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Eta Sigma Phi Establishes Summer Scholarship in Field Archaeology

At the 81st annual convention, the Board of Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi announced its decision to establish a \$500.00 summer scholarship in archaeological fieldwork. The purpose of this scholarship is to support undergraduate fieldwork at archaeological sites in the Graeco-Roman world.

Such a scholarship has been under discussion for several years. A fund drive to establish an endowment to support this endeavor and ensure its long-term existence is underway. Although the en-

dowment campaign is far from its goal, the Board has agreed to subsidize the scholarship from current operating funds for the immediate future. As the endowment for this scholarship increases, it is hoped that the amount of the award will also increase accordingly.

Dr. Martha Davis, advisor of Zeta Beta at Temple University and chair of the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees writes:

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Members of Beta Psi at Rhodes College greeting delegates at the registration table for the 81st convention.

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ETA SIGMA PHI: Statement of Purpose and Benefits of Membership

The purposes of Eta Sigma Phi, the national Classics honorary society, are to develop and promote interest in classical study among students of colleges and universities; to promote closer fraternal relationship among students who are interested in classical study, and to stimulate interest in classical study, and in the history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome. Members are elected by local chapters which have been chartered by the society. Most members are undergraduates but chapters can also initiate graduate students, faculty, and honorees. There are more than 180 chapters of Eta Sigma Phi throughout the United States.

Benefits of membership include:

- a membership card, certificate and lapel pin
- subscription to *NUNTIUS*, the biannual newsletter of the society
- an annual national convention including a certamen and banquet
- the opportunity to give academic presentations before an audience of peers and scholars
- annual sight translation exams in Latin and Greek
- honors cords and sashes for graduation
- bronze and silver medals of achievement
- eligibility for summer travel scholarships to Greece, Rome or southern Italy
- eligibility for a Latin teacher training scholarship

About NUNTIUS

NUNTIUS is the newsletter of **Eta Sigma Phi**, the national Classics honorary society. It is published twice a year, in September and in January. Copies of the *NUNTIUS* are sent free of charge to active, associate, and honorary members at active chapters. A lifetime subscription to the *NUNTIUS* is also available to members who wish to continue receiving the newsletter after graduation. The

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New Summer Scholarship

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“In recent years the alliance between Art History and Classics at Temple has been strengthened. An art historian whose first college degree was in Classics has sought assistants from Classics majors on her summer digs. The experience has been an excellent one for the students, and, as the opportunity has become known to a wider group, those who do not have the funds to pay for their transportation to the sites being excavated have felt at a disadvantage. If Eta Sigma Phi could assist those students with a scholarship, more could pursue their dreams of finding and helping to preserve artifacts that reveal the past to us.”

A committee chaired by Dr. Daniel Levine of Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas is being formed to receive and evaluate applicants. Of this scholarship Dr. Levine says “The Classics are all about **words** and **dirt**. We therefore encourage all of our members to get experience in philology and archaeology. This scholarship shows our commitment to every aspect of the study of the ancient world.”

It is expected that the first award will be made for the summer of 2010. For more information, see the scholarship announcement on pg. 54 of *NUNTIUS*.

Eta Sigma Phi Owl LAPEL PINS

These economically-priced oval lapel pins are one-inch high and bear the Eta Sigma Phi owl seal in purple and gold. Beginning in 2009–2010 all new active members of Eta Sigma Phi will receive a lapel pin as benefit of membership. Additional lapel pins can be purchased in a batch of ten for \$20.00 plus \$5.00 for postage and handling.



Important Dates

2009

Nov. 15 Annual Reports for 2009–2010 due. Chapters not submitting a report by this date will receive only subscription of the *NUNTIUS* for the academic year 2009-2010.

2010

Jan. 8–11 APA/AIA meetings in Orange County (Anaheim), Calif.
Reception for Advisors and Eta Sigma Phi members (time, place TBA)
ESP undergraduate paper panel (8 AM on Saturday, January 9)

Feb. 1 Deadline for applications for all Eta Sigma Phi Scholarships and deadline for submitting papers for national convention and APA 2011 Panel

Feb. 13 Deadline for requesting test materials for 2010 Maurine Dallas Watkins Translation Contests

Feb. 16–20 Watkins Translation Contest Exams administered

Feb. 28 Deadline for mailing Watkins Exams

March 4 Exelauno Day

April 9–11 82nd National Convention at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA

May 1 Deadline for submission of 2008–2009 Res Gestae for Summer 2010 *NUNTIUS*

June 1, 2010 Deadline for submitting papers for CAMWS-SS 2010

2011

March 27–29 83rd National Convention at the University of Texas at Austin

List of Donors for Archaeology Challenge

Chapters are encouraged to hold fundraisers or pass the hat at a chapter meeting and send donations to the executive secretary for the Eta Sigma Phi Fund Drive to endow the Summer Scholarship for Fieldwork in Classical Archaeology which will be offered for the first time in the summer of 2010. The following have contributed to this endowment fund since the last issue of *NUNTIUS* was published:

Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College

Zeta Beta at Temple University

Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

Thomas J. Sienkewicz, Executive Secretary

Amount of Recent Donations: \$160.00

Previous Total: \$2977.41

NEW TOTAL: \$3137.41

GOAL: \$50,000.00 for a \$2500.00 annual scholarship

Please remember this archaeology challenge as you organize fundraisers on your campuses.

Editor’s Note: At the end of the academic year, Hillsdale College received \$100 for being one of the more active organizations on campus. The chapter voted to sent half of that prize to Eta Sigma Phi to go to the archaeological scholarship. *Gratias maximas vobis agimus!*

Classical Wisdom and the Silver Screen: On the Fifteenth Anniversary of Zeta Nu chapter at the University of Maryland

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On March 5, 2009, our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi here at the Department of Classics, University of Maryland, College Park, celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. As has been our practice in the past few years, we featured a lecture by one of our department's most outstanding recent graduates: Dr. Heather Vincent, Assistant Professor of Classics at Eckerd College, who received her MA in Latin and Greek from us in 1996. So, too, along with the words of ancient wisdom proffered by chapter members representing Homer, Sophocles, Plato and Vergil, our initiation ceremony included speeches by members representing the Greek poet Sappho and the Roman noblewoman Cornelia, mother of the Gracchi.

Both speeches were written by our chapter in 2002 to recognize significant female voices from Greek and Roman antiquity in our annual ceremony. We would be happy to share these texts with other chapters interested in having women as well as men from classical times address their initiates. Please contact me at jeph@umd.edu if you would like me to send you a copy.

From 1996 through 2004, in my capacity as department chair, I had the privilege of welcoming students and their families, department faculty, and other guests to our annual initiation ceremony and lecture. Because my undergraduate institution, Wellesley College, did not have an Eta Sigma Phi



Evelyn Venable



Maurine Dallas Watkins

chapter, and I was eager to familiarize myself with the history of the organization, I did some investigating into how Eta Sigma Phi was started, and sustained; I also made a habit of sharing the fruits of these investigations at the opening of my remarks, when I extended thanks in a number of directions. In honor of our chapter's anniversary, it seemed fitting to share them with a wider audience. Here is what I said at our chapter's tenth anniversary in 2004.

By way of context, this was the last ceremony at which I expressed these greetings, an occasion which marked the ninetieth anniversary of Eta Sigma Phi itself. Our lecture that year dealt with Ralph Waldo Emerson and the Classics; it was presented by Professor Kenneth Sacks of Brown University, in memory of his close friend and colleague Judith Ruth Ginsburg (1944–2002), Associate Professor of Classics at Cornell University, Dr. Ginsburg was a visiting professor in our department in the fall of 1991. "I am pleased to welcome all of you to our annual Eta Sigma Phi lecture. I would also like to *agere maximas gratias*, voice the most heartfelt thanks, on this wonderful occasion. For thanks are due in many quarters for making this event, and much else that our department

does, possible. First let me thank Chicago: where I myself was born, and where our Eta Sigma Phi advisor Lillian Doherty received her doctorate, because it was there that Eta Sigma Phi itself was conceived: in 1914, at Professor Doherty's alma mater, the University of Chicago. Eta Sigma Phi was the brainchild of an undergraduate named Gertrude Smith, a truly remarkable woman for her time or any time. After founding this so-called fraternity (although she was a soror, not a frater), Gertrude Smith earned her BA, and her MA, and her PhD at Chicago. She then joined the classics department at Chicago as an instructor in 1921 and stayed on, becoming professor of Greek and department chair until she retired, 39 years later, in 1960. As we heard last year, from our 2003 Eta Sigma Phi lecturer, Professor Susan Ford Wiltshire of Vanderbilt University, Smith then relocated to Nashville to live with her husband until her death in 1985.

"But we also thank the Windy City, the *urbs ventosa*, for giving its name to a 1927 motion picture called *Chicago*, which in turn lent its plot to a 1942 movie called *Roxie Hart*. The 1942 movie in turn lent both its name and its plot to a Bob Fosse musical in the 1970's, a Broadway musical



Editor's Trivia Note:

Did you know that Evelyn Venable was the first model for the famous Columbia Pictures logo in 1934?

‘Sailing to Byzantium’

This Latin translation of Yeats’s poem was part of the Presidential address at CAMWS 2009 in Minneapolis. The editor of *NUNTIUS* is very grateful to Dr. Robert W. Ulery, Jr. (of Beta Iota at Wake Forest University) for his gracious permission to publish it here.

in the 1990’s, and most recently a Hollywood musical: indeed the musical that walked off with six Oscars shortly after our Eta Sigma Phi lecture and initiation ceremony last year. And we thank this Chicago because its author, Maurine Dallas Watkins, a journalist for the Chicago Tribune and a very successful Hollywood script writer, left the bulk of her estate to support various enterprises in classical studies when she died in 1969. One of these enterprises was Eta Sigma Phi. If we are to trust the official Eta Sigma Phi history pamphlet, this is because Watkins used to conduct long-distance telephone tutorials on classical topics every Sunday afternoon with Professor H.R. Butts of Birmingham-Southern College, longtime executive secretary and newsletter editor of the Eta Sigma Phi fraternity.

“In other words, that amazing performance that we stage annually in our dramatic initiation ceremony is legitimately connected with Hollywood history. Watkins’ other film scripts, by the way, include *Libelled Lady* (a screwball comedy with Myrna Loy, William Powell, Spencer Tracy and Jean Harlow). Were that not enough, Watkins also worked on *Death Takes a Holiday* in 1934. Its female star, Evelyn Venable, retired from the silver screen after doing the voice of the Blue Fairy in Pinocchio. She then became a professor of Classics at the University of California at Los Angeles.”

My comments on Eta Sigma Phi, and its connections with Hollywood history, invariably piqued the interest of my listeners. That 2004 ceremony was no exception: because Judith Ginsburg, whose memory we honored, was herself a 1966 graduate of the UCLA classics department and a student of Evelyn Venable. It has long been my dream that an Eta Sigma Phi member with a professional research interest in film studies might undertake further research into the lives of both Maurine Wallas Watkins and Evelyn Venable, and how they intersected with classical learning within and beyond the academy. I publish these remarks in the hopes of identifying such an individual, and of working with them to achieve this dream.

THAT is no country for old men. The young
In one another’s arms, birds in the trees
—Those dying generations— at their song,
The salmon-falls, the mackerel-crowded seas,
Fish, flesh, or fowl, commend all summer long
Whatever is begotten, born, and dies.
Caught in that sensual music all neglect
Monuments of unaging intellect.

An aged man is but a paltry thing,
A tattered coat upon a stick, unless
Soul clap its hands and sing, and louder sing
For every tatter in its mortal dress,
Nor is there singing school but studying
Monuments of its own magnificence;
And therefore I have sailed the seas and come
To the holy city of Byzantium.

O sages standing in God’s holy fire
As in the gold mosaic of a wall,
Come from the holy fire, perne in a gyre,
And be the singing-masters of my soul.
Consume my heart away; sick with desire
And fastened to a dying animal
It knows not what it is; and gather me
Into the artifice of eternity.

Once out of nature I shall never take
My bodily form from any natural thing,
But such a form as Grecian goldsmiths make
Of hammered gold and gold enamelling
To keep a drowsy Emperor awake;
Or set upon a golden bough to sing
To lords and ladies of Byzantium
Of what is past, or passing, or to come.

W.B. Yeats

Illa haud senibus patria est.
Iuvenes sese brachiis implicant,
Aves in arboribus—genera moribunda—canent,
salmonum cataractae, maria piscosa,
pisces ferae aves totam aestatem laudant
quicquid gignitur nascitur moritur.
Illo cantu capti libidinoso, omnes
monumenta mentis non senescentis neglegunt.

Senex est quoddam mendicum,
sagum pannosum in baculo, nisi
Anima complodans cantet, et eo maiore
voce quo pannosius vestita est.
Neque stat ludus canendi praeter studium
monumentorum laudis suae.
Ergo trans maria navigavi venique
Byzantium, in urbem sacram.

O sapientes in igne Dei sacro stantes
ut in aureo muro tesseracto,
venite e sacro igne, *ptermis en gyroi*,
et animam meam canere docete.
Absumite cor meum, desiderio fessum
et animali morienti compactum
nescit quid sit; et me conferte
in artificium aeternitatis.

Natura ereptus numquam sumam
formam corporis ex aliquo naturali,
sed qualem aurifices Graeci faciunt
ex auro malleato atque aureo smalto
ut vigilet semisomnus Imperator;
aut in aureo ramo ponunt ut cantet
dominis uxorisque Byzantii
de rebus praeteritis, praetereuntibus, futuris.

Latin version by Robert W. Ulery, Jr., 2009

Dues Increase for 2009–2010

At the 2009 Annual Convention, the delegates voted to increase the dues for Active membership in Eta Sigma Phi from \$30.00 to \$40.00, beginning with the 2009–2010 academic year. The cost of Associate membership will increase from \$10.00 to \$20.00 (Honorary memberships remain complementary.) Please note that these are all lifetime memberships. In addition to a membership card and certificate, all new members will now also receive an Eta Sigma Phi lapel pin. With this dues increase the society hopes to bolster its endowment, diminished by recent financial troubles, and provide additional funds for scholarships and outreach activities.

Minutes of the 81st Annual National Convention

Delegates from twenty-four chapters of Eta Sigma Phi convened in lively Memphis, Tennessee, March 27–29, 2009, for the 81st annual national convention. They were joined by two guest schools, Northwestern State University and Samford University, which both had pending petitions for membership. Beta Psi at Rhodes College sponsored the event under the organization of Professor David Sick and senior Allie Marbry. Beta Psi tapped into their Memphian roots for the theme of the convention, which centered on hero cults and honored Elvis as the hometown hero. A rendering of the Eta Sigma Phi owl dressed as Elvis, and nicknamed “Owlvis,” was featured on the back cover of the weekend’s program.



Left, Owlvis, the mascot of the 81st Convention

Below, Vergilian Society Award winner Abbie Marbry of Beta Psi at Rhodes College accepting her award from Davina McClain, at left, chair of the scholarship committee

Below left, William Storm of Epsilon at the University of Iowa performing in Latin

When attendees arrived at the Double Tree Memphis, they were greeted by members of Beta Psi at a welcome table and received gifts of tote bags and temporary tattoos, which many students donned during weekend festivities. After everyone settled in on Friday evening, Megale Prytanis Jesca Scaevola of Alpha Mu at University of Missouri delivered the opening remarks. Ms. Scaevola began by honoring the board of trustees and thanking Beta Psi for their hard work and gracious sponsorship. Faculty sponsor Dr. Sick then rose to welcome everyone to Rhodes College and to a



“great convention.” He discussed the three activities planned for Saturday afternoon and announced the good news that everyone would be granted their first choice of activity, which they had selected during registration for the convention. Dr. Martha Davis, faculty advisor of Zeta Beta at Temple University and head of the Board of Trustees, announced the most awaited event of Friday evening, Certamen. Due to the high number of attendees this year, the rules of Certamen had to be altered to include three toss up questions per round instead of five. Dr. Adam Blistein, Execu-

tive Director of the American Philological Association (APA), kept the time and former Megale Prytanis Jasmine Merced of Beta Pi at University of Arkansas kept the score. Members of the winning team were Jesca Scaevola of Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri, Marybeth Banovetz of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College, Thomas Head of Beta Sigma at Marquette University and Rory Smith of Zeta Beta at Temple University.

Saturday morning convention-goers boarded buses and were shuttled to the gorgeous, gated campus of Rhodes College.



Saturday’s proceedings took place on the lower level of the majestic Paul Barret, Jr. Library. The meeting began with the unanimous acceptance of the minutes of the 2008 national convention. Dr. Adam Blistein then discussed the value of Eta Sigma Phi and of similar organizations, such as the APA, at the post-graduate level. He cited the APA’s primary resource, which is the networking ability for employment that the organization possesses. Dr. Davina McClain of Northwestern State University called the APA the “big kids’ Greek and Latin club.” Dr. Blistein also informed students how membership in the APA could benefit them now, at the undergraduate level. *Amphora*, a publication of APA, regularly includes many articles of interest to undergraduates, including undergraduate research. (A copy of *Amphora* was included in each registrant’s gift bag.



Above, members of Gamma Omega at Baylor University at the banquet

Right, Adam Blistein, Executive Secretary of the American Philological Association, addresses delegates about the benefits of membership in APA. Also pictured are the 08–09 national officers, Bryan Behl, MaryBeth Banovetz, Rory Smith, and Jesca Scaevola.

Blistein also noted that a paper session sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi will debut at the 2010 APA/AIA national convention. Marybeth Banovetz, who attended the 2009 APA/AIA national convention in Philadelphia, talked about her experience as an undergraduate at the convention. A welcome speech from the President of Rhodes, Dr. William Troutt, rounded out the morning’s introductions with a strong endorsement of Classical studies.

Delegates from each chapter then rose to deliver their yearly chapter reports. Highlights of these reports include a report in rap by Epsilon, the 60th anniversary of Beta Kappa, Eta Delta jokes about uses for a Classics degree in a failing economy, and Jasmine Merced of Beta Pi speaking about her accomplishments during her first post-graduate year.

The business meeting continued with the awarding of honors for the winners of the translation contests. Students from



University of Texas at Austin claimed top prize in both advanced Latin and advanced Greek. Dr. McClain then named the recipients of the 2009 Summer Scholarship Awards and the Bernice L. Fox Latin Teacher Training Scholarship. Allie Marbry of Beta Psi was awarded the Vergilian Society scholarship. Danelle Godjikian of Delta Theta at Dickinson College was

awarded the Bernice L. Fox scholarship and rose to tell the crowd about the course she will take at University of Virginia this summer with her award. The final business of the morning included bids for hosting the 2010 convention, raising dues to forty dollars; and the nomination of officers for the 2009–2010 term.

The presentation of student papers

Minutes of the 81st Annual National Convention (Continued)



Above, Theo Harwood of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College displaying the chapter's winning Regalia

Right, Tory (Victoria) Adcock of Beta Psi at Rhodes College congratulating Alice Sanford (her high school Latin teacher at Hume Fogg Academic School)

Below, members of Beta Psi at Rhodes College showing off their Owlvis t-shirts

rounded out the morning events. Before presentations began those students whose papers were accepted for presentation at the 2010 APA/AJA national convention were honored with a round of applause. The first student paper of our convention was authored by MaryBeth Banovetz of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College and discussed the uniqueness of Eurydice's death in terms of mythic suicides. Jessica Wise of Theta Pi at Kenyon College discussed the Tomb of Trimalchio in comparison to those of other Roman freedmen and Katy Chenoweth of Gamma Omega at Baylor

University examined cranial evidence from a gladiatorial cemetery at Ephesus. Following these presentations, students then departed to the mess hall on campus for a working lunch where they divided into committees to discuss issues that would be addressed during the final business meeting on Sunday.

After lunch it was time to embark upon the field trip events and begin exploring Memphis, but not before the professors of Rhodes College delivered introductory lectures that tied the excursions into the Classics. Some students listened to a lecture on hero cults and then departed for iconic Graceland. Others opted to peruse the National Civil Rights Museum or the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art.

On Saturday evening delegates returned to the hotel for a banquet dinner and further awards and entertainment. Adam Blistein and Alice Samford from Hume-Fogg Academic School in Nashville were honored with lifetime achievement awards for their contributions to Classical education. A book prize was presented to the winning Certamen team and Marybeth Banovetz won the award for best student paper submission. While enjoying their dinners attendees listened to a presentation entitled "David M. Robinson: Archaeologist and Collector" by Aileen Ajoonian, of Department of Classics, University of Mississippi



The evening closed with a traditional entertainment piece, but with a slight twist. Instead of brining in outside performance for guests to enjoy Rhodes opted to search the Eta Sigma Phi ranks for performing arts talent and they certainly found it. Two delegates, William Storm of Epsilon at the University of Iowa and Nathan Self of Omega at the College of William and Mary each performed popular American folk and rock songs which they had translated into Greek or Latin and which they performed on the guitar. Selections included If I Had A Hammer, Old Man by Neil Young, Rocky Racoon by The Beatles and Led Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven. These performances were clearly enjoyed by the whole crowd who recog-

nized the delegates' musical talent.

The business meeting resumed on Sunday morning with the annual chapter regalia contest . Eta Delta at Hillsdale College walked away with the prize, not for a tee shirt, but for a pocket protector bearing the allegedly Spartan phrase “**μολων λαβε.**”

The committees that met during Saturday lunch then delivered their reports. New business was addressed, including the approval of a dues raise from thirty to forty dollars. The additional funds will partially fund a new summer scholarship for students interested in participating in archaeological field schools or excavations and also financial aid for former national officers to return to national



Top right, Nathan Self of Omega at the College of William and Mary singing in ancient Greek

Right, delegates singing the “Song for Eta Sigma Phi”

Below, members of the Resolutions Committee singing Elvis Presley’s “Love Me Tender” in Latin



Minutes of the 81st Annual National Convention (Continued)

convention once within a five year period of their graduation.

Petitions for new chapters from the University of Arizona, University of Maine, College of New Jersey, Northwestern State University and Samford University were all approved.

Two schools, Virginia Tech and UT Austin, entered bids to host the 2010



Dr. William Troutt, President of Rhodes College, welcoming delegates to campus

convention. Virginia Tech was awarded the honor by majority vote. After some debate, UT Austin was then selected as the site of the 2011 convention. In turn, a new procedure was established wherein bids for convention site will be entered two years in advance.

The unique and amusing events of the weekend continued when the Resolutions committee delivered their presentation twice. Dr. Levine of Beta Pi approached the podium and solemnly read a decoy speech to the sober crowd. Upon returning to his seat he was dragged back to the podium by angry committee members demanding he read the speech they prepared. Dr. Levine then produced a speech composed in haiku. He notified the audience of the beginning of each haiku by raising an orange. The showcase was rounded out with the singing of *Love Me Tender* in Latin as a final homage to the King.

Dr. Sienkewicz delivered the report of the Executive Secretary and noted the new schedule for publication of the *NUNTIUS* (summer and winter as opposed to fall and spring. He encouraged chapters to submit any) information and photographs throughout the year and to begin preparing paper submissions for the 2011 APA/AIA conference in San Antonio. At the suggestion of Megale Prytanis Jesca Scaevola, he also advised the outgoing and

incoming officers to work on revising the officers' handbook.

The report of the Executive Secretary was followed by the report of the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Martha Davis, who called for the renewal of Sr. Thérèse Marie Dogherty of Beta Kappa and Dr. Joseph Garnjobst of Eta Delta as members of the board. This request was approved by the membership. She also informed members that the organization is now covered by liability insurance. The implementation of Exelauno Day, or a day to march forth, on March 4th was suggested as an event for chapters to hold educational processions on their campuses to increase awareness of Classical studies. Dr. Davis closed her report with a request to reelect of Dr. Sienkewicz as executive secretary for a new one year term. This request was also approved by the delegates.

The final task of the convention was the election of new officers. The 2009–2010 national officers are MaryBeth Banovetz as Megale Prytanis, Thomas Halvorsen of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College as Megas Hyparchos, Ryan Horowitz of Zeta Beta at Temple University as Megas Chrysophylax and Meg Motley of Beta Pi at University of Arkansas as Megale Grammateus. Congratulations to the new officers and thanks again to Rhodes College for a memorable national convention.



Initiation of New Officers

Outgoing Megale Prytanis Jesca Scaevola (at right) inducts new officers with the assistance of the outgoing officers. L. to r.: MaryBeth Banovetz (out-going Hyparchos and incoming Prytanis), Thomas Halvorsen (incoming Hyparchos), Ryan Horowitz (incoming Chrysophylax), Bryan Behl (outgoing Chrysophylax), Meg Motley (incoming Grammateus), Rory Smith (outgoing gGrammateus) and Scaevola (outgoing Prytanis).

Meet the Officers



MaryBeth Banovetz

Megale Prytanis

MaryBeth Banovetz

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I grew up in Stevens Point, WI and graduated from Stevens Point Area Senior High in 2006. My interest in the field of classics began around age 12, when I discovered Greek mythology. I never had the opportunity to study Greek or Latin until my freshman year of college, but I knew from my first day of Greek 101 that I wanted to be a Classics major. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as an officer for Eta Sigma Phi again this year. This honorary society not only helps students network but provides opportunities to present papers and attend the National Convention — great learning experiences. Through Eta Sigma Phi, I have met other Classics students and made connections with professionals in the field nationwide. When I'm not "doing Classics" I enjoy traveling, crocheting, cooking, and watching movies.

Eta Sigma Phi provides students with real fellowship that can create bonds that last throughout their careers. It also gives students an opportunity to stretch their abilities and challenge their thinking, with opportunities to travel and learn at lectures from scholars in the field.

Megas Hyparchos

Thomas K. Halvorsen

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I grew up in Edina, Minnesota. This year I will be a senior at St. Olaf College, although I have also had a chance to study Latin and Greek at the Universities of Minnesota, Dallas, and Wisconsin (largely thanks to my always encouraging high school teacher, Ms. Pilgram). In fact, the best Classics-related experience I've had in my entire life so far was probably the opportunity to spend three weeks studying at the University of Dallas' Rome campus through the Latin in Rome program in 2005. Last January I also had an amazing time touring and studying in Hellas with 29 other students from St. Olaf.

Given the present circumstances, it is ironic that my first encounter with Latin was rather inauspicious. As a sixth grader, I ranked Latin below German on my language electives form, hoping I'd learn enough to translate the Mad Magazine that my parents had brought me back from Germany the previous year. But as it turned out, band students got priority over the rest of the school, and I was regrettably stuck in a language that I knew nothing about.

As a typical middle-schooler I did not seem to get anything worthwhile out of any of my classes. I didn't try particularly hard at Latin until ninth grade when my teacher, Mrs. Hansen, pressured me into attending the annual Ludi Romani hosted by Minnehaha Academy (Minneapolis, MN). Much to my surprise, I actually won a gold medal in one of the language exams. That year Latin became my "thing" in school and I felt compelled to absorb as much knowledge about grammar and word derivation as I possibly could, equally motivated by curiosity and my competitive desire to win even more events the next year.

Eta Sigma Phi is important because it brings together Classics enthusiasts from all over the country and prepares them for careers in Classical studies by enabling them to participate actively in scholarship (through contests, research presentations, etc.) with their peers at the collegiate



Thomas K. Halvorsen

level. To me, that kind of experience seems much more valuable than simply visiting post-graduate conferences as a passive observer and is something that cannot be simulated at any one institution.

At this point I'm still not sure about the direction of my career, but I may go on to grad school within the next couple of years. When not "doing" Classics, I'm usually thinking about Classics, though I also enjoy running and kayaking in the summer as well as cross-country skiing in the winter.

Megale Grammateus

Meg Motley

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Salvete, Members of Eta Sigma Phi! My name is Meg Motley and I am proud to be currently serving as the Megale Grammateus of this wonderful organization. Eta Sigma Phi is an amazing society, and I am glad that I have been able to be a part of it.

I was born in Mabelvale, Arkansas, and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas. I am a senior at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, majoring in Classical Studies. When I was 10 years old, I attended a summer program at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock called the Summer Laureate University for Youth (SLUFY), and took a class on Roman culture, instructed by Mrs.

Meet the Officers (Continued)



Meg Motley

Marianne Ligon. This was the first time that I ever experienced the Latin language. I vividly remember the first Latin sentence I ever wrote: *puella laborat in villa*. Simple, yes, but it inspired a love for Latin language that I still have to this day. In high school, I had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Ligon again, and I completed four years of Latin, medaled three times in the National Latin Exam, took two AP exams, and fell in love with the work of Horace.

I came to the University of Arkansas not as a Classical Studies major, but as a Poultry Science major. I quickly realized that this was a field that was NOT for me, and decided to go back to my first love of Latin. I was inducted into Eta Sigma Phi after my first semester in college, and have subsequently served as the Prytanis, Hyparchos, Grammateus, and Chrysophylax of the Beta Pi Chapter during different times in my career.

Classics has been amazingly rewarding to me. It has taught me to think about ancient culture not as something separate from ours, but from which ours has evolved and with which ours still interacts. One never realizes how many things are based on ancient culture until looking at the vast quantity of literature and art that has been passed down. I am amazed that what we have is only a fraction of all that was produced by the Greeks and Romans.

After I graduate, I plan on attending seminary, either at the Duke Divinity School or at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, after which

I may become a member of the clergy. I am very grateful that my Greek and Latin training will help me read Koine and Classical and Medieval Latin, and enable me to approach Biblical and Theological scholarship accurately. An alternative would be to go back to get a Master's in Classics in order to teach Latin.

I think Eta Sigma Phi has been so meaningful to me because it has given me the ability to interact with other people my age who will be the Classics scholars of tomorrow, and with whom I can have a meaningful dialogue about a subject that we know and love. Hopefully, Eta Sigma Phi gives this opportunity to every member. I think that the relationships that are formed in Eta Sigma Phi help to create a well-connected, well-informed Classics field. During my time not spent on Classical Studies, I like to sing, paint, and watch old movies.

Eta Sigma Phi complements an undergraduate education in the Classics by giving students the opportunity to experience Classics outside of the classroom. Through this honorary society, students can participate in activities such as paper competitions and conventions which provide valuable preparation for the professional world. In addition, Eta Sigma Phi allows students to meet other Classics students and professionals both locally and nationally. I have been inspired in my studies by this organization's balance of cooperation and competition, which has allowed me to make friends while pushing me to improve.

Megas Chrysophylax

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I was born and raised in a predominantly Caribbean neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. I grew up in the same apartment building until I went away to college. Growing up, I was fortunate to live just a few blocks from the Brooklyn Museum, which has excellent galleries of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. I am a product of the NYC public school system—which in no way helped me find my love of Classics.

I discovered I had an interest in Classics



Ryan Horowitz

when I bought a book entitled *Rubicon*. It was the summer before my senior year, and I was waiting to board when I decided to buy a book for the twelve-hour flight ahead. Once I returned from my trip to Thailand I started reading more and more history books, especially ones about the Roman Empire.

Soon I was off to Temple University in Philadelphia. I took Latin and a course on ancient cultures and I was hooked. I became a Classics major and started participating in Eta Sigma Phi. In the summer of 2007 I went on an archaeological dig in France and learned a lot, but continue to prefer history.

It has been a treat to be a part of Eta Sigma Phi. The national convention is so much fun! The chapter meetings and events my chapter holds are also very enjoyable. I am most grateful for the sense of community I have found within the organization. It is very important for undergraduates to be able to access a group such as this while in school.

After graduating I have no idea what I shall do with my life. I am currently studying for the GRE but have no definite plans. I will be student teaching Latin in the fall with Dr. Martha Davis, and may decide to teach.

Outside of Classics I enjoy practicing Yoga in 105 degrees, rooting for the Yankees, and attempting in vain to complete the daily crossword.

2009 Lifetime Achievement Awards

This award was established by the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees in 2006 to recognize individuals who, through a long career, have served and promoted the Classical world in significant ways. Recipients are honored at national convention with a framed citation, an Eta Sigma Phi owl pin, and a lifetime subscription to *NUNTIUS*.

Adam D. Blistein

American Philological Association

There are many reasons to honor Adam D. Blistein for achievement in and service to the field of Classics. We know him best and most recently as the outstanding Executive Director of the American Philological Association, for which he is an able administrator and a spokesman both in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Blistein's career in Classics began with his undergraduate degree at Haverford College, and continued with a doctoral degree from Yale, with a dissertation entitled *The Nature and Significance of the Protagonists in the Fifth-Century Comedies of Aristophanes*—a good choice of topics for a person we know for his good humor and wit.

Always interested in teaching, Dr. Blistein taught at Haverford before moving on to work in business administration for non-profit institutions. He was first an assistant to the Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of Human Issues in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he kept financial records, and learned the intricacies of the computer by writing grants, preparing reports for funding organizations, and keeping track of tax records. That job provided his first interaction with representatives of the National Endowment for the Humanities and other government agencies, and he began to perfect the communication skills that he has used to the great advantage of the APA in his current work.

Our honoree next advanced from Administrative Assistant through several positions in the American Association for Cancer Research in Philadelphia, leaving that association in 1999 with the title of Director of Administration. During



Adam Blistein (right) accepting his Lifetime Achievement Award from Martha Davis

the years that he worked with the group, Adam coordinated meeting management, membership services, public education, public relations, and staff support for the Board of Directors and for committees of a professional society. He oversaw conventions and marketing campaigns, and collaborated with the staff of the professional journals, bearing responsibility for the publication of newsletters and the Directory of Members. All these and related activities and responsibilities gave him further training in the very skills he needed to transfer to his current position as Executive Director of the APA.

From the point of view of classicists, it seemed almost too good to be true in 1999 when Adam Blistein accepted the offer to become the Executive Director of the largest classical organization, the American Philological Association. Not only did we acquire the presence and leadership of a man already experienced in management and outreach activities, but we welcomed back into the discipline an accomplished classicist, one who

understands both objectively and subjectively the needs and ambitions of the field of study and its perpetuation through research and teaching.

Under Adam Blistein's aegis, the APA has grown and prospered. He has dedicated much time and effort to its welfare and to making its nature and character known to the larger community. He has also continued to conduct research and publish and make presentations. He published in 2000 in the *Classical Outlook*, for instance, a talk he gave at CAAS on "Putting Classicists in the K-12 Classroom: The Role of the APA." Another talk, one in 2002 at the Eighty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, was on "Models for Leadership: The Strange Case of the Disappearing Faculty." In 2006 he organized a session on "Hotel Labor Contracts" at the American Council of Learned Societies Conference of Administrative Officers. These are a few of the presentations and publications Dr. Blistein has prepared that illustrate how he combines his own study with his experience

2009 Lifetime Achievement Awards (Continued)

for the benefit of Classics and the community beyond.

Adam Blistein is known to us not only for his learning and service, but as dedicated family man, as a Lower Merion Soccer Club coach, as treasurer of the C.C. Morris Cricket Library Association, and a committee member in the workings of his place of worship. To this well-rounded and congenial individual, an outstanding promoter of Classics, we give in 2009 Eta Sigma Phi's highest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Alice M. Sanford

Hume-Fogg Academic School
Nashville, Tennessee

Alice Sanford has been a servant and proponent of classical studies at the municipal, state, and regional level. She has been a teacher of Latin in the state of Tennessee for almost forty years; the last twenty-five of these were spent at the Hume-Fogg Academic School in Nashville.

A true daughter of the Volunteer state, she graduated from Giles County High School in Pulaski, Tennessee in 1965. She went on to Vanderbilt University, where she earned her B.A. in Latin in 1969, and she even ignored an interstate rivalry to complete a master's degree in educational psychology at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

She has been the president of both the Tennessee Classical Association (2005–07) and the Tennessee Foreign Language Teaching Association (1997–8). The latter body named her the foreign language teacher of the year in 1999 and the Classical Association presented her with the award for the best teacher of classics in 1993.

She has worked tirelessly for the Junior Classical League, not only within her school and the Nashville metropolitan area, but also on the state and national levels.

Ms. Sanford has held numerous offices for the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, including Second Vice-President in 2005–06. With all these organizations, she shared her expertise, serving on committees and presenting papers on various topics in the field.



Alice Sanford (right) accepting her Lifetime Achievement Award from Martha Davis

If that service were not sufficient for recognition, we would add the title of published author of short stories and poems and mention her participation in several seminars and institutes sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her works have appeared in journals such as *Appalachian Voices* and the *Santa Barbara Review*. She participated in NEH seminars on topics such as feminist classics in the American tradition and classical and modern epic.

We have outlined in brief Ms. Sanford's career, but we have not broached the area of her greatest accomplishments. It is because of her success in the classroom that Alice Sanford especially deserves Eta Sigma Phi's Lifetime Achievement Award. Not only have Ms. Sanford's students performed impressively on national examinations in Latin, but, more importantly, they cite their experiences in her classroom as transformative. "Not a day goes by that I don't think about the gift of Latin and Ms. Sanford," noted Richard Bisson, a major

in physics and mathematics at Vanderbilt. Victoria Adcock, a member of the Beta Psi chapter at Rhodes College, remarked upon her energy, "What was especially amazing...was that, unlike many other teachers, (Ms. Sanford) never seemed to get burned out. She was always hyper and enthusiastic. I very rarely saw her angry or upset, and her optimism helped get me through many tough days of my own." Runbin Dong, who will graduate from Duke University with a major in biomedical, electrical, and computer engineering, noted the personal attention that Ms. Sanford affords her students: "Mrs. Sanford really devotes tremendous amounts of time to understand her students and guide them to explore their own passions and potentials. This quality is found in a select few people we know throughout our lives."

We at Eta Sigma Phi offer heartfelt thanks to Ms. Sanford for providing such well-prepared and eager students for collegiate classrooms around the country.

Some Recent Outreach Activities of Eta Sigma Phi Chapters

Epsilon at the University of Iowa: tutoring of college Latin students;

Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri: support for local food banks;

Alpha Upsilon at the College of Wooster: helped upper elementary Montessori students every week with Latin, wrote plays which were then performed to younger students, and campus wide Classics day with Marathon readings and musical;

Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas: high school Latin teachers festival at which members played Latin Scrabble with students;

Beta Sigma at Marquette University: teaching and tutoring at a local charter school;

Beta Psi at Rhodes College: work with local elementary school;

Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College: pizza party for local Latin high school students;

Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin: public library reading and participating in 40 Acres festival;

Gamma Omega at Baylor University: sponsored campus-wide Ochothomerfest;

Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida: canned food drives and cookies for Ronald MacDonald house;



Students in Laura Higley's middle school class in the Pequannock Township Schools show off the copies of Oerberg's Latin books donated by Zeta Beta at Temple University.

Zeta Beta at Temple University: tutoring at school in New Jersey, gift of Latin books to middle school and coloring books for St. Christopher Hospital;

Eta Delta at Hillsdale College: dictionary project in local school district;

Eta Eta at Virginia Tech: discussions with theater students, work for Habitat for

Humanity, participated in homecoming parade, and sponsored high school contests;

Theta Lambda at Hamilton College: tutoring at a local Middle School;

Iota Gamma at Samford University: tutoring and home school teaching

Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

Jane Hall (2006)

Rudolph Masciantonio (2007)

Kenneth Kitchell (2008)

Adam D. Blistein and Alice M. Sanford (2009)

Exegerunt monumenta aere perenniora



2009 Convention Awards

PRIZES

Best-Dressed Chapter Femina—\$25 cash prize for the female dressed in the best ancient costume at the annual convention banquet.

Eleanor deTreville, Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Ashville

Best-Dressed Chapter Vir—\$25 cash prize for the male dressed in the best ancient costume at the annual convention banquet.

Ian Todd, Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Ashville

Special \$50 Prize for the Best-Dressed Chapter

Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Ashville

BEST PAPER READ AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

The best student paper read at national convention is published in the *NUNTIUS*. The winner is determined by a group of chapter advisors.

MaryBeth Banovetz of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

BEST CHAPTER REGALIA

The chapter with the best chapter regalia displayed at the national convention is awarded a \$50 cash prize. The winner is determined by acclamation at convention.

Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

CERTAMEN

Members of the winning team in the *certamen* at national convention each receive a copy of *The Oxford Dictionary of the Classical World* by John Roberts. These prizes are provided by the National Latin Exam. Eta Sigma Phi expresses its gratitude to the National Latin Exam for its financial support for this contest. This year's recipients:

Thomas Head of Beta Sigma at Marquette University

Rori Smith of Zeta Beta at Temple University

Jesca Scaevola of Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri at Columbia

MaryBeth Banovetz of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College

SERVICE AWARD

This \$100 cash prize is awarded annually at convention to the chapter which has performed the most noteworthy service activity in the promotion of Latin during the academic year. The winner is determined by the Board of Trustees based upon information provided in chapter reports submitted at convention. Chapters unable to attend the convention are invited to send a written report of their service activities to the executive secretary prior to convention.

Alpha Upsilon at the College of Wooster

Here is a description of the winning project: Members of the chapter visited upper elementary Montessori students weekly, tutored them in Latin and helped them write plays which were then performed for younger students.

Scholarship Winners

BERNICE L. FOX LATIN TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Ashley Bishop of Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin. Ashley will use this \$500 scholarship to support her work in the UTeach program, leading to certification in Latin teaching. Ashley Bishop graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in May 2009 with a B.A. in Classics and a minor in Philosophy. In Fall 2009, she will begin the MA program in Classics, concentrating in Latin, at UT and the post-baccalaureate UTeach secondary teaching certification program. At the conclusion of her graduate studies and certification, she anticipates sharing her passion for the language and culture of ancient Rome with generations of students to come. Ashley will also be the local chair for the 83rd National Convention in 2011.

Because this year's field of applicants for the Fox scholarship was unusually strong, two \$250 honorable mention awards were also made.

Jillian Humphreys of Lambda at the University of Mississippi. Jillian used her scholarship to attend the Summer Institute of the American Classical League in Los Angeles in June.

Danielle Godjikian is a member of the Delta Theta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Dickinson College. She received her B.A. in 2009 with a major in Classics and a minor in English. In fall 2009 she will be enrolled in Georgetown's post-baccalaureate program in Classics. She plans to apply to graduate school for 2010 and eventually wants to teach both Classics and literature. She used this scholarship to participate in the University of Virginia course in Latin teaching methods.

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

Allie Marbry of Beta Psi at Rhodes College

The Theodore Bedrick Scholarship to the Vergilian Society at Cumae

Hunter Neilson of Eta Iota at the University of Arizona
American Academy in Rome

Katy Chenoweth of Gamma Omega at Baylor University
Brent Malcolm Froberg Scholarship to the American School of Classical Studies at Athens

Watch for reports from all of these scholarship winners in the Winter issue of *NUNTIUS*.



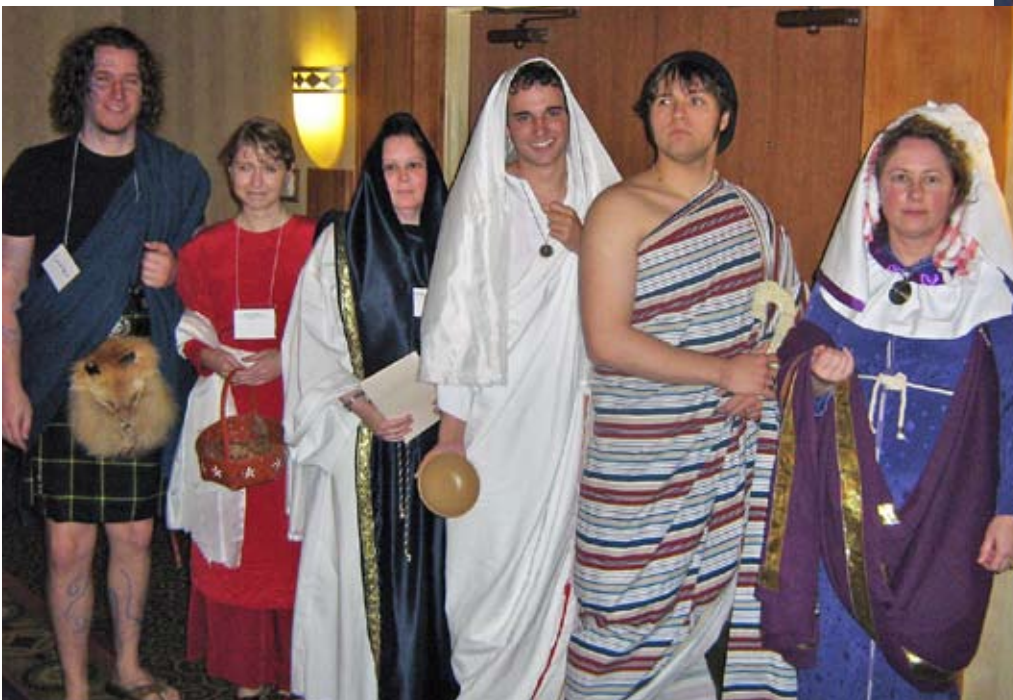
The winning certamen team: l. to r., Thomas Head (Beta Sigma at Marquette University), Rori Smith (Zeta Beta at Temple University), Jesca Scaevola (Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri at Columbia), MaryBeth Banovetz (Eta Delta at Hillsdale College)



Members of College of Wooster (winners of the Outreach Prize)



Best dressed vir and best dressed femina, Eleanor deTreville and Ian Todd of Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Ashville



Left, members of the best-dressed chapter, Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Ashville

Report of the Resolutions Committee, Eta Sigma Phi

March 29, 2009

D. B. Levine, Chairman. Memphis, Tennessee.

φιλοσοφούμεν καὶ φιλοκαλοῦμεν

My name is Daniel Levine, the Chair of this year's Resolutions Committee, which respectfully submits the following Resolutions for approval.

WHEREAS The Rhodes College Greek and Roman Studies faculty and students are the perfect **Ξένοι**, and

WHEREAS Dr. Thomas Sienkewicz, Dr. Martha Davis, and the other members of the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees are totally awesome dudes—willing to work indefatigably to benefit students of classics all over these great United States of America, and

WHEREAS Rhodes College President William E. Troutt reminded us of basketball and Vergil, and

WHEREAS our 2008–2009 National Officers Jes Scaevola, MaryBeth Banovetz, Rori Smith, and Bryan Behl are nothing if not the Cat's Pajamas,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that all of us here, gathered in festive celebration do hereby declare our Thanks, Gratitude, and Obeisance to our Hosts, Organizers, Helpers, Volunteers, Presenters, Speakers, Drivers, Servers, Cooks, and Bottle Washers.

Thank you.
[Levine sits down.]

Student members of the Resolutions Committee jump up and hurry to the front, saying "Wait! There's more! You have to read the rest!" Students pick up Levine and bring him back to the podium. They stand around him, demand the rest of the speech, take it out of his coat pocket, and force him to read it.

Levine: "I have been asked to read the following."

Puppim.
Salvete, Bitches.

The Eighty-first annual convention of Eta Sigma Phi has been a memorable experience. Our Committee has gathered our memories into the following florilegium of prose and Haiku.

We came from far and near to the subtle Hotel Double Tree, where we empty our automobiles of our valuables, and bring them inside, to receive beautiful cloth bags and a warm welcome from purple-shirted Myrmidons. Our hearts sing!

#1
Memphis DoubleTree
Five Pillows for your head,
And all had sweet dreams.

After we find food and new friends, we gather in a big room and get to know each other and renew old friendships.

#2
Welcome Reception:
Fancy little dessert cakes
With chicken fingers.

When the subtle Certamen was announced, so many teams answer the call that fear of an all-night competition prompts Draconian measures.

#3
Three questions, not five.
A quite shortened Certamen
Tyrannical plan!

In spite of the plethora of participants, we enjoy the Certamen, which contained many memorable moments.

#4
Megalopolis:
Big City of Ancient Greece
But no one knows it.

We finally got to bed on our first night... at least most of us did:

#5
Five Pillows on bed
Eight o'clock came too early
Sleeping in the tub.

The next morning we got on buses and went to Rhodes College's beautiful campus for sweet little muffins, orange

juice, and coffee in the basement of the Library—before it even opened. Then, we got down to business, and listened to Chapter Reports. If we could have given one a prize, it would have been for the first report, from our brothers and sisters of Iowa, whose presenter's rap took us all by storm. Second place would have gone to those students who released a polar bear back into the wild. That touched us.

After conducting our other business, we were treated to Student Papers by MaryBeth Banovetz, Jessica Wise, and Kathy Chenoweth, scholars three:

#6
Suicides, old tombs
Gladiatorial skull wounds,
Why so serious?

#7
Redeeming honor
Antigone hung herself
For Polyneices.

#8
Trimalchio's Tomb.
Like Libertus Baker Man's.
His Little Dog, Too.

#9
Trident-pierced,
These skulls were once human beings;
Ephesian Gladiators.

In Rhodes College's Hyde Hall, a buffet luncheon awaited us, and vice versa.

#10
I'm waiting in line.
What could be taking so long?
I got my pork pulled.

#11
Pork products for lunch
Recalls some Roman slaughter,
Sed Caesar, no sauce!

After the subtle committee meetings, we enjoyed Preparatory Lectures from Joe Jansen, Glenda Swan, Kenny Morrell and Susan Satterfield. We got the Hero Check List, and found out that Julian the Apostate and other good pagans thought that keeping saints' body parts was so gross. In one dark room, a student reported hearing



*Eta Sigma Phi
at Graceland*

“Ooo! That’s Pan! You’re not going to get me this time,” and “With all those cases of rape in myth, I wonder what would have happened had the women worn shorter skirts.”

The Brooks Museum of Art was inspirational:

#12
Black and white painting
In Brooks Museum Poster:
Nude penis surprise.

Graceland is so grand that no haiku can comprehend it. Even the following attempt falls short.

#13
Ed Sullivan’s boy
Gold records on every wall
And the Jungle Room.

Our Grand Ballroom Banquet began with Roman Fashions and a gorgeous grex of gregarious gowned grownups, followed by a fine meal and fabulous fellowship. We honored Dr. Adam Blistein for his dedicated service to the Classics profession,

and Ms. Alice Sanford for her decades of Latin teaching in Tennessee. Long may they wave!

We sang the Eta Sigma Phi song in three languages, and some wished we could have sung some Elvis songs in Latin.... Maybe we will sing one yet.

Who knew that Mississippi had such classical art treasures? We are most grateful to Aileen Ajootian for sharing with us some of David Robinson’s collection of antiquities.

#14
Pebble Mosaic
Wedding lebes with Thetis
Amazon lasso?

And finally, who knew that William Storm could channel Steven Stills in Latin, and that Nathan Self could channel Pete Seeger in Latin and the Beatles and Jimmy Page in Greek? We were thrilled and delighted. Apollo himself would have been impressed!

We close with the committee singing “Love Me Tender” in Latin:

Tenere me, suaviter
ama intime.
Me beasti dulciter,
et nunc amo te.

Tenere me adama,
vero somnio.
Amo te, o lux mea,
fiat unio.

Tenere me longius
corde fer tuo.
Illic sum haud impius,
numquam abeo.

Tenere me ama, dic
meam esse te.
Tuus sum per saeculum,
in perpetuum.

(Elvis Presley. Latina versio: Jukka “Doctor” Ammond, <http://cyberiespedreguerllati.zoomblog.com/archivo/2006/04/19/tenere-me-ama.html>)

Chair, Board of Trustees: 2008–2009 Academic Year Report

This academic year has been one of significant growth for our Society in many areas, from the addition of new or reactivated chapters, to outreach, to opportunity offered for study, to increased financial stability.

In the area of personnel, we approved a new term for Dr. Thomas Sienkewicz, Executive Secretary (one year); and for Sister Thérèse Marie Dougherty and Dr. Joseph Garnjobst, Trustees (three years). Dr. Antonios Augoustakis will help create a committee to assist Dr. Brent Froberg in supervising and reporting on our financial assets. Dr. Daniel Levine will chair a committee to oversee the new scholarship we are developing for field archaeology.

We reaffirmed our interest in keeping the Society's profile before the profession and the public. We will continue to give funds to our national officers to assist them to represent us at meetings of the American Philological Association and the various regional organizations in Classics. We will also assist financially members of local chapters who staff our display table at such meetings. We would like to offer a one-time opportunity for waiver of registration to national officers who attend convention during the first five years after they graduate, so that they can tell us how their Eta Sigma Phi experience enhances later work and study. We have begun to waive registration fees for one sponsor per chapter who attends national convention with students. We have obtained new liability insurance. We would like to expand the support we give through competitive awards for summer study for our active members and those just graduating or entering the teaching field. All these things, as well as the day to day expenses of the Executive Secretary, who performs official duties on our behalf, take increasing amounts of money in today's economy. Accordingly, we will ask the national officers to bring to the floor of the Assembly here in Memphis a motion to increase the dues for lifetime membership in Eta Sigma

Phi to forty dollars. [Editor: This motion was passed by the Assembly.]

At this convention in Memphis, we honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards Ms. Alice Sanford and Dr. Adam Blistein, bringing the total of such awards, begun in 2006, to five. Possible honorees for the coming year were discussed.

The Trustees reviewed New Chapter Petitions and results of the Eta Sigma Phi sponsored contests in Latin and Greek, and discussed the results of scholarship competitions.

We are pleased to have learned this spring of the acceptance of Eta Sigma Phi in Category II of Allied Organizations of the American Philological Association. Moving up to this category entitles us to organize panels at national meetings. In 2010 we will offer the first such panel, for a reading of undergraduate papers chosen by competition. Applicants to read papers need not be members of Eta Sigma Phi, but must be undergraduate members of APA. Professor Eleanor Leach of Indiana has agreed to be the Respondent for our first panel.

Under new business we agreed to encourage all our chapters to celebrate "Exelauno Day." Celebrations on March

fourth of each year should involve moving out onto our campuses with an aim of publicity for our organization and for activities of service we are engaged in within our communities.

We agreed that the Chair and the Megale Prytanis and other national officers should stress in the Assembly meeting that those deciding to run for office must be prepared to be present and on time for all activities of said office, and must attend not only convention, but also APA meetings and those of other Classics organizations as assigned. Officers will be expected to fulfill all duties of the position for which they are elected.

There was further discussion, including some concerning future venues for convention, and concerning possible ways of archiving certamen questions. We agreed to entertain the idea of awarding some sort of recognition, perhaps a waiver of registration in the last year to students who attend three consecutive conventions.

Looking toward a new year of even more activity in support of the Classics,

*Martha A. Davis, Temple University
Chair, Board of Trustees*

Exelauno Day

At the 81st National Convention, the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees voted to declare March 4th "Exelauno Day" on campuses with Eta Sigma Phi chapters. For those of you who have not yet studied classical Greek, when the Greek is translated into English, exelauno means "March Forth!" On or about March 4th of each year, chapters are henceforth encouraged to plan public events and celebrations which will be visible media events on campus. The aim of these events is publicity for our organization on campus and in the wider community and a celebration of the service activities in which we are engaged. Chapters should consider parades, banners, and other strongly visible ways to celebrate Exelauno Day and should seek media coverage of their activities. Chapters are asked to bring photographs, videos and other media coverage of their Exelauno Day activities to the 2010 national convention. A \$100 prize will be given to the chapter which creates the most original and effective celebration.

82nd Annual

Eta Sigma Phi CONVENTION

April 9–11, 2010
Blacksburg, Virginia

at the invitation of

Eta Eta Chapter
at Virginia Tech



Some members of Eta Eta's chapter

Hotel Information:

Virginia Tech Inn

\$139.00 a night regardless of occupancy + 5% VA state sales tax

\$3 fee for parking (paid on arrival). Reservations should be made by Friday, March 12th, 2010

Call 540-231-8000 or 877-200-3360 bt. 8 am and 5:30 pm M-F and ask for "Eta Sigma Phi National Classics Honorary Society" room block. Credit card or first night's deposit required when making reservation.

The convention will begin with a reception on Friday evening, April 9, 2010, and end with the final business session at 12 o'clock on Sunday, April 11, 2010. There will be talks by students, reports on chapter activities, scholarly lectures, a *certamen*, a banquet with ancient dress optional and plenty of time for socializing.

Call for Papers and Presentations

Undergraduate members of Eta Sigma Phi are invited to propose papers or artistic performances for presentation at the convention on Saturday, April 10, 2010. All submissions will be judged anonymously. The three members whose presentations are selected will have their registration fees remitted. Students should be certain that they will be able to attend the convention before submitting their proposals.

Guidelines:

1. The presentation may be either a paper or an artistic (musical, dramatic, etc.) performance. It should deal with some aspect of classical language, literature, or civilization and be directed toward an undergraduate audience. A paper written for a class is acceptable.
2. A proposed paper must lend itself to being aloud at a moderate pace in 15 minutes, or in 20 minutes if it is illustrated with PowerPoint. It should generally be no longer than 10 double-spaced pages, excluding any endnotes and bibliography. The paper should be e-mailed as a .pdf to toms@monm.edu unless it is illustrated; in that case a CD containing the PowerPoint should be mailed to Dr. Sienkewicz, and the script for the presentation should be included in the "Notes" section of the PowerPoint.
3. A proposed artistic performance must last no longer than 20 minutes. The performance should be recorded on a DVD and mailed to Dr. Sienkewicz; in addition a detailed written description of the performance, its goals, and its relevance to classical civilization should be e-mailed as a .pdf to toms@monm.edu.
4. Along with the paper, CD, or DVD, please e-mail or mail a cover sheet that lists your name, title of your paper or artistic presentation, e-mail address, school address, telephone number, name of your Eta Sigma Phi chapter, and name of your school. To preserve your anonymity, do not put your name or any other identifying marks on your paper, in your PowerPoint, or on the CD or DVD that you submit.
5. The receipt deadline for all submissions is Monday, February 1, 2010.

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Left at the Altar: Eurydice's Suicide in the *Antigone*

by MaryBeth Banovetz

The study of suicide in physical, rather than psychological terms, begins in the twentieth century. Yolande Grise makes a broad survey of classical suicide in her book *Le suicide dans la Rome antique*. This study, as the title suggests, concerns itself only with ancient Rome, leaving half of the ancient world unconsidered. Anton Van Hooff, author of *From Autothanasia to Suicide: Self-Killing in Classical Antiquity*, begins his research with a view to taking up where Grise leaves off. Upon discovering “deficiencies in her data,” however, he produces a complete survey of suicide throughout both the Greek and Roman worlds. Van Hooff collects a total of 960 cases of suicide from historiography and biography (his “realistic sources”), from a variety of fictional literature, and also from direct sources such as papyri and inscriptions. Van Hooff’s primary concern is with suicides which are both historical and completed; he eliminates attempted suicides or expressed wishes for suicide from his figures, as well as all fictional cases, including those found in myth. Although he eliminates mythic cases from his statistics, he occasionally resorts to myth to provide an example case for a particular category.

Van Hooff categorizes the historical cases according to eight *modi moriendi* (starvation, weapons, provocation, fire, poison, hanging, jumping, and miscellaneous) and eleven *causae moriendi* (despair, necessity, madness, grief, as a curse, shame, guilt, old age, unbearable suffering, loyalty, and showing off). He finds that the most common means of suicide is weapons, while hanging is a distant second. The most common motivation for suicide is shame, with ill health second and grief third. Van Hooff also divides the cases between the old and young, male and female, and also between historical and mythical or fictional cases. He finds, for example, there is a divide along gender lines; men, by an overwhelming majority, kill themselves with weapons, while women more frequently hang themselves;¹ the most common motivation for both genders, however, is shame.

Although Van Hooff does not include mythical suicides in his statistics, he does



MaryBeth Banovetz of Eta Delta at Hillsdale College reading her paper

occasionally use mythic exemplars, as he believes myth to be, “the domain where the ancient world comes to grips with essential problems like suicide.”² One important arena of myth is the genre of Greek tragedy, which draws almost exclusively upon the mythic tradition for subject material. Van Hooff hesitates to use tragedy as a source of information on historical suicide, since “myth and epic...are of a higher order than ordinary existence...so only with much reservation may ancient drama be used as evidence for ‘public opinion.’ The forces which drive people to self-killing on the stage are in quantity and intensity different from the general picture.”³ While Van Hooff is certainly correct that tragedy cannot be used as a source for “public opinion” about suicide, the historical evidence of suicide can be used to understand the instances of self-killing within tragedy. A play must have an audience, and contemporary audiences must have had opinions concerning suicide which affected their reaction to and understanding of tragic drama. The purpose of this paper is to evaluate the mythic suicides which Van Hooff lays aside, and to examine in particular one suicide which does not fit into any category.

Elise P. Garrison’s article *Attitudes toward Suicide in Ancient Greece* helps to shed light on the contemporary understanding

of tragic suicide. She identifies a distinction between honorable and dishonorable suicide, which manifests in the way the corpses were treated after death.⁴ Although she identifies the difference in historical evidence, Garrison notes that “[o]ne of tragedy’s outstanding characteristics is the extent to which virtually all suicides receive sympathy.”⁵ Her evaluation of attitudes towards suicide, while true in a larger context, is not specific enough to apply to the tragic genre. The most important aspect of dramatic suicides, as opposed to historical suicides, is that dramatic suicides perform a role in the plot of the play. The constraints of the plot always affect the motive for suicide, and sometimes go so far as to dictate the means of death. In addition, in drama, the location of death plays an important role in understanding a character’s suicide. The means and location of the suicide usually relate directly to the motivation for self-killing.⁶

All cases of completed suicide in the course of a tragedy (as opposed to attempted or contemplated suicide) take place in the extant works of Sophocles and Euripides.⁷ At first glance, they seem to follow Van Hooff’s categories. Reflecting the historical trends, the male characters all use weapons, while female characters choose to hang themselves; in the overwhelming majority of cases, the motive

behind suicide is shame. The death of Eurydice in Sophocles' *Antigone*, however, is entirely exceptional. She kills herself with a weapon (rather than hanging), her choice of location is unique, and shame cannot account for her motive.

Each of the three male suicides in tragedy (Ajax, Haemon, and Menoeceus)⁸ kills himself with an edged weapon, and more specifically, a sword.⁹ They share the same motivation as well; each kills himself in order to observe honor and avoid shame. Van Hooff identified this as the most common motivation throughout the ancient world; Garrison notes that shame and honor "motivate many of the suicides recorded by the historians and nearly all suicides in Greek tragedy."¹⁰ Ajax falls upon his sword on the shores of Troy in order to regain the honor lost by his rage- and madness-induced slaughter of the Achaean livestock.¹¹ Haemon stabs himself in his shame in having failed to prevent Antigone's death and his own subsequent attempted patricide.¹² Menoeceus cuts his throat over the dragon's lair; he cleanses the city of Thebes of Cadmus' impiety for killing the sacred serpent and avoids the shame of saving himself rather than the city.¹³ The sword is an honorable method, and the three suicides are motivated by questions of honor.

Three female characters hang themselves: Jocasta in Sophocles' *Oedipus Tyrannos*, Antigone in Sophocles' *Antigone*, and Phaedra in Euripides' *Hippolytus*. Historical evidence seems to indicate that hanging was a shameful method of death; Garrison finds that both the body of the victim and the hanging-rope were regarded as sources of pollution for the whole community.¹⁴ Antigone's death is the only hanging which suggests the pollution associated with this particular method of suicide; when Creon enters the tomb and witnesses his son embracing the dead girl, he chastises his son for touching the body.¹⁵ Also in keeping with Van Hooff and Garrison, these female characters kill themselves out of concerns of preserving or restoring honor. Antigone must kill herself in her tomb, but this also demonstrates her desire to die on her own terms and not as a result of Creon's decree. Jocasta and Phaedra both choose

their marital bedchambers as the location of their deaths, reflecting their incestuous sexual transgressions.¹⁶

Exceptions to the previous examples are three women who chose the more masculine method of the edged weapon, and one who chooses self-immolation. In a display of honor and loyalty, Evadne leaps onto the funeral pyre of her dead husband. Van Hooff argued that, while in historical cases, women used weapons only in exceptional circumstances, mythical women represented an "other world of resolute female beings."¹⁷ Euripides' Jocasta, Deianeira, and Eurydice use edged weapons. The case of Eurydice remains exceptional, but the deaths of Jocasta and Deianeira can be explained by plot constraints. Jocasta kills herself on the battlefield, having arrived too late to prevent the fatal duel of her sons; the sword is readily at hand.¹⁸ Deianeira stabs herself in her shame at having caused the death of Heracles.¹⁹ Her choice of her bedchamber as a location, and her use of her husband's sword, reflect this dishonor.

The final suicide, that of Eurydice in Sophocles' *Antigone*, defies the historical patterns observed by Van Hooff and evident elsewhere in the tragic genre. Indeed, Sophocles' portrayal of Eurydice is peculiar throughout the *Antigone*. She makes her first and only appearance late in the play, around line 1180, and exits abruptly less than one-hundred lines later at 1276. Eurydice herself speaks only once, a brief address of nine lines, in which she explains that a terrible premonition prompted her appearance.²⁰ The Messenger confirms her fears by narrating the events surrounding the deaths of Antigone and Haemon. At the news of her son's death, Eurydice exits abruptly—so abruptly, indeed, that both the Chorus Leader and the Messenger express surprise and concern.²¹ The means and location of Eurydice's suicide appear in the speech of the Second Messenger in lines 1301–1305. Unfortunately, these lines are difficult to interpret, due to problems in the original manuscript. The Second Messenger announces that "standing before the altar she loosened her dark eyes with an object 'sharp-edged all-around.'"²²

This puts Eurydice in Van Hooff's "other world of resolute female beings,"

along with Deianeira and Euripides' Jocasta, who chose edged weapons over hanging. Eurydice resembles Deianeira more than Jocasta, however, in that she makes a deliberate choice as to the means of her death, rather than following the dictates of necessity. More telling than her means of self-killing, however, is her choice of location. The difference between Eurydice and these women, and indeed between Eurydice and all the other tragic suicides, is that she is not motivated by a desire to compensate for a previous dishonorable situation, to gain honor by her death, or to retain honor and prevent dishonor in the future. She does not kill herself as a bereaved mother, as Euripides' Jocasta does, nor to gain honor as a wife, as does Evadne, nor to save herself from a more dishonorable fate, as do Antigone and Menoeceus. Finally, she does not kill herself in recompense for some transgression, as do Ajax, Haemon, Sophocles' Jocasta, Deianeira, and Phaedra.

In the case of Eurydice, Sophocles has the greatest degree of dramatic choice as to the means and location of her death. Because she has played no role in the drama whatsoever until just before her death, she is subject to no plot constraints. Thus the variables of her suicide are the deliberate choices of the author and play an integral role in the unfolding story. As she dies "chanting evils" on her husband²³, Garrison notes, "she chooses the altar as the place most efficacious for increasing the power of her curse on Creon."²⁴ Why should the locus of the altar make her dying curse of her husband more effective? Garrison also notes that "the vocabulary describing her act has no specific sacrificial connotations" and that "the altar provides the locus for activities other than sacrifices, such as oath-taking or supplication."²⁵ Eurydice's suicide, however, is none of these. Although Eurydice does kill herself with an edged weapon (and the text is unclear as to whether it is a sacrificial knife), it is immaterial because she does not slit her throat in proper sacrificial manner, but rather stabs herself in the liver.²⁶

What we are dealing with in Eurydice's suicide are the actions and language of a curse. In his book *Miasma*, Robert Parker describes such action as "suicide at the

Left at the Altar (Continued)

altar, a final resource whereby the...suppliant could brand an indelible pollution on the enemies he was otherwise powerless to harm...."²⁷ Eurydice has made no report of supplication, and kills herself on the altar of her own household. Although the element of supplication is absent, her death still creates pollution on the altar. Her intent is to curse Creon; she does so not only with her dying words but also the very manner of her death. Van Hooff briefly mentions as a motivation "the curse of the suicide," asserting that, "suicide is the weapon of the weak which may be used even against the gods." He adds that a single suicide could create a curse extending beyond an individual target to include an entire community. Van Hooff concludes that revenge was not an important factor in the ancient's consideration of suicide,²⁸ but Eurydice's death, resembling in many ways the pollution created by the suicide of a suppliant, clearly targets Creon not just as an individual and as the head of the collective household, but also as the head of state.

Eurydice's death is the final blow to Creon, and leaves him completely isolated. This would be the case regardless of the specific circumstances of her suicide, since by killing herself she eliminates the last remaining member of Creon's family. Her limited role in the play leaves Sophocles free to create any manner of death for her. The location and means of her suicide emphasize not only Creon's isolation but also the fact that he and his household are accursed. Although the circumstances of the play leave her choice of means entirely free, she chooses an edged weapon rather than the more conventional noose. This emphasizes the blood pollution created by her death. While she does curse Creon with her dying words, she also curses him by killing herself on his household altar. This extends the curse beyond Creon as an individual and reaches him as the head of the household. Thus she simultaneously curses the household and leaves Creon as the only surviving member. Unlike the other cases of tragic suicide, her motives do not demonstrate any concern with honor or dishonor. While all other suicides in tragedy can be evaluated in terms of historical trends, Eurydice's suicide must be considered within the context of the

Antigone alone. Her death does not prevent or redeem dishonor, but rather creates pollution which Creon must resolve. The irony of the situation is that Creon cannot resolve it, except perhaps with his own suicide.

Endnotes

- 1 Van Hooff, 45.
- 2 Ibid., 14.
- 3 Ibid., 144.
- 4 Garrison, *Attitudes toward Suicide in Ancient Greece*, 2. For opposing evidence about the treatment of the dead, see Margaret Visser's "Worship your Enemies: Aspects of the Cult of Heroes in Ancient Greece."
- 5 Ibid., 20.
- 6 For a consideration of all manners of death in tragedy, see R. Sri Pathmanathan's "Death in Greek Tragedy."
- 7 For additional information on or interpretations of suicide in Greek tragedy, see Engels' "The Suicide Motive in Ancient Drama" and M. D. Faber's *Suicide and Greek Tragedy*. For information on individual instances of suicide or suicidal behavior in tragedy, see de Romilly's "Le refus du suicide dans l'Héraclès d'Euripides," James' "Whether 'tis nobler. Some Thoughts about the Fate of Sophocles' Ajax and Euripides' Heracles," Starobinski's "Lépee d'Ajax," Cohen's "The Imagery of Sophocles: A Study of Ajax's Suicide," and Margon's "The Death of Antigone."
- 8 For more information on the plays themselves see Stanford's commentary on the *Ajax* and Jebb's Commentary on the *Antigone*.
- 9 According to Van Hooff, weapons represent the most common method of self-killing among men throughout antiquity, a fact he attributes to the "noble character of the sword as a means." (Van Hooff, 50.)
- 10 Garrison, *Attitudes toward Suicide in Ancient Greece*, 13.
- 11 Sophocles, *Ajax*, 815-65.
- 12 Sophocles, *Antigone*, 1231-1237.
- 13 Euripides, *Phoenissae*, 1008-11; 1090-1.
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- 15 Sophocles, *Antigone*, 1231-4.
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- 21 For thoughts on the staging of Eurydice's scene in the play, see Elise P. Garrison's "Eurydice's Final Exit to Suicide in the *Antigone*."
- 22 Sophocles, *Antigone*, 1301-5.
- 23 Ibid.

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Winners of the 2009 Eta Sigma Phi Maurine Dallas Watkins Sight Translation Contests

60th Annual Greek Translation Contest

Advanced Greek (36 entries)

1st	Dhananjay Jagannathan, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
2nd	Hilary Bouxsein, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
3rd	Christian Axelgard, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
Honorable Mentions	Susan Drummond, Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington Laura B. Ryals, Beta at Northwestern University

Intermediate Greek (31 entries)

1st	Cory S. Robinson, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
2nd	Zoë Stachel, Eta Mu at the University of California, Davis
3rd	Holly Murphy, Gamma Omega at Baylor University
Honorable Mentions	Amy Lather, Beta at Northwestern University Anna Sitz, Gamma Omega at Baylor University

Koine Greek (22 entries)

1st	Christian Axelgard, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
2nd	Hilary Bouxsein, Delta Chi at St. Olaf College
3rd	Patrick V. Neff, Theta Omega at John Carroll University

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Advanced Latin (54 entries)

1st	Dhananjay Jagannathan, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
2nd	Thomas Cox, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
3rd	Olivia Hillmer, Delta Upsilon at Valparaiso University

Intermediate Latin (36 entries)

1st	Kathleen Kidder, Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
2nd	Daniel Brawn, Gamma Delta at Yeshiva University
3rd	Eric Anderson, Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
Honorable Mention	Leslie Ann Olsen, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University

43rd Annual Latin Prose Composition Contest

Advanced Prose Composition (37 entries)

1st	Evan Ward, Zeta Chi at Xavier University
2nd	Van Le, Eta Zeta at Truman State University
3rd	Maggie Hoyt, Epsilon Kappa at Brigham Young University
Honorable Mentions	Patrick V. Neff, Theta Omega at John Carroll University Scott Sorenson, Eta Mu at the University of California, Davis

College and University Students Recognized on the 2009 National Latin Exam

Eta Sigma Phi once again acknowledges the college and university students who earned recognition on the National Latin Exam. Kudos to all these students and their teachers, especially those with active Eta Sigma Phi chapters! (And our apologies in advance for any misspelled or missing names. This information was obtained from scantron sheets filled out by the students.) If you would like to administer the 2010 National Latin Exam at your college or university, please contact either Dr. Lianne Houtaghlín (lhoughta@umw.edu) of Mary Washington University or Dr. Tom Sienkewicz (toms@monm.edu) of Monmouth College, the college representatives on the NLE Advisory Committee.

Ave Maria University

Prose 3 (Daniel Nodes, instructor)

Maureen Bielinski	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Rose Deffenbaugh	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Elizabeth Gotlund	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Edward Heffernan	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Daniel Traceski	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Andrea Corona	Magna Cum Laude
Maja Ciechanowska	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Elizabeth Gowasack	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Conor Hennelly	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Baylor University (Gamma Omega of Eta Sigma Phi)

Latin 6 (Antony Augoustakis, instructor)

Hannah Boughton	Cum Laude
Daniel Washington	Cum Laude
Timothy Brookins	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Jason Milam	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Holly Murphy	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Anna Sitz	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Nathaniel Turner	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Ashley Williams	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Rebecca Daniel	Magna Cum Laude
Anne Langhorne	Magna Cum Laude
Robert Weissenberg	Magna Cum Laude
Heather Outland	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Mary Claire Russell	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Sarah Swinney	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Hunter College (Alpha Theta of Eta Sigma Phi, inactive)

Poetry 3 (Ronnie Ancona, instructor)

Katrina Cruz	Cum Laude
Heather Hade	Cum Laude
Michelle Solano	Cum Laude
Yelena Kushnirova	Cum Laude
Zerlina Chiu Silver	Maxima Cum Laude
Thomas Baxter	Cum Laude

Loyola Marymount University (Zeta Eta of Eta Sigma Phi) **Latin 2 (Ethan Adams, instructor)**

Dan Gray	Cum Laude
Christine Megowan	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Marie Barrera	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Sean Gordon	Magna Cum Laude
Alexandra Kabb	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Poetry 3 (Ethan Adams, instructor)

Veronica Galbreath	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Jeremy Lins	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Molly Lower	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Monmouth College (Gamma Omicron of Eta Sigma Phi)

Latin 2 (Thomas Sienkewicz, instructor)

Katherine Bradshaw	Cum Laude
Jacqueline Deskovich	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Poetry 4 (Tom Sienkewicz and Nick Dobson, instructors)

Anne Cave	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
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University of Houston

Latin 3 (Richard Armstrong, instructor)

Matthew Chan	Cum Laude
Eduardo Ortiz	Cum Laude
Peng Joshua	Cum Laude
Eric Blumentritt	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Susan Long	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Laura Witzel	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Patricia Gerardo	Magna Cum Laude
Janet Deluna	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Nonique Johnson	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

University of Illinois at Urbana (Alpha Kappa of Eta Sigma Phi)

Latin 6 (Ariana Trill, instructor)

Andrew Capillo	Magna Cum Laude
Everett Bartlett	Cum Laude

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**University of Mary Washington (Beta Nu of Eta Sigma Phi)
Poetry 4 (Liane Houghtalin and E. Heimbach, instructors)**

Eugene Delano	Cum Laude
Caitlin Hammelman	Cum Laude
Trevor Langston	Cum Laude
Jeff Mcelhannon	Cum Laude
Katherine Vrobel	Cum Laude
Samantha Whay	Cum Laude
Eric Schmieg	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Alice Wagner	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Rachel Brackbill	Magna Cum Laude
Amanda Burruss	Magna Cum Laude
Joseph Busch	Magna Cum Laude
Alyssa Davis	Magna Cum Laude
Samantha Miller	Magna Cum Laude
Chris Moore	Magna Cum Laude
Jonathan Scholl	Magna Cum Laude
Abbey Vinik	Magna Cum Laude
Brittany Thompson	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

**University of Oklahoma (Alpha Lambda of Eta Sigma Phi)
Latin 6 (John Hansen, instructor)**

Sarah Simon	Cum Laude
Bethany Burklund	Gold Summa Cum Laude
John Mensching	Gold Summa Cum Laude
Erich Merkel	Gold Summa Cum Laude

**Wake Forest University (Beta Iota of Eta Sigma Phi)
Prose 3 (Mary Pendergraft, instructor)**

Abigail Lancaster	Cum Laude
Benjamin McManus	Cum Laude
Taylor Norman	Cum Laude
Ashley Whitten	Cum Laude
Gregory Cordo	Magna Cum Laude
Gar Pasqualicchio	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Latin 5 (Mary Pendergraft, instructor)

Clare McLellan	Cum Laude
Lauren Essler	Magna Cum Laude
Kathryn Guerra	Magna Cum Laude
Rebecca Speas	Magna Cum Laude

Latin 6 (Mary Pendergraft, instructor)

Franz Michael	Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Magargee	Magna Cum Laude
Caroline McElveen	Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth Cain	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Stephen Palombo	Silver Maxima Cum Laude
Laura Patton	Silver Maxima Cum Laude

Analysis of College/University Performance on the 2009 National Latin Exam

<i>Level</i>	<i>Overall Took</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Non-College Took</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Colleges/Univ's Took</i>	<i>Average</i>
Latin II	33,673	25	33,621	25	52	22
Latin III	13,364	28	13,349	28	15	30
Prose III	5,225	27	5,202	27	23	29
Prose IV	2,859	27	2,858	27	1	11
Poetry III	2,121	24	2,102	24	19	27
Poetry IV	7,207	26	7,145	26	62	24
Latin V	2,404	25	2,390	25	14	23
Latin VI	328	29	280	29	48	29
Totals	67,181	26	66,947	26	234	26

The NLE For College Students: Guidelines

The use of the NLE is encouraged at the college level. Various colleges and universities have been offering the NLE to their students for many years now and have found that not only does it boost the confidence of the students taking Latin, but that it can also serve as an outcomes assessment exam for those students.

College instructors should follow the standard application and administrative procedures, with slight variations. (See below.)

LEVELS:

- Do NOT administer the Introduction to Latin Exam to college/university students.
- Administer the **NLE level I ONLY** to students who are taking their **first college/university semester of elementary Latin** in the spring of the year. Please note that this is a rare circumstance and may be questioned by the Office of the NLE.
- Administer the **NLE level II** to those who are taking their **second semester of elementary Latin** in the spring.
- Administer the **NLE level III** to those who are taking their **first semester of intermediate Latin** in the spring.
- Administer the **NLE level IV** (either

poetry or prose) to those who are taking their **second semester of intermediate Latin** in the spring.

- Those students who are taking a first and only semester of **intensive elementary Latin** in the spring should take level II if they started the semester in January and level I if they started it after January (likewise for intensive *intermediate Latin*).
- Colleges and universities offering multiple terms rather than two semesters over the usual autumn-spring academic year should calculate what their terms mean in comparison to semesters and consult with the Office of the NLE (phone number/e-mail address) concerning the correct examination to administer.
- Administer the **NLE Level V** to those who are taking their **first semester of advanced Latin** in the spring.
- Administer the **NLE Level VI** to those who are beyond their first semester of *advanced Latin*.

If it is not possible for all students at all levels at your institution to be examined at the same time, then consult with the Office of the NLE (phone number/e-mail address) for permission to have the different classes take the NLE at different times.

The name of the chair of the department or of a dean, etc., may be used for the block on the application form that asks for the name of the principal. Since it is recommended that the exam's administrator open the test packet when it arrives and count the exams, a departmental secretary may be a good choice for the administrator of the exam. In a case where an institution has received permission to have different classes take the NLE at different times, the administrator would oversee the overall distribution of the exams to and collection from those designated to administer the NLE to the various classes. In any event, the administrator must be someone who is NOT teaching a class that is going to take the NLE. Remember, no teacher whose class is taking the NLE at any level is allowed access to the exams until the Tuesday after the last date the test can be administered.

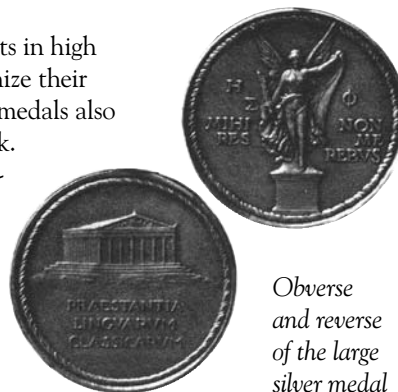
Awards, including certificates and medals, as well as individual scores, the national norms, and an answer key will be sent to college instructors in the same way that they are sent to high school instructors. Students taking the exam in college, however, are not eligible for the NLE scholarships.

College students who earn certificates and/or medals for their performance on the NLE are eligible to have their names listed in the *NUNTIUS*, the Eta Sigma Phi Newsletter. To make sure that the editor of the *NUNTIUS* receives the names of your institution's winners, please check that the name of your institution includes one of the following words or abbreviations on the score sheets sent to you, "college," "coll.," "col.," "clg.," "c.," "university," "univ.," or "u." If it does not, or if there is any doubt, then consult directly with the newsletter editor, Tom Sienkewicz, Monmouth College, toms@monm.edu.

Eta Sigma Phi Medals

Eta Sigma Phi medals are awarded to students in high school, college or university classes to recognize their outstanding work in Latin and Greek. Such medals also help to promote the study of Latin and Greek. Chapters can also use them as prizes for contests or as a way to recognize achievement and service to Eta Sigma Phi. Two silver medals are available: the large medal (1½ inches) at \$30.25 and the small (¾ inch) at \$13.50. A bronze medal (¾ inch) is available at \$12.75. 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.



Obverse and reverse of the large silver medal

The 2009 College Greek Exam

ἡ δοκιμασία τοῦ λόγου τε καὶ τοῦ νοῦ.

The College Greek Exam Committee is proud to announce the names of students receiving recognition for their performance on the 2009 College Greek Exam. This exam, sponsored by the National Committee for the Promotion of Latin and Greek, the American Classical League, and Eta Sigma Phi was taken by 311 students at 35 colleges and universities. Note: Every participating school has an active chapter of Eta Sigma Phi!

Awards:

High score at each institution = certificate
90% (36/40) or higher = silver Eta Sigma Phi medal

75% (30/40) to 87.5% (35/40) = ribbon

Assumption College: Tammy Goguen (certificate)

Baylor University: Joe Muller (certificate); Joe Muller (medal); Evan Bassler, Hannah Boughton, Daniel Colman, Ryan Kersey, Stephen Margheim, Joshua McCoy, Erika Rickord, Amanda Saxton, Edward Seto, Erika Smith, Nathaniel Turner, Danielle Washington, and Luke Womb (ribbons).

Brigham Young University: Jonathan Jibson and Jon Michael Rutter, (tie, certificates); Jonathan Jibson (medal) and Jon Michael Rutter (medal); William Michael Boehm, Tyler Creer, Alan Taylor Farnes, Jose Hernandez, Jonathan Jibson, and Kimberly Matheson (ribbons).

College of Notre Dame of Maryland: Sara Priebe (certificate),

College of William & Mary: Irene Morrison-Moncure (certificate); Irene Morrison-Moncure (medal) and Zachary Mott (medal); Myles Busching, Madeline Chessman, Sallie Ford, Bennett Henkel, Sam McVane, and Ehren Wade (ribbons).

Creighton University: Jonathan Williams (certificate and ribbon):

The Florida State University: Nathan Duddles (certificate); Nathan Duddles and Alexandra Hancock (ribbons).

Franciscan University: Christopher Haas (certificate).

Franklin & Marshall College: Katherine Krol (certificate); Theresa Burke, Katherine Krol, and Bryce Rich (ribbons).

Hamilton College: Philip Lowrey (certificate and ribbon).

Kenyon College: Courtney Cowper (certificate); Courtney Cowper (medal); Graham Mitro and Hannah Snyder (ribbons).

Louisiana Scholars' College: Rebecca Hunt and Amanda Sykes (tie, certificates).

Louisiana State University: Michael Heier (certificate).

Loyola Marymount University: Jeremy Lins (certificate).

Monmouth College: Alison Andrews (certificate).

Northwestern University: Elizabeth Osisek (certificate and ribbon).

Ohio University: Steven Kimbler, Tyler Von Moll and Evan Scherer (tie, certificates and ribbons).

Randolph College: Rhiannon Knol and Katrina Wiechmann (tie, certificates).

Roger Williams University: Philip Levine and Kateryna Shevtsova (tie, certificates and ribbons).

Samford University: Kelly Henry (certificate and ribbon).

Temple University: Nicole Dejessa (certificate and ribbon).

University of California Davis: Ilan Hirschfield-Gonzales (certificate); Sandra Chen, Ilan Hirschfield-Gonzalez, Lucy Potter, and Celsiana Warwick (ribbons).

University of Connecticut: Isabella Pilato (certificate); Isabella Pilato (medal) and David Brine (medal).

University of Georgia: Emily Ferrari (certificate and ribbon).

University of Louisville: Kelsi Hardy (certificate).

University of Maryland: Richard Cox (certificate and ribbon).

University of Missouri: Marcus Hines (certificate); Marcus Hines and Edward Sewell (ribbons).

University of Richmond: Caroline Cobert (certificate and ribbon).

University of Rochester: Daniel Cooper-Vince and Mario Morales tie, certificates); Daniel Cooper-Vince

(medal) and Mario Morales (medal); Elizabeth Dominic, Laura Ellen Seide, and York Lucas (ribbons).

University of Texas at Austin: Kathleen Kidder (certificate; medal); Eric Caraveo, Stephanie Matejka, and Ezekiel Weems (ribbons).

Virginia Tech: Alexandria DeSio (certificate).

Wake Forest University: Christopher D'Auria (certificate and ribbon).

University of Arizona: Scott Kennedy (certificate; medal) and Brett Maiden (certificate; medal); Jonathan Burne, Adam Cirzan, Micah Lunsford, Hunter Nielson, Brenna Ward, and Trista Weeksgalindo (ribbons).

Xavier University: Patrick McBride (certificate); Alexander Green, Patrick McBride, Henry Newton (ribbons).

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Photos Wanted for NUNTIUS

Do you want to see photos of members of your chapter in the next issue of *NUNTIUS*?

If so, please e-mail electronic copies to the Executive Secretary at toms@monm.edu.

Press deadline for the next issue is November 1, 2009.

Chapter Res Gestae 2008–2009

Theta at Indiana University

Although Eta Sigma Phi members all share a fascination with the world of the Greeks and Romans, they bring diverse interests and skills to their study of the ancient world. These varied interests are reflected in their other majors, as for many students, classics is only one of two or even three majors. This year Indiana University is pleased to announce that because of these gifted and talented students, the Theta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has been reactivated with seven new members. These new initiates have enriched campus life through their participation on residential committees and in marching band, and in research about the classical artifacts at the Kinsey Institute. While in Bloomington, they also contributed to the local community through volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity, the Bloomington Playwrights Project, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Libertarian Party, and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Eta Sigma Phi members seem to travel a great deal. Many members have previously spent time abroad during their undergraduate careers, either on their own backpacking in Europe or on formal study abroad programs. This summer two students, including Nicholas Marshall and Ricky Owens, will participate in programs abroad, including archaeological excavations and field school. Both of these students will be supported by departmental Pratt Traveling Fellowships.

Also, the Peer Tutoring Program for Elementary Latin continues to be successful for everyone involved; in fact, it is not clear who gets more out of it, the tutors or the students they teach! This year, Theta chapter expanded the program in two ways. Several members held regular office hours at the Academic Support Center in Briscoe, a program funded by Academic Support Services. The peer tutors also moved off campus to offer tutoring to Latin students at the Bloomington High Schools, an initiative that we hope our chapter will continue to next year.

In addition to winning departmental scholarships, Theta Chapter members were recognized for their academic achievement at the College of Arts and Sciences and beyond. All of our members were on

the dean's list. In the College's scholarship competition, Ricky Owens won both the Charles H. & Shirley Stammer Scholarship and the Z.G. & Ethel Starr Clevenger Scholarship. At this year's Senior Recognition Ceremony, Max Eager was presented with the Classical Association of the Middle, West, and South Award for Excellence in Classical Studies. As for our departmental scholarship, we are grateful to our donors for making it possible to support Theta chapter and its members.

Now that summer is coming, many of us will be traveling or at least enjoying a change of scene as we move from the classroom to research and writing and other pursuits. As a newly-reinstated chapter, we have our work cut out for us next year; plans are already in the works to host fundraising events and a research symposium. In that same vein, three of our members have already been selected to present their studies at the Junior Classical League conventions in both Indiana and Virginia. Not to mention, Caitlin Johnston, the current Secretary for the Senior Classical League, will travel to Davis, CA this summer to speak on behalf of Indiana University and help plan the SCL's annual talent show!

Lambda at the University of Mississippi

At our spring 2008 initiation the Lambda chapter brought another large group of new members into the fold (34), made our advisor Dr. Molly Pasco-Pranger an honorary member, awarded our graduating seniors honor cords, and finished the evening with a Mediterranean reception. In October 2008, we took a day trip to tour the Nashville Parthenon with Vanderbilt professor Dr. Barbara Tsakiris as our guide. We have continued this year the movie series we began in 2007. We were represented at the national convention in Memphis this year for the first time in memory; though a minor auto accident en route reduced our delegation, Amy Goggans attended the Saturday events along with our advisor. University of Mississippi professor Dr. Aileen Ajootian also delivered the keynote address at Saturday's banquet. In early April of 2009, we repeated the model of initiation and celebration we began last year, with 31 new members initiated into the chapter.

Tau at the University of Kentucky

This is the second year after the recent reformation of the Tau Chapter at the University of Kentucky. As such, we are still small in number but we successfully doubled our membership this year and have communicated with many more students who are eager to join next year's pledge class.

This year, we sponsored the Maurine Dallas Watkins 2009 Translation Contests and had several students sign up and participate. We also organized a movie event in which we showed the film *Digital Renaissance: Imaging the Iliad*. We were delighted with the high turn out of students and faculty who attended the event.

In May we staffed a booth during the High School Foreign Language Conference, hosted by the University of Kentucky, with high school students familiar with both Greek and Latin. Our hope was to encourage many of these students to not only attend the University of Kentucky and major in Classics but to also recruit them into our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi.

Over all, this academic year has been one of reorganizing and recruiting for the Tau Chapter as we work to establish a firm base so that our chapter will continue to grow.

Alpha Gamma at Southern Methodist University

Alpha Gamma Chapter at Southern Methodist University inducted 9 new members and 2 honorary members in February 2009 at a candlelight ceremony in the Rotunda of Dallas Hall. Following the ritual and ceremony, new initiates and members along with several alumni gathered to eat, meet and greet new and former friends. The group then attended a lecture on Etruscan Art and Culture, which was held at the Meadows Museum on campus in concert with the Etruscan exhibit hosted by the Meadows.

On April 21 Eta Sigma Phi members joined with the Classical Studies Club to host and participate in Rome's Founding Day celebrations on the Commons outside Dallas Hall. Celebrants indulged in several ludi, including the gladiator games, discus throw, Aeneas race, and Pin the Laurel Wreath on Caesar, among other contests.

During the Fall enrollment period from late March to mid April, Eta Sig members actively promoted enrollment in the Latin program through signs placed in all residence halls and bulletin boards as well as promoting through word of mouth. Alpha Gamma members also volunteered as runners and information specialists during the Texas State Junior Classical League State convention and competition which was held at Southern Methodist University the last weekend in March.

Alpha Eta at the University of Michigan
 Alpha Eta chapter's adviser of several years, Allison Friendly, transitioned to another post within the University of Michigan in August, 2008. Alpha chapter was without an adviser until Robin Axelrod assumed this role in November. Shortly after her hire, Axelrod called a meeting with Prytanis, Chris Ostro, to map out plans for the remainder of the academic year. In light of the immediate flurry associated with Thanksgiving recess, semester finals, and then Winter Break Ostro and Axelrod set the chapter's first gathering for January 31. Officers reconfirmed their commitment to chapter activities at the January meeting and set a calendar of activities for February-April (i.e., the end of Michigan's academic year). Student turnout for these events was good though there is certainly room to strengthen numbers in the coming year.

Alpha Lambda at the University of Oklahoma
 This was an exciting year for the Alpha Lambda chapter at the University of Oklahoma. In spring 2008, we inducted 12 new members to our chapter. In early September, we held a meet-and-greet event in conjunction with the other two classics societies at OU. We were pleased with the number of students and faculty who attended. In early October, along with one of the other classics societies, we organized a voter registration drive. This fit in nicely



Alpha Gamma at Southern Methodist University's induction of new members to Eta Sigma Phi on February 19, 2009, in the Rotunda of Dallas Hall on SMU campus. The four officers who are depicted are Amy Zamora, Gigi Gibbs, Allie Jordan, Molly Palmison.



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with the registration push that OU had been doing for several weeks. Our organization alone registered 159 new voters. In addition to general campus publicity, we were interviewed by a reporter for the Daily Oklahoman, a major state newspaper, who wrote an article about us!

Our next major event was a play in early December. Six students put together an abridged production of the *Iliad* and the *Aeneid*. This was a great deal of work, as the hour-and-a-half play was performed in the original Greek and Latin, with some English narration and a few bits in Italian, French, and Japanese. Although far from perfect, it was a rewarding experience for those involved and there is a possibility that a video of it will be put on the website for OU's College of Arts and Sciences.

Finally, we co-sponsored a Christmas party with the Italian club. The party allowed students of both ancient and modern languages to get to know one another. We hope that it will become an annual event.

A few snow days slowed our start to the spring semester. In late February, one of our instructors and her husband each gave a short presentation on their research: "Personification in Ovid's *Amores*" and "The World of the Ancient Novel." These were informative and entertaining. We also held a welcome meeting similar to the one we held in the fall. It was a great time to take a break from our studies.

In early March, one of our students gave an exciting, interactive presentation on Roman shields. In late March, Dr. Rebecca Huskey gave a presentation on the Enlightenment and what it means for us.

Finally, in April, one of our students gave a presentation on Isis. We also held a Latin-teaching panel, since there are several new Latin teachers in Oklahoma who graduated last year. In addition, three undergraduates taught Latin part-time and another substitute taught once weekly. We held our 2009 initiation ceremony for late April. Our last event for the spring semester was our annual election of officers.

Alpha Mu at the University of Missouri This was in many ways a year of rebuilding for our chapter, after many of our most active members graduated. Besides holding our regular monthly meetings,

we survived a visit to the local corn maze and enjoyed two movie nights. Plans that did not materialize (but might in the near future!) include evangelizing Greek religion from our campus Speaker's Circle, foam-sword gladiatorial fights, and putting together a Relay for Life team. We closed the year with a combined initiation and *Cena Deorum*, complete with a *certamen* and the coveted golden apple prize. Finally, we note with sadness that Wake Foster, recent Missouri PhD and constant friend and benefactor of our chapter, passed away unexpectedly last May. His death is a loss to his large community of friends and family, as well as to the field of classics. *In perpetuum, frater, ave atque vale.*

Alpha Upsilon at the College of Wooster The Alpha Upsilon chapter at the College of Wooster inducted eleven new members this year and celebrated with our traditional beginning-of-the-year Classics barbeque. We participated in a dramatic reading of Terence's *Andria* with other professors and students on campus. We also hosted a Latin and Greek game night at our local coffee house, where we invented a principle part version of the game Set. To cap off our semester, we went caroling in Latin, prepared with everything from "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" and "The Dreidel Song" to "Puff the Magic Dragon" and "Once in Royal David's City." On a more academic note, we also cosponsored a lecture by Anne Hanson with the Classics Department at our school, and offered tutoring and study sessions for students in beginning Latin and Greek twice a week. However, we have focused this year on outreach not just to our campus but into the greater community at large. We have been working with a group of elementary school students at a local Montessori school to help teach them Latin. This includes work on vocabulary, simple translation and composition, as well as a number of miniature Latin plays.

During the second semester we have hosted a campus-wide game of Roman assassins in order to raise awareness of our society and give students a run reprieve from the mounting workload, as well as continued our work with the Montes-

sori school and tutoring. We also planned a Classics Week, including a welcome to our new majors, another game night, a showing of some Classically-themed plays, and our annual Classics Day. For a number of years now we have presented a campus-wide Classics Day with an all-day marathon reading, this year of a portion of the *Iliad*, presentations from the language classes at the College of Wooster, and an original student-produced musical. This year our theme is "You Don't Have To Be A Classics Major To Appreciate Classics!," and our songs have come from a medley of Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals (*Music of the Night*—*Language of My Heart*, *Magical Mister Mistoffelees*—*Sir Philosophical Socrates*, etc.) We finished the year with a second round of inductions as well as a closing barbecue celebrating our 75th year as a chapter of Eta Sigma Phi!

Alpha Chi at Tulane University The Alpha Chi Chapter, established at Tulane University in 1936, has been largely inactive in recent years. The chapter was revived this academic year at the initiative of Anna Barden, Class of 2010. Seven students were initiated on April 22nd, with Tom Evison MA 2009, past Megas Prytanis (2006–2007), conducting the initiation ceremony. Following the initiation the students voted on officers and celebrated Rome's birthday (a day late) with members of Tulane's Classics Club. The newly-initiated students are excited about planning fall activities and expanding chapter membership.

Alpha Omega at Louisiana State University We maintained our long-standing service project of volunteering to tutor beginning Latin and Greek students. We maintained our newest service project, of helping to catalogue the books in the Classics section library. In coordination with the Students for the Promotion of Antiquity, we sponsored two talks by LSU professors about modern productions of ancient drama (Wilfred Major spoke about translating *Lysistrata*, and George Judy presented on a production of *Antigone*). In the Spring of 2009, some of our members volunteered at the Louisiana Junior Classical League's State Convention.

In April, we inducted new members at a banquet, at which members of the Classics faculty also recognized some of our outstanding students with awards and scholarships. Michael Heier received recognition for the high score at LSU on the National Greek Exam; Kevin Hale received the Ned Folse Classics Scholarship; Tommy Brown (inducted the same night) received the Steven Schierling Greek Awards; Jeffrey Ellington (inducted 2007) received the Andrew A. Gunby Award.

Beta Delta at the University of Tennessee This year the Beta Delta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has continued to increase its involvement with area high school Latin clubs. Throughout the fall, chapter members helped plan, organize, and run the local Knoxville Latin Fair at Bearden High School. Before the convention, members wrote tests and tutored Bearden students weekly for the upcoming convention. The Latin Fair itself was a very successful affair, with the addition of the academic competitions and expansion of the art, skit, and quiz bowl contests.

This spring, Eta Sigma Phi members have continued to help with regional and national conventions by writing tests for the Middle Tennessee convention, the Virginia kick-off competition, and this summer's National Junior Classical League convention. Nine members attended the Tennessee state TJCL convention in Memphis on Apr. 24–25. Here they proctored tests, ran certamen contests, and officially founded the Tennessee Senior Classical League for Tennessean high school graduates and college students. Some members expect to chaperone this summer's national TJCL convention at the University of California, Davis. In the fall the club, will continue to help with the Knoxville Latin Fair and will hopefully expand the tutoring operation to include all local high schools.

Beta Theta at Hampden-Sydney College Report: Since 2008, the Eta Sigma Phi chapters of Hampden-Sydney College, Hollins University, Randolph College (formerly Randolph-Macon Women's College), and Sweetbriar College have celebrated a joint initiation ceremony for

all our incoming members each spring. Randolph College was the 2008 host. Sweetbriar College was the 2009 host.

Beta Iota at Wake Forest University The Beta Iota chapter of Wake Forest University met frequently throughout the 2008–09 school year. Events included movie nights featuring HBO's *Rome*, study breaks and the creation of a new t-shirt. At our spring banquet, we installed the new officers and initiated new members. Our after-dinner speaker was Lecturer Rebecca Muich, who discussed with us Andromache's laments in the *Iliad*.

Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland In its 60th year of existence at College of Notre Dame, Beta Kappa chapter of Eta Sigma Phi is proving that it is just as prolific now as on the day of its conception. We started off our anniversary year with an adventurous rendition of Vergil's *Aeneid*, recited in Latin by the toga-donning modern day rhapsode, Mark Miner. Miner is a professional reader of Latin, known particularly for his study of authentic pronunciation, and his work for Wheelock's Latin text books. The presentation was an excellent way to get the chapter immersed in the classical world for a new and most important season of events, while reaching out to local high school teachers and students as well.

The Fall semester saw our usual Roman Raffle to raise funds for the chapter and our trip to the convention, and we found great success and support. On October 25th, we inducted two new members into our chapter. To celebrate, after a light supper we went to a performance of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, put on by Columbia Pro Cantare. The concert was entertaining and enjoyed by all. We once again sought classical immersion in November, when the chapter journeyed to the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC to peruse the special exhibit, "Pompeii and the Roman Villa: Art and Culture Around the Bay of Naples." Afterwards, we were treated to a showing of the 1913 production of *Marcantonio e Cleopatra*, with musical score performed by George

Colburn. We returned to our native Baltimore enlightened by our experience.

Our spring semester was packed with events and planning. Our big event was our 60th Anniversary dinner on May 9th, which was preceded by a presentation in our planetarium entitled "Myths and the Stars." Entertainment at the dinner included Greek dancers and a musical performance by the a capella group, The Suspicious Cheese Lords. We wanted the evening to be one suitable for such a distinguished milestone.

April is our busiest time of the year, In addition to running our Spring Maryland Classics Raffle to benefit the Sister Gratia and Gladys Justice scholarship funds, we held our annual Sister Mary Gratia Memorial Lecture. This year's speaker was Dr. H. Alan Shapiro, professor of archaeology at The Johns Hopkins University, who spoke on "Worshiping Women: Ritual and Reality in Classical Athens." Dr. Shapiro is the Co-Curator of the current exhibit of women in Greek art at the Onassis Cultural Center in New York City. In connection with this talk we sponsored a bus trip to the Big Apple for anyone interested in seeing the exhibit. We also made the much shorter trip to The Johns Hopkins University to listen to Steven Tuck of the Miami University of Ohio give a slide-illustrated lecture entitled "*De Arte Gladiatoria: Recovering Gladiatorial Tactics from Artistic Sources.*"

Beta Kappa chapter is doing its best to live up to the distinction of having endured 60 years of successful classical study. We hope to continue on in the same ardent tradition as our forebears, sharing our knowledge of and commitment to the endurance of classics.

Beta Nu at University of Mary Washington This year Beta Nu held its 9th 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

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Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland: Sister Thérèse Marie Dougherty, Imelda Sansone, Sister Theresa Lamy, Jane McManus (charter member), Lucy Vecera (charter member), Patricia Teller, Sara Priebe, Niki Johnson, Geri Thommen, Crissy Moxey, Heidi Herr, Maureen Dever, Nancy Jeffrey, Katharine Chatard



Above, new members

Left, Sara Priebe, hyparchos; Niki Johnson, prytanis, Geri Thommen, chrysohylax present Sister Thérèse Dougherty with the title “Augusta” for her tireless leadership, invaluable contributions, and outstanding achievements, along with a bottle of Italian wine and bouquet of roses.

essays, 2–3 pages or approximately 750 words in length, on the following topic: Seneca the Younger once wrote *Magna servitus est magna fortuna*. Do you agree or disagree that a great fortune is a great slavery? We judged the entries in January at a combined essay reading session and pizza party, and we awarded Eta Sigma Phi medals, book prizes, and certificates to first and second place winners in two levels of competition, junior (sixth through ninth

graders) and senior (tenth through twelfth graders). We also awarded a certificate for honorable mention at the senior level.

In two ceremonies, one in March and one in April, Beta Nu initiated 15 new members. Also in March, Beta Nu hosted its 12th annual Eta Sigma Phi public lecture at the University of Mary Washington. Dr. Carol Mattusch, of George Mason University, spoke on “Pompeii, Mt. Vesuvius, and the Grand Tour,” giving her large

and delighted audience many behind-the-scenes glimpses at the fascinating show on Pompeii, for which she was curator at the National Gallery in Washington, DC. Beta Nu once again joined with the Classics Club to produce a Mary Washington Classics t-shirt, this year featuring “You may be a Classics student if...” (“you can decline your own name,” etc.). At its final meeting of the year in April, Beta Nu voted to send a donation to the Classical Association of

Virginia in memory of the founder of its chapter, Laura V. Sumner. This donation will be listed in a program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Classical Association of Virginia. The program will be distributed at a meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, the Southern Section, in Richmond, VA, in the fall of 2010. Beta Nu hopes that this is the first of many donations it will make to worthy causes in Classics.

Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas This year has been an exciting year for the Beta Pi chapter at the University of Arkansas. In September and October, we had several lectures, some from our own students who were presenting their honors theses. Jasmine Merced presented “Roman Isis and the Pendulum of Religious Tolerance in the Empire.” Teryl Hampton presented “A Systematic Analysis of Mythological Frescoes in Tablina and Alae of the Pompeian Domus.” Finally, Keenan Cole presented “3D Laser Scanning of the University of Arkansas’ Ancient Greek Vase Collection for an Online Database.” We also had a guest lecturer, Matt Semanoff, from the University of Montana, who spoke on Greek Astronomy with his lecture entitled: “Poetry of the Night Sky: Appearances, Description, Paradox in the PHAENOMENA of Aratus.”

In November, we had two exciting events: a Greek and Latin poetry slam, and the renewal of the Eta Sigma Phi “campout” at Devil’s Den State Park. The poetry slam was excellent; there was a mix of Greek and Latin ancient recitation, modern English poetry with Classical themes, and fun-style poetry about possums. At the campout, the students gathered around a campfire and we partook of roasted lamb, gnocchi, and s’mores.

In December, we inducted 10 new members into our chapter, and much merriment ensued at our annual Saturnalia, hosted at the home of Dr. Pappas. All attendees’ foreheads were wreathed in garlands. Students received presents with clues written in a Classical language, which were translated, and students then tried to guess what their presents were.

In February, we also had two exciting Classical events. Dr. Charles Muntz, our

Eta Sigma Phi, Beta Nu Chapter University of Mary Washington is proud to announce

The Winners of the 2008–2009 Classical Essay Contest

TOPIC: *Seneca the Younger once wrote “Magna servitus est magna fortuna.” Do you agree or disagree that a great fortune is a great slavery?*

First Place, Senior Division

Amanda Haislip, Riverbend High School (Mark Keith, Teacher)

Second Place, Senior Division

Mark Boggs, Riverbend High School (Mark Keith, Teacher)

Honorable Mention, Senior Division

Sarah Keith, Riverbend High School (Mark Keith, Teacher)

First Place, Junior Division

Shane Haislip, Riverbend High School (Mark Keith, Teacher)

Second Place, Junior Division

Kevin Toney, Riverbend High School (Mark Keith, Teacher)

visiting assistant professor of Ancient History, gave a lecture called “The Myth of Diodorus Siculus,” in which he discussed the Classical view of myth, and how Diodorus differed from normal opinion. And on Valentine’s Day, two brave students drove all the way across the state to the Arkansas State Foreign Language Teacher’s Association “Language Day,” where we served the Latin community by hosting a Latin spelling bee, playing Latin Scrabble™, and teaching the art of toga wrapping.

This year in March, five members of our chapter were able to attend the 81st annual Eta Sigma Phi National Convention, held in Memphis, hosted by Rhodes College. Our students had a fantastic time participating at the certamen, and our advisor, Dr. Daniel Levine, was lively the entire time. Ask anyone who went about the presentation of the resolutions committee, and the orange.

We have had two super exciting things happen for people in our chapter this year also. Local chapter member Lauren Halliburton was selected to present her paper, “Shakespeare’s Moral Code: A Reinvention of Ovid and Golding?” at the

Eta Sigma Phi panel at the 2010 American Philological Association Meeting, an honor which deserves much praise. Also, Meg Motley, our current Prytanis, was elected as the Megale Grammateus for 2009–2010.

Overall we enjoyed our year as a chapter, and look forward to soon elect new officers, and initiate more students into the fold.

Beta Sigma at Marquette University During the 2008–2009 academic year we inducted seventeen student members and three faculty as honorary members

Major activities of the academic year included: a theatre outing in Sept. to see production of Aeschylus’ *Persians* by Renaissance Theatre in Milwaukee; our 27th annual Classical Valentines Sale at which we sold handmade valentines with Greek and Latin quotations, also with English translations, Greek and Latin art depicted on the front of card. (Our profits exceeded \$400—a great way to achieve visibility of Latin and Greek on campus. Students worked together for weeks to create these cards and led other language honoraries in holding the Foreign Language Film

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Festival (The Classics entry was Felini's *Satyricon* and the Classics President was the President of the Foreign Film Festival Committee.

Thomas Head, vice-President, attended the convention in Memphis and was a member of the winning *certamen* team. New member, Patrick Anderson, teaches Latin at a special school, the Hope Academy, for problem students in the inner city. He had two classes of 50 students and used Latin to help teach English skills. Several of our chapter members helped tutor these students after school.

Beta Upsilon at Marshall University

This has been an exciting and vigorous year for Beta Upsilon of Marshall University. Enrollment is up, as is the number of our activities. We maintained our tradition of Latin-speaking coffees about once a month, and held Classical Poetry Slams at a local coffee shop each semester. On the fun side, we did Classical Ghost Stories on Halloween, and had an all-day reading of Harry Potter in Latin. One of our members, JB Young, presented a slide-show detailing his experience excavating at the Villa of Maxentius. Also on the scholarly side, at the annual Yeager Symposium one of our professors presented a paper on Obama vs. McCain as Attic vs. Asiatic Rhetoric; our fall seminar had two professors and one grad student deliver papers; our spring seminar had two professors and four undergrads; an informal lunchtime talk by the medievalist Laura Michelle Diener on how the world went from Roman to Medieval; and to cap off our year we had Frank Coulson of The Ohio State University deliver the keynote speech at our induction. We hosted a Spring Extravaganza about how Latin has changed through the ages. It's been a great year all told.

Beta Psi at Rhodes College

We of the Beta Psi chapter at Rhodes College have devoted most of our efforts this past year to preparing to host the 81st National Convention here in Memphis. Our officers and members hit the ground running last August by spearheading the organization of the conference as well as several fundraising initiatives, including campus-wide bake sales, an international



Robert Grafsgaard (l.) and Joshua Gundlach of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College display the cake the chapter shared with local high school Latin students to celebrate National Latin Teacher Recruitment Week.

coffee-tasting event, and a T-shirt design contest (the result of which would make both Athena and Elvis proud). Such an undertaking has distinguished the 2008–2009 cohort of the Beta Psi chapter as one of the finest in recent memory, owing to an unwavering commitment to ensuring the success of this convention on every level.

In a testament to our chapter's enthusiasm for the Classics as a necessary and enjoyable aspect of our lives as students and individuals, our members have achieved further signs of time and *kleos aphthiton* both at home and abroad. We have continued to build upon our long-time partnership with Bruce Elementary School in Memphis by providing Rhodes students a chance to share their passion for the ancient world with young students and receive valuable service experience in turn. Once a week, a student will give a talk about a particular aspect of antiquity and integrate it into a hands-on activity. Lessons included the eruption of Vesuvius in clay, Doric temples in Lego form, a lesson on the Greek alphabet, and the myth of Prometheus. On the other side of the Atlantic, we sent two more of our

members to study at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies this spring, one in Rome, and one at the newly opened Catania branch in Sicily.

After the convention, we hosted a Panathenaic banquet next month in conjunction with CA'ESAR, the Classical and 'Ellenic Society at Rhodes. We are confident that 2009–2010 will bring even more rewarding challenges and opportunities for Beta Psi.

Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College At the start of the school year of 2008–2009, the Monmouth College Classics Department held its annual picnic where students mingled and talked about Classics. For the fall semester, two students, Joshua Gundlach and Robert Grafsgaard, studied abroad in Florence, Italy. There they were able to study ancient Classics as well as visit several cities in Italy. In the fall semester, Gamma Omicron chapter initiated several members. The chapter also held an initiation ceremony in the spring semester at which Mr. Brian Tibbets, Latin teacher at Monmouth-Roseville High School, was welcomed as an honorary member.

Students in the Classics Department took part in the National Latin Exam, the Collegiate Greek Exam, and the Sight Exams of Eta Sigma Phi. This year was Gamma Omicron's 24th Bernice L. Fox Lecture series which was accompanied by the Cena Classica, the old world banquet.

The chapter celebrated National Latin Teacher Recruitment week with a visit by alumna (and former national officer), Dawn McRoberts Strauss '03, who talked to Latin students about her experiences teaching Latin at Fenwick Academy, an inner-city Chicago high school. The chapter also invited Latin students from the local high school to a pizza party for NLTRW.

The department also hosted several monthly lectures on topics such as "Roman Gladiators" and "Who Owns the Past?" as well as talking about the cults of Herakles. During Monmouth College's Spring Break (March 7–14, 2009), a number of students visited Rome, Italy. Several members of the Gamma Omicron chapter went on this trip, which was enjoyed by everyone who went on it. We ended the semester with our traditional award picnic at which the squirrel auguries were good. *Concelebrate Bacchum cum nobis!*

Gamma Rho at Hope College 2008 Fall Semester

This semester proved to be a difficult one in that our society was still mourning the loss of our beloved Classics professor, John T. Quinn. Dr. Quinn passed away during the summer of 2008 from an unexpected heart attack.

The only event we participated in this semester was on Nov. 21 when we held our first annual "John T. Quinn Memorial Play Reading" in which we read Plautus' *Captivi* and invited the campus community to join. This was in honor of Dr. Quinn who often held play readings for his classes in his home. Several students and faculty attended the play reading.

During spring semester, armed with new initiates and finally finding our footing again, we participated in a bake sale in February to benefit CASA, an after-school achievement and mentoring program for Holland-area at-risk children. CASA is based at Hope and involves Hope students

as mentors. Recently, because of the economy, CASA had its government funding reduced and also lost some key donors. As a result it was in desperate need of funds for supplies, as it is primarily volunteer-based. Through the bake sale we were able to raise just over \$150 for CASA.

The other event that we did this semester was on March 4, when we teamed with the Hope College Theatre department and read Aeschylus' play *The Suppliants*. Again, several Hope students and faculty attended. In April, we decided to embrace Biblical Hebrew as a classical language, as three of our members were enrolled in a Hebrew class (offered at Hope) throughout the year. We are in discussion with the Registrar to offer it as part of the classical languages curriculum. As part of adopting it, we created a t-shirt that on the back had a Cerberus surrounded with three phrases, "Ἑλληνικά ἐστὶν ἀγαθὰ" ("Greek is Good" — a wordplay off of Hope's Greek Life creating a shirt with that phrase in English), "עֵבֶר טוֹב מֵאֵת" (Hebrew is better), and "Latina Lingua est optima."

Also, in April, we elected our chapter's executive board for next year and were able to fill all positions.

Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin

The 2008–2009 school year was a successful and busy one for the Gamma Sigma chapter at the University of Texas at Austin. The chapter held two initiations, one in the fall and one in the spring, and a bake sale. Six members of the chapter attended the national convention in Memphis, where the chapter successfully bid to host the 2011 convention. Co-president Ashley Bishop won the Bernice L. Fox Scholarship, and two members, Dhananjay Jagannathan and Kathleen Kidder, placed first in Eta Sigma Phi translation contests. During April, the chapter sponsored a booth entitled "Oracular Spectacular" at a campus-wide festival. Member Florianda DeLeon raved as the Delphic oracle while co-president Kate Wofford interpreted. The oracle amazed all who dared to step into the tent, and the chapter won \$150 as runner-up in the "most creative" category. Also in April, the chapter hosted an Undergraduate Research Symposium at

which students presented their work on music and warfare from Homer to Bob Dylan, Plato's *Protagoras*, and the influence of Alexander on Persian ideals of kingship. The chapter also held various social events, including miniature golf, bowling, and readings of Plautus' *Menaechmi* and Aristophanes' *Frogs*.

Gamma Omega at Baylor University

It has been another busy and exciting year for the members of the Gamma Omega chapter at Baylor University. In the Fall semester of 2008, we celebrated our ninth annual OctHOMERfest fundraiser. During the public recitations of Homer's epics in all languages, including Greek and Esperanto, we sold sandwiches, desserts, and beverages forbidden on Baylor's campus (e.g., Coca-Cola). Our success was crowned by a record number of sales. In addition, we produced another fabulous T-shirt, featuring Homer in a Terpsichorean mode. This past semester was also an extremely busy time for the Classics Department, since we hosted the first symposium of the newly created Colloquium for Ancient and Modern Political Thought, with speakers such as Josiah Ober, Danielle Allen, and Stephen Salkever, on November 6–7, 2008. The colloquium attracted crowds of students from all disciplines and much praise in the local news. Many lectures were also presented in our Friday Afternoon Classics series, on topics such as "Where is the Body? A Roman Tomb in Gaul that is not Roman and is not a Tomb"; "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: Cannibalism and Ovid's *Metamorphoses*"; "Telephus: The Greek John Doe"; "A Very Brief Introduction to Greek and Roman Epigraphy;" and "Egyptian Hieroglyphs for Beginners." These informal, yet informative talks attract a lot of non-Classics majors who thirst to partake of the wisdom and knowledge that only Eta Sigma Phi possess! Since the Spring of 2008, the Department has also hosted a number of lectures by renowned Classicists in the field, such Dr. Gareth Williams of Columbia University, Prof. Ewen Bowie of Corpus Christi College, Oxford University, Dr. Anthony Corbeill of the University of Kansas, and Dr. David Larmour of Texas Tech Uni-

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versity. The spring semester has found our chapter in full motion and alacrity. In late February, the Department hosted its seventh annual Latin Day, the biggest ever, with about 220 high-school Latin students, visiting our campus and participating in honorable contests such as *certamen*, “*Who wants to be a Sesterc-ionnaire?*”, and best Greco-Roman costume contest among others. Prizes included golden Roman chocolate coins and imperishable *kleos*. The Eta Sigma Phi-ers produced an elegant and highly entertaining performance of Plautus’ *Mostellaria*, in which the protagonists imbibed liters of Dr. Pepper, a Waco pride in itself! Should we mention another elegant Latin Day T-Shirt with the motto *Quod fit Romae, permanet?* Most recently, we celebrated our fifth annual Take-A-Dative cookout, with T-Shirt embellished with a swan and the epigraph “Take me to your Leda,” wisely concocted by Dr. Froberg. We held a barbecue party, as per tradition, at Dr. Augoustakis’ house, whom we welcomed back from Oxford. But we also sadly bid farewell to Dr. Augoustakis after eight years as the adviser of this chapter, as he is joining the faculty at the University of Illinois in the fall: *ave atque vale*.

For the first time in years, we failed to put together a MILK jigsaw puzzle, since all 296 pieces were desperately white and infuriatingly alike. Most importantly, however, this year, in separate Fall and Spring semester ceremonies, we inducted 14 neophytes into our ranks, as we are spreading the light of Eta Sigma Phi, mesmerizing with our mystical, classical powers the *hoi polloi* in Central Texas.

Delta Sigma at the University of California, Irvine

Delta Sigma chapter at the University of California, Irvine has had an exciting year. In September, we sponsored a trip to the Getty Villa in Malibu to see a live performance of Aeschylus’ *Agamemnon*. Each fall, the Getty Villa presents a Greek or Roman drama in its outdoor theater. This performance of the *Agamemnon* was directed by Stephen Wadsworth who used the translation of the late Robert Fagles. We also attended “College Night” at the Getty Villa later in the fall. At this event,

there were guided tours of the collection, presentations by the conservation staff, information about internships, as well as great music and food. It was a marvelous opportunity to see the collection and to get together with fellow classicists from universities and colleges in Southern California.

In February, the Delta Sigma chapter hosted its Second Annual Undergraduate Colloquium. Dr. Kathryn Chew from California State University at Long Beach gave an interesting presentation entitled “Pulcheria: A Woman in Power in the 5th Century CE.” Dr. Chew suggested that Pulcheria achieved her influence not by ruling through a husband or son, like other imperial women, but through religion. As a consequence, she defied categorization and was therefore a more difficult target for her enemies. After the talk, there was a wonderful reception with lots of good food and lively conversation. The event was funded by a grant from the UCI School of Humanities.

As has become our tradition, we continue to host study-breaks for all Classics students during finals week. On Tuesday of each finals week, members bring in baked goods to donate to the study break. We invite all students of our Greek, Latin and Classical Civilization classes and have found that this is a good way for us to promote our department and to get to know our fellow students on a more informal basis. These study breaks have become popular venues for much needed relaxation during finals week.

We also held two fundraising projects this year. The first was a Valentine’s Day bake sale. Despite unexpectedly poor weather, we turned a fair profit thanks in part to monetary donations as well as donations of baked goods by a few chapter members. The second fundraiser was a booth at the annual Renaissance Fair hosted by UCI. Members of Delta Sigma promoted the Classics by selling hummus, tzatziki, and pita bread and were aided by the appearance of Caesar. In all, 2008–09 proved to be a busy and productive year!

Delta Chi at St. Olaf College

The year began with our Third Annual Olympic Games, held in cooperation with

St. Olaf’s Society of Ancient History. September also featured the Classics Department’s Third Not-Exactly-Annual Softball Game between the Greek students and the Latin students. We celebrated the Eleusinian Mysteries the week of Halloween and went Christmas caroling in December, singing in Latin, Greek, and German around campus, along the snowy streets of Northfield, and at a local nursing home.

Some of us were lucky enough to spend January in Greece or Rome, escaping the harsh winter weather in Minnesota. In February several of us took the Eta Sigma Phi translation contests. Next on the calendar was the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS), April 1–4, in Minneapolis, at which four of our members were on duty at the Eta Sigma Phi table.

We continued to hold weekly Classics Conversation Tables on Monday evenings; five Classics alumni have given guest talks about the influence of their college major on their later lives. We also heard a report from a student who participated in an ancient Roman archaeological dig in Menorca, Spain, last summer; she was the winner of a competitive grant offered by St. Olaf to support a Classics-related summer project.

More activities were a t-shirt design contest, initiation of new members, and the Bacchanalia, our annual spring picnic.

Epsilon Eta at Kent State University

The Epsilon Eta chapter this year has formed a Classics Club; this student organization is open to initiates into Eta Sigma Phi as well as all others interested in Greek and Roman antiquity, but who may not have yet met the criteria for induction or who are just interested in learning about Classics at Kent State and elsewhere. The annual initiation was held on April 8, during Kent State’s Honors Week, in conjunction with Kent State’s Gamma Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the Foreign Language International Honor Society.

Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida

The Epsilon Iota chapter at the University of Florida began its year with the induction of 23 new National members

in September followed by a welcome barbeque at Payne's Prairie, a local nature preserve and picnic site. In October we hosted our annual Octogafest, where we donned our authentic Roman clothing, feasted on Mediterranean cuisine, and played Classics-themed charades. Also in October, we held a graduate school workshop. Dr Andrew Wolpert and Dr Jim Marks presented tips for students interested in applying to graduate programs in Classics. In November, we coordinated a Thanksgiving canned food drive. Beginning Latin and Greek classes competed to see who could donate the most food items. Our members then counted the items and delivered over 2,000 cans to the St. Francis House, a homeless shelter and food pantry in downtown Gainesville. The class that donated the most cans was then rewarded with a donut party in appreciation for their significant contribution to the project. In December we celebrated the holidays with our annual Bake-A-Thon. Our faculty advisor Dr. Pagán and her family hosted the event. We spent an entire afternoon baking cookies and decorating cards to brighten the holidays of families at the Ronald McDonald House. Also in December, we had the opportunity to attend a very entertaining University of Florida production of *Miles Gloriosus*.

In January, we welcomed 18 National members at our Spring Induction and we celebrated with another welcome barbeque hosted by Dr. Pagán and her family. In March, we attended a local production of the play *Eurydice*, a modern adaptation of the Orpheus and Eurydice myth written by Sarah Ruhl. We followed this with an insightful discussion of the play led by our department's mythology professor, Dr. Eaverly.

We provided free tutoring labs twice a month for beginning Latin and Greek students. We also assisted the Classics department in welcoming guest lecturers to our campus with our famous pizza lunches, which allowed our undergraduates to have time to converse with the visiting Classicists. In the Fall, Dr Martha Malamud of the State University of New York at Buffalo was our Distinguished Rothman lecturer. She spoke on "The Politics of the Primitive in Lucan's Civil War." In

the Spring, Dr Costas Panayotakis of the University of Glasgow spoke on "The Roman Mime," Dr Toph Marshall of the University of British Columbia presented "Sex Slaves in Greek New Comedy," and Dr Gonda von Steen of the University of Arizona presented "Aeschylus' Persians and the Greek War of Independence." We enjoyed meeting all of our speakers!

We ended the school year with the election of new officers and the presentation of awards at the annual Classics Awards Ceremony. *Eamus lacerti!*

Epsilon Xi at Gustavus Adolphus College Epsilon Xi chapter at Gustavus Adolphus College was busy once again during the 2008–2009 school year. Before Halloween, Eta Sigma Phi hosted a toga party, and all members of the Gustavus campus were invited, via Facebook and other media, to attend. Pin the Laurel on Caesar, Plato's Play-doh station, and a toga costume contest were the highlights of the evening, which nearly fifty students attended. A trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and dining at It's Greek to Me restaurant was an excursion to remember for a few Classicists in November. Of course, who could forget the annual Romans vs. Greeks broomball game in December? The winter season started off heartily with Eta Sigma Phi's endorsement of Professor Mary McHugh's Cuisines of Ancient Cultures Banquet, for which her January term Roman Food and Culture class prepared a sumptuous feast. In February, seven Gustavus students participated in the Eta Sigma Phi Greek and Latin translation exam contests. On the Ides of March, fourteen new members were proudly accepted into the Epsilon Xi chapter and a formal ceremony was held at the Interpretive Center on the Gustavus campus. At the beginning of April, one of our seniors, Laura Regal, volunteered at the Eta Sigma Phi table at the CAMWS annual meeting, in Minneapolis this year. She took advantage of her presence at the conference to attend several paper sessions and network with graduate students. Later in April, the Epsilon Xi chapter hosted a kickball tournament pitting the Classicists against the Philosophy department, to which we had also invited the St. Olaf Classicists.

Due to bad weather, the Olies were not able to attend, and without our back-ups we were at the mercy of the Philosophers. The month of May kept everyone on their toes with our campus-wide sponsorship of a Classics trivia night. All in all, it's been an eventful year.

Epsilon Omicron at University of Massachusetts

In May 2008, we initiated 30 Latin and Greek scholars to our ranks. So after saying goodbye to many of our officers and members last May we started the 2008–2009 school year running in September with our advisor Marios Philippides, a new group of members, and three new officers. In the second week in October, we had our Fall 2008 Book and Bake Sale, which was an extremely successful fundraiser and by our records the most profitable. We decided to continue our tradition of semester lectures and invited Dr. Erika Schluntz for our semi-annual guest lecture. Dr. Schluntz was going to talk about her work at an archaeological site in Petra, Jordan. Sadly, on the day of the lecture she fell ill, and the lecture had to be postponed to a future date next year, as she was not able to return the following semester.

Our Vice President, Juliana Frazier, has been keeping up the tradition of Chris Lavalette and running the Greek and Latin tutoring program. Over a dozen students have volunteered this year to help their fellow classicists in trying to master the deliberative subjunctive and the passive periphrastic in their Latin and Greek classes.

The fall semester also saw the rebirth of the study of Classical Sanskrit in the UMass Classics department. At least a dozen of our members endeavored to take on this third and extremely challenging Classical language. The course was so popular, thanks, in large part, to the many members of Epsilon Omicron who enrolled, that a second semester consisting of readings in Sanskrit was added.

Because of the success of the fall book and bake sale, the chapter decided to hold a second in the spring. We raised money for our eventual trip to New York City. In February, we hosted a Valentine's Day themed sale. In April, we hosted a Spring Fling themed sale, in conjunction with the

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Italian Club at UMass, who were raising money for the victims of the earthquake in Italy.

On April 25, 2009 Epsilon Omicron took a trip to New York City. Our first destination was the Met. Our professors Marios Philippides and Rex Wallace accompanied us. Renowned Etruscan scholar Larissa Bonfante joined us as well. The three of them took turns lecturing the group on their respective areas of expertise. It was a truly amazing educational experience and the chapter members that attended were extremely appreciative and lucky. We also stopped by the Onassis Center in NY to visit their exhibition on Women in Antiquity. Throughout the day the students were able to admire, first hand and up close, Greek and Roman art. Most of our time was spent pondering over inscriptions and translating them.

On April 29, 2008 Epsilon Omicron hosted its Spring 2009 lecture. Dr. Eric E. Poehler, a new member of the Classics Department at UMass, was invited to talk about his work at the archaeological site in Pompeii, Italy. An in depth look was given to traffic systems in the ancient city, as well as the new directions in the current archaeological undertakings at the site.

Our chapter has also sent off a good number of students across the Atlantic this year. During the summer of 2008 five members of our chapter (Andy C, Ben C, Steffanie S, Anthony B and Juliana F) attended the field school at Poggio Civitate in Murlo, Italy. In the spring of 2009 one of our members (Kelsey W) attended the CENTRO in Rome.

Epsilon Omicron held its annual Induction Ceremony and banquet in May to welcome in a group of new members and ideas!

Epsilon Rho at the College of Charleston This year the Epsilon Rho chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the College of Charleston began what we hope to become a tradition here at our school: the HOMERathon. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. and running until the finish, students and professors alike were invited to come and join in an all-night reading of Homer's *Odyssey*. In an effort to reenact the scene in the way the ancients would have experienced it,

attendees were invited to enjoy snacks, listen, and read aloud as the Muses inspired them. The event was enjoyed by all, and we hope to continue our new tradition in the fall with the *Iliad*.

Epsilon Sigma at Augustana College This year our chapter has seen several changes. We gained a new faculty advisor, Dr. Kirsten Day, and we welcomed a new faculty member to the department, Dr. Mischa Hooker. In the fall, we hosted the joint meeting of the Illinois Classical Conference and Iowa's classical association AMICI. The members of Eta Sigma Phi and other students in classics helped the conference to run smoothly.

In addition to hosting the conference, we welcomed two archaeology scholars, Dr. Barbara Barletta and Dr. Trudi Buck, for lectures in the winter and spring. We hosted a Classics Colloquium, where we initiated new members of Eta Sigma Phi, enjoyed a Greek dinner, and heard a lecture on Plato's forms and evolutionary psychology by Augustana Professor Emeritus Dr. Tom Banks. In addition, we recently sponsored two movie events, where we watched *Quo Vadis* and Walt Disney's *Hercules*.

This spring, we have five graduating seniors: Nick Dee, Adam Langdon, Deidre Leist, Rayla Smith, and Tyler Vens. We have many members to take on their roles, but they will be missed. As we move on to the 2009–2010 school year, we look forward to the adventures of the new year.

Epsilon Psi at Santa Clara University At its initiation ceremony on May 29, 2008, the Epsilon Psi Chapter at Santa Clara University inducted ten new members into Eta Sigma Phi. The 2008–2009 year was a quiet one for the chapter, but on May 5 of 2009 it co-sponsored a talk by Professor Elizabeth Carney of Clemson University entitled "Wine, Women, and a Little Murder," about Macedonian royal women.

Zeta Beta at Temple University This year Temple University's Zeta Beta Chapter met every other week to organize events and fundraisers. After returning from convention in Amherst last year,

where another of our members, Rori Smith, was elected to the position of Megale Grammateus, we held a small celebration to honor Libby Torresson, Megale Grammateus of 2008; Lyndy Danvers, 2007 convention organizer, as well as Rori Smith.

April 21st was the time for our annual celebration of Rome's Birthday. In spring of 2008, we added to the tradition by celebrating the Parilia, complete with jumping over the fire. At the fun festival the Executive Director of the American Philological Association, Dr. Adam Blistein, was initiated into our chapter as a honorary member, and being a good sport, he donned an ivy wreath and also took part in the Parilia.

The officers have kept us baking with four bake sales—and more to come! We also amassed funds with a sale of tee shirts. The tee shirts flaunt a victory theme for the World Series win of our Philadelphia Phillies. A silent auction during the Winter Solstice party also brought in some funds.

We joined with Dr. Davis and Focus Publishing in providing a set of Orberg's *Lingua Latina* texts with supplementary materials to Pequannock Township Schools in New Jersey. We have photos of the middle school students with new texts and happy faces. Dr. Hersch supervised another service project, creating mythology coloring books. Who knew we had so many talented artists in Zeta Beta? The books were delivered to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

Continuing our service to Classics organizations, our members staffed the Eta Sigma Phi table at the Exhibit Hall for the October meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States in Princeton, NJ. With national officers Rori Smith and MaryBeth Banovetz, our members staffed the Eta Sigma Phi table at the January meeting of the American Philological Association, which was held in Philadelphia this year. We also served as volunteer workers for the local organizing committee, registering people and running errands of various kinds. We enjoyed helping Dr. Davis stand in for the Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi by taking a group to dinner at Buca di Beppo on the Friday night of APA. Former Prytaneis Karen Kelly and

Tom Evison joined us, as did the organizer of the 2007 convention, Lyndy Danvers. Karen, Tom and Lyndy are all graduate students now, but their memory of Eta Sig hasn't faded. Everybody showed up on the Saturday night to set up, help host and clean up for the APA reception sponsored by national Eta Sigma Phi.

The Winter Solstice Party, always held on the first Monday of December, was a time of merriment, but also initiation, when seven new undergraduate members joined us, along with honorary member Professor Daniel Markovic, who has assisted our Trifeminate in sponsoring Zeta Beta activities these last two years. Winter Solstice again featured some Roman dishes. Everyone contributed good food, and the Department of Classics donated a three-foot hoagie to the potluck fun. Latin students entertained with two ancient songs, "Deck the Halls" and "White Festival"—in good Latin, of course! Not only Saturnalia, but also Hannukah, Kwanzaa and the Hindu festival Diwali were presented to the assembled students, faculty and staff in brief talks. Several former Eta Sigma Phi members, now at the UPenn post-bac program and at Drexel Law School, returned for reunion and the birthday of Sol Invictus, the Invincible Sun.

We've had fun with Pizza and Poetry as usual this year, with Dr. Samponaro supervising the poetry of Horace, Martial, and pepperoni with mushroom. Chapter member Krystal McGinnis has not only munched pizza, but has succeeded in getting us better organized by creating a binder for archives, and a new website that will be devoted exclusively to chapter activities.

Zeta Beta chapter members traveled widely, and have been on archaeology digs and at the Temple Rome Campus since last we met in convention at Amherst. Gabby Country and Lizzie Szylejko presented papers at the Undergraduate Classics Conference at Miami University Ohio,



Left, graduates Lizzie Szylejko, Catherine Ashlock, Gabby Country, and Libby Torresson of Zeta Beta at Temple University.

Below, members of Zeta Beta: Dr. Martha Davis, Lizzie Szylejko, Dan Tompkins (senior member of Temple Classics), Catherine Ashlock, Daniel Markovic (recently initiated into Zeta Beta as an Honorary member), Libby Torresson, Dr. Karen Hersch and Gabby Country.



and Lizzie has had a paper accepted for the first ever Eta Sigma Phi-sponsored panel for the reading of undergraduate papers at the American Philological Association. Some of our members received academic honors at the Temple University Honors Convocation, and others in May.

Zeta Gamma at San Diego State University

E. Nicolaus Genuensis archon basileus omnibus sociis nostris salutem dicit

plurimum. graviter nos piget pudetque discipulos meritos ad ritum inductionis iterum se praeuisse nullos. dent igitur di immortales, ut proximo anno mystas dignos inducamus. interea sint omnia bona et vobis et nobis. valete. In urbe Sancti Didaci prid. Id. Apr. Obama praesidente.

Zeta Lambda at the University of Louisville.

In the fall of 2008, we initiated six new member into our Zeta Lambda chapter

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of Eta Sigma Phi. As an outreach effort to high school Latin students our chapter awarded official Eta Sigma Phi medallions, ribbons, and certificates to the outstanding Latin students in our local high schools. Also under our auspices, at our annual spring symposium, our own University of Louisville outstanding Greek student, Kelsey Hardy, and our outstanding Latin student, Michael Simpson (both Eta Sigma Phi members, as it happens), were recognized and given prizes to honor their achievements. Our chapter also received a grant allowing us to purchase some videos and CD's on classical subjects. Finally, one of our members, Joe Brashear, attended the national convention this year.

Zeta Nu at the University of Maryland On Thursday, March 5, chapter Zeta Nu initiated a total of 15 new members. The initiation was conducted by this year's officers, Prytanis Ashish George and Chrysophylax Aaron Hershkowitz, with the help of Jessica Anderson, Gabriel Blanchard, John Junghans, Alex Mann, and Lida Zlatic. After the ceremony and a reception, we heard a stimulating talk by Professor Heather Vincent of Eckerd College, a UMCP M.A. graduate, on "Laughing Matters: Reading Visual and Verbal Humor in Satiric Texts." The main outreach activity of our chapter this year took place on Saturday, April 25, when six of our members, including some new initiates, created name tags in Greek for members of the general public attending the University's annual Maryland Day. This year we teamed up with students of other languages, including Persian and Arabic.

Zeta Xi at Iowa State University This past academic year at Iowa State, Eta Sigma Phi sponsored two guest lectures. Mark Miner came to our campus and gave a public recitation of part of *The Aeneid*, with the help of several of our Latin students. On November 17, 2008, Eta Sigma Phi helped welcome to campus Dr. Jim McGlew, a former Iowa State professor of Classical Studies now at the University of Missouri-Columbia, who gave a lecture entitled "Befriending the Demos:

Herodotus on Cleisthenes of Athens." On Sunday April 26 we welcomed in 7 new initiates.

Zeta Tau at University of Pittsburgh The Zeta Tau chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the University of Pittsburgh began the year by participating in its first ever university activities fair. The chapter had a table with group information, application forms and pictures from previous activities. In the fall semester, the group sponsored a Classics movie night and showed the movie *Gladiator*. The group also worked on Greek red and black figure pottery painting and heard lectures about Greek art. Our chapter member Josh Cannon gave a lecture on his summer work in the Turkey at the Zincirli archaeological site. A fall initiation was held and 3 new members were initiated. In the spring semester the group began the year by celebrating Carmentalia with a lecture on Roman fertility holidays. The chapter took a weekend trip to Washington DC in order to visit Dumbarton Oaks Museum and the National Gallery of Art exhibit on the art of Pompeii and the Bay of Naples. The chapter had a spring initiation and welcomed 7 new members. New officers were elected for the 2009–2010 school year. At our final meeting we held a party for our faculty advisor Dr. Harry Avery in recognition of his having received his PhD in Classics 50 years ago. Weekly group meetings and weekly officer meetings were held throughout the year. We were able to more than double our membership this past year. 50% of all the University of Pittsburgh Classics majors are now members of the Society. We are currently working on planning a trip to the Getty Villa for the fall and a Spring Break trip to Rome to work with the American Institute for Roman Culture.

Zeta Upsilon at Sweet Briar College This year we had an unusually well attended and enthusiastic gathering with students and faculty from Sweet Briar, Hampden Sydney College, Randolph College, and Hollins University. We hosted the group initiation here at Sweet Briar on March 30, 2009 at 6 pm and there were almost 40 people there in all. We had 4

new initiates ourselves from Sweet Briar and several of our older student members attended and helped out with the initiation. You will undoubtedly get the exact number of new initiates from Hampden Sydney, Hollins, and Randolph, but I can say that it was without a doubt the largest Eta Sigma Phi event I have seen in my 9 years here at Sweet Briar.

We had a catered dinner which the Dean at Sweet Briar (Dr. Jonathan Green) kindly paid for, and we had Kevin Perry as our speaker. He delivered an impressive and lively talk on Spartacus titled: "Spartacus: the Man, the Symbol, the Film: How Did This Revolting Slave Become an Icon of Communism and American Democracy?"

Zeta Chi at Xavier University Xavier's Zeta Chi Chapter sponsored several successful events for classics students and chapter members during the 2008–2009 school year. In the fall, we welcomed students back to campus with a social night in conjunction with the Classics department. We also met throughout the fall semester for a series of common reading discussions focused on popular films, culture, and the classics. We closed 2008 with a Saturnalia party and book-affle fundraiser.

In the spring, we participated in a department-sponsored career and discernment retreat as well as another common reading project. Several of our members also presented papers at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), the Miami University Undergraduate Classics Conference, and Xavier's Celebration of Student Research. Several students participated in national sight translation exams sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi. One student, Evan Ward, won first place in Latin Composition. At the end of the year, we celebrated with a party, book raffle, and induction ceremony, initiating eleven new members into our society.

Eta Delta at Hillsdale College This autumn we opened the year with food and fun at our Classics picnic. This event was attended by members of several affiliated departments. The event culminated in an animated contest of Classics

charades, which the Hellenists won in sudden-death.

During our Fall initiation ceremony, we initiated 17 new members and immediately introduced them to some of our new activities. Our first main event was our Homer-athon 24 books, 24 hours, 24 miles (sort of) and 24 million dollars. We wanted to raise enough money to buy a luxury RV to come to conventions. While we did neither achieved our projected monetary amount, nor had the endurance to walk 24 miles while reading, we did finish Homer in 24 hours with many libations.

Beginning in the first semester of the year, we began to take research trips to the graduate library at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, in order to provide fuller opportunities for paper research. In the future, trips may include visits to the Kelsey Museum, once the renovations are completed.

We began our 6th year of the dictionary project. In total we distributed 525 dictionaries, generously donated by our local Kiwanis Club, to all the third-graders in the county. Members of our chapter taught the third graders the importance of the dictionary, what we do as Classics students (which impressed all of them), and the Greek alphabet.

Clancy came up with a brilliant idea of pocket protectors with *molon labe* printed upon them and we have been selling them as one of our annual fund raisers. In January, our national Vice-President Mary Beth Banovetz went to the AIA/APA convention to represent the honorary along with Rori Smith of Temple University. There she enjoyed meeting professors from schools with honoraries and with those who are interested in starting ones. Our annual "Date Infliction" Auction was a success. There we auctioned off nerdy Classics majors to be inflicted upon whomsoever the buyer pleases. They then have to go to the dreaded Cheese Ball, for which the theme this year is Greece: The Musical. When not dancing to John Travolta's oh-so-lovely voice, we have offered peer tutoring among the college students and seven students serve as teachers for the Latin program for Hillsdale Preparatory School. They teach nearly sixty students from kindergarten through 8th grade for

an hour twice a week. We then sold Valentines the students made to raise money for Latin books for them. This year the books will go to the kindergarten through 2nd grades. Continuing in an academic vein, last semester we started our Thursday morning Reading Group where we read and discussed standard books of classical scholarship.

To cheer up our spirits in such a dismal economy we started showing films that exhibited Classical Careers (such as *Indiana Jones*, and *Gladiator*). There are jobs out there!

In late March, we enjoyed two talks by Brian Krostenko of Notre Dame: the lunch talk on Caesar was entitled "Speaking of Virtue and Justice: Caesar and Divico in the Gallic War," while the evening talk on Cicero was called "How to Win Friends (in the Senate) and Influence (the) People: Rhetoric, Ideology, and Social Class in Cicero's Speeches On the Agrarian Law."

April, too, had a full line-up of events including a poetry recitation contest, a reading of Plato's *Symposium*, a Latin Scrabble tournament, the Honorama Bowl-a-thon, an event in which we challenge all of the other honoraries on campus to a bowling contest for charity. At the end of the year we celebrated the Floralia at the home of Dr. Lorna Holmes.

Eta Zeta at Truman State University
Eta Zeta chapter sponsored a number of academic and social events this year. The fall's Classics Alive and Kicking Series included a Classics Mixer, Quiz Bowl, *Oratoria Ciceronia*, as well as an event at which students and faculty read Book 9 of the *Odyssey* aloud in Greek. In the spring, members learned strategies for sight reading at the February event "Love at First Sight: Tips for Successful Sight-Reading in Latin and Greek." This event proved helpful, as many of our members participated in the Eta Sigma Phi Translation Contests the following week. We also hosted two guest speakers in the spring: Yasuko Taoka of Southern Illinois University presented a lecture on the ancient world in modern cinema, entitled "Jean-Luc Godard's *Contempt*: Are Those Who Cannot Remember Homer Condemned to Repeat Him?"; Jackie Murray of Skidmore

College presented a lecture on Hellenistic poetry and culture entitled "Poetically Erect: Erinna and Nossis in Herodas 6 and 7." Finally members showed off their Latin reading skills at the Virgil Vigil, where students and faculty read aloud Book II of the *Aeneid*. Members and interested students alike were invited to all events, and all levels of classical knowledge were welcome.

In addition to these new events, the students of Eta Zeta chapter also continued some of their own "classic" events, such as the Greek Dinner in the fall and the Italian Dinner in the spring. Members have spent time together informally with movie nights and in vocabulary study groups called "Vocabulary Victory." We have also continued our semi-annual Homerathon (public recitation on the quad): in the fall, we read 15 books of the *Odyssey*; in the spring, we read 12 books of the *Iliad*. This event always reminds the whole campus of how awesome the world of Homer is; we routinely gain new club members as a result. Also, in the interest of developing relationships with fellow students of Classics, we made two trips this year: several members helped out at the Missouri Junior Classical League Convention and two members went to the Missouri Senior Classical League Fall Planning Meeting. We designed and sold two different t-shirts as a fund-raiser. Finally we inducted ten new members at a ceremony on April 18. We look forward to finishing the semester and plan to have an even better semester next academic year.

Eta Eta at Virginia Tech

In 2008-2009 Eta Eta initiated nine new members and held a variety of events, including weekly meetings of classicists, both students and professors, periodic movie nights, a Bacchanalia in Spring 2008 and a Saturnalia in Winter 2008. We hosted Dr. Greg Daugherty for the Annual Hummel Lecture. A Senior/Junior Tea was hosted by Dr. Harrington-Becker where she helped the junior and senior classicists prepare portfolios to help with life after undergraduate school. A number of us attended the VT's theater production of *Iphigenia* and we helped them to preserve the ancient accuracy. Along the

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same lines, we traveled Radford to see their production of *Medea* and in Spring 2009, VT's theater department produced a modern adaptation of *Lysistrata*.

We have also traveled widely. In the summer of 2008 with 26 students and 1 professor spent four weeks in Greece. A 2 week Riva San Vitale/Rome Trip is planned for this summer.

In the fall, VT sent a small group of students to the Virginia Junior Classical League Convention as members of Virginia Senior Classical League. They helped with the administration of tests and "chaperoning" of events that were held for the high school and middle school students. Parisa Ahmadi is the former Senior Classical League Secretary and Brianna McHugh is the current Senior Classical League Edimentarian.

In the fall, Dr. Andrew Becker took a group of students to the University of Virginia to attend the Classical Association of Virginia's biannual meeting. We took another group back this spring because one of our professors, Dr. Richard Phillips, gave a talk on magic in the Greco-Roman World.

In early spring 2009, a group of students traveled together to Washington, D.C. to see the traveling Pompeii Exhibit.

Students from Dr. Anne-Marie Knoblauch's *Dionysus* class traveled to the University of Virginia to hear a talk about the subject by Dr. Lissarague.

A small group attended the Hollins Symposium to hear lectures concerning *Sarpedon* and Book 16 of the *Odyssey* by Dr. Stanley Lombardo and Dr. Jenny Strauss Clay.

Six students participated in the national translation contests.

As a group volunteer project, we sent shipments of books, both classical and otherwise, to a former student who is setting up a library in Romania for teenage students of English.

Every year we host a marathon reading. In Spring 2008 we read the *Odyssey* and spring 2009 we read *Argonautica* with some guest appearances by select Hellenistic poetry.

We are also proud of the personal accomplishments of our members. Brianna McHugh has been selected to be the Head

Resident Advisor for Governor's School for Latin. Frances Smith was published in Virginia Tech's *Literary Magazine* "The Silhouette." Four students are currently conducting undergraduate research: Alexandria DeSio on Latin and Greek meter with Dr. Andrew S. Becker; Alex Tardiff on *Coriolanus* with Dr. Trudy Harrington Becker; Brianna McHugh on *Isocrates* with Dr. Terry Papillon; and Rob Hepburn with Dr. Andrew S. Becker. Alexandria DeSio and Alex Tardiff presented their papers at the Classics Undergraduate Research Conference at Miami University in Ohio. They also both presented at Virginia Tech's Undergraduate Research Conference along with 2 other Classics students: Linda Bowe and Audra Vasiliauskas. Audra Vasiliauskas and Madeline Hillyer, Classics students, both gave papers at the English Studies Undergraduate Research Conference at Virginia Tech. Audra Vasiliauskas also serves as a student editor for the Virginia Tech liberal arts student research journal, *Philologia*.

Eta Mu at the University of California (UC), Davis

Eta Mu held its annual initiation ceremony in late May, where, as in past years, welcomed approximately twenty new members into Eta Sigma Phi.

The Chapter, in partnership with the UC Davis' Classical Studies Association [CSA], has once again had an active year, with numerous minor activities like movie nights and parties.

The highpoint of the year once again was participation in the annual parade in honor of Picnic Day celebration, UC Davis' most important annual event with food, exhibits, music, and other entertainment. This year, the Chapter and the CSA marched in the parade as Trojans and Achaeans at the time of the Trojan War. They constructed a wooden horse to serve as a float for the parade.

UC Davis participated in the Eta Sigma Phi Maurine Dallas Watkins Translation contest and won one second place prize in Intermediate Greek and one honorable mention in Latin Composition.

At the end of May, the Chapter, along with the CSA held its annual Classics Day, at which there were food, skits,

readings and other classically-themed entertainment.

Eta Xi at California State University, Long Beach

The Eta Xi Chapter at California State University, Long Beach has had a busy 2008–09 academic year. In October we started off the year with a convivium of members and guests and conducted an initiation of new members. Also in October, some members of Eta Xi chapter attended the Getty Villa's annual College Night, which gave them an opportunity to take a behind the scenes tour of the Villa. October also brought the fall meeting of the California Classical Association—South to our campus. The meeting was attended by various members of both the Classics faculty and Eta Xi chapter, as well as teachers and professors from schools and universities in Southern California. We finished the fall semester with our annual Saturnalia party in December, which was well attended by current members and alumni.

Spring semester began with another gathering in honor of the *Equirria*. The highlight of our year was a visit by our eighth annual guest lecturer, Sarah Levin-Richardson, a Stanford PhD candidate, focusing on Roman material culture. Ms. Levin-Richardson gave a lecture on March 24, 2009 entitled "Sex and Sexuality in Pompeii: A Re-examination of Pompeii's Brothel." In the lecture, Ms. Levin-Richardson explored the graffiti, erotic frescoes, and space within the brothel. In her summation, our speaker suggested that, rather than being a place of deviance and impurity, as previous scholars have argued, the brothel was a structure remarkable for upholding the sexual norms of society. The lecture was very well attended, not only by Classics faculty and students at CSULB, but also by those of the Art History, Women's Studies and History departments.

We finished our year with a *Floralia* themed gathering on May 1 at the home of our adviser, Dr. Elaine Wida, where we elected new officers for the 2009–10 academic year, and, later in May, with a visit to an exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, "Pompeii and the Roman Villa."

Eta Omicron at Assumption College

The year began with members volunteering to staff a table promoting Classics Club participation at the Campus Activities Fair on September 4. During the event we began planning future activities and fundraising. This was followed by an organizational meeting with refreshments on September 18. On September 30 we held what has become our annual make-your-own Roman pizza event, which is always popular. On October 3 a small group of six of us traveled to Watertown, MA to the New England Repertory Theater to see a modern production of Sarah Ruhl's *Eurydice*. This production has inspired one of our members, Ashley Rode, to write a sonata for cello and piano as her senior capstone project, to be performed by herself on piano and Prof. Catto on cello! October 29 saw our popular "Paint Your Own Pot or Pumpkin" event which is open to the entire campus. Seventeen students produced some interesting artwork on both classical and Halloween themes. The Chapter met on November 17 to plan a fundraising raffle to send students to the annual convention. Nicole Lavalley, our Hyparchos, took charge. She devised the idea to raffle twelve baskets, one each for the twelve days of Christmas. Nicole had also already gathered some great donated materials. The rest of the chapter contributed money and time in visiting the local dollar stores to find materials. Other members baked cookies as a selling incentive. In early December we publicized the raffle and set up a table in the campus center. The winners of the baskets were quite excited! To close the first semester we had a joint carol sing on December 9 with the members of the Classics Club and French Club. All carols were sung in either French or Latin and sometimes both!

In the spring semester we inducted seven students to the Chapter on Wednesday, February 25. The formal initiation was followed by refreshments (baklava and pomegranate juice) and a short planning session. On March 16 (a day late) we held our annual Ides of March authentic Roman dinner with 17 in attendance. Alas, we did not attend the annual meeting since the increasing costs of travel, hotel,

and registration considerably exceeded the money the Chapter raised. We will save the money for next year's meeting. On April 5 the Chapter traveled across town with the Classics Club to visit the Higgins Armory Museum which houses a small but excellent collection of ancient armor, in addition to its amazing medieval collection. On April 21 we celebrated Rome's 2762nd birthday with a picnic (Zeus/Jupiter permitting) and some athletic events. We also visited the model of Rome in the fourth century A.D. made many years ago by Father Richard Richards. Finally, we elected Chapter officers for the 2009–10 academic year.

Eta Rho at the University of Illinois, Chicago

The UIC Chapter has had a busy, enjoyable, and successful year. In October members joined in a discussion of Roman Comedy followed by the film *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Also in October our members attended a lecture, 'Teaching the Forbidden Subjects: Classics in Traditionally Black Colleges' by Professor Ken Goings and Dr. Eugene O'Connor of Ohio State. Members enjoyed meeting and relaxing with these scholars the following evening at a reception chez advisor. In November our department hosted an International Conference entitled "Revelation in Ancient Greek Religion," with papers presented by some of the most distinguished scholars from Europe and North America. Most of our members attended. During the Spring semester, members organized visits to the wonderful Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, and to the magnificent Art Institute of Chicago. Three members presented their Senior Theses to audiences well populated by our members: Sebastian Anderson on "The Plan of Zeus in the Iliad," Paul Fleck on "Lions and Boars: Simile and Character in the *Iliad*," and Christopher Savoia, "Was Nero a Good Emperor?"

In March, the internationally renowned thespian Yannis Simonides gave a captivating performance as Socrates in Plato's *Apology*, and most of our members were in the audience of several hundreds. In April Professor Richard Thomas of Harvard

University delivered the annual Tracy Lecture on "Reading Virgil in the Nineteenth Century: From Berlioz to Tennyson." Many of our members were present, and the Tracy prizes went to members Savoia for Latin; to Fleck for Ancient Greek; to Anderson for Graduating Senior in Classics.

On April 24th we inducted seventeen new members, and elected new officers, Grammateus excepted, Eric Neuman will continue in this position.

A note of sorrow: We must, with regret, also report that our college, Liberal Arts and Sciences, is insisting that the department discontinue the teaching of Ancient Greek entirely, and of Latin above the level of 104 (second years level) after the 2009–10 academic year. In other words, if this plan is not modified, UIC will cease to offer Greek in future years, and Latin will be taught only to the intermediate level.

Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina at Asheville

Eta Tau has been busy with activities since the beginning of this year, first with our completion of the re-organization of our Classics Library and participation in the building of a house for Habitat for Humanity. Eta Tau also sold t-shirts on behalf of the Arizona Eta Sigma Phi chapter for the CAMWS Southern Section Conference at UNC-Asheville and provided an opening reception for the Greek and Latin Paleography Exhibit at the UNC-Asheville library in November in conjunction with the conference. Also during the CAMWS-SS meeting, Eta Tau held a bake sale to raise money for Eta Sigma Phi hoods for graduating seniors. Our former Prytanis, Megan Miller, presented a paper at the Eta Sigma Phi panel at the conference. Megan is the recipient of the Lionel Pearson Fellowship from the APA this year. She will begin graduate work on her M. Phil in Classics at Lincoln College at Oxford next fall.

Members of Eta Tau visited local high school Latin programs at T.C. Robertson, Enka High, and Reynolds High to talk about majoring in Classics at UNC-Asheville or another university as part of Classics Week and NLTRW activities. In March, members marched in the UNC-Asheville homecoming parade and

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staged a crowd-pleasing reenactment of Caesar's death. Other activities for this week included a high school certamen between local high school Latin students, a university-wide toga party, a collegiate certamen match, and a competitive bake sale of Latinists versus Hellenists, which raised money for attending convention.

We started off 2009 with the induction of our four newest members: Ben Alexander, Eleanor deTreville, Danny Resner, and Virginia Payne. Not long after that, we held a "Diversity in Classics" reception, where UNC-Asheville Classics alumna and former Eta Tau Prytanis Nikki Espie spoke on the history of African American education in Classics.

Eta Phi at Union College

We initiated a dozen more select Classics scholars. Members of our chapter presented their scholarly work at Union's Steinmetz symposium and to four-college audiences at our annual celebration of Parilia. Topics included Roman insults, Thucydides' impact on Sallust's style, the problems of meter and translation in the Anacreontea and Baudelaire, and the translation of documents from the Jesuits' seventeenth-century missionary work. Initiates also served as lively audiences for scholarly presentations by job candidates and other visitors. All who were fortunate enough to see the lovestruck Polyphemus performed by Prof. Hans-Friedrich Mueller ("Molinarius") agree that it was one of the year's highlights.

Theta Beta at the University of Alabama

In September, the University of Alabama Zeta Beta chapter visited the Greek Festival at the Holy Trinity - Holy Cross Church in Birmingham, AL. Everyone enjoyed traditional Greek fare, gyros, souvlakia, baklava, loukoumades, and Greek coffee, while we watched youth-groups dancing at the sound of live Greek music. The bouzouki player was particularly good. In November, the ZB chapter members participated in the Tailgate event on the UA quad for Homecoming day. We had a booth with "Classics" activities for children, who for the first time were exposed to Latin and Greek. It was fun and particularly popular with the little

Tides, who learnt how to chant "volvère, aestus, volvère" (Roll, Tide, Roll)! In the same month, we also held the induction ceremony for the new members: Laura Godorecci, Johnna Dominguez, Breckan Duckworth, and Addie Mancuso. In December, old and new members had a Christmas/Saturnalia/Greek Winter Solstice party, where we made melomakárona (Greek honey-dipped cookies) and sang carols in Latin. On March 5th everyone helped set up the art exhibit with the high-school Latin students' crafts and we judged many of the artistic competitions, including videos, songs, t-shirt designs, posters, and the like. The next day, during the official Latin Day event, we helped run contests and competitions, supervised exams, and had fun tasting authentic Roman food submitted for the Roman Cuisine contest and admiring the detailed costumes made for the Fashion Show. Those high-school Latin students are very competitive and their antics extremely entertaining.

In the spring semester, we enjoyed the Greek Cinema Series that included the wonderful "Touch of Spice" and "The Weeping Meadow."

In mid April, the Zeta Beta society helped sponsor a talk given by the Indian author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni on her books *The Palace of Illusions* and *Mistress of Spices*. Both works touch upon ancient mythological topoi seen from the feminine eye.

Theta Delta at Seton Hall University

The Theta Delta chapter, based at Seton Hall University, shares the same membership and executive board as the Seton Hall University Classics Club, under which name its activities are recognized by the Student Government Association. Events this year were advertised as being hosted by "Seton Hall Classics Club and Eta Sigma Phi Honors Society."

At the first meeting of the year, held in September, the executive board under the guidance of the acting advisor Prof. Sean Lake (as Dr. Fred Booth was to be on sabbatical during the spring semester) laid out its goals for the year, including museum trips in the New York area and talks given by professors.

The first museum trip took place on Friday, November 17th, 2008. The Club and Chapter obtained funding to provide students with a free tour of the Greek wing at the Metropolitan by Dr. Danielle Kellogg, of the Classics Department at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. Dr. Kellogg provided a history of the development of Greek art and craft, and unraveled the background of various mythical motifs found in pottery and other artifacts. Approximately 10 students were in attendance.

On Tuesday, November 11th, 2008, the Club and Chapter held the first talk by on-campus professors: "Visions of Hell: the Underworld Visions of Vergil and Dante." Co-sponsored with the Italian club on campus, the two-part talk featured Dr. Fred Booth speaking on Book VI of Vergil's *Aeneid*, followed by Dr. David Beneteau of Italian Studies on Dante's *Inferno*. How both poets built upon their predecessors (Vergil on Homer, and Dante on Vergil), as well as the geographies of their respective underworlds, were key foci of the lectures. Free pizza and refreshments were provided. The event was a huge success, totaling something above 40 students filling the room in which it was hosted.

On Tuesday, November 18th, 2008, a similar format was provided for a talk, "Aristotle the Monotheist?", led by Prof. Robert A. Mayhew, specialist in Ancient Philosophy at the Seton Hall University Philosophy Department. This discussion analyzed the key concept of the 'Unmoved Mover' in Aristotelian philosophy and its possible contiguity or incongruity with the concept of God in monotheistic religions, as well as how the Islamic philosopher Averroes and the Catholic philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas appropriated Aristotle in their discussions of God. The talk also featured free pizza and drinks but drew a modest crowd of 6 students.

The following semester, the Club and Chapter helped advertise the university's annual Father Cotter Memorial Lecture. A discussion, entitled "That Coal Basket is From My Deme: The Formation of Identities and Stereotypes in the Ancient World," was led by Dr. Danielle Kellogg of Brooklyn College of the City University of

New York on Thursday, April 2nd, 2009. The event drew approximately 50 students and included drinks and snacks.

A final field trip drawing eight students was organized on Friday, April 24th 2009, to the Onassis Cultural Center in New York City. The students, escorted by Prof. Sean Lake, attended a private tour of the temporary exhibit entitled “Worshiping Women: Ritual and Reality in Classical Athens.” The exhibit featured artifacts such as votive offerings to the goddesses Athena, Aphrodite, and Demeter. After the tour the students took an informal and voluntary trip to the Roman wing of the Metropolitan.

Individual members of the chapter are also noteworthy for certain accomplishments this semester. Member Charles Dupras, inducted last year, tutors fellow students in Latin. In April the Chapter and Club President, Leo Hunt, began tutoring Attic Greek. Leo Hunt also participated in the New York Classical Club 2009 recitation contests in Greek and Latin, hosted at Columbia University on Saturday, April 4th. Hunt won 3rd prize in Latin recitation and was awarded \$75. His recitation consisted of the assigned passage — lines 31–59 of Book IV of Vergil’s *Aeneid*, where Anna persuades her sister Dido to pursue her passion for Aeneas — along with the proem and first 30 lines of Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*.

On April 29th, 2009 the chapter’s spring induction ceremony was held.

Theta Epsilon at Trinity University

The Theta Epsilon chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Trinity University had another successful year. Most recently, we welcomed four new members into our ranks. Our current president, Amy Carlson, also organized two Eta Sigma Phi movie nights this year (“Life of Brian” and “Fellini’s Satyricon”), open to the entire campus. Finally, Eta Sigma Phi was a great help in soliciting student feedback for our (successful) search for a new tenure-track faculty member.

Theta Zeta at Case Western Reserve University

This year the Theta Zeta chapter at Case Western Reserve University collaborated

with the Classics Department to help host several outreach and celebratory events:

(1) In the fall, the members of our chapter worked with other Classics students to stage a skit at the Annual City Dionysia Competition. Organized by Professor Paul Iversen, the City Dionysia is a competition that welcomes high school drama groups and Latin clubs to our campus. (2) In the spring, members of our chapter defended their title against the Classics Department faculty in a game of “Classical Charades” at the annual student-faculty Greek and Latin Dinner hosted by Chapter Advisor Professor Rachel Sternberg. (3) In addition, members of our chapter participated in a 12-hour public reading of Vergil’s *Aeneid*, and (4) contributed to the third annual Classics Outing, a showcase of student work from Classics classes and performances from the faculty and students. Our chapter has recently sent out bids to several promising Classics students and is looking forward to initiating a new class of Latin and Greek students this spring.

Theta Theta at the University of Connecticut

We faced a great many challenges this year. We had a year of inactivity, since the previous leaders left with little instruction on how to continue the organization. However, with the Secretary’s help, we understood what steps needed to be taken. We ran into further complications with the administrative aspects of the Student

Activities Office, and their miscommunication with the school’s Business Office. Despite the setbacks, we worked closely with students who major in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, as well as working with the Classics and Ancient History Club to recruit new members that will represent the Theta Theta Chapter with pride. As a result we have initiated six active members and five honorary members. These new members are equipped to take on the responsibilities of this organization and uphold the academic standards that we have set. The club is now positioned to have an opportunity to grow and enhance their presence on campus.

Theta Kappa at the University of Texas at Tyler

It has been a productive year for the chapter in Tyler, Texas. We are gaining both momentum and membership as interest in classical studies continues to increase. Seven off-campus meetings and regular on-campus participation throughout the course of the year allowed for continued planning and organization, as well as an opportunity for members to interact while talking, laughing, cracking the occasional Latin joke, and playing games such as Latin Balderdash and Latin Scrabble. Two fundraisers were held this semester, a member t-shirt sale (with the ESP logo on front, and the Horace quotation: Sapere Aude! on back) and a homemade

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Dr. Thomas J. Sienkewicz, Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi

Department of Classics, Monmouth College
700 East Broadway, Monmouth, Illinois 61462

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Chapter: _____

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Chapter Res Gestae (Continued)

candy sale just before Valentine's day. The semester culminated with the Parilia festival, where induction of new members took place, as well as a marvelous feast of Roman/Italian foods. The evening ended with a coffee and dessert show featuring entertainment planned by select members, including a dual-language recitation of Catullus' 4th poem, and a modern rendition of a heated discussion between Dido and Aeneas from the Aeneid. Much fun was had by all, and we hope to continue gaining momentum the next academic year as fresh members with new ideas continue to keep the organization and the classics alive at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Theta Lambda at Hamilton College

This was an exciting year for our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi! Our first event was our annual Classics Halloween party, complete with costumes and Catch Phrase. Next, we organized a dinner celebration for new and old Classics majors and an induction ceremony for newly eligible Eta Sigma Phi scholars. Also, five students participated in the Translation Contests. Finally, we sent three delegates to the National Convention in Memphis, TN, hosted by the Beta Psi Chapter.

Also, three senior members presented papers at Parilia, an annual conference for undergraduate classics students from Hamilton College, Skidmore College, Union College, and Colgate University held on April 17th this year. Kaitlyn Bishara presented "Evolution or Revolution: The Influence of the Classics on the Creation of America," Cassie Sullivan presented "Translation in the Classics Classroom: What is Lost and What is Gained?" and Casey Green presented "Social Understandings of the Deaf and the Blind in Ancient Greece." Five other Eta Sigma Phi students and three Hamilton Professors attended the conference as well.

We would like to congratulate two members in particular for their recognition by the national office of Eta Sigma Phi. Casey Green's paper was selected for the Eta Sigma Phi Panel at the 2010 APA Meeting. Madeline Ware's paper "Child

Sacrifice in Ancient Carthage" was named as an Honorable Mention for the 2009 National Convention we attended at Rhodes College!

This May marks the two year anniversary of the founding of our chapter. Following our February induction ceremony, we now have eighteen members. Some goals for the end of this semester and into next year are a Movie Night with food from a local Greek restaurant, ordering embroidered sweatshirts and establishing tutoring programs in New Hartford and Clinton, NY.

Theta Pi at Kenyon College

This year was very productive for the Theta Pi chapter. In the Fall we kicked off the year with the induction of four new members. In October we held a tremendously successful Eta Sigma Phi bowling night. We ended the semester by organizing a Roman Banquet for the Classics Department. In January we inducted seven new members to our society. Throughout the semester we joined for lunch every other Tuesday at the Classics table, which provided an opportunity for students interested in the classics to meet and discuss common interests among themselves as well as to socialize with our Classics Professors. In March, four of our members traveled to Memphis for the Eta Sigma Phi National Convention. Jessica Wise read a paper at the convention.

Theta Sigma at Wright State University

This was the first year of Eta Sigma Phi at Wright State. We initiated 19 members last spring (2008). This current year we initiated seven new members. Our chapter president, Julia Torres, has been actively organizing the new club and filing the necessary paperwork so that we can get funding for activities from the university. The students organized a table for May Daze on May 1, at which encouraged support for the activities we have planned in the spring. We also hoped to attract interest to Latin and Greek in order to recruit new members next year.

Eta Sigma Phi joined with the history

honor fraternity Phi Alpha Theta to host a movie night. We gathered together to watch the mythological classic, *Clash of the Titans*. In addition, the organization co-hosted events with the Classics Club. Last spring we hosted a reading of Aristophanes' *Birds*. In the fall, we held a reading of Seneca's *Thyestes* which was well-attended and tremendous fun. We will be hosting another reading soon, probably of one of Plautus' comedies. The Theta Sigma chapter continues to thrive and grow at Wright State. We look forward to another year of scholarship blended with fellowship.

Theta Chi at Mount Holyoke College

In this inaugural year of the Theta Chi chapter at Mount Holyoke College, we have primarily worked on recruiting and enrolling a dedicated membership and setting guidelines so that our new chapter will continue to thrive well into the future. We held monthly meetings to discuss current topics in classics and to alert members to upcoming lectures in the area. We also organized a behind-the-scenes tour at the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, where students were able to learn about the inner workings of a museum and handle classical objects that are not on display. For our last event we hosted a question-and-answer session, during which seniors shared their experiences of applying to graduate schools and how they prepared during college for this next step.

Theta Psi at Washington and Lee University

On February 8th, 2009, the Washington and Lee Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi inducted its inaugural class of 12 members. Professors from both Washington and Lee University and Hollins University participated in the induction. A reception followed afterwards to celebrate the initiates' achievements and the founding of a new Eta Sigma Phi Chapter. The new chapter looks forward to inducting three more members in the coming term and having subsequent events.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED
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Eligibility: Eta Sigma Phi members

- who are now teaching, or preparing to teach, at the pre-collegiate level,
- who have received a Bachelor's in the last ten years;
or who expect to receive it before the summer of current academic year;
- and who have not received a doctoral degree.

The Award of \$500

will support a summer activity contributing to the recipient's preparation for teaching (e.g., American Classical League Institute, the Kentucky Language Institute, or the Illinois Pedagogy Workshop) or university courses leading to certification.

To apply: go to

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Annual Application Deadline: February 1st

The recipient will be announced at the National Convention.

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.

Eta Sigma Phi, the National Classics Honorary Society (<http://www.etasigmaphi.us>)

Initiates July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Epsilon (University of Iowa)
Steven Kozma; Honorary: Brendan Sherry,
Annah Vollstedt (12-20-08)

Zeta (Denison University)
Ben Bennett, Libby Freeze, Patrick Gray,
Emily Haidet, Jonathan Karadimas,
Greg Kendall, Gail Martineau, Molly
McCue, Eva McKnight, Laura Menard,
Elayna Nowak, James Pipino, Quinn
Radziszewski, Julia Russell, Jess Sells,
Sam Sprague, Ryan Stevenson, Danielle
Strack, Phil Vogel, Josh Zingg (10-12-07);
Christian Ambrose, Alexis Smith, Mal
Taub (4-7-08)

Tau (University of Kentucky)
Jamie Doyle, Daniel Ebbert, Andrew
Groves, Erin Richter, Amber Slaven
(10-8-08)

Alpha Delta (Agnes Scott College)
Lorraine Finkley, Katherine Rogers,
Virginia Stuckey, Alisha Watts, Anna
Young; Honorary: Lindsay Samson
(10-28-08)

Alpha Lambda (University of Oklahoma)
Katy Carson, Matthew B. Covert, Julie
Powell Denson, Erin Kathleen Doumit,
Rachel A. Dowell, Alan Haberman, Casey
King, J. P. Mensching, Erich Merkel, Emily
Victoria Moore, Jeremiah K. Russell,
Catherine Tullos (4-25-08)

Alpha Sigma (Emory University)
Lyndsey Chepke, Tonia Davis, Evan
Delaney, Michael L. Dober, Michael
Finnell, Dominique Forrest, Kelsey
Forsberg, Dua Hassan, J. Seth Herren,
Rachel S. Holtzberg, Philip S. May, Andrew
Remissong, William R. Silverman, Asher
Ellison Smith, William D. Thornton,
Gregory Luke Watson (10-29-08)

Beta Kappa (College of Notre Dame)
Megan E. Good; Associate: Maureen P.
Dever (10-25-08)

Beta Pi (University of Arkansas)
Mckensie Arnold, Andrew H. Avery,
Christina Clift, Melody E. Gerke, Sam
LaFoy, Devin O'Dea, Daniel Snyder, Sami
Sutton, Chris Tart, Gregory E. Taylor
(12-13-08)



New Initiates of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College. Pictured, left to right: Dr. Nick Dobson (chapter advisor), Leigh Anne Lane, John Callebert, Rachel Strzelecki (Prytanis), Micah Mahan, Kristen Wyse, Nora Carleson, Stephanie Steel, Anne Cave, and Nina Teresi.

Beta Psi (Rhodes College)
William P. Hunt, Jr., Morgan L. Pittman,
Ian W. Todd, Alexa K. Weisman (9-18-08)

Gamma Alpha (Indiana State University)
Carl Bouscaren, Ashley Cody, Janelle
Davidson, Ruth H.M. Garza, Kyle Hughes,
Sharon McConnell, Adam Welch, Eric
Wilson (4-20-08)

Gamma Mu (Westminster College)
Jennifer E. Alberts, Samantha E. Botzum,
Emily E. Fink, Adam M. Griffith, Monica
P. Hall, Tyler B. Kelley, Samuel R. Smeltzer,
Melissa S. Williard (4-30-08)

Gamma Omicron (Monmouth College)
John T. Callebert, Nora E. Carleson, Anne
E. Cave, Leigh Anne Lane, Micah M.
Mahan, Stephanie A. Steele, Nina M.
Teresi, Kristen J. Wyse (11-20-08)

Gamma Rho (Hope College)
Kristen Johnson, Christy Rath, James
Richardson, Ella Vandervlugt; Honorary:
Yoshiya Hikita (11-6-08)

Gamma Sigma (University of Texas at
Austin)
Blagoje "Baco" Djordjevic, Kathleen
Kidder, Stephen Lin, Kelly McClinton,

Julia Nations, Cassandra Qualls, Anne
Sunbury (9-28-08)

Gamma Upsilon (Austin College)
Caleb John Cook, Katharine Dianne
Potter (4-24-08)

Gamma Omega (Baylor University)
Leslie Baptiste, Laura Beard, Matthew
Berry, Katy Chenoweth, Brooke Clemens,
Rebecca Daniel, Amy Liu, Taylor Lyons,
Paarth J. Raj, Allyson Ray, Caleb P. Simon,
Sarah Thompson, Danielle Rae
Washington (10-7-08)

Delta Upsilon (Valparaiso University)
Emerald J. Davis, Jonathan D. Eaton,
Nicole Haworth, Benjamin G. Kerezman,
Cassandra Stem (10-5-08)

Epsilon Zeta (University of Idaho)
Joshua D. Bousman, Foy DeMoss,
Matthew Gaskill, Jeremy Gunther, Josi
Lemke, Oliver Lemke, Laurel McGarry,
Lucas O'Brian, Hector Palacios,
Daniel Ryan, Matthew Schug, Michael
Weatherford, Robert Whitney (5-5-08)

Epsilon Iota (University of Florida)
Shawn Bivins, Jordan Calloway, Lia Lucine
Cary, Barry Collins, Katherine Cook,

Sarah Falk, Christina Iglesias, Michael Jean, William Matthew Jones, Matthew Kaiserski, Kristen Kalilich, Kat Klos, Rolando Liboy, Shawn Narhi, Allison Ozell, Jonathan Primosch, Liz Raasche, Said Saleh, Stacey Schulz, Charnele Tate, Alex Taylor, Danielle Todt, Joshua Wilson (9-17-08)

Epsilon Rho (College of Charleston)
Joseph Cortopassi, Laura Grantham, Melissa Huber, Bethanie Kemper, Angelina Phebus, John Wall (10-28-08)

Epsilon Chi (University of South Florida)
Kayleigh M. Pinkett (11-01-08)

Zeta Beta (Temple University)
Jade Adelizzi, Laura Beatty, Faith Garrett, Thomas Goodman, Jay Mitchell, Kyle Simmons, Amy Sreb, Joseph Zehner; Honorary: Daniel Marcovic (12-1-08)

Zeta Theta (Penn State University)
Timothy Dooley, Katherine Gregory, Kurt Kroeker, Sean Lakind, Kathleen Smith, Adam Wilson, Benjamin Woodward (11-11-08)

Zeta Iota (University of Georgia)
Bo Brown, Leslie Flowers, Kelly Galloway, Timothy Holdsworth, Shelly Roberts (10-17-08)

Zeta Lambda (University of Louisville)
Kyle Amyx, Sarah Carroll, Crystal Howard, Amy Simmons, Alexander Sukhorukov (12-12-08)

Zeta Tau (University of Pittsburgh)
Liz Gibbons, Janelle Roniece Greene, Michael Monahan, Terry L. Rowley (9-15-08)

Eta Gamma (Loyola University)
Senia Aguilar, Laurel Baul, Elizabeth Becker, Hillary Becker, George Bliss, Mario Bocaletti, Lauren Cherneski, Mary Kate Delaney, Brittany Ford, Hailey Fox, Michael Hafner, Alex Langlinais, Bryan Lavoie, Sara Mancini, David McManus, James McVeigh, Blaine Moffat, Lisa Mosca, Danielle Nunez; Honorary: Dr. Oliver Ranner (4-16-08)

Eta Delta (Hillsdale College)
James Bild, Wendy Brannagan, Jonathan Copley Brewer, Matt Chastain, Jaimie Conley, Timothy Cook, Sam Fiske, Taylor Gage, Dawn Harris, Sarah Harris, Jennifer Maggi, Jessica McCaleb, Mary Petrides, Christina Pezzella, Alison Roberts, Raymond M. Spiotta, Shannon C. Taylor (9-4-08)

Eta Xi (California State University)
Laura Mlynar, Allison Ortiz, Angela Robinson (5-9-08)

Eta Chi (Purdue University)
Brittany Byrum, Katie Fleming, Phillip Henady, Jacob Hobson, Sean Horoho, Kathryn Jester, Stephanie Smith, Greg Steiner, Katrina Tuttle; Associate: Russell Keck; Honorary: Elizabeth Mercier (9-30-08)

Eta Omega (Austin Peay State University)
Francis Carr, Kali Chandler, Stephanie Dunn, Kristen Jones, Robert Ladd, Katlin Sander, Brie Vogt, Danielle Waxler (4-10-08)

Theta Iota (Illinois Wesleyan University)
Amelia Benner, Ashlea Canady, Katherine Feehan, Amy Frasca, Danielle Grewe, Scott Himel, Kari Irwin, Samuel Katz, Katharine Klein, Paul Lazoan, David Longawa, Aislinn Lowry, Amelia Luna, Ashley McGee, Rachel Miller, Steven Trzyna; Honorary: Robert Erlewine, Karen Schmidt (4-22-08)

Theta Lambda (Hamilton College)
Kaitlyn Christine Bishara, Laura Louise Wright (10-7-08)

Theta Pi (Kenyon College)
Daniel Caplan, Courtney Cowper, Philip Miller, Graham Mitro (9-17-08)

Theta Rho (University of Miami)
Weston Eakman, Christopher Fitzgerald, Sara Joan Pullen (11-9-08)

Theta Upsilon (University of North Texas)
Paul Carter, Thomas Decker, Timothy Dieterich, Alissa Fehlbaum, Niko Ford, Zack Honea, Monica Johnson, Tara Luther, Ciera Norris, Mark Nicolais,

Meghan Oakley, Corey Romero, Amy Sands, Kaitlyn Schroeder, Chase Smith, James Smith, Amanda Turley, Rebekah Williams; Associate: Richard Gladden (4-28-08)

Theta Phi (Franciscan University of Steubenville)
Lucas Bedia, Lisa Dixon, Katherine Eddy, Rebecca Harris, Justin Keena, Kevin Kelly, John Levri, Andrew Moe, Elizabeth Norton, John Paul Nunez, Mark Schreck, Katherine Schultis (10-17-08)

Theta Chi (Mount Holyoke College)
Shandra Goldfinger, Emily Maus, Jennifer Northrup, Emily Wood (10-27-08)

Eta Sigma Phi Establishing a Finance Committee

The Board of Trustees is in the process of developing a Finance Committee to oversee the cash flow and endowment of the society in order to meet the demands of its expanding presence in the larger Classics community and its growing scholarship efforts. Professor Antonios Augoustakis of Alpha Kappa at the University of Illinois has assumed the Chair of the committee and will work closely with the society's Endowment Manager (Professor Brent Froberg), the megas chrysothylax, the Executive Secretary and the Board of Trustees to oversee the investment and dispersment of the society's funds. Any chapter advisor interested in serving on this committee is asked to contact Dr. Martha Davis of Zeta Beta at Temple University and chair of the Board of Trustees.

New Chapters

Eta Sigma Phi welcomes the charter members of the following new chapters, whose applications were approved at the 2008 convention and which have recently held initiation ceremonies:

- Theta Chi at Mount Holyoke College
- Theta Psi at Washington and Lee University
- Theta Omega at John Carroll University

Eta Sigma Phi welcomes the charter members of the following new chapters, whose applications were approved at the 2009 convention and which have recently held initiation ceremonies:

- Iota Alpha at The College of New Jersey
- Iota Beta at Scholars' College at Northwestern State University
- Iota Gamma at Samford University



Petitions for new chapters were also approved for the following schools at the 2009 convention. Eta Sigma Phi looks forward to welcoming members from these schools before the 2010 convention. According to the by-laws, if an initiation is not held by the next convention, the school must resubmit its petition for a new chapter.

- Arizona State University
- University of Maine at Orono

Chapters Reactivated

Chapters are considered deactivated if they have not initiated any new members in the past four years. Reactivation is a simple process. All a deactivated chapter has to do is submit a report on new initiates to the executive secretary. The following chapters have reactivated since the last issue of *NUNTIUS*.

- Theta at Indiana University
- Alpha Chi at Tulane University
- Beta Mu at Butler University
- Beta Eta at Westminster College
- Delta Phi at Missouri State University



Charter members of Iota Alpha at The College of New Jersey, and charter members of Iota Alpha at The College of New Jersey cutting loose

List of Chapters Submitting 08–09 Annual Report

The following chapters have submitted annual reports to the national office for 2008–2009.

Please note the following new policy about annual reports: Annual reports must be submitted annually to the executive secretary by Nov. 15th. Chapters failing to meet this deadline will receive only one subscription to the *NUNTIUS* for that academic year. Chapters failing consistently to submit a report run the risk of eventual deactivation. The annual report can be submitted on line at <http://department.monm.edu/classics/ESP/annual-reports.html>. Printable copies of the form are also available at that URL.

From now on this list will be published only in the Winter issue of *NUNTIUS*.

Gamma at Ohio University
Epsilon at the University of Iowa
Zeta at Denison University
Eta at Florida State University
Lambda at the University of Mississippi
Tau at the University of Kentucky
Alpha Gamma at Southern Methodist University
Alpha Delta at Agnes Scott College
Alpha Lambda at the University of Oklahoma
Alpha Nu at Davidson College
Alpha Tau at Ohio State
Alpha Omega at Louisiana State University
Beta Eta at Westminster College
Beta Kappa at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Beta Nu at the University of Mary Washington
Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Beta Psi at Rhodes College
Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College
Gamma Pi at Saint Peter's College
Gamma Rho at Hope College
Gamma Sigma at the University of Texas at Austin
Gamma Upsilon at Austin College
Gamma Omega at Baylor University
Delta Beta at Canisius College
Delta Sigma at the University of California, Irvine
Delta Chi at St. Olaf College

Delta Omega at Macalester College
Epsilon Eta at Kent State University
Epsilon Iota at the University of Florida
Epsilon Xi at Gustavus Adolphus College
Epsilon Rho at the College of Charleston
Epsilon Psi at Santa Clara University
Zeta Beta at Temple University
Zeta Epsilon at Rutgers University
Zeta Iota at the University of Georgia
Zeta Lambda at the University of Louisville
Zeta Nu at the University of Maryland, College Park
Zeta Psi at Hollins University
Eta Alpha at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Eta Delta at Hillsdale College
Eta Zeta at Truman State University
Eta Iota at the University of Arizona
Eta Mu at the University of California, Davis
Eta Xi at California State University
Eta Omicron at Assumption College

Eta Rho at the University of Illinois, Chicago
Eta Tau at the University of North Carolina-Asheville
Eta Chi at Purdue University
Eta Omega at Austin Peay State University
Theta Alpha at Franklin & Marshall College
Theta Delta at Seton Hall University
Theta Epsilon at Trinity University
Theta Iota at Illinois Wesleyan University
Theta Kappa at the University of Texas at Tyler
Theta Xi at Gonzaga University
Theta Pi at Kenyon College
Theta Sigma at Wright State University
Theta Upsilon at the University of North Texas
Theta Phi at Franciscan University of Steubenville
Theta Chi at Mount Holyoke College
Iota Alpha at The College of New Jersey

Ubi Sunt Alumni Nostri?

Dawn McRoberts Strauss returned to Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College during National Latin Teacher Recruitment Week to speak to Latin students about her experiences teaching Latin at Fenwick Academy in Chicago.

Matt Scannapieco of Zeta Beta at Temple University is now teaching Latin at St. Peter's Prep in New Jersey.

Zeta Beta has four members graduating in May 2009.

Catherine Ashlock and **Libby Torresson** will continue their studies next year in the Temple Master's in Education program.

Lizze Szylejko hopes to spend a year working on various digs before attending graduate school for art history or archaeology.

Gabby Country plans to attend Drexel University, where she will work on a Master's in Library and Information Science.

Membership Report

As this issue of *NUNTIUS* went to press, 1071 new members had been initiated into Eta Sigma Phi during the academic year 2008–2009. The final membership total for 2007–2008 was 1107. The final membership total for 2006–2007 was 1273 (the second

highest annual membership total on record). The final membership total for 2005–2006 was 1194. The highest annual membership total ever was 1588 (in 1967–1968). Final membership numbers for 2008–2009 will be reported in the next issue.

Eta Sigma Phi
**Summer Scholarship for
Fieldwork in Classical Archaeology**

Eligibility:

Active membership in Eta Sigma Phi

Preference will be given to undergraduates who have had not yet had experience in archaeological fieldwork, but experienced fieldworkers and graduate students are also welcome to apply.

Award:

\$500 to support fieldwork experience at an archaeological site in the Greco-Roman world.

Application:

<http://department.monm.edu/classics/esp/scholarships/fieldworkapplication.html>

Applicants will submit a transcript of all undergraduate work, two (2) letters of recommendation, and a statement not to exceed 500 words, stating briefly their background and preparation for the program to which they are applying, and how participation in this program fits their future plans. The Committee expects applicants to have contacted the director of their preferred field school(s).

Deadline (receipt): February 1st

Announcement:

The recipient will be announced at the National Convention (March/April).
The selection committee is appointed by the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees.
For further information and questions, please contact the Committee Chair:

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Eta Sigma Phi at Professional Meetings: APA, CAMWS, CAAS, and ACL

Members continue to represent Eta Sigma Phi at professional meetings. Most recently, members of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College and Epsilon Xi at Gustavus Adolphus College represented the society at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS) in Minneapolis in April. Members of Zeta Eta Chapter at Loyola Marymount of Loyola Marymount University and Gamma Omicron chapter at Monmouth College represented Eta Sigma Phi at the 2009 American Classical League Summer Institute in Los Angeles. If your chapter is interested in representing the society at a classical meeting near your campus, please contact the Executive Secretary. Some financial support is available.



Eta Sigma Phi at CAMWS 2009 in Minneapolis

Above, at the Banquet: seated, left to right, Hilary Bouxsein, Nathan O'Keefe, and Thomas Halvorsen of Delta Chi at St. Olaf; standing, left to right, Dr. Daniel Levine (trustee) of Beta Pi at the University of Arkansas, Dr. Martha Davis (chair of the board) of Zeta Beta at Temple University, Cory Holec of Delta Chi at St. Olaf, Laura Regal of Epsilon Xi at Gustavus Adolphus, and Dr. Tom Sienkewicz (executive secretary) of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College.



Above, representing the society in the book display room are Megas Hyparchos Thomas Halvorsen and Nathan O'Keefe, both of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College.

Right, Dr. Terry Papillon of Eta Eta at Virginia Tech and Dr. Tom Sienkewicz of Gamma Omicron at Monmouth College talking with Thomas Halvorsen and Nathan O'Keefe, both of Delta Chi at St. Olaf College at the Eta Sigma Phi table



Coming Soon at CAAS 2009: Pictures from our Exhibitors—Perspectives on the Study of Classics from the “Infrastructure”

Dr. Martha Davis, chair of the Eta Sigma Phi Board of Trustees has been invited to participate in a round-table panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States (CAAS) in Wilmington, Delaware on October 8, 2009. This panel will feature a diverse group of participants who have in the past organized displays in the exhibit area at CAAS meetings. Tentatively entitled “Pictures from our Exhibitors: Perspectives on the Study of Classics from the ‘Infrastructure,’” the panel will begin with brief comments from each of participant about how they view the study of Classics from their different and distinctive perspectives in publishing books, producing classroom materials, and community organizing with

groups ranging from the APA to Eta Sigma Phi. The ensuing discussion would focus on a variety of questions, such as: “What sells?” “Where do you see change occurring in your particular enterprise or organization?” And, above all, “How can CAAS work with you in achieving your goals?”

This panel is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 8 to 9:30 PM. Please consider attending CAAS and participating in this conversation. Members of Eta Sigma Phi chapters in the neighborhood of Wilmington are invited to serve as greeters at the Eta Sigma Phi table in the exhibit room. Some funding is available. Please contact the executive secretary if interested. For more information about CAAS and its annual meeting, see www.caas-cw.org.

The Next Generation: Papers by Undergraduate Classics Students APA 2010

Sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi

Eta Sigma Phi is sponsoring this panel at the 141st annual meeting of the American Philological Association in Orange County (Anaheim), California, on January 9, 2010. The goal of this panel is to showcase the scholarship of undergraduate classics students.

Eta Sigma Phi hopes that this panel will serve as a bridge between undergraduate students and the American Philological Association, not just by giving the students an opportunity to experience an APA meeting and to share their views with professional classicists, but also by introducing those professionals to some of the most talented and promising students from the next generation of classicists.

Movement and Sound on the Shield of Achilles
Eric Cullhed, Uppsala University, Sweden



Social Understanding of the Deaf and the Blind in Ancient Greece
Casey Green, Hamilton College



The Plan of the Pro Ligario: Cicero's Admonition for Caesar, Dictator
Anne Tuttle, Hillsdale College

Shakespeare's Moral Code: A Reinvention of Ovid and Golding?
Lauren Halliburton, University of Arkansas

Javols Anderitum: An Examination of Romanization and Regional Identity through Visual Culture
Elizabeth A. Szylejko, Temple University

Respondent: Eleanor Leach, Indiana University

Where: Orange County (Anaheim), California
When: Seventh Paper Session (8:30–11:00 A.M.) Saturday, January 9, 2010

Call for Papers for APA 2011

The Next Generation: Papers by Undergraduate Classics Students
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Eta Sigma Phi plans to sponsor this panel at the 142nd annual meeting of the American Philological Association in San Antonio, Texas, January 6–9, 2011.

Any student enrolled full-time in an undergraduate program at a college or university during the academic year 2009–2010 is eligible to submit a paper. Anyone interested in proposing a paper for the panel should e-mail the entire paper as a .pdf attachment to toms@monm.edu. The paper must lend itself to being read aloud at a moderate pace in 15 minutes, so it should be no longer than 10 double-spaced pages, excluding any endnotes and bibliography. Please also e-mail a one-page abstract of the paper, and a cover page listing name, school, school address, telephone, e-mail address, and audio-visual needs. To preserve anonymity in the evaluation process, the student's name and school affiliation should appear only on the cover page, not on the abstract or the paper itself. The receipt deadline for the paper, abstract, and cover page is February 1, 2010.

Each submission will be evaluated anonymously by three referees. Students who submit papers for the panel must be current members of the APA. Please direct questions to the Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi, Professor Thomas J. Sienkewicz, Department of Classics, Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL 61462 (toms@monm.edu; 309-457-2371).

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6. Wells Fargo Capital, 400 shares	9,888.00
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Total:	\$40,358.72
III. Ameriprise Financial Funds	
RVS Diversified Equity Income Fund Cl A	\$14,423.49
RVS International Select Value Fund Cl A	6,474.36
RVS Diversified Bond Fund Cl A	33,945.69
RVS Large Cap Equity Fund Cl A	9,372.12
Total:	\$64,215.66

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Receipts:	
Sale of large silver (5) @ \$28.75	\$143.75
Sale of small silver (21) @ \$10.25	215.25
Sale of small bronze (9) @ \$6.50	59.50
Interest, passbook #2984	1.38
Postage paid for shipping	6.00
CD #505000265, cashed	434.60
Total	\$869.74
Disbursement:	
To CD	\$819.50
Cash on hand, 12/31/08	\$50.24
Assets:	
CD #505000535 3 yrs. @ 5.25%	
(matures, 7/13/09; interest earned, 2008: \$25.87)	\$517.15
CD #505001049 1 yr. @ 2.46%	
(matures, 8/07/09)	\$819.50
CD #505000811 3 yr. @4.90%	\$341.10
Total	\$1,727.99
Inventory:	
79 large silver @\$28.75	\$2,271.25
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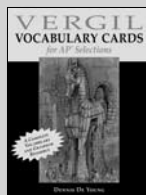
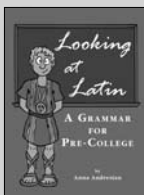
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