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## The 78th Annual National Convention

*Minutes submitted by Megas Grammateus Sharif Said of Beta Sigma (Marquette University)*

The 78th Annual National Convention took place March 31 through April 2, 2006 in Blacksburg, Virginia. This convention, hosted by Virginia Tech's Eta Eta Chapter, was attended by twenty-seven chapters from all corners of the country. The kickoff for the weekend took place in the Wallace Atrium where chapters registered and attendees enjoyed ice cream sundaes. Each participant in the convention was given a stylish sack bearing the ever-fashionable Eta Sigma Phi seal. Inside the bag was a handy folder wonderfully decorated with the same, and it held the program and information about the conference. The opening remarks were given by Virginia Tech's very own Professor of Classics Terry Papillon, who told those attending that he felt the bad weather was sent by Zeus because he lacked the funds to register. Prof. Papillon then introduced Virginia Tech Dean Jerome Niles and other members of the VT community who graciously welcomed all the travelers to their campus.

Following these remarks Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz of Monmouth College (Gamma Omicron) began the *certamen* battle of the wits. Each of the chapters stretched their intellectual muscles and flexed them with all their might, but only one team could rise the victor. The story ended with the team called "Oedipus and the Mama's Boys"

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*Above, members of Eta Eta at Virginia Tech preparing to welcome delegates to the convention.*



*Right, Jane Hall of NLE welcomed by Trustee Chair Sr. Thérèse Dougherty.*

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# Report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Eta Sigma Phi Convention, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg

April 2, 2006

### Annual Reports of Chapter Activities

We looked at ways of helping the National Convention to keep on schedule by limiting the report to one page, giving the main points of chapter activities, and having delegates be ready to follow the previous report immediately without taking time to move to the microphone. We have asked the Executive Secretary to send out guidelines to this effect with the announcement about preparing the chapter report. We commend those chapters that had their reports ready for submission.

### Outreach Projects

We also commend those chapters that have undertaken outreach beyond the campus and encourage you all to highlight your outreach project and describe it in more detail in your annual report.

### Professional Meetings

For the past few years  $\text{H}\Sigma\Phi$  has tried to increase visibility by having a table at the APA and CAMWS meetings. We plan to look into the possibility of doing the same at other regional meetings, such as CAAS and CANE. We have also given support to national officers to attend the APA meeting and urge local chapters to add their support to this project. We began this APA table two years ago as an experiment. We agreed to continue this for three more years and then evaluate the project. Next year our National Officers will be invited to attend the APA meeting in San Diego.

### Donation

$\text{H}\Sigma\Phi$  has recently received a donation of about \$1900 from Beta Alpha chapter at the University of South Dakota. The Trustees decided to deposit this donation in the Endowment Fund with the intention of working toward the establishment of a new scholarship for archaeology. We hope that during the coming year this amount can be matched by donations from local chapters. This is how the Bedrick

scholarship for the Vergilian Summer School came into being. Even the smallest amount from a chapter when combined with other small donations can make a big difference. We encourage you to ask your local chapter to consider taking on this responsibility.

### Bernice Fox Teaching Scholarship

We have asked Mary Pendergraft of Beta Iota chapter at Wake Forest University to chair a committee to judge applications for the Bernice Fox scholarship. In the few years since this award has been in place the Board of Trustees has served as the decision-making body. We feel that it is time now to move the judging to a committee.

### Trustees

There was an error in the list of trustees in the convention program. Alden Smith's name should be replaced by David Sick. Professor Smith served well as a trustee until last year when his term ended. David Sick is completing the first year of his three-year term. Professor Leon Fitts and Sister Thérèse Dougherty completed their terms this year and have requested that new trustees be appointed. Professor Joe Garnjobst has accepted this appointment to a three-year term. Sister Thérèse Dougherty has agreed to another three-year term as a trustee but requested that someone else serve as chair. Martha Davis has graciously accepted the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees for the coming year, at the end of which her term will expire.

Lastly, I want to thank all the folks at Eta Eta chapter for their hard work in making this convention so successful. And I also want to congratulate our Executive Secretary, Tom Sienkewicz, on his recent Golden Trowel award for service to the AIA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sister Thérèse Marie Dougherty



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from University of Massachusetts Epsilon Omicron Chapter beating out the “Bulldogs” from the University of Georgia in the final round and wearing the laurels that fateful evening in Blacksburg, Virginia.

The following morning all came together in room 1100 of Torgersen Museum for breakfast. This was just a ten-minute walk from the Virginia Tech Inn where most of the visitors were staying, and it was a beautiful walk at that, through the blooming campus and wide-open drillfield.

The 78th Annual Business meeting was opened by Dr. Terry Papillon who gave a reading from the *Odyssey*; after recalling the words of Homer, he handed the microphone to the presiding Megale Prytanis Karen Kelly from Baylor University (Gamma Omega). The

first order of business was the acceptance of the previous year’s minutes. Sharif Said, Megas Grammateus from Marquette University (Beta Sigma), presented the minutes from the 77th Convention in Northfield, Minnesota, which had been published in the *NUNTIUS*. The minutes were approved by voice vote. After this Said asked that representatives from each chapter approach the lectern and present their chapter reports. Delegates from each chapter then shared their experiences for the year and inspired the future members with their remarks.

Dr. Antonios Augoustakis from Baylor University (Gamma Omega) then presented the winners of the 2006 Eta Sigma Phi Translation Contest. He



*Top, the traditional chapter regalia fashion show and contest.*

*Above, the final bitter round of the certamen: North vs. South.*

*Left, Jane Hall of the National Latin Exam awarding book prizes to the members of the winning certamen team, Oedipus and the Mama’s Boys from the University of Massachusetts. Pictured from l. to r. are Jane Hall, Andy Carrol, Craig Anderson, Curt Bellemer, and Chris Lavalette.*

## Thank You

Eta Sigma Phi once again thanks the National Latin Exam for contributing funds to purchase book prizes for the certamen winners at national convention.

# The 78th Annual National Convention (Continued)



*Left, national officers at work. Pictured, from l. to r.: Tom Evison (Megas Chrysophylax), Catherine Larsen (Megale Hyp-archos), Karen Kelly (Megale Prytanis) and Sharif Said (Megas Grammateus).*

*Below, Jane Hall accepting Eta Sigma Phi's first Lifetime Achievement Award from Sr. Thérèse Marie and Megale Prytanis Karen Kelly.*

distributed a list of the winners of the 57th Annual Greek Translation Contest, the 56th Annual Latin Translation Contest and 40th Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest, and also distributed the certificates for the winners. Prof. Joseph Garnjobst, representing the scholarship committee, then announced the Eta Sigma Phi Summer Scholarship winners for 2006: Keturah Joanna Kiehl for the American Academy in Rome; Carson Lundquist Sieving for the Brent Malcom Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens; and Kelly Erin Ryan for the Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae. Prof. Sienkewicz announced that the winner of the 2006 Bernice L. Fox Latin Teacher Training Scholarship was Jennifer Ice.

The next report was given by Megas Chrysophylax Thomas Evison who spoke briefly about the society's financial year and handed out a summary of the year's income and expenses. The financial report was then approved by voice vote. As her report Megale Catherine Larsen offered a PowerPoint presentation of the extensive work that has been done to resurrect old chapters and encourage new chapters. The foundation for the growth of this work was the creation of a massive database holding all the information about chapters for general use. She also announced the



astounding submission of seven petitions for new chapters this year.

When the Vice President had finished her report, it was decided that there was no old business. The issue of new business was then addressed by the president Karen Kelly, who spoke about a link on the Eta Sigma Phi website offering information about ways to contribute to the Katrina Disaster Relief Fund for Latin programs.

After this, the meeting was opened to those chapters that wished to make bids for the 79th Convention site. This year only one bid was made, by Temple

University's Zeta Beta Chapter. A representative from the Zeta Beta Chapter described the benefits of Temple's campus and the resources of the chapter to host the convention. Following the bid the Megas Grammateus accepted nominations for the 2006-2007 National Officers.

At 11:00 a.m. everyone returned to 3100 Torgersen for the presentation of three papers. The first was "Diotima / Socrates vs. Alcibiades: Absolute Appreciation vs. Subjective Illumination" by Jennifer Roberts, Epsilon Psi Chapter at the University of California at Santa Cruz;



Right, Prof. Papillon reading Homer.

Below, delegates at the Business Meeting.



second was “College Year in Lanuvium” by Andrew Willey, Beta Psi Chapter at Rhodes College; and third was “War Elephants in the Ancient World” by Richard Harrod, Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College. These papers enlightened the crowd and added a great air of confidence to the conference. Classics students take pride in knowing that they are among such fine writers and thinkers. This marked the end of the Business meeting for Saturday morning, April 1, 2006.

Delegates next broke down into small groups to form a variety of committees

dealing with topics like scholarships, resolutions, finance, officers, and conventions.

In the afternoon there were five different activities that one could choose to rotate through in any order. Dr. Andrew Becker from Virginia Tech gave a talk entitled “Not for the Eye but for the Ear: Accent, Meter, and Rhythm in Latin.” This talk was an explication of Roman meter through the poetry of Martial. He showed the proper way to read and think about the tradition of meter as the Romans taught and read.

Dr. Gregory Daugherty from Randolph

Macon College spoke on “Down and Out in Ancient Rome.” He illuminated the world of the less fortunate in Rome and he used literature and archeology to present how and where they lived and even how they used the bathroom! Outside of Torgersen Hall shuttles carted people across the campus to the Smithfield Plantation Self-Guided Tour. This tour consisted of actors posing as plantation dwellers. There was even an acting surgeon, who explained the Greek method of amputation still in use during the Civil War. In addition to these more grave adventures, one was also able to visit Virginia Tech’s very own Virtual Reality Cave or make one’s way to the drillfield for “Discus Ultimus,” a modern game that surely the ancients would have played had they only discovered it.

Attendees were then given a break until 6:45 p.m., when the Graeco-Roman Costume Contest took place in Hokie Grill Dining Hall. This was followed by formal dinner banquet at 7:00 p.m. where Dr. Terry Papillon was reminded once again of a passage of Homer’s *Odyssey*, which he shared with the dinner crowd. Special recognition was given to Jane Hall, the founder of the National Latin Exam. Sr. Thérèse Marie Dougherty presented her with the first Eta Sigma Phi Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Sienkewicz gave her a special thank-you Eta Sigma Phi pin and Karen Kelly, Megale

# The 78th Annual National Convention (Continued)



Some delegates dressed for the best dressed vir/femina contest. Pictured, l. to r., Savannah Dorsett, Edward Jensen, Andrew Viscariello, and Lisa Adams, all members of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College.

Prytanis, presented her with a plaque. Mrs. Jane Hall then spoke of the humble beginnings of the National Exam and its growth into its present international status.

Several other awards were also announced. Dr. Sienkewicz gave out the awards for the *certamen* winners from University of Massachusetts and the Costume Contest winners. The paper winner was Andrew Willey who was given the proper lauds. Dr. Sienkewicz also announced that our host chapter, Virginia Tech's Eta Eta, received this year's Outreach Award for its work with local schools. Members were then asked to come to the stage and sing the "Eta Sigma Phi Song" in English, Latin and Greek. Dinner was followed by one of Virginia Tech's marathon readings of Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*.

On Sunday morning April 2, 2006, Megale Prytanis Karen Kelly opened the Second Business meeting. The T-shirt contest was held, and the winner was Nero's rock concert, designed by Beta Nu of the University of Mary Washington. Next the Committee reports were presented and accepted, and the report of the Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz was given. Petitions to establish new chapters

## Convention Resolutions

Members from Alpha Nu (Davidson College), Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney), Beta Sigma (Marquette University), Beta Psi (Rhodes College), Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts), Eta Delta (Hillsdale College)

O Zeus pater, Cronides, forgive today the dishonor we once showed you, alleging you to be cheap, and accept this our prayer. Bless today our hosts, the acorn-fed  $\Omega\kappa\epsilon\iota\varsigma$ , the descendants of Pan and the Chicken-Nymph Gallina: we salute them and give them due honor for their great gifts.

We made long journeys into the mountains of Arcadia, where we could hear the echo of recitations of Vergil and Isocrates among the herds of woolly sheep and curly-horned cattle, and we came to the new Golden House, the Inn, as it is known in the barbaric Pelasgian language of the local  $\Omega\kappa\epsilon\iota\varsigma$ . There we were shown *xenia* surpassing that of Baucis and Philemon. We wondered at the large beds with numerous coverlets; they gave us

each not one, nor even the common two, not even three, but yea rather, four, four pillows, I say, to rest our weary heads, more pillows than are usually found in an entire house of ten collegiate men.

The food they gave us more than satisfied the hunger of weary travelers: the great long sandwiches of the men of old (today it takes thirty men to eat one of their sandwiches) and salads fit for Caesar. The dainties of the banquet often reminded us of Homer, and we heard tales of noble Virginia patriots devoured by a group of Sewanee-fed monstrous crocodiles.

Our minds were fed too: praise to Jennifer Roberts, Andrew Willey, and Richard Harrod who astounded us with their learning, and now, following the wisdom of Diotima, we love them for their minds not just their bodies. And thanks also to Prof. Andrew Becker of Virginia Tech, who taught us how to bust a move in Latin meter, and kudos to Prof. Gregory Daugherty of Randolph-Macon College for his detailed inspection of Roman sewage. And we praise most greatly the members of the Virginia



Delegates at the Sunday morning business meeting.



at the following six schools were approved: Case Western Reserve University, Seton Hall University, Transylvania University, Trinity University, University of Colorado at Boulder, and the University of Connecticut. The petition from the University of Miami was not approved because the school did not appear to offer a classics major. Next there was a report given by Dr. Brent Froberg, Gamma Omega (Baylor

University), which presented the society's funds and distribution. The Resolutions Committee gave an encomium read by Dr. David Sick commemorating the glories and happenings of the convention in Blacksburg, Virginia, this year. The meeting turned to the bid by Temple University's Zeta Beta Chapter to host the 2007 convention; this bid was accepted by the general membership. This action was fol-

lowed by the election of the new officers. Tom Evison from Epsilon Iota Chapter at the University of Florida was elected Megas Prytanis; Richard Harrod from the Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College was elected Megas Hyparchos; D. Jasmine Merced-Ownbey from Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas was elected Megale Chrysothylax; and the new Megas Grammateus was George Hendren from

Tech Visualization and Animation Group for letting us on the holodeck of their spaceship.

And bring the laurel crown for the University of Massachusetts, defeating the University of Georgia in the finals of our hard-fought Certamen, a battle of one-time civil war foes, here in the land of Lee. They won with grace and without the vengeance of Sherman.

And descended from the Roman pantheon, the *Examinis Genetrix*, the goddess Jane Hall, walked among us, and we marveled as her feet scarcely touched the ground. For the National Latin Exam, we will always sing your song.

And thanks to our leaders, local and national, especially Prof. Terry "Floats like a" Papillon and Prof. Tom "Sinks like a" Sienkewicz.

And special honors to our national officers, especially to our Megale Necomantrix Kate Larsen, for her revival and resurrection of several inactive chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. Unfortunately our

necomantrix left her virga in Michigan and was not able to summon up the absent winners from the translation contest.

And of the Lysistrata what can I say  
except that we enjoyed some words of that play.  
Of readings, friends, it was the best,  
and certainly lacked not for zest.  
Although we heard no 'Ωκεῖς clucking,  
we got to use the vulgar word for....  
So Eta Eta we salute you  
For marathons of what is taboo.

Therefore, be it resolved and let it go out to all the borders of the Commonwealth, and let it ring in the ears of Dean Jerome Niles and all the members of the Collegia, that today, *tertio die ante Nonas Apriles*, THE University in the Commonwealth is in Blacksburg, The Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. And, moreover, if Mr. Jefferson were alive today he'd go to TECH.

# The 78th Annual National Convention (Continued)



*Above, swearing in the New Officers.*



*Left and below, singing the "Song for Eta Sigma Phi" to close the convention.*



Eta Eta Chapter at Virginia Tech. After the election the new officers were sworn in and the Megale Prytanis officially closed the year's convention, bringing the 78th Annual Convention in Blacksburg, Virginia, to an end. This was followed by a final farewell from Dr. Papillon who read a moving poem entitled "Ithaka" by Cavafy.

The following Chapters were represented at the 78th Annual Convention in Blacksburg, Virginia: Alpha Lambda (University of Oklahoma), Alpha Mu (University of Missouri), Alpha Nu (Davidson College), Beta Beta (Furman University), Beta Gamma (University of Richmond), Beta Theta (Hampden-

Sydney College), Beta Iota (Wake Forest University), Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame), Beta Nu (University of Mary Washington), Beta Pi (University of Arkansas), Beta Sigma (Marquette University), Beta Psi (Rhodes College), Gamma Iota (Wabash College), Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College), Gamma Omega (Baylor University), Delta Pi (Randolph-Macon College), Epsilon Iota (University of Florida), Epsilon Omicron (University of Massachusetts), Epsilon Psi (Santa Clara University), Zeta Beta (Temple Uni-

versity), Zeta Iota (University of Georgia), Eta Gamma (Loyola University of New Orleans), Eta Delta (Hillsdale College), Eta Eta (Virginia Tech), Eta Omicron (Assumption College), Eta Phi (Union College) and Theta Alpha (Franklin and Marshall College).



# Winners of the 2006 Eta Sigma Phi Maurine Dallas Watkins Sight Translation Contests

## 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek Translation Contest

### Advanced Greek (30 entries)

	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joshua Rasmussen, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Daniel Walin, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jon Rainey, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
Honorable Mentions		Christina Skelton, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin Joseph Miller, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University

### Intermediate Greek (27 entries)

	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lorin Bird, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Danielle Cudmore, Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elizabeth Kuhl, Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington
Honorable Mention		Amanda Clark, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University

### Koine Greek (19 entries)

	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jon Rainey, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lorin Bird, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeffrey Feland, Eta Mu at the University of California at Davis
Honorable Mentions		Stephen Gaetano, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College Erik Ellis, Gamma Omega at Baylor University

## 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Latin Translation Contest

### Advanced Latin (65 entries)

	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jennifer Starkey, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dan Walin, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Leet, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
Honorable Mentions		Adrielle Heath, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College Joshua Rasmussen, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin William Bibee, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin

### Intermediate Latin (48 entries)

	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jason Milam, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jessica Sekovski, Epsilon Psi at Santa Clara University
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amanda McGinn, Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida at Gainesville
Honorable Mention		Taylor Page, Epsilon Nu at Creighton University

## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest

### Advanced Prose Composition (28 entries)

	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joshua Rasmussen, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dan Walin, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kevin Kimball, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

# About the Officers

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I hail from the suburbs of Philadelphia in South Jersey. I grew up first in Burlington Township for most of my youth, but then moved to Tabernacle where I went to Shawnee High School, where I got my first taste of Latin. I took Italian all throughout my time in high school with the exception of my senior year when I decided to change things up a bit and take Latin.

When I first started at the University of Florida, I had a dream of becoming the next sports broadcaster on ESPN. I was a journalism major for my first two years at Florida, but in my sophomore year, I needed to fulfill my foreign language requirement. As fate would have it, there were no sections of Italian available, but I stumbled upon Latin again and decided to challenge myself and take it. The next thing that I knew, I had changed my major completely and become a full-fledged Classics major. I can attribute my change of heart to the two graduate students who taught me Latin: Caleb Carswell and Laura Mawhinney.

They both have moved on to different opportunities away from Florida, but their impact on me was very profound. They taught Latin to me through hard work and humor, which blend very well with my personality. After I graduate with a degree in Classics, I am hoping to go on to graduate school to pursue a Ph.D. degree in Classics and to teach in college someday.

During the time when I am not studying either Latin or Greek, which seems to be growing shorter and shorter, I like to do many different activities. First and foremost, I am an avid sports fan. I love all of the professional sports teams from the city of brotherly love, Philadelphia, as well as the collegiate sports teams from the University of Florida, the school that just happened to win the national title in basketball. I also enjoy watching my favorite television shows, such as anything on Adult Swim, pro-wrestling, and anything written by Joss Whedon. On top of that, I would like to think of myself as a card shark as well. And after a stressful day, I will turn to my second love after Classics and play some basketball.

I came to my second National Conven-



*Thomas Arthur Evison*

tion for Eta Sigma Phi already occupying the office of National Treasurer. I had a great year serving on the executive council and I felt that we got a lot accomplished in expanding the membership of our society in getting six new chapters started across the country. I wanted to stay involved with the work that we had started in expanding the society, so I ran for Megas Prytanis. It is my goal to try to get an equal or greater number of new chapters started across the country. Eta Sigma Phi is a special society in that undergraduate Classics majors have the opportunity to get together, share their experiences, and meet their fellow colleagues of the future in academia. When you look around the APA or CAMWS in 15 years, you will see many of the same faces that are in Eta Sigma Phi now.

Our society gives us the chance to establish connections with the next generation of Classics scholars. Now is the time to unite under our colors of purple and gold and get acquainted so we together can hit the ground running, leading the way into the next generation of Classical scholarship.

**Richard Harrod, Megas Hyparchos**  
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I grew up in Annapolis, Maryland. Prior to beginning my college career, I attended



*Richard Harrod*

Gunston Day School, a small college preparatory school on the Eastern Shore.

I first began my study of the Classics in sixth grade. My introduction to Classical Studies was via the route of ancient history, which I found fascinating. In high school I took four years of Latin rang-

ing from Catullus to Cicero and Caesar. I have found the study of the Classics to be one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. A strong grounding in Classical studies gives an individual an understanding of the origins and principles of western civilization. I have found that the Classics have broadened my horizons in the study of history, languages, art, politics and government, literature, theater, music,

architecture, law, and even science.

At present, a future in Classics is one of the careers I am considering. However, my approach will be through ancient history. I would very much like to become an Ancient History professor and teach college for a living. Some of my other options are graduate school in College Student Personnel Administration, graduate school in Government or Public Policy, or possibly law school.

Eta Sigma Phi is important to me because it has given me a way to meet others who share the same passion for the Classics that I do. It has also provided me with an opportunity to serve the community of students who study the Classics. Eta Sigma Phi is important to the Classics because it provides a union for undergraduate Classicists. It provides a society in which Classicists may freely associate with other Classicists and serve the study as a group, rather than just as individuals.

When I am not studying Classics, I am concentrating on my extracurricular involvement. I am the Head Resident of one the residence halls on campus, as well as current president of the Student Body.



I also sing in the internationally touring Monmouth College Chorale and am an active member of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity.

**Thomas George Hendren,  
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I was born and raised in the capital of the south, Richmond, Virginia, yet possess little to no southern charm, as my father is from Los Angeles, and my mother from Brooklyn. To be honest, the ancient world first piqued my interest in 1990 (I was five), when I went on a family vacation to England. I was generally unimpressed with the rolling English

countryside, though one stop on our trip did make me think. We spent a day in Bath, a town imaginatively named for its extensive Roman ruins of a bath complex. For me, these ruins were the greatest thing since sliced bread, and from then on, my passion has been to explore the ancient world. Not until middle and high school did I grow to appreciate the linguistic side of Classical Studies. I started Latin at Byrd middle school, in the suburban West End of Richmond, and continued through my days at Godwin High School. I had the pleasure of being taught by the one and only Beth Hardy for four years in high school, and it is largely her fault that I study classical language in college, as she was able to inspire her students in a way that few teachers can. I started at Virginia Tech in 2003 as a history major, but soon realized that language was my passion and added a Classical Studies major.

It has been my experience, as limited as that may be, that the study of ancient language (and language in general for that matter) opens up an entire new world of history, literature, and culture. The reward for studying classical language is inherent



George Hendren



D. Jasmine Merced-Ownbey

in the appreciation of good literature, and the only way truly to appreciate a work is to read it in the original language.

That being said, Eta Sigma Phi is instrumental in encouraging students

to work hard towards this goal. As an organization, Eta Sigma Phi sets a standard of excellence in the undergraduate community and provides a social network for students with similar interests, letting them meet and share ideas. This is extremely important in a discipline such as classical studies, where one can often count the number of students in an entire department on two hands.

When I am not studying classics, I can be found re-shelving books in the library, giving campus tours, and socializing with the girls in the French department. I also spend a great deal of time abroad, visiting places like Belgium, Switzerland, France, England, Italy, and this summer, Greece.

I had no idea what to expect when the Eta Sigma Phi convention was in Blacksburg this year. However, when it was all said and done, I walked away having met a lot of great students and brilliant professors. The convention was a great experience, and I cannot wait to help make it just as successful next year, in Philadelphia.

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I grew up in Queens, New York. From a very early age, I was an avid reader, particularly attracted to mythologies and religions of various ancient cultures. After graduating from William Cullen Bryant High School in Long Island City, NY, I attended NYC Technical College briefly before taking on full-time employment.

Before returning to school, I was fortunate to have visited Egypt, England, and France. There's little in the world that inspires learning and instills humility more than viewing monumental artifacts firsthand. Thus began a lifelong desire to learn more about ancient cultures. Eager independent studies ensued.

After marrying, my husband James and I decided that it was time for me to return to school, which I did at his alma mater, the University of Arkansas. I began studying the Classics in my freshman year, taking Latin and Classical Studies. I started Greek the following year, in the midst of various history and other classes. My enthusiasm was, and remains, barely containable, as each new answer offers ten new questions.

I have found many personal rewards in the study of Classics, but the most rewarding was the realization that it is possible to make a career out of doing what you love. Classics is not a destination, it is a journey, and oh, how I love to travel. After obtaining my PhD degree in Classics, I would like to give back to this field of study by teaching our next generation of Classicists.

Eta Sigma Phi is important to me and to the Classical world because it brings together individuals who share the same passion for the Classics. It matches eager speakers with eager listeners, all of whom revel in the very acts of teaching and learning. This community has granted me the privilege of meeting great new people, and fostering friendships that will last far beyond graduation.

When not working on Greek or Latin or studying some facet of Classical history, I'm either reading or spending time with my family. I also like to *cultiver mon jardin*, watch my oleanders bloom, take photographs, and work on my online photo gallery.

# Burial Colleges and the Desire for Remembrance in Ancient Rome

Andrew Willey of Beta Psi (Rhodes College)  
This paper was judged the best paper read at  
the 78th Convention

Private associations outside the family are only rarely mentioned in Roman literature and history, and, from that evidence, one might even be tempted to conclude that their influence was minimal. Inscriptional evidence, however, tells a very different story. Here we find a large number of inscriptions which include references to such associations, known as colleges, or *collegia* in Latin. These colleges were actually, however, a large range of many different kinds of associations, ranging from fraternal organizations, to neighborhood groups, to full blown labor unions. Despite this apparent diversity of purpose, all colleges did share one feature in common: they were legally classed as burial societies. But just what exactly did these societies do? It turns out that death was, for Romans, as it is today, an expensive proposition. This was never truer than in the middle to late empire, approximately 150 to 450 AD, when stone funeral monuments became increasingly popular. Burial colleges provided a convenient and affordable solution to offset the high cost of funerals and epitaphs. In exchange for a small monthly membership fee, colleges pledged to pay the funeral expenses of a deceased member. Their immense popularity, however, illustrates how well they fulfilled two important desires in any society: the desire to be part of a vibrant, personal community and the desire to be memorialized and remembered.

Colleges traced themselves back to the beginning of Roman history, with Plutarch claiming that some went as far back as the second king of Rome, Numa Pompilius. In the Republic in general, as Samuel Dill tells us, they were allowed to organize and associate without restraint. Only in the late Republic, when they became politically active, did they come to be regarded as institutions dangerous to the state. Cicero, for example, shows a grudging respect for their influence on Republican elections, when he writes to his brother



Andrew Willey reading his paper.

that “if you have converted the chiefs of these [colleges] to your friendship, then you will easily hold the rest of the multitude” (*Commentariolum* 29). This ability of the colleges quickly to mobilize large groups of poor Romans always seems to have disturbed Rome’s elite.

In the Empire, colleges were strictly regulated; no new colleges could be formed without special approval, they were only allowed to meet for business once a month, and they seem to have been limited in their membership to around 150 persons (Dill 254). Amazingly, we even have preserved some of the specific senatorial allowances, the *senatus consulta* which allowed them to form because a few colleges put them up triumphantly as monumental inscriptions (ILS 7212, 7213). It could even be mentioned in the burial epitaph of a wealthy patron. The epitaph of one Titus Claudius Severus, for example, ends with the following statement: “His diligence and generosity are saluted by the decree of the body of fishermen and divers of the whole river Tiber who are allowed to meet by a *senatus consulta*. He erected

this monument with his own funds” (CIL VI 1872). Here we also see Titus’ desire to be remembered, but in this desire he was certainly not alone.

The extent of slavery in the Roman Empire virtually guaranteed that the vast majority of slaves were buried in anonymous, mass graves. Such internment was a fear common to all Romans, as Samuel Dill explains: “The true Roman had a horror of the loneliness of death, of the day when no kindly eye would read his name and style upon the slab, when no hand for evermore would bring the annual offering of wine and flowers” (258). Colleges provided a way for all their members to avoid that fate, even slaves. In an inscription from the college of Antinous and Diana at Lanuvium, our best preserved example of a college’s constitution, we can see a reflection of the very real fear many slaves felt at the prospect of being buried without proper funeral rites: “Resolved: whatever member of the college dies while still a slave, and whose body has unreasonably not been given for burial by his lord or lady and he has not made a memorial tablet, an imaginary funeral will be held for him” (ILS 7212). And so a college’s request to bury properly a slave might occasionally encounter resistance from the slave’s master. Ownership of a slave’s body, after all, extended even unto death. Still, it seems likely that such requests would be denied only rarely. By joining a college, then, a slave ensured that his death would at least be commemorated.

There were certainly no legal barriers to burying slaves with the appropriate rites. Typically, they were allowed to join and pay dues to a college, so long as they had obtained the permission of their owner (Hopkins 213). It is well attested in the epigraphic record that slaves or recently freed slaves were allowed to be buried by colleges. For example, the epitaph of one Marcus Antonius Alexander reads: “This monument is sacred to the memory of Marcus Antonius Alexander, a universally loved Decurio, and for Antonia Coetonide, his well deserving *contubernalis*, a freedman and freedwoman of Augustus”



(CIL VI 10360). While Marcus and his wife are freed, the epitaph refers to her not as an *uxor*, wife, but as a *contubernalis* or slave-wife. Antonia, it seems, was freed upon her death and then accorded the proper rites. It is even possible for slaves to become officers in a college, especially those contained within a large Roman household. An example of this can be found in the epitaph of Anchialus: "Anchialus, the chamber servant, was Aedile once, Quaestor three times, in his aedileship he was chosen as Decurio with the consent of the Decurios and with the willingness of the family" (CIL VI 9288).

It is well-attested, for example, that one such college existed in the household of the noblewoman Sergia Paullina. Although we know very little about the woman herself, there are at least five nearly complete inscriptions from her household's burial college (CIL VI 9148, 9149, 10261, 10262, 10263). Though not long, these inscriptions were a fitting tribute to the individuals memorialized. Samuel Dill maintains that such colleges made perfect sense. After all, he argues, "it was probably politic, as well as kind, to provide for slaves social pleasures within the circle of the household, and thus to forestall the attractions of the numerous clubs outside, which freely offered their hospitality" (267). The masters could even be members in such colleges, as in this simple epitaph: "Rutulius Praepusa established this college for her good husband Corbarius, her freedmen and freedwomen, and their descendents" (Herzen 4123). The colleges could thus establish a direct bond even between slave and master, in their common desire for recognition and immortality.

Colleges were for the most part autonomous bodies with their own regulations and customs. In general, they seem to have copied the organization and offices of the Roman

town, much as fraternal orders today have a President, Vice-President, etc. Most possessed a board of officers known as *decuriones* who voted on any matters of importance to the burial college. In the case of slave colleges within a household, however, their authority could be checked by that of the family, as we saw in the epitaph of Anchialus above. In that instance, the family reserved some sort of power over the choice of *decuriones*. This may, though, have been nothing more than a ceremonial rubber stamp. After all, if the family seriously disagreed with its college, the college could easily be shut down. In most instances, however, the colleges seem to have been a stabilizing influence within a household and within society at large.

So, in relation to household colleges, slaves were relatively free to mingle with their masters and other free Romans. By belonging to such colleges, they were still

reminded of their servile status. Outside the household colleges, in the "numerous clubs outside" there may have existed a greater degree of equality. In the College of Antinous and Diana, mentioned previously, slaves members seem to have had full voting rights. At the very least, slaves are nowhere explicitly prohibited from voting. In part, the Lanuvium inscription reads: "Let it be allowed to any persons who are willing to pay the monthly fee for a funeral, to be enrolled in this college, and let them not be in the roll of the college unless they have come at least once every month to pay their dues, and if they have, let them be buried when they die" (ILS 7212). So it would seem that even a slave, so long as he paid his dues to the college, would have been treated like any other dues-paying member. This arrangement holds true in all but one tiny small respect, as this constitution goes on to detail, "Resolved:

Any slave from this college who becomes free ought to donate an amphora of wine" (ILS 7212). But this arrangement is not discrimination, it is a celebration. Such parties regularly occurred, and even greater libations were expected of officers. The Lanuvium Constitution further states that "Masters of ceremonies are chosen in the order of the roll, and four men at a time ought to be chosen to provide: each an amphora of good wine and two asses of bread" (ILS 7212). In this instance, meals were a festive occasion for the entire membership, with the food provided by the members on a rotating basis. In other colleges, however, the club's expenses, including a clubhouse, meals, and even some take-home baskets, known as *sportulae*, were typically underwritten by a generous benefactor like Titus Claudius Severus, the patron of the guild of fishermen and divers

mentioned above.

Burial colleges, in this way, functioned



Andrew Willey with his chapter advisor, David Sick of Rhodes College

# Burial Colleges ... (Continued)

much like the monasteries of the middle ages. Their corporate nature allowed them to continue practicing rituals in honor of a donor or patron's *genius* long after his death. For this reason, even non-members, such as Caius Turious Lollianus, turn to burial societies to ensure proper rites are performed in perpetuity: "I want and I seek from its use [...] that you deign to undertake to make a sacrifice on my behalf four days before the Ides of March, my birthday" (CIL VI 9626). The colleges recognized the attraction such remembrances had for members of the upper classes of Rome. Largely barred from competing politically for offices by the imperial system, these wealthy aristocrats competed for public acclaim and respect. Sponsoring a college was the easiest way to earn such recognition, both for traditionally wealthy families and newly rich patrons. Thus we have a record of Gnaeus Sentius at Ostia indicating that he was patron of more than ten burial colleges, an honor he paid a great deal to acquire (Henzen 4109). In the same vein, the epitaph of Titus Claudius Severus, mentioned previously, includes the decree passed by the fishermen and divers honoring their patron. Even so, the monument was erected by Titus himself, not by the guild. Most colleges elected a patron, usually someone of very high status, who undertook to protect and fund the college in exchange for public gratitude and performance of certain rituals.

Colleges were also important because they collectively owned cemeteries or burial plots. Dill explains that for Romans, "a place of burial was a coveted possession, which was not easily attainable by the poor and friendless" (259). We have an inscribed copy of a letter written by one Geminus Eutyctes imploring one such corporate body for the room for his monument. The letter alternately flatters the club's officers and reminds them of Geminus' faithful and timely contributions to the college. Here is an excerpt:

Although I am a farmer of garden olives [...] I also implore your sense of justice, Lord Salvus, that just as Ephrata, a great man and your five-year colleague, permitted me the entry of my mother Faustina, you might allow me to build up a little monu-

ment at the foot of the mountain 20 feet square. I will give thanks to your genius if my memory will last in perpetuity. (CIL VI 33840)

Thus Romans greatly desired to have a monument and to be remembered, but most colleges went one step further.

Colleges were also home to frequent celebrations, often in recognition of their divine and human patrons. The Lanuvium club, as noted above, even went so far as to require new members to bring an amphora of good wine and to make sure to set up occasional dinners during which the club did not conduct business but rather, as the constitution says: "Resolved: if anyone desires to complain or bring up new business, let him do so in a meeting, so that we might feast on the solemn days in peace and good humor" (ILS 7212). The colleges could find many reasons to celebrate, from the festivals of their patron deities to the birthdays of their patrons. The college of Aesculapius and Hygia, for example, had a great many of these holy days, since one Salvia "Marcellina [had given] and donated to the college 50,000 sesterces to a group of men, 60 in number, under this condition [...] that from this sum's interest they might gather and feast together on the days mentioned above." (ILS 7213). They were often full-fledged social clubs, whose business even a noble Roman like Cicero did not ignore. He eagerly gossips to his brother: "I will not pass over that the Capitolini and Mercuriales ejected a certain Marcus Furius Flaccus, a Roman Knight, but also a rogue, even though he was present and throwing himself at the feet of each and every member" (*Cicero ad fratrem* 2.5). In addition, these organizations could also distribute to their members *sportulae*, baskets containing bread and wine, courtesy of wealthy donors such as Titus Claudius Severus, who donated such a large sum that "from its interest every year on his birthday seventeen days before the Kalends of February, *sportulae* might be divided out to each man" (CIL VI 1872). In this way, Titus hoped to be remembered and applauded for his generosity, while the college members went home cheered from the festivities and sense of community.

Colleges were also a convenient shelter

for labor unions or guilds. From time to time in Rome and its empire, associations of workers were banned outright. Burial colleges, on the other hand, were never outlawed. It was relatively easy for any guild to organize itself as a burial college. "It is clear," Dill tells us, "that many of the purely industrial colleges, composed as they were of poor people [...] at once consulted their convenience, and gratified the sentiment of fraternity by arranging for a common place of internment" (263). Especially under the empire, colleges seem to have proliferated. Frank Abbott cites more than eighty different trade guilds in Rome alone (217), as well as inscriptions relating to guilds in nearly 475 Roman towns and village throughout the empire. The organization of tradesmen was a powerful movement in the Roman world. Even when the political establishment turned against them, as it did in Pliny's time, the guilds seem to have thrived (Pliny x. 33-34). Still, because of their function as burial societies, these associations were allowed to survive.

The power of freedmen, similarly, was growing in the Roman Empire, and even if they were not able to penetrate the upper echelons, these associations allowed them, in Dill's words, "to regale themselves with a modest repast, or [to] pass through the streets and the forum with banners flying, and all the emblems of their guild, [so that] the meanest member felt himself lifted for the moment above the dim, hopeless obscurity of plebeian life" (256). It must be noted, however, that colleges differed significantly from modern labor unions in that they did not strive directly for economic gains. "It is not entirely clear," Abbott notes, "why the guilds never tried to bring pressure to bear on their employers to raise wages, or to improve their positions by means of the strike" (227). He explains that "artisans worked singly in their own homes, or in the houses of their employers, so that joint action to improve their conditions would hardly be expected" (228). Instead, colleges were content simply to associate together with their fellow tradesmen, to worship and socialize. They served to create a sense of community among freedmen from the four corners of the empire.

The burial societies, whether con-



sciously or not, touched a nerve deep within Roman society. The members and patrons of these colleges worked together to pursue remembrance and community in a rigidly stratified Roman society. Slaves and freedmen were given the dignity of a lasting monument as well as membership in a group that clandestinely celebrated equality and the value of the working-man. The rich, meanwhile, were provided with an outlet for their competitive benevolence. The societies offered them the opportunity both to be remembered eternally in the rituals and to celebrate the living. Indeed, the resilience of the colleges shows just how deeply ingrained was this desire to be remembered and celebrated after death. Further, it appears that people of a common interest and passion, much like our own society of Eta Sigma Phi, will always commune together, despite any legal obstacles.

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### "Hear No Evil, Speak No Evil, See no Evil"

Some delegates monkeying around at convention: l. to r. Richard Harrod of Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College), and Sara Paul and Jennifer Roberts of Epsilon Psi (Santa Clara University).

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# 78th National Convention—One Delegate’s View

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This year, I was privileged to attend the National Convention at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. Being the sole delegate from the Beta Pi Chapter (University of Arkansas), I looked forward to the upcoming trip with both excitement and trepidation. I was met at the airport by Prof. Papillon, who was shuttling inbound conventioners. Whatever nervousness I felt was dispelled within the first five minutes of the drive to VT, due to the disarming exuberance of Prof. Papillon and the soothing effects of state mountain vistas.

After checking into the Inn at Virginia Tech, I dropped off my bag in the elegant room which was to be my home for the weekend. Though sorely tempted to rest for a short while on that king-sized bed with five of the softest down pillows I’ve ever rested my head upon, convention registration was underway. Thusly deterred, I took the leisurely walk to the registration and reception, and became increasingly charmed by the lovely campus.

At registration, I milled around, looking for a group that needed another team player for the certamen, to be held after the introductory remarks. After an hour of introductions and re-introductions, a team emerged. Being a mixture of four different schools, we called ourselves “The Caesar Salad.” Though thoroughly tossed, we had a great time—the certamen was as entertaining as always.

Business sessions began on the following day. Student papers were read, nominations for 2006-2007 officers were held, and various reports were presented.

The most inspiring chapter report was presented by Loyola University of New Orleans. Loyola re-opened this spring, having been closed since Hurricane Katrina’s devastation. As a result of the disaster, the Classics Department merged



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with the Foreign Language department. Because they essentially lost a semester, beginning Latin students are doing bootcamp—all of Wheelock’s *Latin* in one semester. Loyola’s Eta Sigma Phi chapter, Eta Gamma, is helping these students with “on-call tutoring.”

Three student papers were read. The first, entitled “Diotima/Socrates vs. Alcibades: Absolute Appreciation vs. Subjective Illumination” was presented by Jennifer Roberts, from Epsilon Psi (Santa Clara University). This paper offered a debate between Socrates’ form of love vs. Alcibades’ drunken assertion of the interpersonal experience of love. This paper suggested that Alcibades wins. Notable quotable: “Contemplating the form of love is like contemplating the form of the 2nd aorist.” The second paper, “College Year in Lanuvium,” presented by Andrew Willey

from Beta Psi (Rhodes College), was an exploration of Rome’s funerary colleges. The final paper, “War Elephants in the Ancient World” was presented by Richard F. Harrod from Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College), and explored the successes and problems associated with Roman use of war elephants. Did you know that it’s a myth that elephants are afraid of mice? They’re really afraid of squealing hogs. Go Razorbacks!

After the business session, conventioners were given the choice of lectures, sightseeing tours, or activities, which continued all afternoon on a rotating basis in half-hour intervals. I attended two lectures and a trip into Virginia Tech’s “VT-Cave.”

The first lecture, offered by Virginia Tech’s own Prof. Andrew Becker, was entitled “Not for the Eye but for the Ear: Accent, Meter, and Rhythm in Latin.” In this lecture, Dr. Becker explained how to combine natural accenting with meter (aka beat, ictus, pulse). The first thing to do is read the passage aloud in natural speech, paying special attention to accents. Next, read it in meter, beating out the meter with your hand, foot, or

thumb (this is how Roman children did it). Finally, combine the two, counter-pointing the beat to the accent—the accenting is undercut by the beat. It’s quite difficult to do. Dr. Becker’s paper about the Roman student’s meter learning experience is at <http://www.marshall.edu/classical-studies/beckeroplFORUMonline.pdf>

Next, “Down and Out in Ancient Rome” was a lecture by Prof. Gregory Daugherty of Randolph-Macon College. It was about the social classes in Rome, with special attention paid to the unfortunate poor. There was no middle class as we know it, and punishments for the same crime were different for the rich and the poor. “Pauper” in Latin simply meant “not stinking rich.” For example, “paupers” might have had *only* three slaves—oh, the shame! A person’s name and clothing telegraphed their class, saying “watch out



or I'll have you killed" or "I am scum, treat me like that!" The Houses of the Vettii and Faun were atypical Roman homes, and what is often considered the "typical" atrium Roman house was actually owned by only 5% of the population. The poor lived in *insulae* in which the bottom floor was the most fashionable and the top floor was the cheapest. These *insulae* were constructed using the *opus craticia* method (twigs, reeds, or branches woven together and plastered over), constructions that produced highly flammable buildings. Fires shot straight to the top floor and then burnt their way down. Roof tiles were supported by wooden beams, which caused the tiles to fall out into the street when the beams burned. The streets in poor neighborhoods were part of the sewer system. If you were polite, you would have shouted a warning before throwing trash or chamberpot contents out of the window; if you were not polite, you would throw it out and quickly duck back in the window. Older films that show Rome as clean and bright are just wrong; moviemakers are getting better with more dirty, and subsequently more accurate, depictions. HBO's portrayal of Rome had just the right amount of scuzziness—all it needs is smell-o-vision to depict a more realistic view of the poor areas of Rome.

My final afternoon excursion was a trip into Virginia Tech's "VT-Cave," a 3D interactive experience. After donning special glasses and stepping into a small room with screens on three walls, we were attacked by bugs and DNA molecules, took a rollercoaster ride, strolled along fields, and flew through a Roman basilica. Not only did we walk out of the cave with wobbly knees, but we left with an understanding that the cave's operators enjoy torturing entomophobic visitors.

Afterwards, I took a refreshing walk back to the hotel, snapping photos of the campus' blooming trees, architecturally interesting buildings, and students frolicking in the large park at the center of campus (photos

at <http://gallery.jazzhaven.com/blacksburg-288c.htm>). I strolled around the duck pond, wishing I had brought a book so that I could sit and read for a while in that idyllic spot.

The formal banquet was held on Saturday evening. Several people donned Classical garb for the Best Dressed Vir/Femina contest. Awards were presented, and the mandatory singing of the Eta Sigma Phi song was replete with the equally mandatory good-natured exclamations of Eta Sigma *Fee* and *Fie*.

After dinner, we were treated to an Eta Eta (VT) tradition—a marathon reading of a classical play, headed by Prof. Papillon. About forty of us took turns playing characters from *Lysistrata*, an exercise which was punctuated by guffaws. In Act 1, the part of *Lysistrata* was played most robustly and with a constant blush by yours truly. We finished the reading in just over an hour, and peals of laughter were heard throughout.

The second business meeting was on Sunday morning. During this meeting, Beta Nu (University of Mary Washing-

ton) won the T-Shirt contest with their ingenious "Nero's World Tour." Zeta Beta (Temple University) won the bid for the 2007 convention. Thomas Evison from Epsilon Iota (University of Florida) was elected Megas Prytanis. Richard Harrod from Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College) was elected Megas Hyparchos. Thomas George Hendren from Eta Eta (Virginia Tech) was elected Megas Grammateus. And I was elected Megale Chryso-phylax (Beta Pi, University of Arkansas).

To say that this was an enjoyable weekend is an understatement. All events were meticulously organized; everything seemed to go without a hitch (even the April Fool's Joke that the banquet venue had to be moved because the building caught fire), and the people were among the most congenial I have ever met.

Heartfelt thanks go to everyone who participated in this convention, and a special thanks to all those who planned this extraordinary affair. Although this was my third convention, it is one that will remain dear to me—I arrived alone, but I left with many new friends.

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# Convention Awards

Best Paper: Andrew Willey of Beta Psi at Rhodes College

Best Dressed Vir: Josh Cameron, Eta Eta at Virginia Tech

Best Dressed Femina: Lisa Adams of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College

Best Chapter Regalia: Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington

Outreach Prize: Eta Eta at Virginia Tech

Certamen:

Oedipus and the Mama's Boys from the University of Massachusetts

Curt Bellemer, Craig Anderson, Chris Lavalette, Andy Carroll

## Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Winners 2006

### Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship to the American Academy in Rome

Keturah Joanna Kiehl  
University of Missouri/Columbia, expected grad. May 2006, MA in classical languages  
Hillsdale College, 2004, BA in classical studies  
Elected active member: Hillsdale College, April 2001

### Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies in Athens

Carson Lundquist Sieving  
Case Western, expected grad May 2006, MA in art history  
Emory University, 2004, BA in art history and classics  
Elected active member: Emory University, April 2003

### Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae

Kelly Erin Ryan  
Wake Forest University, 2002, BA in classics  
University of Georgia, 2005, MA in Latin  
Elected active member: Wake Forest University, 1999-2002

### Bernice L. Fox Latin Teaching Training Scholarship

Jennifer Ice, member of Eta Zeta Chapter at Truman State University. Jennifer was the recipient of an Eta Sigma Phi Summer Scholarship to the Vergilian Society in 2001. She earned her masters in Classics from University of Texas-Austin in 2003 and is currently teaching Latin at Brittany Woods Middle School in St. Louis, Missouri. Jennifer is also a member of the Eta Sigma Phi panel at CAMWS 2006 entitled

"Teaching Latin in the 21st Century: Some Observations by Eta Sigma Phi Members" in honor of Wayne Tucker. This \$500.00 scholarship will support her attendance at the North American Cambridge Classics Project Workshop during the summer of 2006.

## Outreach Award

Eta Eta chapter of Virginia Tech won the award for its annual outreach to a local elementary school, Kipps Elementary. Members of the chapter work with the 3rd grade classes. Some of the members of the chapter go to the school, but the big event is Kipps Classics Day when all the 3rd graders (about 90) come to Tech for the day, and do four centers about language, myth, architecture, and a museum project.

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Best Dressed Femina and Best Dressed Vir



Keturah Kiehl, winner of the 2006 Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship to Rome



Carson Sieving, winner of the 2006 Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to Athens



Kelly Ryan, winner of the 2006 Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to Cumae



Jennifer Ice, winner of the 2006 Bernice L. Fox Latin Teacher Training Scholarship

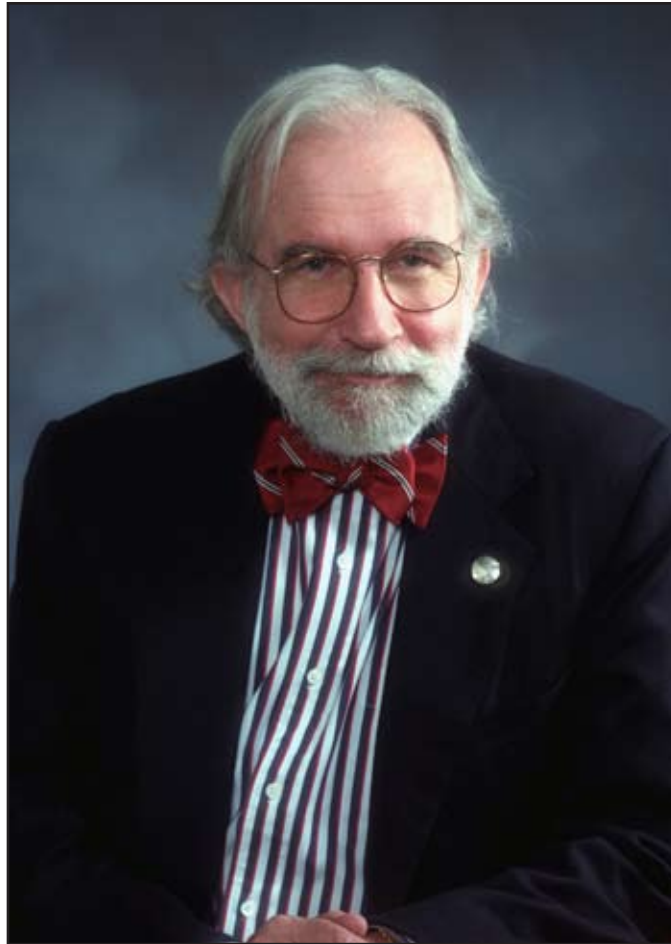
# Harry Rutledge, First Recipient of Eta Sigma Phi Rome Scholarship, Dies

Members of Eta Sigma Phi mourn the passing of **Dr. Harry C. Rutledge**, who died at the age of 74 at Ft. Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Saturday April 15, 2006. He was the son of the late Russell Weldon and Kathryn Carraci Rutledge.

A member of the Alpha Tau chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at The Ohio State University, Harry C. Rutledge holds the distinction of winning, in 1958, the first Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship awarded for summer study at the American Academy in Rome. He had completed an undergraduate degree, B.Sc.Ed., at The Ohio State University in 1954 with the idea of teaching Latin on the secondary school level, but following graduation he enlisted in the United States Army for a two-year tour (1954-56) and left at the rank of First Lieutenant. He returned to The Ohio State University where he completed an M.A. degree (1957) in Classics and continued his work toward a Ph.D. degree (1960) in Classics.

At the urging of Professor J. B. Titchener, longtime chairman of The Ohio State University's Department of Classics and one-time member of the Eta Sigma Phi Contest Committee, Harry Rutledge applied for and won the scholarship to the American Academy. Harry regarded the winning of that scholarship as a landmark event in his life, something that had much to do with his decision to persevere in his studies and complete the requirements for a Ph.D. degree in Classics. With Clarence Forbes as his dissertation director, Harry wrote a brilliant dissertation, a biography of Herodes Atticus. He taught as a member of the Classics faculty of the University of Georgia 1960-1968.

Professor Rutledge accepted an ap-



*Harry Rutledge, c.1995*

pointment as Head of the Department of Classics at the University of Tennessee in 1968, serving until 1991; he retired from the faculty in 1996. Brent Froberg also joined the faculty of the University of Tennessee as an Instructor in the Department of Classics in 1968. The Beta Delta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi had had four inactive years prior to the arrival in Knoxville, Tennessee, of these two new instructors. Professor Rutledge wanted the students in Classics at the University of Tennessee to have access to the same advantages that he had had as an undergraduate student and insisted that Beta Delta reactivate during that first year. "What an exciting time we had that year," reflected Profes-

sor Froberg upon hearing the sad news of the loss of Harry Rutledge, "as we put Beta Delta back on its feet with a large initiation and a large gathering at a picnic attended by many students, the faculty in Classics, and a few guests of the chapter. Harry devoted himself to his teaching and to the success of the students in the Classics Department of the University of Tennessee. He held an abiding affection for Eta Sigma Phi and its programs. I have known no one more grateful for the generosity and the help of others. His gratitude led him to extend to his own students the help that he had received. We shall all surely miss the presence of Harry Rutledge, a legendary figure in Eta Sigma Phi."

The former home of Dr. Rutledge and his parents, on Cherokee Blvd. in Knoxville, was well-known for its receptions for visiting scholars, the Joseph Wood Krutch lecturers and the East Tennessee Society of the Archaeological Institute of

America. Dr. Rutledge was past president of the Vergilian Society of America (1976-1977), the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (1979-1980), and the American Classical League (1990-1994). In 1992 he was Macebearer at the University of Tennessee.

He is survived by his brother, Frank Rutledge of East Lansing, Michigan, and sister, Phelia Lorenzen of Seattle, Washington, and their families. Burial was private in the family plot in Hamden, Ohio. A memorial service will be announced at a later time. Arrangements provided by Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel. [www.rosemortuary.com](http://www.rosemortuary.com). *Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua.*



**Beta Kappa Induction**  
 L to R: Rose Faulkner, Sister Thérèse Dougherty, Patricia Teller, Sister Rita Bueche, Katharine Chatard, Nancy Jeffrey, Sister Theresa Lamy, Jane Hall, Christina Moxey, Kate Skovron, Patricia Short (a member of Delta Alpha chapter at Randolph Macon Women's College).

**APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for  
 THE BERNICE L. FOX  
 TEACHER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP 2007**

**Eligibility: Eta Sigma Phi members**

- who are now teaching, or preparing to teach, at the pre-collegiate level,
- who have received a Bachelor's degree since January 1, 1995, or who expect to receive it before the summer of 2007,
- and who have not received a doctoral degree.

**The Award of \$500**

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**To apply: go to**

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**Application Deadline: February 1, 2007**

The recipient will be announced at the National Convention at Temple University in April 2007.

This scholarship honors Bernice L. Fox, who taught English, Latin, and Greek at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, from 1947 to 1981, and who served as chair of the Department of Classics from 1970 until her retirement in 1981. Throughout her long and dynamic career she worked tirelessly to promote the Classics in Illinois high schools and colleges. In 1956 she founded Monmouth College's Gamma Omicron Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. She was the author of *Tela Charlottae*, the Latin translation of E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web*. In 1991 Monmouth College conferred on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. She died in 2003.

The committee who will select the scholarship recipient was appointed by the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees. Its members are Mary Pendergraft of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. (chair), Helen Moritz of Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California, and Terry Papillon of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia.



# Res Gestae

## **Alpha Lambda (University of Oklahoma)**

This year the Alpha Lambda chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the University of Oklahoma has been deeply involved in service activities. We have worked on many projects, though only a few are detailed here.

One particularly important activity we organized was a Latin tutoring program. The first thing we did was to compile a list of all Latin tutors within our Classics Department to make finding a tutor much easier for students. In addition to this, we set up a tutoring service. For this service, we have a specific room where we tutor, and we have established office hours during which students may walk in and receive free tutoring. It is a terrific program and is working very well!

Another thing we have done is set up graduate school sessions. These are held annually and give students the vital information they need to be accepted into graduate school and, once there, to succeed. We have had these in the past, although they were not held on a regular basis. However, now they have begun to be offered every year, so as to give help to the maximum number of students.

In November, our department held its annual Classics Day. Classics Day is an event held at the University of Oklahoma. Schools from across the state gather at OU for a day of fun, with numerous educational activities, such as jewelry-making, Greek dancing, and interesting lectures. For this event, our chapter worked hard to recruit volunteers, and we ended up having a surplus of students who were enthusiastic to help out.

In February, we organized a bake sale to raise money for the American Classical League's efforts to refurbish schools damaged by Hurricane Katrina. We did not put a price on the baked goods; rather, we simply asked for donations in exchange for baked goods. For ten hours of work and with most people donating a dollar or two, we managed to bring in around \$170 in donations.

We have also begun organizing our very own annual certamen. We have been working with another organization to accomplish this, and we held our first certamen this past November. It was quite successful! Our next certamen will be held

this September. In contrast to our first one, the one this fall will be a tournament, with four teams pitted against each other in a total of five games.

Finally, we have begun work on an Ancient Language Lab. It will function in a manner similar to modern language labs. It will have computers with language learning software and drills, as well as other educationally-valuable software, such as encyclopedias. In addition, the room will function as a lounge for students in our department. It will have tables for studying and tutoring and couches for relaxing. We are very fortunate to have been given full funding for the lab by the College of Arts and Sciences, of which our department is a part.

## **Alpha Mu (University of Missouri)**

This year at Mizzou in the Alpha Mu chapter, we have really focused on two things: 1.) increasing membership and interest in Eta Sigma Phi and 2.) service and volunteering. Through several social events, bake sales, and other small events, we have considerably raised awareness of Eta Sigma Phi on campus. We held two initiation ceremonies this spring. At the first we initiated over ten new members and the second ceremony, called *Cena Deorum*, was our biggest social event of the year.

For service we have worked several times at the local food bank in Colombia, as well as volunteered for our community's "Safe Halloween" night. We have also organized a Relay-for-Life team. One thing about which we are especially proud is the night we put together for Evan Cruz, an eight-year-old Missouri resident diagnosed with chronic renal failure. Through Make-a-Wish Foundation he hoped to attend a Mizzou Men's basketball game. One of the members of the Alpha Mu chapter became aware of Evan's wish, and we organized a night that included dinner and souvenirs, front row seats at the basketball game, and a meeting with the team's mascot, Truman the Tiger.

We plan to continue our campaign for awareness and service on the University of Missouri campus during the coming academic year and look forward to a productive and entertaining national convention.

## **Alpha Nu (Davidson College)**

Our chapter has been recently reactivated and had its first initiation of five members on the Ides of March 2006. A second initiation is scheduled for near the end of April, but apart from that, our activities will start in the fall.

## **Beta Beta (Furman University)**

In the spring of 2005 we revived our chapter, which had too long lain dormant, with the help of several dedicated students. At the end of our spring term, we held an initiation ceremony which was watched over and blessed by Divus Elvis. This ceremony was preceded by joyful feasting and sacrifices to Elvis. For the summer, we assigned *Achilles in Vietnam* as (voluntary) summer reading and had a discussion of the book when we all returned in the fall. Most recently, we have instituted a Wednesday lunch group where we read Apollonius' *Argonautica*. We are also planning field trips, speakers, and random dinner get-togethers for the spring. Chapter t-shirts are still in the works.

## **Beta Theta (Hampden-Sydney College)**

Beta Theta held its initiation ceremony on February 7, with five initiates, bringing our total membership to eighteen.

In the fall the chapter, with the Department of Classics, sponsored a talk on "Sophocles' *Philoctetes* on Page and Stage" by Victor Castellani, associate professor of Classics and Humanities at the University of Denver. In February Bernard Frischer, director of the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities at the University of Virginia, returned to the College to speak on "Horace's Sabine Villa: New Studies in the Field and in the Archives."

At Final Convocation last spring our grammateus, Matt Shealy, was honored with the David C. Wilson Memorial Award in Greek, receiving the complete Loeb Plato. A freshman and new member, Carden Hedelt, received the Leila B. Thompson Eta Sigma Phi Prize in Latin. The latter prize, named for the wife of our long-time adviser, is a book and a check for \$1000.00.

After missing last year's convention at St. Olaf College, we were happy to have members attend this year.

# Res Gestae (Continued)



At the Final Convocation at Hampden-Sydney College in April, Professor John L. Brinkley presents the David C. Wilson Memorial Prize in Greek to Beta Theta's Gramma-teus Matt Shealy.



At Hampden-Sydney College's Final Convocation in April, Beta Theta's Prytanis J.B. Billings (left) presents the Leila B. Thompson Eta Sigma Phi Prize in Latin to Carden Hedelt.



Recent Graduates at Alpha Phi at Millsaps College: Pictured, l. to r., are Dr. Holly Sypniewski, Matt Vieron, Joseph Madison, Cory Gilbert, and Dr. Catherine Freis. Vieron, a Classics major, is going to the University of Wisconsin at Madison (TA in Classics). Madison, a triple major in Classics, English and Philosophy, will be teaching Latin in a high school. Gilbert, a double major in English and Classics, will be going on to the University of Kentucky in Classics.

We are also pleased that our adviser and former national executive secretary, C. Wayne Tucker, will be honored next week at the annual convention of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Gainesville, Florida, with a special session of papers by members of Eta Sigma Phi who are now teaching.

We will be having a meeting soon to elect officers for next year.

## Beta Iota (Wake Forest University)

The Beta Iota chapter has had a great year.

In October we co-sponsored a Phi Beta Kappa guest speaker who gave a lecture open to the public on a Classical theme. In December we had a Christmas party. We invited all the faculty and students taking Classics classes that semester to join us for some good food and fun. In order to raise good cheer, we took non-perishable food donations at the party and distributed them to Second Harvest. This spring we did another fundraiser to donate money to the American Classical League's Hurricane Relief Fund. We sold t-shirts

to the Wake Forest community with the logo "It's All Greek to Me!" in Greek and English on the back. In April we held our annual spring banquet and initiation, with a visiting professor to Wake Forest as our guest lecturer. The famous translator, Allen Mandelbaum, was also present as guest of honor to sign books and speak with students.

## Beta Kappa (The College of Notre Dame of Maryland)

We began the fall semester making our chapter visible with an exhibit at the annual Organizational Expo, held on September 1. We held several meetings to plan our activities for the 2005-2006 academic year and our treasurer, Heather Berry, sent letters to local businesses asking for prizes for our Maryland Classics Raffle to be held in the spring. On September 23, 2005 some members attended an AIA lecture at Johns Hopkins entitled "Traces of a Multi-Ethnic City: Grave Reliefs in the Graeco-Roman Museum of Alexandria" by Dr. Stefan Schmidt of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

In November Dr. Martin Winkler of George Mason University presented an illustrated lecture on "Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* in Film," using clips from a variety of Hollywood and TV versions of Homer, including the recent movie *Troy* and an Italian production of the *Odyssey* that is considered by Dr. Winkler to be the best of the film versions of the *Odyssey*. High school teachers and students and members of the campus community joined our chapter for this event.

In February some members went to Loyola College for a lecture by Frank Romer, Professor of Classics at East Carolina University. This lecture was part of Loyola's annual Humanities Symposium. The theme of the Symposium this year is "What Would You Die For? Perpetua's Passion." The topic of this beautifully illustrated lecture was Perpetua's Africa. We attended another lecture in this series on March 30 entitled "What Would You Kill For? Perpetua's Martyrdom from the Prosecutors' Perspective." This lecture was given by James Rives of York University in Toronto.

On Friday, March 24 some of us heard



Dr. Ross Holloway of Brown University lecture on the Tomb of the Diver at Paestum. This was the annual John J. Callahan Lecture of the Baltimore Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. This lecture was endowed by John Callahan, the first husband of Gladys Justice, honorary member of our chapter who died in January. The lecture was followed by a dinner in memory of Gladys, who was a great loss both to our chapter and the AIA. Gladys Justice was an annual lecturer for Beta Kappa Chapter for many years and the regular speaker for the annual Sister Mary Gratia Memorial Lecture. We did not host the Sister Gratia Lecture this year.

The highlight of this year occurred on Saturday, March 25, when we inducted Jane Hall, founder of the National Latin Exam, as an honorary member of Beta Kappa Chapter. Jane attributes her start on the road to her national involvement in the promotion of classics to her participation in Beta Kappa's Latin Days and Classics Weekends for High School Students several decades ago. After participating in our certamen, Jane began a certamen in the Washington area that eventually led to the national certamina at the JCL conventions.

Jane was able to come to Baltimore on Friday to attend Ross Holloway's lecture on the Tomb of the Diver and the Callahan dinner at Hopkins. On Saturday morning before the induction she addressed a graduate Vergil class that included several Latin teachers, using the Vergil program of Forum Romanum to illustrate ways of incorporating it into classroom teaching. Several alumnae and former officers participated in the induction ceremony, at which one of our local Latin teachers, Nancy Jeffrey, was also inducted as an associate member.

We attended a lecture on April 30 at the Walters Art Museum entitled "Ancient Greek Jewellery and Jewellers" (British spelling is used at the request of the speaker) delivered by Dyfri Williams,



*Beta Kappa Chapter at the College of Notre Dame Inducts Jane Hall of the National Latin Exam as an honorary member.*

Keeper of the Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the British Museum. On that day we drew the names of the prize winners in our Maryland Classics Raffle, which helps fund our activities as well as the Sister Gratia Scholarship for a student to participate in an archeological study program.

On Sunday, May 7 we had a Memorial Mass for Gladys Justice on our campus, to which members of her family and friends, and her students in our Renaissance Institute were invited.

In May we also held a lunch for Latin students and for pledges to Beta Kappa chapter. At the end of the month, some of our members participated in a two-week archeological tour of Greece, visiting northern Greece as well as Rhodes, Patmos, Samos, even taking a one-day

excursion to Turkey for a visit to Ephesus. Katharine Chatard has been awarded this year's Sister Gratia Scholarship to help pay for this program.

We are pleased to make a small donation to the Eta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund.

### **Beta Nu (University of Mary Washington)**

Beta Nu continued to promote Latin this year by holding its 6th annual Classical Essay Contest for local middle and high school students of Latin. In the fall we sent flyers to Latin teachers in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where Mary Washington is located; to teachers in the neighboring counties of Spotsylvania and Stafford; and to members of the Fredericksburg Area Latin Teachers' Association (FALTA), whose membership extends across northern Virginia. We invited essays, 2-3 pages or approximately 750 words in length, on the following topic, Gaius Julius Phaedrus once wrote *Vulgare amici nomen, sed rara est fides*. Do you agree that the name of friend is

common, but the fact is rare? We were delighted to receive over 140 essays, which we judged in January at a combined essay reading session and pizza party. We awarded Eta Sigma Phi medals, Latin dictionaries provided by the National Latin Exam, and certificates to first, second, and third place winners in two levels of competition, junior (sixth through ninth graders) and senior (tenth through twelfth graders).

In February Beta Nu initiated 22 new members, and in March it hosted its 9th annual Eta Sigma Phi public lecture at the University of Mary Washington to announce and honor its new members and, of course, to promote Classics to the community. Our speaker, Dr. Jean MacIntosh Turfa of the University Museum at the University of Pennsylvania, lectured on "Love, Death, and Magic in Etruscan Urns" to a packed audience of students, faculty, and townspeople.

Finally, Beta Nu joined with the Classics Club to produce the first Classics t-shirt at



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*is proud to announce*

### THE WINNERS OF THE 2005 CLASSICAL ESSAY CONTEST

TOPIC: *Gaius Julius Phaedrus once wrote "Vulgare amici nomen, sed rara est fides."*  
*Do you agree that the name of friend is common, but the fact is rare?*

First Place, Senior Division  
Rachel MacLeod, Stafford High School (Martha Jusino, Teacher)

Second Place, Senior Division  
Theresa Gentile, Riverbend High School (Mark Keith, Teacher)

Honorable Mention, Senior Division  
Heidi Siegmund, Stafford High School (Martha Jusino, Teacher)

First Place, Junior Division  
Adrienne Poffenbarger, Riverbend High School (Mark Keith, Teacher)

Second Place, Junior Division  
Neil Hurst, Fredericksburg Academy (Kevin M. Perry, Teacher)

Honorable Mention, Junior Division  
Michael West, Stafford High School (Martha Jusino, Teacher)

the University of Mary Washington in living memory. Imitating a rock concert tour t-shirt, it features Nero as the rock star and his tour of Greece as the concert tour.

#### **Beta Pi (University of Arkansas)**

Even though we, the members of the Beta Pi chapter at the University of Arkansas, enjoy keeping our ranks limited to only the coolest of the Classical Studies cool, we found ten more exceptional students to join our ranks. Four students passed their fire-walking tests and the other induction rituals at our first faculty-student soiree of the season. The remaining six initiates were inducted at our annual Saturnalia.

Our Saturnalias are always a blast. Not only do we revel in the spirit of fellowship, but all of the members receive gifts from the faculty. But the simple act of giving a gift is just too blasé for this bunch. Thus every year our professors write clues in Greek or Latin and distribute them to their students. In order to open the gift, we have to read the clues aloud in the original

language, offer our English translation, and then guess what's inside. Yes, we have BYOL parties – Bring Your Own Lexica. One of the clues this year was even written in hendecasyllabics (another was written in hexameters)! Of course, they had to be read in meter.

Our get-togethers are not limited to indoor events, either. Earlier in the semester, some of our number decided to torture themselves by choosing the coldest weekend of October for the annual camp out. Rumor has it that Silenus and Pan made a guest appearance.

Beta Pi was proud to host several guest lecturers in the last few months.

In October, John Clarke, Professor of Visual Arts at the University of Texas at Austin, gave a standing-room-only lecture entitled "Visual Art, Social Class, and Sex in Ancient Rome, 27 BC-AD 79." Professor Clarke dispelled the myth that Roman sexualities were like ours, only more decadent, and encouraged the audience to maintain an open and non-judgmental

mind when reflecting on the sexual practices of civilizations, past and present. Professor Clarke also led a class on the House of the Vettii for a freshman Honors Humanities course.

In November, Professor Eric Kondratieff from Temple University explained the development of coinage as currency in his lecture "Crescit Amor Nummi: The Use and Abuse of Coinage in Ancient Greece and Rome." Before and after the lecture, we had demonstrations of ancient coin minting by The Gallery Mint, which struck pewter coins by hand using a recreated Athenian die, and freely distributed the freshly struck coins to all comers. We thought our student government would get the joke, but no one in the exec office understood the idea of giving more money to the students.

Last month, Professor Ann Marie Yasin from the University of Southern California presented a lecture entitled "Churches Before Architecture: Approaches to Sacred Space in the Early Christian World." She explained that the places where Christians gathered to worship became symbolically loaded sacred spaces even before the era of monumental churches.

At the end of the semester we held another faculty and student soirée, at which we initiated new members and had more than the usual amount of classics fun.

#### **Beta Sigma (Marquette University)**

During the past year, the Beta Sigma chapter has been zealously promoting the study and love of classical learning and culture among *hoi polloi* at Marquette. Ever since we have departed from our policy of former years to shun the *vulgus profanum*, we have found it necessary to entertain the uninitiated at several symposia in hopes of expanding our cult. Aside from the primary Dionysian motives for these symposia, money was raised to benefit classicists recovering in New Orleans. Papers were presented, poetry was recited, music was sung, and the muses lamented the death of art.

But lest the Beta Sigma chapter acquire a reputation for debauchery alone, we sponsored a lecture given by Dr. James Shey, professor emeritus of classics at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Dr.

They lectured on his recent translation and commentary of Petrarch's *Itinerarium*.

Further, we crossed state lines to view the recent Pompeii exhibit at the Field Museum in Chicago. We saw many artifacts, wall-paintings, and castings of those poor souls who never knew what hit them.

As per usual, our annual classical Valentines sale yielded much booty for merchant and customer alike.

Moreover, this year we established the Dead Languages Society dedicated to a study of languages more obscure than Greek and Latin, such as Sanskrit, Demotic, and Coptic.

For the remainder of the year we look forward to the annual inductions, the *Ver Adest* banquet hosted by Dr. Marquardt, our faculty adviser, the first annual Marquette Pythian Games, and more childish giggling during readings of the Petronius' *Satyricon*.

### **Beta Psi (Rhodes College)**

This year has been a very active year for our chapter at Rhodes College. We have initiated nine members, three in the fall semester and six in the spring.

Before the Christmas holiday, to bring in some of that holiday cheer, we took part in the first ever recorded Latin Christmas caroling session in honor of Festivus!!! As many of you may have noticed, ancient Greece and Rome have been all over the silver screen as of late. Because of this, during the first semester we met as a chapter every Sunday to watch the HBO special, "Rome." Additionally, this semester we have been meeting every Sunday to watch the PBS mini series, "I Claudius."

One of the most important achievements of our chapter this semester has been the development of our Classics Club, "CAESAR." This is an acronym for Classical and Hellenistic Society at Rhodes. This Club is not only open to Majors and Minors, but to all members of the Rhodes College community who are interested in classics. This has helped to spread the word about the classics to all of Rhodes College. The club has organized many activities such as a showing of Monty Python's *Life of Brian*. Additionally, the club organized a city wide certamen contest for all high schools in the Mem-

phis area. Alas, on the day of the contest, we had a snow storm which canceled the contest. Finally, the most important project that our chapter has done this year, and has done for the past seven years, is our after-school service project run at Bruce Elementary School. The members of our chapter meet with the students of Bruce, grades 1-5, every Monday from 2:30-4:00.

During our meetings we teach the children various aspects of antiquity. For example, the last lesson we taught was about the Oracle of Delphi, and the role that the Pythia played in interpreting questions of the oracle's visitors. Each one of the kids wrote on a piece of paper a question they wanted answered, and one of our members, Claire Patrick, dressed as the Pythia, answered all of their questions with the best of her oracle-like ability. Other lessons have been the teaching of the Greek alphabet, learning how to write their names using the Greek characters, or telling mythological stories, such as Prometheus' theft of fire. This project has been very rewarding, not only for the members of the Beta Psi chapter, but also for all of the children involved with the project, many of whom have been with us for several years.

When we returned to Memphis from national convention in Blacksburg, Virginia, we held elections for our next year's officers.

### **Gamma Iota (Wabash College)**

The men of Gamma Iota chapter of Eta Sigma Phi have been busy over the last year. We most unfortunately lost our Latin tutoring program at the local middle school, because they were unable to continue. However, much to our delight, we have been busy with many other activities. Movie night is a tradition that still continues on a semi-regular basis. This year we have watched such films as *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Gladiator*, and *Alexander*. The Wabash College Theatre Department staged a version of the *Braggart Soldier* this semester and the men of Eta Sigma Phi led a discussion on Roman comedy before the show. We have also attended many talks and events in the region, including a trip to the Field

Museum in Chicago to see the Pompeii exhibit, trips to DePauw University whenever an appropriate speaker came, a trip to Cincinnati to hear a talk on the comic books in the *Age of Bronze* series, and numerous presentations by students for students. Our biggest project yet, however, is to persuade our advisor, Prof. David Kubiak, to give a talk he has been dying to give on Papal vestments and Roman emperors. The men of Gamma Iota have certainly been busy and encourage other chapters in and around the region to contact us for future events, as we are always eager to attend.

### **Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)**

Our academic year began with our traditional fall picnic in advisor Professor Sienkewicz' garden. At our fall initiation in November we welcomed four new members. (For a photo gallery of this initiation, see <http://department.monm.edu/classics/EtaSigmaPhi/Photos/05-11/05-11InitiationPhotoGallery.htm>.)

We celebrated the Roman festival known as the Caristia, a time for family members to reunite and renew their ties, with a pizza party and a Roman mystery game. In this game each student took the role of an ancient Roman character (e.g. a Vestal virgin, an emperor, an orator, etc.) and tried to identify the murderer among them through a series of clues. Great fun and hilarity was had by all. This activity was supported by a Caristia grant from the CAMWS Committee for the Promotion of Latin.

Also in February the chapter sponsored a Classics Bee for Latin students at the local high school. Students took a qualifying exam at school and the finalists came to campus for a pizza party with members of Eta Sigma Phi followed by the Classics Bee. Chapter member Lisa Adams worked especially hard to make this bee happen, and the event was so successful that we hope to repeat it again next year.

On the Ides of March Mark Golden, Professor of Classics at the University of Winnipeg, delivered the 21st annual Bernice L. Fox Classics Lecture entitled "Olive-Tinted Spectacles: Myths in the History of the Ancient and Modern Olympics."



## Res Gestae (Continued)



New Initiates of Gamma Omicron Chapter at Monmouth College: (l. to r.) Mark Shoemaker, Elizabeth Toal, Andrew Viscariello, John Taylor, Morgan Mikita, Catherine Bartunek, Edward Jensen and Sarah Sherry.

Later in March several members of the chapter participated in a college-sponsored field trip to the Field Museum in Chicago to see the special Pompeii exhibit, which included artifacts never before displayed outside of Italy. Sarah Sherry said of her trip that “I thought the exhibit was enlightening, and I really enjoyed seeing the artwork. One of my favorite pieces was the fresco of Apollo.” Latin student Catie Bartunek said that “It was amazing to see 2000 year old history from across the world come alive just a few hours from here. I enjoyed getting a glimpse of what life was like through the few pieces of art that survived.”

We were pleased that six of our members and our advisor were able to attend the national convention in Blacksburg, where one of our members, Richard Harold, read a paper entitled “War Elephants in the Ancient World.” We are also proud of the t-shirts we designed for the convention. It has a picture of Darth Vader and “The Force Be With You” in both Latin and ancient Greek.

In April the chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala initiation of nine members, a public lecture entitled “Mozart and Rome” by Robert Ketterer, Professor of Classics at the University of Iowa, and a *Cena Classica* (with only old world foods).

We were pleased that several alumni returned for these events.

We ended the year where we started, in Prof. Sienkewicz’ garden, for another picnic at which graduating seniors, dressed in their graduation gowns, were ceremoniously awarded their Eta Sigma Phi honor cords and hoods, and students earning recognition on the National Latin and National Greek Exams were given their awards. In good Greek tradition we then drew lots to determine our chapter officers for next year.

### Gamma Omega (Baylor University) Greetings from the Heart of Texas!

October was, as usual, a very busy month for the AWESOME members of Gamma Omega. We kicked it off with our fifth annual OctHOMERfest. For the uninitiated, OctHOMERfest is a Baylor extravaganza in which we sell baked goods (and sandwiches!) and read aloud the words of Homer in as many different languages as possible. This year, in addition to his infamous “Three-Minute *Iliad*,” Dr. Thorburn unveiled his ingenious, new “Three-Minute *Odyssey*,” sure to become a classic and a cult favorite around the world, or at least in the lounge of the Modern Foreign Language Department. Later that evening, we welcomed eleven new

members into our ranks with our usual ceremonies and pizza. This year we added a movie to the mix. A week later, we assisted the department in welcoming current and former students for the annual Homecoming party/open house. A week after that, we ended the month with a Halloween costume party, at which Baylor Classics students and faculty gathered for food and fun, in the guise of our favorite Bradley’s Arnold phrases. This theme allowed for some very interesting costumes, including one member’s attempt to be *Pompeii similis*, complete with Roman column and bust.

After much investigation and through the use of preventive techniques, such as thesis chapter deadlines, Gamma Omega was able to ward off the horrifying disease which generally strikes graduating individuals. Our fall festivities, therefore, were able to continue in December (Keep in mind: It’s Texas) with a Christmas party. In keeping with the tradition of Gamma Omega’s naming system, the theme of the party was “Homer for the Holidays,” because it was held just before students went home for Christmas Break.

The spring semester has also been busy for the chapter. We began with the induction of eleven more members and our annual Take-A-Dative. This year’s theme for this highly successful cook-out was “Homer’s Where the Heart Is,” as proclaimed on our rather bright t-shirts. The back has a line drawing inspired by a vase painting of Hector and Andromache, and lines from Andromache’s beloved parting speech in Book VI of the *Iliad* appear below the picture.

In addition to inductions and Take-A-Dative, the chapter assisted the department with the third annual High School Latin Day for central Texas students. Past and present Gamma Omega members entertained the participants with a rendition of Plautus’ *Amphitryo*, and a suspenseful certamen tournament allowed the schools to display their knowledge of the classical world. This year, a Gamma Omega alumna was able to bring her class to Latin Day. Movie Fridays and Latin Lab, a free tutoring service to lower-level Latin students, were also continued this year. Our departmental lecture series continued with appearances by Herbert Benario, Marilyn

Skinner, Gerhard Petersmann, Carole Newlands, Michael C.J. Putnam, Sandy McKay and Peter Arzt-Grabner, a visiting professor of papyrology from the University of Salzburg. We were happy to welcome as a visiting professor this semester papyrology expert Dr. Arzt-Grabner from the University of Salzburg

#### **Delta Pi (Randolph-Macon College)**

Delta Pi is happy to report that we have twelve active members as well as one temporary member, Ed Merritt of Eta Gamma at Loyola University, who spent fall semester with us because of the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina. Our members have been active with Virginia Senior and Junior Classical League conventions. We have an outreach program on togas and armor for elementary school students because third graders in Virginia do a unit on Greece and Rome.

We have a custom of weekly Classics Tea. Last semester we watched the T.V. series "Rome" at these teas. We strongly recommend full frontal nudity as a way to grow chapter memberships.

Several members of our chapter were in a college production of Euripides' *Bacchae* this year. A class on Vulgar Latin mounted a display in the college library.

For the Ides of March we annually create a special t-shirt.

In April our chapter took a trip to visit the on-going Jamestown excavations.

#### **Delta Chi (St. Olaf College)**

We began our year with an "Alpha Party," complete with root beer floats. In September, the Classics department also held

games of ultimate Frisbee and softball (Hellenists vs. Latinists). We watched the movie *Jason and the Argonauts* in October. Shortly after Halloween we celebrated the Eleusinian Mysteries, as is our custom, with *kykeon*, dramatic recitations, and a bonfire. In December, we braved the snow on the streets of Northfield to carol in Greek and Latin. In February, students participated in the Eta Sigma Phi translation contests. The Classics Department also reintroduced the idea of a Classics conversation table: every Monday we get together to eat dinner and converse about lofty topics. The conversation table has also been host to a series of Classics alums talking about what they did with their majors, which has been both informative and entertaining. Recently, we watched *Gladiator* and we held some Olympic games for the spring and initiated our new members in April.

#### **Epsilon Iota (University of Florida)**

This year has been the most eventful in the history of our chapter! Our chapter treasurer, Tom Evison, was elected to the national office of *megas chrysothylax*, at last year's convention at St. Olaf. In the following summer, we held several fundraisers to raise over \$1000 for our travel to this year's convention at Virginia Tech. In the fall, we inducted 27 national members and 26 local associate members. To welcome them, we moved our traditional end of the semester barbecue to the beginning of the semester after induction. We had a large turnout and enjoyed getting to know each other (and playing with fire). We reinitiated our regular Latin tutoring sessions, where we offer free help to beginning Latin students, and sometimes even Greek students!

In October, we held a pizza lunch in honor of AIA guest lecturer Susan Wood, who lectured on the "Vanishing Wives of Nero." Our annual Octogafest, where we play Classics trivia games and hold a toga contest, had to be postponed until November because of hurricane threats, so we celebrated a Novtogafest. Later that month, we sponsored a competition among the beginning Latin classes to collect food for the local food shelter, which was in need of donations after Hurricane Katrina. We collected 1200 cans, and the

class that donated the most was taught by our former chapter president.

In December, we held a bake-a-thon and made dozens of cookies and treats, as well as holiday cards, for children at the Ronald McDonald House. We also attended a lecture by Dr. Sharon Jones on female speech in Roman elegy. Then we welcomed Dr. Susanna Braund for a lecture on Roman invective, a treat for the students who were using her textbooks for a class on Juvenal.

In January, our founding sponsor, Dr. Karelisa Hartigan, who guided our chapter for 28 years (longer than most of our members have been alive!), retired as our sponsor and passed the Eta Sigma Phi owl to our new sponsor, Dr. Victoria Pagán. We recognized them both at our spring induction ceremony, where we welcomed 28 national members and 26 associate members, and celebrated with another barbecue.

In February, we had another pizza lunch and a viewing of the movie *Alexander* to prepare for a lecture on "Greatness in Oliver Stone's *Alexander*" by Dr. Jon Solomon, and then the AIA-sponsored lecture by Susan Langdon called "It Takes a *Polis*: the Art of Adolescence in Ancient Greece." We also recently heard the Greek humorist Hope Mihalap give a talk on being Greek-American.

Throughout the year, our chapter has been focused on the upcoming 102nd annual meeting of CAMWS, which will be held at UF next weekend. Our members will be the support staff of the event, and we are all looking forward to hosting this conference. After CAMWS, the UF Classics Department will hold an award ceremony at which two Eta Sigma Phi scholarships will be given to undergraduates. Finally, after final exams, we will celebrate the end of our busiest year with our traditional end of the year potluck dinner.

#### **Epsilon Omicron (The University of Massachusetts at Amherst)**

After welcoming a record number of initiates into our chapter last year, Epsilon Omicron at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst started the 2005-2006 academic year with expanded membership, many new ideas, and fresh approaches to old ideas. First, the chapter decided to

## **Quid Novi?**

Send information on your chapter's activities by October 15, 2006, for inclusion in the next issue of the *Nuntius*. Photographs of members are always welcome, and be sure to identify the people in the photographs. Send information and photographs to Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz (see p. 2).



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organize and perform an ancient play at the annual banquet following our initiation ceremony in May. The play we chose was Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*. Under the careful supervision of our sergeant-at-arms, Paul DeVries, we completed an abridged, filmed production of this timeless comedy.

In addition to the play we started a Greek and Latin tutoring program which is going very well this year. It was decided that students would e-mail our vice president, Chris Lavalette, if they needed tutoring instead of our members sitting and waiting for a student to show up. We have found that more students are asking for help and some of our members meet regularly with their student. Other on-going events are our movie nights and pizza parties, usually paid for by one of the professors from our Classics Department with whom the Epsilon Omicron chapter works closely.

Fund-raising this year has been a success. Our annual book and bake sale was followed by our annual Valentine's Day bake sale. We held a contest to find a new design for our annual t-shirt sale. The Classics Dept. purchased the t-shirts and paid for the printing. The creator of the winning design received a free t-shirt. These shirts were sold at our spring initiation ceremony. The chair of the department, Rex Wallace, and our faculty advisor, Teresa Ramsby, have been very supportive with all the projects we undertook this year.

Many of the members of our chapter volunteered to help out with the Classical Association of New England's Annual Convention, which was held in March at UMass. Our members ran the registration table and were allowed to sit in on the lectures and various workshops which were really interesting and fun. We also got to meet many classicists from various universities, which was also a great deal of fun.

We welcomed thirty-seven new members at our initiation ceremony in May. At this event we also awarded one of the initiates the Alexander Rebelo DeSerpa Award for Excellence in Latin. Later in May we held a barbeque and games to welcome the new members to Eta Sigma Phi and to end the year. Over all, the Epsilon Omicron chapter has had a very successful year.

## Epsilon Psi (Santa Clara University)

Our chapter puts on a few annual and several one-time events each year. The annual traditions include Senior Theses Reading and "Classics Movie of the Quarter."

Both are departmentally-funded events. The Senior Theses Reading is a food and drink party where, as the title suggests, graduating Classics students present their theses. This reading takes place in Spring quarter towards the end of the school year. Our second activity is "Classics Movie of the Quarter." The movies are voted on by the students and the only requirement for the movie is that it somehow relate to classical studies. In previous quarters the department has taken us to see *Troy* and *Alexander* on the big screen and shown us films such as *Monty Python: The Life of Brian* and *Cleopatra*. This past quarter the movie was *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

In addition to these annual events our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi typically organizes at least one stand-alone event per quarter. This year, Fall quarter was our busiest. First, Eldon Quick came to the school and performed selections from Homer for us. He has memorized the Robert Fagles' translations of the poems and endeavors to bring the works to life, as they might have been performed by Homer himself. Our second event of the quarter was put on by the advanced Greek class. Having spent the quarter studying Plato, the class put on a symposium about the *Symposium*. Students were invited to lounge, eat, and drink while listening to the class present their projects on Plato's famous work. Winter quarter saw the arrival of another speaker. The Jesuit priest Silvano Voto came and discussed with us his passion for Sappho. He focused especially on the new poem and discussed how it affects our knowledge of the rest of Sappho's corpus.

In addition to the Senior Theses Reading, this Spring quarter included a mock Olympics open to the entire student body. Students came to watch or to compete against staff in several Olympic events. Ancient dress was optional and the medals were fake.

## Zeta Beta (Temple University)

Our year started with a welcome-back pizza

party in the fall for majors and minors. Besides getting caught up on everyone's summer activities, we also heard a presentation given by Anna Burke about her summer dig in Javols, France. This dig was of the ancient Gallo-Roman town of Anderterium, capital of the Augustan province. This dig, run by the University of Tours, included mostly French students. Dr. Jane Evans of Temple University's Art History Department led a group of six American students and added to their archaeological and cultural understanding during the month-long stay in Javols.

Last year we helped with a panel organized by our own sponsors during the fall meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States (CAAS), which invited Hans Orberg, the author of our textbook *Lingua Latina*. We also had a chance this year to get involved in a follow-up panel organized by Chris Brown of Ohio State University. We threw a pre-AAS potluck dinner for Luigi Miraglia, the star of this panel, who has an institute for teaching Latin as a living language in Montella, Italy. While visiting, he was gracious enough to give an hour-long talk IN LATIN. Trust us—it was an interesting experience! Also joining us at this dinner were Chris Brown and Morten Rasmussen, the Danish programmer who creates the discs that accompany our Latin text.

On October 23, Jill Swavely Gardner of the School of Education conducted a "Pizza and Prospects" session for our majors and minors who are contemplating careers in teaching at the secondary level. We ate pizza and heard about the joint Five Year Program of the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Education. This is a competitive program that gives a CLA major an opportunity to earn both the Masters in Education and a teaching certificate. We also heard about the separate Masters Program in Education offered here at Temple.

Every year we celebrate the holiday season with a Winter Solstice party. This year's was exceptionally lively due to the dueling crockpots of Dr. Davis and Matt Cain interpreting the same Apicius recipe. They were joined by the dueling gingerbread of Dr. Hersch and Lyndy Danvers, creating temples to satiate our own taste. Also, with the assistance of other Eta

Sigma Phi members and even faculty, Dr. Davis' class on Nero (which included Classics majors and minors) presented a play loosely based on Sullivan's translation of Seneca's *Apocolocyntosis* with new song lyrics by class members.

In December the department held a baby shower for Dr. Karen Hersch (a former Megas Grammateus) and her husband. She gave birth to their daughter, Abigail Mira Hersh, in January. We understand that Dr. Hersch reads baby Abby Vergil at bedtime in preparation to be a future Eta Sigma Phier.

We held one initiation this year in October and several members of that initiation class were able to attend the national convention in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Our main way to raise money is through bake sales. We always have great fun selling food and trying to describe our organization. This year we have even instituted baking parties the night before the bake sale when we all get together and bake all the treats. Another way we raise money is through raffles. We have raffled off old Eta Sigma Phi t-shirts and also gift certificates which we have won through

the Philadelphia Classical Society. The certamen at PSC is great practice for the one at national convention, by the way. The PSC meeting is also a great opportunity for our majors to meet secondary school teachers and to talk to them about what it is like to teach. We also regularly run into the teachers we had for Latin in high school.

Eta Sigma Phi has been well represented in the audiences at the department colloquium series, the beneficiary of a recent endowment. Included in the series were "Paradoxes of Presentation: Persians

## List of Chapters Submitting an Annual Report

The following 55 chapters have submitted annual reports to the national office for 2005-2006. If your chapter is not on this list, it is very important to submit a report as soon as possible. Chapters not reporting receive only one copy of the NUNTIUS and run the risk of eventual deactivation. You can submit your annual report on line at <http://department.monm.edu/classics/ESP/annualreports.html>. Printable copies of the form are also available at that url.

Eta . . . . . Florida State University  
 Beta . . . . . Northwestern University  
 Zeta . . . . . Denison University  
 Alpha Eta . . . . . University of Michigan  
 Alpha Mu . . . . . University of Missouri  
 Alpha Pi . . . . . Gettysburg College  
 Beta Beta . . . . . Furman University  
 Beta Theta . . . . . Hampden-Sydney College  
 Beta Iota . . . . . Wake Forest University  
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 Beta Nu . . . . . University of Mary Washington  
 Beta Pi . . . . . University of Arkansas  
 Beta Sigma . . . . . Marquette University  
 Beta Psi . . . . . Rhodes College  
 Gamma Delta . . . . . Yeshiva University  
 Gamma Iota . . . . . Wabash College  
 Gamma Nu . . . . . Montclair State University  
 Gamma Omicron . . . . . Monmouth College  
 Gamma Xi . . . . . Howard University  
 Gamma Sigma . . . . . University of Texas at Austin  
 Gamma Theta . . . . . Georgetown College  
 Gamma Upsilon . . . . . Austin College  
 Delta Zeta . . . . . Colgate University

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 Delta Omega . . . . . Macalester College  
 Delta Sigma . . . . . Univ. of California-Irvine  
 Delta Chi . . . . . St. Olaf College  
 Epsilon Zeta . . . . . University of Idaho  
 Epsilon Eta . . . . . Kent State University  
 Epsilon Iota . . . . . University of Florida  
 Epsilon Kappa . . . . . Brigham Young University  
 Epsilon Omicron . . . . . University of Massachusetts  
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 Epsilon Psi . . . . . Santa Clara University  
 Zeta Beta . . . . . Temple University  
 Zeta Epsilon . . . . . Rutgers University  
 Zeta Theta . . . . . Pennsylvania State University  
 Zeta Lambda . . . . . University of Louisville  
 Zeta Rho . . . . . University of Texas  
 Zeta Tau . . . . . University of Pittsburgh  
 Zeta Chi . . . . . Xavier University  
 Zeta Psi . . . . . Hollins University  
 Eta Delta . . . . . Hillsdale College  
 Eta Gamma . . . . . Loyola University  
 Eta Zeta . . . . . Truman State University  
 Eta Iota . . . . . University of Arizona  
 Eta Mu . . . . . University of California, Davis  
 Eta Xi . . . . . California State University, Long Beach  
 Eta Omicron . . . . . Assumption College  
 Eta Pi . . . . . Hobart & William Smith Colleges  
 Eta Rho . . . . . University of Illinois at Chicago  
 Eta Phi . . . . . Union College  
 Eta Chi . . . . . Purdue University  
 Eta Omega . . . . . Austin Peay University  
 Theta Alpha . . . . . Franklin and Marshall College

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in Aeschylus and Herodotus” by John Marcincola of Florida State University and “Odysseus among the Fisheaters, or What the Fisheaters Saw: Allusion and Meaning in Herodotus 3.17-25” by Elizabeth Irwin of Columbia University.

We had a few departmental changes this year as well. Dr. Jackie Murray joined us as a full-time faculty member, after graduate school at the University of Washington. Also, Dr. Carl Shaw, a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and an Eta Sigma Phi member as an undergraduate at the University of Vermont, joined our department as a lecturer.

We continue to foster our close relationship with the Temple University program in Rome. Several of our members spent the year on this program, including Matt Scannapieco, who attended the national convention last year in Northfield, Minnesota.

Matt Cain was chosen as the student advisor for the Classics Department. He is there to answer any questions about the major or about classes and to help promote Classics at Temple.

Lyndy Danvers was awarded a fellowship in the inaugural Diamond Peer Teacher Program and has had the wonderful opportunity to assist Dr. Davis in teaching her first semester Latin class. She has been involved in every way, including making lesson plans, creating quizzes, and even teaching a few classes. Because of this she has been accepted for a prospective panel about active learning in the classroom for the American Philological Association meeting in San Diego in January, 2007—something incredibly rare for an undergraduate to experience. In addition, the Vice Provost’s office will be providing research incentive funds to pay her way to San Diego.

In April we celebrated the 2759th birthday of the city of Rome and the 30th birthday party of Temple’s Department of Greek and Roman Classics. Many former Classics majors, minors, faculty

members and Friends of the Classics joined us for the occasion.

## Zeta Iota (University of Georgia)

It has been an excellent year for the Bulldogs at Zeta Iota Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. Our fall semester began as usual with monthly meetings to discuss service projects in the Athens area. In August we all sat down together with cookies and chips to enjoy the premiere of HBO’s “Rome” series. At our December meeting we held elections for officers for 2006 and

created an additional office of webmaster. Spring got off to a busy start with two meetings a month and occasional dinner meetings for times of food and friendship. Our chapter volunteered as readers for JCL Certamen tournaments at Eastside High School in January and at the Marist School in February. We volunteered at the St. Valentine’s Day Ball on February 11th in support of the Athens Humane Society. On March 9th we co-sponsored our Classics Department’s National Latin Teacher Recruitment Week colloquium where students came and learned about options and information available to prospective Latin teachers. Our biggest fundraiser of the year, a book sale, came at the end of March at the Athenaze program. We were able to design and order new Eta Sigma Phi t-shirts to put our bulldog mascot in a toga with the words *Eamus Canes* on the front and *Latrate Latrate Latrate* on the back. In addition, every right sleeve is stamped SPQR. At the end of the semester we had a final dinner during which we honored our graduating members. All in all, we have decided that it is great to study Classics in the Classic City.

## Eta Delta (Hillsdale College)

Our faculty advisor is Professor Joseph Garnjobst.

We kicked off the year with our annual fall cookout at Lake Baw Beese. Members of Eta Sigma Phi, the Classics faculty, and prospective members were all invited, as well as distinguished visiting scholar, Victor Davis Hanson. Our fall initiation soon followed.

Among our annual projects was the Dictionary Project, where once again we handed out dictionaries to all of the third-graders in Hillsdale County, some 545. During our presentation of the dictionary we told them that we were students of the Classics, and explained to them what we studied and, with the help of a timeline, how old the cultures that we study are. We also showed them various etymologies of words,

## New Chapters

Eta Sigma Phi welcomes the charter members of the following new chapter, whose application was approved at the 2005 convention and which has recently held an initiation ceremony.

Theta Gamma at Roger Williams University

## Petitions for New Chapters Approved by the 2006 Convention

Eta Sigma Phi looks forward to welcoming members from these institutions in the near future:

Case Western Reserve University  
Seton Hall University  
Transylvania University  
Trinity University  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Connecticut

The constitution requires that these schools hold an initiation ceremony before the next national convention. Otherwise, their petition for a new chapter must be resubmitted.

## Reactivated Chapters

Eta Sigma Phi welcomes back the following chapters which recently reactivated by holding an initiation ceremony and by submitting a report on new initiates to the executive secretary.

Alpha at the University of Chicago  
Zeta at Denison University  
Omega at the College of William and Mary  
Alpha Gamma at Southern Methodist University  
Delta Zeta at Colgate University  
Delta Lambda at the College of the Holy Cross  
Delta Mu at Illinois State University  
Eta Lambda at the University of Dallas

and how they derived from Greek and Latin roots. We also taught the students the Greek alphabet and how to write their names in Greek characters.

As a follow-up to the dictionary project, we offered introductory Latin lessons to 25 students at one of the local elementary schools. The program met with initial success, and we hope to follow up in the future.

In September, students heard a lecture from Victor Davis Hanson, who lectured about his new book, *A War Like No Other*, his analysis and interpretation of the Peloponnesian War. Also in September students traveled to Ann Arbor for a lecture sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America by Clayton Fant from the University of Akron. The topic was "Sleazy Bars, Fancy Countertops: Reused Marble for Status Therapy at Pompeii."

After the talk, members of Eta Delta Chapter met with members of the University of Michigan chapter and discussed the possibility of coordinating some future activities.

From September to October, members of the chapter assisted our Megale Hyparchos in contacting every single chapter of Eta Sigma Phi in existence. Six members divided the chapters into various regions and called all of the known faculty advisors (and a few unknown ones) and encouraged each chapter in their activities.

Our new social coordinatrices organized a game night. Many students matched wits in a grueling game of Latin Scrabble. Later, things heated up with a hilarious round of classical charades. Tip: the universal sign for Coliseum and Parthenon.

We also planned a movie night where we hoped to feature films representing classical themes—that left *Troy* out. We had our hearts set on a modern interpretation of Xenophon's *Anabasis*, but when we couldn't find a copy of *The Warriors* anywhere in the city of Hillsdale, we opted instead for *The Magnificent Seven*.

We also had several student-led reading groups, including one in Greek literature in translation, one in Koine, and one on the Vulgate. In an effort to sponsor scholarship among our own chapter, one of our members, Ben Finnegan, presented a paper on Ennian allusion in Catullus' *Epyllion*.

This paper prompted much discussion, and we hope to make scholarly presentations an integral part of our monthly meetings.

We started off the winter semester with a trip to the Pompeii exhibit at the Field Museum in Chicago. We are hoping for a trip to the Toledo Museum of Art later this semester, and possibly a trip to the King Tut exhibit in the fall.

For the seventh year, Eta Delta Chapter hosted Honorama, a bowl-athon in which we compete against all of the other honoraries on campus for honor, for glory, and for charity. Proceeds from the contest go to the college's spring break alternative, a trip to Nicaragua to help build houses. For the first three years of the tournament, Eta Sigma Phi dominated the competition, and, for the next three years, our arch-nemesis, the Accounting Club possessed the coveted Darlene Berning Memorial Team Trophy. This year looked to be the tie-breaker. Unfortunately, the American Chemical Society beat us both this year. We have high hopes for next year though.

As one of our major fundraisers, intrepid members of Eta Sigma Phi put themselves on the auction block and in Cupid's sights for our third annual Date Infliction. In this auction members of the audience bid for the opportunity either to take their prize to the Cheese Ball (imagine the gaudiest, tackiest prom from the seventies with powder-blue tuxedos and puffy shirts, and that puts you in the ball park), or to inflict their prize upon unsuspecting members of the college community. All participants were guaranteed that they were assaulted with all of the classic funk, soul, and disco hits of the seventies, and with all of the embarrassingly vapid hits of the 80s, spun by our very own "Mix Magister" Professor Joseph Garnjobst. Also, all couples got their pictures taken in the wicker chair under the disco ball of love with mismatching boutonnieres and wrist corsages. You'd be surprised how much people will pay NOT to date a classicist.

In early March, students heard a talk by Dr. Patrick Hogan, who will be a visiting professor at Hillsdale next year, on education in the Second Sophistic entitled "Advanced Schooling for the Scholars-To-Be:

## A Challenge to Chapters

Help make the establishment of a new scholarship for summer archaeological fieldwork a reality. Hold a fundraiser or pass the hat at a chapter meeting and send your donations to the executive secretary. The names of all contributing individuals, chapters or organizations will be published in future issues of the NUNTIUS.

A New Assessment of the *Liber Memorialis* of Lucius Ampelius."

Later on in the month, Eta Sigma Phi, in cooperation with Hillsdale College's Fairfield Society, hosted a panel discussion open to the general campus entitled "Socrates: the Life, the Man, the Legacy." Members of the panel included faculty from the Classics Department as well as the Political Science Department. The discussion was well received by the audience, and we hope to have more such panels in the future.

After we returned from the convention we heard a talk from John Pedley, Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan. The title of his talk was "Ancient Sanctuaries: Settings, Shapes, Activities."

We ended our year with the Floralia, our time for fun, food, frivolity, and farce.

### Eta Eta (Virginia Tech)

This year we carried on our normal activities: Classics Table every Friday afternoon at a local restaurant, movie nights once or twice a semester, and doing our annual marathon. This year we read Virgil's *Aeneid*, starting just after noon on a Saturday and finishing just after midnight. We inducted twelve new members in February, our largest class ever. We also hosted the 10th annual Hummel Lecture, with Christopher Craig from the University of TN speaking on Cicero.

Our regular annual service project was to work with Kipps Elementary School and Virginia's Standards of Learning



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requirements for the third grade. Each year students and faculty go to Kipps to talk about things classical. Then we bring all 80 third graders to Virginia Tech's campus for "Kipps Classics Day" where they do centers focusing on Greek and Latin language: an architectural scavenger hunt, a 'museum' of classical artifacts, and creating their own myths. The third graders love this day, and we at Virginia Tech enjoy having them; it takes a LOT of volunteers to keep 80 third graders on task for five hours!! The Kipps third grade teachers have been working with us now for nine years on this project.

One student tutored at VT's "Upward Bound" program this year. One of our students, Grammateus Jetta Peterkin, was granted a full scholarship from the ICCS to study at Rome the spring semester. Our incoming Prytanis George Hendren was selected as an undergraduate member of a summer session of the American School for Classical Studies at Athens with Professor Levine and received full funding for it from the VT University Honors Program.

Finally, and most obviously, we have worked to host this year's annual Eta Sigma Phi convention and hope that all enjoyed their visit to Blacksburg!!

## **Eta Omicron (Assumption College)**

Our chapter has had an engaging and productive year. We started off the year on September 21 with an organizational meeting to come up with interesting activities for the year.

The fall season inspired us to hold a "Paint Your Own Pumpkin or Pot" event. Classical themes were encouraged for the forty-one students who attended.

On November 3, classics professor Bonnie Catto took a group to the Worcester Art Museum. While there, the group took in the Egyptomania exhibit, as well as the regular classics exhibits and mosaics.

After getting back into the swing of things following a refreshing winter break, we initiated seven bright Latin and Greek students into our Eta Omicron chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, on February 8.

February 6 was Assumption's annual "Foreign Language Day." Eta Sigma Phi

members helped to staff an informational table that was set up in Taylor Dining Hall. Passers-by were encouraged to take a challenging classics quiz. The winner's prize was an Assumption College classics T-shirt. The shirt features a toga-wearing greyhound, Assumption's mascot, and says "Go Hounds" in Latin. Later that afternoon, Professor Catto gave a class entitled "Learn Ancient Greek in 50 Minutes," an event well attended by an enthusiastic audience.

On March 15 we held our annual Ides of March dinner. Attendees enjoyed an authentic Ancient Roman dinner of chicken Apicius, spinach quiche, peas, vinaigrette, green beans in coriander sauce, hummus and pita, Caesar salad, cheesecake, and baklava.

Three students attended the national convention at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, from March 31-April 2.

Eta Sigma Phi members will volunteer at The Pioneer Valley Classics Day in Belchertown, Massachusetts.

More events are scheduled to come, such as "Make Your Own Pizza Night," and a showing of *Clash of the Titans*. Also planned are a trip to the Higgins Armory and our annual picnic and athletic games.

## **Eta Phi (Union College)**

During May of 2005, the freshly established Eta Phi chapter of Eta Sigma Phi initiated sixteen charter members. In the Fall term of the new school year, we held a Halloween evening of scary stories from antiquity. Students and faculty participated in dramatic readings, including excerpts from Plautus' *Mostellaria*, Pliny's *Letters*, Lucan's *Pharsalia* and *Philopseudes*, Euripides' *The Madness of Heracles*, and Propertius. In February we hosted the annual Eta Sigma Phi Latin and Greek translation contests and sponsored a very engaging talk given by our very own Professor Stacie Raucci entitled "The Look of Love: Vision in Ancient Rome."

## **Eta Chi (Purdue University)**

Eta Sigma Phi and the Purdue Classics Association participated in the second annual Interdisciplinary Lecture Series in Classics. This year's theme was "East/West:

The Classical Occident and Orient in Comparative Perspective." Many individuals from the community were in attendance. Members of Eta Sigma Phi also led a student discussion about this series.

In October, Eta Sigma Phi and other friends of the classics took a guided tour of the Art Institute of Chicago's ancient western and eastern collections.

Also in the fall, Eta Sigma Phi welcomed new professors via a "kommos" or surprise, meal at office hours.

This semester, we assisted our advisor in coordinating a spring break trip to New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity.

Members of Eta Sigma Phi and the Purdue Classics Association presented a dramatic reading of Aeschylus' *Persians*; the enthusiastic response once again demonstrated the popularity of the classics in West Lafayette.

Also this spring, Eta Sigma Phi attended several guest lectures to our campus: Professor Robert Hohlfelder, an underwater archaeologist from the University of Colorado, spoke on "A Deep-Water Search for Xerxes' Armada: The Persian War Shipwreck Survey, 2005."

Finally, Judith P. Hallett, Professor of Classics, University of Maryland, gave a presentation on the life and work of Edith Hamilton.

We regret that we do not have members attending the annual convention.

This spring, we will induct three new members.

## **Theta Alpha (Franklin and Marshall College)**

Our chapter inducted its first fifteen members in October 2005. An additional four members were initiated in March 2006.

Chapter events have included movie nights (*Gladiator* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*), a symposium potluck brunch at a member's apartment with Classics faculty, a gathering in the Student theatre with our advisor to do an impromptu reading of Plautus' *Amphitryo*, an initiation ritual followed by the sacrificial offering of a lamb cake baked by a member, and a Senior Symposium and celebratory dinner for senior members.

# Eta Sigma Phi Honors Prof. Wayne Tucker at CAMWS 2006

At CAMWS 2006 in Gainesville, Florida, Eta Sigma Phi sponsored a panel on teaching Latin in the 21st Century in honor of former Executive Secretary Wayne Tucker on the occasion of his retirement from Hampden-Sydney College. Prof. Tucker was presented with an Eta Sigma Phi owl key ring at this panel. There are plans to publish these papers at a later date.

Panelists included:

**Ellen Sassenberg.** Founding member of Zeta Sigma Chapter at the University of Minnesota and local chair of the 1999 Eta Sigma Phi convention in Minnesota. Currently she teaches Latin at Mayo High School in Rochester, Minnesota. Her paper was entitled "Organizing the Abyss: The Grammar Portfolio in Latin II."

**Amy Sommer,** member of the Epsilon Xi chapter at Gustavus Adolphus College. Amy presented a paper entitled "Men are from Mars, but Aeneas is from Venus" as part of the Eta Sigma Phi panel at CAMWS-Southern Section in Athens, Georgia in the fall of 2000. She is currently teaching Latin at Cherry Creek High School in Greenwood Village, Colorado. Her paper was entitled "Harriss Potter in the Latin Classroom."



*Members of the Eta Sigma Phi panel in honor of Dr. Wayne Tucker managed an information table at CAMWS 2006 in Gainesville, Florida. Seated from left to right are Jennifer Ice, member of Eta Zeta Chapter at Truman State University and Jeremy Walker, member of the Gamma Iota chapter at Wabash College.*

**Jeremy Walker,** member of the Gamma Iota chapter at Wabash College, Me-gas Chryso-phylax in 1990-1991. Latin teacher at Crown Point High School in Indiana since 1995. His paper was entitled "Latin Via Ostia."

**Jennifer Ice,** member of Eta Zeta Chapter at Truman State University. Jennifer was the recipient of an Eta Sigma Phi Summer Scholarship to the Vergilian Society in 2001 and earned her masters in Classics from University of Texas-Austin in 2003. She is currently teaching Latin at Brit-tany Woods Middle School in St. Louis, Missouri. Her paper was entitled "Latin, African-Americans, and the Achieve-ment Gap: Making Latin Relevant and Meaningful in the Inner-City Classroom."

**Dawn McRoberts,** member of the Gamma Omicron chapter at Monmouth College. Dawn was the local chair of the 2001 convention at Monmouth College. She was Megale Grammateus in 2000-2001 and Megale Hyparchos 2001-2002. She is currently teaching Latin at Kenwood Academy in Chicago, Illinois. Her paper was entitled "Crossing the Bridge between Latin and Spanish: SPLAT Activities, Materials, and Games for the Classroom."



*Pictured (from left to right): Executive Secretary Thomas J. Sienkewicz; Ellen Sassenburg, Amy Sommer, Dawn McRoberts, Prof. Wayne Tucker, Jennifer Ice and Jeremy Walker*



*Pictured (from left to right): Panelists Ellen Sassenburg, Amy Sommer, Jeremy Walker, Dawn McRoberts, and Jennifer Ice*

# Ubi Sunt Alumni Nostri?

This regular feature of the NUNTIUS provides an opportunity for Eta Sigma Phi alumni to share their experiences and comments on ways that the Classics have continued to be part of their lives after graduation. **Chapters and individuals are encouraged to send the editor material for future issues.**

**Jenn Baxter-Hackett**, a 2001 initiate of Zeta Beta at Temple University and veteran of FOUR Eta Sigma Phi national conventions, received her law degree in May 2006 and has won a prize for legal writing. She credits her success to the countless revisions of papers in the writing-intensive Classics course she struggled through while an undergrad at Temple.

**Neil Dahlstrom**, a 1997 initiate of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College, is now an archivist for the John Deere Museum in Moline, Illinois, and with Jeremy Dahlstrom is the author of *The John Deere Story* (DeKalb, Illinois: Northern Illinois University Press, 2005).

**Guilia Fiorile**, a 2002 initiate of Zeta Beta at Temple University, began teaching Latin at Morrestown High School after graduating from Temple in May 2005.

**Jeanne Haines**, a 2001 initiate of Zeta Beta at Temple University and a veteran of the infamous certamen at the 2004 national convention, has found a niche teaching Latin for home-schooled children in her community. She now has more than thirty-five pupils!

**Matthew Katsenes**, a 2002 initiate of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College, completed an M.S. in mathematics at the University of Iowa in May, but saw the light and will begin an M.A.T. program in Latin at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in the fall.

**Zina Lewis**, a 1998 initiate of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College and the recipient of the outstanding paper award at the 2001 national convention, earned an M.A. in Classics from the University of Iowa in May 2005 and taught Latin at the Thomas Jefferson Day School in Joplin, Missouri, last year.

**Joseph O'Neill**, a 1998 initiate of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College and recipient of the 2005 Brent M. Froberg Eta Sigma Phi Summer Scholarship to the American School in Athens, will begin a doctoral program at the University of Toronto in the fall.

**Marty Pickens**, a 2000 initiate of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College, is a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

**Jeff Petsis**, a 2002 initiate of Zeta Beta at Temple University, is completing his master's degree at Florida State University, where he is being encouraged to remain for a doctorate because his work, both in research and in teaching, has been so outstanding.

**Nicole Viscomi**, a 2003 initiate of Zeta Beta at Temple University and veteran of several certamina at national convention, just graduated with a law degree from Louisiana State University where she organized *pro bono* work for law students in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to contribute to the community, especially after Hurricane Katrina. For this she was written up in the LSU Law Newsletter.

## Eta Sigma Phi at CAMWS-SS 2006

Eta Sigma Phi will sponsor a session of undergraduate papers at the eighty-sixth anniversary meeting of the Southern Section of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. This meeting will take place November 2-4, 2006, at the University of Memphis Holiday Inn in Memphis, Tennessee, at the invitation of Rhodes College, in cooperation with Hendrix College, Memphis City Schools, St. Mary's Episcopal School, Shelby County Schools, The University of Memphis, and The University of Mississippi.

Congratulations to the following members of Eta Sigma Phi whose papers were accepted for this paper session:

"Sing Us a Song, Mr. Piano Man': The Symposium and Musical Development in Ancient Greece"  
McKenzie Mullally Clark (clarml3@wfu.edu)  
Beta Iota at Wake Forest University

"Genre, Intertextuality, and Odes 1.14"  
Joel Street (jstreet@depauw.edu)  
Theta Eta at DePauw University

"P<sup>3</sup>: Parmenides, Plato, and Parallel Universes"  
Nynshari Baenre (child\_of\_artemis\_@hotmail.com)  
Alpha Omega at Louisiana State University

"Tiresias' Ultimatum to Creon in Sophocles' *Antigone*"  
Mackenzie (Mack) Zalin (ZalMS@rhodes.edu)  
Beta Psi at Rhodes College

"College Year in Lanuvium"  
Andrew Willey (WILAJ@rhodes.edu)  
Beta Psi of Rhodes College

"War Elephants in the Ancient World"  
Richard Harrod (rharrod@monm.edu)  
Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College

All members of Eta Sigma Phi are invited to attend this meeting and hear these papers.



# Initiates July 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005

The following are the names of students and others whose initiations into the Society were reported to the national office between July 1 and December 31, 2005. The date in parentheses is the date of the initiation ceremony.

## **Beta (Northwestern University)**

Nikki Berlin, David Petrone, Dustin Dixon, Julie Fountain, Colleen Kron, Lakshmi Ramgopal, Jenni Williams (06-08-05)

## **Epsilon (University of Iowa)**

Danielle Bradley, Katie Ekvall, Gillian Grady, Daniel Stoa, Catherine Wilson (10-17-05)

## **Zeta (Denison University)**

Morgan Hill, Luke Kazmier, Michelle Kempf, Meghan Marley, Sara Neumann, Karen Siklosi, Owen Smiley (11-15-05)

## **Eta (Florida State University)**

Marrika Dandurand, Diana Fugate, Becky Fulmer, Jacob Wilson, Jonathan Zimmerman; Associate: Sarah Ferstel, Lafe Meicenheimer, Joanna Robinson, Debra Trusty, Dustin Shawn Youngblood (09-12-05)

## **Iota (The University of Vermont)**

Elias Altman, Samantha Anderson, Katie Cohen, Willow Holden, Daniel Houston, Aaron McCaslin, Max Mondy, Nathan Morse, Michael Phillips, Heather Tuck, Andrew Van Buskirk (04-22-05)

## **Alpha Gamma (Southern Methodist University)**

Stephen Atkinson, Ben Briscoe, Lauren Cook, Kimmie Crawford, Susan Hamilton, Cristina Mier, Mari Park, Katie Wright, Lynn Wyman; Associate: Hyeyoon Cho, Kristen Slosser (12-06-05)

## **Alpha Mu (University of Missouri-Columbia)**

Laura Behymer, Dave Collier, Michael Hourcade, Emily Stuart (03-31-05)

## **Alpha Sigma (Emory University)**

Charles Adair, Abby Arganes, Amanda Englander, Kristina Euwer, Laura Gleason, Marinna Hanzlick, Rachel Harrison, Sharon Hsu, William W. McCrary, Erin

Meyers, Maya Silberman, Sita Wilson, Matthew Wineski, Rachel Wolf (10-19-05)

## **Alpha Omega (Louisiana State University)**

Jamie Arnold, Nynshari Baenre, Michelle Bergeron, Randy Beyl, Jessica Dehart, Josh Erlich, Rebecca Fuller, Taylor Gray, Aldo Guerrero, Kelly Hinote, David Johnston, Patrick Johnston, Letitia Lacour, Joshua Leboeuf, Jerri Muller, Amy Rechtiene, Kimberly Resetar, Winston Skinner, Rachel Warrick; Associate: Elizabeth Cawns (04-28-05)

## **Beta Pi (University of Arkansas)**

Joshua Anderson, Sarah Brutesco, Jennifer Mary Fox, Christopher Jackson (10-01-05); Brian Wah, Samantha Young, Donald Upton, Tristan Johnson, Keenan Cole, Michelle Zompakos (12-10-05)

## **Beta Psi (Rhodes College)**

Kathryn A. Beale, Lauren A. Dill, I. Danielle Mashburn, (10-12-05)

## **Gamma Delta (Yeshiva Univer)**

Rachel Chernyak, Jacob Hartz, Tzvi Kahn (10-30-05)

## **Gamma Mu (Westminster College)**

Nadia L. Buzzelli, Lindsay A. McCarty, Rebekah M. McFall, Jared M. Polish, Amber N. Pollock, Laura A. Sahar, Shannon P. Smith, Susan M. Soroka, Mariella G. Volker, Ray C. Walling (09-15-05)

## **Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)**

Catherine E. Bartunek, Edward R. Jensen, Morgan R. Mikita, Sarah A. Sherry, Mark W. Shoemaker, John R. Taylor, Elizabeth A. Toal, Andrew M. Viscariello (11-4-05)

## **Gamma Xi (Howard University)**

Graham Berry, Jerry Brooks, Jennifer Darden, Tiffany Francis, Kasey Joyner, Nicole Mahdi, Tyra Moorehead, Michelle Papillion, Angelica Rainey, Michael Simzak; Associate: Jemiah Barrow, Shari Grant, Tiffany Jenkins, Kimberly Martin, Linsey Richbow (04/01/05)

## **Gamma Upsilon (Austin College)**

Jessica Delaney Adelman, Robert Stuart Clark, Jennifer Ann Hardy, Aaron McKee Harris, Matthew Steven Jaremski, Preenu

## Membership in Eta Sigma Phi at Record Level

For the second year in a row, new memberships in Eta Sigma Phi have reached record levels. New memberships in 2004-2005 totaled 1053. This year they increased by 129 to 1182. This year's membership total represents the third highest number in the history of the society. Only 1967-1968 (1588) and 1966-1967 (1204) were higher. Perhaps the 1966-1967 record will be broken next year?

Agnes Percywell, Erin Elizabeth Trickett (04-28-05)

## **Gamma Omega (Baylor University)**

Lindsay Fuller, Emily Krennerich, Garrett Phillips, Joshua Schaffner, Pamela Vo, Robert Zaleski; Honorary: David J. White, Kevin Hawthorne (03-03-05)

## **Delta Zeta (Colgate University)**

Joycelyn Carandang, Whitney Clark, Henoeh Derbew, Rachelle Dennis, Kathleen Graf, Brianne Hawes, Caitlin Lundquist, Sarah J. Miller, Colleen Rice, Adrian Rony, Steve Sheridan, Alexander Shindler (10-31-05)

## **Delta Sigma (University of California, Irvine)**

Jenny Sohn (11-01-05)

## **Delta Omega (Malcalcester College)**

Erin Fenton, Samuel Hickok, Renée Morgan, Casey Reynolds, Eli Weaverdyck (05-05-05)

## **Epsilon Iota (University of Florida)**

Kestral Bartlett-Kester, Erin Batchelor, Tyler Bevins, Megan Bryant, Valerie Jo Bennett, Anthony Ciano, Nicholas Contento, Jeffrey Dambly, Tiago De Avila, M. Amy Eisinger, Ashley Hanson, Kyle Helms, Matthew Hulbert, Brett Keeling, Caroline McGunnigle, Cristen V. Miller, Nastassia

# Initiates July 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005 (Continued)

Mills, Roxanne Mullon, Kristin Nichols, Patricia Soria, Chris Sypniewski, Jeryl Villadolid, Steven Weiner, Heidi Williamson, Ashley Wilson, Chad Wilson (09-22-05)

**Epsilon Chi (University of South Florida)**  
Tonya G. Curtis, Lesley Marie Entrekin, Cindy L. Hicks, Nicole K. Hooper, Sarah Elizabeth Hull (11-30-05)

**Epsilon Rho (College of Charleston)**  
Lily Crawford, Kristina Deaton, Lydia Evans, Elizabeth Ilderton, Christina Lavergne, Candi Oree (10-27-05); Jillian Michaud-King (11-10-05)

**Zeta Beta (Temple University)**  
Catherine Ashlock, Matthew Colleary, Alysha Friesen, Mark Hall, Erica N. Krause, Frank Mazza, Elizabeth Torreson, Marilyn Patterson (11-21-05)

**Zeta Tau (University of Pittsburgh)**

Kristen Dilemno, Joseph Dragovich, Emily Kirkpatrick, Jennifer Love, James Mancini, Manisha Patel, Rebecca Roadman (12-02-05)

**Zeta Upsilon (Sweet Briar College)**  
Irene Maslanik, Susan O'Brien, Natalie Pye, Mindy Wolfrom (03-31-05)

**Eta Xi (California State University, Long Beach)**  
Jessica Brush, Emma Boyle, Karen Araya, Uyen Tran, Joseph R. Vansuch, IV, Wil Gilstrap (03-18-05); Tracy Haines, Associate (10-22-05)

**Eta Pi (Hobart & Smith Colleges)**  
Marilyn Cassidy, Sarah Costanza, Dana Marra, Jennifer Newsky, Mavreen Smiel (10-27-05)

**Eta Omega (Austin Peay State University)**  
Melinda Bennett, Nikola Collins, Nikolai

Echternacht-Taylor, Martin Fox, Samantha Head, Rachel Jones-Morris, Robert Lusk, Zachary Matteson, Jennifer Paulk-McGinley, Kenneth Robertson, Dianne Sanders, Kevin Scahill, Ashley Street, Colton Yauk (10-25-05)

**Theta Alpha (Franklin and Marshall)**  
Sarah Bhagat, Justin Bomberowitz, Sarah Evans, Kelly McAllister, Sarah McCrory, Niki Panaretos, Kathleen Rickards, Stephanie Smith, Jeremy Stump, Jennifer Whinney (10-26-05)

**Theta Beta (The University of Alabama)**  
Tara Carney, Michelle Cash, Alecia Chatham, Jason Chesser, Walker Cyrus, Samantha Dansby, Meghan Davidson, Ashley Flubacher, Samantha Hernandez, Meredith Hoit, Andrew Ingram, Megan James, Jason McCall, Lindsay Newman, Mallory Niemzak, Ashley Phares, Karoline Richardson, Eric Shoults (11-29-05)



Andrew O'Brien standing in his flood-damaged classroom.



## Former Megas Grammateus Meets Katrina

When Andrew O'Brien of Beta Psi at Rhodes College (Megas Grammateus in 2004-2005) accepted a position teaching Latin at Saint Paul's Episcopal School in Metairie, Louisiana, in the fall of 2005, little did he know the challenges he would face. On the morning of August 29, 2005, St. Paul's was brought to its knees when a defective seawall built by the federal government collapsed on the edge of its

neighborhood shortly after the passing of Hurricane Katrina. A 12-foot wall of water from adjoining Lake Pontchartrain flowed through the breach and sent a torrent through the neighborhood of the school, inundated with six feet of polluted water for nearly three weeks. The result was near total destruction of the interiors of the first floors of four buildings on campus and the destruction of a fifth one-story building

housing admissions and development. If you or your chapter would like to make a donation to St. Paul's Katrina Rebuilding Fund, and especially for purchasing supplies for the Latin program, please send your donation to:

Andrew O'Brien  
Saint Paul's Episcopal School  
P.O. Box 1109  
Metairie, LA 70004

## Eta Sigma Phi at ACL 2006

Members of Zeta Beta Chapter at Temple University welcomed more than 450 attendees at the 2006 Summer Institute of the American Classical League at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 23-25, 2006. In addition to greeting people at the Eta Sigma Phi table, members attended a variety of papers and workshops. Erica Krause reports that every day of the institute she returned home full of excitement and new ideas, with enough books, handouts, catalogues, business cards, brochures, and buttons to put her on at least four different career paths. She also had more great and fascinating conversations than she could count, with brilliant classicists from all around the country—and some from Europe! “This was an amazing and invaluable opportunity for me and my fellow students,” she said, “[one] which I’m sure will help us in our future careers.”



*Pictured at ACL 2006 from left to right are: Libby Torresson, Traci Dougherty and Lyndy Danvers. In rear is chapter advisor Martha Davis. Also attending but not pictured were Cassaundra Amato and Erica Krause.*

## Eta Sigma Phi at APA/AIA 2006

For the second year in a row, national officers of Eta Sigma Phi represented the national classics honorary society at the annual meeting of the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America. This year the meetings were held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in January, 2006. If you plan to attend the 2007 meetings in San Diego, California, look for the Eta Sigma Phi table in the book display area and visit with this year’s national officers.



*Pictured at APA/AIA 2006 from left to right are Megale Prytanis Karen Kelly of Gamma Omega at Baylor University, Megale Hyparchos Catherine Larson of Eta Delta of Hillsdale College, and Megas Chrysothylax Thomas Evison of Epsilon Iota of the University of Florida.*



# Income/Expenses 2005–2006

Office of the Executive Secretary, 3/16/2005 through 3/15/2006 (Accrual Basis)

## INCOME

Certificate Replacement	50.00
Charter Fee	210.00
Convention Dorm Room	320.00
Convention Registration Fee	5,855.00
Express Mail Fee	61.50
Gifts	12,527.56
Honor Cords	2,733.00
Honor Hoods	711.00
Initiation Dues	22,878.00
Interest Inc	34.03
Jewelry Sold	830.15
Lifetime Nuntius Subscription	50.00
Medal Fund Inc.	28.75
Other Inc	75.58
OVER PAYMENT	26.00
Processing Charge	21.00
Transfer From Endowment	2,975.00
FROM CD	5,079.35

**TOTAL INCOME** 54,465.92

## EXPENSES

Accountant Fee	795.00
Archive Maintenance	150.00
Bank Charge	29.34
Book Prizes	40.00
Certificates	6,147.00
Computer	183.76
Convention Expenses	5,733.70
Convention Registration Fee Overpayment	40.00
Donation	100.00
Dorm Room Fee Refund	93.08
Endowment Management	25.00
Entertainment	97.81
Government Fee	20.00
Honor Hoods Purchase	488.00
Honors Cords Purchase	937.33
Jewelry Purchased	973.65
Misc.	91.75
Nuntius	5,331.55
Office Assistance	300.00
Office Supplies and Photocopying	1,472.46
Office Supplies and Postage	367.68
Overpayment Refund	5.00
PayPal Fee	11.50
Postage	157.03
Prizes	510.00
Promotion Expenses	1,797.86
Promotion Expenses—APA	2,393.37
Scholarship Award	3,475.00
Transfer To Endowment	18,000.00
Translation Contest Prize	840.00
Travel Reimbursement	4,540.00
Web Page Maintenance	525.00
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**TOTAL EXPENSES** 57,619.43

**OVERALL TOTAL** -3,153.51

## Eta Sigma Phi Medals

Eta Sigma Phi medals awarded to honor students in secondary school Latin classes help to promote the study of Latin in high school and give Eta Sigma Phi an excellent contact with high school students of the Classics. Chapters can use them as prizes for contests or as a way to recognize achieve-



*Obverse and reverse of the large silver medal*

ment. In addition, chapters can award the medals to outstanding students of the Classics at their home institutions. Two silver medals are available: the large medal (1½ inches) at \$28.75 and the small (¾ inch) at \$10.25. A bronze medal (¾ inch) is available at \$6.50. The various medals can be awarded to students at various levels of their study.

Medals may be ordered from Dr. Brent M. Froberg, 5518 Lake Jackson St., Waco, TX 76710-2748. Please add \$1.00 per order to cover the costs of postage and handling. Checks should be made payable to **Eta Sigma Phi Medal Fund** and should accompany the order.

Note: Transfers to endowment and other accounts (like the 8-month CD) are treated as expenses in this report. The negative sum listed in “Overall Total” does not therefore represent a deficit in operating funds.

## Report of Endowment Fund

I. Cash	Value as of 12/31/2005
1. E*Trade Bank	\$3,085.70
(interest earned in 2005: \$112.66)	
II. Dain Rauscher Portfolio	
1. LaSalle Bank, Chicago, IL	\$10,398.52
(interest earned in 2005: \$577.53)	
2. Corporate Bond, Target Corp.	6,521.16
@9.625, due 02/01/08, non-callable (interest earned in 2005: \$577.50)	
3. Enterprise Prods Partners, LP	7,578.55
4. Sr. Hsg. Pptys Tr., 70 shares	1,183.70
(annual income: \$89.60)	
5. XCEL Energy Inc., 379 shares	6,996.34
(\$320.26 div. in 2005)	
6. Wells Fargo Capital, 400 shares	10,112.00
@7%, income, \$700.00 in 2005	
7. Cash, Tamarack Inv. Funds	4,259.14
(yielded \$79.99 in 2005)	
8. Five Star Quality Care, 14 shares	110.32
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$47, 159.73</b>
III. Ameriprise Financial Funds	
Diversified Equity Inc. Fund Cl A	\$18,730.50
International Select Value Fund Cl A	9,483.46
New Dimensions Fund Cl B	1,355.95
Diversified Bond Fund Cl A	38,392.08
Diversified Bond Fund Cl B	3,884.99
New Dimensions Fund Cl A	12,420.53
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$84,267.51</b>
<b>Value of Endowment on 12/31/2005</b>	<b>\$134,512.94</b>
(Value, 2004, \$116,054.82)	

Brent M. Froberg, Mgr. Endowment

### Eta Sigma Phi Meets PayPal

Eta Sigma Phi members ordering honor cords, hoods and jewelry online now have the option of paying online for a \$2.00 fee. No PayPal account is necessary and the process is simple and convenient.

For further information, go to <http://department.monm.edu/classics/esp/Regalia.html>.



## Medal Fund, Annual Report, 2005

Cash on hand, January 1, 2004	\$71.30
Adjustment to repay loan to Nat'l Office	(70.00)
Receipts:	
Sale of large silver (10) @ \$24.75	\$247.50
Sale of small silver (12) @ \$10.25	123.00
Sale of small bronze (22) @ \$ 6.50	143.00
Interest, passbook #2984	1.59
Postage paid for shipping	7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$523.39</b>
Disbursements:	
To CD #505000265 3yrs. @ 4.25%	\$383.49
Cash on hand, December 31, 2005	\$139.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 523.39</b>
Inventory:	
93 large silver @\$28.75	\$2,673.75
203 small silver @\$10.25	2,080.75
52 small bronze @\$6.50	338.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,092.50</b>
<b>Total value (money and medals)</b>	<b>\$5,615.89</b>

## Save These Dates

The 79th National Convention  
of Eta Sigma Phi  
will be held

30 March – 1 April, 2007

At the invitation of  
Zeta Beta Chapter  
at Temple University  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



# NLE/NGE Winners

Eta Sigma Phi once again acknowledges the following college and university students who earned recognition on the National Latin Exam and the National Greek Exam. Kudos to all these students and their teachers, especially those with active Eta Sigma Phi chapters!

## 2006 NATIONAL LATIN EXAM

### Ave Maria University – Naples FL

Instructor: Daniel J. Nodes

Daniel Baquerizo	Prose 3	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Anthony Antunes	Prose 3	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Elliot Plaisance	Prose 3	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Clare Robidou	Prose 3	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Matthew Grady	Prose 3	Gold Summa Cum Laude
David Engelstad	Prose 3	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
James Brannigan	Prose 3	Cum Laude
Drew Chilton	Prose 3	Cum Laude

### Laramie Community College – Cheyenne, WY

Instructor: Patricia Landy

Michelle Carroll	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Matthew Shoup	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Philip Slichenmyer	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Briann Kilpatrick	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Victor Paschal	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Alan Ashley	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Lyle Eagle	Latin 1	Cum Laude

Paul D. Barton	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Meghan L. Mann	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Jaci N. Osba	Latin 1	Cum Laude
Terrance Bell	Latin 1	Cum Laude

### University of Illinois Champaign – Champaign, IL

(Alpha Kappa of Eta Sigma Phi, inactive)

Instructor: Stephen Bay

Stephen Lorence	Latin 5	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Christopher Fletcher	Latin 5	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Eric Juul	Latin 5	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Thomas BR McMahon		Latin 5 Silver Maxima Cum Laude
James Mahoney	Latin 5	Magna Cum Laude
Christin Robinson	Latin 5	Magna Cum Laude

### St. Norbert College – De Pere, WI

Instructor: William Hyland

Michael Reinar	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Francis Kaszar	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Ashley Eckhardt	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Danielle Reindl	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Angela Currie	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Lauren O'Callaghan	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Paul Utterback	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Adam Krueger	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Christopher Zahn	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Brian Lueth	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Rachel Sayer	Latin 1	Cum Laude

### Georgetown College – Georgetown, KY

(Gamma Theta of Eta Sigma Phi)

Instructor: Diane Arnson Svarlien

Meredith Cutrer	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
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### Tunxis Community College – Farmington, CT

Instructor: Elaine Betoncourt

Carrie Ellsworth	Intro	Outstanding Achievement
Peter Dau	Intro	Outstanding Achievement
Isabel Dau	Intro	Outstanding Achievement
Isabel Digregorio	Intro	Outstanding Achievement
Timothy Ellsworth	Intro	Achievement Certificate
Kimberly Whipple	Latin 2	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Jon Larue-Zitzkat	Latin 2	Gold Summa Cum Laude

### Monmouth College – Monmouth, IL

(Gamma Omicron of Eta Sigma Phi)

Instructor: Thomas Sienkewicz

Alexander Hannah	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Jason Rittenhouse	Latin 1	Cum Laude
Matt Montgomery	Latin 1	Cum Laude
Samantha Robinson	Latin 1	Cum Laude
Andrew Viscariello	Latin 2	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Catherine Bartunek	Latin 2	Cum Laude
Ellen Duffie	Latin 2	Cum Laude
Benjamin Sauer	Prose 3	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

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**University of Mary Washington – Fredericksburg, VA**

(Beta Nu of Eta Sigma Phi)

Instructors: Jane Hall, Liane Houghtalin

James Foster	Poetry 4	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Evan Anderson	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Grace Harris	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Amanda Cummings	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Jennifer Warren	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Margaret Graybeal	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Mitchell MacDonald	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Raymond Babbie	Poetry 4	Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Liskom	Poetry 4	Magna Cum Laude
Frank Depaola	Poetry 4	Magna Cum Laude
Colin Deyman	Poetry 4	Magna Cum Laude
Rachel Malone	Poetry 4	Magna Cum Laude
Jessica Herzog	Poetry 4	Cum laude
Rebecca Cox	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Holly Hanks	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Jared Fausnaught	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Nicholas Ross	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Julianne McNamara	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Lindsey Frazier	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Anita Cross	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
James Cross	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Richard Jones	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Trillian Hosticka	Poetry 4	Cum Laude

**Hunter College – New York, NY**

(Alpha Theta of Eta Sigma Phi—inactive)

Instructor: William Mayer

Felix Lopez	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Kathleen Pasek	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Chika Okoye	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Lisa Tagliaferri	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Ria Julien	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Ezra Serrur	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Michael Silbey	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Renata Friedman	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Morris Ingemanson	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Jennifer G. Gibson	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Ricardo Fernandez	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Elizabeth Shiverdecker	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Amanda Ali	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Juliette Koran	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Katly Celestin	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Aleksand Zganiacz	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Fiden Ceron	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Marko Galjasevic	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Flor Ruiz	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Majambu Ajavon	Latin 1	Cum Laude

**Hunter College – New York, NY**

(Alpha Theta of Eta Sigma Phi—inactive)

Instructor: Yvonne Bernardo

Anton Torella	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Barbor Halouzkova	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Sophie Marinez	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Kerry Dasilva	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Christina Fraioli	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Genevive De Angelis	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Veronica Caba	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Ruth Lipman	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Veronica Kerrodar	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Pierre Battiste	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Timothy Robbins	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Gina Sacco	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Gustavo Maluly	Latin 1	Magnum Cum Laude
Cara Dellatte	Latin 1	Cum Laude

**Hunter College-New York, NY**

(Alpha Theta of Eta Sigma Phi—inactive)

Instructor: Ronnie Ancona

Sally Aratoon	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
John Hederman	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Derrick Brazill	Poetry 4	Magna Cum Laude
Heather Stradling	Poetry 4	Magna Cum Laude
Frances Grillo	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Lucinda Jaffee	Poetry 4	Cum Laude
Arthur Coleman	Poetry 4	Cum Laude

**Loyola Marymont University – Los Angeles, CA**

(Zeta Eta of Eta Sigma Phi)

Instructor: Ethan Adams

Sanda Heinz	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Kristin Cole	Latin 1	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Meaghan Dawson	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Deyree Herrera	Latin 1	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Joseph Dempsey	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Veronica Galbreath	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Natalie Morsette	Latin 1	Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Zogby	Prose 4	Cum Laude
Rebecca Hartstein	Prose 4	Cum Laude
Daniel Kennedy	Poetry 4	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Gregory Weiler	Poetry 4	Magna Cum Laude
Laura Steinmetz	Poetry 4	Cum Laude

**College of New Rochelle – New Rochelle, NY**

Instructor: Ann Raia

Erin Daley	Latin 2	Cum Laude
Melissa Lounsbury	Latin 2	Cum Laude

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# NLE/NGE Winners (Continued)

## 2006 NATIONAL GREEK EXAM

### Iowa State University Ames Iowa

(Zeta Xi of Eta Sigma Phi)

Madalyn Henry, instructor

Intermediate Exam

Jason Griswell	High Honors
Ben Zahradnik	Merit
Ricky Reusser	Merit
Daniel Coenen	Merit
Terry Endreshak	Merit
Susann Schlichtemeier	Merit

### Laramie County Community College

Patricia Landy, instructor

Intermediate Exam

Mary Raner	Highest Honors
Michelle Carroll	High Honors
Henry Miller	Merit

### Monmouth College

(Gamma Omicon of Eta Sigma Phi)

Thomas Sienkewicz, instructor

Beginning Exam

Emily Zvolanek	Merit
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### Georgetown College

(Gamma Theta of Eta Sigma Phi)

Diane Arnson Svarlien, instructor

Homeric Odyssey

Robert Cutrer	High Honors
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### University of Richmond

(Beta Gamma of Eta Sigma Phi)

Dr. Michael Compton, instructor

Intermediate Exam

Theophilo Pouloupoulos	Merit
Michael Gee	Merit
Michael Webb	Merit
Charles Gorham	Merit

### University of Mississippi

(Lambda of Eta Sigma Phi – inactive)

Jonathan Fenno, instructor

Intermediate Exam

Bram Ten Berge	Highest Honors
David Howorth	Highest Honors
Sam Watson	Highest Honors
Linda Denning	Merit
Daniel McNair	Merit
Karsten Gaycken	Merit
Grant Hendrix	Merit
Josh Dickerson	Merit
Lauren Dove	Merit

### Christendom College

William Fahey, instructor

Beginning Exam

Sheila Jenne	Highest Honors
Robert Lancaster	High Honors
Micah Willard	High Honors
Peter Smith	Merit

Intermediate Exam

Emma Fritcher	Highest Honors
Christina Matatics	Highest Honors
Dominick Severance	High Honors
Kathleen Gilbert	High Honors
Elizabeth Black	High Honors
Daniel Delaney	Merit

### Wake Forest University

(Beta Iota of Eta Sigma Phi)

Mary Pendergraft, instructor

Intermediate Exam

Mitchell Currin	High Honors
William Johnson	Merit

Prose Exam

Eric Ellis	High Honors
Lauren Johnson	High Honors
Alec Latimer	High Honors
McKenzie Clark	Merit
John McGuirt	Merit

Tragedy Exam

Anne Arnold	Highest Honors
Nelson Brunsting	Highest Honors
Benjamin Gibson	High Honors

### Baylor University

(Gamma Omega of Eta Sigma Phi)

Intermediate Exam

(Antony Augoustakis, instructor)

Yelena Borisova	Highest Honors
Laura Brumley	High Honors
Cody Strickland	Merit
Christopher Smith	Merit
Ryan Baker	Merit
Jararett Bates	Merit
Robin Chmura	Merit
Cynthia Barrios	Merit
Sonya Maness	Merit
Yen Phan	Merit
Wesley J. Adams	Merit
Lora Bobbitt	Merit
Paul Godfrey	Merit
Keith Gustine	Merit
Andrew Hill	Merit
Adam Setzler	Merit
Erin Stewart	Merit

Homeric-Odyssey Exam

(Brent Froberg, instructor)

David Morphew	Highest Honors
Richard Zaleski	Highest Honors
Andrew Brenton	High Honors
William Brian	High Honors
Christin LaRoche	High Honors
Amanda Weppler	High Honors
William Wilson	High Honors
Dana Benesh	High Honors
Kathryn Simpkins	Merit
Bradley Goodine	Merit
Njideka Chiaghana	Merit
Cole Marshall	Merit
Aaron Ashlock	Merit

Prose Exam (Brent Froberg, instructor)

Daniel Walin	Highest Honors
Seth Boutin	
Highest Honors	
Richard Zaleski	Highest Honors
Holly Hughes	High Honors
Karen Kelly	High Honors

Tragedy Exam (Brent Froberg, instructor)

Daniel Walin	Perfect Paper
Seth Boutin	High Honors
Karen Kelly	High Honors

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[www.etasigmaphi.com](http://www.etasigmaphi.com).

# Eta Sigma Phi Honor Cords and Hoods



Some 2005 graduates of Gamma Omicron chapter at Monmouth College with their Eta Sigma Phi cords and hoods. From left to right: Prof. Tom Sienkewicz, Wyatt Preul, Kurt Gilmore, Kassia Phillips, Erin Musolf, and Misty Bowman.

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# THE ETA SIGMA PHI SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2007

The Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi are pleased to announce the following scholarships. *Nota bene: Separate application for admission to the desired program must be made to AAR, ASCSA, or VS.*

**The Scholarship to the Classical Summer School at the American Academy in Rome** will have a value of \$3,425. Programs Department, American Academy in Rome, 7 East 60 St., New York NY 10022-1001. <http://www.aarome.org/summer/css/>. E-mail: [info@aarome.org](mailto:info@aarome.org). The deadline for applications to AAR is March 1, 2007.

**The Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens** will have a value of \$3,700, which includes the remission of one-half of all fees by the American School. Committee on the Summer Sessions, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 6-8 Charlton St., Princeton, NJ 08540-5232. <http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/>. E-mail: [ascsa@ascsa.org](mailto:ascsa@ascsa.org). The deadline for applications to ASA is January 15, 2007.

At either of the above summer sessions, six semester hours of credit may be earned and applied toward an advanced degree in Classics at most graduate schools, provided that arrangements have been made in advance with the graduate school.

**Eligibility:** Eligible to apply for the above scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members and alumni **who have received a Bachelor's degree since January 1, 2001, or shall have received it before June 2007, and who have not received a doctoral degree.**

**The Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae** will have a value of up to \$2,800, depending upon which tour is chosen and including the remission of one-half the tuition fee by the Vergilian Society. Holly Lorencz, John Burroughs School, 755 S. Price Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124. <http://www.vergil.clarku.edu/tours.htm>. E-mail: [hlorenz@jburroughs.org](mailto:hlorenz@jburroughs.org). The deadline for applications is April 1, 2007.

**Eligibility for the Bedrick Scholarship:** In addition to those eligible for the first two scholarships are Eta Sigma Phi members who will be rising juniors or seniors in the summer of 2007, and preference for the scholarship will be given to such undergraduate members.

Selection of recipients is made by the Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee, whose members are Professors Caroline A. Perkins of Marshall University (chair), Francis Dunn of the University of California at Santa Barbara, and T. Davina McClain of Loyola University of New Orleans. In selecting the recipient of each scholarship, the committee will give attention to the quality of the applicant's work in Greek and Latin, intention to teach at the secondary-school or college level, and contribution to the activities of Eta Sigma Phi at the local and national level.

**Deadline for completed scholarship applications: February 1, 2007.**

The recipients will be announced about March 15, 2007.

Scholarship application information and forms may be requested from:

**Professor Caroline A. Perkins, Chair**  
Eta Sigma Phi Scholarship Committee  
Department of Classical Studies  
Marshall University  
Huntington, WV 25701

The application packet may also be requested by e-mail: [mailto:perkins@marshall.edu](mailto:mailto:perkins@marshall.edu).  
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