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## NINETEEN CHAPTERS REPRESENTED AT HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Sixty persons, representing nineteen chapters, were in attendance at the Twenty-fifth National Convention held on April 10-11, 1953, at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia.

Included were the following national officers: President Parham Williams, Lambda Chapter, University of Mississippi; Secretary Lois Rinsch, Indiana State Teachers College; and Treasurer John M. Lee, Alpha Chi Chapter, Tulane University.

The following delegates answered the roll call: Gamma, Ohio University, James Deal and Charles Karikas; Eta, Florida State University, Edward F. Olechovsky; Lambda, University of Mississippi, William Dulaney and Nancy Mullin; Pi, Birmingham - Southern College, Ann Barr and Charles Prestwood; Tau, University of Kentucky, Nelson Britt and Nancy Allen Turman; Alpha Delta, Agnes Scott College, Joyce Munger and Marian McElroy; Alpha Tau, Ohio State University, Marion Harrison; Alpha Phi, Millsaps College, Roy Epperson and John Lott; Alpha Chi, Tulane University, John B. Austin; Beta Kappa, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Sally Nelson and Ann Dunnoch; Beta Nu, Mary Washington College, Ann E. Perkinson; Beta Omicron, Mount Mary College, Joan Bartelsen and Lenore Westfahl; Beta Upsilon, Marshall College, Jean Penland and Mary De Raimo; Beta Psi, Southwestern at Memphis, David Alexander; Gamma Alpha, Nellie Jean Brattain and Jack Roberts; Gamma Gamma, Wisconsin State College, Mark Follstad and Robert Flegl; Gamma Zeta, Albion College, Joseph T. De Nicola and Wayne Keehn.

Others registered were Rebecca Beaty and Charles Howard (Pi), Omer Pace (Tau), Grace Gasiosowski (Beta Omicron), Patricia McPherson (Beta Upsilon), Arthur Penman and Garland White (Gamma Alpha), Jo Ann Sweeney (Gamma Gamma), and Harold Fildbrandt (Gamma Zeta). The following members of the Alpha Delta Chapter, were present and graciously served as

## ROY EPPERSON OF ALPHA CHI CHAPTER NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Roy Epperson, junior at Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, was elected by unanimous vote to the office of Megas Prytanis of Eta Sigma Phi for 1953-54, at the Twenty-fifth National Convention held at Agnes Scott College, April 10-11, 1953. He succeeds Parham Williams, Jr., Lambda Chapter, University of Mississippi.

### Other New Officers

As Megas Hyparchos the convention selected

Ann E. Perkinson, Beta Nu Chapter, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia, to succeed Lynn Casper, Alpha Omicron Chapter, Lawrence College. The new Megas Grammateus is Jo Ann Sweeney of Gamma Gamma Chapter, Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee. John B. Austin, Alpha Chi Chapter, Tulane University, succeeds John M. Lee, also of Alpha Chi Chapter, as Megas

Chrysophylax. All new officers were elected by unanimous vote of the convention.

Professor Grace L. Beede, University of South Dakota, and Professor William H. Willis of the University of Mississippi, were unanimously re-elected to the Board of Trustees for another three year term.

Professor Gertrude Smith, University of Chicago, remains Honorary President, and Professor William C. Korfmacher Honorary Executive Secretary. Professor Graydon W. Regenos of Tulane University continues as Executive Secretary and Editor of The Nuntius.

hostesses: Sarah Leathers, Prytanis, Helen Jo Hinchey, Georgia Syribey, Nancy Lee, Betty Forte, Sarah Crewe Hamilton, Betsy Hodges, Margaret McRae and Pat Paden.

It was very gratifying to have present two members of the Board of Trustees, Professor Victor D. Hill, Chairman, and Professor Lillian B. Lawler; also a number of faculty advisers. Professor Gertrude Ewing of Indiana State Teach-

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*Twenty-fifth National Convention group*

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CONVENTION

Springtime in Georgia, a warm spirit of friendliness on the part of the hostess chapter, eager anticipation, seriousmindedness, and good humor of the delegates, all combined to make the Twenty-fifth, National Convention memorable to all who attended.

The General Sessions which moved along smoothly and efficiently under the capable chairmanship of National President Parham Williams resulted in the completion of much important business. At the opening session greetings and words of welcome were brought by the President of Agnes Scott College, Dr. Wallace M. Alston. President Williams responded for the Society.

Scheduled Lectures

On Saturday morning the convention had the pleasure of hearing two lectures. The first, an illustrated lecture, was by Professor Robert Scranton, Emory University, on "The Idea in Classical Art". The second, by Professor George P. Hayes, Chairman of the Department of English, Agnes Scott College, was entitled, "Literature and the Span of Human Experience".

Entertainment and Social Events

On Friday afternoon, after a short business session, the delegates were taken on a very enjoyable sight-seeing trip to Stone Mountain. In the evening there was a Subscription Dinner at the Alumni Memorial Building, Emory University, after which the group returned to the Agnes Scott College campus to see a presentation, in English, of the Choepori of Aeschylus. This play was beautifully and impressively done by Blackfriars, the Agnes Scott dramatic club, under the direction of Professors Roberta Winter and Neva Jackson Webb. The play was presented especially in honor of Eta Sigma Phi. Following the production the delegates and the members of Blackfriars were guests of Alpha Delta Chapter at an After-Theater Party. Rumor has it that a few unscheduled events in downtown Atlanta lasted far into the night! For luncheon on Friday and Saturday most of the delegates gathered in small informal groups at the college cafeteria.

Final Session

At the conclusion of a few remaining items of business on Saturday afternoon the National Officers were formally installed by the Executive Secretary. Adjournment was at 2:15 p. m.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

To conclude a series of revisions in the Constitution initiated at the National Convention two years ago with regard to national fees, the 1953 Convention took final action as follows: (1) That the following addition be made to Article XIII, Section 2: "The payment of the initiation fee shall entitle all active members to The Nuntius;" (2) That Article XIII, Section 3, be entirely deleted; and (3) That the subscription price for those people who do not pay national dues shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per year.

In accordance with these changes Section 2, Article XIII, now reads: "Each elected candidate

prior to initiation shall pay an initiation fee of five dollars (\$5.00) to the National organization. This payment shall be made to the treasurer of the local chapter and by him disbursed. The chapter may charge any additional initiation fee. The payment of the initiation fee shall entitle all active members to The Nuntius."

The proposed amendment to Article V, Section 2, part (c), that members of the Board of Trustees may be re-elected for only one additional continuous term, was defeated.

Article X was amended by the addition of Section 7 to read as follows: "If any school, which has petitioned Eta Sigma Phi and has been approved for a charter, has not had its chapter installed within one year after approval, it must re-petition before it may be installed."

The following recommendation was made and approved on first reading for the consideration of the 1954 convention: That the last part of Section 2, Article X, be amended to read: "...or has been a member of the recognized regional accrediting agency for five years." This proposal offers no change from present practice in the eligibility requirements of institutions seeking a charter, but makes the statement clearer and more specific.

1954 CONVENTION  
TO BE HELD IN SAINT LOUIS

For the Committee on Time and Place of the next National Convention, Roy Epperson, Chairman, recommended that the Twenty-sixth (30th year) National Convention meet in St. Louis, Mo., in conjunction with the Fiftieth Anniversary meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, April 22-24, 1954. The recommendation was accepted by vote of the delegates. It is understood, of course, that Eta Sigma Phi will have its own business sessions. However, delegates will be given an opportunity to share in some of the more interesting features of the CAMWS program in its Golden Anniversary year. It is hoped also that a larger number of faculty advisers and other interested faculty members will be able to sit in on some of our sessions. If this arrangement works out satisfactorily, perhaps the fraternity might consider the possibility of meeting jointly the following year with the Classical Association of the Atlantic States, for the benefit of the chapters in that area.

Considering the fact that St. Louis is the home of two of our strongest chapters, Alpha Xi, at Washington University, and Beta Zeta, at the University of Saint Louis, and is centrally located for a large number of our chapters, there should be a record attendance at the 1954 convention. The opportunity of joining with the CAMWS will, of course, be an added attraction.

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We alone regard a man who takes no interest in public affairs, not as a harmless, but as a useless character. --Thucydides, II, 40, from Pericle's funeral address (Jowett's translation).

WINNERS IN 1953 ETA SIGMA PHI CONTEST

The annual four Eta Sigma Phi contests drew responses in the current school year of 1952-53 from forty-seven different institutions, with a total of one hundred twenty-three entrants; the latter number, however, does not mean one hundred twenty-three different individuals, since some persons entered in more than one contest. Awards are made possible through the munificence of two persons, an Anonymous Donor and Dr. Val B. Satterfield of Saint Louis. Chairman for the contests is William Charles Korfmacher, director of the department of classical languages at Saint Louis University, and honorary executive secretary for Eta Sigma Phi.

In the Eighth Annual Essay Contest, judged by Mrs. Marion Judge Clarkson, teacher of English in McKinley High School, Saint Louis, and dealing with the topic "The Place of Greek in Today's College Curriculum," first place, with a prize of \$50.00, was won by Betty Ann Hauck, student at Our Lady of Cincinnati College, Cincinnati, Ohio; second, with \$35.00, by Betty Ann Moran, also of Our Lady of Cincinnati College; third, with \$25.00, by J. Philip Carey, S.J., Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri; fourth, with \$17.50, by Theodore Robert Jungkuntz, Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin; fifth, with \$12.50, by Brother Stephen Laurian, F.S.C., Saint Mary's College, Saint Mary's, California; sixth, with \$10.00, by Thomas David Guerin, S.J., of Weston College, Weston, Massachusetts. There were seventeen entrants in all, representing eleven schools.

In the Fourth Annual Greek Translation Contest, judged by Dr. Frank Givens Pickel, of the classics department at Washington University, Saint Louis, and requiring the translation at sight of a passage from the seventh book of Xenophon's Hellenica, first place, with a prize of \$50.00, was awarded to Joseph R. Berrigan, Jr., Loyola University of the South, New Orleans, Louisiana; second place, with \$35.00, to John J. Bateman, Saint Michael's College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada; third place, with \$25.00, to John J. Keaney, Boston College, Boston, Mass.; fourth place, with \$17.50, to Johanne MacKay, University College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada; fifth place, with \$12.50, to Charles Murgia, again of Boston College; sixth place, with \$10.00, to Richard M. Welsh, also of Boston College. In all, there were forty entrants, from twenty-two different schools.

In the Third Satterfield Latin Translation Contest, judged by Dr. Leo Max Kaiser, assistant professor of German at Saint Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and requiring the translation, with the use of aids, of a passage from the first book of the De Laboribus Herculis by the renaissance writer Coluccio Salutati, the winner, with a prize of \$25.00, was Martin E. Palmer, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. Strikingly, this is the second successive year that Palmer has been the winner of the Latin event. Honorable mention, in the order of merit, was

accorded to the following: Johanne MacKay, University College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada; Joseph R. Berrigan, Jr., Loyola University of the South, New Orleans, Louisiana; Michael J. Browne, Jr., Fordham University, New York City, New York; Jeremy duQuesney Adams, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. There were fifty-two entrants in all in this event, from thirty different schools.

The Second Chapter Foreign Language Census was open only to institutions having chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. It involved a reporting on foreign language courses pursued by individuals; point ratings, weighted in favor of Greek and Latin, were assigned; for example, a four-semester hour course in Greek was rated at sixteen points; a like course in Latin, at twelve points; in German or French, at eight points; in Spanish, at four points. The three prizes are awarded to the chapters, but on the basis of reports from individual students within the chapters. First place, with a prize of \$25.00, was allotted to Beta Upsilon Chapter, Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia, for Jacqueline Sollier Corum, with 213 points; second place, with \$15.00, to Beta Sigma Chapter, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for Robert Whaley, with 188 points; third place, with \$10.00, to Alpha Omicron Chapter, Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin, for Lynn Casper, with 183 points. In all, fourteen individual students, representing eight chapters, filed reports.

For the first three of the four contests, where subjective elements in assigning places might be feared to find a place, all contestants used pseudonyms, and it was only by these pen names that the three judges identified the papers. Faculty representatives in the various winners' schools will be notified later, with accompanying checks, by the Chairman of Contests.

TWO NEW CHAPTERS APPROVED

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Expansion and Reactivation, of which Lynn Casper has been Chairman, approval was given at the convention to petitions for chapters at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, and Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana.

A complete report of the installations will appear in the next issue.

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ers College came with six members of her chapter. Professor A. P. Hamilton accompanied to the convention his two delegates from the Alpha Phi Chapter. Beta Upsilon's faculty adviser, Professor Lucy A. Whitsel, came with three of her students, as did Professor Evelyn Lee Way of Lambda Chapter. Dean Margaret W. Powell of Franklin College represented Delta Chapter. Professors Kathryn Glick and Elizabeth Zenn of Agnes Scott College were not only present at the sessions, but they had a large share of the responsibility in making the preliminary arrangements and in bringing about the smooth operation of the various meetings and events during the course of the convention.

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CONVENTION ECHOES

The 1953 National Convention has passed into history, but the recollection of those enjoyable and profitable two days will long remain in the minds of all those who were fortunate enough to attend. Enthusiasm and a spirit of optimism seemed to prevail throughout, the pleasure of meeting with members from other schools and other sections of the country was apparent, and there was a feeling that the business transacted was constructive.

A number of letters have come to the Editor since the convention which reflect, quite accurately perhaps, the general impression made on the delegates. He is happy to pass on to the readers of *The Nuntius* the following excerpts from these letters, in order that those chapters which were not represented may perhaps also catch something of the spirit of the convention.

"Most profitable experience"

From Robert Flegl, Gamma Gamma Chapter, Wisconsin State College, came the following evaluation: "Speaking for my fellow-delegates to the convention and for myself, I can say most sin-

cerely that we had a most wonderful and most profitable experience. Renewing the friendships which we made at the Twenty-fourth Convention and making new ones was a joy. Seeing the fellowship which exists between the various chapters of the organization and the interest which all showed for the welfare of the fraternity was edifying. We feel that the legislation passed will be to the betterment of the organization and feel honored to have played a part in it. Gamma Gamma Chapter feels especially grateful to the convention for the stand it took regarding the high school medals. It was good to know that the problem of very small fourth year high school Latin classes was realized and that the Executive Council will take steps to make suitable awards available to third and second year students . . .

"To Alpha Delta Chapter at Agnes Scott we owe especial thanks for a most gracious reception. It was southern hospitality at its best. The beautiful campus of Agnes Scott, the wonderful dinner at Emory University, and the Georgia weatherman contributed greatly to the pleasure of our stay. It was with no little regret that we Northerners stepped off the plane in Chicago to return to a world of bare trees, near freezing temperatures, and storm coats. Little spots of green and an occasional crocus are all that we can offer in place of white and pink dogwood, indescribably green lawns, and beautiful azaleas.

"We also feel especially proud and happy that the convention saw fit to elect one of our own members to the position of National Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi. Knowing Jo Ann, I can assure you that she will be efficient and conscientious in all of her work for the fraternity . . .

"To Parham Williams let me offer my own personal congratulations. I feel that his manner of conducting the convention showed excellent maturity. The business matters were quickly and efficiently handled due to his fine management. . ."

Professor Ortha L. Wilner, Faculty Adviser of Gamma Gamma Chapter, although unable to attend the convention herself, confirms her student's remarks in promptly writing to say, "Congratulations on another outstanding convention. My students came back full of excitement and enthusiasm. And of course we are tremendously pleased that our Jo Ann Sweeney was elected Secretary. You will find her a thoroughly responsible, intelligent, and imaginative co-worker. We are pleased, too, that the suggestion for a two- or three-year medal was adopted."

"A Wonderful Time"

Mary De Raimo, Prytania of Beta Upsilon Chapter, writes, "We of Beta Upsilon Chapter who attended the National Convention at Agnes Scott feel that attending a convention is an experience no member should miss. Meeting students and instructors from other colleges and universities proved to be very educational and was indeed a great pleasure. Now that we know what is going on in the other chapters, our membership in Eta Sigma Phi is more meaningful.

"We certainly had a wonderful time and will always remember the experience as a most valuable and enjoyable one. Jean Penland and Patricia McPherson, who graduate in June, deeply regret that they will not be able to attend another convention. I, however, am eagerly anticipating the convention at St. Louis next year, and I plan to urge all our other members to go."

"Chapter reports profitable"

William Dulaney, Lambda Chapter, after expressing his pleasure in meeting other delegates and the faculty advisers, and the hope that he will be able to see some of the same people next year in St. Louis, offers a few excellent suggestions: "To me the most profitable part of the meeting so far as helping to better our chapter was the report given by each of the chapters represented. Some of the activities which other chapters had carried on were new to me. I think that a good list could be made from the activities reported which would be very helpful to each chapter at the beginning of the school year while they are planning their activities.

"In relating this convention with other conventions of national organizations which I have attended one thing was missing, which possibly would be helpful. That is, there was no meeting of each of the chapter officers with the others present who held the same office in their own chapter to discuss the problems relevant to that office. I think that a short meeting of this kind might prove to be worth the time spent. However, this would be less effective in bettering chapters since the National Convention is held so late in the school year.

"I believe that the Resolution passed concerning chapter attendance at the convention should be stressed. Possibly each chapter that is not represented should be required to send in a report that would be read along with other chapter reports. (Editorial note: An amendment to the Constitution, Art. X, Sect. 5, c, already imposes such a requirement.)"

"A memorable occasion"

Lois Rinsch, Gamma Alpha Chapter, whose alertness and efficiency as National Secretary were so evident during the convention, writes, "We all enjoyed those days in Georgia so thoroughly that we regretted coming back. I know I did! Attending the classical conventions has been one of the most memorable occasions I've had. I hope I can be in St. Louis next year with you."

"Will never forget our pleasant stay in Decatur"

Lenore Westfahl of Beta Omicron Chapter, who came by car with two others from her chapter, says, "I speak for each delegate when I say that we enjoyed every minute of the convention and considered it well worth the auto trip from Milwaukee. The members of Alpha Delta Chapter deserve many thanks for extending to us such

gracious southern hospitality. Dr. Kathryn Glick of the Classics department and Sarah Leathers who is Prytanis at Agnes Scott certainly did their best in planning interesting programs and activities. Of course the excellent banquet at Emory University and the very enjoyable production of the Choephor by Blackfriars were highpoints of the convention. We were deeply impressed by the friendly and cooperative spirit at Agnes Scott College and we will never forget our pleasant stay in Decatur.

"The lack of discussion at the business meetings was not a too satisfactory feature of the convention. Beta Omicron promises to consider various topics, projects, and policies which can be brought up for discussion at the next national convention. We do believe, however, that there was no lack of interest or friendliness on the part of any of the delegates. The fine spring weather contributed not a little to the enjoyment and success of the convention."

"Impressed"

"I thoroughly enjoyed the convention at Agnes Scott," writes Ann E. Perkinson, Beta Nu Chapter, and new National Vice-President. "We were so glad that we could have our chapter represented this year. I was very impressed at the way in which the business sessions were conducted."

Impressions from a National Trustee

Professor Lillian B. Lawler, Alpha Theta Chapter, Hunter College, says, "I don't know when I have enjoyed anything more than I did the Eta Sigma Phi convention. I certainly learned a great deal about the fraternity." In the following graphic description of the convention, which she calls "Impressions of a Yankee" will be found an almost complete enumeration of all the things which made the 1953 convention so enjoyable to everyone: "Mid-summer temperatures, suddenly, at the beginning of spring; azaleas; dogwood; magnolia trees; mocking birds; southern hospitality; grits and butter; charming, modest, well-mannered young Eta Sigma Phi's; the overwhelming immensity of Stone Mountain; the dignity of the installation of new officers; Choephor; lime sherbet in ginger ale; Peachtree Street; echoes of Gone with the Wind; fried chicken; trolley buses; chess pie; thunderstorms; Lockheed Constellations."

ALUMNI COLUMN

At the recent National Convention Professor Victor D. Hill, Chairman of our Board of Trustees, spoke with much conviction on the desirability of the national organization to keep in touch, as far as possible, with the alumni members of Eta Sigma Phi. With that suggestion the Editor of The Nuntius is in hearty accord. When we consider that the fraternity has a history extending over more than a quarter of a century, we must realize that many of the earlier members are now occupying positions of leadership in education and other fields of endeavor. We believe it will be of

general interest to all to know who these people are and what they are doing. The Editor of The Nuntius will be very happy therefore to run a column each time devoted entirely to alumni news, provided he is supplied with material.

For the first item below we are indebted to Professor Oscar E. Nybakken of the State University of Iowa, who very kindly supplied on request this imposing list of former members of the Epsilon Chapter who are now teachers in colleges or universities. The second item was sent by Professor A. P. Hamilton of Millsaps College.

#### EPSILON CHAPTER, STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The following former student members of Epsilon Chapter are teachers of Classics in colleges or Universities: Rev. Sebastian Menke, St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa; Dr. Hazel Toliver, University of Kansas City, Kansas City; Dr. Lowell Satre, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota; Dr. James Naiden, University of Washington, Seattle (Humanistic - Social Studies, College of Engineering); Dr. Jessie Newby Ray, Central State Normal College, Edmund, Oklahoma; Rev. Cosmas Dahlheimer, St. John's College, Collegeville, Minnesota; Rev. Aubrey Zellner, St. John's College, Collegeville, Minnesota; Miss Alpha Braunwarth, Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana; Dr. H. R. Butts, Jr., Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama; Dr. Paul R. Murphy, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; Mrs. Katherine Bogart, Fort Hays Kansas State College, Kansas; Dr. Roy E. Watkins, Furman University, South Carolina; Dr. Chester Neudling, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Dr. Oscar E. Nybakken, State University of Iowa; Miss Margaret Olmstead, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

The following former members of Epsilon Chapter are now college teachers of other foreign languages, English, or world literature:

Dr. Seymour Pitcher, Champlain College, Plattsburg, New York; Dr. Alan Lehman, Nebraska State Teachers College, Wayne; Dr. Norma Young, State University of Iowa; Dr. Lydia Holm, Denison University, Granville, Ohio; Dr. Milton Zagel, State University of Iowa; Dr. William Curran, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dr. George Schulz-Berhrend, University of Texas, Austin; Dr. Milton Hardiman, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri; Dr. Laura Jepson, The Florida State University, Tallahassee; Dr. Edwin Gunberg, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Dr. Camille LeVois, State University of Iowa.

#### ALPHA PHI CHAPTER, MILLSAPS

Homer Ellis Finger, Jr., was appointed president of Millsaps College in June 1952. During his undergraduate days at Millsaps he was president of Alpha Phi Chapter from 1935 to 1937, and was national president of Eta Sigma Phi in 1936-37.

#### AMONG THE CHAPTERS

The Editor takes this opportunity to express his thanks and appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation displayed by the chapters during the year. He has been highly pleased with the reports of activities and has been glad to give them space in this column, for he believes that it is very important to give wide publicity to chapter activities and to the new ideas which are presented. Excellent reports were submitted at the convention, but the limitations of space will unfortunately not permit full coverage. Portions of some of the reports have already appeared in this column.

#### BETA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Professor Grundy Steiner, Faculty Adviser, announces the following officers of the Beta Chapter: President, Thomas A. Brooks; Vice-President, Robert Jorgensen; Secretary, Hildegard Pfau; Treasurer, Don Peronto. The treasury, he says, which was in the red at the start of the year contains an extremely modest balance. Plans were under way for the initiation of new members. On Sunday, April 19 the chapter was expecting a visit of some twenty-five from Beta Sigma Chapter at Marquette University.

#### THETA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Theta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi recently held its formal initiation and election of officers for the coming year. Five new members were initiated after a banquet held in their honor. Distinguished guests in attendance were Professor-Emeritus Lillian G. Berry, former head of the Classics Department at Indiana; Dr. S. E. Stout, Professor-Emeritus of Latin and Greek and former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. F. W. Householder and Dr. A. A. I. Waisglass, Professors of Classics; Mrs. Zurek, Professor of Mathematics and member of Eta Sigma Phi; and Professor and Mrs. Verne Schuman -- Professor Schuman is sponsor of the local chapter and Mrs. Schuman a physician in the I. U. Health Center. Dr. N. T. Pratt, Head of the Department, made a short visit with the group before the banquet.

After the initiation ceremony the following officers were elected: President, Arnold Barbknecht; Vice-President, Jean Rogers; Secretary, Pauline Hoover; Treasurer, Richard Abney.

Theta Chapter is planning monthly meetings open to the public at which the classics and its many phases will be discussed and demonstrated. Theta Chapter will also sponsor a display for two weeks in the campus Union Building as part of an "I.U. Fame" campaign.

LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

William P. Dulaney, Prytanis of Lambda Chapter writes as follows: "As in former years we have had monthly meetings throughout the year. We have tried a new type of program this year and have been very pleased with the system. Each member was assigned to a periodic classical publication at the first meeting. Thereafter one student gave a report lasting about fifteen minutes upon his magazine and each of the other members talked briefly about any recent article of interest that he had found in his magazine. We have found this system very good in that it emphasizes student participation in the program very strongly.

"All of the members of the Lambda Chapter are looking forward to the annual banquet to be held in May of this year. Dr. David M. Robinson has consented to address the group at that time.

"Another activity that we are continuing this year is the presentation of medals to outstanding high school students in Mississippi for their superior standing in advanced Latin courses."

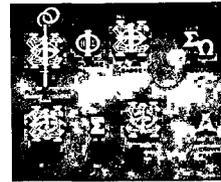
ALPHA OMICRON, LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Lynn Casper, past National Vice-President, reports a meeting of the Alpha Omicron Chapter on March 11 to discuss informally the various classical journals to which their library subscribes. Several members were asked to report on the contents of the various periodicals and attempt to evaluate each publication as to interest for undergraduate and graduate students. The chapter was also planning a joint meeting with the Appleton High School classics group to hear one of the professors from the Art Department speak on Roman and Early Medieval mosaics. In the offering also is a picnic and the election of officers.

ALPHA TAU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Marion Harrison, Secretary-Treasurer of Alpha Tau, writes as follows: "Alpha Tau Chapter sponsored a lecture series on Mythology during the past year. These lectures were very successful; the audiences were between 130 and 180 people. The first lecture was given by Rhys Carpenter of Bryn Mawr. His subject was "How Myths are Made". The second speaker was Louis Lord of Oberlin who spoke on "Myth, Legend, and History". Walter Agard of the University of Wisconsin gave an illustrated lecture on "Mythology and Post-Greco-Roman Sculpture". The last lecturer was Douglas Bush of Harvard who spoke on "Mythology and English Poetry". We of Alpha Tau believe that this series was a great success because the subject matter was interesting and all the men were excellent lecturers. We feel that we profited from meeting these distinguished professors outside the lecture room.

"In observance of Columbus Latin Week members of Alpha Tau Chapter presented a radio program on which selections from the fourth book of the Aeneid were read to demonstrate the beauty of oral Latin. The chapter has also started a collection of all stamps which have a classical significance."



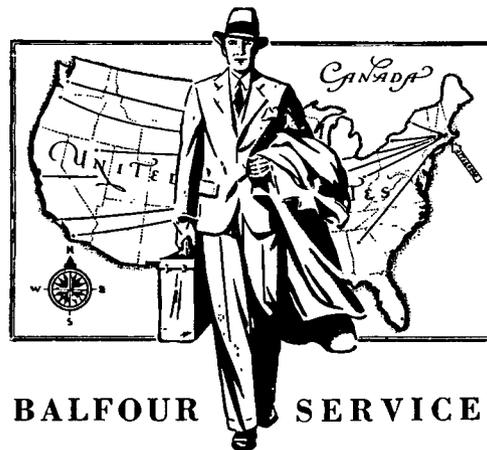
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ALPHA PHI, MILLSAPS COLLEGE

Alpha Phi's program during the year, writes chapter President Roy Epperson, has been on musical compositions based on Greek and Roman mythology. On April 20, the chapter and the Latin Department planned to present a radio program in observance of Latin Week.

The annual banquet and initiation of members was planned for early May.

Next fall the chapter will be host to a meeting of the Junior Classical League of Mississippi.  
BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Beta Alpha Chapter proudly announces that it has two active members named to Phi Beta Kappa. They are Bernard Nelson and Joan Gilchrist.

One new member, Craig Staudenbaur, was pledged at the February meeting. The membership is nine, with eight actives.

"We are not large," writes Barbara Jones Schmidt, Chapter Secretary, "but we have had interesting and enlightening programs." Rev. Robert D. Crawford, pastor at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Vermillion, spoke to the chapter at the March meeting about the use of Latin and Greek in the Bible and the changes in the two languages down through the years.

Miss Grace Burgess, Professor of English, presented a program of ancient Greek and Latin literature at the April 14 meeting.

The chapter expressed its regret in not being able to send a delegate this year to the convention, but extended good wishes for an interesting and profitable time for those in attendance.

GAMMA ALPHA, INDIANA STATE  
TEACHERS COLLEGE

Nellie Brattain, Secretary of Gamma Alpha Chapter, lists the following spring activities: (1) awards to high school students for outstanding scholarship; (2) a Roman banquet--in conjunction with the Latin Club; (3) recruitment program consisting of visits to local high schools to encourage the students to begin or to continue their study of the Classics in college; and (4) the annual spaghetti dinner.

GAMMA DELTA, YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Manfred Fulda, Prytanis of Gamma Delta Chapter, reports an outstanding program of activities during the first year of the chapter's existence.

The third lecture of the year was given by Joel Balsam, Chrysothylax of the chapter, on "Chariot Races and Gladiatorial Combats in Ancient Rome." Following this lecture, Herbert Lerner, a classics student at the College, showed slides of different types of classical architecture as seen in different sites, with comments and explanations. The fourth lecture was delivered by Dr. Manfred Halberstadt, Instructor in Latin and Greek at the College, on "Solon's Political Testament."

The fifth lecture was delivered by Morton

Schnall, a classics student at the college, on the topic "The Forum Romanum, in its Historical Development".

In April, H. Galinsky, a student at Yeshiva College, spoke on "The Problem of World Language--and Latin"; i.e. the role that Latin plays in the problem of world language.

In May, Yeshiva College will celebrate the first anniversary of the establishment of the Gamma Delta Chapter on the campus of Yeshiva University. For this occasion, the guest lecturer will be Dr. Bruno Kisch, Professor of Chemistry at Yeshiva College, and President of the American Academy of Cardiologists. Since Yeshiva University will open its College of Medicine in September, 1953, his topic will be "The Classics in the Light of the Sciences--the Synthesis between the Ancient Classics and the Modern Sciences". Also, Dr. Bernard Floch, Professor of Latin and Greek at Yeshiva College, and Chairman of the Division of Languages and Literature, as well as head of the Department of Classical Languages, will address the assembled students.

In the first academic year of Gamma Delta's existence, the chapter has sponsored seven lectures, one showing of slides, and various exhibitions on classical subjects as part of their classical museum.

GAMMA ZETA, ALBION COLLEGE

*Ab ovo usque ad mala*

The Annual Roman banquet of Gamma Zeta Chapter was held on February 24, 1953, at the Delta Gamma Lodge, Albion College, writes James C. Braid, Chapter Secretary. The members came dressed as Greek or Roman citizens. Dr. John L. Cheek, Associate Professor of Religion, and Mrs. Cheek were special guests. Dr. Mary E. McKinney, Professor of Classics and chapter sponsor, was also present. Roman food was served in the traditional ancient style by four "slaves" from the Albion high school, during which records of classical Greek and Latin music were played.

A gladiatorial contest was presented by Wayne Keehn and James Braid, followed by a skit given by all the members of the chapter. Wayne Keehn as Alexander the Great presented Joseph de Nicola, representing Marcus Aurelius, with several historical gifts, climaxed with a captive princess. After a talk on Marcus Aurelius by Joseph de Nicola, the banquet ended with the singing of the club song, "Gaudeamus igitur".