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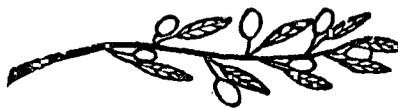
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## The Thirteenth Annual Convention

By MAURICE S. CROWLEY, Pi

THE Thirteenth Annual Convention of Eta Sigma Phi is now history. The gathering at Birmingham last month proved to be one of the most successful conventions that the organization has yet known. With fifty-one delegates from twenty-eight colleges and universities throughout America registered on Thursday evening, April 22, the convention got under way immediately at the Redmont Hotel, the downtown headquarters of the convention. The program was begun with a reception in the main parlor of the hotel. The delegates present greeted each other in such a cordial manner that one would have thought them all to be old friends. In this delightful manner the convention was opened.

Following the Executive Council meeting the next morning the regular business session was opened by the Megas Prytanis, Mr. Ellis Finger, Jr., of Millsaps College. The business included the roll call by chapters, the reports of the national officers, and the appointment of committees. Not all the delegates had arrived to answer the roll as called by Miss Ruth Rifenberick, Megas Grammatus, but it was pleasing to know that so many chapters were represented. Miss Rifenberick proceeded with the reading of the minutes of the Convention of last year.

The items of business which first engaged the attention of the delegates were the reports of the national officers of the organization. The report of Miss Helen Burton, Megas Protopharchos, was the first to be heard. It was followed by that of Miss Elizabeth Giedeman, Megas Deuteropharchos, on high school expansion which was readily approved. Because of the absence of Miss Hildegard Breihan, Megas Epistolographos, her report was read by Miss Frances Protheroe of Alpha chapter. The report of the Megas Cryso-phylax, Mr. E. Clarendon Hyde, was favorably received. The finances of the fraternity were shown to be on a sound basis. The reports having been completed, the meeting was adjourned.

The delegates were guests of the college at the regular chapel period of the Birmingham-

Southern College. The program was opened by Dr. Guy E. Snavelly, president of the college. Mr. Crowley, prytanis of Pi chapter, explained the nature of the organization to the student body and introduced Mr. Finger, who spoke of his particular work as national president and introduced the other officers who likewise explained their duties. The program was concluded by a short talk by Mr. Harold Dunkel, Executive Secretary.

The Convention then adjourned to the Faculty-Trustee Room of the college where Dr. D. M. Key, president of Millsaps College and an honorary member of Alpha Phi chapter, read a very scholarly paper on "The Value of the Classics." His paper was very interesting and proved to be most impressive to all who heard it.

After lunch in the Student's Activities Building the afternoon business session was held in the Faculty-Trustee Room of the college. The items of business included proposed legislation, recommendations, and Mr. Dunkel's report as registrar of the Eta Sigma Phi medal. Committee meetings were held during the afternoon which were followed by an informal tea at the College. On account of threatening clouds overhead the tea was given inside the Munger Memorial Hall instead of on the marble plaza in front of the building as had been planned.

The national officers that evening enacted for the benefit of the delegates a model initiation. This ceremony was very effective and most interesting. The initiate was Mr. Jack Edgar of Pi chapter. The ritual was presented at the Redmont Hotel. After dinner in the main parlor of the hotel Dr. George Currie, head of the classics department at Birmingham-Southern College, read a most instructive paper entitled "The Influence of the Roman Constitution on the Constitution of the United States." The Executive Council held a meeting after the day had been officially adjourned to avoid an early morning meeting which would otherwise have been necessary the following day.

The business session on Saturday morning was held at the hotel in downtown Birmingham.

The main business for this period was the report of the various committees. The reports were given by the several chairmen. They were all approved by the delegates present. A brief recess was called during which time the Nominations Committee had a special meeting. The final business session of the Convention was promptly called for the additional reports of committees and the election of officers.

Although the official business of the Convention was completed with the acceptance of the reports, delightful social functions were in store for the delegates. After luncheon at the hotel the Convention photograph was taken. The afternoon was spent touring the city. The route led to such places of interest as the Capital Park, which was dedicated by Woodrow Wilson during

his visit here, and the tremendous statue of Vulcan, the iron man. This is the second largest statue in the world, being surpassed in size only by the Statue of Liberty. The tour continued through the residential section atop Red and Shades Mountains, and terminated atop Shades Mountain at the beautiful estate of Mr. George Ward. His home is an exact replica of the temple of Vesta which stood in the Roman forum. At Vestavia, in a spacious garden, refreshments were served. From this beautiful location one can see a distance of thirty miles in any direction.

That evening at the hotel the final gathering was held. The formal banquet was followed by the installation of the new officers and official adjournment.



### THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

FRONT ROW, left to right: Dr. George Currie, Dr. A. P. Hamilton, Robert Gotch, Maurice Crowley, Roy Starnes, Robert C. McClelland, Henderson Adams, Pete Lomas, William Johnson, Clifton White, Dr. D. M. Key.

SECOND ROW: E. Clarendon Hyde, Ruth Rifenberick, Elizabeth Giedeman, Frances Protheroe, Helen Burton, Ellis Finger, Theodore C. Panos, Charles V. Naugle, Marie Merritt, Margaret Covert, Rosemary Williams, Mary Lulu Williams, Mary Lou Dunkel.

THIRD ROW: Mary Virginia Respass, Charlotte Williams, Mary Wickersham, Alyce Lockard, Virginia Lee, Pearle Overhultz, Mary Kathryn Gibson, Mary Green, Holly Waker, Alfreda Stallman, Virginia Hohenstine, Elizabeth Gray, Margaret Gray, William Wofford.

FOURTH ROW: Thelma Watkins, Dr. Gertrude Smith, Mary K. Brokaw, Frances Bowden, Doris Murphy, Betty Bussert, Jean Schwartz, Margaret Jean Till, Dorothy Chichester, Vassar Bishop, Zoe Wells, Frances Cary, Mary Caroline Ulmer, Harold B. Dunkel, Marie Edwards.

## CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

By RUTH RIFENBERICK, *Megas Grammateus*

AT THE thirteenth annual convention much was accomplished of a constructive nature. The delegates discussed a great number of matters which pertain to the welfare of the organization as a whole and made every effort to arrive at an effective solution of its problems.

The first business meeting was held at Birmingham-Southern College and was opened with words of greeting by the *Megas Prytanis*. (All other business meetings were held at the Redmont Hotel). Then followed roll call and the reading of the minutes of the preceding convention. Reports of the various national officers were next received. Of especial interest was that of the *Protopharchos*, who was in charge of college expansion. She reported that the Executive Council had approved the acceptance into the organization of the local group at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa. With the approval of her report a charter was granted that group. At a later meeting the petition of a group at Louisiana State University was read and accepted. A charter was granted to them also.

The following amendment was added to the national constitution: "Membership dues of one dollar per year shall be paid for the use of the National Society by each undergraduate active member, beginning the school year of his initiation. All members initiated after April 1 shall not be required to pay membership dues for that school year."

The *Megas Chrysophylax*, Mr. E. Clarendon Hyde, reported a balance in the treasury of \$556.84, a more optimistic report than that of last year.

The following national officers were elected for the coming year:

*Prytanis*: Theodore C. Panos, *Epsilon*  
*Protopharchos*: Rosemary Williams, *Psi*  
*Grammateus*: Marie Merritt, *Alpha Delta*  
*Epistolographos*: Frances Protheroe, *Alpha*  
*Chrysophylax*: William Wofford, *Alpha Phi*  
*Pyloros*: Charles Naugle, *Alpha Rho*

In addition to the business sessions, the delegates enjoyed two excellent papers. The first was presented by Dr. D. M. Key, of Millsaps College, on "The Value of the Classics in Modern Times". The other was written by Dr. George Currie, professor of classics at Birmingham-Southern College, and bore the title of "The Influence of the Roman Constitution on the Constitution of the United States."

On Friday afternoon, April 22, *Pi* chapter served an informal tea on the campus. On the next afternoon, the delegates were taken on a tour of the city, which terminated at Vestavia for tea.

After the final banquet and installation of officers the Convention was adjourned until the spring of 1938, when it will convene at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAPTERS

*Alpha Psi at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.*

*Alpha Omega at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.*

## E D I T O R I A L S

Observations concerning the recent convention must fall under two headings: the social opportunities afforded, and the business transacted. In both these respects we feel certain that our meeting in Birmingham was both enjoyable and successful.

With regard to the first, we offer our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Crowley and his associates for their capable planning and orderly execution of all matters relating to the meeting. Careful attention to detail was apparent in all that they did. Any one who has been faced with a like responsibility will attest to the magnitude of the duties which our hosts so willingly and efficiently discharged.

We owe our gratitude to Dr. Snavely who extended us so generous a welcome at Birmingham-Southern College. The convocation at which the delegates were presented to the student body, and the luncheon and tea served on the campus were much appreciated indeed.

None of us, we feel certain, will forget the tour of the City of Birmingham, which was made possible by the cooperation of the Women's Chamber of Commerce. The fraternity is grateful to the officers of that organization, Mrs. Joseph Ramsey, president, and Mrs. H. A. McKinnon, secretary, who personally conducted the tour. The view of Vulcan and the visit to "Vestavia" are a delight to any lover of the classics. Mr. George Ward, the owner of the latter, was most generous in making possible our visit there.

In a word, we were accorded a gracious welcome in Birmingham. In all respects Pi chapter and its associates were admirable hosts.

With regard to the business which was transacted by the convention, it can hardly be doubted that much was accomplished, not the least of which was the renewal and further development of the good fellowship and willing cooperation that have at all times characterized the activities of Eta Sigma Phi. Elsewhere in this issue are presented the details of all business transacted; but these, by their very nature, cannot set forth the intangible benefits which are derived from the annual meetings. True it is that much remains to be accomplished. The meeting itself is only

the beginning of another cycle in our history, but one cannot doubt that the foundation of greater achievements has been laid. Certainly an even higher degree of cooperation will result from the personal contacts and mutual deliberation of problems which were made possible. Among other results, there should come, and no doubt have come, a greater realization of responsibility on the part of individual chapters; a keener appreciation of the opportunity for service which, in these days of uncertainty and rapid change, are open to the fraternity; a sense of need for more prompt and effective cooperation between the local groups and the national officers; and the active participation of a greater number of chapters in the affairs of the fraternity.

The national officers who served the fraternity during the past year have been unstinting in their performance of duty and they have accomplished much. To those who will serve during the coming year we wish the greatest possible success. It is of the utmost importance that each local chapter bear in mind always its responsibility of enabling them to achieve it.

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It is practically impossible to prepare for this issue of the NUNTIUS a complete report of its present status and its activities during the past year. We will, however, so far as is possible give a brief summary of them; and, if we may be permitted, set forth a few observations which have resulted from our experience.

Approximately three thousand copies of the journal have been issued to active and honorary members, to alumni, and to others who have requested complimentary copies. If all chapters will support the publication as they have agreed, the circulation will be increased by perhaps four hundred copies annually. In that case there will be little fear that the project will not be self-supporting. It should be noted that each initiate is required to subscribe to the journal for two years; and that the local treasurers should send this amount, two dollars for each new member, directly to the treasurer of the NUNTIUS at the time of initiation. Furthermore, it is the national policy that each member shall renew his sub-

scription so long as he remains an undergraduate. The local chapters are requested to adjust immediately their accounts with the treasurer of the NUNTIUS. Remittances tendered after June 5 should be sent to the editor-in-chief, whose address during the summer will be Masontown, Pa. P. O. Box 342. We ask your prompt attention in bringing this part of our affairs to a speedy conclusion.

Some weeks ago each local secretary was requested to send us a complete chapter roll. Such lists are almost indispensable to the staff. At present, however, only eighteen of them have been received, which means that twenty chapters have not responded. Attention to this matter will be much appreciated.

Some confusion resulted this year by reason of the chapters' failure to cooperate with us in establishing a mailing list. The lists as represented in our files were sent out with the request that they be checked and returned to us. A large number of them have not reached our staff even yet. When subscribers do not receive their copies of the quarterly at the proper time, they will render the staff a great service by informing them immediately. Also, when a subscriber changes his address the staff should be informed. Many copies went astray this year because we were not informed of these changes.

It has been the conviction of the present editor that the Res Gestae and Lares and Penates columns should represent a consistently informative part of the journal. Yet during the past year at no time has even a fair number of reports reached the staff by the day specified, and in none of the four issues have more than one-half of the active chapters been represented. We trust that next year's staff will be accorded more prompt cooperation.

In recent weeks we have received many contributions to the columns devoted to Minerva and the Muses. For many of them we do not have space in the present issue. The quality and inherent interest of the journal will be much enhanced if members will continue to submit copies of papers and lectures which have been presented at meetings of the local chapters. As we have stated before in these columns, the NUNTIUS will be rendered more vital to the degree in which it is used to disseminate and exchange ideas among the local groups.

Our forty active chapters can do much not only for the NUNTIUS but for the entire fraternity by keeping in mind the matters herein men-

tioned. They are requested once more to make possible a worthy and effective publication by submitting all pertinent material and by making prompt replies to all communications. Potentially—and we hope, actually—the NUNTIUS is one of the strongest bonds that hold together our forty active groups.

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We are happy to welcome to our ranks the two new chapters to which charters were granted by the recent convention: **OUR NEW CHAPTERS** Alpha Psi at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa.; and Alpha Omega at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La. To the best of our knowledge, these constitute the forty-fifth and forty-sixth charters that have been granted since the founding of Eta Sigma Phi. Of these forty are now active.

While we are not personally acquainted with any members of these new chapters, from the account of their activities which was presented at the convention we are convinced that they have been very active and ambitious groups. We greet them as they enter a broader field of opportunity and increased responsibility. They have the best wishes of the entire fraternity for a long future of service and accomplishment.

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With this issue the work of the present staff is ended. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve Eta Sigma Phi, and we are **L'ENVOI** grateful for the many delightful contacts which we have established with our fellow members. To the many who have assisted us in carrying on our work we express sincere thanks.

The NUNTIUS will next year be in charge of Dr. George Currie, professor of classics at Birmingham-Southern College. We extend to him our best wishes for his success in editing our journal. It is our earnest hope, too, that every individual member and chapter will accord the greatest effort to aid him in making our publication a success in the highest possible degree.

# MINERVA

## *The Reclamation of the Pontine Marshes*

By VIRGINIA McKEITHEN, Alpha Alpha

"How do you live here?" a foreigner, traveling through the Pontine Marshes a few years ago, asked of a native shepherd. "One does not live here; one dies," was the tragic reply.

And certainly, such was the case in that section of Italy, known from ancient times as the "Pontinae Paludes". That region—two thousand square miles in area, bounded on two sides by the sea—lay for centuries a watery waste, uninhabited except by an occasional shepherd who managed to eke out a wretched existence there.

But, with his triumphant rise to power, Benito Mussolini realized that these marshes could be made into an arable, inhabitable tract of land, furnishing homes and farm-lands for the crowded peasants of the north. He, consequently, gave orders that these marshes be drained, that farm-houses be built for four thousand peasants, and that three cities be established in the region. With this reclamation of the marshes, Mussolini has transformed the malarial wastes south of Rome into the garden of Italy.

In order to understand completely the significance and scope of this reclamation, it is necessary to understand the geography and history of that section. Along the seacoast of the marshes runs a dune three miles wide, a dune which prevents the water collecting behind it from flowing into the sea. The region, therefore, serves as a shallow basin which holds the water coming from the mountains on the east. One of the geographic features that the Romans never discovered is that part of the land between the dune and the mountains is below sea level. The water which collects there, of course, cannot reach the sea by any natural means.

The first attempt to rid this area of its stagnant waters was made by the ancient Romans, who dug the gigantic Rio Martino canal through the dune. But with the decline and eventual fall of the Roman Empire, public works were abandoned. Stagnant waters once more took possession of the lands, for the pressure which causes mountains to rise raised the bottom of the Rio Martino canal. Thus the only outlet from the marshes to the sea was cut off entirely.

Kings and popes thereafter tried to reclaim the land, but not until the time of Pope Leo X was anything constructive accomplished. Guili-

ano di Medici, who was a nephew of the Pope and had charge of the work, dug a short canal to the sea and drained a portion of the land. Later Sixtus V and Pius VI tried to drain the swamps. Pius VI succeeded in restoring to traffic the old Appian Way which had been submerged for a thousand years. An earthquake, however, undid practically all the work of these three leaders. The Appian Way alone remained above the water level; but each side of the highway in winter was covered by a vast expanse of water. The land was again a fit home for nothing except ducks, gulls, and boars.

Thus from the Middle Ages until 1932 the Pontine Marshes continued a desolate, malaria infested waste. Fortunately, Italy then needed space and foodstuffs for her surplus population. And so "Il Duce" issued his orders for the reclamation of this potentially fertile area. Since that time, engineers and physicians, constantly at work, have taken the land from the wild birds and animals and restored it to the Italian people.

The engineers discovered the peculiar geographic factor which the ancients had missed: that there are three water levels in the region—one above sea level, one equal to sea level, and a third below sea level. In order, therefore, to drain the basin completely, three types of drainage have been constructed. For the high waters capable of reaching the sea by natural means, canals are the only necessity. For the medium waters, canals suffice under normal circumstances, but electric pumps are used when the canals become swollen. For the low waters, pumps and canals are used constantly. In order that the water may be carried off immediately from the Lepine mountains, a canal eighty-five feet wide has been dug at their base to receive the flow of water before it filters through the plain. This network of canals, augmented by pumps, has solved the problem of drainage.

The Rockefeller Foundation has been the chief factor in ridding this district of malaria. With an experimental center established in the old Caetani castle of Sermoneta, the people of the institution have practically stamped out that disease. Statistics showed, at the beginning of the project, that ninety-five per cent of the inhabitants were infected with it. Almost no child

reached its first year without an attack of the fever. Since the advent of the Rockefeller Foundation, however, a new infection is practically unknown.

The Italian Government has entrusted to the Opera Nazionale Combattenti, the Italian war-veteran organization, and to the landowners who will follow the veterans, the work of colonizing the new district. These two groups have had charge of building the four thousand farmhouses for the peasants who have moved here from the crowded agricultural provinces of the north. The government has furnished financial aid to all landowners who will build farmhouses. If the landowners refuse to build houses, the veterans expropriate the land and do the work themselves. Each family of settlers has a house and thirty acres of land. Every hundred farmhouses is grouped under the supervision of an agricultural director who teach-

es the peasants how to farm to the greatest advantage.

The government has constructed between three and five hundred miles of roads in this section. Electric light and power lines have been installed. At strategic points on important roads, the government has set up villages—each a complete, modern unit with church, pharmacy, post office, school, police station, infirmary, shops, theatres, and offices.

The three cities established in accordance with Mussolini's decree are Littoria, Sabaudia, and Pontina. Littoria is the capital of the Pontine Region. A city of 14,000 inhabitants, Littoria resembles any other modern municipality.

The efforts of Mussolini and his veterans, thus, in the past five years have converted the Pontine Marshes into the Pontine Fields.

## Martial the Epigrammatist

By GEORGE K. BOWERS, '37, Alpha Phi

Few persons have ever heard of the small country town of Spain called Bilbilis. It was like the ordinary country town, — the kind of place where they don't allow even oysters to remain open on Sundays. We have our own modern parallels in many of the towns spread over our map like thistles in a cow pasture—or should I say like diamonds in a desert waste of too much civilization? Such centers of trivialization are like five-and-ten-cent stores: they're not rare, but they're indispensable. Bilbilis no longer exists, but about 40 A. D. it was on the map and brought forth one of the greatest of Roman writers. It is not unusual for a genius in literary, scientific, or other circles to blossom forth in so small a town far from the centers of fame and fortune, but it is unusual for such a person ever to come into national repute.

Martial, however, succeeded in overcoming the handicap of being born in an out-of-the-way village (many of us would regard such birth as an asset); otherwise, the splendor of his poetic gems might have shone in vain beneath the sluggish waters of the weighty and affected verse of other Latin authors. In fact, today we have so absorbed ourselves in meters, alliteration, gutturals, and rules for elision that the simple and unadorned work of the most skilled epigrammatist who ever lived often seems only a blur to us.

I do not want to disparage the more austere, more dignified works of literature, but why should an author be slighted because he sees life humorously and sees it whole? Some will hold that if a man sees life whole, he can't see any humor. I became an optimist back in cradle days when mother gave me my first taste of sweet chocolate. Since then I've always prayed:

"Give me a sense of humor, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some pleasure out of life  
And pass it on to other folk."

That's the reason I'm asking for a New Deal for one of the most neglected writers of antiquity.

Bilbilis, although far from what was then the center of the world, was not far from civilization. In fact, the town was steeped in it. Spain was at that time at the height of her power as a Roman province, and schools were plentiful throughout the country. Consequently, Martial received the best available education and arrived in Rome at the age of twenty-three. He made his first public appearance in 80 A. D., when, on the occasion of the dedication of the Colosseum, he wrote a number of epigrams under the title "*Liber Spectaculorum*". The years that passed between his arrival at Rome and this occasion are a blank insofar as any knowledge of his life goes. Peculiar it is

that he should emerge from obscurity with a book of epigrams. The average man would have come forth with nothing more than an inferiority complex and a thin waist-line. But a man who writes poetry can be expected to do other unusual things.

It would be difficult to describe epigrams if epigrams did not exist to define themselves. A modern epigrammatist has defined the category:

"The qualities rare in a bee that we meet  
In an epigram never should fail;  
The body should always be little and sweet,  
And a sting should be left in the tail."

Martial's epigrams are for the most part really character sketches of persons one could meet at any time on the streets of Rome. In the realm of professions he introduces us to Diaulus the doctor who later became an undertaker. Really, Martial tells us, these trades are both the same to Diaulus because in either case he lays us out. Then there is the doctor who later became a soldier:

"Though a soldier at present,  
A doctor of yore,  
You but do with a sword  
What your pills did before."

There is Laurus who "all his life has been intending to do something great, but has never been able to decide what it shall be." Naevolus is the person who is never polite except when he is in trouble. Postumus is the painfully civil person. If he saw you from a merry-go-round, he would say, "How do you do," every time he passed. To the beautiful but wicked Catulla Martial says:

"So very fair! And yet so very common.  
Would you were p'ainer, or a better woman!"

Anything artificial Martial despises. His ire is aroused at Tullus who goes around with a rare perfume and struts because he thinks the perfume makes him more than he is. "Don't think that your are your perfume, Tullus," the poet tells him. "It would smell the same if I sprinkled it on my pup."

Another type of person that Martial hates is the one who is constantly trying to help you when you are telling about something:

"Now two men spoil the business  
That one does well alone.  
If I'm desired to open my mouth,  
Kindly shut your own."

Pliny sets forth as Martial's chief characteristic "candor"—which means frankness, genuineness, sincerity. A little piece is addressed to Paula, a disreputable girl who desired to marry a very noble and virtuous young man:

"You wish to marry Priscus, Paula?  
Very wise of you.  
Priscus won't assent, you tell me?  
He's wise too."

Martial is even too sincere to answer the question of Priscus as to what his outlook on life would be if he were to find himself suddenly to be in a different position financially or as far as fame might be concerned.

"My ethical state,  
Were I wealthy and great,  
Is a subject you wish I'd reply on.  
Now who can foresee  
What his morals would be?  
What would yours be if you were a lion?"

That Martial was the greatest epigrammatist who ever lived is almost indisputable. But this is not my main reason for classing him as one of the great Roman writers. Admittedly, his writing is at times uncultured when compared with that of many of the lofty and elevated Latin masters. Yet herein lies the reason for his greatness. Latin literature in great part consists of works that are hopelessly austere and devoid of interest for any person who is not a classical student or scholar. For this reason many do not expect to find a Roman author who closely approximates their classification of "human and sensible writers." In Martial one finds something that more approximates the modern taste (though the charge may arise from this that the modern taste is superficial). ". . . . . one of the simplest and most natural of the writers who survive to us from the whole body of Latin literature" is at once the briefest and best characterization of the poet. The tendency of the majority of classical authors was toward eloquence, over-emphasis, and straining after effect. The Spanish poet fell into none of these faults. His poetry was as forceful as any writing could be, and as simple as it was forceful. Might I, as a tribute to the greatest epigrammatist who ever lived, conclude with an original eulogy written in Martial's own style:

Martial, you may not rank so high  
Among authors now long dead;  
But after we've gone through your works,  
We at least know what we've read.

## The Educational Value of Latin

By NEVIN FIDLER, Alpha Epsilon

(This is the text of a paper read at a meeting of Alpha Epsilon chapter).

R. D. Cole, prominent educator and educational theorist, is of the opinion that no foreign language course should be included in a curriculum unless it justifies its inclusion. Does Latin deserve a place in college on these grounds? Certainly. In a recent survey of Latin students some of the reasons given for taking the course were as follows: necessary for college entrance, help with English, furnished good mental training, helped with other foreign languages, taught good habits of study, and was of value for the development of an historical perspective and of a cultural background resulting from a knowledge of facts relating to the life, literature, history, institutions, mythology, and religion of the Romans. With such expressions of opinion, it would be nothing short of criminal to exclude Latin from the schedule of the beginning college student.

Latin courses are of practical value and have many worthwhile objectives which guide the teaching process. The ability to read new Latin, the increased ability to understand Latin words, phrases, clauses and quotations occurring in English, the ability to understand new English words of Latin derivation, the ability to read English with a correct understanding, the ability to read, write, and speak English to more advantage, the increased ability to spell English words, the increased knowledge of English syntax; these are but a few of the many results of a thoroughly comprehensive course in Latin which help support the claims that Latin has and should continue to have a definite place in the curriculum of the modern college.

Technically Latin is indispensable. It builds good work habits, increases the scope of comprehension, increases the ability to make formal logical conclusions and develops an appreciation of good literature.

Successful results in any course depend more on thoroughness than any other factor. So with the instruction of Latin. The methods prescribed by the majority of the Latin teachers are precisely those which are recommended by teachers and psychologists as the most likely to lead to the acquisition of correct mental habits and to the ability to apply in other fields the facts acquired and the processes developed in the study of Latin. Surveys show that the resulting attitudes toward

Latin are direct results of the employment of the various methods of approach that are utilized by the teacher.

From the outset the teacher encounters difficulty. Out of every 100 pupils that take first year Latin, 69 take the second year course, 38 the third year, and 14 the fourth year, while only five continue the study of Latin in graduate school. The first year course must be so organized that it will be of value in itself, whether or not the pupil will continue with the work. Then too, a course so organized will undoubtedly furnish a better preparation for those students who will continue the study of Latin. Still another point that should be mentioned in connection with the Latin course is the fact that more students, under proper conditions of instruction in this method, will be voluntarily induced to go on with the advanced work in Latin.

Before definitely dealing with the proper methods of teaching this subject, it will be well to consider briefly the fundamental aims of any Latin course, the attainment of the immediate and ultimate objectives. Ultimate objectives are those which involve educational values upon which the justification of Latin depends, such as the habit of sustained attention. By immediate objectives I mean those aims in which progressive achievement is necessary to insure attainment of the ultimate objectives such as the ability to conjugate or translate a passage of Virgil.

The two aims are interdependent. When one is concerned with the reading of Latin, one should not neglect the development of habit building or the ability and correct use of syntax or the relations of the present passage with the English language and its influence upon world literature. Likewise when one is chiefly concerned with the teaching of habits of study and rules of syntax, he should not neglect to point out the effects of the problem or problems in hand upon the translation of Latin passages and the influence of the constructions upon English and other modern tongues.

In arranging work in Latin courses the instructor must be aware of the fact that he must reduce the formal study of the elements of the language during the first year by the postponement of many of the more involved forms to later

courses; that he must select his vocabulary and principles of syntax in such a way that he will provide for the progressive powers of reading, understanding, and writing Latin. Easy reading material should be furnished for the first two years and the practice of free reading must be encouraged. Free reading, with a none too critical attitude toward principals of syntax, must be encouraged and developed in the students. Reading amongst the works of the classical writers must be utilized. Freedom of choice in all free reading and writing is one of the most important essentials to be kept in mind while teaching the beginning courses in Latin. Self development is the best way to build up interest in Latin or any other course. Collateral reading in English should be encouraged. It is surprising to note the classical interest such reading will develop.

For the first years, then, the Latin courses will be courses complete in themselves, gradually building up the rules of syntax and a simple vocabulary. Additional courses will develop the vocabulary further and will deal with the more complex rules of syntax. Free reading, free writing, and the use of reading in English should continue as long as a student takes a course in Latin.

Orderly procedure on the part of the instructor, careful assignments, supervised study with emphasis on orderly procedure, and insistence that the student grasp the thought of a Latin sentence in the Latin order will train the student to follow some regular method in approaching his work in Latin. The ability to reason correctly can be developed by the insistence that the thought of a Latin passage be grasped in the Latin order, the development of Latin syntax with its relation to English syntax, emphasis upon functional questions, and emphasis upon the thought connections between different passages. Then too, by explaining and creating the desire for the study of habits of Latin and identifying them in

their relations with daily needs and life, the instructor can develop the generalized habits among his students.

Oral reading is highly important in the teaching of Latin. It is closely tied up with the ability to pronounce Latin words correctly. By giving the students an opportunity to hear the words, write the words, and see the words written, the best results in building an oral reading ability and an ability to pronounce words correctly will be achieved. Oral reading should be accompanied with sight translations and should be a daily feature of every Latin class. Impromptu writing in Latin is also a good means of developing the powers of comprehension. Tests of comprehension are also utilized.

Authorities in this field advocate consciousness of method. I can agree with them only in part. If the instructor can make the student conscious of the method in an indirect way and in such a manner that it will not affect the student's mastery of the subject, then I give my whole hearted consent. If the instructor is not well enough equipped to do it in such a manner, then I would advise him to keep that knowledge from the students.

The only way to teach Latin literature is to emphasize the thought content. Knowledge of the setting of the story, a preliminary review of the story, the development of a familiarity with phases of Roman life, the use of pictures, and comparison with present day events will help the teacher to develop thought content. Transverbalizing is not to be accepted.

I have briefly outlined the procedure to be followed in the teaching of a Latin course. Self-dependence on the student's part, the development of free reading and writing among the pupils, and the constructive use and development of oral reading and sight translations are the most important principles that must be followed in these courses.



# THE MUSES



Translations from  
Roman Poets

By JOSEPH H. VARNER, Jr. Alpha Upsilon

## HORACE, ODES I, 7

Others will praise Mytilene, or Rhodes the island of sunshine,  
Likewise the walls of isthmian Corinth,  
Ephesus, Bacchic Thebes and Delphi the shrine of Apollo  
(Famed for their gods), or Thessalian Tempe.  
Some have but one desire—to resound, in verse everlasting,  
Athens, the city of holy Athena,  
Thus adorning their brow with the olive which every one gathers.  
Many a bard, in honor of Juno,  
Argos the breeder of horses will sing, and wealthy Mycenae.  
Me, neither Sparta renowned for its patience  
Nor the domain of Larissa, flowing with grain, has so smitten  
As has Albunea's echoing dwelling,  
Anio dashing headlong, the grove of Tiburnus, and orchards  
Watered by streamlets, nimbly descending.  
Just as Notus frequently clears the dark heavens of rain-clouds—  
Even he is not stormy forever—  
So, do thou be wise, and remember that even our sadness  
Comes to an end, as do all of life's labors.  
Drink of the grape and be mellow, my Plancus, whether encampments  
Gleaming with standards, as now, claim thy presence,  
Whether thy well-shaded Tibur shall keep thee. Fame has it that Teucer,  
Exiled from Salamis, fleeing his father,  
Nevertheless wreathed his brow with moist poplar, to honor Lyaeus.  
Thus he addressed his sorrowing comrades:  
"Whithersoever our fortune, more kind than a parent, shall lead us,  
Thither we go, O friends and companions.  
Vain is despair with Teucer as guide and Teucer as augur;  
Yea, 'tis Apollo's unchangeable promise,  
In a new land shall a Salamis be, to challenge the title.  
Ye who have bravely endured greater trials,  
Often heroic with me, drown your cares, today, in the goblet;  
Not till tomorrow we sail the vast ocean."

## FROM MARTIAL'S EPIGRAMS

I, 91

Thy rhymes thou printest not, yet damnest mine.  
Pry, either let mine be or publish thine.

II, 58

You laugh at my old rags, you dresser fine.  
These are old rags indeed, but they are mine.

III, 18

You said, on starting out, your throat was sore.  
That's an excuse; why read us more?

VI, 48

When clients praise your rhymes in loud assent,  
Tis not your lines, but meals, are eloquent.

VII, 3

Why do I send thee not these books of mine?  
Lest thou, Pontilianus, send me thine.

VII, 83

While Swift, the barber, from Lupercus' face  
Shaves off one beard, another takes its place.

X, 16

Aper, while playing, shot a shaft one day  
Through his wife's heart; well knows he how  
to play.

XI, 67

You'll give me naught, you say, till you expire;  
If you have sense, you know what I desire.

XI, 92

Who calls you vicious, Zolius, you elf,  
Leaves truth untold, for you are vice itself.

XII, 7

If years of human life as many be  
As hairs upon the head, Ligeia's three.

# RES GESTAE

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE LATIN CONTEST OF ALPHA XI CHAPTER

By Virginia Borrenpohl

Until 1935 the annual Latin contest sponsored by Alpha Xi chapter was open only to senior students of the city high schools. In that year eleven students competed in a sight translation and essay examination on Virgil for the Eta Sigma Phi medal.

The following year the students of the county high schools were included in the contest. Since many of the county schools offered only two years of Latin, two examinations were given simultaneously. In order to encourage an interest in the classics in the county schools an examination was offered on Caesar for two-year students. At the same time the former examination for four-year students was broadened to provide a choice between Cicero and Virgil on all questions. The schools were limited to two representatives and nine schools were represented by sixteen students. The two winners were awarded book prizes at the annual spring banquet held in May.

This spring Alpha Xi chapter invited city, county, private and parochial schools to participate in the contest. Letters were sent to the schools announcing the contest and giving final information on the examinations. It was requested that information be returned regarding the content of the courses taught at each school and the number of participants each school was sending. Three examinations were given this year—one on Caesar for second year students, one on Cicero, and one on Virgil for third or fourth year students. The examinations were enlarged to include comprehension questions and objective questions in addition to the sight translation passages and essay questions. Each school was allowed three representatives. There were fifty students representing twenty one schools. The examination was held on April 24.

As the examination was a chapter project, ten of the members composed the questions and graded the papers, and three assisted at the contest. As a result, the whole chapter is vitally interested in it and wholeheartedly supports any effort at improvement.

The three winners will be awarded books at the spring banquet of the chapter.

Although the contest has grown considerably since 1935, only a start has been made. The examinations could be expanded to include first year students, and the contents of the courses of all the types of schools should be studied more thoroughly in order to make the examinations as fair as possible to all.

## INTERNATIONAL NIGHT AT OMEGA

By Julia Bader

The ancient and modern language departments of the College of William and Mary presented the annual International Night on May 3. This year Latin was given first place on the program as the mother language of Italian, Spanish, and French. Color was added to the program by ushers dressed in costumes representing the countries on the program.

Eta Sigma Phi presented two scenes from Act I of Plautus's "Mostellaria" or "The Haunted House." Emory Lewis was the narrator for the play. The leading parts were taken by Richard Harvell, Frank Raslo, Peggy Prickett, and Frances Wagener. The play was very well acted, and it was both unusual and delightful to hear continuous Latin conversation. The entire play will be given at a later date.

Following the Latin play, the Italian department presented "Cosi e (si vi pare)" by Pirandello. This part of the program also included two Italian folk songs played as violin solos.

The German department depicted a typical German student gathering, in which student songs and beer-drinking were featured. There were also readings from the great German poets Schiller, Goethe, and Heine.

The Spanish Club presented "La Manana del Sol" by Quintero. There were also several Spanish songs and two well-rendered violin solos. Berot's "Scene de Ballet" and Sarasate's "Zingerweisen."

The final presentation included a scene from the French play of Moliere "Les Precieuses Ridicules", a graceful court dance, and a parody on the entire language department by Monsieur Piche, a student from France.

The program was concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater in French.

## LATIN TOURNAMENT AT OMEGA

By M. Virginia Gilbert

Announcement was recently made by Dr. A. P. Wagener, honorary member of Omega chapter, that first place in the fourth year group of the Virginia State Latin Tournament held on April 17 was won by Evelyn Byrd Harrison of the John Marshall high school, Richmond. Dr. John Stewart Bryan, president of the College of William and Mary, presented Miss Harrison with a \$100 scholarship which may be used by her at any Virginia college.

This tournament, held annually under the auspices of the Virginia Classical Association, consists of a series of examinations given at ten centers throughout the state. This year marked the ninth successive time on which it has been held. During these nine years 225 different high schools have competed with 1276 pupils participating. For each year except the first the papers have been prepared at the College of William and Mary and corrected under the supervision of members of the classical department faculty.

As an additional feature of the year's contest an activities contest was held to which eleven high schools from various parts of the state sent scrap books, models, posters, puppet shows, costumes, and a variety of other materials made by the pupils. Cash prizes were won by high schools at Hopewell, Williamsburg, Roanoke, Winchester, Bedford, Staunton, and Marion.

Each contestant winning first place in the tournament was given a pin, while a plaque went to each school which had secured a first place. The Omega chapter of Eta Sigma Phi presented a medal to Margaret Adelia Eaton of Suffolk who won highest place in the third year contest at the William and Mary Center, while Doris Evelyn Ross of Matthew Whaley high school in Williamsburg received a cup which is awarded annually to the outstanding Latin student at that school.

In this year's tournament 78 schools and 152 pupils contested. The tournament serves an excellent purpose in interesting students in the classics and maintaining standards of work.

### MEMBER OF ALPHA XI CHAPTER GRANTED FELLOWSHIP

By Ruth Jacobs

Miss Josephine Harris, member of Alpha Xi chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, has been granted a \$1400 fellowship by the Archaeological Institute of America to study Greek archeology at Athens, Greece, for the year 1937-38.

Miss Harris, who has received A. B., M. A., and Ph. D. degrees from Washington University, is the first Washington candidate to win this fellowship which is awarded annually. This year twelve candidates from American universities and two from the American School of Archeology entered the competition. Miss Harris was prepared for the contest by the history of art department of Washington University.

### NEWS OF MEMBERS OF ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER

By Florence M. Cromien

Alice Checkovitz and Rita Tunick, both of Alpha Zeta chapter, were among the six junior women of Washington Square College, New York University, who were elected to Eclectic,

women's honorary society of the college. Election to Eclectic is made on the basis of scholarship, service, and character. Dorothy Grimmelman, who will graduate this June, is also a member of Eclectic.

Mayer Franklin, chrysohylax of Alpha Zeta chapter, was one of seven juniors elected to Sigma, men's honorary society of Washington Square College. Service and character are the determining criteria for election to this organization. Mr. Franklin has also been chosen representative of Eta Sigma Phi to the Student Council next year.

Dorothy Schaeffer and Florence Cromien were elected to Beta chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Washington Square College.

Benjamin Schwarz, Alpha Zeta '34, is now studying for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in philology at Columbia University. He has already had two articles published in the "Journal of the American Oriental Society", and in the "Archiv Orientalni."

La Verne Madigan, Alpha Zeta, '34, is now secretary to the classics department of Washington Square College.

Thelma Yanofsky, prytanis of Alpha Zeta, '35, is studying for her mas-

ter's degree in classical archeology at Johns Hopkins University.

Beulah Sampson, Alpha Zeta, '35, is now an assistant instructor in psychology at Washington Square College.

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Waneta Helma of Theta chapter has been elected to Pi Lambda Theta for outstanding scholarship. Helen Lowe and Betty Jane Smith were elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Many of the delegates of the recent convention were much intrigued by the design which appeared on the plaques presented by Professor Currie at the final banquet. The following note which the staff has received from him will, therefore, be of interest to all who received these beautiful souvenirs:

"The design is of Horace according to the Berlin Antiquarian gem, I think, a faithful representation. The identification was made by the monogram HORAT, as well as by the fact that the style of hair and dress and all other considerations correspond with what is known of the personal appearance of the poet."

## LARES and PENATES

### ALPHA CHAPTER HOLDS INITIATION

University of Chicago

By Barbara Swett

At the outstanding meeting of the winter quarter Alpha chapter entertained its pledges with various games involving important figures of the classics.

On April 29 the following were initiated: Carl Gustav Anthon, Demetra Argirus, Arlene Clemens, and Walter Hipple. The ceremony was held in Ada Noyes Hall and was followed by the annual dinner for the initiates and members of the faculty. It was a most enjoyable evening for everyone.

The last meeting of the year is to be a tea. Frances Protheroe will give a report of the national convention.

### ALPHA PI CHAPTER

Gettysburg College

By Mildred Sell

The new officers of Alpha Pi chapter were installed at the regular monthly meeting held on April 22.

They are as follows: Prytanis, Charlotte L. Waltmyer; Hyparchos, Roderic Senft; Grammateus, Mildred Sell; Chrysohylax, Francis Daehling; Pryloros, Willis Marks.

### THETA CHAPTER

Indiana University

By Isabel Hogue

Theta chapter held its last meeting of the year on March 30. The following officers for the coming year were elected: Prytanis, Marie Edwards; Protohyparchos, Cynthia Demaree; Grammateus, Edythe Thornton; Chrysohylax, Louisa Montgomery.

Miss Grace Emery of Technical high school, Indianapolis, spoke on the "Myth and Magic of the Pontine Marshes", illustrated by pictures which she had obtained during her various trips in Italy. In this survey of the great land reclamation project being carried out under the present Italian administration, Miss Emery spoke first of these vast, malaria infested swamps and marshes as they existed in the days of antiquity. Then

recounting the various myths that sprang up during the Middle Ages about certain local ties in this region, she concluded with a resume of the government's reclamation of the land, which corresponds to our land conservation project. The meeting adjourned after a short social hour.

### LAMBDA CHAPTER

University of Missouri

By Margaret Murphey

Lambda chapter held its regular May meeting May 3rd, at the home of Miss Evelyn Way, head of the Latin department of the university. Reports of the Eta Sigma Phi convention were made by Miss Bishop and Mr. William Johnson. The following officers were then elected: Margaret Murphey, epistolographos; David Hamilton, Pryloros. The other officers for the coming year are as follows: Vassar Bishop, prytanis; Lawrence Olsen, hyparchos; Leslie Rogers, grammateus; William Johnson, chrysohylax.

Gale Noel was appointed to head a committee for a picnic to be held on Thursday, May 13th. The chapter unanimously voted to initiate Mr. T. C. Lockard as an honorary member of the fraternity. Clifford Schultz introduced Hallie Eggleston who made a talk on the life and works of Martial. After Miss Eggleston's talk, Miss Way gave a report on the meeting of the Mississippi Classical Association held at Jackson.

At this meeting tribute was paid to our late brother, Dr. Alexander Lee Bondurant.

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**CHI CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS**  
Coe College  
By Helen Burton

Two new officers of Chi chapter were elected on Tuesday evening, May 4. Anna Tamarri will serve as prytanis, and Ruth Olson will be grammateus-chrysophylax. Following the business meeting also held May 4, an enthusiastic report of the national convention was given by Helen V. Burton.

Announcement has been made that Chi chapter will again present Eta Sigma Phi medals to the two freshman students ranking highest in the Latin department. The award will be made at the time of Commencement. Certificates of award have been sent to high schools throughout Iowa.

May 26 is the tenth anniversary of the installation of Chi chapter. Plans are being made to celebrate the occasion with a banquet. Following the banquet the new officers will be installed.

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**OMEGA PRESENTS PLAYS**  
College of William and Mary  
By M. Virginia Gilbert

At the April meeting of Omega chapter candidates for initiation were discussed and voted upon. It was decided that Mr. McClelland should represent the chapter at the national convention. Following the meeting many students interested in Latin and Greek, and members of the chapter attended the presentation of a Latin play in the Little Theatre of the Wren Building.

At the May meeting the following officers were elected: prytanis, Catherine Judy; protohyparchos, Grace McGhee; grammateus, Martha Davis; chrysophylax, Eleanor Turner; pyloros Rosa E. Jordan; corresponding secretary, Margaret Vaden.

Dr. Ryan of the Latin department announced that "The Mostellaria" of Plautus will be presented on May 21 in the Little Theatre of the Wren Building. This play will be preceded by brief selections from Homer in Greek. Following the play there will be an informal reception for the guests. Later the same evening the members of the chapter will enjoy a supper, which will bring to a close a very interesting and instructive year at Omega chapter.

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**ALPHA ALPHA HEARS INTERESTING TALKS**  
Winthrop College  
By Kate Glenn Hardin

At the April meeting of Alpha Alpha chapter Dr. Marian Blake gave a very interesting talk on "Spring Time in Italy." Underclassmen in the classics department were invited to this meeting.

On April 22 Dr. Blake gave a public lecture in the auditorium of Johnson Hall. Dr. Blake's lecture was on Roman mosaics and was illustrated by slides from pictures she had taken in Italy. Her lecture was informative and was greatly enjoyed by those who were present.

At the May meeting Marv Caroline Ulmer, prytanis of Alpha Alpha chapter, will give a report on the national convention which she attended.

A Roman banquet on May 22 will mark the tenth anniversary of the installation of Alpha Alpha chapter. At this time the following officers will be installed for the year 1927-28: prytanis, Kate Glenn Hardin; protohyparchos, Jean Flynn; chrysophylax, Elizabeth Abercrombie. The other officers will be elected next year.

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**TENTH ANNIVERSARY AT ALPHA GAMMA**  
Southern Methodist University  
By Mary Lou Williams

Alpha Gamma chapter celebrated its Decennalia Prima on May 13 with a banquet and program at Stoneleigh Court. The programs were rolled in the form of a scroll and tied with purple and gold ribbons. The table was beautifully decorated with purple and gold tapers and flowers of purple and gold. In the center of the table was a birthday cake decorated in the same colors.

Miss Lois Bailey was the first member to sign the scroll in 1927; so we felt honored to have her as the first speaker on our tenth anniversary. The

next three speakers were past presidents; one of them, Mr. Flahie, having been also national president.

There were present twenty-seven members, pledges, and alumni, including our four faculty members—Dr. J. S. McIntosh, Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Smith, and Dr. N. Ward Redus. We have one hundred on our roll and hope to have many more when we celebrate our Decennalia Secunda.

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**INTERESTING REPORTS GIVEN AT ALPHA DELTA**  
Agnes Scott College  
By Nell Allison

At an early spring meeting of Alpha Delta chapter two papers of unusual appeal were read: "Dux Femina Facti", on the influence of women in Roman history, by Miss Narka Nelson, a new faculty member; and "The Influence on Literature, Art and Music of the Myth of Orpheus and Eurydice," by Laura Steele.

In April the meeting was devoted to three more splendid papers based on the Aeneid. Kathryn Bowen Wall presented a comparative study, "Dido and Medea;" Sarah Johnson reported on "Some Phases of Religion in Virgil;" Enid Middleton gave a general survey of "The Women of the Aeneid."

Two prominent members of Alpha Delta chapter attended the national convention of Eta Sigma Phi in Birmingham, namely, Frances Cary, and Zoe Wells.

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**ALPHA ZETA STUDIES DRAMAS**  
Washington Square College  
By Florence M. Cromien

Hrosvitha, famous nun of Ganersheim, has been entertaining members of Alpha Zeta with her dramas. This chronicler and dramatist who wrote from a Benedictine nunnery in tenth century Saxony told her stories well. Ten hundred years later they still breathe with dramatic and devout fervor. The religious devotion of her plays the readers had expected, for they were written by a pious woman in a pious age, written with the purpose of confounding the devil and glorifying God and the ascetic life. But the dramatic power of the comedies was to them a delightful surprise.

The struggles of a wicked world for the bodies and souls of maidens is Hrosvitha's constant theme. It is one whose dramatic potentialities she fully appreciates. In simple and often happy Latin, Hrosvitha has thus far

acquainted her readers here at New York University with the story of how the three Christian maidens Chionia, Agape, and Irene, thwarted, with the help of a miracle, the wicked designs of a pagan Roman, Dulcitus. "Abraham" is the second play the group will read.

The chapter hopes to play "Dulcitus" next fall. Members are holding friendly competition among themselves to see who will make the most felicitous translation to be used then. They plan to treat the play with sensitive deference to its dramatic seriousness, not as farce. After all, the dramatist who bridged the early efforts to use classical drama for Christian ends, and the later miracle plays, deserves production in a mood as true as possible to that in which she wrote.

The annual Henry Martyn Baird Memorial contest, which this chapter sponsors, was held April 10. Two examinations in Latin are given to different grades of high school students. Two hundred and fifty students from fifty schools in New York City and the suburbs competed this year. Two team trophies of gold and silver, and medals for individual achievement are awarded. Mr. Lionel Cohen of the classics department managed the event, assisted by members of the chapter. Dr. Baird, in whose memory the contest is given, was professor of classics at New York University.

Four students were elected to Alpha Zeta chapter this year. The ceremony of induction was held on April 23. Irving Krongelb, prytanis, conducted the program. Professor C. J. Kraemer, Jr., chairman of the classics department, welcomed the newcomers. Games and refreshments closed the evening.

The new members are Frieda Agin, Arlene Palinsky, Bella Shapiro, and Mr. Madol'n Wang.

The Classical Association of the Atlantic States held its annual meeting at New York University on April 30 and May 1. Girls of Alpha Zeta chapter helped serve the guests as receptionists and guides.

#### ALPHA XI CHAPTER

Washington University

By Ruth Jacobs

Alpha Xi chapter has had three meetings during the month of April. The first one on April 2, included both business and entertainment. Elva Lenz, Ruth Jacobs, and Robert Gotch were elected delegates to the annual Eta Sigma Phi convention at Birmingham. Rolland Stevens then gave an interesting talk on the "De-

tection of Forgeries in Greek Sculpture."

The second meeting of the month, on April 16, was a business meeting. The convention delegates were instructed how to vote on different issues at the convention and nominations were made for the 1937-38 officers.

On April 30 the convention delegates reported on what had taken place at Birmingham, officers were elected, and plans were made for the annual spring banquet. The newly elected officers are as follows: Rolland Stevens, prytanis; Edith Griederer, protohyparchos; Vera Smith, epistolographos; Mildred Eisenmayer, grammateus; Margaret Watson, chrysophylax; Jane Ross, pyloros. These new officers will be installed at our banquet to be held on May 22. At that time the winners of the annual high school Latin contest will be awarded prizes. Our protohyparchos, Virginia Borrenpohl, announced that the winners of the contest, which was held on April 23, were Ruth Hayer in the Caesar examination, Leonard O'Neill in the Cicero, and Russell Irish in the Virgil.

#### ALPHA OMICRON CHAPTER

Lawrence College

By Otilie Buerger

Routine late winter and spring business occupied the center of interest at Alpha Omicron's three recent business meetings. On March 10 the names of all Greek and Latin students eligible for membership in Eta Sigma Phi were voted upon and unanimously accepted. On March 23 the following members were initiated: Ruth Barnes, Arnold Boucher, Mary Jane Graettinger, Dorothy Johnson, James Joseph, Dorothy Martin, Laurinda Rhoades, Selden Spencer, Andrea Stephenson, Shirley Waite, and Janet Weber. On May 4, officers were elected for the coming year. They are as follows: Mary Jane Graettinger, prytanis; James Joseph, protohyparchos; Ruth Barnes, grammateus; Seldon Spencer, chrysophylax. Plans for programs for future meetings were also discussed as part of the business and a program committee was appointed to deal with this question.

All business and no play makes meetings a dull place to be, consequently entertainment was not forgotten. At the March meeting, Otilie Buerger read a paper dealing with the sources of tragedy in revenge plays. She drew upon plays by

Aeschylus, Euripides, Shakespeare, and O'Neill for illustrations. An informal discussion concluded the meeting. After the May business meeting the group had a highly entertaining time in a game of wits. The games were a test to see how well the members were acquainted with famous Greeks and Romans, their writings, their gods, and their deeds. Prizes were awarded for the highest scores.

The chapter also had an exhibit at the International Tea, sponsored by the foreign language department of the college, and held on April 11, at the college library. It included interesting articles donated by Dr. Harold Weston, professor of Greek and Latin, and Miss Edna Wiegand, associate professor of Latin, and articles from the College's Latin library, old books, vases, and household implements of the Romans.

In the near future the chapter will entertain the Latin students of the Appleton high schools at its annual tea, and the Eta Sigma Phi medal for the highest ranking high school Latin student will be presented.

#### ALPHA TAU CHAPTER

Ohio State University

By Violet Strahl

The main activities of Alpha Tau chapter for the spring quarter have so far been crowded into one busy day, May 1. The following new members were initiated: Josephine Ash, John Boroff, Robert Boroff, Vera Carter, Annette Ruth Cohen, Dorothy L. Conway, Ruth L. Dillon, Merrilla Davis, Avah Fahnestock, John L. Hicks, Marjorie Gompf, Evelyn L. Mabernee, Herbert U. Matsumore, Mary B. Self, Eileen Smoke, Alma B. Stoner. The following officers were installed: prytanis, Virginia Hohenstein; protohyparchos, Mary Straub; deuterohyparchos, William Applegate; grammateus, Virginia Merz; epistolographos, Virginia Hoff; chrysophylax, Dorothea Welling; pyloros, Sam Stregevsky.

A banquet at the Virginia Hotel welcomed the new members and friends. We were officially informed that Alpha Tau chapter is host to the national convention of Eta Sigma Phi next year. Professor Royall H. Snow then compared the Classicists and Romanticists.

We have accepted the kind invitation of Denison University to a joint meeting and banquet to be held at Granville, Ohio, on May 25. The final meeting of the year will be a picnic at which time we expect to enjoy the presentation in Latin of a one act play by W. D. Howells.

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