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THE THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION

The undertaking of paramount importance to all members of Eta Sigma Phi at the present time, is, of course, the third annual national convention. It is to be held at the Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, where Gamma chapter is located, and will last Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14. It is hoped that every chapter will be able to send its two delegates, and as many other members as visitors as possible. The program of the convention has not yet been completed, but it will include the annual banquet, and the election of new officers.

The first convention, which was held at Chicago by Alpha chapter, really began Eta Sigma Phi as a national organization. At that time twenty-nine people were registered, including faculty members. Twenty of these were from the University of Chicago; five from Northwestern University; two from Ohio University, and two from Iowa University.

The second convention, at which Beta chapter was host, was held last year at Northwestern, with thirty-nine registered. Of these ten were from Chicago, seventeen from Northwestern, three from Ohio, three from Franklin College, one from Denison University, two from Iowa, and two from Indiana University. One chapter, Eta, from Florida State Women's College, was unable to be represented by delegates, but sent its good wishes.

We hope that this year every one of the chapters may be represented, so that we may double the size of the convention crowd. See you in Athens!

CO-OPERATION

With the completion of its third year as a national organization, Eta Sigma Phi's records show a considerable amount of real growth. A number of new chapters have been admitted to membership, and more associations are making application all the time. Through the medium of this constant expansion, knowledge of our organization is becoming more and more widespread, and the future looks rosy indeed.

Since conditions are so favorable in the outside world, but one thing is necessary within the fraternity, and that is co-operation. If each member of each chapter would work with the other members of the chapter, and each chapter would strive for the greatest interest of the organization as a whole, as well as with the national officers, much might be accomplished to further the aims of the organization. Let us make co-operation with everyone our motto for 1927-28!

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The other chapters have not been heard from to date; but we hope to get contributions for the May issue, which is to contain all the news of the convention, and will be sent out May 16, the Monday after the convention is over.

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HOW HE GRADUATED

Three college men were talking about taking their degrees. Said one, "I graduated from Yale cum laude." Said the second, "I got my degree from Harvard magna cum laude." The third said, "Well, I got mine from Chicago mirabile dictu."

Delta Chapter News

Delta chapter is located at Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, and is one of the first five to be formed, as can be told from its name. George Utterbach, our present national treasurer, is a member of this chapter.

Delta chapter has sponsored the formation of a classical club for all students registered in the Classical Language Department. The club meets once a month, and the programs are of popular interest. The December meeting was particularly so, as well as instructive, for it was a "Saturnalia", celebrated in true Roman fashion. Plans are being made for the presentation of a Latin play at the April meeting, and the May meeting will be given over to a banquet for the combined membership of Eta Sigma Phi and the classical club.

The monthly meetings of Eta Sigma Phi, devoted to the study of Roman history and literature, have proved very interesting and beneficial to all the members.

New Chapters

A number of new chapters have been added to the roll of Eta Sigma Phi this year, and other organizations have petitioned for membership. The most recent additions of which the editor has been informed are the classical clubs of the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Kansas, and Birmingham-Southern College. All three of them have very active organizations, and are decidedly welcome to the old chapters.

Three other petitions are at present under consideration by the various chapters. These are Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa; Mississippi State College for Women at Columbus, Mississippi; and Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

It is greatly hoped that we may have doubled the number of our chapters within a year, since in no way can we so effectively aid the cause of classics in our colleges.

ALPHA AND BETA NEWS

Perhaps the best report that can be made of the activities of Alpha and Beta chapters, is to give an account of the joint meeting held at Northwestern on April 21. Ten members of Alpha chapter went out from the University of Chicago, and were most delightfully entertained.

Dr. Small, of New Trier High school, gave the address of the evening, and it was a really practical one, for he made suggestions about the conduct of the classes which many of us expect to teach in Latin next fall, or the year after.

After this, charades were presented, with Greek and Latin words acted out. One of the members of Beta chapter has written a song for Eta Sigma Phi, which was sung on this occasion, and which will be brought to the national convention. Anyone else who is inspired to compose a song is urged to send it in to the Nuntius.

THE TRAVELLER

Alpha: That's the fare to Athens?

CALL FOR CHAPTER ROLLS

According to the new constitution, it is necessary for all chapter rolls to be sent to the recording secretary at once.

I quote Article VII, Section 8: "The names of all active and honorary members shall be sent by the local chapters each year one month before the date of the National Convention to the Grand Recording Secretary, who shall enter them upon his permanent files."

Inasmuch as many of the chapters have probably not received a copy of the constitution, we shall consider this as due notice, and hereby request the local secretaries to forward their lists as soon as possible to me.

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THE CONVENTION

Don't forget that everyone who possibly can is coming to the convention May 13 and 14!

Beta: \$13. 75.

Alpha: Cheap trip to Europe!

GENERAL PROGRAM FOR THE THIRD
ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ETA SIGMA PHI

Meeting with Gamma Chapter, Ohio University, at Athens,

Ohio, on May 13 and 14

All meetings are scheduled on Eastern Standard Time.

Friday, 2 p. m.
Meeting of Executive Council

Friday, 3 p. m.
Business Session for all present
Minutes of last annual convention
Roll call
Appointment of committees

Friday, 4:30 to 6:30
Luncheon on the Acropolis

Friday, 8 p. m.
Program and informal reception by Gamma chapter

Saturday, 9 a. m.
Business session
Report of credentials committee
Reports of national officers

Saturday, 12:30 p. m.
Luncheon, 75¢ per plate

Saturday, 2:30 p. m.
Details of this program will be furnished at the convention

Saturday, 4 p. m.
Business session
Unfinished business
Election of national officers

Saturday, 7 p. m.
Annual Banquet
Toasts
Address by Professor Magoffin
Installation of new officers

CONVENTION BUSINESS

Various matters of business have to be brought up at the national convention which are of interest to every chapter. To begin with, there is the matter of the ritual which Dr. Gertrude Smith of the University of Chicago has been drawing up with the help of two or three undergraduates. Copies of it have already been sent out to all the chapters for consideration. It will be a fine thing to have a definite ritual for all chapters to use. It is hoped that this ritual may be performed as a part of the program on Friday evening.

There are also some details connected with incorporation to be considered., plans for co-ordinating the work of the national officers and expediting petitions for chapters and suggestions for changing the pins. The matter of the pins needs some careful consideration. It is true that the present pin is unsuitable, since it shows no Eta, and it is necessary to find a better.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS

The speakers for the Saturday afternoon section of the convention will be Professor Roy C. Flickinger, late of Northwestern University and now of Iowa University; Professor Robinson of Cincinnati, and Professor Gamertsfelder of the department of Philosophy at Athens.

The principal speaker for the convention will give his address at the banquet Saturday evening.

He is Professor R. V. D. Magoffin, A. B., Ph. D., Professor of Latin at New York University. He is president of the Archaeological Institute of America, and of the American Classical League. He has taught at Johns Hopkins, before he took his present position. He has written various articles of classical nature and has travelled extensively in classical fields.

The toasts have not yet been arranged, since it was not possible to know all the people who would be present.