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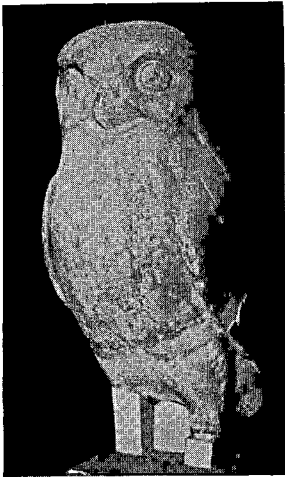
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A continual development, which lately gathered momentum, from just a Latin club to the position of host for the National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi is the history of Alpha Xi Chapter at Washington University.

The Latin club dates from 1920 when Professor Frederick W. Shipley, the head of the Latin department and now dean of the college, founded such a club among the students of the department. In Isreal Treiman, now an associate professor in the Law School, Professor Shipley had an able student organizer, and about twenty enthusiastic students were banded into a club. The group met twice a month and later presented Euripides' *Ion* in English. The play received much favorable comment.

From that time on the club had an uneventful career but steadily gained in strength until the spring of 1929 when the members of the club submitted a petition to the National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi for membership in that organization. The petition was granted, and in February, 1930, Mr. H. Lloyd Stow came from Alpha Chapter to install the new Alpha Xi Chapter. After its acceptance and inauguration into the national society the

chapter carried on its activities with renewed vigor.

In June, 1931, the chapter made its greatest contribution to campus activities when it presented in Latin Plautus' *Rudens* in commemoration of Professor Shipley's thirtieth year at Washington University. The good-sized and appreciative audience was well pleased with the comedy.

The group has grown steadily in size along with its enthusiasm. From the time of that early club back in 1920, the membership has almost doubled, for the actives and pledges of the present chapter total nearly forty persons. Eight members of the chapter were unable to be with the group pictured above. These are the Misses Mary Anderson, Catherine Mahne, Bernice Devine, and Ruth Blumeyer and Messrs. Willis Wager, William Swindler, Homer Wright, and Nathan Steinlauf. The chapter is headed by Mr. John A. Gilchrist, prytanis and chairman of the local committee in charge of convention arrangements; Miss Virginia Rudicill, hyparchos; Miss Dorothy Herr, epistolographos; Miss Laurene Steber, grammateus; Mr. Homer Wright, chrysophylax and Megas Pyloros; and Mr. Paul Streich, pyloros.

*Are You Planning To Attend the Convention?*

# St. Louis Welcomes Visitors to the Convention

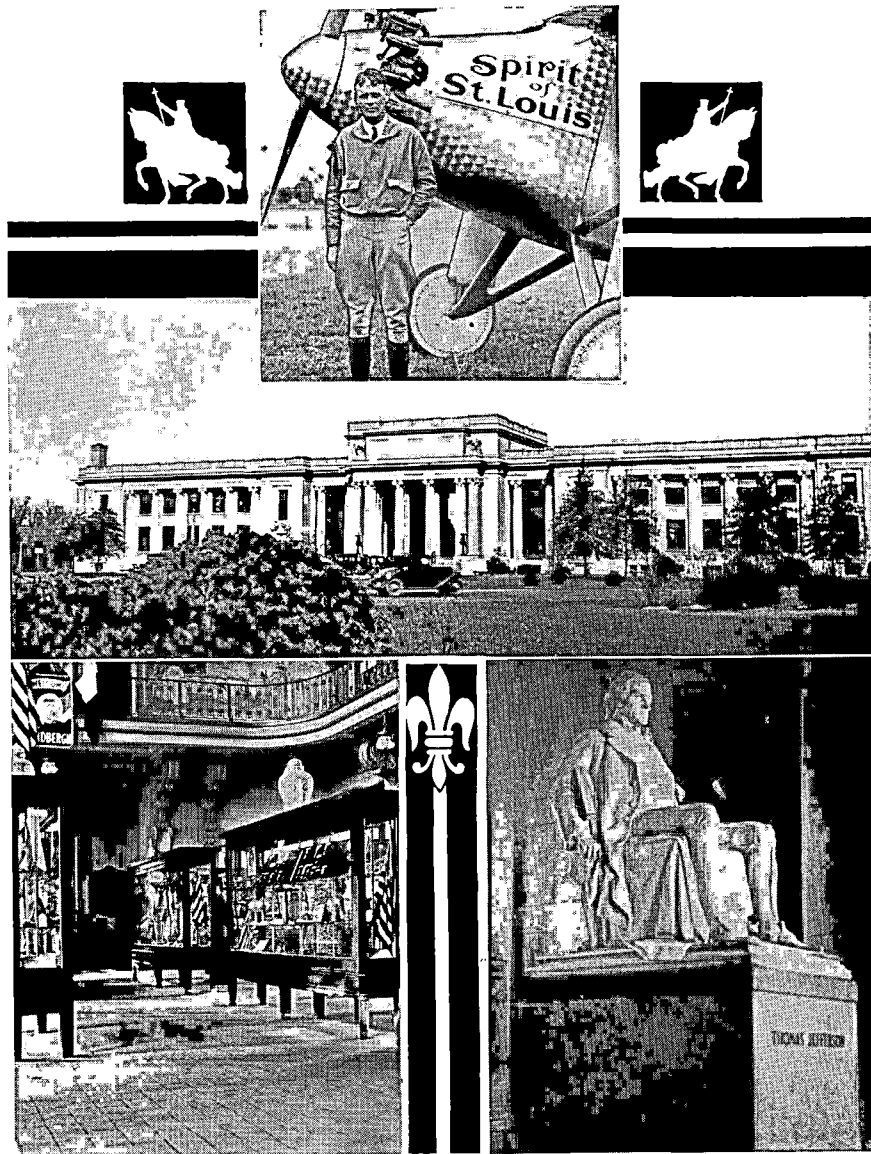
By JOHN A. GILCHRIST, *Alpha Xi*  
CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

ST. LOUIS, home of Washington University, has many attractions to offer the delegates to the Ninth Annual Convention when they assemble for that event in April. The city itself dates from 1764 when a little band of French pioneers first landed on the west bank of the Mississippi River at what is now the foot of Walnut Street in St. Louis. For many days, patiently fighting the current, they had poled their heavy craft up the great river from Fort de Chartres, sixty miles below. Like the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, the coming of this "First Thirty," as they became known in Colonial days, proved a milestone which marked the beginning of an empire. For when on the following morning, August Chouteau led his men across the sandy beach and up the plateau overlooking the river, pointing out to them a line of blazed trees, the ringing blows of axes soon sounded through the woods, and the building of St. Louis began. The previous year a far-sighted engineer named Laclède had conceived the idea of a permanent settlement in some favorable river location. Searching for the ideal spot, he, accompanied by August Chouteau, explored the Mississippi north and south. And, as the record which is

still preserved relates, "He fixed upon this place, marked with his own hands some trees, and said to Chouteau, 'You will come here as soon as navigation opens, and form a settlement after the plan which I shall give you. For here may well develop one of the finest cities in America, since here are such unusual advantages of location and of central geographical position!'"

A remarkable collection of the records of this early history of St. Louis and Missouri can be seen by the visitors to the Convention this year. This collection,

housed in the Jefferson Memorial, includes relics of the Mound Builders, curios of the Indian tribes who traded with the founders of St. Louis, original manuscripts of the French and Spanish days in Missouri, relics of the pioneers and of the Revolutionary, Mexican, Spanish-American, and World Wars, and the ancient records of Missouri courts which fixed titles to land and handed down decisions of importance in the early history of St. Louis and its vicinity. In addition to the third largest collection of Jefferson Manuscripts in this country, a large portion of the manuscripts of the Hamilton - Burr controversy are exhibited here. Many of the manuscript records



Top: COLONEL LINDBERGH AND THE "SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS"  
Center: VIEW OF JEFFERSON MEMORIAL  
Bottom: LINDBERGH TROPHIES; STATUE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

of the Lewis and Clark expedition repose in the display cases. The letter of credit given to Lewis and Clark and carrying the credit of the United States Treasury for expenditures incurred is the only one of its kind given by a president of the United States to an individual.

Among the exhibits in the Memorial and of supreme interest today is the complete showing of the famous Lindbergh collection, including gifts, medals, trophies, and souvenirs from a score of foreign countries and from thousands of sources. The collection occupies one entire wing of the building. Colonel Lindbergh is a loyal St. Louisan and has chosen the Jefferson Memorial, with the Missouri Historical Society as custodian, as the permanent resting place for the mementos which have come to him in connection with the epoch-making flight of the "Spirit of St. Louis" across the Atlantic, and his friendship tour of various countries.

The Old Courthouse stands at the corner of Broadway and Market Streets, a century-old historic spot on the steps of which slaves were auctioned in ante-bellum days, along with other personal property. The stone auction block may still be seen, as well as the prison cells in the basement and the courtroom in which Dred Scott's famous case for freedom was begun. At that time



WOMEN'S BUILDING, WHERE CONVENTION SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE

Missouri was the center of the seething discussion between the North and South which soon afterward culminated in the Civil War. This old landmark still stands, strong and sturdy, a tribute to the honest construction of its erectors. During recent years it has housed valuable old court records and the circuit and probate courts. Its grounds formerly contained a whipping post, used in dispensing justice, and a granite boulder still marks the beginning of the old Boone Lick Trail, over which traveled the pioneers to the West. The Old Courthouse was among the landmarks mentioned by Winston Churchill in his novel *The Crisis*.

In the days preceding the Civil War, Ulysses S. Grant lived as a farmer near St. Louis and sold wood in the city. The cabin in which he lived, built of logs by his own hands, is still preserved and can be seen. It was removed log by log and exhibited at the St. Louis World's Fair, and with the same care was replaced in its present location about a mile and a half from its original site. Surrounding it is a fence built of rifle barrels collected from battlefields of the Civil War.

After viewing these interesting historic spots, one may wish to turn his attention to more modern things. In that event, located near the city and easily accessible to visitors, is the huge million-dollar municipal airport. It is one of the best and most completely equipped



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landing fields in the country. This airport was made famous as the starting point of Colonel Lindbergh's famous flight. Extensive factories for the manufacture of standard planes and motors, too, are in busy operation at the airport. Here are built planes similar to the famous "Spirit of St. Louis," as well as other commercial crafts.

Another attraction of which St. Louis is justly proud is Shaw's Garden. Founded in 1850 by the philanthropist Henry Shaw, the Missouri Botanical Garden (popularly known as Shaw's Garden) ranks second only to the famous Kew Gardens of England. It contains the largest collection of plant life in the western hemisphere and is famous the world over for its wealth of botanical species and its beautiful floral displays. Large conservatories are maintained, containing a varied collection of tropical plants and providing for an almost continual display of chrysanthemums, orchids, lilies, and other blooming plants. More than 11,000 species of plants from all climates and all parts of the globe are to be seen here.

Forest Park, with its 1,400 acres, is one of the largest and most beautiful city parks in America, and every visitor will want to see it. Located in this huge park is the Zoo, one of the sights of the city and considered one of the chief zoological gardens of America.

Experts concerned with the captivity of wild animals have come to St. Louis from all parts of the world to study the ideal methods used here, and particularly to examine the unusual arrangement by which the animal dens and paddocks have been transformed into haunts very similar to nature. The cageless bear pits, in particular, which have attracted the notice of zoological experts from all over the world, are artificial rocky dens with earth-filled fissures from which native shrubbery and evergreens grow. They are exact concrete reproductions of limestone bluffs along the Mississippi River.

The Art Museum, located in Forest Park too, which was erected during the World's Fair as a permanent building, ranks as one of the leading art galleries in the United States. The Museum contains rich exhibits of paintings, casts, sculpture, marbles, drawings, architecture, and applied arts. Many rare canvasses are here, exemplifying the famous work of old masters. The collection of Chinese bronzes, ceramics, and paintings is one of the finest of its kind.

And finally, Washington University, the home of Alpha Xi Chapter, will attract the visitor. Of special interest to students of the classics will be the display of

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GRAHAM MEMORIAL CHAPEL

# RES GESTAE

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## Lambda and Omega Chapters Sponsor Classical Papers

Lambda Chapter, in cooperation with the members of the Latin classes and the Latin Club of the University of Mississippi, is aiding in the task of publishing monthly a six-page paper whose avowed purpose is to "proclaim to the world that Latin is not dead; that it is not even the worse for age; that it has only just begun to live." As a proof of this assertion the editors have written the majority of the contents in Latin. Interesting comments on classical happenings and activities of members of the Latin department are included, as well as poems, articles in prose, and jokes. Mr. Wells Woody, Jr., prytanis of Lambda Chapter, is editor-in-chief. Professor A. L. Bondurant, honorary member of the chapter, is faculty adviser of the publication.

A similar idea was recently put into effect at the College of William and Mary under the direction of members of Omega Chapter. The newspaper originated with an *Acta Diurna*, written by Professor Robert McClelland, of the department of Ancient Languages. The paper was dedicated to those "Muses who may have been hovering near while his (the writer's) brow was furrowed by the task of composition." The publication contained matters serious and light, "matters amusing, irritating, and otherwise," questions for the Roman Dorothy Dix, and other features of interest to all. The first edition was published and copies distributed to representatives of the chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. Plans are now under way to publish the *Acta Diurna* quarterly with Mr. Irving Silverman as editor, Miss Ada Kelley as business manager, Professor Robert McClelland as faculty adviser, and every member of the chapter as a reporter.

## Professor Frank J. Miller Speaks In Florida

On March 10 and 11 the Florida Education Association held its annual meeting in Tampa, Florida. At that time Professor Frank J. Miller, professor emeritus of the University of Chicago and honorary member of Alpha Chapter, addressed the Latin division of the association. The Chicago alumni of Florida gave a banquet at which Professor Miller was the main speaker and Miss Olivia Dorman, faculty adviser of Eta Chapter, was toastmistress.

It will be remembered that last year Professor Miller was the guest of Eta Chapter and the main speaker at the Founder's Day Banquet.

## Interesting Article Published By Professor Weston

Professor A. H. Weston, honorary member of Alpha Omicron Chapter, is the author of an article entitled "The *Vita Washingtonii* of Francis Glass," which appeared in the March number of the *Classical Journal*.

This biography of Washington, written in the Latin language nearly one hundred years ago and designed for the use of schoolboys studying Latin, is an interesting commentary on the teaching methods of that time, as well as a tribute to the classical scholarship of the author.

## Zeta Entertains Ohio Chapters

Members of the Ohio chapters of Eta Sigma Phi, having found in the past year that a joint meeting was mutually helpful, met this year on February 25 at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. At this time Mu Chapter was represented by the Misses Carolyn Stites, prytanis, and Ruth Fels, grammateus; and Gamma by the Misses Dolores Phelps, prytanis, Mabel Wilson, protohyparchos, Madge Campbell, grammateus, Idah Stuart, pyloros, Dorothea Shannon, and Mary Brokaw. It was regretted that a lack of means of transportation prevented Sigma's sending any delegates to the meeting.

Immediately following a luncheon which was served at the attractive Granville Inn, some time was devoted to the exchange of ideas concerning high school expansion, membership, attendance, meetings, finance, and the NUNTIUS. This friendly discussion not only brought new ideas to each chapter but also contributed to the fraternal spirit so necessary to the life of an organization.

The remaining part of the afternoon was very delightfully planned and executed. Zeta escorted the guests to the neighboring city of Newark where a trip was made to the famous Mounds, made by the Mound Builders centuries ago. It seemed that Aeolus had again entrusted the bag of winds to a sleeping Ulysses, for great gusts almost overwhelmed the hosts and their guests. This short trip to earthen structures, which are the wonder of American archaeologists, served to bring more vividly to the minds of those standing on the heights of the Mounds the fascination of the work of the archaeologists who are excavating in Greece and Rome.

An organ recital, presented by the college organist, and a tour of the campus after the return to Granville were thoroughly enjoyed by the guests.

In no other way could so delightful a day be brought to a close than by an evening spent in conversation, music,



and games, and a delicious supper which was served by the chapter members. Not a guest present at this miniature Convention will ever lose completely the memory of the occasion. The friendship and good will which were renewed will never be forgotten.

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### A Family Affair at Muhlenberg College

Honors go to the Fritsch family for members who are classically minded. John William Fritsch, a recent initiate of Alpha Rho Chapter, is the fourth member of the family to have connections with a classical organization on the campus of Muhlenberg College. His father, Mr. J. Warren Fritsch, head of the Latin department of the Allentown High School, was the first president of the Classical Club of Muhlenberg College, the club which later became Alpha Rho Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. His uncle, Professor Robert Fritsch, of the department of Religion of Muhlenberg College, is an honorary member of the chapter, and his cousin, Charles Fritsch, '32, is an alumnus.

Few families can equal this record!

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### Honorary and Alumni Members Are Prominent in Classical Meetings

It is interesting to note the number of honorary and alumni members of Eta Sigma Phi whose names appear on programs of classical associations. In the January issue of the *NUNTIVS* (Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 6) mention was made of those who participated in the sessions of the American Philological Association and the Archæological Institute. Members of Eta Sigma Phi will play a prominent part also in the program of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South.

The meeting of the Association will be held this year at Williamsburg, Virginia, home of Omega Chapter, April 13, 14, and 15. Professor A. P. Wagener, head of the department of Ancient Languages, is chairman of the local committee on arrangements.

At the afternoon session on April 13 Professor Roy C. Flickinger, president of the Association and honorary member of Epsilon Chapter, will preside. On the program for that time are the names of Professor Frank J. Miller, of Alpha, who will speak on "Another Phase of Translation," and Professor V. D. Hill, of Gamma, whose paper is entitled "Apollo, the Healing God." Professor Fred S. Dunham, of Alpha Eta, will preside at a meeting of the State Vice-Presidents of the Association.

In the evening of the same day Professor Lillian Gay Beery, of Theta, will preside, and three honorary members will participate on the program. "The Decay of the Roman Army" is the title of a paper by Professor A. P. Dorjahn, of Beta, and Professor Lester K. Born, of West-

ern Reserve University. Professor A. P. Wagener's paper is entitled "Reflections of Personal Experience in Cicero's Ethical Doctrine." Pi Chapter is represented by Professor George Currie, who will speak on "The History of the Roman Sense of Honor."

At the morning session on April 14 Professor Charles E. Little, of George Peabody School for Teachers and honorary member of Psi Chapter, will read a paper on "The Unwilling Aeneas." "A Discussion of *Aeneid* I, 389" is the title of Professor A. L. Bondurant's paper. Professor Bondurant is an honorary member of Lambda Chapter. An alumna of Epsilon, Professor Helen Rees Clifford, will present a paper entitled "Expansion Versus Restriction in the Curriculum." Professor Clifford is a member of the faculty of Sophie Newcomb College.

It is interesting to observe that at the evening meeting all the speakers are honorary members of Eta Sigma Phi. Words of welcome to the visitors will be extended by J. A. C. Chandler, president of the College of William and Mary and member of Omega Chapter. A reply for the Association will be given by Charles C. Mierow, president of Colorado College and member of Kappa Chapter. "Our Message in a Time of Depression" is the title of Professor Flickinger's presidential address. He will be followed by Payson S. Wild, a well-known figure in Chicago literary circles and a member of Beta Chapter, whose subject is "Smith's Hotel—a Sequel."

At the final session of the Association, on April 15, Professor Josiah B. Game, of Eta Chapter, will preside. On the program for this day are the names of Dean Selatie E. Stout, of Theta Chapter, who will speak on "The Stoic Philosophy of Life," and of Professor Franklin H. Potter, of Epsilon, whose subject is "Marriage as a Factor in Politics in Ancient Rome."

Alumni and active members of Psi Chapter were prominent at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Philological Association held at Vanderbilt University and George Peabody School for Teachers March 3 and 4. Professor Edwin Lee Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Association and honorary member of Psi Chapter, is very active in its work. The program included six papers presented by honorary and active members of the chapter.

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Miss Anna Cochran, associate member of Alpha Gamma Chapter (Southern Methodist University), is employed as a teacher in one of the schools of Dallas, Texas.

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Professor Lester M. Prindle, honorary member of Iota Chapter, is on leave of absence this semester from the University of Vermont. Professor Prindle will travel abroad.

## Pi Chapter Furnishes Chapel Program Before Birmingham-Southern College

Attention of the student body of Birmingham-Southern College was directed to Pi Chapter on February 21 when the members of the chapter took charge of the chapel exercises on that day.

As a part of the program Professor George Currie, honorary member of Pi Chapter, displayed a toga and explained the manner in which it was worn. On this occasion, too, public announcement was made of the new members who had satisfactorily fulfilled the requirements for membership in Pi Chapter (see "Lares and Penates," page 23).

The program as a whole served to acquaint new students of Birmingham-Southern College with the purposes and ideals of the organization.

## Members of Alpha Epsilon Chapter Guests of Alpha Rho

The members of Alpha Rho Chapter played the role of hosts to Alpha Epsilon Chapter at a joint meeting held at Muhlenberg College on March 9. Although members of the two chapters had met together earlier in the year (see the NUNTIUS, Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 6) and held initiation services for their respective pledges, this was the first occasion at which a regular meeting was conducted. The assemblage was truly representative of the classical interest displayed in both institutions. Professors H. W. Wright and E. L. Crum of Lehigh University headed the faculty delegation, and Mr. Joseph K. Strawbridge, prytanis of Alpha Epsilon, acted as leader of the student representatives.

Alpha Rho Chapter opened the program with a short business meeting, after which Mr. Martin Ruoss, prytanis of Alpha Rho, presented Professor Robert Fritsch, of the department of Religion of Muhlenberg College, as the speaker of the evening. Since Professor Fritsch has from his college days been a student of word derivation he appropriately chose as his subject "Language Derivations from the Hebrew."

The talk opened with a short history of Palestine, and Professor Fritsch showed how the Hebrew tongue has persisted in spite of the confusion and trouble which have attended that race. The history of certain suffixes and prefixes occurring in English was treated, and this was supplemented with an account of experiences in travel in Europe and Asia Minor.

A social program followed the interesting talk by Professor Fritsch, and the serving of refreshments brought the meeting to a close.

## Professor Green Edits History

Professor Edwin L. Green, head of the department of Ancient Languages at the University of South Carolina and honorary member of Alpha Iota Chapter, is the author of a book, *The History of Richland County and Columbia*, which has recently been released.

This is the first of two volumes which will tell the story of Richland County, South Carolina, from the first surveys made in 1732 until the present. The volume contains sketches of early settlers, institutions, conditions, customs, and manners. Histories of families are given and records which escaped burning in Sherman's march in 1865. The book has a number of interesting illustrations and maps.

Professor Green is working on the second volume, which will bring the history down to the present time.

## St. Louis Welcomes Visitors to the Convention

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coins, considered the best university collection in this country. The donor was Mr. J. M. Wulfing, father-in-law of Professor Eugene Tavenner. Professor Tavenner is an honorary member of Alpha Xi Chapter.

Washington University, founded in 1853 and opened under its present name in 1857, has grown with the city of St. Louis from a small seminary in a trading-post to a powerful institution in one of the few great urban areas of the Middle West. Today the main campus, on a plateau overlooking the city, embraces 155 acres and has 26 buildings. Fifteen more buildings comprise the medical and dental group on a separate plot nearer the center of town, and the Henry Shaw School of Botany is housed on the grounds of the Missouri Botanical Garden. The University has a faculty of 656 and an annual student enrollment of approximately 7,500. Since 1862, when degrees were first granted by the University, it has grown steadily. It absorbed the St. Louis Medical College in 1891, the Missouri Dental College in 1892, and the Missouri Medical College in 1899. In 1894 a tract of land was purchased just outside the city limits, northwest of Forest Park. The generosity of the citizens of St. Louis made it possible to adopt plans for building and to begin work at once, and the new site has been in the possession of the University since 1905.

To every member of Eta Sigma Phi, Alpha Xi Chapter extends a most cordial invitation to spend a few days on the campus of Washington University, visiting the historic city of St. Louis, participating in the business sessions of the Convention, and enjoying the social program arranged for the pleasure of the guests.

# MINERVA

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## Socrates Comes to Birmingham-Southern College

By PROFESSOR GEORGE CURRIE  
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE (Pi)

(Professor Currie read the following article as part of the chapel exercises at Birmingham-Southern College, December 12, 1932.)

ONE COOL morning in January, 1933, about a half hour before chapel, a strange old man walked up on the quadrangle of Birmingham-Southern College and met a group of four boys who were on their way to the Student Building to put a few finishing touches on a program they were to give. The old fellow had a gray beard, was stooped with age, and carried a cane. He looked at the boys with his glittering eye and said, "Lads, I am Socrates of Athens, and I have come back to see what the world is doing. Will you answer a few questions for me?"

The boys, enchanted by that glittering eye, forgot their errand and lent their whole attention. One of them said, "Lee, who did he say he is?"

"Aw! Don't you know, Hugh?" answered Lee. "Socrates of Athens, the philosopher who drank hemlock and died more than twenty-three hundred years ago."

"Oh! Oh!" gasped a couple of voices in unison.

"Shoot, Socrates," said Hamilton. "We'll answer your questions."

"Well," began Socrates, "things look half way familiar. Yonder are some nicely carved Corinthian columns," said he, pointing to the front of the Library. "And over there some Ionic columns, but why isn't this building finished?" he asked, waving his cane towards Munger Hall. "Haven't you any carvers? I see the place for a frieze around the building, and the façade is all plain where our buildings used to have glorious figures of men and women in all walks of life represented on their fronts. The world seems to be going backward."

"Hold on, Socrates," said McArthur. "These are school buildings, and I believe they said you used to hold your classes on the street corners. You are thinking of the great state structures of your time."

"Yes, that's right. They did have some big school buildings and some very well paid lecturers in our times, but I didn't charge anything for showing people that they didn't know what they thought they knew. Do they furnish buildings now for such teachers? Seems to me I read about some fellow's being dismissed from New York University the other day for doing that kind of thing."

"I don't know about that," volunteered Shelton, "but sometimes our professors here don't agree. One says the French tie crape around a dead man's cat's neck, and

another says they don't; but we don't pay any attention to that. One says inheritance is the making of a man, and another says that doesn't make any difference if he has a chance. One can even become a noted singer if allowed to sing solos with the Glee Club."

"Well, I see you boys learn to sing young," said Socrates. "And do you play on instruments?"

"Oh, yes, Socrates," said three voices at once. "Hugh plays very well."

"And do you learn about the harmony of numbers and study the philosophy of music before you go to plucking around on strings? I was old when I learned to play the flute."

"Oh, yes, Socrates. One of our professors told us in chapel all about how strings vibrate and had some very clever devices to make the matter clear on a large scale."

"That's fine," responded Socrates. "And did he show you all the laws of music, how to write it on paper so that it will be harmonious in accordance with the numbers involved? That's a very big subject, and our ancient musicians didn't want to study it because it was hard. They wanted immediately to begin plucking the strings."

"Yes, Socrates," said Hugh, "that's the way with nine out of ten now. They want to learn too quickly, and so they do not get far. There's just a dozen or two out of a thousand that really learn."

"So the world gets along the same way in that respect," said Socrates. "But what are all those things with wheels over here?" asked he, pointing to the parked automobiles. "We didn't have any of those things. I saw one moving just now without any horses hitched to it and going very fast too. Aren't they dangerous?"

"Yes, Socrates," answered Hamilton, "they are. Somebody gets killed every day or two riding in them. A short time ago some students were going down town to a football parade and collided with another car at a crossing, and some of them were hurt badly."

"Well, that's strange," said Socrates. "Why didn't they stop instead of striking the other car?"

"They couldn't," replied John. "They were going too fast to stop."

"That's stranger yet," insisted Socrates. "Why were

they driving so fast? Were they in such a hurry to see the elephants in the parade?"

"No, that wasn't the reason. There was only one elephant in the parade, and they had seen it before in the city park," explained Hamilton. "They were to be in the parade and didn't have much time to get there."

"Well, didn't they have twenty-four hours that day the same as everybody else?" continued Socrates.

"I suppose so," was the reply. "But you just don't understand what kind of a parade was on, Socrates."

"Well then, what was the nature of the parade?" inquired Socrates.

"There were to be two parades," replied John, "one by Howard College and one by Birmingham-Southern College, in which each college was to try to out-do the other in show and boasts as to which was going to win a game with each other that afternoon."

"Wouldn't it have been better for them to boast after the game?" countered Socrates.

"Oh, no, sir. One college might not have had occasion to boast after the game."

"Still," insisted Socrates, "it seems to me the wreck might have been avoided if the boys had driven more slowly. Were the parades to take place at just one certain minute and be over very quickly so that the boys could not have joined their own parade or have seen the other if they had been a minute or two later?"

"No, Socrates," replied Hamilton, "it wasn't that. The parades are sometimes an hour late in forming. One gets in the habit of driving fast and doesn't feel right riding slowly, as one doesn't feel natural when the pulse is too slow," parried Hamilton.

"But do you suppose the boys felt better after their collision than they would have felt riding more slowly?" suggested Socrates.

"I guess it was just because everybody does it. The police don't object to thirty-five miles per hour on through streets."

"But," objected Socrates, "I thought you said they were college students, and college students are supposed to know more than most people. You don't expect the police to exercise judgment for your brightest people, do you? This puzzles me very much. I used to teach that knowledge was virtue, and wrong came about from ignorance," admitted Socrates.

"I guess you were right, Socrates," said Hamilton. "These students didn't know they were going to have a wreck, or they would have driven more slowly."

"Very well, young man," said Socrates, "you learn easily. You remind me of my old pupil, Plato. I'm not sure but that he soon got ahead of his teacher. At least, he attributed many things to me in his writings that I don't remember saying.

"But let me ask about another thing. Do you have

great painters as there were in Greece? Zeuxis could paint pictures so natural that the birds came to peck at them, thinking that the pictures of fruit were the real fruit. But Parrhasius surpassed him, for he deceived the eyes of Zeuxis. And Apelles made horses neigh to their kind with his pictures of horses. Polygnotus, however, could put into a face the whole life story. Have you any painters like these?"

"Oh, yes, Socrates," said one of the boys, "we have on our extension faculty a man who painted the likeness of our own president."

"And did the painting look like your president?" asked Socrates.

"Well, not exactly," admitted the boys. "Somehow the picture makes our president look as if he would weep if anybody didn't act just right, and he isn't that way at all. Why the very ground we stand on was so stubborn there was nothing but rocks here and not a blade of grass when he came, but you see he has his own way. The whole campus is covered with grass."

"Well, then, how about your writers?" asked Socrates. "We had a Homer whose works were considered so perfect that everybody else tried to imitate him in various respects. And we had playwrights—Aeschylus, who left seventy-two plays, Sophocles, one hundred and twelve, and Euripides, ninety-two. Do you have anybody that has written so many excellent plays? They often took national prizes, and numerous others did too. Besides, there were so many writers that it took seventy-seven large volumes to record the names of the books in the great library at Alexandria shortly after my time. Do your libraries have so many books, too?" asked Socrates.

"Oh, yes, Socrates, we have more books than we can read. It takes a volume to print the names of our books published every year or two."

"And what kind of books are they?" asked Socrates. "I never believed in writing books, but I didn't convince my pupils, Aristocles and Xenophon of that, for they wrote very many."

"Some of our writers are poets," said one of the boys, "as Edgar Guest, Untermeyer, Jack Frost—"

"You mean Robert Frost," interrupted another. "But the critics are saying America has no really great poets, although there are hundreds of minor poets. Most of our new books are novels."

"What do you mean by novels?" asked Socrates.

"Oh, we mean long imaginary stories."

"I see," said Socrates. "You mean stories of the sort that Achilles Tattius wrote. But we didn't care much about them. And you say you have no Homer or Hesiod, Pindar or Sappho—no really great poet in America? Of course, you still read our great poets since you have none."

"No, we don't; nor did we mean we had none to

read. We can read England's great poets, Shakespeare, Spenser, Milton, Browning, Tennyson, and others. We prefer science, as this is a scientific age."

"Well then," said Socrates. "you know all about our mathematicians — Euclid, Pythagoras, Archimedes; our astronomers — Ptolemy, Eratosthenes, Aristarchus, and Hipparchus; our doctors — Hippocrates and Galen; our physicists — Empedocles, Democritus, and Anaxagoras; and our biologists—Aristotle and Theophrastus—"

"Hold on, Socrates," said the boys in concert. "We don't study about them, but we saw some of their names on the sophomore test last spring."

"Well then," said Socrates, "I suppose you use the words they invented with which to talk about science. Name some of your departments of learning."

"History, Botany, Mathematics, Philosophy, Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Geology, Music—"

"That's enough," said Socrates. "They are all familiar; they're all Greek words. Now some of your mathematical terms."

One of the boys began: "Scholium, scalene, perimeter, homologous, polyhedron, isosceles, polynomial, logarithm—"

"Yes, all Greek," interrupted Socrates. "Now some of your historical terms."

They thought of a few: "Aristocracy, hegemony, archæology, oligarchy, ostracism, strategy, iconoclasm—"

"Yes, yes, all Greek. Some terms of physics."

They mustered up a few: "Anode, cathode, dyne, energy, hydrometer, spenthariscope, homogeneous—"

"Well, well, every one Greek," said Socrates. "Now try your geological terms."

The response was quick: "Paleontology, stalactite, stalagmite, metamorphic—"

"All Greek again," said Socrates. "How about botany?"

"Wait till I look at the index in my book," said one. "Oh, yes, phylum, spermatophyta, angiosperm, dicotyledon, polypetala, calyx, parasite—"

"That's enough; all Greek again," asserted Socrates. "I wonder about chemistry."

"That's easy," said one, and the boys, now one, and then another, furnished the words: "Barium, chromium, hydrogen, phosphorous, analytic, synthetic, catalytic."

"All Greek, too," said Socrates. "I wonder, can you call up any words you have heard the physicians use?"

These came fast: "Anemia, typhoid, meningitis, diphtheria, bronchitis, asthma, apoplexy, hemorrhage, epidemic."

"All Greek again," said the philosopher. "Now furnish me some words with which you talk about philosophy and psychology."

The boys suggested: "Hypnotism, phenomenon, idea, aphasia, ethics, kinæsthesia, pragmatism—"

"Enough! They are all Greek too," said Socrates again. "Now tell me what this scientific age has named its inventions and discoveries. Quick! before you have to go."

The boys, not realizing the words they were furnishing were due to the spell of that glittering eye, said: "Telephone, telegraph, microphone, aeroplane, dynamo, photography, automobile, telescope, electricity."

"Yes, yes, all Greek again," interrupted Socrates. "But you say you don't study Greek, nor do many others in American colleges? It appears you do not study what would give you the most light on your sciences. Besides these words you have given under my direction, there are countless others. Just last year a dictionary was published containing 131,000 such words, without any attempt to be complete; for there are upwards of a million quarried, so to speak, from the foundations of knowledge which the Greeks left the world."

"Well, Socrates," said one of the boys, "maybe we might study Greek; only no one ever told us these things. The professors don't tell us, because every one of them assigns lessons as if his subject were the only one in the curriculum. And anyhow we would have to walk a long way down to the Simpson Building to get it, and if we didn't get run over by an automobile whizzing by right where we have to walk, we might get splashed with mud or scared half to death."

Just then the chapel bell rang, and the boys, released from the spell of the glittering eye, hied away, while Socrates vanished into thin air like a ghost.

## More Fancy Than Fact

### A Monologue of Zeus

By PROFESSOR ROBERT C. McCLELLAND, *Phi*, '30

[Mr. McClelland is an instructor of Latin in the College of William and Mary. The following article was a part of the *Acta Diurna* (see "Res Gestæ," page 8.)]

SCENE: The grape arbor in the rear garden of the royal palace, in the clouds above Mt. Olympus.

TIME: Just after breakfast on a morning in early spring.

Ho, hum! I wonder how I'll ever be able to pass this day? It's too nice to stay at home; but I see Juno is casting an especially attentive eye at me, as though she suspected my proclivities. Furthermore, she raised such a stir over my last escapade that I hesitate to rouse her anger again. Well, it was worth it. Why the deuce doesn't she fall in love with someone anyway and give me a rest? What will I do for a little exercise? Hurl a few

thunderbolts, I suppose. That last storm, though, just about ruined the crops over all Lacedæmon — I didn't intend it to be quite so violent. But those Spartans had it coming to them — they've been pretty impudent since they crushed the Athenian hot-spurs in their last war. I'll have to have the Cyclopes send me a new supply of these; I have very few left. There, that's done! Hope I destroyed that pagan temple over there in Sicily; those folks have been treating me shamefully the past while. They haven't offered me a sacrifice since the Trojan War. O yes! Before I forget it — I'll have to call in Aeolus sometime this afternoon; that was an awful storm off the coast of Ithaca yesterday. If he doesn't keep a closer eye on those obstreperous winds of his I swear by the Styx I'll give him the worst whipping of his life! Well, I suppose I will have to summon the family to feast this evening; there seems to be nothing else to do. I don't suppose Athena will be here though — she spends most of her time among the Hyperboreans of late. Wonder if that's where she really goes? Ah! What's that red spot down there in Athens? Must be the tip of Socrates' nose. I've warned him about attending too many symposia—he'll not stand it much longer. But I'm getting tired of Hebe's eternal nectar and ambrosia. Like to know what brand it is they use there in Athens. Think I'll send Hermes down to get their recipe!

## Excavations at Minturnæ

By ROBERT MORRELL, *Omicron*

[Omicron Chapter at its January meeting was treated to so interesting an account of the excavations at Minturnæ by the Field Director, Dr. Jotham Johnson, that its members wished to pass on what they could of the talk to all the members of Eta Sigma Phi. Dr. Johnson, who is connected with the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, is the first American to have been granted permission by the Italian government to conduct excavations in Italy since the War. His actual presence on a field which most of us are able only to read about adds interest to his remarks.]

ANCIENT Minturnæ was situated on the Appian Way, between Rome and Naples, ninety-six miles south of Rome. One looks for it in vain on most maps, for it has been of little importance in the past; it will, however, be put on the map through these excavations. Meanwhile it may be located by the better known town of Formia, ten miles to the west of it. The modern Italian town, Minturno, is two miles north of the site of ancient Minturnæ.

The early inhabitants of the town were Auruncians. They were for a time under Etruscan rule; consequently Minturnæ dates back to at least the early fifth century B. C. It apparently suffered a Samnite invasion during

the fourth century, but this left no lasting effects. Roman colonies were sent there in 295 B. C., again about 45 B. C. (in the period of Cæsar), and again under Augustus. The population steadily increased, eventually reaching about 80,000. The town enjoyed great prosperity during the empire until the invasion of the Longobards in the sixth century of our era when it was destroyed. A few thousand of the inhabitants survived to eke out an existence for a time until even they were removed by Saracen raids, and soil was allowed to cover the site. Up until two years ago bumper crops of grain were being raised above the ruins of this once large and prosperous town.

The general plan of Minturnæ during the empire may be visualized rather easily; for there are remains of only three large structures. Two of these, on the north side of the Appian Way, form a unit. The first is a large stoa, which faces the highway. Directly behind it is the theater. On the other side of the road is the Imperial Forum. There are remains of seven temples, the most important of which is the Capitolium (dedicated to Jupiter, Juno, and Minerva). Other temples have been identified with some certainty as dedicated to Cæsar and to Tiberius and Livia. There are still tremendous areas to be excavated, and it is likely that remains of other large buildings will be found.

The north wing of the stoa was eventually taken over for the dressing rooms of the theater. The stoa itself was originally the forum of the early inhabitants. It is unique in that it was more in the shape of a Greek agora than a Roman forum. It consisted of a three-winged colonnade enclosing an open court, while the façades faced on the Appian Way. The structure burned down just before the arrival of the Roman colony of 45 B. C., and in its reconstruction the first style of Pompeian wall decoration was used, a late date for this style. The theater was built soon afterward, and when the Imperial Forum was constructed the old forum became merely an appendage of the theater.

Two very important architectural finds have been made so far. The first was made in the so-called Temple of Tiberius and Livia. Here, in the bottom of a sacred well, were discovered two Etruscan capitals. Weighing three tons each, they were taken out with the greatest difficulty, but they are precious finds, since only three others were previously known.

Rivalling this find in preciousness and far surpassing it in loveliness was the discovery of two antefixes of terracotta, of a style of which there have previously been found only fragments. The figures are of a girl playing the double flute and a satyr playing the pipes of Pan. Both are beautifully executed, presenting an appearance of charming simplicity.

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## EDITORIALS

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Anything that might be said about the value to the individual and to the local chapter derived from attendance at the National Convention would be trite. The organization has been in existence long enough for the truth of this statement to be established. That the free interchange of ideas by persons whose interests are the same is beneficial goes without saying; likewise, that enduring friendships are formed in a body of individuals striving toward the same goal needs no comment. These are truths attested by the past.

With acknowledged faith in these statements, one turns his mind joyfully and expectantly to the forthcoming meeting. The program of events presented in this number of the journal speaks for itself. It is one that chapters can not afford to miss. Containing a wise distribution in regard to the time allotted to the business of the Convention and to the pleasure afforded the delegates, the program is one of much promise.

Alpha Xi, the entertaining chapter, is doing its best to make the Ninth Annual Convention a successful one. How successful it will be depends, in the long run, on the response of the various chapters. In this year, of all years, loyal support in the form of attendance at the Convention is essential. By special efforts on the part of the various chapters the hopes of Alpha Xi Chapter may be realized and an outstanding Convention be held.

It was something of a shock to receive in the same mail two pamphlets sponsored by members of Eta Sigma Phi. The praiseworthy efforts which resulted in the publication of these papers were made by members of Omega Chapter (College of William and Mary) and Lambda Chapter (University of Mississippi). (For an account of the nature of these see "Res Gestæ," page 8.) In no sense rivals to the NUNTIUS, the two papers serve excellently the purpose for which they were created, to spread the influence of the classics and to show that the languages themselves are not dead but living.

Too often classicists, themselves appreciative of the writings of authors of the past and convinced of the value of classical study, assume as a matter of fact the supposition that other people are like-minded. They believe, doubtless, that the benefits derived, a broad conception of the past and appreciation of it in the light of modern achievement as well as the practical value of language-training, are self-evident and do not, therefore, require particular attention or emphasis.

While "sales talks" and propaganda are distasteful as a course of action designed to arouse and maintain interest in classical study, some attention to the matter, in a discreet and justifiable way, can be given after the manner of Omega and Lambda Chapters by their publications. Publicity of this sort, casual and by no means obnoxious, is entirely legitimate, is stimulating, and is undoubtedly beneficial both to the chapter and the cause of the classics.

Attention is drawn to classical study, also, by the device which Pi Chapter reports (see "Res Gestæ," page 10), that of announcing before the student body of the university, Birmingham-Southern College in this instance, the names of those people who had met the requirements of the national organization and the local chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. A procedure of this sort would, without doubt, serve a purpose similar to that of the publications of the College of William and Mary and the University of Mississippi.

The action of the three chapters is commendable and worthy of notice on the part of chapters everywhere.

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### HERE AND THERE

In recent issues of the *New York Times* above the signature of Professor Paul Shorey, honorary member of Alpha Chapter, is a defense of teachers of the classics in reply to a correspondent who charged them with pedantry. His comment on the conversational method of teaching Latin is particularly interesting:

"It is elementary psychology that a language is better learned if pronounced and heard. It may be admitted that a little *viva voce* practice in speaking may arouse interest. But will any intelligent psychologist deny that it is both possible and a great economy to learn to read a language without burdening the active memory with a speaking vocabulary? That is not all. No amount of speaking easy Latin will teach the undergraduate to read literary, elaborate, periodic, and difficult Latin. This is so obvious that it ought not to be necessary to say it. Yet it has to be repeated, for no advocate of the conversational method ever takes any notice of the point."

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MARCUS: Sunt instrumenta quæ mendaces demonstrare possint. Vidistine unum ex his?

PUBLIUS: Non! Unum in matrimonium duxi!

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Be sure to accept the invitation of Alpha Xi Chapter in April.

## Flashes :- Classical

By HARRY POTTS and NETTIE TARASUCK, *Gamma*

The motion was brought up in Parliament by a Scotch delegate that third-class eggs be marked. An English representative suggested the Scottish national motto be used to distinguish them. The reference, of course, was to *Nemo me impune lacessit*. "Wha daur meddle wi me?"

Was it a typographical error or merely a *lapsus memoriae* that caused the expression *contra bonas mores* to appear under the signature of Ted Robinson in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*?

We are glad that the newspapers of the country have at last decided to call these banking holidays *moratoria*. But we suppose that some journalists, with no classical background, will continue writing *moratoriums*.

The fair sex has classical precedence for engaging in business enterprises. Circe was the first woman, and in all probability the first person, ever to have a corner on the hog market.

Did you read in the papers that Lota Maculosa, a 15-inch fish in the Commerce Department Aquarium at Washington, ate his brother, length 12 inches? That's what we call a *dirty trick* which requires a *lota nerve*.

Spring is the time for romancing and for foot-racing contests. A rather incongruous combination, you note at first glance. But not so with the ancients, considering the fact that most mythological love affairs ended in foot races. Witness Alpheus and Arethusa, Apollo and Daphne, not to mention Atalanta.

In East Liverpool, Ohio, there is a street called the Elysian Way. Do the inhabitants, then, regard the Ohio River, on which their town is located, as the River Styx?

A true Greek scholar is Robert Benchley, as is shown by his explanation of the derivation of "dendrophilism" in a recent issue of the *New Yorker*. Here is the sentence which establishes Mr. Benchley as an authority: "The history of dendrophilism (from the Greek δένδρον, meaning 'tree,' and οφιλιση, meaning 'fun with') leads us into the highways and byways of pathology." What a philologist!

"Go West, young man! Go West!" would be Horace Greeley's advice to every member of Eta Sigma Phi.

## Pro Bono Publico

### Convention Announcements

Arrangements for the business and pleasure of the Ninth Annual Convention are nearly completed, according to Mr. John A. Gilchrist, prytanis of Alpha Xi Chapter and chairman of the local committee in charge of the Convention.

The headquarters for the delegates will be at the Hotel Kingsway, situated at Kingsway and West Pine Boulevards and overlooking Forest Park. The rates will be \$2.00 for a single room, \$1.50 each for two in a room with twin beds, and \$1.25 each for two in a room with a double bed. There will also be suites of two connecting rooms, with bath, for four persons, the charge being \$1.25 or \$1.00 each.

In addition to the Kingsway Hotel there are three other hotels in the same vicinity — the Park Plaza, the Chase, and the Forest Park Hotels. All are located conveniently for the business of the Convention.

The registration fee of \$4 required of each delegate will take care of the meals on Friday and Saturday except for breakfasts on those two days.

On Friday night Alpha Xi Chapter will present Plautus' *Mostellaria* for the pleasure of the delegates. The play is under the supervision of Professor George J. Ryan, of the classical faculty.

Plans for Saturday, in addition to the business sessions of the Convention, include a sight-seeing tour of St. Louis in the afternoon and the annual banquet Saturday night.

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#### NOTA BENE

Mr. Gilchrist, chairman of the local committee, urges that chapters send to him as soon as possible information in regard to the number of delegates or visitors each chapter is planning to send to the Convention. It will greatly facilitate matters in the making of arrangements if the chapters cooperate in this respect, furnishing the desired data promptly. Mr. Gilchrist may be addressed at 414 Gray, Webster Groves, Missouri.

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#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

*Diogenes Discovers Us* by John Terence McGovern (Dial, \$3.00) is called "a contribution to ending depression." Although the book has a classical title, it is not classical in content, being a series of questions on the careers of certain people ranging from Vanderbilt to Newton D. Baker.

Another recent book is classical, *The Mask of Silenus*, by Babette Deutsch. It is a novel about Socrates. The publishers are Simon and Schuster, Inc., 386 Fourth Ave., New York City, and it is priced at \$2.00.



# THE MUSES

## Apollo and Marsyas

By PROFESSOR ROBERT C. HORN  
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE (*Alpha Rho*)

[ἐνταῦθα λέγεται Ἀπόλλων ἐκδείραι  
Μαρσύαν νικήσας ἐρίζοντά οἱ περὶ σοφίας,  
καὶ τὸ δέρμα κρεμάσαι ἐν τῷ ἄντρῳ — Xenophon, *Anabasis* I, 2, 8.]

MARSYAS

I cast away my fluting pipes, and use  
These pipes which Pan, the woodland god, devised,  
The which he called the syrinx; for with this  
I mean to play sweet tunes to charm the ear.  
Apollo, god of music, do I call  
To contest musical and test of skill.

APOLLO

Thou wretched creature, with thy scrawny pipe,  
Dost thou intend to boast against a god,  
And that Apollo, god of music, too?  
Thou'rt mad, I say. This lyre of mine thou hear'st  
Doth music make for mortals and for gods,  
In this to take delight. But thy poor pipes  
Are fit for less than man. Then go thy way,  
And pipe thy lays to savage beasts and stones.

MARSYAS

Nay! grant me this, to play before thy face,  
For I am ware that my poor instrument  
Will play a tune that even thee will please.

APOLLO

Then, if 'tis so, play on,—but on these terms,  
That if thou please me not with song of thine,  
This Phrygian slave shall flay thee quite alive  
And hang thy ugly skin in darkest cave,  
That men may wonder at the sight, and dread  
To vaunt themselves against the mighty gods.

MARSYAS

'Tis good. Thy cruel challenge I accept.  
But thou, if I shall win, must throw away  
That lyre of thine, and touch it ne'er again,  
Its twanging music thus forever stilled.

APOLLO

I, too, accept. I know I cannot lose.  
For am I not a god? Gods always win.

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APOLLO

Now thou hast lost, as thou wast sure to do.  
The Phrygian waits, his knife already keen,  
To skin thy nasty hide from off thy bones.  
Begone, thou wretch. Thy duty, slave, do well.

MARSYAS

Do what thou wilt with me, thou cruel god.  
Flay me alive. But this I know: some day,  
When gods are gone, this pipe of mine will be  
A mighty organ, pealing harmonies  
To worship the Divine. And then at last  
Thy harp will be rejected. For the pipes  
Will be the sweetest, grandest instrument  
Of praise through music. This last word to thee  
I say before I go, then work thy will.  
I lay my claim before the world; and time,  
Not thou, will vindicate my prophecy.

## Atalanta Before the Race

By ELIZABETH LEWIS WIGGINS, *Alpha Alpha*

I

Come hither, slave; bind up my heavy hair;  
Bring forth my newest pair of lightest shoon.  
But first I'll raise to Artemis a prayer,  
Chaste goddess of the fields and lonely moon.  
My father with his nobles waits for me;  
He glories in my fleetness in the race!  
Too old himself to win a victory,  
He runs in spirit with me, pace by pace.  
In days gone by I shared in his delight;  
I loved the feel of earth beneath my feet,  
Scarce touched at all, so rapid was my flight;  
I scorned the fools, who, heedless, would repeat  
The fatal race their brothers bought with gore.  
Dared they aspire to capture me, to bind  
My dauntless soul, when all had failed before?  
My wrath bewinged me, bore me like a wind  
Far past the luckless runner, doomed to death.  
I knew his blood would freeze upon the sword  
Before 'twas heated with his shortened breath,  
And that his challenge was his final word.  
But now I weary of these victories,  
These certain deaths to foolish, daring men.  
No longer do I wish to taunt and tease,  
To bait them with my beauty. But again,  
Once more, my father bids me run—today.  
Well, then, I'll run. Aye, run indeed! I'll fly!  
I'll show this man the bloody price he'll pay  
For chancing what few men now dare to try.  
Come, take me to the course! Let's see this fool,  
This fellow who has not yet learned his place.  
If he's so stubborn, Death must be his school.  
Bid him prepare! By Hermes, now, the race!

## II

He comes. His gait lacks not in grace, 'tis true,  
 But I have seen as graceful. By my troth,  
 He seems well-built, and somewhat comely, too.  
 No doubt he's eager; aye, he seems not loth.  
 A pity he should cast himself away.  
 Another victim to the victor's pride.  
 The grim gods deal in irony today:  
 The earth and sky are fair, yet, by my side,  
 A fairer youth, already doomed to die.  
 O Atalanta, spurn this weakling thought!  
 Do you forget that he who stands nearby  
 Is one by whom your beauty would be bought?  
 Would you forsake your maidenhood, and be  
 His wife, his slave, to please his every whim?  
 Have you not sworn you would be ever free,  
 And would you now forswear yourself, for him?  
 O daughter of the chaste, pure Artemis,  
 Who have with heroes joined in the chase,  
 How can you sigh, instead, for wedded bliss,  
 Or think a husband better than a race?  
 What matter that his form is passing fair,  
 That he is tall and strong—and young, I see—  
 Or that his eyes are dark. How thick his hair!  
 His mouth, how tender! Now he looks at me  
 As if to whisper, but I cannot hear!  
 No matter, for his eyes are eloquent,  
 And my heart answers, answers yours, my dear!  
 Oh, Atalanta! Will you then relent?  
 Shall Hermes bow to Eros—can it be?  
 Well, then, the gods shall judge; they shall bestow  
 The laurel or the bridal wreath on me.  
 The signal! Come, fair stranger! Off we go!

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## To Vergil

By JANE ANN MATTHEWS, *Tau*

Haste to the hills and green country!  
 Hurry and let us be gone!  
 For the morn brings the day of departure  
 And ushers it in with the dawn;  
 And we must be ready and waiting  
 With wreathes of the cypress and pine  
 With garlands to bear to the poet's tomb  
 To Vergil, the poet sublime.  
 Come, trip it in light choral dancing  
 To the tune of the lyre and zither,  
 The cymbals let strike, while the music resounds  
 And the world-light of Vergil rekindles!  
 To Vergil, the poet of the ages,  
 The bard of immortal fame.  
 Strike louder and louder the cymbals!  
 Re-echo, re-cherish his name!

## Martial in Modern Dress

By PROFESSOR W. E. BLAKE  
 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (*Alpha Eta*)

Nuper erat medicus, nunc est vispillo Diaulus:  
 Quod vispillo facit, fecerat et medicus.

*Epigrams I, 47*

Diaulus was once a physician,  
 Who loved to pursue his life's mission.

What he did unaware,  
 He now does with care,  
 And so has become a mortician.

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### HERE AND THERE

"Two major contributions to the classical field" is the announcement made recently by the University of Chicago Press. A *Comparative Grammar of Greek and Latin* by Professor Carl D. Buck, of the University of Chicago, is one. Professor Buck is co-author of the Hale-Buck *Latin Grammar*. The recent book is divided into sections which deal with phonology, inflection, and word formation.

The other book is entitled "*What Plato Said*," and Professor Paul Shorey, head of the department of Greek at the University of Chicago and honorary member of Alpha Chapter, is the author.

Each book is priced at five dollars.

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### AND WE THOUGHT NESTOR WAS OLD!

Mater ait natæ, dic natæ, natam  
 Ut moneat natæ, plangere filiolum.

The mother to her daughter spake:  
 "Daughter," said she, "arise!  
 Thy daughter to her daughter take,  
 Whose daughter's daughter cries."

—A distich on a Lady of the Dalburg  
 Family who saw her descendants to  
 the sixth generation.

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As Athenodorus was taking his leave of Cæsar, "Remember," said he, "Cæsar, whenever you are angry, to say or do nothing before you have repeated the four and twenty letters to yourself."

—Plutarch.

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### THE ADVICE OF A GREEK

You bought hair, rouge, honey, wax, and teeth. For the same outlay you might have bought a face.

## The Associate Editors of 1932-'33

IT MAY BE that subscribers to the NUNTIUS have been wondering all year about the associate editors who, with the editor and treasurer, comprise the editorial staff. To prevent any needless worry, therefore, on the part of our readers, we submit the pictures of the associate editors and brief accounts of their lives. It was only with the greatest reluctance that these people surrendered photographs of themselves, and when it came to telling of their lives, hopes, and ambitions, they were exceedingly modest.



ELIZABETH STOVALL

In addition to the editor, Miss Mary Brokaw, certain ones on the staff this year were also associate editors last year. These include Miss Elizabeth Stovall, of Alpha Beta, and the two Gamma members, the Misses Nettie Tarasuck and Madge Campbell. Information about these four may be obtained from the NUNTIUS of last year (Vol. VI, No. 2, page 14). Inasmuch as honors other than those recorded last year have come to these members in the course of the current year, it has seemed best to include this additional information. The first of the group, Miss Elizabeth Stovall, is a junior this year at the University of Denver. She is society editor of the *Clarion*, student newspaper; organizations editor of the *Kynewisbok*, the annual; member of Mentor Council, Big Sister group; member of Y. W. C. A. Cabinet; and student assistant in the department of Education. Miss Stovall is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, national educational honorary, and president of her social sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Nettie Tarasuck, '32, is co-author this year of "Flashes Classical," the column which she edited last year. Miss Tarasuck is secretary in the office of Dr. E. B. Bryan, president of Ohio University, and finds time after her secretarial duties to contribute to the editorial work of the NUNTIUS.

Miss Madge Campbell, who is pictured with Miss Mabel Wilson and Mr. Harry Potts, is a senior this year and is active in various organizations. Miss Campbell is widely known among the students on the campus of Ohio University as the president of the Y. W. C. A. She is a member of Cresset, local senior women's



NETTIE TARASUCK

honorary, and was this fall elected to membership in Kappa Delta Pi.

Of the members who are this year serving for the first time on the staff, the visitors to the Convention last year will recall meeting Miss Martha Coffee, delegate from Pi Chapter. Miss Coffee is a senior this year at Birmingham-Southern College and is prytanis of Pi Chapter and vice-president of Classical Club. She belongs to various organizations, among them Scroll, local senior women's honorary; Pi Gamma Mu; Amazons, social organization for sorority girls; and Pan-Hellenic. She is president of Kappa Delta sorority.



MARTHA COFFEE

Miss Coffee has a major in Latin and is looking forward eagerly to the day when she will be teaching the classics.

Also from the South and claiming a charming Southern accent (the adjective is ours) is Miss Harriet Pope, a junior at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Miss Pope's major subjects are Latin and English, but she is interested also in Greek and French. Her ambitions are numerous. First of all, Miss Pope wants to teach school. After she has taught for some time she plans to take graduate work. What she would most like to do, she confesses, is to live abroad for a time, engaged, perhaps, in some kind of Foreign Service work.

Miss Pope has many interests on the campus of Winthrop College but is especially active in dramatics.

The University of Michigan and Alpha Eta Chapter furnish the next member of the staff, Mr. Lester Houck. Mr. Houck has an enviable scholastic record and holds the Simon Mendelbaum Scholarship. He is a student of modern and classical languages. Religious activities are one of his interests, and he is president of the Congregational Student Fellowship.



LESTER HOUCK

Mr. Houck is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and is active in the work of Eta Sigma Phi, being chrysothylax of Alpha Eta Chapter.

Alpha Zeta Chapter supplies the next member, Miss Fritzie Prigohzy, who is a student at Washington Square College, New York City.

At the time when the request for a picture came to



MADGE CAMPBELL, HARRY  
POTTS, MABEL WILSON

Miss Prigohzy she was so overwhelmed with term papers and examinations that it was impossible for her to supply one.

Miss Prigohzy confesses that her plans for the years following her graduation are very vague, but we feel sure that for a person of her ability the future will be bright.

Mr. Potts, whom you see in the meditative attitude, is evidently in the act of thinking of an item for "Flashes Classical" and must

be having difficulty in seeing the point of the joke.

If anyone hears conversation in French on the campus of Ohio University he can be sure that it is Mr. Potts who is speaking. Occasionally, of course, he forsakes the Romance tongue and speaks in Latin or Greek. He takes an active part in French Club, Cosmopolitan Club, and Chess Club, in addition to serving as chry-

sophylax of Gamma Chapter. Mr. Potts is a member of Chi Sigma Chi, social fraternity.

A scholarship amounting to three hundred dollars was awarded to Mr. Potts during his high school career as well as a prize in a Vergil Contest. Following his graduation next year he plans to teach modern and classical languages.

The person who hoards the pennies of the NUNTIUS treasury, Miss Mabel Wilson, you may see in one of her less serious moments. (Perhaps she has just heard that the moratorium at the bank is over.)

Miss Wilson absolutely refuses to have anything said about her, feeling that she already is an overworked subject. She maintains that all her family secrets were revealed in the January issue of the journal where she was pictured among the National Officers of Eta Sigma Phi. When interviewed, she remarked, in very decisive tones, "I do not choose to talk."

Without the active cooperation of these associate editors the task of publishing the NUNTIUS could not be accomplished. The spirit shown by the members of the staff both last year and this has been highly commendable and their attitude exceptionally fine. We are pleased, indeed, to present them to our readers.

## Excavations at Minturnæ

(Continued from page 14)

The richest finds of Minturnæ were in sculpture. One terracotta statue in particular, representing a Winged Victory, an excellent Italian copy of a Greek masterpiece, is especially valuable. The flowing draperies of this work are warm with that indescribable beauty which may be seen in the best of Greek draped figures. This Winged Victory lacks her head, both arms, and one foot; but despite this she is a sufficiently charming addition to the store of ancient sculpture to have made the expedition worth while had no other finds been made.

Of the other pieces, one of the most interesting is a statue of a goddess, but lacking head and arms. The figure is of considerable beauty, but beyond this it reveals an interesting sidelight on the tricks of the trade. The statue is so built that arms and head could easily be attached. It seems that the sculptor at Minturnæ kept a ready stock of such incomplete figures to which he could attach on short notice the head and arms not, as you might expect, of a particular goddess, but of the purchaser!

A number of busts were found. There were two good heads of Venus, one of which is different from any type yet found; it is probable that if the body belonging to this head can be uncovered, one more will be added to

the already large number of different aspects of the goddess of love.

Finally, there is an apparently inexhaustible store of pottery on the site. A few very good examples were found of the ancestor of Arretine pottery. The latter is obtained by an extension of the method used in making that found at Minturnæ.

The excavation of Minturnæ is still unfinished, and Dr. Johnson will soon be returning to resume his work. He expects that eventually an old post house near the site will be turned into a museum in which the finds may be exhibited. Meanwhile there is much of interest to be seen, and Dr. Johnson invites all those who may be so fortunate as to be going to Italy to stop this summer on their way between Rome and Naples to watch the work at Minturnæ.

MATER: Quid discis in schola hodie, carissima?

FILIA PARVA: Nihil. Mihi redeunda est cras.

LOQUAX TONSOR: Quomodo capillos tuos secabo?

VIR: In silentio.

Money alone sets all the world in motion.

—Publilius Syrus.

# LARES AND PENATES

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## MANY ACTIVITIES AT ALPHA

University of Chicago

By HELEN M. STEVENSON

The winter has brought several interesting meetings to Alpha Chapter and has seen a decided increase in the number of the members in attendance.

On January 26 a meeting devoted both to business and pleasure was held. Faculty members and students worked in groups to solve a number of Latin puns. Tea was served, and the group as a whole solved a Latin crossword puzzle. After this, the members held a short business meeting.

On February 9 the chapter gave a Valentine tea. Entertainment was in the form of jig-saw puzzles. At the business meeting it was decided to hold the annual winter banquet on March 3 and to invite the members of Beta Chapter as guests.

Professor B. L. Ullman, of the Latin department, provided the program on February 23. He told some of his experiences in the fascinating avocation of locating old manuscripts.

On the evening of March 3 the banquet, held at the International House, took place. The chapter was fortunate in securing as speaker for the occasion Dr. Gordon J. Laing, dean of the Humanities and honorary member of Alpha. His subject was "The Trials of a Professor." In his address he cited many of his own experiences as a young teacher in such a way that they were thoroughly enjoyed by both faculty members and students who were present. The evening was a very delightful and profitable one.

Initiation services will be held at a later meeting in March.

## GAMMA PLEDGES NINE

Ohio University

By MADGE CAMPBELL

The members of Gamma Chapter were entertained at their March meeting by Professor Victor Whitehouse, of the department of Romance Languages, who spoke to them on "Roman Spain."

On the same evening pledging was held for nine students. These included the Misses Beulah Baum, Mary E. Chapman, Phyllis Higley, Eleanor Martin, Josephine McVay, Susan Patterson, Monabelle Taylor, and Mary Elizabeth Seaborn, and Mr. Herbert Alcott.

The feature of the February meeting was the initiation of Miss Jean Wood, Miss Kathryn Mallett, and Mr. Frank Cohen. A very delightful social hour of games and refreshments concluded the meeting.

Gamma Chapter is following its usual custom this year in awarding Eta Sigma Phi medals to honor students of the high schools from which the graduating seniors of Gamma Chapter have come. Miss Mabel Wilson, deuterohyparchos, has charge of this work.

Miss Mildred Hall, member of Phi Chapter, has transferred from West Virginia University to Ohio University. Miss Hall was grammateus of Phi Chapter.

## POSTER-CONTEST IN PROGRESS AT DELTA CHAPTER

Franklin College

By ANN WINNES

On February 15 Delta Chapter held initiation services for Miss Pauline Loesch. A dinner, honoring the new initiate, followed the ceremony.

The chapter is sponsoring a contest for the Johnson County high school

students. The plan is to make a poster showing some phase of Latin, such as derivations of words, and the like. Any high school student who is taking Latin is eligible to participate in the contest. The chapter members will judge the work submitted early in April, and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Although Delta Chapter is not large this year, the members have been doing a very interesting piece of work this winter, and instructive programs have been planned for the rest of the school year.

## UNIQUE PROGRAM AT EPSILON

State University of Iowa

By VERA HUEN and  
DORCAS HOWARD

Epsilon Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi held its annual spring initiation February 20, at which five new members were admitted into the society. These included the Misses Helen Everall, Geneva Hunter, Elizabeth Highbarger, Dorcas Howard, and Delores Wood.

The members of the chapter are planning a joint banquet with the Classical Club of the University to be held at the Iowa Memorial Union. The Ides of March has been most appropriately chosen as the date, in view of the fact that the theme of the toast program which will follow the dinner is "Who Put Cæsar on the Spot?" Professor Oscar E. Nybakken, of the classical faculty, will act as toastmaster. The responses will be given by Mr. H. R. Butts, Jr., past prytanis of Alpha Mu Chapter, who, as the soothsayer, will speak on "Cave Idus Martii!" "Habeas Corpus" will be the subject of Cassius' talk as given by Professor Dorrance S. White. Professor Franklin H. Potter has been

chosen for the role of Brutus, and his subject, of course, is "Et tu, Brute!" Last of all, Professor Roy C. Flickinger, speaking for Mark Antony, will give the "Post Mortem." The evening's entertainment will be concluded with a brief comic operetta, "Julius Cæsar," the parts of which are to be sung by members of both societies.

### THREE FROM ZETA CHAPTER ELECTED TO PHI BETA KAPPA

Denison University

By ETHEL AUGENSTEIN

In February Zeta Chapter held a pledging service for three juniors who are majoring in Latin, the Misses Sarah Margaret Montgomery, Thelma Wood, and Roberta Thompson.

On February 25 the chapter was host to delegates from the Ohio chapters at a state conclave (see "Res Gestæ," page 8).

The three pledges entertained the active chapter at the home of Professor and Mrs. L. R. Dean on March 7. Later in the evening they were initiated into the chapter.

At the meeting on March 21 three seniors, the Misses Wilma Lawrence, deuterohyparchos, Catherine Miller, epistolographos, and Elnora Krebs, told of their interesting experiences in their student teaching in Latin during the past semester. Election of officers was also held. Installation of the officers will be conducted April 4.

Zeta Chapter is very proud to announce the election of three of its members, the Misses Margaret Little, Wilma Lawrence, and Florence Obenland, to Phi Beta Kappa. Eta Sigma Phi was well represented in the elections as only eleven students were chosen from the entire university.

### ETA INITIATES TEN NEW MEMBERS

Florida State College for Women

By ISABEL BRAINARD

Eta Chapter is very fortunate this semester in receiving ten initiates in-

to its membership. Pledge service was held Sunday night, February 19, with initiation the following Sunday night. After the ceremony the group assembled at the home of Miss Olivia Dorman and Miss Edith West, honorary members of Eta, where a social hour was enjoyed. Those initiated were the Misses Eloise Austin, Vivia Craig, Pauline Bell, Ida Stribling Fennell, Teresa Friedlin, Martha McClellan, Louise Goodbread, Madele Helms, Barbara Stimmel, and Betty White. This brings the total enrollment to fifteen.

At the March meeting Professor Liddell, of the department of Philosophy, will speak on "Plato."

### IOTA CHAPTER

University of Vermont

By NATALIE CARLETON

There have been no activities of Iota Chapter since those recorded in the January issue of the NUNTIUS.

### INITIATION AT LAMBDA

University of Mississippi

By WELLS WOODY, JR.

On February 23 Lambda Chapter held its regular monthly meeting. At this time the following new members were initiated: Mrs. Laura T. Martin, Miss Marianna Hicks, Miss Mary Harvey Jones, and Mr. James Collier Stewart. Interesting talks were given by Professor A. W. Mildren, head of the Greek department, and Professor A. L. Bondurant, head of the Latin department.

At the meeting in March Miss Ruth McNeil, an instructor in the department of Music and a member of Alpha Chapter, gave a history of Eta Sigma Phi. Miss Elizabeth Smiley spoke on Roman archæology and recent excavations.

### MU CHAPTER GIVES TEA

University of Cincinnati

By RUTH FELS

The February meeting of Mu Chapter was devoted to the presenta-

tion and discussion of papers. Among the subjects were Greek social customs and the influence of women on history.

The March meeting took the form of a lecture, followed by a tea. Dr. Victor Greenebaum, a prominent Cincinnati physician, spoke on "Greek Medicine."

Miss Carolyn Stites, prytanis, and Miss Ruth Fels, grammateus, attended the state meeting of the Ohio chapters of Eta Sigma Phi held at Denison University (see "Res Gestæ," page 8).

### INITIATION HELD AT NU

Morningside College

By HARRIET SMITH

On February 13 Nu Chapter met at the home of Dean Lillian E. Dimmitt, honorary member. A business meeting was held, and pledges were voted on. The programs for the remainder of the year were announced by Miss Elizabeth Riggs, prytanis.

At the meeting on March 6 formal initiation was held for Miss Marcella Locke. Miss Winifred Schive, deuterohyparchos, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Riggs, served tea. The remainder of the meeting was spent informally.

Miss Rider, Latin instructor in East High School, addressed the group on "Points in Teaching Latin" at the meeting on March 20.

### XI CHAPTER PRESENTS NOVEL PROGRAM

University of Kansas

By HELEN GOODE

Professor A. T. Walker, head of the department of Latin and Greek, and Mrs. Walker entertained Xi Chapter at their home, February 16. Professor Walker read an interesting paper he had written on the Roman poet Martial. After a varied social program of games and charades, refreshments were served by Mrs. Walker.

On March 2 a program, the general subject of which was Theocritus,

was given by the members of the chapter under the supervision of Professor Mary Grant, of the department of Latin and Greek. The idea of presenting the book of Theocritus to the audience was carried out by means of opening the door to the room which was made to resemble the book cover, and staging a mime of Theocritus, *The Women at the Adonis Festival*. The introduction and footnotes were personified, and various additions were made in presenting the whole idea.

Dean J. G. Brandt, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a professor in the department of Latin and Greek, will have charge of the next meeting of the chapter.

#### OMICRON STUDIES LIFE AND WORKS OF PLAUTUS

University of Pennsylvania

By R. M. PRASOW

The discussion at the meeting of Omicron Chapter on February 16 was in the form of a symposium on Plautus. Mr. William R. Tongue, prytanis, spoke on the origin of Roman comedy. A summary of the life of Plautus was then read by Miss Koplán. Miss Lore discussed the works and style of Plautus. An excellent comparison of Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* and Plautus' *Menaechmi* was given by Mr. Lord, and, finally, Miss Urich traced the influence of Plautus on the literature of Italy, Spain, France, Holland, and England.

This meeting was of particular interest to the chapter because plans are under way for the presentation of the *Menaechmi*.

#### PI CHAPTER INITIATES SIX

Birmingham-Southern College

By MARTHA COFFEE

At the first meeting in February Pi Chapter had a very interesting program given by Dr. Charles Matthews, a member of the faculty at Birmingham-Southern College. He showed pictures and lectured on Italy and

Greece. The fact that he had traveled through these two countries added interest to his remarks. He used pictures which he had collected on his trip.

On March 2 the chapter initiated six new members. They included the Misses Zoe Lyon, Anna Praytor, Annie Davenport, Mary J. Wing, Dorothy Hortenstine, and Olena Webb. After the initiation tea was served by the old members.

At the regular March meeting the members of Pi Chapter had dinner together and presented a program. Plans for the election of new officers were discussed.

#### LATIN CLUBS GUESTS OF RHO

Drake University

By SYLVIA D. LIBLES

Rho Chapter held its annual reception for the four Des Moines high school Latin clubs on March 16, in the Drake Lounge. Approximately one hundred guests were welcomed by Professor Sherman Kirk, honorary member of Rho. A varied program, consisting of music by Miss Glendene Berry, chrysophylax, a reading by Miss Madelyn Rylands, hyparchos, and selections from the *Phormio* by members of the Classical department, was given. At this time announcement of an essay contest which will be sponsored by the chapter was made. Following the program refreshments were served, and a social hour was held. The program was under the supervision of Miss Eileen O'Malley. The members of Rho Chapter felt that this meeting was successful in bringing together two groups of different ages, both of which are interested in a common subject, and in furthering the interest of those who are just commencing their study of Latin.

Two members of Rho Chapter, Miss Doreen Howard, prytanis, and Miss Sylvia Libles, epistolographogrammateus, were honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa.

#### SIGMA HEARS LECTURE

Miami University

By RUTH C. JOHNSON

Sigma Chapter was very fortunate in receiving an invitation to a lecture on "Recent Excavations in Greece" which was given by Professor Louis E. Lord, of Oberlin College. The Oxford branch of the Archaeological Institute of America sponsored the program which was presented on March 8. Professor Lord is prominent in the field of archæology and at present is president of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Initiation for new members into Sigma Chapter was held on March 23.

#### BUSINESS MEETINGS AT TAU

University of Kentucky

By SALLY ADAMS ROBINSON

The recent meetings of Tau Chapter have been of a decidedly business character. The chapter is planning to help furnish a room which is to be given over to the use of honorary societies of the University. Tau Chapter is to share the room with two other organizations.

Plans are being formed for the annual spring banquet, and members are selling theater tickets as a means of securing funds for the expenses of a delegate to the National Convention.

#### UPSILON CHAPTER HOLDS INITIATION FOR TWO

Mississippi State College for Women

By MAMIE JOHNSTON INGRAM

Upsilon Chapter has initiated two new members, the Misses Louise Berzer and Erin Whitten, both members of the junior class.

The February program was a continuation of the study of classical scholarship, the consideration having reached the period of the early Italian printers and publishers.

In March the chapter members will be guests of the Latin Club of Mis-

Mississippi State College for Women at the production of several scenes from the *Menaechmi* of Plautus.

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PROFESSOR BROUZAS ENTERTAINS PHI CHAPTER

West Virginia University

By NAOMI BOWMASTER

Professor and Mrs. C. G. Brouzas entertained the students of the Classics department at their home. Phi Chapter had charge of the program, the main feature of which was a talk on Roman customs by Mr. William Neely.

Plans are being made for initiation in the latter part of March.

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CHI PRESENTS MEDALS

Coe College

By ELIZABETH BURIANEK

In January Chi Chapter awarded medals to Miss Louise Hronek, formerly of Grant High School but now a student at the University of Iowa, and to Miss Margaret Bittle, of Washington High School.

Having last year entertained the Manus Classica of Grant High School, Chi Chapter in March had as guests the members of the Latin classes of the Washington High School. A program was presented, and a social hour followed.

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PSI TO PRESENT ANTIGONE

Vanderbilt University

By A. D. ELLIS

Psi Chapter has been very busy in the last few weeks planning to give a Greek play. It has been decided to present the *Antigone* in English. The members of the cast have been selected and are now at work learning their parts. Rehearsals will begin soon after the term examinations. The chapter is fortunate in having several members with some experience in the Little Theater Guild.

A committee has been working on arrangements for the presentation of

the Latin medal in the preparatory and high schools of the city.

Under the direction of Mr. William Golden, Jr., protohyparchos, the chapter has been trying to arouse interest in the establishment of Latin clubs in the secondary schools in or near Nashville. So far the work of the members has been successful.

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OMEGA CHAPTER BUSY WITH SPRING ACTIVITIES

College of William and Mary

By LOUISE GUNN

At the meeting of Omega Chapter on February 10 a very impressive initiation ceremony for senior members was held with Miss Frances Gale, prytanis, administering the oath. The members were highly entertained by an *Acta Diurna*, written by Professor Robert McClelland (see "Res Gestæ," page 8).

Omega Chapter is proud to welcome the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South to the campus on April 13, 14, and 15. Those in charge of the arrangements expect an attendance of at least two hundred professors and representatives of various universities and colleges. The members of the chapter are sure that it will be an enjoyable occasion.

During the week following this meeting, the annual tournament of the Virginia Classical Association will be held at Williamsburg. A number of prizes will be awarded to those high school students who make the highest scores. Since its beginning three years ago, this tournament has been well represented by Latin students from high schools in all parts of the state. It is hoped that the attendance will be even greater this year.

Plans are under way for the presentation of Omega Chapter's annual spring program. The members are confident that they can give something again that will be both novel and enjoyable.

ALPHA ALPHA DISCUSSES HOMER

Winthrop College

By HARRIETT POPE

Alpha Alpha Chapter held its regular meeting February 8. The program consisted of original compositions by members of the group. It proved to be quite an interesting experiment, and a poem, several sketches, and a short story were presented.

In March, however, the chapter returned to its study of antiquity. At the meeting on March 2, the keynote was Homer. The program included such topics as: "Did Homer Live?" "What the Homeric Poems Have Meant to Me," and "The Relation of Mycenaean Civilization to the Homeric Poems." As a fitting conclusion to the meeting several members of the chapter sang a song in modern Greek.

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ALPHA BETA

University of Denver

By ELIZABETH STOVALL

There have been no activities of Alpha Beta Chapter since those reported in the January issue of the NUNTIUS.

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INITIATION HELD AT ALPHA GAMMA

Southern Methodist University

By ROSALIND GILES

The initiation service of Alpha Gamma Chapter was postponed until February 21 and was held at the home of Professor and Mrs. J. S. McIntosh. Those initiated included Miss Margaret Scottino, Miss Grace Mays, Mr. Morris Keeton, and Mr. John Flahie. Following the initiation service Professor McIntosh gave an interesting talk on graduate work in the classics.

For the March meeting of the chapter the members will visit the A. V. Lane Museum at Southern Methodist University under the Direction of Professor F. D. Smith. Professor



Smith will explain the ancient manuscripts and other archaeological exhibits of interest to students of the classics.

Miss Marion Caldwell, deuterohyparchos, was recently honored by election to Gamma Sigma, honorary educational fraternity.

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FORMAL DINNER AT ALPHA  
DELTA CHAPTER

Agnes Scott College

By MARIE WHITTLE

The February meeting of Alpha Delta Chapter was a very enjoyable one and particularly appropriate. The members of the chapter have been studying Horace's *Satires*, and at this meeting Professor Martha Stansfield, honorary member of the chapter, read excerpts from her Doctor's thesis on *The Use of Personal Names in Roman Satire*. In her talk she presented only those satires which were familiar to the students.

The Greek Guild at Emory University and the students of Greek at Agnes Scott College held a joint dinner on February 8. Both groups enjoyed the affair very much and hoped that opportunities of strengthening this feeling of cordiality might arise.

The next meeting of Alpha Delta Chapter was held on March 10. At that time initiation services for new members were held. After the ceremony there was a formal dinner, at which all the active members, the honorary members, and the initiates were guests. Professor E. K. Turner, of Emory University, was the speaker for this occasion.

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PROFESSOR CRUM LECTURES  
BEFORE ALPHA EPSILON

Lehigh University

By JOSEPH K. STRAWBRIDGE

On the evening of February 17 the members of Alpha Epsilon Chapter met at the home of Professor E. L. Crum, of the Latin department. This was the first meeting of the new semester, and several important busi-

ness matters were cleared up. The chapter also accepted an invitation from Alpha Rho (Muhlenberg College) to join them for the March meeting, the date being set for the evening of March 9.

After the business meeting Professor Crum, who had spent the past summer in Portugal, lectured at some length on the architecture of that country. Professor Crum has given this lecture before other classical gatherings, among them the Classical League of Lehigh Valley.

After the meeting refreshments were served, and a social hour was enjoyed. Entertainment in the form of piano selections was furnished by two of the recent initiates.

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ALPHA ZETA

Washington Square College

By FRITZIE PRIGOZY

The activities of Alpha Zeta Chapter were limited to one business meeting at which the collection of dues was discussed and the tentative program for the rest of the year outlined. It was decided to send condolences and a gift to one of the members, Mr. Samuel A. Goldberg, who is seriously ill.

In March the chapter held a tea for prospective members.

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ALPHA ETA ENJOYS INTER-  
ESTING LECTURE

University of Michigan

By LESTER C. HOUCK

The February meeting of Alpha Eta Chapter was held in the Women's League Building. After a short business meeting the chapter was addressed by Professor Eugene S. McCartney who spoke on "The Influence of Ancient Superstition on Our Vocabulary." Professor McCartney traced the history of the development of words as living and changing symbols of human thought. Miss Louise Camburg gave a review of *The Roman Way*. A selection of

Martial's *Epigrams* was submitted to the poetic powers of the group. Interesting parodies were given, with the faculty members carrying off the honors (see "The Muses," page 18).

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ALPHA IOTA INITIATES TWO

University of South Carolina

By ALICE R. FITTS

At the January meeting of Alpha Iota Chapter new officers were elected for the second term of school. Initiation of the two pledges, Miss Frances Caldwell and Mr. George Hart, was held on February 22. After the initiation services were over, the chapter gave a tea in honor of the new initiates.

On March 2 a Latin club, consisting of students of the Latin department of the University High School, was formed with the help of members of Alpha Iota Chapter. Professor E. L. Green, head of the department of Ancient Languages, talked on "Scholarship."

The Latin medal will be awarded again this year to the winner of the State High School Contest for Latin students.

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ALPHA KAPPA

University of Illinois

By GLADYS M. BLANKLEY

Activities during February were relatively unimportant at Alpha Kappa Chapter. On March 19 initiation of new members into the chapter occurred.

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ALPHA LAMBDA GIVES TEA

University of Oklahoma

By MARJORIE MILLER

In January Alpha Lambda Chapter held a tea and informal meeting at the Faculty Club. All students in Latin and Greek were guests of the chapter. Mr. John Klep, a graduate student from Belgium who is studying in the University and who has given considerable attention to both Latin and Greek, spoke to the chapter.

### ALPHA MU TO INITIATE NEW MEMBERS

University of Missouri

By MADGE MOORE

The regular meeting of Alpha Mu Chapter was postponed because of examinations until February 1. The meeting was held at the home of Professor and Mrs. William Gevatkin, with twenty present. Group singing of Latin songs was the first number on the program. Professor Jay W. Hudson, of the department of Philosophy, gave an informal talk on Socrates and read some passages from Edman's *Works of Plato*. The talk was very interesting to the members of Alpha Mu Chapter.

The next meeting of the chapter was held March 1. Professor A. H. R. Fairchild, a former member of Eta Sigma Phi and now a member of the English faculty of the University, talked on "The Value of the Classics in Education." Songs in Latin and a social hour followed.

Initiation of new members will take place at the next meeting, and in April the chapter plans to present Terence's *Phormio*.

### THREE MEMBERS OF ALPHA NU ELECTED TO PHI BETA KAPPA

Davidson College

By W. W. THOMPSON

The regular meeting of Alpha Nu Chapter was held on January 30. During the business session Mr. Edward McNair, prytanis, suggested several pertinent topics for discussion, among them, the subject of membership qualifications. Mr. McNair then outlined plans for future meetings.

Professor C. R. Harding, honorary member of Alpha Nu, followed this discussion with an address on Sappho. He described as much as is known of her life, gave a vivid account of her background and contemporaries, and read several of her lyrics. At the conclusion of Professor Harding's speech refreshments were served.

Three members of the chapter have been honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa. Five of the chapter now belong to that organization. The five include Messrs. W. E. McNair, P. F. Brown, D. D. McBryde, R. L. Callie, and H. F. Nichol.

At the next meeting new members will be elected to Alpha Nu Chapter.

### ALPHA XI TO PRESENT PLAY Washington University

By JOHN A. GILCHRIST

The members of Alpha Xi Chapter are busy with preparations for the National Convention, and the presentation of Plautus' *Mostellaria*, in particular, is occupying their attention. The production is under the direction of Professor George J. Ryan, of the classical faculty.

The cast includes Mr. Willis Wager as Grumio, Mr. Charles Sieck as Tranio, Mr. John Gilchrist as Theopropides, Mr. Milton Goldstein as Philolaches, and Miss Laurene Steber as Philematium. Miss Ruth Koll will play the part of Scopha, Mr. Warren Bailey that of Callidamates, and Miss Dorothy Herr the role of Delphium. Minor parts are taken by Messrs. Richard Horner, William Swindler, Otis Gallant, and Paul Streich.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED AT ALPHA PI

Gettysburg College

By EDWARD P. TURNBACH

At the last meeting of Alpha Pi Chapter two events of fundamental importance to the life of a chapter took place: the election of new members and the election of new officers. As a result of the balloting for membership, bids were presented to fourteen men. Initiation will be held at an early meeting of the chapter.

In the selection of new officers, the choice of the group fell upon the following: Mr. Howard Reisz, prytanis; Mr. Henry Bowman, hyparchos; Mr. John Foster, grammateus; Mr. Charles

Wolf, chrysohylax; and Mr. Paul Smith, pyloros. These men will be installed at the next regular meeting and will serve until the end of the first semester of next year.

### ALPHA OMICRON INITIATES THREE

Lawrence College

By MARY JANE HOEPER

Alpha Omicron Chapter held its yearly election and initiation in February. After the initiation of three new members, the Misses Marjorie Freund, Alyce May Fethers, and Dorothea Wolf, a banquet in celebration of the event was held.

At the March meeting Miss Wolf discussed the life and works of Martial.

### ALPHA RHO INITIATES SIX Muhlenberg College

By WILMER J. WOLF

All members, both student and faculty, attended the second meeting of Alpha Rho Chapter for the 1933 season, assembling in the Muhlenberg Library Seminar room on February 9. The early part of the program was occupied with purely business affairs; after this the following students, who have fulfilled all admission requirements, were initiated: Messrs. Byron Stauffer, Elmer Fahringer, John Brokhoff, Lester Felter, John Fritsch, and Lather Schlenker.

Following the induction of new members, John Bennetch presented an interesting report on "Delphi," by Mr. Frederick Poulson, curator of the Copenhagen Museum.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the social program.

### NO REPORTS

Beta, Northwestern University.

Theta, Indiana University.

Kappa, Colorado College.

Alpha Theta, Hunter College.

Quandoque bonus dormitat Homerus.

—Horace.

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