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With Our National Officers

A Message from the Megas Prytanis

TO the Chapters of Eta Sigma Phi:

As we turn to a new year of fraternal relations, we immediately begin to wonder what we can do and what we should do to strengthen and improve our organization both locally and nationally. Our first natural turn is to the success of last year's program and our next thoughts should be concentrated on what we have not done that would make our organization more effective. Of course, we want to make this the best of all years for Eta Sigma Phi.

Looking over our record of the past year, we are especially gratified by the two new additions to our chapter roll-Alpha Phi at Millsaps College and Alpha Chi at Sophie Newcomb. Both of these chapters are inspired with youthful enthusiasm and have taken an immediate interest in the entire fraternity. We are also very much pleased by the success of the convention held last spring at the University of Chicago, with Alpha and Beta chapters as joint hosts. This year our convention will be held in the early spring at Birmingham-Southern with Pi chapter as host. It may seem a bit early to begin making plans for the '36-'37 convention, but it is my earnest hope and wish that we may have the largest possible attendance at this convention and the largest in the history of Eta Sigma Phi. I shall not endeavor to extend any sort of welcome to you from either the school or the city, but I do urge each of you to consider seriously attending the convention this year so that we may make it the very best yet.

As we stand upon the threshold of a new year for our fraternity, we are again faced with the rather serious question of an uphill fight for a universal interest in the art, literature, and his-

tory of ancient Greece and Rome. But fortunately, it is a pleasant fight and those of us who yet pursue the study of these subjects find a real enjoyment and constant pleasure in doing whatever possible for advancing the interest and progress of our classical organizations. In continuing our expansion program, we should concentrate on creating a deeper interest in our local chapters and let other classical clubs from other institutions become interested because of our activities. One of our chief objectives should be to acquaint the various campuses with our activities and ideals. If each of our chapters takes a real interest in our national welfare and if each of our active chapter members takes an active interest in the activities and the annual program of the individual chapter, there is no reason why 1936-37 should not be a banner year for Eta Sigma Phi.

It is my hope that our chapter contacts may be more helpful this year than in the past. Perhaps we could work out some plan whereby chapters in the same state could exchange programs and ideas, and through the **Nuntius** we might make such a plan even broader. When one chapter discovers a very helpful project, other chapters might be interested in knowing the details so that the same thing or the same idea might be tried elsewhere. If I can be of service to any chapter in any way, please feel free to call on me. My chief interest is the welfare of Eta Sigma Phi and I am most anxious to help the organization in every way possible.

With my very best wishes, I am Fraternally yours.

ELLIS FINGER, JR.,

Megas Prytanis

The Status and Activities of Eta Sigma Phi

By H. LLOYD STOWE, Executive Secretary

It has been suggested that the many readers of the Nuntius will be interested in a brief report of the progress and national status of Eta Sigma Phi. In the twelve years of its existence, the society has granted charters to 46 petitioning groups, located at the leading universities and colleges throughout the country. Two of these charters have been recalled, leaving a roll of 44 chapters, of which the newest member is Alpha Chi, formally installed on October 17, 1936 at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. On an average, perhaps ten petitions for charters are received each year, from which those who meet our requirements and are well recommended are accepted.

Most of the importance and benefit of Eta Sigma Phi depends upon the interest and activities of the local chapters. As a national society, however, the organization has successfully undertaken several projects. In 1928 the Eta Sigma Phi Medal was designed for distribution to high school honor students in fourth year Latin. The awards, made both through the local chapters and through high school teachers, have totalled from 450 to 800 medals per year. Under the capable direction of the Megas Deuterohyparchos in successive years, various regional and state Latin contests have been organized, and at the present time plans are under way for the formation of an annual national Latin contest under the sponsorship of Eta Sigma Phi. In the Classical Journal for November 1936 in an article entitled Horace's First Bimillennium, Eta Sigma Phi is named as the first organization to endorse the Bimillennium Horatianum which, during the past year, was celebrated throughout America and Europe.

A permanent file of members was begun in 1932. These records are located at the national office at the University of Chicago. Each chapter secretary is requested to co-operate with the Megas Epistolographos in this work in order that the files may be accurate and up-to-date.

Ever since its nationalization in 1924 the organization has held a national convention in April of each year. This meeting is of the utmost importance to Eta Sigma Phi. At that time the Executive Council makes its report, the national policies of the society are discussed and decided, and the various problems of the individual chapters are brought up in open forum. The place of meeting is selected primarily on the basis of geographical rotation, in order to allow as frequent attendance as possible from all the chapters. For the welfare of the national society and for added stimulus and interest in the local group it is imperative that the excellent representation from the chapters in the past years be maintained in the future. If each chapter starts its plans now to send a delegate next spring to Birmingham, Alabama, the 1937 convention will be one of our most successful meetings.

GREETINGS TO THE LOCAL CHAPTERS

Greetings to all of you and a happy and active year in Eta Sigma Phi. I hope we'll hear from many of you through reports of your activities in the **Nuntius**. And may you all be at Birmingham next spring.—Sincerely, Hildegard Breihan, Megas Epistolographos.

As the newly elected Megas Grammateus and a fellow member of Eta Sigma Phi, I send you greetings and best wishes for a happy and successful year. The members of Eta Sigma Phi are closely bound by ties of common interests and co-operation and should have a feeling of close acquaintance. I hope we may all meet next spring at the National Convention and be able to say "hello" face to face.—Ruth Rifenberick, Megas Grammateus.

Greetings and best wishes to all chapters for a happy and successful year. We, the officers, have pledged "the best that is in us," and with the loyal co-operation of each chapter we hope that this year may mark a new high in Eta Sigma Phi achievement.—Helen V. Burton, Megas Protohyparchos. (Continued on Page 9)

EDITORIALS

The present editor of the Nuntius approaches his new duties with a sense of deep responsibility. He realizes that he

RECORDABIMUR and the entire fraternity are greatly indebted to the

former editor, Miss Mary K. Brokaw of Ohio University, who for so many years gave unstintingly her time and effort in the service of Eta Sigma Phi. Praise is due her for her success in elevating our publication from a "mere sheaf of mimeographed pages" to the journal of attractive format and interesting content with which she closed her long term of service last May. Her singular devotion to the many duties which devolved upon her has merited the appreciation not only of every member of Eta Sigma Phi but, as well, of all who are concerned with the maintenance and promotion of classical studies. Her successor realizes that to carry on the torch now tendered him is no small task.

It will be the policy of the new editor and his staff to continue and extend the service rendered

THE AIMS AND POLICIES OF THE STAFF

by the **Nuntius** in past years. They will endeavor to maintain the high quality of work heretofore exhibited in its various departments, to se-

cure the best literary contributions possible, to acquaint its readers through its news columns with the activities of the widely scattered groups, and to promote a closer co-operation within the fraternity.

In order to realize these aims, we earnestly solicit the interest and support of all members, alumni, and friends of Eta Sigma Phi. We ask for literary contributions both of prose and verse, for prompt and complete reports from the secretary of each chapter, for information concerning our alumni, and for all news items that may be available. It is important and highly desirable that there be reflected in the pages of our journal a truly representative picture of the thought and activities of the entire fraternity.

Elsewhere in this issue the coming national convention of Eta Sigma Phi is brought to the attention of our readers. It

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

may seem early to make plans for attending or sending delegates to it, but "arche hemisu

panton." It is highly desirable that each chapter be represented at this meeting, which will be held in the early spring at Birmingham-Southern College. All chapters which have hitherto participated in the annual gatherings, we are certain, will testify to the benefits which they derived from them—the new acquaintances and contacts established, new ideas which could be developed in the local chapters, a strengthened determination to promote co-operation among the local groups, and renewed inspiration and sense of the potentialities of the organization. The national convention is one of the greatest single agencies for the maintenance and development of the fraternity. It would be a supreme achievement to have represented there next spring each of the forty active chapters. We urge that every member resolve either to be present or to be represented when the national president calls the first meeting to order. Let's begin to make plans now!

The names of the various associate editors and the department for which each is responsible are as follows:

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Martha J. Sherratt, Williamsburg, Virginia, chapter and alumni reports.

Ruth V. Trimble, Williamsburg, Virginia, chapter and alumni reports.

In compiling this first issue of Volume XI of the Nuntius the members of the editorial staff have been much gratified by the co-L'ENVOI operation accorded by the local chapters. This is especially true of the numerous reports submitted by them concerning alumni and honorary members, and of detailed accounts of local activities. The staff had expected more of the latter, it is true, but they confidently anticipate that every chapter will be represented in the "Lares and Penates" column of the January issue.

In many cases the prospective mailing lists sent to the chapter secretaries have not been checked and returned to the editorial office. We urge that this be done promptly, in order that every subscriber may receive a copy of this and later issues. May we ask also that reports be submitted in typewritten form.

The editor-in-chief must, of course, assume responsibility for any errors and misstatements which may be found in this issue. He will welcome suggestions for the improvement of the journal. The criticism of the reader is invited.

And now we say to all members of Eta Sigma Phi, "Salvete"; and to this, our first issue of the Nuntius, "Bon voyage!"

Financial Reports

Reports of	Megas	Chrysophylax
for	Year 1	935-36

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward.....\$490.73

Butance Stought for war assuming 100000	
Dues	
Initiation 125.75	
Charter fee from Alpha Phi 10.00	ı
Total Receipts	\$904.98
DISBURSEMENTS	
Convention expenses\$159.32	
Nuntius	
Salary, Executive Secretary 150.00	
Wright and Street 228.19	
Printing, Hick and Co 4.63	
Refunds on overpayment	
of dues 10.50	
Project of Megas	
Deuterohyparchos 10.00	
Secretary of State of Illinois 1.00	
Exchange on check	
	
Total Disbursements	\$655.35

Balance Brought Forward

HARRIET HELEN BRYNTESON,

Epsilon

\$249.63

Medal Report

October 1, 1935—October 1, 1936

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance Oct. 1, 1935\$	1045.75	
458 Medals @ \$1.00	458.00	
Overpayments for Medals		
Credit with Medallic Art		
Company	3.00	
		

\$1540.32 Total Assets

DISBURSEMENTS		
Medallic Art Company\$ 344.15 (458 Medals @ \$.75, plus \$.65 Special Delivery charge)		
Refunds for overpayments 33.57 Postage 12.13 Exchange on checks 7.80		
Total Disbursements	\$ 397.65	
Balance Unpaid account	\$1142.67 4.00	
Bank Balance October 1, 1936	\$1138.67	

H. LLOYD STOWE,

Executive Secretary

MINERVA

Recollections . . . The Horatian Cruise

By MARGARET D. WRIGHT, Omega, '34

THE charm of London; a smooth channel; Paris, ablaze with lights for the Bastille celebration; the snow-tipped Alps and rushing streams;—there are glimpses of pink houses, shale roofs, the Thursday wash, a mountain jutting into the sea, the leaning tower of Pisa; and, finally, there is—Rome. Rome, with its vitality and wealth of art; Rome, the termination of all roads; Rome, the eternal city. . . . Here is a softness of evenings, a laziness of warmth in the dusky summer

air. The Colosseum lies splendid beneath the full moon, the Garibaldi monument is well lighted. This is a bewitching city, possessed of the magic of age and youth. There on the Arx once stood the temple of Juno Moneta. Graceful, in the Forum, is the temple of Vesta, from which the fires for new cities were taken. Here too was the enormous library of Augustus.



AT THE EXCAVATIONS, SABINE FARM Left to Right—Professors Ball and Carr of Columbia, and Dr. Roy C. Flickinger of the University of Iowa.

"But boldly took me when a boy to Rome, There to be taught all arts, that grace The home of knight and senator."

There is much to behold and much to learn at Rome. Throw a coin into the fountain of Trevi, and wish to return. The urchins will bless your sentiment, for they rescue your coins.

Not far away are Hadrian's villa, Tivoli, and the Sabine farm. Hadrian's villa is vast, with a delightful view of the surrounding country. The fountains at the Villa d'Este, in Tivoli, exceed one's wildest dreams of formal beauty.

Later, scenes of quiet simplicity in the hill town of Licenza, from which is pointed the site of the Sabine farm. Licenza boasts rocky streets, houses close together, cocks at the second story windows, and many staring people. Everyone parades to the top of the hill to examine the treasures of a small museum. Excited children wonder about the newly imported cameras and submit to the awe-inspiring ritual of having their

pictures snapped. In the valley below is the villa of Horace.

"These were my day dreams, then, a plot of land—Not very large—an ever-bubbling spring.
Hard by the house, a garden, and around
A bit of forest. The propitious gods
Have blest me yet more richly. It is well."

The rooms of the villa were not large and the purpose of each may be guessed. The guard reveals various pieces of mosaic, the patterns of which are not elaborate. The whole structure, as

realized from the excavation, is in keeping with Horace's sincerity in love of moderation. A short walk terminates at the spring of Bandusia, Bandusia of crystal brightness.

Then Naples, vivid, pulsing with life and high tension, guarded and threatened by the s moking Vesuvius. Nearby is Pompeii, with wall paintings of Cupidlike figures, and blue

Capri rests serene in the distance. Overnight to Bari and breakfast at the Miramare.

The ride to Venusia is pleasant. The farms and towns, all have their places in the sun, and Venusia is no exception. An old church contains relics of considerable age. There is a monument to Horace and a welcoming mayor.

"... At classic Athens, where I went ere long, I learned to draw the line 'twixt right and wrong, And search for truth, if so she might be seen In academic groves of blissful green ..."

The hill of the Muses, the prison of Socrates, the Acropolis, the Parthenon, the temple of Victory bathed in the silvery light of the moon, and the lights twinkling in the city below. Woodensoled sandals may be bought in Shoe Lane; and one may light a taper at a small, round Greek church

Sicily, Naples, the Rex... the statue of Liberty... homeward, with pleasant memories attending.

Epistula

(NOTE:—After some hesitation we venture to submit the following letter. It was received from one who requests that he be permitted to remain a "scriptor ignotus." The contributor avers that the message came to him from the Umbra of Caesar Augustus himself through some occult means. We invite your comment concerning the ideas therein set forth and the desirability of hearing again from the Umbra.—EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.)

Octavianus pueris puellisque rebus latinis studentibus S. D.—

Quoniam per totum orbem terrarum memoria diei natalis meae hoc anno bimillesimo maxime colitur, consilium mihi videtur optimum vobis, qui in collegiis americanis rebus latinis studetis, brevem hanc epistulam scribere. Non igitur pro magistris scribuntur haec, namque eos hoc genus scribendi minime delectabit. Malunt utique Ciceronis et Vergilii et aliorum scriptorum opera legere, omnia quae eleganter summaque sublimitate et pulchritudine scripta sunt. Haec autem verba mea sermone quasi plebeio et quotidiano scribuntur, eisdemque vocabulis utor quibus ipse uterer si vobiscum vivens et praesens loquerer.

Fortasse nescitis (vel obliti estis) scriptores Romanos non semper illo sublimi modo scripsisse, qui in optimis libris nostris adeo vos delectet. In epistulis enim nostris ad carissimos et in colloquiis quotidianis cum familiaribus, ratio nostra loquendi et scribendi non multo melior erat quam sermo meus in hac ipsa epistula.

Vix fortasse hoc creditis, at tamen verum est. Lingua latina non erat Romanis semper res frigida et simulata, vel etiam urbana ac perpolita. Exceptis illis clarissimis scriptis auctorum optimorum, lingua latina simplex erat et res nullius fere negotii vel difficultatis. Liberi Romani facillime eam locuti sunt et intellexerunt, nequaquam aliter atque anglice vos propriam vestram linguam loqui et intellegere potestis.

Quamvis in scholis vestris auctores Anglicos legatis, qui excellentissimo genere orationis semper usi sunt, sicut Shakespeare et Ruskin et multos alios, eodem tamen tempore loquimini et scribitis linguam vestram, vestro proprio modo, nulla cura adhibita ad optimum genus orationis. Profecto, semper conamini melius scribere et loqui, imitando meliores auctores vestros; con-

tinuo, tamen, in vestris quotidianis sermonibus, alio omnino genere orationis utimini; plerumque sine opera et difficultate loquimini et scribitis. Quam ob rem studium vestrae linguae Anglicae magis vivere vobis aliquando videtur quam studium linguae meae latinae. Quod valde malum est.

Haec igitur sunt, quae vobis dicere maxime volo. Debetis eodem modo linguae latinae studere quo vestrae linguae studetis. Prorsus legendi sunt diligenter nostri auctores Romani optimi, ut inde discatis optimum genus scribendi, et ut frui aliquando possitis vera voluptate optimarum litterarum. Porro si vultis optimo modo scribere latine, debetis utique illos auctores imitari. Sed tamen, maximi momenti est unoquoque die aliquid scribere vel loqui vel etiam canere latine. Cum amicis vestris, cum magistris, cum parentibus, cum omnibus qui audire vos non omnino recusant, debetis latine loqui et scribere aliquid—vestro proprio modo. Non difficile erit, si tantum initium facietis. Miraberis, credite mihi, quam facile sit loqui et scribere latine, si tantum conabimini.

Nonne hoc videtur etiam vobis eptimum esse consilium? Cur non vos eligitis hunc modum colendi memoriam meam? Sedete nunc, igitur, stilos vestros capite, et incipite! Spero vos quam primum mihi rescripturos esse. Valete.

GREETINGS ---

(Continued from Page 5)

To all my fellow members of Eta Sigma Phi I send good wishes for a happy, successful year in the pursuits of classical learning and its spread among our colleges.

Then, too, it is my fondest hope that we may bring our interest in Latin and Greek to a richer reward by making it live and grow in our high schools.—Sincerely, Elizabeth Giedoman, Megas Deuterohyparchos.

THE MUSES

A Poet's Prayer

Horace, Odes I 31

BY PROFESSOR A. H. WESTON, Alpha Omicron

As to Apollo in his new-made shrine The poet pours the sacrificial wine, 'Tis not Sardinia's crops for which he prays, Nor herds of kine that in Calabria graze; Not Indian ivory nor gold's bright gleam, Nor quiet fields by Liris' placid stream. Let Fortune's sons Calenian vineyards hold; Let the rich merchant drain from cups of gold The priceless vintage—dear to Heaven is he Who thrice and more the wild Atlantic sea Within the year can sail: but for my fare Let one but olives, endive, mallows light prepare. Grant me, O son of Leto (this I pray), Health to enjoy the good I have today: Soundness of mind; a life not over-long; And, while I live, grant me the gift of song.

Pietas Reguli

Horace, Odes III 5, 41-56

BY PROFESSOR A. H. WESTON, Alpha Omicron

He, like an outcast—so the story runs—
Refused the embraces of his wife and sons,
Fixed on the ground his manly gaze, until,
With words that no man ever spoke before,
He bent the wavering Senate to his will;
Then, spite of many a tear and many a prayer
From crowd and kinsfolk thronging round him
there,

Though well he knew what tortures lay in store For him at savage hands, what death at last, Into immortal banishment he passed As though, some clients' weary business o'er, Some tedious lawsuit done, he took his way To green Venafran fields, or to the shore Where Greek Tarentum fronts the southern bay.

RES GESTAE

ALPHA CHI INSTALLED AT TULANE UNIVERSITY

A new chapter was added to the rolls of Eta Sigma Phi on October 17, when Alpha Chi was installed at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. The local chapters welcome the new members, and hope to make their acquaintance individually at the convention next spring. A complete account of the installation will appear in a later issue of the Nuntius.

NEWS OF RECENT GRADU-ATES OF EPSILON

H. R. Butts is head of the Latin Department at Nebraska State Teachers' College at Kearney. Harriet Bryteson is teaching Latin and English in West Chicago. Katheryn Marriatt is teaching the same subjects at Winfield, Iowa.

Yaroslav Zivney is continuing work for his Ph.D. by projected registration. He is at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

ALPHA EPSILON ALUMNI

Howard B. Freed, an alumnus of Alpha Epsilon chapter and Megas Prytanis of Eta Sigma Phi in 1935-36, is now a student in the law school at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. Ellis Spangler, also an alumnus of Alpha Epsilon, is studying law at the University of Pennsyvania. Edgar A. Collins, Alpha Epsilon, '32, contributes these

items and assures the fraternity of his continued interest.

MORTUI

The classical world mourns the loss, within the past six months, of two eminent teachers and authors—Dr. Evan Taylor Sage of the University of Pittsburgh, and Dr. Charles Knapp of Columbia University.

Charter members of Phi chapter will remember Professor Sage as the speaker at their initiation ceremonies at Morgantown in 1928. Dr. Knapp was the guest of Omega chapter and the College of William and Mary in October, 1930, on which occasion he contributed much to their observance of the Vergilian Bimillennium.

DRAMATICS AT ALPHA BETA AND OMEGA

On October 15th, members and friends of Alpha Zeta, Washington S q u a r e College, were guests at a performance of the Greek play Daughters of Atreus, written by Robert Turney and directed by Delos Chappell. Eleanora Menelssohn gave a stellar performance as Clytemnestra. Outstanding performances were also presented by Maria Ouspenskaya, as the loving old slave, and by Joanna Roos as Electra.

On May 22, 1936 Omega chapter at the College of William and Mary revived several scenes from the ancient stage, one from the Greek and others from the Roman. They were presented in the Little Theater of the Wren Building, under the direction of Dr. George J. Ryan of the Department of Ancient Languages.

A mime of Herondas, the Didaskalos, was first presented, with Carl Buffington in the leading role. He was ably supported by Mildred Heineman and Eleanor Turner.

Several scenes from the Miles Gloriosus of Plautus followed, with Daniel Blocker as Pyrgopolynices, Anthony Wagener as Perip'ectomenus, Robert Cheney as Palaestrio, Sidney Bernstein as Sce'edrus, and Pearl Brueger as Philocomasium.

A responsive audience witnessed the program, including the president of the college, members of the faculty, a visiting French scholar, students, and friends.

ALUMNI OF ALPHA NU, '36, CONTINUING STUDIES

W. A. Benfield, Jr., is attending the Presbyterian Seminary

at Louisville, Ky. S. N. Milton and J. M. Walker, Jr., are enrolled at the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. C. G. Smith, Jr., is studying medicine at the University of North Carolina. C. B. Chapman is attending Oxford University, the seventh from Davidson College to win a scholarship at that institution. W. D. Morton, III, is employed at Lumberton, N. C.

ALUMNAE OF ZETA TEACHING

Miss Mary Podorean is teaching Latin at McCutcheonville, Ohio. Evangeline Cook has a similar position at Lucas, Ohio. Virginia Snyder is employed in the office of the registrar of the Evanston schools. All three were members of the class of '36.

ALUMNI OF ALPHA UPSILON

Alpha Upsilon sends interesting news of eight of their recent alumni. Of the class of '36, Mary Elizabeth Osgood is a student at the Hartford Seminary for Religious Education, at Hart. ford, Connecticut. David Reese is attending the Theological Seminary at Princeton, New Jersey. Alline Gates is doing office work in Cleveland, Ohio. Isabelle Sproul is pursuing graduate work at Ohio State University. Genevieve March is teaching Latin and English at East Geneva High School, Geneva, Ohio.

Two alumni of former years are also engaged in further study. Luther Bostrom, '34, is enrolled in the Yale Divinity School. Marcy Kaplan, '35, is a graduate student of the Classics at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Joseph Allen, '34, is assistant in the library of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor.

NEWS FROM ALPHA DELTA ALUMNAE

Several alumnae members of Alpha Delta have been awarded honors.

Miss Lita Goss, elected Phi Beta Kappa in the class of 1936, has received the Quenelle-Harrold Scholarship, a fund awarded to an alumna who is well qualified for research and a promising leader.

Miss Mildred Clark of the same class wrote the prize poem in the annual contest sponsored by the college literary magazine. During the past summer Miss Clark had the honor of seeing another of her poems published in the New York Times.

Miss Eva Constantine of the class of 1935 is a member of the faculty of the Savannah, Ga., high school.

Miss Elizabeth Forman, pry tanis during the past year, is continuing her studies under a mathematics fellowship at the University of Alabama.

ALUMNAE OF DELTA

Delta reports news of three of their alumni of '36. Pauline Loesch is working in the principal's office and teaching one class in Latin in her home high school at Columbus, Indiana. Elizabeth Frisinger is teaching Latin at Decatur, Indiana. Hannah Hood is engaged in the same field, teaching Latin, English, and history at Stillwell, Indiana.

INTERESTING NEWS OF ETA . ALUMNAE

Miss Edith West, charter member and associate professor of classical subjects, is studying for her doctorate at Columbia University. She has been granted a year's leave of absence.

Miss Mary Etta Thistlewaite, an alumna of F.S.C.W., class of '36, began work this summer for her master's degree at the University of Chicago. She has also been added to the faculty of the Department of Classics at F.S. C.W. She and Miss Helenmary Fritsch, alumna of '35, are continuing work for their master's degrees here. All of the alumnae of '36 have positions as teachers in Florida high schools.

HONORARY MEMBERS OF ALPHA ZETA IN NEW **POSTS**

Prof. Casper J. Kraemer, Jr., head of the Classics Department of Washington Square College, New York University, and honorary member of Alpha Zeta, is the new editor of The Classical Weekly. He succeeds the late Prof. Charles Knapp of Barnard College, Columbia. Prof. Ernest L. Hettich, also honorary member of Alpha Zeta, is associate editor.

Drs. Ernest L. Hettich and Floyd A. Spencer, honorary

members of Alpha Zeta, have been made associate professors of classics at New York Universitv.

Dr. Catherine Smith, former adviser of Alpha Zeta, is on leave of absence from Washington Square College. She is teaching in the Division of General Education of New York University.

Miss Dorothy P. Latta, honorary member of Alpha Zeta, is the newly appointed director of service and publications of the American Classical League, according to The Classical Weekly.

Miss Annette Mushcart, '36, is studying for her master's degree in German at New York University. She is the holder of a scholarship.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ALPHA ALPHA AND NU

Miss Nell D. Ingram, honorary member of Alpha Alpha chapter at Winthrop College, spent part of the summer studying in Paris and traveling in France.

Nu Chapter at Morningside College reports that three of their alumnae of the class of '36 are teaching. They are Florence Rumsch, Mildred Mouw, and Darlyne Nepper.

ADDITIONAL ALUMNI NOTES

The name of Oscar Althouse was inadvertently omitted from the list of Alpha Tau's initiates in May.

Miss Ethel Hartman, Omega, '33, until this year has been employed in the Advertising Statistical Department of the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pa. She has now accepted a position as teacher of mathematics and social science in Handley High School, Winchester, Virginia

Miss Velma Cook, Alpha, '35, is serving her second year as teacher of Latin and English in a high school near her home, Valparaiso, Indiana. She also has charge of the school library.

LARES and PENATES

NOVEL IDEAS FROM GAMMA CHAPTER

Ohio University

By LOUISE BECK

To welcome back and acquaint its members with new students of the Classical Department, Gamma opened the year with an Open House held in the Men's Union, October 1. Guests were greeted by Esther Jane Hand, social chairman, who pinned on the back of each arrival a slip bearing the name of a mythol-

ogical character or well-known Roman, these names to be guessed by questions answered by Yes and No. An excellent icebreaker! If you don't think so, try it!

Then five members presented a comedy skit in Greek style, after which a group of piano solos was given. Alyce Lockard, president, told of the aims and organization of Eta Sigma Phi. Refreshments were served and various contests were held. Much merriment was provided by the reading of Latin proverbs and famous sayings from Latin authors in answer to English questions ranging, of course, from sublime to ridiculous.

The first regular meeting of the chapter is to be held November 5 at the home of Professor Hill with Dr. Hiram R. Wilson of the English Department as guest speaker.

We shall be anxious to hear from you all through the Nuntius!

DELTA STUDIES THE GREEK THEATER

Franklin College By JEAN HALLIDAY

Delta of Eta Sigma Phi opened its program for the year with a formal installation of officers, September 17, at the home of Mrs. P. L. Powell, professor of classical languages at Franklin College. The installation, which was conducted by Pauline Loesch, an alumna, was preceded by a dinner.

The chapter is planning to study at its meetings during the year Greek plays and the Greek theater. The first of these programs was presented October 8 at the regular monthly meeting. Jean Halliday gave a report on the life of Aeschylus and his play Agamemnon. Edith Jackson discussed the Choephori and Eumenides of the same author. Delta is looking forward to more reports on similar subjects.

EPSILON INITIATES NINE The State University of Iowa By MARIAN LAWSON

Among the concluding events of the past spring was a picnic held at the home of Professor Potter at 248 Hutchinson Avenue, Iowa City. Professor Potter is a member of the department of classical languages here.

On October 8, initiation was held for the following students: Robert Blakely, Frederick Bock, Seigle Fleisher, Marian Lawson, Helen Milleson, Jessie Newby, Theodore Panos, Seymour Pitcher, Vivian Stortz. Election and installation of offcers followed immediately.

Dr. Dorrance White has been appointed faculty adviser of the chapter.

INTERESTING PLANS AT ZETA

Denison University By MARY BROWN

The following members were initiated last year: Eleanor Clark, Ida Jean Dagger, Pewilla Dick, Jean Folger, Eleanor Betty Rainey. Mr. C. P. Smith of the Newark schools was made an honorary member. A formal banquet was he'd at the Granville Inn, where the initiation ceremonies were conducted.

At the first business meeting in the fall, programs were planned for the ensuing year. Several speakers from neighboring colleges will be heard, the first being Dr. Robinson of Ohio Wesleyan, on November 3. He is a well known classical scholar and will speak on the "Hill Towns of Italy." On October 20, the chapter held a reception for freshman students of classical languages at the Tri Delta House, after which a short meeting was held to pledge Miss Geraldine Lay. Before the close of the first semester, the chapter hopes to have something related to classical drama, either in the form of a movie or a puppet show. The chapter looks forward to a very successful year.

ETA ARRANGES EXCEL-LENT PROGRAM

Florida State College for Women

BY KATHLEEN ROBINSON

The main theme for the program of Eta Chapter for the current year is "What is Going on in the Classical World Today." The following program has been arranged:

- 1. November 17 How other chapters work.
- 2. December 8—Discussion of the classical journals and periodicals.

- 3. January 19 Distinguished people in the classical field; classical centers in the United States.
- 4. February 9—Foreign classical academies.
- 5. March 9-Archaeology.
- April 13—Classical influence in contemporary literature—a lecture to be given by Dean William G. Dodd, head of the College of Arts and Science, F.S.C.W.
- 7. May 11—To be announced later.

THETA CHAPTER Indiana University

By MARGARET COVERT

The first meeting of Theta chapter was devoted chiefly to business and plans for the present school year. Reports of the National Convention were given by Margaret Covert, Marie Edwards, and Hester Gruber. The organization adopted a constitution for the chapter. An interesting summary of the work being done by other chapters of Eta Sigma Phi was given by Helen Yost.

On October 22, Dr. Charles C. Mierow, Professor of Biography at Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., and a charter member of Eta Sigma Phi, addressed a meeting of faculty members and students of Latin and Greek on this campus. The topic of his most interesting discourse was "A Possession Forever." The meeting was held under the auspices of Theta Chapter.

NU CHAPTER Morningside College BY ELAINE MOOR

Plans are being formulated for the coming year. Miss Hazel Van Ness, an alumna of Morningside College, will address the group at their next meeting regarding her thesis in course of preparation for graduate work. During the Christmas holidays the chapter plans to have a Latin Christmas tea for all Sioux City high school girls interested in Latin.

AN ACTIVE YEAR AT OMICRON

University of Pennsylvania By NANCY E. SLADEN

The officers had a preliminary session on November 2 to discuss plans for the general meeting to be held on Thursday, Nov. 19. At that meeting, the qualifications of various candidates for membership will be considered.

On Friday, November 13, the Philadelphia Classical Society and the Archeological Institute of America (Philadelphia Society) are giving a dinner at the University Club in Philadelphia. The principle speakers will be Dean Gordon J. Laing of the University of Chicago and Professor Bert H. Hill, formerly of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Omicron Chapter is sending the officers to that dinner so that Eta Sigma Phi may be officially represented.

Frances Peters, Omicron's treasurer of last year, received a graduate scholarship in Latin; she is on the Penn. campus now.

We hope to make this year as successful as the last for Omicron chapter. At some of our meetings during the year, we are planning to ask a number of members, who have graduated recently and who are now teaching, to come back and tell us about their teaching experiences. At other meetings, we are hoping to have with us members of our own faculty, in addition to speakers from neighboring colleges.

UPSILON CHAPTER TO STUDY ARCHAEOLOGY Mississippi State College for Women

BY GOLDIE FELDMAN
The chapter held its first
meeting of the year in September for the purpose of initiating two candidates, Misses Marie
Butler and Katherine Lenz. After the ceremony refreshments
were served, followed by a discussion as to the nature of the
programs for the coming year.
There was a unanimous decision
to study some of the phases of
Roman archaeology.

LECTURE PROGRAM AT OMEGA

College of William and Mary Omega chapter held its first meeting of the year on October 21, 1936. Business matters were discussed and acted upon. The members then heard an instructive and interesting lecture on Roman coins, which was presented by Dr. George J. Ryan, an honorary member of the chapter.

A tentative program has been arranged for the year, with illustrated lectures by both faculty and students on the results of contemporary archaeological research. Dr. Inga O. Helseth of the Department of Education will speak on her travels in Italy; and Dr. A. Pelzer Wagener, a faculty adviser of the chapter, will speak on papyri. Other activities are being considered.

ALPHA ALPHA HEARS DIS-CUSSION OF ANCIENT MEDICINE

Winthrop College
By KATE GLENN HARDIN

At a meeting in Johnson Hall on October 3 the following new members were initiated: Nell D. Ingram (honorary), Elizabeth

Abercrombie, Louise Buzhardt, Jean Flynn, Kate Glenn Hardin, Crystal Theodore. The initiates, after each had been accused of committing a grammatical crime, were tried before Pluto and sentenced to some traditional punishment in the underworld. A social hour followed the atonement prescribed.

At the November meeting the subject for discussion was "Medicine a mong the Ancient Greeks," and Mary Caroline Ulmer discussed "Medicine among the Ancient Romans." Virginia McKeithen gave a talk on the "Reclaiming of the Pontine Marshes."

All four seniors of the chapter were recently initiated into the "Book and Key," an honorary scholastic fraternity. Virginia McKeithen, who has the highest scholastic average in her class, is president of this fraternity.

ALPHA DELTA IN JOINT MEETING

Agnes Scott College BY NELL ALLISON

Alpha Delta Chapter enjoyed a most interesting program last May at the Atlanta home of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Knox. Mr. Knox gave a spirited report of his recent attendance at the meeting of the Southern branch of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. The Emory University chapter was also present.

On October 13 of the present school year the chapter initiated two new members, Elsie Blackstone and Zoe Wells. We welcome these newcomers to a most promising year.

For the regular October meeting, the Agnes Scott and Emory groups jointly entertained as their distinguished guest speaker Ex-Governor Slaton of

The entire classical Georgia. department of Agnes Scott was invited to be present.

This fall Alpha Delta has had the pleasure of receiving as honorary member a newcomer to the Latin and Greek departments, Miss Narka Nelson, A.B., A.M., Ph.D. After taking her A.M. at Smith College, Miss Nelson taught at Western College for five years, the latter part of the time as associate professor of Latin. She left there to complete her work for the Ph.D. at the University of California.

ALPHA ZETA ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR THE YEAR

Washington Square College By FLORENCE M. CROMIEN

Alpha Zeta's first meeting of the year was called for the purpose of electing officers. October 15 they sponsored a play, The Daughters of Atreus, by Robert Turney. Mr. Lionel Cohen, assistant instructor in classics and a former active member of Alpha Zeta, advises the chapter this year.

Major events in the tentative program will take place during the week of the dates mentioned as follows: opening social, November 9; Saturnalia, December 16: pledge tea, February 15; induction, March 8; and farewell party, May 10.

SEVEN PLEDGED BY ALPHA **KAPPA**

University of Illinois By BEULAH YOUNG

The six active members of the chapter arranged a formal pledge tea, which was held in the upper parlors of the Woman's Building, Friday afternoon, October 30. Those pledged to active membership were: Robert Jones, Margaret Hobson, and

Helen Lockhart. Those pledged as associate members were: Helen Westrup, Theodore Bedrick. Eleanor Elizabeth Stovec. and Harriet Sluss. A social hour followed the pledging service. Pins were ordered and pledges were informed that they were expected to perform at the initiation planned for November 8.

Fall initiation and dinner will be held at the Southern Tea Room, Sunday afternoon, November 8. Professor H. V. Canter will be the principal speaker of the evening.

ALPHA LAMBDA HOLDS INITIATION

University of Oklahoma By WALLEAH JONES

Pledging service was held October 7, followed by initiation October 26. The latter exercises were followed by a dinner, at which the chapter was addressed by Dr. Phillip W. Marsh. The following members were initiat-Blanche Tarlton, Madelyn O'Keefe, Helen Anderson, Geraldine Renegar, Doris Martin, Nelda Bills, John J. Hamilton, Edgar J. Hallock, Eugene C. Stevens, John C. Plott, Robert Lindsay.

ALPHA NU CHAPTER Davidson College

By HENRY L. HARKEY Alpha Nu reports that no regular meetings have as yet been held during the present semes-They have submitted reports of the alumni of '36, which will appear elsewhere in this issue.

ALPHA XI HEARS INSTRUC-TIVE PAPERS

Washington University

By RUTH L. JACOBS

The Alpha Xi chapter of Eta Sigma Phi held its first meeting of the school year on Friday,

October 23. If future meetings afford as interesting and instructive programs as the one offered at this first meeting, our chapter should have a successful year. In accordance with our new plans to have the members of the faculty and student body offer papers on different phases of Roman and Greek life, two papers were read.

The first one, offered by Miss Inez Hollingsworth, was on "Roman Religion." Because it was October, and Hallowe'en, the October festival, is commonly associated with ghosts, Miss Hollingsworth told us of the Lemuria, a festival for the placation of Roman ghosts. "The False Neros" was the title of the second paper, read by Mr. Albert Pappano. The paper concerned the three men who, after the death of the great Nero, attempted to take his place. A short discussion followed, in which both faculty and student members participated.

Our next meeting, on November 6, will be a business meeting. At that time we shall make plans for the pledging of new members.

ALPHA OMICRON Lawrence College

By OTTILIE BUERGER No activities were conducted in time to be reported in the November issue.

> ALPHA SIGMA **Emory University** By DICKEY BOYD

Alpha Sigma's first meeting of the year was held October 22. It is with great pleasure that we announce the initiation of four new members: Miss Mary Torrance of the Emory library staff, as an honorary member; and Constance Pardee, Eual Samples, and Charles Tripp, as

active members. We are certain that these neophytes are excellent additions to the classical brotherhood.

Plans were discussed for the coming months, and we believe that our chapter will experience a most pleasant and profitable year.

On October 26, Alpha Sigma members had the pleasure of attending a meeting with Alpha Delta chapter at Agnes Scott College. Mr. John M. Slaton, exgovernor of Georgia, honored the gathering with an interesting and helpful talk on "Humanities." Joint meetings of this type prove extremely valuable to both chapters. Best wishes for the coming year are extended to all chapters.

ALPHA TAU

Ohio State University By MARGARET M. GRAY

Alpha Tau Chapter has planned three meetings for the fall quarter of 1936. The first meeting was a weiner roast held in the Field House on Wednesday, October 21. A closed meeting is planned for November, and a Christmas banquet on Dec. 13 will bring our activities to an end. A prominent speaker has been invited to be our guest at the latter event.

HALLOWE'EN AT ALPHA UPSILON

The College of Wooster
By MARGARET DILLEY

The fall initiation of the chapter was held Oct. 8. Two new members were taken into the chapter, Marcy Riddle and George Clark. Following its new program of having more purely social events, a masquerade party was held Oct. 30. The decorations and games were in accordance with the season. Fortune telling, apple bobbing, and dancing were features of the evening.

ALPHA PHI Millsaps College By FAGAN SCOTT

The beginning of a new term found Alpha Phi chapter of Eta Sigma Phi making preparations for an active year of classical work. The monthly programs for the entire year have been planned and published in the chapter's year book. These programs consist primarily of lectures by members of the chapter and distinguished classicists.

The chapter held its first meeting of the year on Oct. 10 in the home of Miss Elizabeth Craig, an honorary member. After a short business meeting, Mr. Robert Cunningham was initiated and Professor A. G. Sanders, another honorary member, gave a very interesting talk concerning traces of Roman civi ization found in Spain. After the program refreshments were served by Miss Craig.

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