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#### PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ' MESSAGE

To the Officers and Members of Eta Sigma Phi:

Dedicated as we are to a single cause, namely promoting a more profound appreciation of the Greek and Roman classics, let us not overlook the fact that this pledge primarily concerns our own selves.

In this day and age of widespread materialism, let us more fully realize the priceless heritage that is ours. Let us strive for a deeper understanding of the thoughts of the ancient Greeks and Romans, who, with amazing insight penetrated most of the problems of human nature that we now face. Let us learn from them spiritual and moral values—thus using the Classics not as an end, but rather as a means to an end.

I sincerely hope that my fellow officers and myself, whom you have honored by choosing us your representatives, can adequately live up to the example of our predecessors. I know that with your cooperation we cannot but succeed in our duties. Let us know of your problems, as well as of your ideas for the betterment of our fraternity.

-Joseph Gutierrez

#### **CHAPTER REPORTS**

Several chapters have not sent in the report requested for October 31. The National Office would like for these to be sent in as soon as possible in order that its records may be brought up to date. The editor regrets that it has not been possible to list the name of the Prytanis of every chapter on page 8 in the roster of active chapters. The treasurers of the various chapters are requested to observe that in transmitting money to the National Treasurer checks and money orders are to be made out in the name of H. R. Butts. The executive secretary intends to send additional blank forms for financial reports to each chapter when a report has been submitted. In case your chapter fails to receive a new set of forms each time, you should call this to his attention.

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

The twenty-eighth national convention of Eta Sigma Phi will be held April 13 and 14, 1956, in Birmingham, Alabama. Pi Chapter, Birmingham-Southern College, will be the host and is already making plans for entertaining the delegates. The convention headquarters will be the Molton Hotel.

It may seem at first thought that it is a little early to mention this meeting, but on the contrary it is now time for each chapter to begin to make plans to send delegates. You will remember that Article X, Section 6, of the Constitution states: "Chapters which have had no representatives at six successive National Conventions shall be dropped from the chapter roll and their charter revoked." The national meetings are held in different sections of the country in order to make it easier for chapters with limited finances to be represented at least once in three years. But chapters which are able should send delegates each year. Certainly all chapters in the southern section of the country will be able to send representatives to the 1956 meeting.

Last year the convention was held in Virginia. The National Office hopes to receive an invitation from some chapter in the Middle West for the 1957 meeting.

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#### **GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR NEXT SEMESTER**

Professor William H. Willis, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi, informs the National Office that the Graduate School of the University of Mississippi, where he is Chairman of the Department of Classics, announces that several Graduate Fellowships will be available for the second semester of the current academic year, beginning January 30, 1956. The fellowships require no service and grant a stipend of \$400 for the semester and remission of nonresident fees.

The Department of Classics offers courses leading to the degree of Master of Arts in the fields of Greek, Latin, Greek and Latin, and Classical Archaeology. The faculty of the Department will be augmented during the second semester by three visiting professors: Professor A. D. Trendall, Master of the Australian National University at Canberra, during February; Professor Joannes Papastavrou, Professor of Ancient History at the University of Athens, during February and March; and Professor George E. Mylonas, Professor of Classical Archaeology at Washington University and the University of Athens, during April.

This is brought to the attention of the readers of the Nuntius in order that any student who expects to be graduated at the end of the current semester and would like to begin graduate work next semester might know of fellowships available in the middle of the year. Professor Willis says that applications should be filed by December 4. Application blanks may be obtained from the Dean of the Graduate School, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi.



# **ETA SIGMA PHI CONTESTS**

Professor William C. Korfmacher, Chairman of Contests for Eta Sigma Phi, is preparing the announcement of the contests for 1956 and plans to send out the information in December. Members of Eta Sigma Phi should plan to enter the contests for which they are qualified. You will remember that in the past there have been four contests:

Essay Contest, Greek Translation Contest, Latin Translation Contest, and Chapter Foreign Language Census. The first three contests are open to students who are not members of Eta Sigma Phi, but the Chapter Foreign Language Census is a contest among the *chapters* of Eta Sigma Phi. Last year only a few chapters participated in this contest. When your chapter receives the announcements concerning the contests, it would be a fine thing if the Prytanis would encourage the members who are qualified to take part in the contests and would discover the member of the chapter who has the most credits in foreign languages and encourage him to enter the Chapter Foreign Language Census.



#### ANGELIA, VOLUME II

Sister Mary Dorothea, faculty adviser of Beta Omicron Chapter, has furnished the editorial office with a copy of Volume II of Angelia, dated May 20, 1955, the joint publication of the Wisconsin chapters. The initial publication of this news letter was announced a year ago in this magazine. This issue, which was edited by Carole Sikors and Vickie Wagner, contains seven mimeographed pages. The contributors were Michael Dunn, Mary Voerl, Cynthia Ousley, and Charlotte Jager. A significant article in this Volume is "The Classical Spirit in Medicine," by Dr. G. Kasten Tallmadge, Professor of the History of Medicine, Marquette University, the first of a series of contributions by members of the professions who have been asked by Beta Omicron to submit their views on the Classics "to impress upon public opinion and students the claim of classical studies to an eminent place in the national scheme of education."

The publication of Professor Walter A. Agard's "Classics on the Midwest Frontier" in *The Frontier in Perspective* is announced.

The Wisconsin chapters are doing a significant work in cooperating to publish this news letter and in holding a state convention of their Eta Sigma Phi chapters. It is to be hoped that the chapters in other states will be able to follow the lead taken by Wisconsin.



Edith Jeannine Hensley

# NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT EXPECTS TO TEACH

Edith Jeannine Hensley, National Vice-President of Eta Sigma Phi, is a native of Huntington, West Virginia, where she was born twenty years ago. She plans to tollow in the steps of her late father, who was a teacher, and is now preparing herself for her future career by attending Marshall College and the Teachers College of that institution, where she is a senior. She was graduated from Huntington East High School, third in a class of 325, and received an award in English.

At Marshall College Jeannine is majoring in English and Latin. She is an excellent student, as is shown by the fact that she has been on the Dean's List continously and has been elected to several honor societies. She is past secretary of Alpha Lambda Delta, and a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary traternity for students in Education. She attended and served as guide of Leadership Camp for three years. At present Jeannine is editor of Et Cetera, the campus literary magazine, for which she was a staff member for three years. Other organizations to which she belongs are International Relations Club, the Spanish Club, and the Classical Association, of which she has been secretary, vice-president, and president. Of course she is now president of Beta Upsilon of Eta Sigma Phi.

Jeannine summed up her future in the following words: "My plans for the future are rather unsettled, but they definitely include teaching, graduate work, and, if I am lucky, some creative writing." Readers of the *Nuntius* will remember with pleasure her essay "Music and Musicians in Classical Mythology," published in the January issue.

#### NATIONAL PRESIDENT PLANS

#### MEDICAL CAREER

Manila, Philippine Islands, was the birthplace of Joseph Gutierrez, National President of Eta Sigma Phi, who is now twenty-one years of age. He attended Ateneo de Manila grade and high schools. In high school he was active in dramatics, debating, the Sodality, oratorical contests, and the Sanctuary Society. He was a member of the staff of the literary paper and played on the soccer team. In his third year he won a medal for the "best actor award".

Immediately after he had finished his third year in high school, in 1951, he came to the United States, where he attended Gonzaga High School in Washington, D. C., a Jesuit school. Here he was again active in the Sodality and continued his work in dramatics. He won the best actor award in the One Act Play Contest for the high schools in the Washington area and directed the winning play in the school intramural One Act Play Contest.

Joseph was awarded a four-year scholarship to Georgetown University following his graduation from high school. Here he is majoring in philosophy and biology. He is a pre-medical student and hopes to enter Georgetown's Medical School in the fall. His decision to be a physician was doubtless influenced by his father's profession, which is medicine.

At Georgetown Joseph is active in extra-curricular activities. He participates in the Sodality, the Washington Club, the Spanish Clubs, the Medical Sciences Club, and Eta Sigma Phi, the only fraternity allowed on the campus. The Journal and Mask and Bauble also receive his attention. Joseph's hobbies are stamp collecting, reading books, and listening to his Hi Fi set.

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# FROM YOUR EDITOR

With this issue of the *Nuntius* your new editor presents the first number of the magazine under his editorship. It is with humility and a realization that there is much to learn that he attempts to follow in the steps of Miss Mary K. Brokaw, who was the editor for so long in the earlier days of the fraternity, of Professor William C. Korfmacher, who returned the magazine to circulation after the difficult period of the war years and carried it forward in a new format, and of Professor Graydon W. Regenos, who during the last four years has set such a high standard of excellence for the publication. It is to be hoped that with experience these high standards may maintained.

The editor would like to express his appreciation to the many members of the fraternity and the officers of the various chapters who sent him congratulatory messages. It means a great deal to a person who is undertaking a new position to know that such a fine spirit of cooperation and good feeling exists among the members of his organization. Your editor feels that it is both a privilege and an honor to serve Eta Sigma Phi and pledges himself to carry out his duties to the best of his ability.

Professor Regenos, the retiring editor and executive secretary, and the members of the Board of Trustees have been most helpful in assisting the new editor and executive secretary in beginning his work. Only by their willingness to assist has it been possible for the work of the fraternity to continue without a break.

The Nuntius is, of course, the official publication of Eta Sigma Phi Fraternity and not a vehicle for the editor to express his personal views. It is therefore necessary for all chapters to supply material if the magazine is to continue. All chapters are accordingly urged to send news regularly. It is not only the right but also the duty of the members to bring to the attention of the editor any criticisms which they think should be made of his policies. At the same time it is only fair to ask too that the readers share with him any ideas which they think might make the magazine better.

We start the new academic year with fifty-four active chapters. Several groups have requested information concerning the method of obtaining a charter and one chapter on the inactive roll is taking steps to become active. The future looks bright for Eta Sigma Phi. We should all work together for greater achievements.

#### PROFESSOR CURRIE'S-

#### ROMANCE IN THE ROCKIES

Romance in the Rockies is the title of Professor George W. Currie's latest book. Professor Currie, recently retired from Louisiana College, is a former editor of the Nuntius and has previously published three books of verse but this is his first novel. "Custer's last stand, the tragic vanishing of the buffalo and the exciting discovery of the first complete dinosaur fossil" are listed as some of the "dramatic highlights in this romantic frontier story" in which three college students find adventure. It is published by Exposition Press, Inc., New York City. (\$3.50)

#### AMONG THE CHAPTERS

#### GAMMA CHAPTER, OHIO UNIVERSITY

Professor Paul R. Murphy, faculty adviser of Gamma Chapter, has sent a report of the significant activities of the chapter for last year. All students of Greek and Latin in Ohio University were guests of Gamma Chapter at an open house in the fall. A series of papers, written and delivered by student members were discussed during the year.

It is interesting to learn that Gamma Chapter is cooperating with the Latin teachers of Ohio in maintaining an interest in Latin in the high schools. The chapter awarded a prize for excellence in Latin (a copy of Gayley's The Classic Myths in English Literature) to the outstanding student of Latin in the high school from which each of the chapter's graduating seniors had been graduated. The prize was awarded in honor of the Gamma Chapter senior.

Professor Murphy reports that this fall Ohio University has the largest enrollment in its one hundred and fifty-one year history and that the enrollment in the Department of Classical Languages is quite encouraging. There are several students now in their third year of Latin who will be initiated this semester. In selecting new members, Gamma Chapter "wants such a standard of accomplishment to be a requirement that membership in Eta Sigma Phi will have significance."

#### BETA KAPPA, COLLEGE OF NOTRE DAME OF MARYLAND

Mary Eleanor Delea, Prytanis of Beta Kappa, has arranged a full program for her chapter this year. This includes a lecture on "Sea Digging: Underwater Archaeology," and the following lectures and exhibits: "A Thousand Years of Fine Book Making," "Aldus Manutius, Printer of Venice," "Greek Animals," and "Lost Cities of the Biblical Lands." Illustrated lectures are also planned on "From Cairo and Gethsemene to Baghdad" and "The Blue Danube." The chapter will also attend some archaeological lectures which are to be given in in Baltimore during the year.

The first meeting of the year was held on October 12 at which Electra Pistoals was initiated. As part of her initiation she gave a talk on "Greek Marriage Customs, Ancient and Modern." The President entertained the members of the chapter at a dinner at her home following the initiation.

#### TAU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

During the summer Donalene Sapp, Prytanis of the chapter, sent the editor a report of the May activities of Tau Chapter. The annual picnic was held May 13 at the home of Dean M. M. White of the College of Arts and Sciences. On May 23 the chapter sponsored an illustrated lecture by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Heliopolis University, Cairo, Egypt, on "Greek and Roman Influence on Ptolemaic Egypt."

Tau Chapter presented four awards for 1955 in the four high schools of Lexington and Fayette County, Kentucky, in which Latin is taught. One Second Year Latin Award and three Fourth Year Latin Awards were given.

## ALPHA RHO CHAPTER, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

Joseph S. Donchez, Prythis of Alpha Rho Chapter and National Treasurer of Eta Sigma Phi, reports that activities of Alpha Rho began on October 19. After a short business meeting the chapter heard an address by Dr. Rodney Ring, Professor of Religion, on "Textural Criticism: Classical and Biblical." The chapter hopes to be able to show a film at its Christmas meeting.

### ALPHA TAU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Mary Lou Andes, secretary of Alpha Tau, writes that Alpha Tau Chapter began its 1955-1956 year with a picnic and weiner roast on Friday, October 14. Faculty members of the Departments of Classical and Romance Languages also attended.

The next program will include an illustrated lecture on "Present Day Rome".

#### ALPHA CHI, TULANE UNIVERSITY

Professor G. W. Regenos, adviser of Alpha Chi Chapter and tormer editor of the *Nuntius*, spent the summer in Greece and Italy, where he visited archaeological sites and studied. On November 10 the chapter held an open meeting at which Professor Regenos showed pictures in color which he took during the summer.

The chapter held a business meeting on October 21 at which the new officers for the year were elected. Alpha Chi is looking forward to a good year. Professor Regenos says: "The prospects for new members next semester are encouraging." The enrollment at Tulane in Latin 301 is the largest in years.

#### AMONG THE CHAPTERS (Continued)

#### BETA OMICRON, MOUNT MARY COLLEGE

Beta Omicron began its chapter activities on October 5 when Professor W. C. Korfmacher, a member of Eta Sigma Phi's Board of Trustees and former editor of the *Nuntius*, gave an assembly talk on "The Woman College Graduate—Rights and Privileges." On October 16 seven new members were initiated into the chapter. The initiates and alumnae were entertained by a showing of color slides of scenes and events of the last five national Eta Sigma Phi concentions, taken by Joan Bartelsen and other delegates of Beta Omicron Chapter to the national conventions.

The chapter was looking forward, at the time of Sister Mary Dorothea's report, to November 5, 6, 12, and 13, when the Mount Mary College Theater is to present a double feature, the *Electra* of Sophocles and Chrystopher Fry's *A Phoenix too Frequent*. Another future event anticipated by Beta Omicron is the Wisconsin State Eta Sigma Phi Convention, to which the chapter will be host in December.

Sister Mary Dorothea, faculty adviser, Prytanis Marianne Jansen, and other members of the chapter are planning to visit Rome and other classical sites of interest on the Mount Mary European Tour.

#### GAMMA ZETA, ALBION COLLEGE

Guane Mayhew was elected Prytanis of Gamma Zeta Chapter at its final meeting for the school year 1954-55. The other officers of the chapter were elected at this meeting and an installation ceremony was held for the new officers following the election.

# BETA THETA, HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

Beta Theta held its second meeting of the year on October 13 at the home of its faculty adviser, Dr. Graves H. Thompson. Five new members, who had worn togas and carried scrolls for one day as the informal part of their initiation, were initiated at this meeting. Gilbert Kirkpatrick, who attended the National Convention in Fredericksburg, gave a report of the meeting.

This year Beta Theta is sponsoring ten English movies at the college auditorium. Attendance for the first two

shows was excellent, and the chapter hopes to continue this program in the future.

#### BETA UPSILON, MARSHALL COLLEGE

Jeannine Hensley, National Vice-President of Eta Sigma Phi, reports that Beta Upsilon Chapter had a very enjoyable summer socially, although very little fraternity business was carried out. Joseph Gutierrez, the National President, attended Marshall College's summer session. It occurs to this editor that Beta Upsilon was extremely fortunate in having both the National President and Vice-President as members in residence during the summer and is to be congratulated, since most chapters are flattered to have one National Officer. Dr. Lucy A. Whitsel, faculty adviser, entertained the chapter with a dinner at her home in honor of the National President.

The first activity of the new year at Beta Upsilon was a tea for members of the Department of Classical Languages. One new member has been initiated.

#### BETA LAMBDA, MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

Beta Lambda Chapter held its regular monthly meeting on November 2. This was a formal initiation ceremony at which four new members were received into the chapter. Sister Marie Antoinette, the faculty adviser of Beta Lambda, said in her report: "The pledges in cap and gown solemnly demonstrated their knowledge of the Constitution of Eta Sigma Phi and professed their loyalty to the ideals of the fraternity." The membership cards and certificates, which were ordered in advance of the initiation, were presented at the time of the ceremony, which added solemnity to the occasion. Light refreshments were served in honor of the new members.

#### GAMMA THETA, GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

Don W. Zacharias, secretary of Gamma Theta, made the following comments concerning his chapter of Eta Sigma Phi in his recent report: "We are expecting to grow in number and strength during the coming year. The entire chapter has a deep interest for the Classics and studies them earnestly." Howard Pryor is the new Prytanis of the chapter and Dr. Grace Beardsley is the adviser.



#### **ENCOURAGING LATIN IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS**

The chapter report of Gamma Chapter includes an interesting item concerning the awarding of prizes to high school seniors in honor of graduating seniors of that chapter. Tau Chapter presented four awards in the high schools of Lexington and Fayette County, Kentucky. Gamma Gamma Chapter, as reported in Volume II of Angelia, sponsored an essay contest (theme: "What would you say to encourage a friend to study Latin?") among second and fourth year students in the high schools in which student teachers of Latin from Wisconsin State College do practice teaching. Certainly one of the most important services which a chapter of Eta Sigma Phi can do for the Classics is to foster the study of Latin in the high schools which send students to its college or university. Each chapter should give some thought to increasing interest in the study of Latin in the high schools in its vicinity.

The Eta Sigma Phi medal was designed to be used for this purpose specifically. If you are not acquainted with these medals, you should write to the Registrar of the Medal Fund, Professor H. Lloyd Stow, Vanderbilt University, Nashville 5, Tennessee, for information.

#### **NEW INITIATES**

The following is a list of initiates reported from May 15, 1955, to November 1, 1955:

Gamma: Sonya Ann Donlan, Nancy Lee Gerhard, Elizabeth Ann Maddox, Dorothy Ann Pavkov.

Pi: Arleen Gray

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Alpha Delta: Carolyn Barker, Sally Forester, Marion Anne McCurdy, Emiko Tadeuchi, Ann Wilborn, Barbara June Thompson, Dora Wilkinson.

Alpha Pi: Harry Fisher, Al Harris, Louis G. Mehl, Alexander Small, James Kenna, John Weaver.

Beta Kappa: Electra Pistolas

Beta Lambda: Loralle Ballou, Doris Anne Bays, Jeanne Hanni, Frances Elaine Wood.

Beta Omicron: Barbara Barnes, Mary Brumm, Margaret Schaeter, Agnes Schaefer, Kathleen Trost, Patricia Bellow Host (honorary), Sister M. John Francis, S.S.N.S (honorary)

Beta Upsilon: Carol Anne Hunt



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