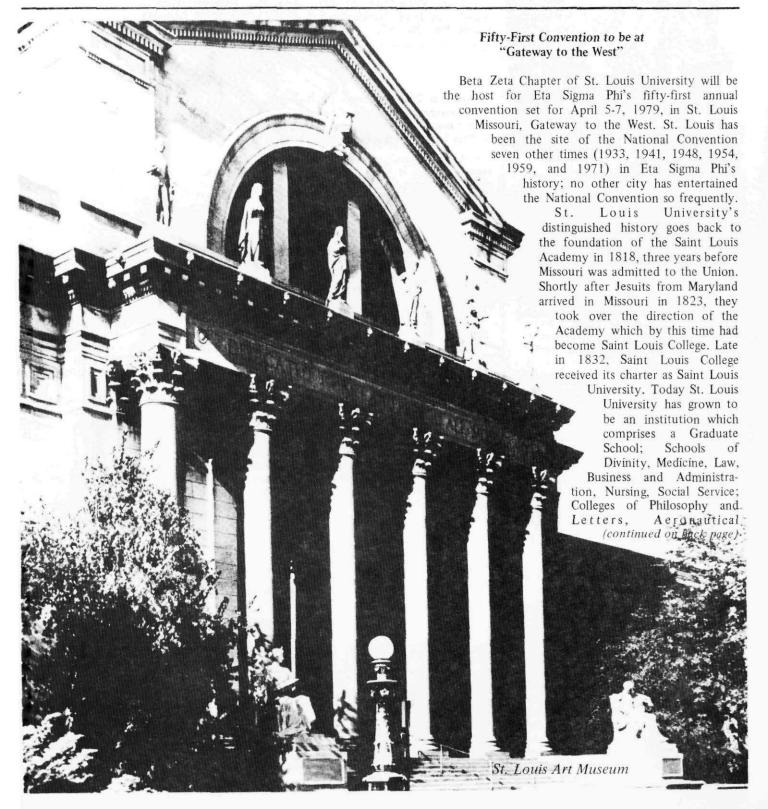


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MARGINALIA

A reminder...

Chapters that wish to have their certificates promptly for members initiated this spring should send their rosters of new initiates to the Executive Secretary by May 7, 1979. Lists sent any later than May 7 might not be handled until perhaps August.

Chapter reports...

Chapters which will be represented at this year's National Convention should remember to prepare a chapter report for presentation at the convention. The report should be prepared in two copies, one to be submitted to the Megas Grammateus and the other to be submitted to the Executive Secretary. Those chapters which cannot be represented at the National Convention should send chapter reports to the Editor of the Nuntius. Newsworthy items in these reports will appear in the Res Gestae of the fall Nuntius.

Delta Pi initiates. . .

The list of Delta Pi's (Randolph-Macon College) 1978 initiates arrived too late to be included in the Fall issue of the Nuntius. We wish to recognize these new members of Eta Sigma Phi now: Charles Michael Pumphrey, Faith Miriam Larkin, Susan Patrice Quinn, Kimberly Susan Pfister, Rosemary Kay Menke, Janet Louise Mallory, David James Fitzgerald, Robert David Becker, Andrew Paul Ngo, Christopher Woodward Simon, James Robert Toler, Terrance Allen Mason, Robert Douglas White, and Robert T. Haynes III.

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Salvete Omnes:

Do you ever feel that you would like to do something for Eta Sigma Phi but you do not know where to start? Sometimes, the smallest gestures are often the most effective. Each of us-alumni, officers, advisers, and active members-can greatly benefit the Fraternity by doing one or two easy things. What are they?

First, and most important: show your interest in Eta Sigma Phi by coming to St. Louis on April 5-7 for the National Convention hosted by Beta Zeta Chapter of St. Louis University. If you come, I am certain that you will consider the trip and the meeting a highlight of the academic year. Many of you will have the pleasure of being part of a large (for a change) group of students whose serious interest in the humanities and in the Classics is similar to your own. There is simply nothing to match the exhiliration of camaraderie in something to which you are dedicated. At the convention you will make some friends whom you will continue to know years later.

The cost of coming to the convention may be an obstacle to some chapters. Let me make a suggestion. Please check the roster of chapters found elsewhere in this Nuntius and look for chapters close to yours. There are clusters of chapters in various parts of the country, and by arranging to pool rides, you will be able to reduce the costs of travel dramatically; in addition, you will have the pleasure of meeting en route others in Eta Sigma Phi. Those of you from remoter chapters will have to think of more imaginative means of coming. Perhaps you might fly to an airport near the chapter closest to you, arrange to meet members of that chapter, and then drive together the rest of the way to reduce costs. Please write me if you think that I can be of help in expediting your travel plans.

Second, I invite you to consider making a contribution to the Endowment Fund of Eta Sigma Phi. All of Eta Sigma Phi's assets are carefully managed by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Secretary, and returns from our investments make possible the Fraternity's attractive scholarship and contest programs. Contributors to Eta Sigma Phi feel the euphoria that comes uniquely from giving; I want more of you to enjoy this direct participation.

But if you face a choice between making a contribution or using the same money to defray the cost of travel to St. Louis, by all means choose the trip before the contribution. Some of your chapters are financially pressed at this time of year. If you can give, I shall be sure to recognize any gift, whatever its size, in a future issue of the **Nuntius;** it is my hope that our contributions will increase dramatically this year. By being generous we reaffirm the sound judgment of many former officers whose farsighted management has given Eta Sigma Phi the ability to do so many worthwhile things.

Finally, I should like to add that my first few months as Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi have been encouraging. I am especially pleased to think that I shall be seeing many of you in St. Louis in a few weeks. In 1971 I attended the Eta Sigma Phi convention last held in St. Louis, and I remember well the generous hospitality of Beta Zeta Chapter and the beautiful spring setting that the city of St. Louis affords. I hope to see you soon.

Valete,

Brent M. Froberg Executive Secretary



RES GESTAE

Beta Alpha University of South Dakota

Beta Alpha Chapter sponsored the showing of three Alfred Hitchcock classics in USD's winter International Film Festival and realized a small profit from the receipts. The proceeds will help members make the trip to the National Convention in St. Louis.

Professor Raymond Den Adel, immediate past Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi, will be the guest of Eta Sigma Phi and the Classics Department later this Spring at USD. Professor Den Adel will be in Vermillion to deliver the spring Classical Lecture and attend the spring initiation banquet of Beta Alpha Chapter.

Gamma Omicron Monmouth College

Gamma Omicron Chapter, advised by Eta Sigma Phi Trustee Bernice Fox, publishes an annual December newsletter which is sent to all alumni of the chapter. Here are several items taken from their cheerful publication:

"Last spring six of us went to Terre Haute, Indiana, for the national convention. We not only enjoyed ourselves, [but] we also had one of our group, Kerry Bean, elected national secretary... He is the third national officer we have had...

We entered a float in the Homecoming parade again this year. Some people might say that it was rather plain; WE think that it showed 'classic simplicity.' This year's theme was: MC, foundation of our future. We used a picture of the Wallace Hall tower with this slogan, and another picture with a derivative tree and the statement: Latin, foundation of our language. Then we had the school flag and the Eta Sigma Phi flag. Not much, but not too bad."

Gamma Omicron met twice during the first semester, once for a presentation by Professor Fox of an illustrated talk on the history of Pompeii and again for the annual Saturnalia party. Members of the chapter are looking forward to three big events this spring: entertaining a visiting classical scholar; hosting the Illinois high school Latin contest later in April; and attending the National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi in St. Louis.



Delta Alpha Randolph-Macon Woman's College

The fall issue of the Alumnae Bulletin of Randolph-Macon Woman's College features (in four separate articles) the college's program in the Classics. Eta Sigma Phi can take special pride in one article on the eight women who have won Eta Sigma Phi summer scholarships since 1962, the year Delta Alpha chapter was chartered. No other chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has had so many winners of summer scholarships.

The accomplishments of those eight winners are stunning. All have taken (or will take) an M.A. degree (or the equivalent) in the Classics; four have completed Ph.D. degrees. One former winner, Margaret Ellen Apperson Mayo (Eta Sigma Phi scholar to Athens, 1969) earned a Ph.D. degree (1973) in the Classics and archaeology at Rutgers University and is now curator of Ancient Art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Another winner, Stephanie Pope (Eta Sigma Phi scholar to Rome, 1976) teaches Latin at Norfolk Academy in Norfolk, Virginia.

Gatewood Folger Overbeck (Eta Sigma Phi scholar to Athens, 1963) remained at the American School for the year following her summer scholarship award and then went on to earn M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in the Classics from the State University of New York at Albany where she now teaches part-time. In the summers she joins the SUNY-Albany staff members working on excavations at Kea.

Other former Eta Sigma Phi scholarship winners included in the article are Gloria Lunette Ralph (Athens, 1973), Sandria Ewers Woodruff (Athens, 1971), Catherine Spotswood Gibbes (Rome, 1973), Patricia Graves Thompson Short (Athens, 1962), and Wanda Finney (Athens, 1978). Another article in the Alumnae Bulletin contains interviews with the staff of the R-MWC Classics faculty, Professors Robert Lloyd, Elizabeth Caskey, and Helga Nehrkorn; there is also a special faculty profile on Professor Elizabeth Caskey.

Delta Zeta Colgate University

The Department of Classics and Delta Zeta Chapter sponsored an Odyssey Film Festival free to the public in November on the campus of Colgate University. The festival presented Search for Ulysses, the film that attempts to prove that the Odyssey is an account of an actual journey made by a real man, and Ulysses, which stars Kirk Douglas and Anthony Quinn. Professor John Rexine, a member of Eta Sigma Phi's Board of Trustees, is the faculty adviser of Delta Zeta Chapter.

Epsilon Theta Duquesne University

Epsilon Theta planned to sponsor its first annual Classical Mythology Contest this fall. The competiton was open to all interested students (grades 7-9; 10-12). All contest questions were to be drawn from Ovid's Metamorphoses, and any English translation of Ovid's Metamorphoses could be used by competing students in their preparation. Cash prizes were to be awarded, and entrance in the contest was free to all participants.



-----Wanda J. Finney

Greece, 1978

Wanda J. Finney spent six weeks at the 1978 Summer Session of the American School in Athens as Eta Sigma Phi's twentieth scholar to Greece. Wanda was graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman's College last May and is currently enrolled in the M.A. program in Classics at the University of Cincinnati. Wanda found that throughout her undergraduate years, her study of Latin and Greek gave her an advantage in all of her other courses. Wanda won not only the summer scholarship but also first place in the 1978 Eta Sigma Phi Greek Translation Contest and second place in the 1978 Eta Sigma Phi Latin Translation Contest. Here are her ipsissima verba describing her summer:

"The best summer I have ever had began when I arrived in Athens June 15, about a week prior to the opening of the American School Summer Session. Our first group activity was an optional climb up Mt. Lykabettos near the School, an exercise which seemed child's play compared to the fast-paced hike some of us had taken earlier to Kaissariani Monastery.

After a week in Athens we began a ten-day trip through the Peloponnese, taking in three or four sites a day. On the road a picnic lunch (sometimes in unlikely places), followed by a nap or a swim made the hot afternoons bearable. Our endurance was often put to the test on the southern trip, but we were equal to the challenge. Even Acrocorinth could not defeat us. At Nemea we were treated both to an ongoing dig and to much-appreciated refreshments by the excavators. Olympia offered us an unforgettable close-up view of the pedimental sculpture from the Temple of Zeus as we toured the work-room where the figures are being reassembled for display in the new museum.

Among other highlights were the second road trip to Crete and Rhodes, our visits to the National and Acropolis Museums, and the two morning sessions on the Acropolis. A favorite stop for me was Delphi: the magnificent setting, the monuments, museum, and our footrace in the Stadium made our two days there particularly memorable.

My summer was special not only because of the places I visited but also because of the people who shared Greece with me, last year's Nuntius editor Roy Lindahl among them. The group were enthusiastic classicists with a broad range of experience and interests. Their congeniality and good humor made the summer all the more enjoyable. For the opportunity to participate in the Summer Session my sincere thanks go to Eta Sigma Phi and especially to the professors of the R-MWC Classics Department, who encouraged and supported my application."



Corinth, July 4, 1978





Cathy Curtis

Rome, 1978

Cathy Curtis, Eta Sigma Phi's scholar to the 1978 Summer Session of the American Academy in Rome, was graduated with a B.A. degree in Latin and English from Marshall University in Spring, 1978. Cathy began the study of Latin when she was a freshman in high school and continued her study throughout high school and college. "Originally I had planned to major only in English," she writes, "but the more I studied Latin, the more I realized that it would serve perfectly as a second major." Cathy also included one year of German, two years of French, and two years of Classical Greek in her college curriculum. Presently she is a graduate student at The Ohio State University in the Department of English where she is completing the requirements for an M.A. degree. She intends to take more courses in the Classics while she is a student at OSU. Here is her own account of her summer in Rome:

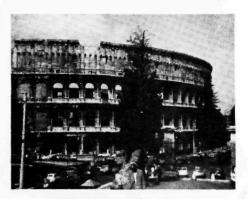
"The 1978 Summer Session of the American Academy in Rome was an exciting and challenging experience which I will never forget. Directed by Professor George Houston of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Ms. Anne Haeckl of the University of

Michigan, the program was outstanding in that it offered something for everyone and allowed every participant to become involved and to increase his or her knowledge and enthusiasm for Classics, regardless of age, background, or educational level.

A typical day of the session involved arriving at the American Academy at 8:15 a.m. for a brief introductory lecture in which Dr. Houston explained necessary background information. We then boarded a comfortable tour bus and proceeded to our destination for that day. Sometimes, when the site to be studied was in the city, our bus ride took only minutes; on other days we were en route for hours, visiting the outlying districts of Rome. On these occasions we took picnic lunches with us and did not return until five or six in the evening. More often, however, we concluded our tour at one with lunch at the Academy. In the evenings we read the books which were recommended by Dr. Houston, dined on delicious Italian meals, and thoroughly enjoyed the Rome nights, a time of the day I particularly appreciated because it was then that I could best imagine ancient Rome as she once stood in all her glory and magnificence.

Every site we visited and every museum we toured was informative and worthwhile; certain incidents, however, made some of our excursions stand out particularly in my mind. For example, at Cosa, a Latin colony of Rome, our group was fortunate enough to be instructed by the eminent archaeologist Dr. Frank Brown. Tarquinia is also memorable because one of my contact lenses is forever buried there. In addition, no lover of the Classics can possibly view the Roman Forum or the Colosseum without feeling a certain awe and an admiration for the grandeur that was Rome. Finally, we climbed to the top of the Pantheon and peered down the oculus, a feat which everyone considered spectacular, thrilling, and terrifying.

The six weeks ended, of course, with the three-hour final examination for graduate credit. On the following day our group met one last time to receive our certificates and to say our good-byes, and then we went our separate ways. We parted infinitely more enlightened and energetic, having gained not only from the summer session but also from each other. I wish to thank Eta Sigma Phi for making this experience possible, and for enabling me to gain a better insight and understanding of the ancient city."



Flavian Amphitheater



ANNUAL REPORT ETA SIGMA PHI MEDAL FUND

Cash on hand,		DISBURSEMENTS:	
January 1, 1978	828.61	Adjustment to Vanderbilt University	3.00
RECEIPTS:			
		Cash on hand, December 31, 1978	\$1343.54
Sale of large silver (3) @ \$12.00	36.00		
Sale of small silver (64) @ \$5.00	320.00	INVENTORY:	
Sale of small bronze (24) @ \$4.00	96.00		
Interest	57.93	31 large silver medals @ \$12.00	372.00
Postage and handling	8.00	31 small silver medals @ \$5.00	155.00
Total receipts	\$517.93	26 small bronze medals @ \$4.00	104.00
		Total value in medals	\$631.00
		TOTAL VALUE (money and medals)	\$1974.54



Twenty-Third National Convention: Back Row: (1. to r.) Professor Jonah W.D. Skiles, Chmn. Dept. of Classics, University of Kentucky; Professor Grace L. Beede, Chmn, Dept. of Classics, University of South Dakota (4th from left); Professor W.L. Carr. University of Kentucky (5th from left); Professor W.H. Willis, University of Mississippi (6th from left); Professor L.R. Dean, Denison College (7th from left); Professor William C. Korfmacher, Executive Secretary, St. Louis University (9th from left); Mr. Jack E. Woodhouse, Prytanis elect, University of Kentucky (10th from left). Front Row: (1. to r.) Ms. Jane Wright, Chrysophylax elect, Vanderbilt University (9th from left); Ms. Marilyn Casper, Grammateus elect, Lawrence College (10th from left).



'Writ in remembrance more than things long past."



The twenty-third National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi was held in Lexington, Kentucky, April 6 and 7, 1951 at the invitation of Tau Chapter; the convention took place exactly twenty-eight years before this year's meeting in St. Louis. Fourteen chapters were represented, nearly one-third of all of the chapters then active.

Delegates attending the convention enjoyed a rich offering of lectures and presentations: Professor Malcolm F. McGregor, then of the University of Cincinnati, gave an illustrated lecture on "Some Greek Inscriptions"; Professor R. B. Woodbury of the University of Kentucky dealt with "Excavation and Restoration of Zaculeu in Guatemala" in a second illustrated lecture on Friday evening. A complimentary tea ended the first evening's program.

The Saturday session featured a lecture by the late Professor W.L. Carr, a founder and charter member of the American Classical League and long-time member of the faculty at the University of Kentucky. Professor Carr's "Helen of Troy and the Moralists" was termed a "delightful address" in the minutes of the meeting.

After a break for lunch on Saturday, the delegates elected their officers for the next year. Eta Sigma Phi was expanding rapidly during the post-World War II reactivation that began in 1947, and participants at the Convention were elated by the news that since the 1950 convention, seven new chapters had been installed.

1951 was the last year that William C. Korfmacher of St. Louis University served Eta Sigma Phi in the capacity of Executive Secretary, but he continued to serve the Fraternity in many other ways in the succeeding years. The delegates to the twenty-third National Convention elected Professor Graydon Regenos (to whom the Nuntius is indebted for identifying several people in the feature picture) of Tulane University as his successor. Professor Regenos served Eta Sigma Phi with great distinction as the Executive Secretary and Editor of Nuntius until 1956.

The picture which accompanies this article is only partially captioned. It is typical of the state of Eta Sigma Phi's archives that too few pictures of the various conventions have been taken in the past, and too few of the pictures taken have been captioned. The Nuntius would greatly appreciate any help in identifying the people in the picture. We have a record of the people who attended the Convention and can verify to some extent the identifications that you provide.

The minutes of the meeting of the twenty-third National Convention make apparent that there is a great continuity in Eta Sigma Phi, Tradition is surely on our side: our purpose and our needs seem to change little from year to year. To be sure, fashions (vide supra) change, and complimentary teas have become convivia. Yet the Classics and those who love the Classics never go out of style.

Professor Chauncey Finch to Speak

Dr. Chauncev E. Finch, Professor Emeritus of St. Louis University's Department of Classical Languages, will address the National Convention. One of the nation's finest paleographers, Professor Finch has been a member of the St. Louis University faculty since 1936.

Chauncey Finch was born in Carmi, Illinois, and as a student of Carmi Township High School, he won first place in a county-wide Latin contest. He maintained his academic prowess throughout his college career and earned election to Phi Beta Kappa. He holds A.B. (1930), A.M. (1932) and Ph.D. (1937) degrees all from the University of Illinois.

Professor Finch has wide scholarly interests, and he has written over 130 articles and book reviews on paleography, Latin and Greek authors, and Russian and Slavic literature. An outstanding teacher, Dr. Finch was presented in 1977 with the Nancy McNeir Ring Award for Teaching.

Through his work on the peerless Vatican Film Library, added to St. Louis University's Library in 1953, Dr. Finch has made identifications which add to the list of known Beneventan and Lorsch MSS. He is advisory editor to Manuscripta, and since 1972 he has been editor of The Classical Bulletin.

Professor Finch is a member of the American Philological Association and the Classical Association of the Middle West and South of which he was president (1962-63). Professor Finch is married and is the father of three sons and a daughter.



Active Chapters

Gamma: Ohio University, Athens, Ohio Epsilon: University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa Zeta: Denison University. Granville, Ohio Eta: Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida Theta: Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana Lambda: University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi

Pi: Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama Sigma: Miami University. Oxford, Ohio

Tau: University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky Psi: Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Alpha Delta: Agnes Scott College. Decatur, Georgia

Alpha Epsilon: Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Alpha Omicron: Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin

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Gamma Sigma: University of Texas, Austin Texas Gamma Upsilon: Austin College, Sherman, Texas Gamma Phi: Le Moyne College, Syracuse, New York Gamma Chi: Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri Delta Alpha: Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia Delta Beta: Canisius College, Buffalo, New York Delta Gamma: Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania Delta Zeta: Colgate University, Hamilton, New York Delta Theta: Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania Delta Iota: College of Saint Teresa, Winona, Minnesota Delta Kappa: Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin Delta Nu: La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Delta Omicron: Texas Technical University, Lubbock, Texas Delta Pi: Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia Delta Rho: Radford College, Radford, Virginia Delta Sigma: University of California-Irvine, Irvine, California Delta Tau: University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware Delta Upsilon: Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana Delta Phi: Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri Delta Chi: St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota Delta Psi: Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania Delta Omega: Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota

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Professor Graydon Regenos, Alpha Chi (Tulane University)

Technology, Arts and Sciences; and the Metropolitan College.

The city of St. Louis provides many attractions of great interest to visitors. The Convention and Visitors Bureau of the city of St. Louis calls attention to these attractions:

"From the beginning the mighty Mississippi played a key role in the city's development, and today it is the nation's busiest inland port, connected with industrial centers in twenty states with a combined population in excess of 100 million persons.

Overlooking the mighty Mississippi is the magnificient 630-foot stainless steel Gateway Arch. As the nation's tallest man-made monument, it is a gleaming tribute to the early pioneers and the westward expansion. The Arch acts as a giant magnet, drawing millions of visitors to St. Louis each year. The observation deck provides a breath-taking view of the surrounding area.

The Museum of Westward Expansion is located in the underground chamber beneath the Arch. The exhibit focuses on a span of time dating from 1800 to 1890, and is magnificently told in the cryptic words of those who made history—people like Lewis and Clark, Thomas Jefferson and the many unnamed settlers, miners, farmers, and soldiers who battled the wilderness.

Looking down on the levee one is taken aback with the proliferation of vessels moored on the river. The gleaming silver Admiral is the world's largest river excursion boat and has five decks for

dancing, music and sightseeing. The Sergeant Floyd, The U.S. Corps of Engineers' Bicentennial river towing boat. has been converted into a floating museum. The Huck Finn and Samuel Clemens are replicas of nineteeth-century steamboats that take visitors on narrated harbor cruises, and the Goldenrod Showboat is the last of the great Mississippi River Showboats. This registered National Historic Landmark offers comic melodrama and vaudeville performances. The Robert E. Lee and Belle Angeline feature gourmet dining. A final component of the St. Louis river-front fleet is the U.S.S. Inaugural #242, a Navy minesweeper from World War II, open for tours. And, for the more daring, scenic flights are available at the Fostaire Heliport.

Gazing west from the Arch's pinnacle you overlook a city with modern skyscrapers, new hotels, and numerous new buildings being constructed. But upon closer examination, you also see old historic structures in their original state-a testimonial to a city with pride in its heritage.

One of the first buildings you will notice is the Basilica of St. Louis, King of France, more commonly known as the Old Cathedral. It stands on the original church site designated by the city's founder, and is the oldest cathedral west of the Mississippi. Regular services are held here daily, and a museum is located in the church basement.

Nearby is the Old Courthouse, scene of the Dred Scott Trials prior to the Civil War. The lawyer defending the slave and

his wife was R.M. Field, father of the famed children's poet, Eugene Field, whose fully restored home is located a few blocks south of the courthouse and is open to the public.

Union Station is west on Market Street, and at one time this mammoth structure served 300 trains daily. It is now being renovated into Union Center, and will house a hotel, restaurants, a beer garden, and an entertainment center. Just across from the station is Aloe Plaza with its famed Milles sculpture group, "The Meeting of the Waters," signifying the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. The fountain is one of the most photographed attractions in the city.

World-renowned Forest Park is midtown and easily accessible from downtown and outlying areas. Here you will find a number of nationally known attractions such as the St. Louis Zoo, the Art Museum, McDonnell Planetarium, the outdoor Muny Opera, the Jefferson Memorial, the Jewel Box floral conservatory, Steinberg Skating Rink, and nearby, the Checkerdome, home of the St. Louis Blues Hockey Club.

The Zoo has won national acclaim for its newest major exhibition-Big Cat County, an expansive natural outdoor home for lions, tigers, and other big cats. Forest Park also boasts large picnic areas, boat rentals, bicycle rentals, an archery range, a rugby field, three golf courses, handball and tennis courts, and even a fly casting dock. Allow plenty of time to savor the many delights of this wooded wonderland."

