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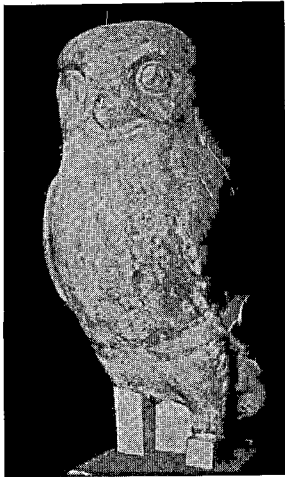
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## A Message from the Megas Prytanis

I SINCERELY hope that all members of Eta Sigma Phi will do their utmost to support their chapters, and that the chapters will make a special drive to interest new students on their campuses in the cause of the classics. The classics are facing an even more difficult situation than usual on college campuses at the present time because of the excessive emphasis being placed both by faculty and students on the study of the social sciences. The depression and the general world situation have tended to make students want to know more about economics, government, and modern history. But both faculty and students overlook the fact that a knowledge of the successes and failures of Greece and Rome could be of vital service to the people of the different nations today, in helping them to avoid the same mistakes which put the ship of state of the brilliant Graecian Republics, the Roman Republic, and the mighty Roman Empire "on the rocks." The great statesmen who built the British Empire were men steeped in knowledge of the history and culture of Greece and Rome, as were the founders of our own republic. After all, the function of a College of Arts leading to the A. B. degree is not so much to equip men and women to make a living as to live their lives in the fullest, richest manner possible. The modern world cannot afford to forget the traditions on which, as a foundation, our own culture rests. The late James Huneker, America's most distinguished critic of art, literature, and music, remarked in his autobiography, *Steeplejack*: "The classics Greek and Latin are what Bach and Beethoven are to musicians."

In these days, then, of overemphasis on the social sciences, it is especially important to offset the coldness and hostility toward the classics shown by large numbers of students and faculty in our colleges by making contacts among our fellow students and interesting as large a number as possible in continuing the study of Greek or Latin. And this is unquestionably the most advantageous year to carry out successfully our plan for the further addition of worthy classicists to our number, inasmuch as this year is the Bimillennium of the most human of ancient poets, the poet of the average man, who was himself the average man *par excellence*, Quintus Horatius Flaccus. Horatian Bimillennium programs offer a golden opportunity to interest both college students and high school students in the study of the classics and perhaps induce many a high school student to continue Latin when he enters college. It would carry much weight in the minds of high school students if members of Eta Sigma Phi could find time to return to their own high schools and give brief talks on Horace in the assembly period.

Something might be done to stimulate the formation of classical clubs in other colleges not now having chap-

ters of Eta Sigma Phi, for such clubs might eventually furnish material for the formation of new chapters.

Let us hope for a large attendance at the National Convention next spring. We know that Chicago is planning to give us a royal welcome. To combat the declining interest in the classics these days we classicists must stand together in a solid phalanx and do all to assist each other and carry on the cause and keep the torch burning throughout the length and breadth of the U. S. A. As one of our forefathers during the American Revolution remarked: "We must hang together, or all hang separately."

With best wishes for a most successful year,  
HOWARD B. FREED,  
Megas Prytanis

### Report of the Megas Chrysohylax for the Year 1934-35

JAMES R. NAIDEN, *Epsilon*

#### RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward.....	\$653.19
Dividend from closed Hyde	
Park Bank.....	17.82
From chapters for NUNTIUS.....	12.00
From Wright and Street.....	103.07
Dues .....	218.00
Initiation .....	100.50
Overpayments .....	54.50
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$1,159.08</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Convention expenses .....	\$379.70
NUNTIUS, for secretarial work and	
national publicity .....	88.40
Salary, Executive Secretary.....	150.00
Printing .....	8.25
Overpayments .....	54.50
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....</b>	<b>\$ 680.85</b>
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD.....</b>	<b>478.23</b>

#### HERE AND THERE

Members of the Olympian Council, the Latin Club of Central State Teachers College, Edmund, Oklahoma, have prepared place cards suitable for Horace banquets under the direction of Professor Jessie D. Newby. The cards are attractive and bear a suitable Horatian sentiment. They may be obtained from Miss Newby for two and one half cents each.

# RES GESTAE

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## Alumni of Iota Busy

OF THE recent graduates of Iota Chapter, some are working for advanced degrees and others are teaching. Two members of the class of 1932 are working on Ph. D. degrees in Greek. They are Mr. Fraser Drew, who is at Duke University, and Mr. Fred Householder, at Columbia University. At the University of Vermont, their alma mater, Miss Helen Bellows, '35, holds the Greek fellowship, and Miss Ida Saiger, '34, the Latin fellowship. Others who are studying this year are Miss Mildred Baldwin, '35, who has returned to the University of Vermont, and Miss Margaret Nugent, '35, who is studying German in Berlin, Germany.

Of the other graduates of 1935, Miss Dorothy Kennedy is working in the office of *The Alumni Weekly* in Burlington, Vermont; Mr. Charles Keelan is teaching French and Latin in Johnson, Vermont; Mr. Arlington Wilcox is teaching Latin at Jeffersonville, Vermont; and Miss Constance Calkins is teaching Latin at Shelburne, Vermont.

## News of Eta Alumnae

Miss Margaret Gailliard, '32, is acting as assistant secretary to the Dean of Students and secretary to the Dean of the School of Home Economics at her alma mater, Florida State College for Women.

Two of the members of last year's graduating class are taking additional work this year. Miss Martha Whitaker is at Yale University, and Miss Helenmary Fritsch is back at Florida State College for Women, and is taking additional work in the classics.

Three members of the class of 1935 are teaching Latin. Miss Mary Leila Lumley is at Monticello, Florida; Miss Dorothy Moorhead, at Altha, Florida; and Miss Catherine Ash, at Aucilla, Florida.

## Upsilon Alumnae Win Honors

MISS ANNA G. PERSON, who is teaching Latin and English in Decatur, Mississippi, won second place among state competitors in the Horatian translation contest sponsored by those in charge of the *Bimillennium Horatianum*.

The Misses Josephine Williams and Hyacinth McCormick are located at McComb, Mississippi. Miss McCormick is teaching Latin and English while Miss Williams has charge of Spoken English. These two young women took the leading rôles in the presentation of Sophocles' *Antigone* at Mississippi State College for Women last spring.

Miss Helen Price is teaching in Wiggins, and Miss Betty Fenwick, at Shaqualak, Mississippi.

Miss Mary Fite has a position as teacher of Latin and French in the high school at Canton, Mississippi. Miss Fite recently received the honor of having a short story accepted for publication by the short story anthology, *The American Scene*. The story, "Night Scene," was written while she was in college.

## Honorary Members Make Changes

ALPHA LAMBDA Chapter lost its sponsor and one of its most honored members when Professor John O. Moseley, for many years professor of Latin at the University of Oklahoma, accepted the presidency of the Central State Teachers College at Edmond, Oklahoma. Professor Morgan Ward Redus takes Professor Moseley's place at the University of Oklahoma.

Alpha Xi Chapter lost one of its honorary members, Professor George J. Ryan, when he accepted a position at the College of William and Mary where he will take part in the activities of Omega Chapter. Professor Ryan is known by Eta Sigma Phi members particularly as the coach of several Latin plays which members of Alpha Xi Chapter have presented so successfully under his direction.

The best wishes of the chapters follow these honorary members in their new positions.

## Alpha Lambda Alumnae Teaching

Miss Lois Traylor, Miss Beryl Ward, and Miss Suzanne McWilliams, alumnae of the University of Oklahoma of the class of 1935, are teaching this year. Miss Traylor is located at Mills Creek; Miss Ward, at Collinsville; and Miss McWilliams, at Altus, Oklahoma.

## News of Alpha Alpha Graduates

Several of last year's graduates who were Eta Sigma Phi members are teaching in South Carolina this year. Miss Ruby Furr, prytanis of Alpha Alpha last year, is teaching Latin and French in Bamberg; Miss Hallie Mae McKeithen, Megas Prototyparchos last year, is teaching Latin and English in Barnwell; the Misses Linda Rhodes, Eleanor Lawhon, and Laura Bobb are teaching in Walhalla, Columbia, and Liberty, respectively.

## Theta Honorary Member Visits Mexico

Honorary members of Eta Sigma Phi very often visit European countries in the summer, but Miss Lillian Gay Berry varied her program by visiting Mexico during her

vacation. Miss Berry made Mexico City her headquarters and took a series of automobile trips to all the interesting points within a radius of two hundred miles. She found the archaeological work in the area of particular interest.

### Recent Rho Graduates Busy

MISS ANNABELLE WHITNELL, who received the M. A. degree from Drake University, has begun her new work this year as a teacher of Latin in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Miss Greta Carver, '34, is principal of the high school at Hamilton, Iowa.

Of the class of 1935, Miss Doreen Howard is teaching English at Green Mountain, Iowa, and Mr. Paul Barrus has returned to Drake University where he is assistant in the department of Latin. Mr. Barrus is working on his Master's degree.

Of the graduates of last spring, Miss Myra Haase is teaching English in the high school at Menlo, Iowa, and Mr. Charles Frederick, prytanis last year, is teaching Latin and English at Urbandale, Iowa.

### News of Alpha Tau Alumnae

THREE of last year's graduates have returned to Ohio State University for further work this year. They are Miss Mary Crowley, Miss Alma Noble, and Miss Mary Lacey.

Mr. Walter H. Juniper, honorary member of Alpha Tau, has completed one year's work at Yale University and is continuing his studies there this year. Mr. Juniper was very active in the work of the chapter before his departure to Yale University.

Several of the recent graduates of the chapter are teaching this year. Mr. Charles Watrous is located at Ashtabula, Ohio; Mr. Fred Long is at New Bremen, Ohio; and Miss Inez Clem is at Milan, Ohio.

### Honors Come to Former Megas Chrysophylax and to Hyparchos of Alpha Sigma

MR. JAMES R. NAIDEN, who was the Megas Chrysophylax last year, and who transferred to Epsilon Chapter from Rho Chapter, was the recipient of the Sanxay prize which is awarded annually to the Liberal Arts senior who graduates from the University of Iowa with the highest promise for achievement in graduate study.

Mr. John A. Alexander, hyparchos of Alpha Sigma Chapter last year, received a fellowship in Greek, Latin, and Archaeology at Washington University and is in St. Louis this year taking work on the Ph. D. degree.

Both the Sanxay prize which Mr. Naiden received and the fellowship which was granted to Mr. Alexander carry with them a five-hundred-dollar stipend.

### Five Alpha Delta Members Elected To Phi Beta Kappa

OF THE ELEVEN members of Alpha Delta Chapter who were graduated last spring, five were elected to Phi Beta Kappa. They include Miss Isabel Shipley, associate editor of the NUNTIUS last year; Miss Martha Allen, grammateus; Miss Willie Florence Eubanks; Miss Eva Poliakoff; and Miss Amy Underwood. Miss Shipley, Miss Eubanks, and Miss Poliakoff are teaching this year, and Miss Martha Allen is doing graduate work at Emory University.

Miss Alberta Palmour, another graduate of last year, has the position of field secretary for the Agnes Scott Alumnae Association. Two members of the class are married. They are Miss Amy Underwood and Miss Mary Elizabeth Squires. Miss Virginia Byers is taking work in commercial subjects in Atlanta.

Of the honorary members of the chapter one, Miss Catherine Torrance, spent the summer abroad and enjoyed the Horatian tour of the Mediterranean.

### News of Epsilon Alumnae

Of the most recent alumnae members of Epsilon Chapter, Miss Beulah Gordon is teaching music and Latin at Alcester, South Dakota; Mrs. Katherine Bogart is teaching Latin and English at Marion, Iowa; Miss Margaret Porter is teaching Latin and English at Ireton, Iowa; and Miss Marian Smith has returned to the University of Iowa for graduate study.

### Members of Phi Win Awards in Horace Contest

In the West Virginia Horatian contest Miss Margaret Lewis, '35, won second place, and Miss Pauline Cunningham, '35, won third place. Miss Lewis is teaching Latin at Fayetteville, West Virginia, this year, and Miss Cunningham is located at Petersburg, West Virginia.

Miss Kathryn Ballard, also of the class of 1935, is teaching Latin at Glen Jean, West Virginia. Miss Mary White has received a scholarship to Duke University and is working there on her Doctor's degree.

### Gamma Graduates Marry

SINCE last spring five alumnae members of Gamma Chapter have been married. Miss Mabel Bond, '27, teacher of Latin since her graduation from Ohio University, was married to Mr. Fred A. Murray, a graduate of Ohio University in law. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are making their home at Union Furnace, Ohio.

Miss Alice Heyes, '28, was married during the summer to Mr. Thomas J. Olliffe. Mr. and Mrs. Olliffe are living in Chicago, Illinois.

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# MINERVA

## From Rome to Brindisi 37 B. C. and 1935 A. D.

By RUTH DRAKE, *Gamma*

AT 8:40 Friday morning, July 26, 1935, a band of Horatian devotees in a large comfortable bus left the Hotel de la Russie, Rome, under the leadership of Professors Flickinger, Tanner, and Carr to repeat Horace's journey to Brundisium (Brindisi). This party was about half of the membership of The Horatian Pilgrimage conducted by The Bureau of University Travel. The others had preferred Naples to this journey.

Back in 37 B. C. comfort-loving Quintus Horatius Flaccus and his friends had spent fifteen days on the journey, making fifteen stops. Their route was not the shortest or the easiest — the preferable route would have been through Venusia and Tarentum. But the party, evidently not pressed for time, chose their road probably because it passed through Canusium, since Varius, who was to join them at Sinuessa, was to leave the party at Canusium. Inasmuch as the Via Appia was constructed of a foundation of large squared blocks of stone covered by a coating of gravel (until Nerva and Trajan laid it with silex), it evidently was a rough road over which slow travel was preferable when possible. It was not winter, for the poet says that he was disturbed by gnats and frogs; it was not summer, for he needed a fire at Trivicum. It probably was spring.

Unlike Horace and his companions, our party planned to stay at one inn, a hotel in Beneventum (modern Benevento). We did not travel the whole distance over the old Via Appia, and were on the way two and a half days instead of fifteen. No ball games, no sore eyes, and, strange to say, in the two and a half days no warring stomachs engaged our attention. We encountered no rains — just dry heat and parched fields. If the road is rough now, some of the wild and rough rides in Greece and in certain Greek islands later during the Horatian cruise have entirely obliterated all memory of roughness or discomfort.

The first stop for Horace and his friend, Heliodorus, (probably used for the less metrical Apollodorus) was

Aricia, which was sixteen miles\* southeast of Rome, on the lower slope of the Alban Hills, and just three miles from Lake Nemi, from which the imperial ships have recently been taken. In this region, above the Via Appia and some five miles from it, is Vellitrae, the town of the gens Octavia. Aricia, we are told, received the two men in a "modest inn" where the water upset the poet's digestion. We Horatian pilgrims passed through this village at 9:40 in the morning.

We reached Forum Appi about 10:45, some two hours out of Rome and twenty-seven miles beyond Aricia.

Here Heliodorus and Horace spent their second night, although even in their time the trip from Rome to Forum Appi was usually made in one day. The Pomptine Marshes, which are six to eleven miles wide and thirty miles long, lie along the west side of the Via Appia from a point several miles northwest through Forum Appi and on to Terracina. Caesar, Augustus, Nerva, Trajan, and others vainly

attempted to drain these marshes, and Augustus built a canal, nineteen miles long, between the Via Appia and the marshes. All this was called to mind as we travelled toward Terracina with a well-kept canal on our right for part of the way. Thanks to Il Duce, the marshes have at last been drained, providing a large tract of land for Italian expansion. The better parts have been converted into extensive pastures, the marshy parts furnish a resort for buffalo, while the region facing the sea is forest land.

From Forum Appi the two Romans planned a night journey by canal boat through the Pomptine Marshes to Lacus Feroniae, a distance of sixteen miles. But the two friends and the mule became the innocent victims of the slothful boatman who stopped the boat and slept as soon as his passengers had retired. Later one of these passengers, realizing that the boat had not moved all night, jumped up, snatched a willow withe, and beat not only the deserving waterman but also the poor unsuspecting mule that had been tied out to graze. Horace seems not

\* All distances are given in Roman miles, 4854 English feet.



VIEW OF FORMIAE

even to have had any satisfaction over the beating which the boatman received because of his pity for the mule. From Forum Appi they went three miles farther to Terracina (Anxur). Travel by canal boat, Strabo says, was the general practice probably due to the defects of the



STATUE OF HORACE AT VENUSIA

road in this region. The party arrived about noon and spent the night. Here the poet treated his eyes with black ointment and met Maecenas, Cocceius, and Fonteius Capito. At Terracina our party merely disembarked to see the Cattedrale San Cesareo on the site of the Temple of Augustus and Roma in the ancient Forum on the hill. The old pavement before the present church bears several Latin inscriptions in the travertine slabs. One of them, 'A. AEMILIUS, A. F.,' is quite distinct.

Fondi (Fundus), thirteen miles from Terracina and Horace's fourth stop, seemed to us somewhat odoriferous with food and filth in parts although in the more open places bamboo, lemon, olive, and fig were thriving.

The region around Formia is very interesting. First, there is Otri, situated 690 feet above sea level in the mountains which the Via Appia traverses between Fondi and Formia. It is the land of Fra Diavollo, the hero of Auber's opera, and formerly a region of brigandage. And not far from this on a promontory the grave of Caieta, the nurse of Aeneas, overlooks the Mediterranean. Along here the oleander trees bordering the road were blooming pink and fragrant. Since it was still siesta time, only a few natives were out. Some had loads of cork either in carts or strapped to the backs of little donkeys. These carefree drivers generally smiled broadly and waved. Now and then a wizened little woman, wearing a large white headdress hanging to her shoulders, and carrying a corner of it in her mouth as a protection against the dust, eyed us curiously. A few examples were in evidence to show that women worked in the fields with the men. We motored along, singing *Lauriger Horatius, Integer Vitae*, and the less Horatian *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*.

In Formia (Formiae), the city of the Mamurri, thir-

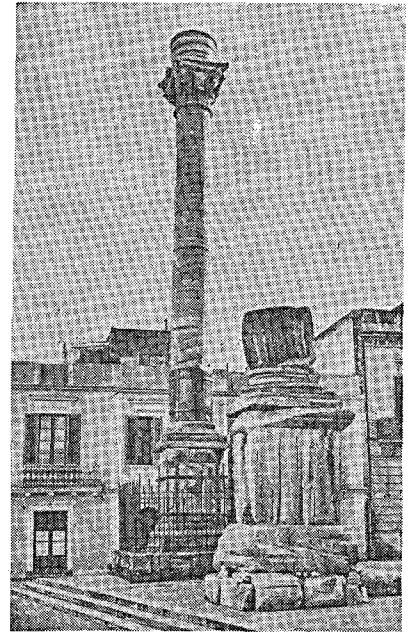
teen miles from Fondi, Murena's house and Capito's kitchen provided for the needs of the two friends. Here a few years before Cicero had owned a villa and in this region he had spent the last days before he was murdered. Our group reached Formia about 12:45, and in an outdoor dining room, built over the water, ate our lunches of sandwiches, cheese, fruit, small cakes, and wine, (not Falernian by any means) which had been packed by the Hotel de la Russie at Rome. We left Formia about two o'clock, continuing southeastward.

Sinuessa (Sessa) eighteen miles from Formia, was Horace's fifth stop where he met Plotius, Varius, and Vergil. This completed the group — a strange company to be sent on a diplomatic mission but one indicative of Maecenas' liking for men of letters. In the neighborhood are warm springs, which were there in 37 B. C. Here the two poets retired early, Horace on account of his eyes, and Vergil because of his disordered stomach.

Without stopping we continued on to Capua, stop six for Horace, twenty-six miles from Sinuessa, the place where the fun-loving Romans enjoyed the buffoonery of Sarmenius and Messius. This city could boast a school of gladiators (here the war of the gladiators broke out B. C. 83) and a temple of Mithras begun in the time of Augustus and finished fifty years later. The subterranean passages of the temple are well preserved today; and some people suspect that a temple of Venus may be under it. The amphitheater of travertine is one of the largest and oldest in Italy.

Soon our big bus stopped at Caserta, the "Versailles of Italy," in front of the Royal Palaces of the Kings of Naples. The erstwhile royal buildings are now a school of aeronautics. To avoid delay and entrance fees, we passed on without more than a little peep at the gardens as the bus turned at the gate.

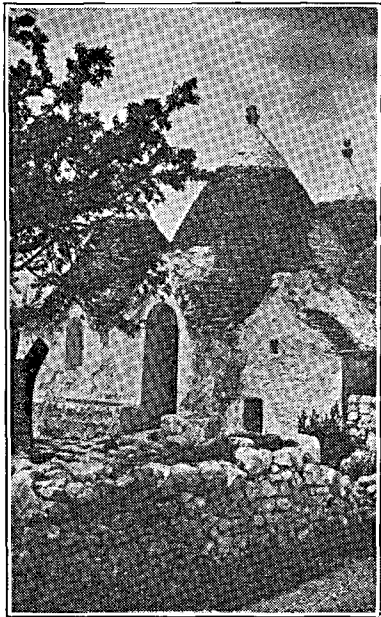
The Horatian party of 37 B. C. after a night at the villa of Cocceius near Caudium, twenty-one miles from Capua, spent its eighth night at Beneventum which is



MONUMENT MARKING END OF VIA  
APPIA AT BRUNDISIUM



eleven miles northeast of Caudium on the Via Appia. Here the landlord almost set fire to his house as he barbecued some lean thrushes. We Horatian pilgrims of 1935 A. D., arrived in Benevento about seven in the evening of our first day. We had travelled 164 miles from Rome. Although our hotel offered no hot water, the railroad station near by served a very good chicken dinner with ripe figs, red watermelon, and yellow watermelon. The genial proprietor, after proudly introducing his little blond daughter, sold hard candy in small boxes decorated with scenes from *Promisi Sposi*.



CONICAL HOUSE IN ALBERABELLO

The next morning, Saturday, July 27, in spite of the breakfast of sour bread and "chicory coffee" with no butter or spread, we set out in good spirits about eight o'clock to Bari (Barium). But before leaving Benevento we stopped at the Arch of Trajan, which is in a good state of preservation. This arch was erected in commemoration of his construction of the road from Benevento to Brindisi, since the same year, A. D. 114, appears on the arch that appears on the military columns along the road.

Here, it shames me to admit, a few of us after a wakeful night due to children's games and feline serenades around midnight and the early morning hours, sat tight and firmly declared that we would not budge to see any more Roman remains that day no matter how famous or well preserved.

At this point in the journey Horace says:

Incipit ex illo (Benevento) montis Apulia notos  
Ostentare mihi, quos torret Atabulus at quos  
Numquam erepsemus, nisi nos vicina Trivici  
Udos cum foliis ramos urente camino.

The villa mentioned in these lines was Horace's ninth stop. From this villa the group took carts for about twenty-four miles to the town bearing the unmetrical name — the one famous for very bad water and very good bread. This unnamed village was the tenth stop.

Our group, before arriving at Canusium, Horace's eleventh stop, passed through Ariano and northwest to

Foggia where we ate our Beneventan lunches at the tables in the railroad station. Then with appetites satisfied by the box lunches, and with spirits somewhat improved by the wine, we complacently traveled southeast and across the Aufidus River to Canosa (Canusium), in the plain, about thirty-five miles from the unnamed town. In this state we had no occasion to sample the bread which Swinburne even in his day described as "brown as mahogany and gritty—." Here at Canosa the after-lunch stupor gave way to eager anticipation of the next spot which was a high spot in the journey.

From Canosa we pilgrims, as would be expected, hurried southwest to Venosa (Venusia), the birthplace of our hero. Here in the public square stands a large bronze statue of Quintus Horatius Flaccus erected in 1928. His countenance is genial and composed as he looks over his natal city. As we gazed in silence at the poet of the golden mean, we remembered his independent spirit, his advice "*Carpe diem*" and "*Compesce mentem*," "*Nihil est ab omni parte beatum*," "*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*," etc. Thrilled with the keen realization that here in this very spot the immortal Flaccus had lived and moved we knew that this son of a freed man belongs to the ages. For some time we gazed thus speechless. Then, led by Professor Flickinger, we solemnly and sincerely saluted Horace, the man and the poet. After a kind welcome by the mayor we bade the crowd of friendly natives farewell and climbed aboard for Ruvo.

Ruvo (Rubi) on the twelfth night received Horace and his friends fatigued by a long journey of twenty-three miles over roads made no better by rains. We merely passed through Ruvo on the road to Bari.

Horace and his companions after another twenty-three miles chose Bari, "abounding in fish," as their thirteenth stop. It is a good seaport on a rocky peninsula and still abounds in fish. Tired, dusty, and thirsty we arrived at Bari about eight o'clock in the evening to spend the night on the S. S. *City of London*, which was waiting in the harbor.

About one o'clock the next afternoon (Sunday, July 28) when the big bus pulled out from the dock for Brindisi, the personnel had changed. The blue, blue water, the smooth sailing, anticipation of tea, the safe drinking water, and the warm salt water baths had proved too tempting for some weary pilgrims; but the bus could not accommodate all from the Horatian cruise group who wished to take their places. A jolly and somewhat rested crowd left Bari that afternoon.

Horace made his fourteenth stop at Gnatia (local for Egnatia) thirty-seven miles from Bari. Here the Jewish inhabitants tried to persuade him that their incense melted without fire. This was just another village from the bus windows for us.

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# EDITORIALS

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It has seemed especially fitting that this issue of the NUNTIUS should be very largely devoted to the poet whose two thousandth birth-anniversary classicists all over the country are celebrating. For that reason the contents are very largely Horatian. The "Muses Section," in particular, reflects the diverse moods of the poet, ranging as it does in its English dress, from the serious to the amusing. It is noteworthy that in such a way, purely by chance, the varying appeal of Horace can be demonstrated.

The realization of the truth of Horace's own words:

Non omnis moriar, multaque pars mei  
 Vitabit Libitinam: usque ego postera  
 Crescam laude recens, dum Capitolium  
 Scandet cum tacita virgine pontifex.

is brought back anew to the reader.

Last spring shortly before the close of the school year a questionnaire was mailed to representatives of the various chapters of Eta Sigma Phi, to the national officers, to faculty members, and to a number of alumni subscribers.

The purpose of the questionnaire was to secure the consensus of opinion on certain matters relating to the editorial policy of the magazine in order that it might better correspond to the wishes and desires of its readers.

The staff wishes, first of all, to express its thanks to those persons who made comments on the periodical and offered suggestions for its improvement. The number of responses was a source of gratification, especially since it has revealed the fact that the readers' interest in the NUNTIUS and its editorial policy is very active. It is to be regretted, of course, that costs prohibit the adoption of certain suggestions that were made which undoubtedly would add much to the general attractiveness of the magazine. The staff feels grateful for such suggestions, even though impossible of adoption at the present time. It is needless to remark that a file of these will be preserved for future reference and use.

While it would be impossible to take up each of the items of the questionnaire for consideration in these columns, some general ideas of the problems that arise in connection with the publication of the magazine might well be given here.

The most pressing problem is that of securing contributions both of poems and of prose articles. Admittedly there should be an ample reserve from which a selection could be made, but the difficulty of acquiring such

a reserve seems great, due partly, no doubt, to the rapidly changing personnel of active members of the chapters. Perhaps only an awareness of this need is necessary. In any case, the staff hopes that the readers of the NUNTIUS will feel free to make contributions and will not await personal solicitation.

From the standpoint of development of the journal, the suggestions made in respect to new features that might be added seemed the more stimulating, since no radical changes from the present editorial policy were presented. The one addition that was most heartily approved was that of having a section devoted to the review of current books in the classical field. This might well take the form of brief notices, as in the past, or of more extensive reviews as space would permit. Another suggestion in much the same vein was that reports of classical plays would prove interesting, both those enacted by amateurs and by professionals. Since the chapters are so much interested in the presentation of plays themselves, the idea seems an especially happy one.

Other suggestions were made concerning content and included notes on archaeology, on travel, on classical authors less well known than those commonly read in college, and on the more obscure myths. Feature articles on classical antiquities were also suggested. All these indicate the wide range that is possible for the magazine.

The staff urges you to note these suggestions and invites your active cooperation in the publication of the magazine this year.

## Inter Libros

In the field of fiction with a classical background several books have appeared in the last two years that are highly recommended. For a readable book of delightful classical interest James Hilton's *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* is suggested. It can be read in an hour or so and is just the thing for spare-time reading. The nature of the book is such that high school students find it enjoyable too . . .

Robert Graves' *I, Claudius* and *Claudius the God and His Wife Messalina* have been rather universally praised by critics. Both are published by Harrison Smith and Robert Haas . . .

An English publication of last spring that sounded especially enticing was Kenneth Matthews' *Greek Salad*, issued by Peter Danies. Following his travels in Greece Mr. Matthews accepted a position in a Greek school . . .

The Appleton-Century Company has just published *Monuments and Men of Ancient Rome* by Professor Grant Showerman. Professor Showerman is the author also of *Rome and the Romans* . . .

# THE MUSES

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## To Q. H. F.

By PROFESSOR ARTHUR H. WESTON  
LAWRENCE COLLEGE (*Alpha Omicron*)

"Alas, O Postumus, the years glide on,  
The fleeting years," thou saidst, and lo, since then  
A score of centuries have come and gone,  
And wrought their changes on the world of men.  
No more the priest and silent virgin climb  
The Capitol, yet still thy songs abide,  
And in our hearts we span the gulf of time  
To walk with thee the Sabine countryside.  
With thee we glimpse Soracte, white with snow,  
Thy love of land we share, of friend, of sire,  
We laugh with thee at folly, sham, and show;  
The tuneful echoes of thy Muses' choir  
We make our own, and strive to learn from thee  
That equal mind that brings tranquillity.

## A Translation from Horace

By PROFESSOR JOHN G. GLENN  
GETTYSBURG COLLEGE (*Alpha Pi*)

Behold Soracte, white in depths of snow,  
The groaning woods no longer bear their load,  
While outside blust'ring winds may blow,  
And rivers set in adamantine mode.

Pile up the logs upon the lavish hearth,  
And melt the nipping frosts of winter keen;  
Then draw the vintage old, my Thaliarch,  
From flagons sealed and two-eared jars Sabine.

All else to gods divine commit; for when  
Once they have laid to rest the blasts that lash  
And battle on the boiling deep, not then  
Is cypress tempest-tossed or mountain ash.

Each day that Fortune grants consider gain,  
And shrink from searching out the morrow's lot;  
The pleasures which in bloom of youth are main,  
Delightful loves and graceful dance, scorn not,

So long as thou from sour old-age art free.  
At nightfall take recourse to square and plain;  
With tender whisperings so full of glee  
At preconcerted hour seek joy again.

Now too, the pretty laugh from cozy nook  
Betraying maiden blessed with modesty  
Seek thou, likewise the forfeit snatched by crook,  
And finger that unyielding feigns to be.

## Odes, II, 3

By PROFESSOR C. G. BROUZAS  
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY (*Phi*)

Remember, Delius, destined once to die,  
To keep a mind unbowed by agony,  
When dire misfortunes come; nor let a day  
O'er much elate thee, nor o'ermuch dismay.

If you should sadly live for all your time,  
Or, gently lying, in a balmy clime  
Through festal days, on lawns or sunlit leas  
You quaff the old Falernian with ease.

Why silver poplar and the lofty pine  
In shade inviting leafy arms entwine?  
Why hastes the fleeing water to depart  
In winding brooks to flutter, purl, and dart?

O bring perfume and wine and lovely bloom  
Of roses—soon to fade in silent gloom—  
So long as youth and circumstance avow  
And triune Sisters' sable threads allow.

You'll leave behind your vast domains, your home,  
Your villa, yellow Tiber loves to roam  
Among. You'll die, and loafing heirs will gain  
Your riches heaped aloft by you—in vain!

If rich and sprung from Inachus of old,  
Or poor and born from sires of meanest mold,  
You linger in the light beloved of God,  
You'll die, no less, and pass beneath the sod,

The victim of the ruthless Dis, whose realm  
With all the living soon or late o'erwhelm;  
Our lot, now shaken in the fateful urn,  
Will place us there—ah—never to return!

## Carpe Diem

By GOLDIE FELDMAN, *Upsilon*

Forget there will be a tomorrow,  
Think of each day as the last;  
Leave here no place for sorrow,  
No sighing for the dead past.

Act as the moment inclines you,  
Ignore the whisper "You must;"  
Live, till the Fates shall consign you  
Forever and ever to dust!

## Horace in Autumn

By A MEMBER OF THETA CHAPTER

Can Chloe be averse to love  
While the illusive moon in pillowed clouds  
Fades above, leaving cool stars to stand  
As silent sentinels of dawn?  
And white narcissus blown by Auster  
Is gone, but there remains  
A purple, hungry heart-beat to match  
The firing of red leaves in the fall,  
To catch the blue flame of her kiss,  
And quench it like the luminous glove  
Of a meteor streaming into a sea of wine;  
Chloe is a Verse to Love.

## Epode IV

By JAMES R. NAIDEN, *Epsilon*, '35

The difference I have with you is as great  
As falls on the lambs and the wolves by fate.  
The Spanish broom-whip tanned your side  
And iron leggings galled your hide.  
Strut you may if you've a mind—  
Money does not alter kind.  
When you pace along the promenade  
In that nine-foot toga you had made,  
Do you see how your unbearable crust  
Elicits pain, disdain, and disgust?  
"The fellow was publicly whipped, we've heard,  
And slashed till the crier's stomach turned,  
Yet he owns a thousand-acre estate  
And burns the road with a coach-and-eight.  
He sits at the plays in a first-row seat  
Like a knight in spite of the law—the cheat!  
What is the point of equipping a fleet  
With mighty rams and prows to defeat  
Robbers and slaves, if the harvest is  
*Officer's stripes on a hide like his?"*

## Gamma Graduates Marry

(Continued from page 6)

Miss Catherine Wilson, '29, was married to Mr. Horace D. Rogers. Before her marriage Mrs. Rogers was a teacher of Latin and French at Millersburg, Ohio, and had taken graduate work at the University of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are residing at Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Miss Audrey Jacobs, '31, who had been teaching at Sardinia, Ohio, since her graduation, was married to Mr. W. Clark Murray, also a graduate of Ohio University. Mrs. Murray was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and *grammateus* of Gamma Chapter during her college days. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are living in Mingo Junction, Ohio, where Mr. Murray is employed as a chemist. The posi-

tion in the high school at Sardinia, left open by Miss Jacobs' marriage, was filled by Miss Julia Malo, '35.

In October of this year Miss Idah Stuart, '34, who served as *prytanis* of Gamma Chapter and *Megas Grammateus* in her senior year, was married to Mr. C. A. Rice. Mrs. Rice taught last year at West Salem, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are living in Shepherd, Michigan.

Of the graduates of last years' class seven are teaching, in addition to Miss Malo. The seven include the Misses Helen Gerke, Beulah Heestand, Mary Kupir, Elizabeth Miller, Dorothea Shannon, Kathryn Mallett, and Bernice Kidd.

Miss Ruth Drake, an associate member of the chapter, has a fellowship in the department this year and is working on her M. A. degree. Miss Drake enjoyed the Horatian tour this past summer, and her account of the trip is to be found elsewhere in this number.

Mr. Hugh Davis, '32, who last year secured his Master's degree at Indiana University, is working this year toward the doctorate at the University of Missouri where he holds a graduate assistantship in the department of Classical Languages.

## Medal Report

H. LLOYD STOW, *Alpha*, '30

November 1, 1934-October 1, 1935

### RECEIPTS

Bank Balance November 1, 1934...	\$924.90
125 Medals @ \$1.65.....	206.25
361 Medals @ \$1.00.....	361.00
Special Delivery payment.....	.20

Total Assets .....\$1,492.35

### DISBURSEMENTS

Medallic Art Company.....	\$364.50
Refunds for overpayments.....	58.88
Medal cut for advertisement.....	7.62
Exchange on checks.....	6.95
Postage .....	5.55
Order blank reprints.....	2.00
Bank charge on checks.....	.10

Total Disbursements .....\$ 445.60

TOTAL BALANCE .....	\$1,046.75
Unpaid Account .....	1.00
BANK BALANCE, OCT. 1, 1935.....	\$1,045.75

## HERE AND THERE

Did you happen to notice in a recent issue of the pictorial *Collegiate Digest* Professor W. L. Carr, of Columbia University, and Professor F. A. Spencer, of New York University, with a model of a Roman machine gun? Both men are honorary members of Eta Sigma Phi.

## From Rome to Brindisi 37 B. C. and 1935 A. D.

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We were now in Horace's Apulia southeast of Bari where we visited Alberabello, the *Plaga di Trulli* and went through one of the houses, some of us even climbing up on the roof. The trulli are conical houses of stone, put together without mortar. The dome-shaped roofs — a dome for each room — are of black stone marked with totem designs in white. These stone houses with their high ceilings are a sensible type of architecture for this climate. Just outside Alberabello on the road to Brindisi and out on the hills for miles, picturesque, white-roofed, conical houses of pink, bright blue, or yellow dot the landscape with patches of color. Southwest of Alberabello and not far from the seacoast is Polignano Amare where Hor-

ace *may* have stopped. Warm and tired we stopped here to enjoy the cool caves with their beautiful views of water of several shades of blue.

At Brindisi (Brundisium) Horace's fifteenth and last stop, which is thirty-nine miles from Gnatia and 369 miles from Rome, a band of inspired pilgrims boarded the *S. S. City of London* to sail for Delphi with another beautiful memory stored away.

Although the journey of two and a half days did not seem long to us, and although this paper is very inadequate to express all we saw and felt, may I say with Horace

Brundisium longae finis chartaeque viaeque est.

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## LARES AND PENATES

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### ALPHA BUSY WITH CONVENTION PLANS

University of Chicago  
By HELEN CAMPBELL

On October 24, Alpha Chapter assembled in the Classics Commons for the first meeting this fall. After tea had been served, Miss Caroline Zimmerly, prytanis, conducted a business meeting. The question of sponsoring a contest for secondary schools, submitted by the Megalos Deuterohyparchos of Eta Sigma Phi, was discussed. It was agreed that the chapter would be willing to sponsor such a contest, but because of other problems, more urgent at present, this year would not be a favorable time for such an undertaking.

The greatest concern of the chapter just now is to plan an attractive program for the National Convention to be held here next spring. Committees are being appointed to get some plans under way.

At the coming meeting, a play is to be presented in honor of the Horatian Bimillennium. A dramatic version of Horace's Ninth Satire, arranged by Professor Ullman, was chosen.

Payson S. Wild has accepted an invitation to speak at a later meeting.

On that occasion Alpha plans to entertain the graduate club.

Alpha Chapter has nine honorary, five graduate, and twelve active members this fall. Prospective members have been invited to attend the teas.

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### BETA ANTICIPATES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Northwestern University  
By ANNETTE LENZ

Beta Chapter opened the school year with ten active members. Unfortunately, nine of its members were graduated this last June; however, the chapter is anticipating a most successful year. The program is one filled with interest, intellectually as well as socially.

At this time members are busy with rushing teas and are preparing for a formal pledging in the very near future. Plans are being made for the annual formal initiation banquet to be held shortly after the first semester. This is an event that is eagerly awaited by all.

Toward the end of the year the chapter presents the girl and boy graduating from Evanston and New Trier High schools with the highest grades in Latin a medal for distinction in the classics.

The first meeting of the year was held on Thursday, October 3. It was for the purpose of discussing rushing and the choosing of a faculty adviser for the coming year. Professor Dorjahn, because of his ability in filling this position in years past, has been chosen again.

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### GAMMA HEARS OF TRIP TO EAST

Ohio University

By SUSAN PATTERSON

Gamma Chapter has had two meetings this year. In October an Open House was held for all people in the Classical department. At this Open House, Prytanis Eleanor Martin told of the aims of Eta Sigma Phi in a short talk, the Varsity Quartet sang several numbers, and a play, "Helen's Husband," was presented by members of the chapter. A social hour followed the program.

The November meeting was held November 7. After the regular business meeting, Professor W. C. Harris, professor of history, gave an illustrated lecture for the enjoyment of the chapter. Professor Harris visited the Near East last summer, and his talk was an entertaining description of his trip, which was made more

vivid by some very interesting slides. Professor Harris visited Egypt, Palestine, and Iraq.

Three members of Gamma Chapter were recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa. They are Miss Leona Penn, associate editor of the NUNTIUS, Miss Anna Faye Blackburn, and Mr. Herbert Alcott.

This year, Gamma will continue its customary practice of selling Christmas cards to replenish its treasury. The cards have already been selected, and members are securing orders as quickly as possible.

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#### EPSILON HEARS OF TRIP ABROAD

The State University of Iowa

By KATHERYN MARRIOTT

The names of about twenty people including actives, graduates, honorary members, and new initiates appear on Epsilon's roll so far this session. The chapter plans to carry out its customary procedure of having closed and open meetings, the latter being open to all members of the Classical Languages department. The Horatian theme will naturally be prominent throughout this year.

Professor Flickinger gave an illustrated lecture of his summer abroad at the first open meeting in October. Initiation was held October 22 for two new members, both seniors. Following the ritualistic services a tea was served in honor of the new members.

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#### HORACE IS THEME OF ETA Florida State College for Women By MARY ETTA THISTLETHWAITE

With the initiation of four new members on October 14, Eta Chapter starts the year's work with a total enrollment of twelve members, including three honorary members and one associate member. The new members are the Misses Mary Kathryn Gibson, Mary Marshall, Valeria Stubbs, and Julia Vanderipe.

Eta Chapter this year, in addition to its regular programs and business meetings, plans to present in November an illustrated lecture on Horace, to which all members of the Classical Club will be invited. On December 6 and 7, as a culmination of the semester's program, the members of Eta Chapter will be hostesses to the Classical Association of Florida, which will hold its annual meeting in Tallahassee. At this time the chapter hopes to have distinguished speakers in the field of the classics address the members. Thus, Eta will celebrate the Bimillennium of Horace with others in the state who are interested in promoting the classics.

To further interest throughout the state in the Horatian Bimillennium, Eta Chapter is offering two medals to students in Florida high schools — one, to the student in the ninth or tenth grades who submits the best paper on Horace; another, to the eleventh or twelfth grade student who submits the best metrical version of one of Horace's Odes. These medals will be awarded on December 7, as a climax to the celebration of the Bimillennium of Horace.

Eta Chapter intends to build the rest of its first semester program around a study of the life and works of Horace.

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#### THETA HEARS ADDRESS ON ARCHAEOLOGY

Indiana University

By CHARLES LESH

This year Theta Chapter, with an increased membership and the showing of a great amount of interest, is looking forward to a bigger and better year.

Most of the members joined a group comprised of both faculty and students, and motored through a section of Indiana noted for its brilliant fall scenery to Greencastle, to hear Professor Ralph Van Deman Magoffin, of New York University, deliver an address at DePauw on recent dis-

coveries in archaeology, with illustrations many of which had not hitherto been published.

The chapter is combining with the Classical Club in giving a picnic for the entire department of Classics in Indiana University.

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#### IOTA CHAPTER HOLDS INITIATION

University of Vermont

By SYLVIA JARVIS

Iota Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi held its first meeting of the year on October 30 at the home of Professor Prindle, the head of the Latin department at the University of Vermont. At this meeting the following eight new members were initiated into the chapter: the Misses Constance Knight, Lyrace Flower, Marguerite Harvey, Janet Lanou, Evelyn Eaton, Charlotte Perkins, Beverly Nute, and Minola Lockwood. After a short business meeting Miss Kay Babbitt gave a very enjoyable talk on her trip to Greece. The meeting was very successful on the whole, and the members are all enthusiastic about the coming year. Plans include short plays and a big celebration at the time of the Latin Bimillennial.

The chapter is going to try meeting at the homes of the professors so that there will be less feeling of restraint.

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#### LAMBDA TO INSTALL NEW CHAPTER

University of Mississippi

By ALBERT RUSSELL

Lambda Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi held its first meeting of the school year Thursday night, October 24, 1935, in the reception room of the Ole Miss Y. M. C. A. Two outstanding members of the University of Mississippi faculty were guest speakers of the evening. Professor W. B. Leake, an authority on English literature, gave his discourse on the influence of Greek upon the English language; and Professor P. K.

McCarter, himself a former president of the local Eta Sigma Phi chapter, spoke on the need of Latin as a background for cultured southern people. Both men traced the two great languages down to the present time.

Professor Alexander Bondurant and Dean Alfred Mildren, active sponsors of the organization, led informal discussions on plans for the year. Objectives of the fraternity for 1935-36 include the installation of the Millsaps Chapter on December 8, in observance of Horace's birth; also the enactment of a Roman-Greek comedy in the spring. A program endeavoring to create more interest in classical subjects on the Ole Miss campus will be promoted for the coming year.

Two new members will be taken in this month, namely, the Misses India Sykes and Sara Barry Gillespie, transfer students, both of whom made excellent scholastic records at Millsaps and Belhaven Colleges, respectively.

As a grand climax to chapter activities last year, the local chapter presented a program of varying classical interest before a select group of Ole Miss students. About one hundred were present, and refreshments were served at the close.

#### OMICRON CHAPTER

University of Pennsylvania

By EDWIN A. WILLARD III

Omicron Chapter has as yet held no meeting this year. However, plans are fast developing, and Professor George W. Hadzsits, and the members in charge believe this year will be successful. They are trying to make the chapter more widely known on the campus and are considering sponsoring several lectures which will appeal to the campus interest. They are now busy electing new members.

#### RHO CONTEMPLATES

ACTIVE YEAR

Drake University

By PAUL BARRUS

At the first meeting of Rho Chap-

ter the officers for the current year were elected.

The second meeting was held at the home of Professor Sherman Kirk, head of the department of Classical Languages. At that time Miss Miriam Evans, Mr. Edward Breitenkemp, Mr. Jack Campbell, and Mr. Jack Sansom were initiated into the society. Following the initiation Mrs. Carrie T. Cabbage spoke interestingly concerning her tour of Italy and Greece. Mrs. Cabbage spent most of the summer in Rome, and the account of her visit to Horace's Sabine farm and to other places connected with Horace held a special significance in this year of Horace's Bimillennium. Mrs. Cabbage has been giving illustrated lectures before the various Latin clubs of the city's high schools.

On November 6 the chapter met at the home of Mr. Paul Barrus where definite plans were outlined for the chapter's activities. On December 11 an Horatian banquet will be given at the Drake dormitory, to which all students in the departments of Latin and Greek will be invited. Professor Kirk will speak on the life and works of Horace and students will present a short play, "Tivoli Mists."

Rho Chapter is cooperating with the Des Moines high schools in the observance of the two-thousandth anniversary of Horace's birth.

The chapter has embarked on the year's activities with enthusiasm and hopes that this will be a pleasant year for all the chapters of Eta Sigma Phi.

#### UPSILON CHAPTER HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Mississippi State College for Women

By MAXINE MELTON

Upsilon Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi had its first meeting on Thursday night, October 23, 1935. At this first meeting four juniors, Misses Goldie Feldman, Lee Cloud, Rose Smith, and Walterene Price were initiated into the organization.

After they had been duly received

into the chapter, different topics for study during the coming year were proposed and discussed. The study of Greek sculpture was decided upon. A social hour was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

#### PHI CHAPTER

West Virginia University

By KATHERINE MCCOY

Last spring Phi Chapter initiated the following new members: the Misses Margaret Lewis, Irene Barberio, and Katherine McCoy.

Phi Chapter plans to hold meetings in commemoration of the anniversary of Horace. Plans have been made to have prominent members of the University speak on this subject. Professor C. G. Brouzas, adviser, has been making addresses to the Kiwanis Club and other outstanding organizations on the subject of Horace.

#### CHI HOLDS MEETING

Coe College

By HELEN BURTON

The chapter at present has fifteen members. On November 12 initiation services were held for twelve new members.

The first meeting of the current school year was held Tuesday evening, November 8. Miss Jessie Chambers, an alumna of Coe, addressed the chapter on "Studying for Appreciation."

The meeting was held at the home of the prytanis.

#### OMEGA ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

College of William and Mary

By MABEL TURNER

Omega Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi held its first meeting of the semester on October 17. During this meeting it was suggested that a tea be given for new students who are taking Latin and Greek. The chapter also decided to ask the professors of An-

cient Languages for the names of all students eligible for membership so that the acquaintance of such students might be made.

It was also decided that a letter should go out to all alumni members asking for donations which will be used to increase the collection of antiques and relics that the chapter has on display.

Omega took pleasure in welcoming into the chapter Professor George J. Ryan, formerly of Alpha Xi Chapter, who has been added to the faculty at William and Mary this year.

A tea was given, as planned, on October 24. A large number of students interested in the classics attended.

Miss Nancy Holland, prytanis of the chapter, was recently elected into Phi Kappa Phi, an honorary fraternity composed of one member of each department. Omega is proud of Miss Holland's achievement.

The members of the chapter are planning to form a Journal-a-month club to be composed of professors, seniors, and graduates. Through this, it is the hope that much knowledge about the place of ancient languages in modern civilization will be gained.

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#### ALPHA ALPHA HOLDS INITIATION

Winthrop College

By LILLIAN BENSON

On Saturday, October 5, 1935, Alpha Alpha Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi held its initiation ceremony in the Music Room of Johnson Hall. The following initiates were taken into the chapter at this time: the Misses Virginia McKeithen, Rachel Hay, Grace Johnson, Carrie Wooten, Annie Rosenblum, and Mary Caroline Ulmer.

After the formal initiation rites, each of the novitiates was charged with alienating Jupiter's affections and was tried before Juno and the three gods of the underworld. Fol-

lowing this, the oracle at Delphi was consulted regarding the questions of love, career, and success.

The membership this year consists of eleven students.

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#### ALPHA BETA TO PRESENT AWARD

University of Denver

By DU PONT BRECK

Under the direction of Miss Pauline Turner, prytanis, Alpha Beta Chapter conducted initiation ceremonies for five classical students on October 30, in University Hall on the Arts campus. The following neophytes were received into membership at this time: Miss Allene Elliott, Miss Elinor Roberts, Miss Katherine Truehart, Miss Frances Parisi, and Mr. Gus Profit. The service of induction was then held for the newly-elected officers: prytanis, Miss Anne Turner; hyparchos, Mr. James Clark; grammateus, Miss Elinor Roberts; epistolographos, Mr. duPont Breck; and chrysophylax, Mr. Gus Profit. After the installation, plans for the year were considered, and an expansion program mapped out, which bids fair to make Eta Sigma one of the most worthwhile campus activities.

Among the first classical functions will be a tea to which members of the senior Latin classes of the Denver public schools will be invited, as well as all those interested in the classics who are students of the University. This will be followed by a series of talks and meetings directed by Mr. Clark, the main purpose of which will be to interest students in Greek and Latin subjects.

The chapter will present an Eta Sigma Phi pin to the member who best translates a Latin poem of undetermined length into English verse. Professors Ida Kruse McFarlane, William F. Luebke, Levette J. Davidson, and E. D. Cressman (head of the Classical department) will form the

judging committee, and will meet about December 1 to examine the contributions and render their decision. The prize will be based upon fidelity to the Latin original and the merit of the English verse. A large number of entries has already been assured.

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#### ALPHA DELTA GIVES TEA DANCE

Agnes Scott College

By JUNE MATTHEWS

Two new members have been received into the chapter this year, Miss Lulu Ames and Miss Isabel Richardson. A tea dance was given in their honor, and to it all the Latin and Greek students of the college were invited. The purpose of the entertainment was to acquaint all the students with Eta Sigma Phi, its meaning, and the requirements for membership.

At the first regular meeting it was voted to continue the practice of presenting a medal to the most outstanding Latin student in the high schools of Atlanta and vicinity.

The program for the year will be based on archaeology, although the details have not been worked out as yet.

At the November meeting Miss Lillian Smith, honorary member and professor of Latin at Agnes Scott, spoke on a phase of archaeology.

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#### PROFESSOR WRIGHT OF ALPHA EPSILON GIVES LECTURE

Lehigh University

By WILLIAM C. HALLOW

The first official meeting of Alpha Epsilon Chapter was held at the home of Professor Horace W. Wright, head of the Latin department, with all active, associate, and honorary members present. The following six men were elected to the fraternity: Messrs. E. F. Krizin, J. P. Murphy, L. N. Fidler, G. J. Reilly, and R. L. Myers. Pro-



fessor William C. McDermott, instructor in Latin, was chosen as an honorary member.

Plans for the celebration of the Bimillennium of Horace's birth were made. Professor Wright is serving as chairman of the committee on program and arrangements for secondary and high schools in the United States. In this capacity he has presented at various educational institutions, including high schools, prep-schools, and colleges, the combined performances of his lecture, "One Roman Who Never Grows Old," and the "Lovers' Quarrel" ode, the latter being portrayed by two of the classical students. Professor Wright's lecture has been mimeographed by the service bureau for the Classical Teachers of the American Classical League. Plans are being made for presenting this program in several more schools before the close of the Bimillennium.

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#### ALPHA ZETA

Washington Square College

By FLORENCE M. CROMIEN

The new academic year for Alpha Zeta Chapter started with a meeting October 18, at which officers were elected.

Twenty-four undergraduates and thirty-one graduates compose the membership this year. Professor Casper J. Kraemer, chairman of the Classics department, and Professor Catherine Smith advise the chapter.

Professor and Mrs. Kraemer entertained Alpha Zeta at their home Wednesday evening, October 23. The friendly informality of the gathering introduced to closer intercourse members previously but slightly acquainted, and helped stimulate chapter spirit for what should be an enriching year.

A party of thirty from Washington Square College, sponsored by Alpha Zeta, viewed the motion picture "The Human Adventure" at Carnegie Hall, October 30. Filmed at the sites of archaeological excavations in the Near

East and conducted by the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, the motion picture tells the story of the development of man from savagery to culture. It sketches the ancient civilizations of Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Anatolia, Iraq, and Persia.

To foster the interest which the picture helped concentrate, the chapter plans a series of lectures, some of which may consist of motion pictures, to be conducted by eminent classical scholars and archaeologists.

Coaching classes in Latin and Greek for students who feel insecure in those subjects are being organized. Volunteers from the society will act as tutors.

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#### ALPHA THETA TO STUDY PROSODY

Hunter College

By FRANCES REICH

The present active membership of Alpha Theta Chapter totals eleven. On Sunday, November 3, an informal initiation was held at the home of Miss Jocelyn Schneider, one of the members. The initiates are the Misses Helen Ackerknecht, Florence Bloch, and Mildred Levin.

At the formal initiation of the new members on December 6, Alpha Theta chapter will present a sketch written by the faculty adviser, Professor Hahn, to celebrate the Bimillennium of Horace. It will be participated in by all the members and will include shadow pictures and a musical accompaniment to the odes of Horace.

The project chosen for study and perusal this year is prosody. In addition to a technical study of the various verse forms, stress will be laid upon such things as the period the meter was used, the poet who originated it, and other poets who used it. The study was begun with the dactylic hexameter of Ennius and was concluded with Ovid, who is acknowledged as the perfecter of the meter. Besides the pragmatic value the study has, it has also proved of decided interest.

#### ALPHA KAPPA TO REFILL RANKS

University of Illinois

By LAVERNE SAMMONS

Alpha Kappa Chapter is rather small this year as a result of the graduation of a considerable number of its members last spring. But the chapter hopes to strengthen its ranks with the new students of the classics who are eligible for membership.

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#### ALPHA LAMBDA

University of Oklahoma

By KATHERINE RADER

Alpha Lambda Chapter this year consists of eight members who early in the year elected Mr. Robert Smith, prytanis; Miss Frances Gossett, hyparchos; and Miss Katherine Rader, grammateus-chrysophylax.

At this time, a program for the year was outlined. This program begins with the annual fall tea for the classical club (consisting of all students enrolled in Greek or Latin) at which the president tells something of the history of the organization and urges those present to strive for the honor of membership. Later, the chapter plans to have an initiation of eligible candidates and regular monthly meetings at which there will be lectures and discussions of various subjects concerning the classics. In the spring, Alpha Lambda will sponsor a state wide contest for Latin and Greek high school students.

The chapter lost its sponsor and one of its most honored members when Professor John O. Moseley accepted a position as president of the Central State Teachers College at Edmund, Oklahoma.

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#### ROMAN HOME DISCUSSED BY ALPHA XI

Washington University

By VALETA KERN

Alpha Xi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi held its first meeting of the year on October 15. The officers were in-

troduced by Prytanis Helen Konesko, and a business session followed.

According to plans made at the meeting, the chapter will meet on appointed Fridays at four o'clock during the year with programs furnished by members of the group. Arrangements were made for the annual weiner roast which was held before Hal-lowe'en at Forest Park.

At the close of the hour, a paper on the Roman home was read by Miss Virginia Borrenpohl, and an interesting discussion was carried on by Alpha Xi members on points in the paper. Thirteen student members and five faculty members were present at the meeting. With active cooperation of its members, Alpha Xi Chapter holds fair promise of enjoying an interesting year in its social and educational activities.

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#### ALPHA OMICRON MAKES PLANS FOR YEAR

Lawrence College

By LAVERNE WETZEL

The first meeting of Alpha Omicron Chapter was held Thursday, October 31, at Hamar House. The meeting was devoted entirely to an informal discussion of plans for the coming year.

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#### ALPHA PI INITIATES HONORARY MEMBERS

Gettysburg College

By CARL E. YOST

At the first regular meeting of Alpha Pi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, which was held October 25, three honorary members were initiated. They are Miss Miriam Waltemeyer, a teacher in the Gettysburg High School, Miss Rife of the Biglerville High School teaching staff, and Professor Charles H. Huber, former president of the Gettysburg Academy and now Director of the Women's Division of Gettysburg College.

The general theme of the programs for Alpha Pi for the present school year is classic drama. Such classic

dramatists as Sophocles, Euripides, and Aristophanes will be the subjects of papers to be given in the future meetings. The first of this series was Aeschylus whose life and works were discussed by Mr. Carl Yost at this first meeting. A portion of one of the dramas by the author under discussion is to be dramatized, and as a representative scene from the dramas of Aeschylus, a part of the *Agamemnon* was used.

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#### ALPHA RHO MAKES PLANS FOR YEAR

Muhlenberg College

By GEZA BOLÉZ

The first meeting of Alpha Rho Chapter was held October 17. This was only a business meeting. Committees for program, membership, and refreshments were appointed.

Plans for the year call for an improvement over past executions of initiations and cooperation in contacting initiates. The chapter will attempt to make Eta Sigma Phi the most desirable honorary fraternity at Muhlenberg.

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#### ALPHA TAU ENJOYS WEINER ROAST

The Ohio State University

By BARBARA STARBUCK

The first meeting of Alpha Tau Chapter was a weiner roast held along the Scioto River, to which all members of the Latin classes were invited. Even a drizzling rain failed to dampen the spirits of the crowd who were snug and dry in a shelter house overlooking the river. A hilarious ride home in a huge truck finished an evening which was considered quite successful and enjoyable in spite of the weather.

The next meeting of Alpha Tau Chapter was a closed business meeting Thursday, November 7. Another meeting which was held on November 22 proved a more interesting one, since it was not devoted entirely to business.

December 7 is the date set for the Horatian banquet. Plans are being made to have some sort of skit and also a speaker.

The high school expansion committee is planning a city-wide contest for third and fourth year Latin pupils. They plan to give a medal to the winner which will be presented at a school assembly. They are also planning to present a Latin play at various high school Latin clubs throughout the city. The chapter also intends to continue its policy of sending representatives from the organization to talk to Latin clubs in the city.

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#### ALPHA UPSILON HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Wooster College

By HELEN BRENNEMAN

Alpha Upsilon Chapter held its first meeting at which six new members were elected. They are the Misses Edna Bupp, Margaret Dilley, and Mary Elizabeth Osgood, and Messrs. David Rees, James Scotland, and Joseph Varner.

Three members represented the chapter at the Ohio Classical Conference at Tiffin where one of them, Miss Helen Brenneman, received the first prize in the Horace Bimillennium Contest for Ohio.

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Delta, Franklin College.

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Xi, University of Kansas.

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Sigma, Miami University.

Tau, University of Kentucky.

Psi, Vanderbilt University.

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