and incoming inductees each spring, it looks like Delta Theta will enjoy many more years of study and fun to come.

~ Lucy McInerney

Delta Chi at St. Olaf College

The **Delta Chi** chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was established on May 10, 1971. Since then, it has provided five national officers (Mark Gravrock, Ansis Viksnins, James Moore, Stephanie Walker, and Thomas Halvorsen) and twice hosted the national convention (1985 and 2005). Two Delta Chi members (Christopher Smith and Margaret Emond) were recipients of the Eta Sigma Phi Summer Scholarship to the American Academy in Rome. The chapter is perhaps best known for being a powerhouse in the Maurine Dallas Watkins Translation Contests, in which it has had at least one winner every year since 1980.

At Delta Chi's Classics Conversation Table, held every Monday evening, students, alumni, and faculty serve as guest speakers. Over the years, the chapter has sponsored everything from pizza and poetry nights to Greek and Latin Christmas caroling, from Olympic Games in the fall to a lamb roast in the spring. Members enjoy taking field trips to hear archaeology lectures and socialize in Greek restaurants. The more theatrically inclined have a chance to cavort on stage in St. Olaf's biennial Latin play.

Each year the chapter's faculty advisers look forward to the initiation ceremony; we have fond memories of our colleague Lloyd Gunderson (died in 2010) reading "the voice of Plato" with a Wisconsin accent. We also laugh whenever we remember the crazy sporting events at the 2005 convention, including a ship battle with rubber duckies and plastic yardsticks, and a piñata cow that exploded with hundreds of Bit-O-Honey "bees" in a reenactment of the bougonia!

We are delighted that Delta Chi continues to be a source of camaraderie, fun, intellectual challenge, and leadership opportunities for our Classics students—all 632 who have been elected as members since 1971.

~Chris Brunelle, Anne Groton, Jim May, Steve Reece

Epsilon Mu at Fordham University

Founded in 1982, the **Epsilon Mu** chapter of Eta Sigma Phi serves both of Fordham's undergraduate colleges by furthering the Jesuit ideal of intellectual development. Members of the chapter are deeply dedicated to using their knowledge of the Classics for the greater good, whether through discussion of the formative role of the Classics in shaping today's world or the application of Classical learning to issues that resonate with them today. Whether initiating an in-depth discussion of ethics in

the worlds of business and medicine or participating in a values seminar about Classical pedagogy, members of Epsilon Mu are committed to restoring the Classics to their rightful place in academia and reestablishing their relevance to current events.

~Nikolas Oktaba

Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts Amherst was founded by Professor Edward Phinney (d. 1996) in 1982. Phinney's popularity and generosity of spirit not only drew majors to the Classics Department but also laid the foundations of a vibrant local chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. Phinney's legacy is evident in many ways. His interest in Greek and Latin pedagogy was carried on in the department by those like Gilbert Lawall and Kenneth Kitchell. Their efforts, and those of many others, forged today's highly successful MAT program in Latin. These talented teachers-in-training net many of the students into the major and into Eta Sigma Phi. Indeed, the Epsilon Omicron chapter has enjoyed a high number of annual inductees from the 1980s to the present, and they are an active bunch. Members of Epsilon Omicron have taken trips to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Science Museum, the Metropolitan Museum in New York City, and several other museums. They have participated as excavators and conservators in numerous archaeological excavations, mostly recently in the Pompeii Quadriporticus Project and the Poggio Civitate Field School Excavation. They have presented research at conferences, such as the Digital Archaeological Practice Workshop at UMass Amherst. They have baked mountains of cookies and cakes for fundraising events, like the twice-annual book-and-bake sale. They have produced stunning fashion designs, notably the now infamous sweat pants stamped with "Ecce" on the seat bottom. They have brought the masterpieces of Exekias to new life in the form of pumpkin paintings as votives to the always appreciative faculty. But most importantly, the members of Epsilon Omicron have applied their love of Latin and Greek as pedagogues. They have tutored, heroically at times, students in Greek and Latin, offering their services simply for the satisfaction of teaching. Many of these tutors have shaped these experiences into successful careers as Latin and Greek teachers at the middle school, high school, and collegiate level.

~Jason Morale

Epsilon Psi at Santa Clara University

Established in 1987 by Barbara Gold, in most years members of **Epsilon Psi** attend a meeting of the California Classical Association/North or some other Classics-centered event. Our officers are the ones who communicate with the membership about opportunities of this kind. Primarily, however, election to membership serves as a means for our department to honor our high-performing students, and our spring initiation ceremony is

our principal activity. The Prytanis and Hyparchos conduct the induction, parents and friends are invited to see their dear ones receive their pins and certificates, and refreshments and convivial congratulation conclude the event.

Santa Clara has three Classics major options—Language (Greek or Latin or both) and Literature, Classical Studies (with some ancient language required), and Ancient Studies (a multi-disciplinary survey of the ancient Mediterranean with no ancient language required). We had (without consulting the charter) long defined our criteria for membership in terms of number of Classics courses, GPA in Classics, and overall GPA, in a way that enabled us to invite Ancient Studies majors who met those standards to become members. To our chagrin and dismay, when Daniel Levine visited our department as part of a program review process, we were informed that a minimum level of study of Latin or Greek was a national requirement of membership. Since we had invited Ancient Studies students to membership over the years in good faith, we consider them grand-fathered and—mothered in, but, regretfully, we have ceased to invite them since learning of the national requirement—regretfully, because now the excellent students among the Ancient Studies majors must be excluded from this recognition, though they may have completed many courses and achieved excellent grades. We are hopeful that the national requirements may someday be rewritten to include such students. But, if ever, that will fall on the watch of my colleague Daniel Turkeltaub who will assume the mantle of advisor on my retirement in December of this year.

~Helen Moritz

Eta Delta Chapter at Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College received its charter as Eta Delta chapter in the spring of 1996 and initiated its first members under the leadership of Dr. David Jones in the following academic year from the ranks of a pre-existing Classics Club. In the spring of 1998 Dr. Jones sent Professor Joseph Garnjobst as Eta Delta chapter's first representative to the 70th annual convention in Richmond, VA. The following term, Dr. Garnjobst took over the reins as faculty advisor for the chapter and still holds them presently. With the exception of the 74th convention at San Diego State University and the 75th convention at the University of Oklahoma, Eta Delta chapter has sent delegates to every convention since 1998. The chapter started both small and slow until it found its footing and it began to expand its activities on campus and the local community as well as at the national level. Since 1999, the chapter has hosted a charity bowl-a-thon against all the other clubs and honorary societies on campus. Beginning in the spring of 2003, the chapter has distributed dictionaries to local third-graders, initially at a single school, but now the program has since expanded through a partnership with the local Kiwanis Club to cover every third-grader in the county, approximately 500 students per year. Since 2006, members of Eta Delta chapter have served as the Latin program for a local charter school, Hillsdale Preparatory School for all of the students in the school from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Over



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the past eight years the number of tutors has increased from three per term to fifteen and serves as a training ground for students who have expressed an interest in teaching Latin, providing them with the opportunity to develop curriculum, make lesson plans, teach students, set and administer quizzes and exams, and give final assessments. For both the dictionary project and for teaching at Hillsdale Preparatory School, Eta Delta chapter has received the Eta Sigma Phi Outreach Award.

In addition to performing at the local level, members of Eta Sigma Phi have also earned recognition by winning several scholarships: Keturah Kiehl won the travel scholarship to the American Academy in Rome in 2006 and the Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens in 2010; Erin Davis-Valdez won the Bernice L. Fox Teacher Training Scholarship in 2007; Joshua Benjamins has been awarded the Theodore Bedrick Travel Scholarship to the Vergilian Society for the summer of 2014.

Members of Eta Delta chapter have also served the honorary at the national level. Dr. Joseph Garnjobst served on the scholarship committee from 2004 until 2006, when he was elected to the Board of Trustees, a position which he still holds. He has also served as the coordinator of the Maurine Dallas Watkins National Translation Examinations since 2013. Cate Larsen Bryan became Eta Delta's first national officer when she was elected at Megale Hyparchos for the 2005–2006 academic year. She also received recognition at the 77th annual convention at St. Olaf for her performance of "The Dido Series," an original song series in three parts composed for piano and soprano along with Hannah Dixon McConnell. MaryBeth Banovetz Wagner followed shortly

thereafter as Megale Hyparchos in 2008–2009, and then served as Megale Prytanis in 2009–2010. Theo Harwood immediately followed her, serving as the Megalos Chrysophylax in 2010–2011. Grace Ramsey is our fourth officer, and she currently serves as the Megale Grammateus for the 2013–2014 year. Eta Delta chapter eagerly looks forward to promoting the Classics in the next one hundred years of the honorary.

~Joseph Garnjobst and Joshua Benjamins

Eta Omega at Austin Peay

The **Eta Omega** chapter of Austin Peay did not start out as such. On the contrary, it was initiated as a club known as the Classics Club in 2000, headed and sponsored by Dr. Timothy Winters. For five years, this association continued without a formal charter until it became part of Eta Sigma Phi in 2005. Since then, this chapter has hosted the statewide Junior Classical League twice and taken part in several campus events such as the Halloween trick-or-treating, even going on to win awards for several consecutive years for its creativity based on mythology, such as the most recent Labyrinth. Additionally, the Eta Omega chapter has taken part in fundraising for charities such as Haiti, the Special Olympics, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, and other private local charities. Since its founding, the Eta Omega chapter has visited the Parthenon replica in Nashville annually, as well as establishing several other events on campus, such as Classics Day in which all the local high schools are invited to take part in various Classical activities, in order to raise awareness of Classics

on campus. In addition, Dr. Winters has helped found an annual assassination of the university's president by means of plastic spoons in a faculty senate meeting on the Ides of March. This past fall, the Eta Omega chapter took part in its first sacrifice of a rival team's mascot prior to the homecoming football game. This event in particular was fun for the members as it allowed them to dress in *togae* and take part in a ritual that was commonplace to the ancients while furthering awareness of Classics on campus and celebrating the football team. Overall, Austin Peay's Eta Omega chapter has come a long way since its humble beginnings without a charter and has grown considerably since its inception.

~Megan Bandel

Theta Tau at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

The **Theta Tau** Chapter at The Richard Stockton College of NJ successfully petitioned to become a new chapter of Eta Sigma Phi in the spring of 2008 under the aegis of Professor Katherine Panagakos and Brantley Cesanek (BA in Classics, 2010). That year, 7 students and 2 honorary members were initiated. Since then, 56 regular and 2 honorary members have joined the ranks of the Theta Tau Chapter. Together with the Stockton Classics Club (The Order of Greco-Roman Enthusiasts, OGRE for short!), Theta Tau members have participated in a host of activities ranging from movie nights and museum trips, to fundraising bake-and-book sales, to food and clothing collections for local charities, to community outreach through Service Learning, to a yearly spring event—The Marathon Reading of Classical Literature for Charity. Since 2010, the Marathon Reading has raised

over \$8000 for the American Red Cross (for their relief efforts in Haiti and Japan), the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and the Hurricane Sandy NJ Relief Fund. This year will be our 5th annual Marathon Reading for Charity, and we hope to break the \$10,000 mark. Additionally, Theta Tau has sent representatives to the National Convention the past three years and will do so again this year. Finally, Theta Tau at The Richard Stockton College of NJ is very pleased and excited to host the National Convention in 2015.

~Katherine Panagakos

Iota Pi at Tufts University

The Eta Sigma Phi **Iota Pi** chapter was founded at Tufts University during the 2013–2014 school year. The formal initiation of the chapter's members took place at the start of the 2014 Spring Semester. The Iota Pi chapter has strong connections to both the Classics Department at Tufts University and to the Tufts University Presents Archaeology and Classics (TUPAC) club. The first members of the Iota Pi chapter have many goals for the organization. While TUPAC serves the important function of providing students with opportunities to socialize in a casual environment, the Iota Pi chapter hopes to serve a more academic function within the Classics Department. Future goals of the chapter include starting an undergraduate journal and bringing more Classics related lectures to the Tufts University campus. The organization hopes that these initiatives will vitalize the Tufts Classics Department and encourage more students to pursue a study of ancient languages and history.

~Samantha Cassidy

ΗΣΦ Chapters

Alpha	University of Chicago	1914	Beta Kappa	Notre Dame of Maryland University	1949
Beta	Northwestern University	1915	Beta Lambda	Marymount College†	
Gamma	Ohio University	1925	Beta Mu	Butler University	
Delta	Franklin College†	1925	Beta Nu	University of Mary Washington	1950
Epsilon	University of Iowa	1925	Beta Xi	Rosary College†	1950
Zeta	Denison University	1926	Beta Omicron	Mount Mary College†	1950
Eta	Florida State University	1926	Beta Pi	University of Arkansas	1950
Theta	Indiana University	1926	Beta Rho	Duke University	1950
Iota	University of Vermont	1926	Beta Sigma	Marquette University	1950
Kappa	Colorado College	1926	Beta Tau	Georgetown University	1950
Lambda	University of Mississippi	1926	Beta Upsilon	Marshall University	1951
Mu	University of Cincinnati	1926	Beta Phi	Adelphi College†	1951
Nu	Morningside College†	1926	Beta Chi	Loyola University Maryland	1951
Xi	University of Kansas	1926	Beta Psi	Rhodes College	1952
Omicron	University of Pennsylvania	1927	Beta Omega	Ball State University	1952
Pi	Birmingham-Southern College†	1927	Gamma Alpha	Indiana State University	1952
Rho	Drake University†	1927	Gamma Beta	Bowling Green State University	1952
Sigma	Miami University	1927	Gamma Gamma	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1952
Tau	University of Kentucky	1927	Gamma Delta	Yeshiva University	1952
Upsilon	Mississippi State College for Women†	1927	Gamma Epsilon	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1952
Phi	West Virginia University	1927	Gamma Zeta	Albion College†	1952
Chi	Coe College†	1927	Gamma Eta	Louisiana College	1953
Psi	Vanderbilt University	1927	Gamma Theta	Georgetown College	1953
Omega	College of William and Mary	1927	Gamma Iota	Wabash College	1954
Alpha Alpha	Winthrop College†	1927	Gamma Kappa	Heidelberg College†	1954
Alpha Beta	University of Denver	1927	Gamma Lambda	St. Mary's College†	1954
Alpha Gamma	Southern Methodist University	1927	Gamma Mu	Westminster College (Pa.)	1954
Alpha Delta	Agnes Scott College	1928	Gamma Nu	Montclair State University	1955
Alpha Epsilon	Lehigh University†	1928	Gamma Xi	Howard University	1956
Alpha Zeta	New York University	1928	Gamma Omicron	Monmouth College	1956
Alpha Eta	University of Michigan	1928	Gamma Pi	St. Peter's College	1957
Alpha Theta	Hunter College	1928	Gamma Rho	Hope College	1958
Alpha Iota	University of South Carolina	1928	Gamma Sigma	University of Texas-Austin	1958
Alpha Kappa	University of Illinois	1928	Gamma Tau	Mississippi College	1958
Alpha Lambda	University of Oklahoma	1928	Gamma Upsilon	Austin College	1960
Alpha Mu	University of Missouri-Columbia	1928	Gamma Phi	LeMoyn College	1960
Alpha Nu	Davidson College	1929	Gamma Chi	Lindenwood College†	1960
Alpha Xi	Washington University	1929	Gamma Psi	Ursuline College†	1960
Alpha Omicron	Lawrence University	1929	Gamma Omega	Baylor University	1960
Alpha Pi	Gettysburg College	1931	Delta Alpha	Randolph College	1961
Alpha Rho	Muhlenberg College†	1932	Delta Beta	Canisius College	1961
Alpha Sigma	Emory University	1933	Delta Gamma	Marywood College†	1962
Alpha Tau	Ohio State University	1934	Delta Delta	University of Alberta	1963
Alpha Upsilon	College of Wooster	1934	Delta Epsilon	Belhaven College†	1963
Alpha Phi	Millsaps College	1935	Delta Zeta	Colgate University	1963
Alpha Chi	Tulane University	1936	Delta Eta	Seton Hill University	1964
Alpha Psi	Washington and Jefferson College†	1937	Delta Theta	Dickinson College	1964
Alpha Omega	Louisiana State University	1937	Delta Iota	College of St. Teresa†	1964
Beta Alpha	University of South Dakota		Delta Kappa	Carroll College†	1964
Beta Beta	Furman University	1939	Delta Lambda	College of the Holy Cross	1964
Beta Gamma	University of Richmond	1940	Delta Mu	Illinois State University	1965
Beta Delta	University of Tennessee	1941	Delta Nu	LaSalle College	1968
Beta Epsilon	Brooklyn College	1941	Delta Xi	Florida Presbyterian College	1968
Beta Zeta	St. Louis University	1941	Delta Omicron	Texas Tech University	1968
Beta Eta	Westminster College (Mo.)	1941	Delta Pi	Randolph-Macon College	1968
Beta Theta	Hampden-Sydney College	1942	Delta Rho	Radford University	1968
Beta Iota	Wake Forest University	1943	Delta Sigma	University of California-Irvine	1968

Delta Tau	University of Delaware	1968	Eta Eta	Virginia Tech	1999
Delta Upsilon	Valparaiso University	1969	Eta Theta	DePauw University	1998
Delta Phi	Southwest Missouri State University	1970	Eta Iota	University of Arizona	1999
Delta Chi	St. Olaf College	1971	Eta Kappa	Catholic University of America	1999
Delta Psi	Thiel College	1971	Eta Lambda	University of Dallas	1999
Delta Omega	Macalester College	1971	Eta Mu	University of California, Davis	2000
Epsilon Alpha	Centenary College of Louisiana	1971	Eta Nu	University of Rochester	2001
Epsilon Beta	George Washington University	1971	Eta Xi	California State University, Long Beach	2001
Epsilon Gamma	University of Scranton	1972	Eta Omicron	Assumption College	2002
Epsilon Epsilon	Rockford College	1974	Eta Pi	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	2002
Epsilon Zeta	University of Idaho	1975	Eta Rho	University of Illinois at Chicago	2002
Epsilon Eta	Kent State University	1976	Eta Sigma	California State University, Fresno	2003
Epsilon Theta	Duquesne University	1977	Eta Tau	University of North Carolina, Asheville	2003
Epsilon Iota	University of Florida	1978	Eta Upsilon	University of Southern California	2003
Epsilon Kappa	Brigham Young University	1979	Eta Phi	Union College	2005
Epsilon Lambda	College of St. Catherine	1980	Eta Chi	Purdue University	2005
Epsilon Mu	Fordham University	1982	Eta Psi	Michigan State University	2003
Epsilon Nu	Creighton University	1981	Eta Omega	Austin Peay University	2005
Epsilon Xi	Gustavus Adolphus College	1981	Theta Alpha	Franklin and Marshall College	2005
Epsilon Omicron	University of Massachusetts	1982	Theta Beta	University of Alabama	2005
Epsilon Pi	Concordia College	1982	Theta Gamma	Roger Williams University	2006
Epsilon Rho	College of Charleston	1983	Theta Delta	Seton Hall University	2006
Epsilon Sigma	Augustana College	1983	Theta Epsilon	Trinity University	2006
Epsilon Tau	Beloit College	1983	Theta Zeta	Case Western Reserve University	2006
Epsilon Upsilon	University of New Hampshire	1984	Theta Eta	Transylvania University	2006
Epsilon Phi	Knox College	1985	Theta Theta	University of Connecticut	2006
Epsilon Chi	University of South Florida	1986	Theta Iota	Illinois Wesleyan University	2007
Epsilon Psi	Santa Clara University	1987	Theta Kappa	University of Texas at Tyler	2007
Epsilon Omega	Syracuse University	1987	Theta Lambda	Hamilton College	2007
Zeta Alpha	St. John's University		Theta Mu	University of Nebraska	2007
Zeta Beta	Temple University	1988	Theta Nu	Cornell University	2007
Zeta Gamma	San Diego State University	1989	Theta Xi	Gonzaga University	2007
Zeta Delta	University of the South	1989	Theta Omicron	Carthage College	2007
Zeta Epsilon	Rutgers University	1990	Theta Pi	Kenyon College	2007
Zeta Zeta	University of Washington	1990	Theta Rho	University of Miami	2008
Zeta Eta	Loyola Marymount University	1993	Theta Sigma	Wright State University	2008
Zeta Theta	Pennsylvania State University	1991	Theta Tau	The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey	2008
Zeta Iota	University of Georgia	1991	Theta Upsilon	University of North Texas	2008
Zeta Kappa	Trinity College	1996	Theta Phi	Franciscan University at Steubenville	2008
Zeta Lambda	University of Louisville	1992	Theta Chi	Mount Holyoke College	2009
Zeta Mu	Troy State University	1992	Theta Psi	Washington and Lee University	2009
Zeta Nu	University of Maryland	1994	Theta Omega	John Carroll University	2009
Zeta Xi	Iowa State University	1994	Iota Alpha	The College of New Jersey	2009
Zeta Omicron	Wayne State University	1996	Iota Beta	Scholars' College at Northwestern State University	2009
Zeta Pi	University of Utah	1994	Iota Gamma	Samford University	2009
Zeta Rho	University of Texas-Arlington	1996	Iota Delta	Arizona State University	2010
Zeta Sigma	University of Minnesota	1995	Iota Epsilon	Villanova University	2010
Zeta Tau	University of Pittsburgh	1997	Iota Zeta	Christopher Newport University	2011
Zeta Upsilon	Sweet Briar College	1997	Iota Eta	Ohio Wesleyan University	2012
Zeta Phi	University of California, Santa Barbara	1995	Iota Theta	Whitman College	2012
Zeta Chi	Xavier University	1995	Iota Iota	University of Texas at San Antonio	2012
Zeta Psi	Hollins University	1996	Iota Kappa	Loyola University Chicago	2012
Zeta Omega	University of North Carolina, Greensboro	1996	Iota Lambda	Luther College	2012
Eta Alpha	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	1996	Iota Mu	Virginia Wesleyan College	2013
Eta Beta	Southern Illinois University	1997	Iota Nu	Skidmore College	2013
Eta Gamma	Loyola University New Orleans	1996	Iota Xi	Bucknell University	2013
Eta Delta	Hillsdale College	1996	Iota Omicron	Siena College	2013
Eta Epsilon	Amherst College	1996			
Eta Zeta	Truman State University	1998			

†: denotes an inactive chapter

ΗΣΦ Chapters Convention Hosts

1st	1925	Alpha at the University of Chicago	46th	1974	Gamma Theta at Georgetown College
2nd	1926	Beta at Northwestern University	47th	1975	Eta at Florida State University
3rd	1927	Gamma at Ohio University	48th	1976	Psi at Vanderbilt University
4th	1928	Epsilon at State University of Iowa	49th	1977	Delta Zeta at Colgate University
5th	1929	Upsilon at Mississippi State College for Women	50th	1978	Gamma Alpha at Indiana State University
6th	1930	Omicron at the University of Pennsylvania	51st	1979	Beta Zeta at Saint Louis University
7th	1931	Mu at the University of Cincinnati	52nd	1980	Eta at Florida State University
8th	1932	Psi at Vanderbilt University	53rd	1981	Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland
9th	1933	Alpha Xi at Washington University	54th	1982	Alpha Pi at Gettysburg College
10th	1934	Epsilon at State University of Iowa	55th	1983	Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College
11th	1935	Alpha Epsilon at Lehigh University	56th	1984	Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas
12th	1936	Alpha at the University of Chicago	57th	1985	Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
13th	1937	Pi at Birmingham-Southern College	58th	1986	Beta Gamma at the University of Richmond
14th	1938	Alpha Tau at The Ohio State University	59th	1987	Gamma Alpha at Indiana State University
15th	1939	Alpha Pi at Gettysburg College	60th	1988	Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland
16th	1940	Alpha Chi at Tulane University	61st	1989	Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts
17th	1941	Alpha Xi at Washington University	62nd	1990	Epsilon Rho at the College of Charleston
18th	1942	Omega at the College of William and Mary	63rd	1991	Eta at Florida State University
19th	1947	Omega at the College of William and Mary	64th	1992	Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College
20th	1948	Alpha Xi at Washington University	65 th	1993	Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas-Austin
21st	1949	Gamma at Ohio University	66 th	1994	Zeta Lambda at the University of Louisville
22nd	1950	Psi at Vanderbilt University	67 th	1995	Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
23rd	1951	Tau at the University of Kentucky	68 th	1996	Gamma Omega at Baylor University
24th	1952	Theta at Indiana University	69 th	1997	Zeta Sigma at the University of Minnesota
25th	1953	Alpha Delta at Agnes Scott College	70 th	1998	Beta Gamma at the University of Richmond
26th	1954	Alpha Xi at Washington University	71 st	1999	Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia
27th	1955	Beta Nu at Mary Washington College	72 nd	2000	Delta Theta at Dickinson, College
28th	1956	Pi at Birmingham-Southern College	73 rd	2001	Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College
29th	1957	Beta at Northwestern University	74 th	2002	Zeta Gamma at the University of San Diego
30th	1958	Alpha Psi at Washington and Jefferson College	75 th	2003	Alpha Lambda at the University of Oklahoma
31st	1959	Beta Zeta at Saint Louis University	76th	2004	Eta Gamma at Loyola University (New Orleans)
32nd	1960	Beta Upsilon at Marshall University	77th	2005	Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
33rd	1961	Beta Sigma at Marquette University	78th	2006	Eta Eta at Virginia Tech
34th	1962	Theta at Indiana University	79th	2007	Zeta Beta at Temple University
35th	1963	Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland	80th	2008	Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
36th	1964	Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri	81st	2009	Beta Psi at Rhodes College
37th	1965	Omega at the College of William and Mary, Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College, Beta Nu at Mary Washington College, and Delta Alpha at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Richmond, VA	82nd	2010	Eta Eta at Virginia Tech
38th	1966	Delta Beta at Canisius College	83rd	2011	Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas-Austin
39th	1967	Alpha Chi at Tulane University	84th	2012	Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri
40th	1968	Beta Xi at Rosary College	85th	2013	Beta Iota at Wake Forest University
41st	1969	Delta Eta at Seton Hill University	86th	2014	100th Anniversary Meeting Chicago, Illinois (where Eta Sigma Phi was founded)
42nd	1970	Beta Gamma at the University of Richmond			
43rd	1971	Beta Zeta at Saint Louis University			
44th	1972	Gamma Kappa at Heidelberg College			
45th	1973	Alpha Phi at Millsaps College			

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Editor's note: words cannot suffice to express our debt of gratitude to the founders of our organization, those who shaped its early years, fostered the young society as it went national, infused new energy after the lacuna of the war years, and sustained her as higher education (and the Classics) came under attack during the uncertainty of the Vietnam era, the "me" generation, and worse; and, of course, those whose generosity made possible the scholarships which inspired so many of the compelling reminiscences above. Here we recognize them with simple but heartfelt sincerity (and a line from the editor's inner Scotsman, with contrition for the self-indulgence).

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days o' lang syne!
For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne!

H. Lloyd Stow, Alpha, University of Chicago, Executive Secretary, 1930–1932, 1933–1936
 Gertrude Smith, Alpha, University of Chicago, Honorary President, 1933
 Harold B. Dunkel, Alpha, University of Chicago, Executive Secretary, 1936–1939
 Mrs. Harold Dunkel (née Mary Wheeler), Alpha, University of Chicago, Executive Secretary, 1939–1940
 Mary K. Brokaw, Gamma, Ohio University, Executive Secretary, 1940–1943
 Rhys Williams, Alpha Epsilon, Lehigh University, Executive Secretary, 1943–?
 William C. Korfmacher, Beta Zeta, St. Louis University, Executive Secretary, 1950–1951
 Graydon Regenos, Alpha Chi, Tulane University, Executive Secretary, 1951–1955
 H. R. Butts, Pi, Birmingham Southern University, Executive Secretary, 1955–1972
 Theodore Bedrick, Gamma Iota, Wabash College, Executive Secretary, 1972–1973
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 Grace Beede, Trustee
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 Gertrude Ewing
 Maurine Dallas Watkins, generous friend of the society (*NUNTIUS* 77.2)
 Larry Crowson, generous friend of the society (*NUNTIUS* 85.1)