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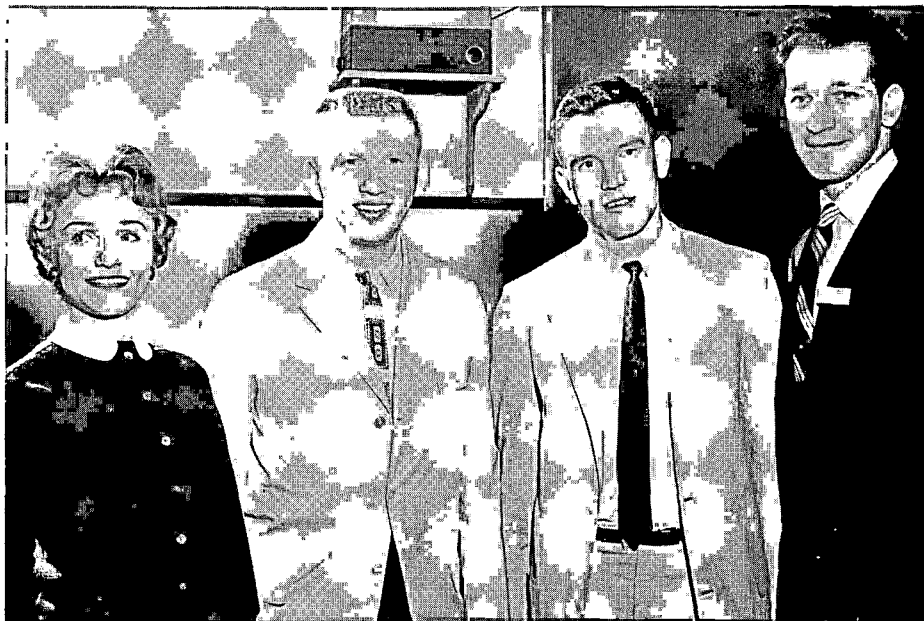
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Burger Receives Editor's Award

Retiring Megas Chrysophylax Douglas C. Burger has been awarded the Editor's Award for the most provocative contribution to NUNTIUS during 1959-1960. This award of \$50.00 is made possible through the generosity of our Anonymous Donor and is intended to encourage better contributions to our official journal. It is not awarded yearly but only when a very significant contribution is made by a member of the Fraternity. Since Douglas' article was concerned with a matter of great importance to the Fraternity and was a leaven which inspired much comment, it is a pleasure to announce this award. The Editor hopes that it will be possible to make the award again next year.



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THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

L to R: Miss Haering, Mr. Phyles, Mr. Lordeon, Mr. Cofone

More Contributions To Endowment Fund

Alpha Upsilon Chapter at the College of Wooster, Beta Zeta Chapter at Saint Louis University, and Beta Kappa Chapter at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland have each contributed \$10.00 to the Endowment Fund. Our retiring Megas Chrysophylax Douglas C. Burger has made a personal contribution of \$5.00.

It is a pleasure to report additional gifts by chapters which have already contributed. Pi Chapter at Birmingham-Southern College, Beta Upsilon Chapter at Marshall College, and Gamma Alpha Chapter at Indiana State Teachers College have each made an additional contribution of \$25.00.

Alpha Delta Chapter at Agnes Scott College contributed \$25.00 to the Fund and Gamma Tau Chapter at Mississippi College made a contribution of \$50. These arrived while proof was being read on NUNTIUS and we are thankful that these may be included here along with the other recent contributions.

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- Pi, Birmingham-Southern College (bis)
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New National Officers

The above photograph, which appeared in the Huntington, West Virginia, *Herald-Advertiser* on Sunday April 3, shows the new members of our Grand Executive Council, who were elected by the Thirty-second National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi and installed at Marshall College on April 2. Megas Prytanis Thomas P. (Pat) Lordeon is Prytanis of Beta Upsilon Chapter at Marshall College and was our host at the meeting. Megas Hyparchos Raymond H. Phyles is Chrysophylax of Alpha Pi Chapter, Gettysburg College; Megas Grammateus Dianne Haering is Prytanis of Beta Omicron Chapter, Mount Mary College; and Megas Chrysophylax Frank M. Cofone is Prytanis of Gamma Nu Chapter, Montclair State College. Professor Gertrude Ewing, Adviser of Gamma Alpha Chapter at Indiana State Teachers College, was reelected to the Board of Trustees for a term of three years.

Report of The Thirty - Second National Convention

Our Thirty-second National Convention on April 1 and 2 at Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia, was one of our most successful and enjoyable meetings. Beta Upsilon Chapter under the leadership of Prytanis Pat Lordeon and the guidance of Professor Lucy A. Whitsel, its Adviser, had made perfect preparations for the comfort and entertainment of the members of the convention. It would be impossible to express our gratitude for the gracious hospitality of the members of Beta Upsilon Chapter. President Stewart H. Smith extended warm greetings from Marshall College at our opening session and later showed his genuine feeling for Eta Sigma Phi and the Classics by attending the banquet with his wife.

The convention attendance was much larger than had been anticipated. Twenty-six chapters were represented and twenty-three by official delegates. A total of seventy-five registered and attended the various sessions. Their names are listed at the end of this article. This attendance was not far short of the record set by the Thirty-first National Convention last year.

Megas Prytanis Franklin Lotter of Gamma Gamma Chapter presided at all sessions and was assisted by Megas Hyparchos Charles H. Johnson, Megas Grammateus Lynn McGaan, and Megas Chrysophylax Douglas C. Burger. The dignified manner in which the sessions were conducted and the harmony of all meetings were a tribute to the ability of Mr. Lotter and his fellow officers.

On Friday afternoon the delegates traveled in beautiful warm sunshine to the Blenko Glass Plant at Milton, West Virginia, to see glass blown in a manner similar to that used by the peoples of Greece and Italy. Friday night's banquet was handsomely arranged with attractive place cards and a souvenir bust of Apollo at each plate. The food was delicious. It was an inspirational experience to see the film version of Aeschylus' ORESTEIA as presented under the direction of the late Professor Mable Whiteside at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. The reception following the film in the charming North Parlor of Old Main Building on the campus of Marshall College was very enjoyable and was

made more so by the presence of Miss Lucy Prichard, former Professor of Classics at Marshall College and a loyal member of Eta Sigma Phi, who presided graciously at the tea table. On Saturday morning Miss Kloris Dressler, Eta Sigma Phi scholar to Athens in 1959, made all members long to return to Greece or to make a first trip with her slides and interesting comments on her summer's study.

A major decision of the convention was the approval of Professor Graydon W. Regenos' request that our scholarship program be extended to offer two scholarships each summer, one to Athens and one to Rome, if our finances warrant this step. This means that more emphasis must be given at once to adding to our Endowment Fund. No change in the Ritual was approved by the delegates, who emphatically showed their disapproval of any change at this time. No amendments to the Constitution were pending and no new ones were proposed.

Charters were granted to form five new chapters of the Fraternity. Gamma Upsilon Chapter will be installed at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, on May 4, by Professor A. Pelzer Wagner, Whitney Professor at Austin College and former Adviser of Omega Chapter. Gamma Phi Chapter will be installed at Le Moyne College, Syracuse, New York, on May 14, by Professor Hugh H. Davis, Chairman of the Department of Classical Languages at Le Moyne College and a former member of Gamma Chapter. Gamma Chi Chapter will be installed at Lindenwood College, Saint Charles, Missouri, on May 11, by Professor William C. Korfmacher of our Board of Trustees and a group from Beta Zeta Chapter at Saint Louis University. Plans are not complete as NUNTIUS goes to press for the installation of the other new chapters at Ursuline College, Lexington, Kentucky, which will be installed by a group from Tau Chapter at the University of Kentucky, and at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, where the ceremony of installation will be performed by a group from Gamma Sigma Chapter at the University of Texas. Complete reports on the new chapters and their organization will be given in the November NUNTIUS.

On Saturday morning there was a long discussion of methods by which alumni might be encouraged to retain an interest in the Fraternity. It was decided that graduating seniors should

be encouraged to subscribe to NUNTIUS. The Executive Secretary was asked to make an attempt to begin an alumni organization by trials of certain chapters throughout next year and report to the Thirty-third National Convention.

The Thirty-third National Convention will be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with Beta Sigma Chapter as host and assisted by Beta Omicron and Gamma Gamma Chapters. The Committee on Time and Place suggested that the invitation of Gamma Alpha Chapter to meet at Terre Haute, Indiana, be accepted but Mr. James S. Frey of Beta Sigma proved to be such a persuasive representative of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee that his invitation was approved and accepted. The date of the convention will be announced in the November NUNTIUS.

Members of The Convention

The delegates, visitors, and advisers present at the Thirty-second National Convention are listed below with the names of the delegates printed first:

GAMMA, Ohio University: Patricia Franket, Myrna Miller, Professor Paul R. Murphy.

PI, Birmingham-Southern College: Professor H. R. Butts.

TAU, University of Kentucky; Bobby Jean Bell, Marlene Martin, Sue Davenport (alumna).

ALPHA EPSILON, Lehigh University: George A. Hahalis, S. James Lewis.

ALPHA PI, Gettysburg College: Raymond Henry Phyles, Julia E. Yeager, Elaine Boyd, Barry W. Kerchner, John Andrew Ulrich.

ALPHA TAU, Ohio State University: Bernadine Sikora.

ALPHA UPSILON, College of Wooster: Douglas C. Burger.

ALPHA PSI, Washington and Jefferson College: David G. Hoch, Professor and Mrs. Roy W. Nyswaner.

ALPHA OMEGA, Louisiana State University: Christine Dombourian, Nancy Thomson, Peter J. Vergnes, Professor Bill de Grummond.

BETA ZETA, St. Louis University: Reverend Francis C. Hunleth.

BETA THETA, Hampden-Sydney College: David A. Knotts.

BETA IOTA, Wake Forest College: Lynda Crawford, Nancy Hollingsworth, Herbert Lanier, Estelle Lanier, Patricia Ann Myers.

BETA KAPPA, College of Notre Dame of Maryland: Margery Lowekamp, Nilda Monserrate.

BETA MU, Butler University: Kenneth Bryant, Owen Wade.

BETA NU, Mary Washington College: Marilynn Virginia May.

BETAOMICRON, Mount Mary College: Kathleen De Quardo, Dianne Haering.

BETA SIGMA, Marquette University: James S. Frey.

BETA UPSILON, Marshall College: Thomas P. Lordeon, Sandra Talkington, Nancy Bills, Trena Chandler, Tom Clay, Jane Cook, Thomas Cook, Jane Cox, Donna Kay King, Richard McKee, Jo Anne Van Horn, Professor Lucy A. Whitsel; Professor Emerita Lucy Prichard; Kloris Dressler (alumna); honorary members: Miss Patty Grady, Mrs. Shirley F. Mathews, Mrs. Colette Song, Mrs. Ruth Flowers Thornton.

BETA PSI, Southwestern at Memphis: Jane Cook.

GAMMA ALPHA, Indiana State Teachers College: Jane Kendall, Jacqueline Starr, Pat Cleary, Mary Louise Gabbard, Judy Ann Grounds, Charles Johnson, Ray F. Weaver, Professor Gertrude Ewing.

GAMMA BETA, Bowling Green State University: Tom McKibben.

GAMMA GAMMA, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Donald B. Hehn, Franklin Lotter.

GAMMA THETA, Georgetown College: Professor Ruth F. Longacre.

GAMMA NU, Montclair State College: Frank M. Cofone.

GAMMAOMICRON, Monmouth College: Joan Conner, Lynn McGaan, Professor Bernice Fox.

GAMMA RHO, Hope College; Bruce M. Parsil, Coralie Wolf.

sible all fees which have not been forwarded to the National Office. Your editor will have the privilege of teaching again at the State University of Iowa during the Summer Session and so will be away from his office from June 5 until August 20.

Eta Sigma Phi Scholar Plans to Teach Classics

Miss Martha G. Thomas of Alpha Delta Chapter, Agnes Scott College, was announced as the Eta Sigma Phi Scholar for the summer of 1960 in the March NUNTIUS. Election to Phi Beta Kappa and appointment to a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowship are more recent honors for Miss Thomas, who will use her Fellowship to do graduate work in Latin at Bryn Mawr College after her return from Rome.

Languages have always been Miss Thomas' chief academic interest. She studied Latin for four years and French for two at Lee H. Edwards High School in Asheville, North Carolina, where she was a member of the Junior Classical League and was elected to the National Honor Society. At Agnes Scott College she has continued her study of Latin and added Greek and German. She was inspired to study Greek by her high school teacher of Latin who, in Miss Thomas' words, "led me to believe that studying Greek was a special reward for Latin majors, and I have found Greek literature as exciting as she promised." Lucretius' *DE RE-RUM NATURA* was the work our scholar selected for her special study and paper in the program of Independent Study of Agnes Scott College.

Miss Thomas, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, has attended Agnes Scott College on a Sears Foundation Scholarship under the National Merit Scholarship program, and her sister, a junior chemistry major, holds a similar scholarship at the same college. Not only has Miss Thomas' name appeared on the Honor Roll each year but also each year she has maintained the highest academic average in her class, for which distinction she was named a Stukes Scholar at the end of her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. She was Prytanis of Alpha Delta Chapter in 1958-1959.

Miss Thomas says that she would like to teach Latin and Greek at the

college level. Her plans for the future are incomplete after next year but she hopes to continue her graduate work to fulfill her ambition to teach. The members of Eta Sigma Phi wish her success in her graduate work and also in her professional career. Our congratulations to Professor Kathryn Glick and the other members of the Department of Classics at Agnes Scott College upon having inspired such a fine student to become a teacher of Classics.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi and the Executive Secretary met together for lunch during the meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South at Athens, Georgia, on April 13. All members were present except Professor William C. Korfmacher, who was prevented by the illness of his son who recently suffered severe burns. The matters discussed were the investments, the scholarship program, and the success of this year's contests. No major decisions were made at the meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Francis C. Hunleth, S. J., Adviser of Beta Zeta Chapter at Saint Louis University, passed away very suddenly with an apparent heart attack on the afternoon of April 20 at the University. Members of the Thirty-first National Convention will remember him as our genial and efficient host and those who were in Huntington will also remember him as a friend of the convention and an inspiration whose timely comments were appreciated. He was born in Saint Louis, a member of a family prominent in musical circles which contributed more than one member to the service of the church. Father Hunleth was a person who could quite correctly be described as *pious* because of his devotion to his family, to the Catholic Church and the Society of Jesus, to the Classics, and especially to Eta Sigma Phi. He loved young people very dearly and was respected by them. With a feeling of great loss and sorrow we say *Ave atque Vale, amice*.

From Your Editor

Your editor is glad to dispense with his comments this month in order to be able to print more reports in the section Among the Chapters. He would like to take this opportunity to request each chapter to send in as soon as pos-

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AMONG THE CHAPTERS

This month Among the Chapters speaks in the words of our members. The reports of the delegates to our National Convention and letters from chapters which were unable to attend are printed below with the name of the person preparing the report given at the end of each article.

GAMMA

Ohio University

Gamma Chapter began this year with its annual open house for all students in the Department of Classics. This year the open house was an informal affair held on October 22 at the Women's Recreational Association cabin. The purpose of the open house is twofold: to provide an opportunity for students in the department to get to know each other, and to acquaint them with the functions and purpose of Eta Sigma Phi. In December the club carried out its annual fund-raising project, a Christmas card sale. The

various programs for our meetings throughout this year consisted of a talk by a Professor of Education on "The Values of Teaching Latin in the High Schools," a talk given by a member of the club on "Socrates—A One-man Turning Point in History," and a talk by another member on "Classical Mythology." Our last activity so far this year was the pledging on March 17 of eleven new members. *Patricia Franket, Grammateus.*

ZETA

Denison University

Zeta Chapter has some good news to report, viz. the initiation of seven new members. This is the best delegation we have had for several years and the interest of this new group will put renewed life into the chapter. We are not able to be represented at the annual meeting but I have good hopes for attendance next year, if you do not go too far away. The following news items may be recorded concerning our two seniors. Thomas Glaser has been elected to the Theta of Ohio Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and has already been accepted at the Harvard Divinity School. John Fields has been awarded

a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowship and plans to continue his classical studies in graduate school. *L. R. Dean, Adviser.*

ALPHA UPSILON

The College of Wooster

This year marks a "first" in our chapter; after careful consideration we have adopted the plan of pledging prospective members. Not only will these students swell the numbers attending our meetings, but they will add the enthusiasm of beginning interest in classical fields, and because many of them are underclassmen, they will add a continuity to the society's affairs from year to year. The chapter regularly sponsors Drama Reading Groups in which we read and learn to enjoy some of Greece's great literature. Often other interested students will join us. We had two very special meetings planned this year. The first we had in connection with our initiation ceremonies on March 17. At that time Mr. Arnott, a visiting professor from Scotland, gave a fascinating illustrated lecture on classical influences in the development of the theater. Our other big meeting is scheduled for late in the spring. At this we shall be privileged to have as our speaker Dr. Stockton, who has lived in Greece and Turkey for several years and is very well-informed on both present and historic conditions there. We are also planning a pre-graduation initiation for all students who will be eligible at the end of the second semester. *Margaret Loehlin, Prytanis.*

ALPHA PSI

Washington and Jefferson College

In its first meeting of the academic year Alpha Psi initiated three new members. Since that time meetings have been held regularly by an enthusiastic though small membership. All meetings except initiation were open meetings at which generally there were visitors. Informal discussions centering around such topics as Greek religion or philosophy, Greek and Latin drama, Greek romances, and Greek poetry have been featured in our programs. Alpha Psi will lose two members at June graduation but their places will probably be taken by two or three men who should become eligible. *Frank Hartley Davis, III, Grammateus-Chrysohyllax.*

ALPHA OMEGA

Louisiana State University

Alpha Omega Chapter at Louisiana State University, under the guidance of faculty adviser Will de Grummond, has been very active during this academic year. With the largest membership in the history of the chapter, Alpha Omega has stimulated an increase in interest in the Fraternity itself as well as in the study of the Classics. The chapter held its first meeting of the fall semester on October 19, at which new officers assumed their duties. Mary Linda Francis presented a paper on "The Influences of Vergil in English Literature." In November the chapter initiated ten active members and one honorary member, who were honored with a banquet following the initiation ceremony. At the December meeting the chapter was entertained by a special Christmas program, planned by Nancy Thomson, Darrell Johnson, Carol Guinn, and Dirk Ory. Christine Dombourian presented a poem on the Saturnalia and Nancy Thomson delivered a paper on Vergil's Fourth Eclogue, "Did Vergil Predict the Birth of Christ?" On February 15 plans were discussed for spring initiation and Christine Dombourian gave a discussion of "The Influence of Music in Greek and Roman Civilization." She gave examples of the music of the ancients with recordings and with a demonstration on the flute by a member of the LSU band. At the March meeting the members discussed and decided upon awarding a medal at the Louisiana Junior Classical League Convention. A guest speaker, Dr. Kenneth Wilson-Jones of the Department of French, lectured on post-classical Latin literature, discussing chiefly the works and significance of the neo-classical poets. Since the meeting was open to the public, a large number of LSU students and faculty members attended. Further activities for the semester include the spring initiation and a paper by one of the members on the use of Latin and Greek in the field of medicine. *Christine Dombourian, Grammateus.*

BETA ALPHA

State University of South Dakota

Our initial activity was the preparation of an entry for the University's annual homecoming parade. Members worked hard to construct a wood and cardboard sign showing the derivation

of the word "constitution" in keeping with the theme, "Famous Dates in American History." Two people were to carry the sign, one in colonial costume and one in a toga but at the last minute an early snow storm prevented the parade. We hope, however, to use our sign next year. The topic of the November meeting was "Platonic Philosophy" and featured a discussion led by Dr. Thome Fang, visiting professor from the National University of Taiwan, Formosa. In January the Reverend Richard Mahowald gave an illustrated lecture on the Roman Forum. The next month a successful fund-raising project, a hot dog sale, netted over twenty dollars for the group. Deserving special mention is the December Saturnalia celebration. Everyone came in costume and all aspects were kept as authentic as possible. The *rex*, chosen in a typical rigged election, kept the festivities going at a fast pace. The generosity of our sponsor made it possible for everyone to go home with a token, ranging from a can of ripe Italian olives to a package of nuts. Plans for the remainder of the year call for a program on Roman history, a meeting on Greek and Roman drama, and a final picnic and visit to the observatory. We are conducting our annual Latin essay contest for high school students in South Dakota. A committee of Eta Sigma Phi members will judge the essays and award three medals. At the University the chapter grants an academic prize each year for excellence in Greek in memory of the first faculty sponsor of Beta Alpha Chapter. *Odessa Lang, Prytanis.*

Professor Grace Beede, Adviser of the Chapter, reports that the year has brought honors to several members, including the election of Odessa Lang to Phi Beta Kappa and a scholarship award for graduate study at the University of Kentucky; a National Science Foundation Award for graduate study to *Grammateus Robert Benson*; recognition of pledge Richard Cutler as outstanding freshman in the Western Civilization course; and the offer to associate member Daniel L. Arnaud of the position of acting instructor in Classics at Stanford University.

BETA ZETA

Saint Louis University

Reverend Francis C. Hunleth, S. J., Adviser of Beta Zeta Chapter, reports that the chapter enjoyed a fine meeting

on April 10. Father Ross showed slides not only of Rome and Italy but also of other European countries, including the Scandinavian. Your editor had the pleasure of riding from Huntington to Cincinnati with Father Hunleth and enjoyed discussing the activities of Beta Zeta Chapter. At present the group is making plans to install the new chapter at Lindenwood College.

BETA IOTA

Wake Forest College

The activities of Beta Iota Chapter are simple but effective. For many years we have had an open meeting during the fall semester at which some well-known scholar reads a paper. New members are usually initiated during the month of April. The initiation meeting consists of a banquet at which one of the members of the faculty of the College or a visiting speaker gives a paper. On April 7 we shall initiate fifteen new members. Dr. Lucy Austin, Professor of Latin at Salem College and a member of Eta Sigma Phi, will speak this year. Each spring at commencement a medal is given by the chapter to the outstanding student in Latin at each of the three high schools in Winston-Salem. The speeches of presentation are usually made by a member of our faculty and the president of the chapter. Interest in the high schools is keen. Last summer the chapter wrote over two hundred letters to entering students who should take or continue Latin in college. Interest in the Classics was stimulated by these letters. Beta Iota Chapter is solvent, sound, flourishing and rendering an excellent service. Membership in Eta Sigma Phi is highly prized on the campus of Wake Forest College. *Herbert Lanier.*

BETA KAPPA

College of Notre Dame of Maryland

Beta Kappa's activities this year have been numerous and of various kinds. The scholastic year was begun with the annual dinner at the Candle Light Lodge. All of our members look forward to this event each year as one of the highlights of the program. At our meetings at the College talks were given by students on "Musical Instruments in Antiquity" and on the "Philosophical Aspects of Art." Members of our chapter have innumerable opportunities to attend lectures and exhibits

at the Walter's Art Gallery, the Baltimore Classical Club, and the Archaeological Institute meetings. Among the lectures at the Baltimore Classical Club was a most interesting one on "Reuses of the Past," showing how various motifs of decoration on buildings which originated in antiquity were put to use through the centuries. Our most recent lecture was on the "Reconstruction of the Stoa of Attalus in the Athenian Agora." An interesting feature of this lecture was the fact that the actual work on the reconstruction could be seen. Our chapter is giving six Eta Sigma Phi medals as prizes in the Latin Translation Contest sponsored by the Baltimore Classical Club. At our March meeting seven new members were pledged and they will be initiated at our meeting in May. The new members will give a program on the Muses and their representation in art. *Margery Lowenkamp*, Grammateus.

BETA LAMBDA

Marymount College

The regular meeting of Beta Lambda Chapter was held on March 10 with Prytanis Mary Jo Frank in charge. The meeting was devoted to planning the traditional Roman banquet to be held in April. The members really enjoy this annual activity and take over its planning with genuine originality. I am teaching two sections of Vergil's Aeneid this semester and a recent record "The Story of Vergil's Aeneid," put out by Folkways Records and Service Corporation, has greatly vitalized the course. *Sister Marie Antoinette*, Adviser.

Sister Marie Antoinette has been Dean of the Summer School for many years and she will celebrate being relieved of this duty during the coming summer by attending the Summer Session at Catholic University of America, where she received her doctorate. She is looking forward to visiting her alma mater and attending classes again.

BETA OMICRON

Mount Mary College

Eight pledges and one honorary member were initiated at a formal ceremony to which the alumnae were invited in October. The first regular meeting was held in November, which was highlighted by an illustrated lec-

ture, "Around the Classical World in Fifty Minutes." At the Christmas party Latin hymns recorded by the Pro Musica Antiqua Society in the candle-lit classics room lent atmosphere to the gathering. In February a dramatization of Terence's ADELPHI was given by members of the class in Roman comedy. A special translation was prepared for this presentation. Although stage conventions of the Romans were modified, clever masks were worn by the performers. The Wisconsin State Eta Sigma Phi Convention met with Mount Mary as host chapter in March. An attendance of sixty included Eta Sigma Phi alumni and advisers as well as members of the Milwaukee County Latin Teachers Association. (Editor's addition: The program of the convention included a lecture on "Etruscan Art and its Modern Counterpart" by Margaret Fish, an art critic; a tour of the art galleries and language laboratory of Mount Mary College; a presentation of Stravinsky's OEDIPUS REX, an opera-oratorio; and a *cena classica*. The souvenir programs for the dinner were works of art with classical scenes. Professor Peter Arnott of the State University of Iowa presented his marionette production of Euripedes' MEDEA following the dinner.) Final meetings of the year will include the awarding of the Eta Sigma Phi scholarship and medals to winners in the high school competition and a meeting in honor of Monica Josten who has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and plans to study at the University of Toronto. *Dianne Haering*, Prytanis.

BETA XI

Rosary College

We had such a nice initiation here a few days ago. The ceremonies were carried out beautifully and seemed to the initiates to be most impressive. After an elegant dinner, complete with menu in Latin, we had the pleasure of hearing an address by a distinguished guest who is present on the campus, Reverend Eamon O'Doherty, Professor of Psychology at the National University of Ireland. Father O'Doherty masterfully developed two themes: what we would not have had in our Christian culture today if it had not been for the Greeks and the intrinsic value of studying the Classics. It was a very fine evening indeed for Eta Sigma Phi and I think that we can count on enthusiastic support from our new members. *Sister Marie Aquinas*, Adviser.

BETA SIGMA

Marquette University

Beta Sigma Chapter is completing a most successful year. Throughout the year the members have all participated in a series of panel discussions revolving around the general theme "Is the human nature of modern man the same as the human nature of ancient man?" The discussions included such topics as architecture, St. Augustine, the MEDEA, and the ILIAD, all of which served to point out the basic similarities between the human nature of modern and ancient man. At the beginning of the school year the group sponsored a very fine lecture on the philosophy of history by Dr. Schmitz of the Department of Philosophy. For the last few months teams of Eta Sigma Phi members have been visiting many Milwaukee high schools to give talks on the value of Latin and the continued study of it in college. The talks have been highly successful and will be continued in next year's program. *Marjorie Piechowski*.

James Frey's report to the convention included this additional information: Regarding alumni participation, we have found that all too often graduates from Marquette lose all contact with Eta Sigma Phi and as a natural result lose interest also. In an effort to combat this trend we have begun an annual newsletter which will be sent to all alumni and will describe all the events in which we have participated throughout the year. We also invite all alumni who can to attend the initiation and banquet. Several have already accepted the invitation to our initiation at the end of April. This year Beta Sigma Chapter will publish the Eta Sigma Phi state newspaper ANGELIA.

BETA TAU

Georgetown University

Beta Tau sponsored the first lecture of its current series on February 4. The talk was delivered by William Wimsatt, Jr., of Yale University on "Aristotle and Oedipus or Else." An estimated two hundred were present. The speaker at the next lecture on March 17 is the Reverend Harold C. Gardiner, former literary editor of AMERICA. The final lecture will be given by John Wild of Harvard University and will be "Philosophy and Freedom in the World Today." Beta

Tau is conducting a series of seminar discussions with local members of the faculty participating. Eighteen new members were initiated on February 25. The new members are mostly sophomores and indications are that Beta Tau will remain in quite capable hands for the next few years. *Edward J. Krovitz, Grammateus.*

BETA UPSILON

Marshall College

Beta Upsilon Chapter presented medals to the best students in fourth-year Latin in the high schools of West Virginia. We made a contribution to the Endowment Fund. Our group sponsored a student dance to raise funds for the national convention (editor's comment: highly successful one, inasmuch as over \$100 was raised and paid for all the expenses of the convention). We have had an enjoyable year and I speak for the whole chapter in saying that we are looking forward to an even better year next year. *Thomas P. Lordeon, Prytanis.*

GAMMA ALPHA

Indiana State Teachers College

Gamma Alpha Chapter started its activities with a get-acquainted banquet at Allendale Lodge. The members of the Latin Club joined the members of the chapter at the banquet. For the first time the chapter entered a float in the annual Homecoming Parade in October. The float was in the form of a triumphal march, a chariot pulled by conquered slaves. At Christmas time the members went caroling to the various homes for the aged and nursing homes. The spring initiation and pledging was held March 16, at which time six were initiated, five were pledged, and two were accepted as associate members. The week-end of April 8 and 9 Gamma Alpha Chapter along with the city high schools was host to the State Junior Classical League convention. The members will assist in awarding medals and certificates to outstanding high school students in Latin. Some of our members will present these awards. The concluding activity will be a spaghetti supper at the home of our sponsor, Professor Gertrude Ewing. Officers for the next year will be elected at this supper. *Jacqueline Starr, Prytanis.*

GAMMA BETA

Bowling Green State University

Because of a limited program in Classics and the small number enrolled in Latin courses, Gamma Beta Chapter has been forced to curtail many of its activities. Our main event is the annual initiation which is held each April. The chapter also presents annually a rotating trophy to the outstanding student in Latin. This award was established by Miss Caroline Nielsen, former Chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages at the University. The award is intended to encourage the study of and appreciation for the Classics. *Tom McKibben, Prytanis.*

GAMMA GAMMA

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Gamma Gamma Chapter opened its calendar of activities at the home of Dr. Ortha L. Wilner, our adviser, with a lecture by Professor Kruse of the University on the relationship of modern Romance languages to Latin. Two new members were initiated and a round table discussion on languages was held. Another activity this year was a lecture on cave art by Professor La Vera Pohl, an alumna of our chapter, who has traveled widely and is a noted art historian and archaeologist. We sponsored several movies, opened to the public, which were well received by the other students at the University. These lectures dealt with Cyprus, Greece, Roman history and culture. A Classics bulletin board was installed on the campus to stimulate better interest in the Classics. Each week a new series of articles and pictures dealing with the Classics and the history of Greece and Rome are posted. The policy of holding Latin contests in the high schools in the Milwaukee area was continued and medals were awarded to the outstanding contestants. Gamma Gamma Chapter invites persons interested in the Classics to its general meetings to instill in them through discussion a better understanding of Graeco-Roman tradition. *Ronald B. Hehn.*

GAMMA ETA

Louisiana College

Gamma Eta had an impressive and successful initiation. Dr. George Currie, Professor Emeritus of Classics at

Louisiana College, a long-time member of Eta Sigma Phi and former editor of NUNTIUS, helped us with the initiation. Next year we hope that Gamma Eta Chapter will be represented at the national convention. Our chapter voted to present two medals for excellency in second-year Latin to the local high school students. The chapter is planning to have an enlarged fellowship meeting in May with a special program. *Nikolai Alexandrenko, Adviser.*

The initiation to which Professor Alexandrenko refers was the reactivation meeting of Gamma Eta Chapter on March 10. Eighteen members were initiated in Alexandria Hall at 7:30 P.M. The local newspaper gave good coverage to the initiation.

GAMMA THETA

Georgetown College

We had a very nice initiation April 6 at Colonial Inn in Lexington. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown and we have great hopes that our chapter will make real progress in the next year. I feel that the awarding of medals plus the usual award we make to a beginning college Latin student who has done exceptional work will do something for us. *Ruth F. Longacre, Adviser.*

GAMMA LAMBDA

Saint Mary's College

We received the Eta Sigma Phi medals in perfect condition. The trophy will be presented to the winning school in our Latin contests immediately after Easter holidays. Prytanis John Surprenant will give a talk to the student body at a special convocation in behalf of the presentation. Our seminar in Latin is progressing quite well. We think that it will be fully accredited in the college curriculum by next year. We plan to have our annual initiation on May 11. *Richard R. Schaefer, Grammateus.*

GAMMA NU

Montclair State College

Gamma Nu Chapter meets every third Tuesday of the month. The program decided upon for this year was Greek drama. The members read, attended performances of, and held a critique of each of the Greek plays studied. In November we listened to a tape recording of Euripides' MEDEA.

Our annual Christmas party was held in December with the theme Saturnalia. On January 19 the members attended the performance of Aristophanes' *LYSISTRATA* at the Phoenix Theater in New York City. A tape recording of Aeschylus' *AGAMEMNON* brought about a lively critique in February. On March 16 the chapter attended a performance of Sophocles' *OEDIPUS REX* at the Wellmont Theater in Montclair. The presentation was extremely powerful and the critique which was held later was almost as powerful. The chapter has planned a propaganda party for freshman Latin majors and Sophomore Latin minors in October of the coming school year. The party will be a tea with refreshments and activities of Eta Sigma Phi and Gamma Nu chapter will be stressed so new members will be encouraged to join our small chapter. The qualifications for membership will also be discussed so as to encourage more intensive study of the Classics. *Frank M. Cofone, Prytanis.*

GAMMA OMICRON Monmouth College

Gamma Omicron Chapter has been very active this year and our officers

have worked hard on improving the organization and its activities. First of all we initiated seven new members at our February meeting. The district Latin contest for Illinois Classical League Awards was held on the Monmouth campus this year and several of the members helped in conducting the contest. The secretary sent out two newsletters to the alumni of the chapter to inform them of the activities of the year. Propaganda brochures and personal letters were sent to the prospective students in May and June, explaining the Department of Classics and encouraging them to further their study of the Classics. We have had various programs at our monthly meetings. Dr. Thiessen of the Department of Chemistry gave a recitation of one of Macaulay's *Lays of Ancient Rome*; our traditional Christmas party; slides; and a talk by the teacher of Latin at Monmouth High School. We combined efforts with Sigma Tau Delta to bring to our campus Dr. Peter Arnott and his marionette production of Plautus' *MENAECHEMI*. Our main effort this year was to promote the Department of Classics and we began by taking over a column in the *ORACLE*, our campus newspaper, and we tried to provide an article on some phase of

the Classics which would interest all. *Joan Conner, Grammateus.*

GAMMA RHO Hope College

At the March meeting Gamma Rho Chapter was host to the Latin students from the high school. Two films, "Art and Life in Italy" and "Pompeii and Vesuvius" were shown at this meeting. In March the chapter held the annual banquet at which the speaker, Dr. D. Ivan Dykstra, spoke on the subject "Something about Socrates." At the banquet the members selected two delegates to attend the National Convention. In April the chapter is planning to show a film for all students interested in the Classics. Our May meeting will be on the music of ancient Greece and Rome and will be held at the home of our Adviser, Professor Edward Wolters. Officers will be elected at our last meeting. Since next fall Hope College will be host to the teachers of the Classics in the state of Michigan, the new officers and members of the chapter will be involved in the activities of this convention. The members are looking forward to this convention. *Marilyn Freeman, Publicity Manager and Historian.*

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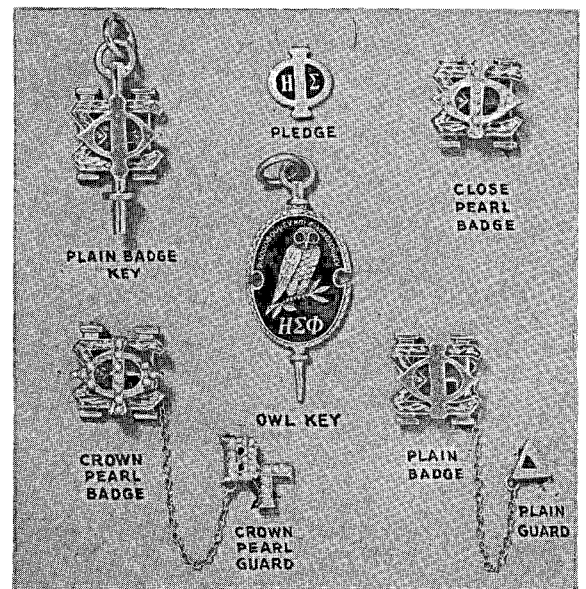
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