

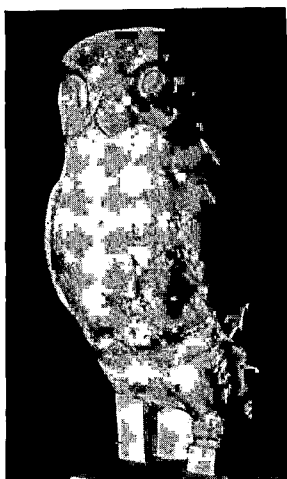
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Echoes from the National Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1, 2, 1931

By EDGAR A. GREENWALD, *Alpha*, '31

[This appeared as an editorial in *The Daily Maroon*, student publication of the University of Chicago, May 5, 1931. Mr. Greenwald was editor-in-chief of *The Daily Maroon* and was also *Megas Chrysophylax* of *Eta Sigma Phi*.]

OVER THE week-end we had the pleasure of attending the convention of the national honorary classics society which met at Cincinnati. Almost everyone has the ill fate during undergraduate days to be present at conventions of various sorts and has emerged from these get-togethers with the heartfelt conviction that mass movements as sponsored by wholesale roundups are either totally worthless or else an excuse for getting away from school for a good time. However, the convention of last week-end has proved itself an exception. Not only were the student delegates exceptionally sane in their opinions, but the faculty members who from time to time delivered addresses said something that is worth remembering.

It seems that conventions have become the medium through which expansion and future plans are hatched. As such they should serve their purpose with considerable efficacy. The fact that they do not is due usually to the tendency to elaborate on isolated points which have no bearing on the business in hand, but serve as excellent starting marks from which to blow off the excess steam accumulated in the intervening period between one convention and the next. Furthermore, most of these meetings really have no business to transact and so satisfy only the desire for a general good time with a laudable excuse.

But the classics departments throughout the nation have made use of this otherwise mistreated medium to carry on their work with such care and such precision that the subjects they deal with seem to flourish year by year instead of becoming a dead issue in an era when the cry is for technical specialization and not for cultural broadening. Greek and Latin would be lost arts were it not for the excellent reminder students receive every year that this pair of subjects lies at the foundations of culture. The fact that they have escaped certain eradication at the hands of those whose sole interests have the dollar sign for a motto is due, no doubt, to this constant strengthening of the cultural dam against the flood of lopsidedness as exemplified in the highly trained automatons produced by minute specialization.

It is true that in themselves Greek and Latin have no very great value any more than, let us say, pure

knowledge of analytical mathematics. Unless an application is made, knowledge of two dead languages is as futile as learning patiently the difficult feat of balancing on a wire for no other reason than being able to add the stunt to one's repertoire of accomplishments. But as a means of probing the best that has been said and written for a period of twenty centuries, the languages furnish the necessary key. And so they have persisted despite the continuous onslaughts of those who cannot tolerate anything that does not prove its value except in tangible or material ways.

After being thus crowded into a sphere of their own, the Greek and Latin departments of American universities have, instead of dying out, added outstanding contributions to the educational world. There are no other professors who render such individual attention to their students and are so willing to correct their weaknesses. There are no other students who receive, after the attention accorded them, such uniformly high grades or exhibit such an undying enthusiasm to progress without narrowing their outlook to a minute apex. All these advantages are due, of course, to the remarkable coordination which has for years been the policy of the classics departments. The students are willing to recognize their instructors as their educational superiors, and the instructors justify that confidence by attempting to impart their learning to those who come to learn from them instead of trying to sell it at a price.

Perhaps the time has come when the classics will once more step into the clearcut role that was originally theirs. After specialization has had its heyday, educators have found that learning to make money is, after all, only a stunt, too. Without knowing how to use it, it is as futile as knowing the contents of a Greek dictionary and not being able to read a word of Plato. In a sane curriculum the classics may continue unmolested.

NOTA BENE

Chapter treasurers may obtain official order blanks for *Eta Sigma Phi* jewelry by writing direct to Wright and Street, 223-27 West 62nd Street, Chicago. Because of the difficulty which comes from the lack of correct addresses, the company is furnishing the order blanks only on request.

RES GESTAE

Installation of Alpha Pi At Gettysburg College Our Fortieth Chapter

ON THE EVENING of May 29, 1931, the Philhellenic Society of Gettysburg College became Alpha Pi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. The chapter was installed by Mr. Walter Appler of Mu Chapter, University of Cincinnati.

The Philhellenic Society was organized by majors in Greek and Latin in 1927, and was fostered by Professor Albert Bilheimer, former professor of Greek at Gettysburg College, who is now secretary of the Archaeological Institute of America and associate professor of classics at New York University. The society has carried on a successful program from the time of its organization, culminating in the installation of this, the fortieth chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. The membership has been restricted to male students, and now, since Gettysburg has discontinued the admission of co-eds, it will necessarily remain so.

The installation took place between the hours of 10:00 o'clock in the evening and midnight on the 29th of May. There was no special program aside from the initiation ceremony.

There are three honorary members, of whom two are now in residence, Professors John G. Glenn and W. Fred Shaffer. Assistant Professor Kenneth S. Gapp is now on leave for study at Princeton University. Thirteen of those initiated have already become alumni, and there are thirteen active members. Three of the alumni members are engaged in teaching, but the other ten are in Gettysburg, studying in the Theological Seminary. The proximity of the Seminary and Gettysburg College very fortunately makes it possible to have these alumni present at the regular meetings.

ALPHA ALPHA MEMBER WINS TRIP TO PARIS

Alpha Alpha Chapter is proud of Miss Sarah Rikard, prize winner in the essay contest conducted by the American Committee of Colonial Exposition. Out of the essays contributed by one hundred colleges east of the Mississippi, Miss Rikard's paper on "French Influences on Civilization and Culture in the United States" was awarded first place, which was a first-class passage to Paris. While in Paris, Miss Rikard studied at the Sorbonne, the Beaux Arts School of the University of Paris.

FACULTY NEWS AND RECENT ALUMNAE AT RHO

Miss Minnie Keys, who taught at Drake University last year, is now teaching at the University of Iowa and is working toward the doctorate. Professor Kirk, head of the classical department and faculty adviser of Rho Chapter, was honored in the semi-centennial celebration of Drake University last spring as a professor who has been at Drake for twenty-five years or more. Mrs. Cubbage, Dean of Women, is also a faculty adviser.

Of Rho Chapter's 1931 graduates, Marjorie Eisenbeis, Phi Beta Kappa and recipient of general and departmental honors, is now teaching at Lenox High School. Marjorie Enix is married. Dorothy Orriny is working for an insurance company in Des Moines, and Wilma Faul is having a vacation this year with her mother in New York.

PROFESSOR CURRIE, PI CHAPTER, WINS RENOWN AS POET AND SCULPTOR

Professor George Currie, an honorary member of Pi Chapter and Professor of Latin and Greek, is a most versatile man. His claim to versatility is based on his being a musician, a poet, a scholar of the classics, and a sculptor. Professor Currie has recently published *A Bachelor's Apology*, a collection of poems, one of which was printed in the Oct. 12, 1929, number of the *Literary Digest*. This collection won for its author a place in the Stratford Company's *Contemporary American Poets*, 1930.

In Conway, Arkansas, there stands a World War soldiers' monument to the dead of Hendrix College, designed and carved by Professor Currie. Plaques in marble adorn the Latin classroom at the North Texas State Teachers College and his own classroom at Birmingham-Southern from Professor Currie's chisel. He has also completed a plaque of a former dean of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College.

Professor Currie is recognized none the less as a classical scholar. He was reelected last year secretary-treasurer of the southern section of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, and for many years he has been a leader in classical circles in the state of Alabama.

Pi Chapter is most honored in having a man of such accomplishments as an honorary member.

ALUMNAE OF ETA ATTAIN HONORS PROFESSOR DORMAN RETURNS FROM YEAR AT ROME

Many of the alumnae of Eta Chapter are teaching in the field of the classics, while others are doing graduate work toward advanced degrees. Olivia Futch is working on her Master's degree at Barnard College. Catherine Williams, '29, spent the past summer in graduate study, and at present is chairman of the classical division of the Florida Education Association. Of the alumnae of '31, several attained distinction as graduates: Martha Brodmerkel, Dorothy Feinberg, and Josephine Tharpe were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary; Martha Brodmerkel, Lucy Mae Johnson, and Margaret Scott became members of Kappa Delta Pi, international education honorary; Betty Owens made Phi Beta Sigma, local Spanish honorary. Rose Chiaramonte, '31, is now studying at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, toward her Master's degree.

Eta Chapter welcomes the return of Miss Olivia Dorman, chapter adviser. Miss Dorman has been away on leave of absence for the past two years doing additional study and research. She spent last year studying at the American Academy in Rome, where she was research assistant to Professor Charles H. Beeson, honorary member of Alpha, who was Annual Professor.

NEARLY HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE

Professor M. W. Sterling of the Greek Department began his teaching career in the University of Kansas forty-nine years ago, just after his graduation therefrom, and now has grandchildren who are students of the classics in the University High School. He has other grandchildren in the University proper, but their work is in different fields.

Miss Hannah Oliver, honorary member, is one of the outstanding alumnae of the University of Kansas. She has retired from active teaching but often visits the department.

Xi Chapter is especially proud of these honorary members.

NU'S ALUMNAE AT THE FRONT HONORARY MEMBERS IN SUMMER TRAVEL

Miss Jessie Bleecker, Megs Protohyparchos of the national organization during the year 1930-31, is now teaching Latin and English at Sioux Center, Iowa. Another of the recent alumnae of Nu Chapter, of whom

it is especially proud, is Miss Annette Green, who is making an enviable reputation for herself as a teacher of Latin and English at Pierson, Iowa. She was also chosen chairman of the Latin Round Table program of the Northwest Iowa Teachers Association this year.

Two of the recent alumnae are working for Master's degrees at graduate school, Miss Klasine von Weston at the University of Nebraska, and Miss Anne Aalfs at Columbia University. The rest of the alumnae, graduates of 1931, are, for the most part, teachers: Mary Batko, Bronson, Iowa; Margaret Davies, Wagner, South Dakota; Miriam Engelkin, Platte, Nebraska; Ruth Walker, Plover, Iowa; Dorothy Day, Portage, Wisconsin; Helen Teideman, Rolfe, Iowa.

Miss Lillian Dimmitt, one of Nu Chapter's honorary members, spent her summer abroad this year, as is her custom, travelling and studying.

Miss Laura Fischer, also an honorary member, spent her summer in the West with her sister, going out to the Coast by the northern route through the Canadian Rockies and returning by way of Mexico and the southern route. She spent about a week in Los Angeles during the National Education Association meeting.

NO DEPRESSION AT EPSILON

Epsilon Chapter reports that interesting and encouraging news of its alumni tends to indicate that the current depression has failed to dethrone the champions of the classics, since each of the seniors graduating in the class of '31 has succeeded in obtaining a position. Other glimpses into the records of Epsilon Chapter's alumni tend to confirm this impression:

Miss Alpha Braunwarth, '31, has received a fellowship to continue her studies at the University of Iowa.

Miss Ruth Fisher is teaching Latin and English in the Seoul Foreign School at Seoul, Korea. Miss Luella Koether is attending the Language School at Changtu, China, in preparation for teaching in one of the Methodist mission schools.

Miss Helen Clifford, M. A., University of Iowa, 1928, obtained a fellowship to study archaeology in Paris during the last summer. She has resumed her duties as instructor in Sophie Newcomb College, New Orleans.

Miss Eleanor Marlowe, head of the classics department at the University High School of the University of Minnesota, is president of the Twin City Classical Club, and a vice-president of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South.

The thesis of Miss Alice Harter Carpenter was published in the *Philological Quarterly* IX (1930), 351-62.

Five of the thirteen Iowa graduates who appeared

on the annual program of the American Philological Association (Dec. 29-31, 1930), were members of Epsilon Chapter.

Miss Minnie Keys and Mr. Oscar Nybakken, who received their M. A. degrees at the University of Iowa in 1929, have been appointed to the University's teaching staff. Mrs. Ruth Martin Brown, who has served for the past two years as a member of the faculty, is now working on her Ph. D. thesis in the Library of Yale University.

Among the regular members of the faculty, Professor D. S. White taught during the summer at the University of Chicago. Professor F. H. Potter has recently published an *Index to the Classical Journal*, Vols. I—XXV. Professor Flickinger continues to edit the *Classical Journal* in addition to his work as head of the department of classical languages and finds time to write various articles for publication besides.

"ALL IN A SUMMER'S VACATION" SAY ALUMNAE AND HONORARY MEMBERS OF ALPHA THETA CHAPTER

Miss Viola Schmidt, a recent graduate, is working on source material for the study of Roman religion. She is trying to restore Roman ritual by way of checking up on literary echoes of a religious nature. She worked at the Library of the University of Maine and at the University of Chicago Libraries.

Miss Hazel Dean studied German at Columbia in connection with her classical work. Miss Simpson travelled through Italy and England. She studied archaeological structures which have been recently uncovered.

Professor E. Adelaide Hahn studied Hittite and Sanskrit and comparative grammar of Latin and Greek at the Linguistic Institute conducted by the Linguistic Society of America in New York this summer. She also attended the Triennial Meeting of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa at Providence, and was reelected secretary-treasurer of the Middle Atlantic District of Phi Beta Kappa.

Professor Ernst Reiss did some research work at Heidelberg and Hamburg on the subject of history of ancient religion. He also lectured at the Anniversary of the Cimbrians, his fraternity, on the topic, "Conditions of Classical Research in the United States."

Professor Lillian B. Lawler taught at New York University during the summer and assisted in the Service Bureau for Classical Teachers. Miss Lawler has been appointed associate editor of *Auxilium Latinum*, a monthly periodical containing stories and plays in Latin. She has written a considerable number of Latin plays.

PHI BETA KAPPA HONORS TO FORMER EDITOR OF THE NUNTIVS AND MANY OTHERS AT ALPHA IOTA

Of Alpha Iota's most recent graduates the following were honored by Phi Beta Kappa: Miss Maude Brazzelle, former editor of the NUNTIVS, and Miss Rachel Muller, both of Blythewood, S. C.; Miss Ruby Ott, Miss Saluda Reese, Miss Julia Aull, Miss Beth Carson, and Mr. Ernest Lucas of Columbia, S. C.; and Miss Julia Stevenson of Houston, Texas. Mr. Robert Wauchox of the February graduating class was also so honored.

Miss Brazzelle and Miss Muller are teaching English and Latin in the high school at Gilbert, S. C. Miss Ruby Ott is teaching French and Latin in the Jonesville High School, Jonesville, S. C. Miss Reese is teaching Latin, and is head of the Latin Department at Hand Junior High School in Columbia, S. C. Miss Aull is doing graduate work at the University of South Carolina; Miss Carson is at her home in Columbia. Mr. Ernest Lucas and Mr. Robert Wauchox are graduate students at Harvard.

Among the other graduates of 1931 Miss Martha Power and Miss Lorraine Gayle are at home; Miss Sara Quattlebaum is teaching elementary work at Blythewood, S. C.; Mr. Douglas Caulk and Mr. James Porter are coaching football in South Georgia; Miss Martha Vance Ellesor holds a fellowship at the University of Virginia; Mr. E. L. Green, Jr., holds a fellowship in biology at Duke University; and Mr. Bland Hammond has registered in the Law School at the University of South Carolina.

ALUMNI OF ALPHA GAMMA

Alpha Gamma reports that several of her alumni go on to advanced study. Cornell Goerner, Megas Pyloros of Eta Sigma Phi and Assistant Editor of the NUNTIVS in 1928-29, is now in the theological school at Yale. Marion Crawford, Jean McIntosh, and Margaret Wasson received the degree of Master of Arts in June. Miss McIntosh was married to Mr. J. S. Knickerbocker shortly afterwards; Miss Wasson is teaching school at Longview, Texas.

Miss Mary Lamar, another alumna of the chapter, teaches in the English department of Southern Methodist University and is co-editor of an English textbook.

Six of Alpha Gamma's active members became alumnae through graduation last June: Anna Cochran, Octavia Edwards, Katherine Ford, Ruth Walling, Nell Ingram, and Clarice Thomas. The first four of these were graduated with special honors. Miss Edwards is spending this year at the University of Texas working toward her Master's degree.

MRS. HODGIN, SIGMA, SPENDS SUMMER IN EUROPE.

Most of the 1931 alumni of Sigma Chapter are teaching in schools in Ohio. Mary K. Spieler is doing graduate work in English at Radcliffe, and Jack Roads is doing graduate work at Ohio State.

Mrs. Marston Hodgkin, honorary member of Sigma Chapter, was in Europe this summer. She and her husband went to Italy for some time and then to other places on the Continent. Mr. Hodgkin is an assistant professor of Art at Miami, and Mrs. Hodgkin is an instructor in Latin. She has taken a great interest in the work of both the Classical Club and Eta Sigma Phi, and was at the Eta Sigma Phi convention in Cincinnati last spring.

ALUMNUS OF GAMMA DOES RESEARCH IN LAW

Members of Gamma who were graduated in 1931 attained numerous honors. Miss Mary Cooper, former local Prytanis, was elected to Kappa Delta Pi. She is teaching this year at Carroll, Ohio. Miss Elizabeth Denner, former local Prototyparchos, Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, and Cresset, local senior women's honorary, is teaching in the Senior High School at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Miss Audrey Jacobs, former local Grammateus, Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, and Cresset, is teaching at Sardinia, Ohio. Miss Kathryn Myers, same honors, is teaching at Coalport, Penna. Miss Dorothy Carney is at home at Youngstown; Mrs. Lola Fry Davis is at home at Powhatan Point; Miss Ruth Heestand is teaching at Delta, Ohio; Miss Elma Williams, Sigma Alpha Iota, music honorary, is teaching at Grafton, Ohio; and Miss Evelyn Underwood, Phi Beta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi, is spending the year in graduate study at Ohio University.

Robert S. Hatch, '28, was married to Zetta Collins, Mineral City, Ohio, on December 22, 1928. He received his law degree from Ohio State University in 1931, and is now connected with the Johns Hopkins Institute of Law and is making a research study of the cases filed in the Common Pleas Court in Ohio in the first six months of 1930.

Miss Charlotte Lax, '27, did graduate work at the University the first semester of 1930-31. She was married April 17, 1931, to Mr. Arthur Philabaum of Pittsburgh. Coleman Diehl, '29, is teaching Latin and mathematics at Chester Hill, near Athens, and working toward the Master's degree at Ohio University. Miss Grace Roberts was awarded the Master's degree in August. Miss Gertrude Barker, '29, spent last year in graduate study at Ohio State University. Misses Lucile Boyd, '28,

and Ethel Templeton, '28, are doing graduate study at Ohio State this year.

Miss Helen Leech, honorary member of Gamma, is now attending New York University where she is working toward her Doctor's degree.

Miss Catherine Wilson, '29, read a paper on "Historical Fiction for the High School Latin Class" before the tenth annual meeting of the Ohio Classical Conference, this year at Marietta. She is teaching Latin and French at Millersburg, Ohio. Miss Lucy Brokaw, '25, read a paper on "Our National Honor Society, Eta Sigma Phi." Among the members of Gamma who have had a part in other meetings of the Ohio Classical Conference are Miss Mildred Lenk, '27, and Miss Lucile Lee, '28. Miss Lenk's paper, "A Mining Town Monochrome," was published in the *Classical Journal*, XXVI, 1931. She is now doing her second year of graduate study at the University of Cincinnati, where she has been honored with a graduate fellowship for two successive years. Professor H. F. Scott, of the faculty at Ohio University, was re-elected president of the Ohio Classical Conference.

AMONG THE ALUMNI OF TAU

Four members of Tau Chapter were graduated in 1931: Martha Hall, Edith Rupard, Jeannette Berry, and Eula Shaw, who is teaching Latin at Witherspoon College, Buckhorn, Kentucky. Edward Duval, one of the founders of Tau Chapter, who has been at the University of Kentucky until this year, is now an attorney-at-law. Mrs. Pennebaker, '30, is now working toward the doctorate at the University of Wisconsin. Rebecca Long, '30, is working toward her Master's degree at the University. Mrs. Annette Davis, one of Tau's associate members, now has her degree in law and is the librarian in the law library of the University.

HERE AND THERE

The annual presentation of Latin verses to the Governor of Virginia, as required by the Royal Charter of the College of William and Mary took place November 5 at Richmond. Student and honorary members of Omega Chapter played important parts in the ceremony. The NUNTIIUS expects to publish a more complete account of the event in the next issue.

The new president of the American Classical League is W. L. Carr, Professor of Latin at Teachers College, who succeeds Professor Ralph V. D. Magoffin, honorary member of Eta Sigma Phi, President of the Archeological Institute of America, and Professor of Classics, New York University.

MINERVA

The Ethics of Scholarship, With Platonic Reminiscences

By PROFESSOR J. C. MURLEY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY (Beta)

[Read before the seventh annual convention at Cincinnati, May 1, 1931.]

IT IS POSSIBLE automatically and uncritically to accept the processes and conventions of scholarship, as of other things, without reflection. It is also possible for us to ask ourselves from time to time what scholarship means to us, quite literally and sincerely, apart from any propaganda and viewed *sub specie aeternitatis*. In speaking of the *ethics* of scholarship, I am using the word in a somewhat etymological sense, the *ethos*, the manners as well as the morals of scholarship.

If we were to ask the ancients themselves about their aims in writing, there would be no doubt as to the answer. They usually aimed at both pleasure and profit for the reader. They certainly did not apologize for the latter. When we think of Hesiod, Theognis, Lucretius, Vergil, we realize that. Plato interpolates in his dialogues proreptic discourses of the nature of sermons. Cato defined an orator as *vir bonus dicendi peritus*, and Quintilian said *non posse oratorem esse nisi virum bonum*. It is still questionable whether one can be better or greater as a scholar than he is as a man. Livy frankly writes in his preface: "This is that especially wholesome and profitable thing about research, that the reader may see examples of every type set down in black and white and choose from them, for himself and his state, something to imitate." Horace says that that writer "will earn all the votes, who mingles the useful with the pleasant by alike delighting and advising the reader." It has always been to me an impressive fact that, though the Greeks were the most artistic of all races of whom we know, their art was the handmaid of patriotism and religion and in the best period was by no means guided by the slogan, *art for art's sake*.

Now, is the standard of *scholarship for scholarship's sake* tenable? That is, is scholarship of the nature of a parlor trick? Chesterton once said that people sometimes gain the impression that the French are essentially frivolous, whereas the fact is that they are frivolous about frivolous things and serious about serious things. Plato says in the *Laws* that we should be serious only about serious things, and in a moment of qualified pessimism

just before that statement: "The affairs of men then, you see, are not worth much serious concern (that is, compared to God's); yet it is certainly compulsory for us to be serious."

Scholarship is either frivolous or serious. One or the other conviction and manner should be consistently adopted. Of course there may be some situations in which this dilemma of Plato's applies, where scholarship is really trivial, but scholars nevertheless feel under constraint to take it and themselves seriously. But in general it would seem to be one thing or the other. I have heard a great scholar say of two others whom he regarded as greater, that to the one scholarship appealed as great fun, to the other as awful duty.

Let us regard it first as a *ludus*, a game in which certain rules of intellectual sportsmanship obtain. According to this conception, scholars create artificial obstacles with a view to competing in overcoming them, as in all games; but the goal is important only as a test of comparative strength and skill. For that matter, no little skill and patient practice are represented by the acrobat's performance in balancing on his forehead or the end of his nose a series of tables and chairs, his wife, and a lighted lamp. The question may of course arise as to how often in the ordinary round of domesticity a *paterfamilias* would find it useful to do this.

In any case, in such a *ludus* publication becomes an end in itself rather than a corollary of achievement; there is naive planning on so many pages of publications per annum, and a comic inversion of values with the tail wagging the dog, — as if a medical man should work on a cure for cancer, not to save people's lives but to get an article published in the *American Medical Journal*. The natural *reductio ad absurdum* following on this would be the stage finally reached when all should write and none read.

Perhaps, if we were to accept this view of scholarship as a high grade sport, the judgment of Callicles in the *Gorgias* would apply: "For mark you, Socrates, philosophy is a charming thing if anyone avails himself of it moderately in youth. But if one dallies over it beyond the proper age limit, it is the ruination of men."

Plato, though he produced some of the noblest books ever written, had a way of disparaging the publishing of books as compared with the spoken word and human relations. "They cannot at all answer or themselves ask questions." They are at the mercy of their commentators. "For I suppose writing has this strange quality and reality

the same as painting has. For the offspring of painting, too, stand as if alive, but if anyone asks them anything they preserve a high and mighty silence. It is the same with writings. You might think that they were speaking out of a certain intelligence, but if anyone asks them about any of the things they say, wishing to learn, they always indicate only one and the same thing. Once written, every treatise everywhere goes over the same ground alike with those who have technical knowledge and those who have no part in the matter, and does not know to whom it should speak and to whom not. And if ill-treated and unjustly abused, it always needs its father's aid; for of itself it cannot protect itself or come to its own defense." The arts generally Plato was wont to discount in comparison with human values. Statesmen are greater tragedians than those usually bearing the name. Philosophy is greater music than what is commonly called music. A living parent is a worthier object of admiration than lifeless statues.

I heard the head of a department of English in a university once exclaim with a measure of irritation, "I become impatient of *mere literature*." I suppose he meant *art for art's sake*.

But, to turn from the aspect of scholarship as a game, a certain technique which begins and ends with itself, we may better regard it as having some criterion beyond itself, "looking away to which," (as Plato constantly says), we may set a value on it. It seems to me that that will be simply the good it does us, the pleasure it gives us, and our opportunity to communicate these things to others.

I hope it is not to be assumed that, because a man is a productive scholar, he is incapable of pleasure in the ancient authors he reads but spends time on them for the sole purpose of exploiting his name in print. If we did not appreciate the content of the Greek and Roman writers and enjoy their style, we should be perpetuating a vicious circle, in so far as teachers would train teachers to train teachers, and research men would propagate after their kind, but no one along the line would achieve the true purpose and only justification of all this, — the pleasure and profit of the race.

Den schlechten Mann muss man verachten,
Der nie bedacht, was er vollbringt.
Das ist's ja, was den Menschen zieret,
Und dazu ward ihm der Verstand,
Dass er im innern Herzen spuret,
Was er erschafft mit seiner Hand.

In his *Medea*, Ennius says, "He who, though wise, is not able to benefit himself by his wisdom is wise to no purpose."

Again, for the recognition of the *social* responsibility of the scholar, one might take as a text Plato's constant reference to virtue under the term of the political or social quality. In speaking to a group of philosophers, I once attempted to lay upon them the philosopher's duty, as I thought, of trying to provide some synthesis for the layman, some guidance marked even by an ultimate optimism. But it was obvious that most in the group were jealous of any suggestion that their function was other than historical, descriptive, and relatively irresponsible.

"Let others be ashamed," says Cicero, "if any have so buried themselves in their studies that they can bring out nothing from them for the common enjoyment." Yet doctors of philosophy are sometimes turned out impregnated with a contempt for students as barriers to their selfish progress, except perhaps inasmuch as the existence of students provides an occasion for their salaries and an audience for epideictic utterance. Some even neglect their obligations as teachers to the point of dishonesty. A man may be a specialist on Xenophon's *Training of the Youthful Cyrus* and be indifferent to the education of Young America. I knew of an expert on ancient oratory who lost no opportunity of sneering at any contemporary interest in public speaking. Yet if this, which was the basis of classical education, is essentially frivolous and contemptible, words cannot express the degree of puerility shown in devoting one's life to a minute study of this frivolity on the part of men who have been dead for twenty-five hundred years. I remember how years ago a maiden lady was highly indignant because she had been accosted in a friendly way by a university janitor (who shortly after died of old age), and advertised the consequent impairment of her virginity with a publicity worthy of a Lucretia. But somewhat later this very squeamish lady voiced her enthusiasm for Propertius, who tells us that his passion for Cynthia warmed the very pavements of Augustan Rome. The consistency of all this escapes me. We cannot dodge the moral obligation to justify ourselves in our own immediate environment.

Sometimes a convention or a phrase can mask a motive. I had an attractive friend who constantly appealed in discussing his actions to 'my ministry' in such a way as to seem to justify any form of selfishness by the substitution of that convenient abstraction. Scholarship, too, may degenerate into a mere sublimation of the ego. And if the scholar is something of a boor, the selfishness is the more offensive and grotesque. "For they, the utterly uncultured, whenever they dispute about any matter, give not a thought to how the matter under discussion really stands; but as to how what they themselves have set down shall appear to their audience, of that they are very zealous." So Plato in the *Phaedo*.

It follows readily that selfishness can actually distort the facts of scholarship and ruin it. There have been flaming examples in modern times of scholars who were so far reckless of the plain meaning of the ancients that they would ruthlessly delete any line, though it had good manuscript authority, which interfered with their own pre-conceived theories. They were willing to crucify the helpless authors in the interest of their own bibliographies. A little elementary morality in the way of modesty and fair play would have benefited the very scholarship they so arrogantly flaunted.

There is still a distinction between wisdom and mechanical and uninspired forms of scholarship. Plato rules thus in the *Laws*: "Let this then stand thus as agreed upon and stated, that to those of the citizens ignorant of these moral considerations nothing of authority must be entrusted to be held, but they must be reproached as untutored, even though they be very skillful in processes of thought and have labored out all things meticulous and whatever naturally makes for facility of reasoning. But those quite the opposite of these must be hailed as wise even if, as the saying goes, they don't know their letters or how to swim, and the authority must be given to them as being intelligent."

The actual ethical content of the classical literatures is not involved directly in this discussion, much as might be said of the concepts of quality and balance embellished with incredible greatness and charm of style. It should surely be added, however, that the service of the higher scholarship in keeping a terrible emphasis on accuracy and drastic truthfulness, is of great value even apart from the content of what is discussed. Plato pays his respects to this playfully in the *Cratylus* and seriously at the end of the *Phaedo*.

It lamentably often happens that the enthusiastic are not scholarly and the scholarly are not enthusiastic. I should hate to think that to understand these literatures thoroughly is to lose appreciation for them. That would be a heavy indictment of antiquity. So at the conclusion I may state my thesis more specifically than the title suggests it, — that there should be a better balance between enjoyment and production in classical scholarship, a blending without apology of erudition and enthusiasm, and a subordination of personal ambition to social responsibility.

HERE AND THERE

Edward Collins, President of Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Lehigh University, recently won a Chevrolet sedan at an American Legion Circus. Not so bad, winning a car for fifty cents.

Aphrodite in Defense of Apollo

By ADELAIDE SCHREIBER, *Alpha Theta*

[The background for this dialogue is the little-known story of Marpessa and Idas. For the original account see Harper's *Dictionary* or Guerber's *Myths of Greece and Rome*.]

"NOW, MARPESSA, you are most perverse. Apollo is good-looking, tall, Nordic, attractive—why, all the women are crazy about him — and you don't even care a rap for him. He's cut out ambrosia, and he can't stomach nectar. It's all your fault. He'll go to pieces if you don't give him a break. I can't for the life of me see what you like in Idas. He's such an ordinary man and so puny next to Apollo. I wouldn't even look at him twice — and you know me!

"Really, Marpessa, I'm surprised at a smart girl like you falling in love with a man of your own class. Don't you ever want to mingle with high society? You should always look above you, and, Marpessa, when the gods smile . . ."

"Yes, we've gone all over that twenty-eight times this Tuesday, Aphrodite. Apollo is good-looking, Apollo is fair, Apollo is accomplished, plays the lyre, shoots arrows, sings, dances — but most accomplished where women are concerned. Look at his past: Daphne, Clymene, Cassandra, Psamanthe, and maybe myself, if I weaken.

"No. He is just like his father, and when he plays around a little longer, he'll get into more jams than his father ever craved. Just a chip off the old block, Aphrodite. I want a nice, quiet man like Idas who loves me. The gods are accountable to no one; that's why they're godless. And how could he love me very long, Aphrodite, when he sees you around so often? Beauty doesn't mean a thing to him. And then again, I don't like his platonic friendship with the Muses. You can never find out what he does there because they all mind their own business, the snobs! They give me a pain, these aesthetic virgins who hound any man they can get hold of. And he's conceited enough to spend his time with them because they flatter him to death. And how he loves to pose with a lot of women draped around him. These women with careers! No man with any self-respect would give the bunch of them a second look."

"Don't worry about the Muses; they're very masculine; honestly, they *think*; they're not at all feminine. Even my son, who falls for any woman, hasn't any use for them."

"Well then, forget about the Muses. What about all the Nymphs? They romp around with just so much mosquito netting, and he's always with them. Of course,

I'm not catty, but I don't think men should be with women unless they're properly dressed. I'm quite conventional."

"But just think — you'll have servants at your command. Believe me, it's absolutely divine at Olympus. A summer home and a winter home. Ambrosia and nectar."

"Yes, but I'd get tired of it. Who likes cake all the time? Oh, and I'll get old and then I suppose he'll change me into a grasshopper. I know these gods. They're worse than men. I want a good industrious man who thinks I'm Hera, Aphrodite, Athene, all in one. By the way, Aphrodite, whom did you marry?"

"Hephaestus."

"He limps, doesn't he?"

"Yes."

"He can't go chasing little hussies, can he? And he doesn't elegize his 228 reasons for going to clubs nights. Nor does he lay it on thick when he comes home with vine leaves on his head, does he?"

"No, indeed."

"Then it seems to me you're beautiful and not dumb either. You didn't marry one of these good-looking dandies. Never mind, I know. It doesn't pay. They never appreciate a wife's fidelity. And when I'm old and gray, and when he should know better, Apollo will still be the Personification of Youth. You know, he's not serious by nature. I suppose he'd always be a kid playing with his bow when he should be home with me. He never will grow up. And, besides that, Aphrodite, my mother told me never to go out with anyone but a marrying man."

Flashes :- Classical

By NETTIE TARASUCK, Gamma

In the recent races at Thistledown one of the entries was named Orestes II, probably in the hope that the Fates would do some effective pursuing. . . .

Someone expresses amazement to learn that "phlegm," meaning to be cold, indifferent, or sluggish, is derived from a Greek root meaning "to burn"! . . .

On August 2, 1931, the WTAM Players broadcast a sketch dealing with Socrates' last verbal encounter with Xantippe. Xantippe had the floor most of the time and made out a rather strong case for herself. It is easy to see how a husband like Socrates would exasperate any woman. . . .

"When love claps him on the shoulder, even the man with no ear for poetic harmonies becomes poetic."—From the Greek." Would you have believed it? . . .

The Turkish wrestler, as Jiggs forcibly ejects him, exclaims, "Nitor in adversum!" in one of our most popular comic strips. . . .

The seal of the city of Detroit bears these words, "Speramus meliora. Resurget cineribus." . . .

A daily paper prints the information that "from the same Latin root come two words of opposite signification: the 'licentiate' is one who honorably holds a license to practice his profession — whereas the 'licentious' man is one who permits himself a license in the practice of debauchery." . . .

Movie news item: — "Lil Dagover, German stage and screen star, coming to Hollywood, is bringing her favorite pet, a small owl, named 'Pallas Athene.'" Shades of the gods! . . .

Students of the classics don't have to think twice to know the meaning of moratorium. At least, we hope not. Have you read F. Arnold Kummer's *Ladies in Hades*? All the famous women of the ages give startling disclosures concerning their affairs at Eve's Club. . . .

Livia's statue, recently excavated at the villa of Menander at Pompeii, seems to indicate that Augustus Caesar's third wife was as little averse to cosmetics as the woman of today. . . .

In the introduction to D. M. Robinson's *Sappho and Her Influence* is found the following:—

THEY LIVED TOO SOON

*I fear Cleopatra was wasted
Way back in her misty old realm,
As matters befell, she did fairly well,
But she'd have been great in a film.
If Dido and Sappho were with us —
They're advertised widely, you see —
And Helen of Troy — good gracious,
My boy, what movie successes they'd be.*

HERE AND THERE

For Freedom and for Gaul (D. Appleton & Co.) is a recent historical novel from the pen of Paul Anderson. With Vercingetorix as hero, the book gives a graphic account, among other episodes, of the siege of Alesia.

Professors Robert Bonner and Gertrude Smith, honorary members of Alpha, are the authors of *The Administration of Justice from Homer to Aristotle* (The University of Chicago Press). The book has been well received as an exceptional contribution to modern scholarship.

Introducing the New National Officers

A Message from the President

To the members and chapters of Eta Sigma Phi
— XAIPETE:

Once again we, who have the honor and privilege of serving the cause of the classics, have a new opportunity to realize more fully the aims and ideals of Eta Sigma Phi.

As individual members and as chapters we can do much to carry out our threefold purpose: to develop and promote interest in classical study among the students of colleges and universities; to promote closer fraternal relationship among students who are interested in classical study, including inter-campus relationship; to engage generally in an effort to stimulate interest in classical study, and in the history, art, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome.

To this end were we organized, and to help us carry out this purpose the NUNTIVS has been reorganized and changed. Echoes from all directions indicate interest in the plans for the NUNTIVS and confidence in its editorial staff. Yet the reorganization of the NUNTIVS is a matter of mutual helpfulness. If it serves us in its new capacity as we desire, it will be largely through our wholehearted cooperation and support. By working together we may transform our desires into realities so that the new NUNTIVS will serve better as a practical and inspirational means of promoting classical study, and of bringing the chapters into closer relationship with one another.

A closer fraternal relationship is secured, also, through representation at the National Convention. As your President I am naturally looking forward to that meeting. These annual meetings are most vital to the future of the organization and many important policies are determined there. Last year fifteen chapters failed to send delegates; may we not begin now with plans that will give every chapter representation?

May we endeavor to continue the work which has been so worthily begun and carried out by those who were before us, and may we ever advance.

A salutation by the hand of

MARGARET SHAW, Megas Prytanis.

The Officers in Person

It is only a small part of the total active and alumni members of Eta Sigma Phi who have the opportunity of attending our national conventions and of becoming even slightly acquainted with those officers who constitute the Grand Executive Council and on whose shoulders rest the responsibilities of our progress as a national organization. To compensate in some measure for that lack and to add a feeling of more intimate relationship between members and national officers they are presented here through these brief sketches.

Our seven national officers this year represent chapters located in six states. Miss Shaw, the new Megas Prytanis, is the most cosmopolitan of them all, having herself lived in seven states. She was born in Marion, Indiana; she has lived also in Monroe, Louisiana; in Newberry, South Carolina; in Cedar Falls, Iowa; in Clay Center, Kansas; and in Fayette, Missouri;

at the present time her home is located in Dayton, Ohio. She is a member of Sigma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and is attending Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Miss Shaw has attained other distinctions besides being the first woman to become National President of our society. In the field of classical study at Miami she tied for the Bishop Latin prize, awarded to the best student in the Sophomore Latin class. She is a member of Mortar Board, senior women's honorary; of Lambda Tau, honorary in creative writing; of Liberal Arts, honorary literary society; and of the Athletic Board. In the field of physical education she received the Neukom Trophy,



MARGARET M. SHAW

awarded to the best all-round junior girl; and after winning the hiking cup for two years she has obtained permanent possession of it. She holds positions on the staff of the year book and the student paper. Last year she was selected as representative junior. Miss Shaw's pleasing personality, easy manner, and enthusiastic attitude won her many friends at the National Convention at Cincinnati.

Following her graduation from Miami University Miss Shaw hopes to continue her education by doing work toward her Master's degree.

Wanda Mitchell, Megas Protopharchos, claims West Virginia as her native state. She was born in St. Marys, West Virginia, and was graduated from the Parkersburg High School, Parkersburg, West Virginia. She is a member of Phi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and is attending West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

In addition to the national office which she holds, Miss Mitchell is president of the local chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. She is also a member of various other organizations, among them: Mortar Board; Rhododendron, junior honorary; Litoonawa, sophomore honorary; Kappa Delta Pi, national educational; English Club; Women's Student Government Association; Y. W. C. A. Cabinet; Alpha Xi Delta, national social sorority. These organizations alone attest to Miss Mitchell's scholastic ability and her activities on the campus at West Virginia University.

Miss Mitchell is a major in classical languages and plans to teach Latin following her graduation.

Our Megas Deuteropharchos, Miss Mary E. Kehoe, was born in Monticello, Iowa, and graduated from the Washington Senior High School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her present home is in Cedar Rapids. Miss Kehoe spent her first year of college at St. Mary of the Woods College, St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana. At the beginning

of her second year she transferred to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, where she is located at the present time.

After being vice president of the local Classical Club last year, Miss Kehoe is president of Epsilon Chapter in this, her senior year. In addition to her activities in connection with classical organizations she is a member of Hesperia, a literary society, and of Gamma Phi Beta, social sorority.

Miss Kehoe intends to enter the teaching profession after completing her college course.

Although Miss Eloise Chandler, Megas Epistolographos, was born in Fort Worth, Texas, she has spent the most of her life in Oklahoma. At the time of her graduation from Tulsa High School her interest was divided between Latin and journalism. During her high school career she was editor of the year book and president of the Press Club. During her freshman year at Radcliffe College Miss Chandler was still undecided as to her major interest. It was only after she went to the University of Oklahoma that she definitely decided to major in languages, and for the past two years she has been working in that field. She is a senior this year.

Miss Chandler holds the unique position at the University of Oklahoma of being the first Greek major of the institution; besides Greek she has taken work in Latin, French, and Spanish. In addition to her duties as Megas Epistolographos she is president of Alpha Lambda Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and president of her social sorority, Alpha Phi. She belongs, also, to various other language clubs on the campus and is a member of the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet.

Following her graduation Miss Chandler desires to study abroad. Her chief concern at the present time is to locate another major in Greek!

Mr. Steve Seech is Megas Grammateus and is also



WANDA MITCHELL



MARY KEHOE



ELOISE CHANDLER



STEVE SEECH

treasurer of the NUNTIVS. He is strictly an Ohio product, having been born in Barton, Ohio, and graduated from the Flushing High School, Flushing, Ohio. He is now a senior at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and is majoring in classical languages.

Besides his national offices Mr. Seech is president of Gamma Chapter. Last year he was treasurer of Gamma Chapter, and prior to that time was president of the Classical Club. He was an Evans Latin Prize winner in his junior year. Mr. Seech is a member of Kappa Delta Pi.

After finishing his college course, Mr. Seech expects to become a teacher of Latin.

We have another cosmopolitan character in our Megas Chrysophylax, Mr. Harold B. Dunkel. He was born in Saginaw, Michigan, lives in Indiana, and was graduated from the Shortridge High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, and at the present time is attending the University of Chicago. He writes that he has been there for two years and has no immediate hopes of getting out; so it would seem that the funds of the organization are quite safe for the present, at least.

In Mr. Dunkel we have another Greek major. Mr. Dunkel, like Miss Chandler, is doing work in several languages and even now is ambitious to do graduate work in comparative philology. He feels that the members of Eta Sigma Phi should know that their treasurer is a golf-addict. Having difficulty in adding above five, he predicts that his office will be very burdensome. Alpha Chapter, however, seems to have taken his vices lightly if we may judge by the fact that the members have elected him president for this year.



SIMS CROWNVER

wise of the French Club, of the Men's Glee Club, and of the Debating Team. Last year his name appeared on the Sophomore Honor Roll.

Whatever plans Mr. Crownover may have for the years following his graduation are not known.

The South is the home of our Megas Pyloros, Mr. Sims Crownover. He was born in Winchester, Tennessee, and was graduated from the Hume-Fogg High School, Nashville, Tennessee. He is nineteen years old, a student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

At Vanderbilt Mr. Crownover is the president of the Classical Club and of Psi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. He is a member like-

Bust of Vergil Unveiled At Naples

By MADGE CAMPBELL, *Gamma*

The bust of Vergil which was unveiled near the so-called tomb of Vergil at Piedigrotta, Naples, on October 10, is the result of gifts ranging from one to ten cents from large numbers of students of Greek and Latin in the high schools and colleges of Ohio. Members of Gamma, Zeta, Mu, and Sigma Chapters of Eta Sigma Phi were among the contributors to this fund. The plan originated among Ohioans who were on the Vergilian Cruise in the summer of 1930 and was carried out under the auspices of the Ohio Classical Conference. Professors Victor D. Hill, honorary member of Gamma, and Fred L. Hadsel, honorary member of Sigma, were members of the committee.

The bust itself is a copy of a supposed bust of Vergil in the National Museum at Naples. It is made from a piece of marble taken from ancient Roman ruins in Apulia, and is erected on a marble pedestal which bears this inscription:

P. VERGILIO MARONI
IUVENES OHIENSES
LITTERAS LATINAS DISCENTES
D. D.
LXX A. C. MCMXXX A. D.

"The unveiling," writes the Hon. Coert du Bois, American Consul General at Naples, "was attended by great success and made a lasting impression upon not only the officials and public present, but also upon the public reached by the newspapers." The approach to the pedestal was lined with the picturesque Carabinieri (the King's guard), members of the Mayor's private brigade, and uniformed Fascist officers, making an imposing guard of honor.

The Duke of Bovino, Mayor of Naples, in receiving the bust in behalf of the Italian Government and the City of Naples, expressed his most cordial thanks and greetings to the students in Ohio and to the citizens of the United States in general. He stated that this presentation would stimulate mutual esteem between the peoples of America and Italy. Responses were made by Professor A. W. Van Buren of the American School at Rome and by the American Consul General, speaking in behalf of the Ohio Classical Conference and the citizens of the United States.

Many dignitaries were present, representing the Italian Government, the City of Naples, Mantua (Vergil's birthplace), and various Italian educational interests, including even Admiral Nicastro, commander of the

Italian naval base at Naples. The American Consul General at Naples was present with all his staff, as were many other Americans from Naples and from Rome. The American School of Classical Studies at Rome was present in a body and placed a wreath on the bust.

With the Archaeologists

By STEVE SEECH, *Gamma*

Excavations in Greece and Italy have been carried on with a great deal of zest and vigor during the past spring and summer and the results have been most satisfactory and encouraging. The "finds" have been numerous, but only a few of the most interesting and important can be reported here.

Islands of the Aegean

During the early part of the summer Dr. Giulio Jacopi, Superintendent of Monuments and Excavations in the Italian islands of the Aegean, brought to light a stele of Crito and Timarista which is considered one of the most beautiful pieces of marble found in the past twenty years. It is regarded as being of Phidean inspiration and is dated approximately the middle of the fifth century B. C.

The scene of Dr. Jacopi's work is the Necropolis of Camirus. He has already found 400 graves which have yielded priceless treasures of antiquity in the form of pottery consisting of a great number of "pithoi" (earthenware wine-jars) as large as two meters in height. The quantity of these remains is so large that they fill three halls of the Archaeological Museum of the Hospital of the Knights of Rhodes. These discoveries will add much to our information as regards the funeral rites and ceremonies of that period.

Italy

In Italy the draining of Lake Nemi for the recovery of the long-lost galleys of the Emperor Caligula has been going on for some time. The work has now progressed to the point of bringing the second and lowest of these galleys out of the thirty feet of mud which surrounded it as it lay deep under the water of the lake. These huge "house boats" are well enough preserved to furnish a very accurate idea of their construction and the richness of their equipment. Perhaps the most interesting single item among the recent discoveries is a bronze casing on the end of a projecting beam. It is ornamented with an outstretched left hand and corresponds to the one found in 1895 which was ornamented with a right hand.

In the necropolis of Isola Sacra which was discovered at the mouth of the Tiber near Ostia, Professor Guido Calza obtained information not only for the study of "popular" art under the late Republic and early Empire, but also of the arts and crafts practiced in early times. Terra-cotta reliefs representing scenes from various trades and professions have been found on several tombs. These reliefs represent a surgical operation, a mill scene in which a slave is seen whipping a horse that turns the millstone, a boat with three oarsmen and a helmsman, a baker who is pictured in the act of kneading flour in a large receptacle (an original specimen of which was unearthed at Ostia), water vendors of Porto where water was so scarce that it provided an income for many, iron tools and implements which suggest a blacksmith shop or an iron worker, and a tavern scene in which wine is being served to a man and woman who are seated at a table.

From Rome comes news of road construction which will make it possible to visit with ease the most interesting of the ancient Etruscan cemeteries of Chiusa. Heretofore these important remains were difficult of access and not usually visited even by the average classicist. Recent discoveries at this place have added, too, quite a number of most excellent pieces of Etruscan sculpture to the existing collections.

Athens

Excavation of the agora at Athens was made possible by gifts from an anonymous source in the United States and is being conducted under the direction of Dr. T. L. Shear, Field Director for the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, with gratifying results. Much delay was caused by the presence of about six hundred modern houses on the sight, but excavations have already uncovered remains of the Royal Stoa (160 feet long by 36 feet wide) and other buildings valuable as topographical evidence. Other finds include a great deal of pottery, numerous inscriptions, Greek and Roman lamps, glass bottles, bronze implements, terra-cotta figurines, several pieces of sculpture, and thousands of bronze coins. The most important piece of sculpture is the trunk of a colossal statue of the emperor Hadrian. The decoration on the armor shows Romulus and Remus suckling a wolf. The goddess Athena stands on the back of the wolf with a serpent and an owl close by her while on each side stands a winged victory.

On the southern side of the hill of the Pnyx excavations for a house have brought to light a marble head of the helmeted Athena. The back of the head is incomplete, but the face is exquisitely finished and seems to belong to the latter half of the fifth century B. C., the great age of Pericles; and it may have been executed by a member of the school of Phidias.

EDITORIALS

THE NEW NUNTIVS

The last National Convention adopted a new policy toward the NUNTIVS. A "permanent editor" was elected "to continue in office at the discretion of the Executive Council," the price of subscriptions was temporarily increased to one dollar, and a separate treasurer was elected. These changes looked toward the building of a better magazine, more representative of Eta Sigma Phi as an honorary national classical organization, and more desirable to the individual active, alumni, and honorary members. The details of management and of policy were left in the hands of the new editor.

ORGANIZATION In working toward the accomplishment of these purposes it has seemed best to have a representative staff of associate editors so chosen as to provide a nucleus of co-workers at the editorial office and give adequate representation to the various geographical districts in which chapters are located.

The editorial staff is therefore presented to you and duly makes its bow. Each member of the staff is an active part of the editorial force and will share in the constructive development of your national publication. The editorial office will, in the nature of things, be located at Ohio University, but each of the other centers where there is an associate editor will have its part in gathering in the material which goes to make up content, in moulding the policy, and in determining the "tone" of your national journal. We hope it may in some measure come up to your expectations.

In presuming to work toward a new policy the editorial staff wishes, first of all, to express freely its appreciation and admiration of the work done by previous editors. No group of editors could do even the preliminary work toward publication without a very definite realization of the handicap each of those editors must have been under. They have had the editorship for one year only, without adequate funds, without any defined or well-recognized sources of cooperation, with the knowledge that after three issues the publication would pass on to other hands, and with a full schedule of work as college students — with almost no time for organization or development of policy. It is a tribute to their ability and tireless efforts that the NUNTIVS has already arrived at a state of demonstrating its possibilities as a representative publication. If you have not been wholly satisfied with the NUNTIVS of the past, the reasons reflect

no discredit upon the editors. They have done well with the opportunities they had.

The new editors hope to broaden the scope and content of the NUNTIVS so as to make it in a very real sense the magazine you would wish it to be. We hope the divisions allotted to Minerva and the Muses may continue with a wider range of contributions from

POLICY active and honorary members and from alumni, too. We believe the form and content of the chapter reports in this issue suggest in some measure our desire that these reports take on a new life as a vital expression of our individuality as chapters. Special occasions and special events are to be specially featured. News of all sorts we hope may be made available, including news concerning our alumni. We think a limited amount of space could well be given to the appearance of publications of general interest to our membership, such as good historical fiction, for example; to important events relating to classical study throughout the world; and to archaeological discoveries of definite interest to the student of Latin and Greek. We believe that the NUNTIVS should be the medium of expression for "the good of the order," and desire to encourage the discussion of matters which may arise within the chapters, matters of national policy, and whatever may legitimately be called *pro bono publico*. We believe that the NUNTIVS should pulsate with the life of an active national organization.

Space has heretofore been too limited within the pages of the NUNTIVS. There have usually been eight pages, occasionally twelve. We believe there should never be less than sixteen pages and that the number should reach twenty-four as soon as our financial support will permit. The NUNTIVS cannot at present be formally entered with the United States postal authorities, but there are no serious obstacles except the publication of four issues annually. We believe the constituency will welcome that at the earliest possible time.

We appreciate very much the words of encouragement and the many active evidences of cooperation already received. It is obvious that we can't accomplish the task left in our hands without that and more. If the different chapters will maintain the attitude of cooperation which many of them have already shown in providing news and information, and will encourage contributions of the other various kinds, we shall have

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the material for a national journal such as you have been desiring.

There are two minimum essentials on which the success of the NUNTIVS must depend. One is satisfactory content moulded together in an attractive periodical. The other is the backing which a substantial subscription list will give. The list of subscribers last year was less than one third as many as the size of our organization would lead one to expect, or as a really desirable publication would seem to demand. The situation has resulted in a sort of vicious circle, of course, but it is hoped that this new impetus will win the support in subscriptions which the success of the undertaking demands. We believe that active, alumni, and honorary members, all should be interested in supporting our national publication in this way.

Recognition has always been given to the professional and scholastic activities of women interested in classical study, and many of them have held positions and offices of prominence and importance. But the supreme honor of the president's chair has heretofore seemed beyond the reach of "mere women." This year for the first time in the history of Eta Sigma Phi we have a woman president, Miss Margaret M. Shaw, of Sigma Chapter. It seems a noteworthy coincidence that this is the year also in which the Classical Association of the Middle West and South has a woman president for the first time. The person so honored is Miss Lillian Gay Berry, professor of Latin at Indiana University, and honorary member of Theta Chapter. Especially active in classical work in Indiana, she is also well-known in classical circles throughout the United States. Miss Shaw is the eighth president of Eta Sigma Phi, while Miss Berry is the twenty-eighth president of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South.

It is not too early to be planning for the coming National Convention. Some chapters, Zeta and Theta notably, announce that they are already working on tentative arrangements for sending delegates this year.

Large and successful as the last convention was, let's make our eighth annual meeting even larger and more successful. May it be the hope and aspiration of each of our forty chapters to send at least one representative to the meeting this year.

Watch the NUNTIVS for later word about the convention.

The half-tone in the upper left-hand corner of the title page is from a photograph of the statue in the Acropolis Museum at Athens. The owl, sacred to Athena, has ever been a symbol of wisdom — ΦΙΛΟΣΟΦΟΥΜΕΝ.

Sylvester Brown McLean, Jr.

President, Alpha Nu Chapter

AT THE last meeting of the year, in May, 1931, Alpha Nu Chapter, of Davidson College, installed Sylvester Brown McLean, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., as president of the chapter for the school year 1931-32. During the summer months he worked in New York, and while there, was stricken with acute appendicitis and died. Since this happened, as it did, during the vacation period, very few of his fellow students received news of his death until college reopened this fall. It was, therefore, quite a shock to them to learn, upon returning to the campus in September, that their friend was no longer with them.

At the first meeting of the chapter in October, the vice-president made appropriate, informal remarks in memory of their departed president, and the members of the chapter stood in silence for a minute in honor of a leader who would be able to serve only in spirit.

The fact that Sylvester McLean was elected president shows the high degree of honor and love which had been bestowed upon him by his fellow-members. He was active in the campus life of Davidson College in many ways. He was an excellent student, his scholastic standing being such as to place his name on the Honor Roll. Not only was Sylvester McLean a brilliant student. He was a valuable member of the varsity tennis team, and was also active in church and Sunday School work on the campus.

The members of Alpha Nu Chapter mourn the loss of their president, fellow student, and friend. To them the members of the other chapters everywhere tender expressions of deepest sympathy.

*devenere locos laetos et amoena virecta
fortunatorum nemorum sedesque beatas.
largior his campos aether et lumine vestit
purpureo, solemque suum, sua sidera norunt.*

THE MUSES

Translations from Horace's Odes

By WILLIAM GOLDEN, JR., *Psi*

THE GOLDEN MEAN

II, 10

Better shalt thou live, Licinius,
Never too much loving distant leas,
Never too much dreading troubled seas,
Nor hugging shores too lone and treacherous.

Whoso fairly takes the golden mean
Safely lacks a hovel's sordid roof:
Wise twice o'er is he who scorns the proof
Of wealth in palace gables' envied sheen.

Tallest pines by tempest's blasts are swayed;
Lofty tow'rs in mightiest ruin fall;
Highest mountains, summits e'er so tall
Are, lightning riv'n, left formless as a shade.

Hearts well fortified with Mammon's wealth
Look with fear for trouble that is not;
In misfortune hope for better lot.
Unlovely winters Jove returns with stealth;

Then he verdantly takes them away.
Sorrows that are thine today shall flee.
Silent muse Apollo wakes with minstrelsy,
Nor does he stretch his twanging bow for aye.

Show thyself undaunted, e'er, and brave,
Be thou not by airy dangers felled;
Wisely reef the sail by tempest swelled
That darkly looms o'er unpropitious wave.

FOUNTAIN OF BANDUSIA

III, 13

O fount Bandusia, thou crystal stream,
Receive our mine, our wreath not undeserv'd,
Tomorrow's off'ring of a tender kid
Whose forehead's budding horns, as yet uncurv'd,

In vain foretold love and lusty fights:
For thee this offspring of the sportive flock
Shall dye thine iridescence with his blood,
Fulfilling vows of ours on votive rock.

The blazing dog-star knows not thee to touch;
Thy grateful coolness born of ancient shade
Is dear to bulls plough-weary, and to herds
That all day long on distant hills have strayed.

Because I sing of planted oak and rocks
O'er which thy prattling water gaily plays,
A memory of ages shalt thou be,
Another of the fountains known of days.

THE POET'S FAME

III, 30

A monument more lasting far than brass,
Eternal as the tombs along the Nile,
That there upon the desert's hulking mass
From sand and silence rear their vasty pile,
Which neither rain corrodes nor winds destroy,
Nor endless passage of the years, nor time—
This monument is mine. The will-less toy
Of ages is the being snatched in prime.
Not altogether shall I die, but live
Forever in men's minds. For while the priests
Shall scale the Capitol their vows to give,
I shall be known where Daunus, lacking feasts
And poor in water, ruled; where stormily
Now rages Aufidus, for I, great chief,
Have Latinized thy Greek humility,
Aeolian poets! Pray show not thy grief!
And thou, Melpomene, 'tis thine to take
The Delphic bay and my new chaplet make!

RESPITE FROM CARES OF STATE

III, 29

For thee, O Maecenas, whose sires were Etrurian rulers,
mild wine
Is waiting in casks yet unbroached and full-stocked with
our country delights
Together with garlands of roses and perfume pressed close
to thy hair.
Bid care and each moment of fond hesitation farewell,
and begone,

Lest viewing forever the dankness of Tibur and Aefula's
 loam
 Should make thee but cherish the starkness of dreary
 Telegonus heights.
 Desert thy fastidious riches that only drink blood of
 thy heart;
 Leave tenantless towering palaces only demanding thy
 life.
 Cease wondering hourly at jocular, smoky, and opulent
 Rome.
 For oft even luxury's fullness grows hateful to city-pent
 men,
 And viands of earth and the fruits of the field tho' most
 simply prepar'd
 And served in a hut without hangings or purple by
 earth's poorest slave
 Have many times power to soothe and to smooth the
 brow wrinkled with care.
 Already Andromeda's luminous father reveals hidden
 fires;
 Already wild Procyon rages, and Leo's mad star is at full,
 While Sol's naked glance in white heat now returns
 again summer's dry days.
 The shepherd way-wearily seeks with his languidly fol-
 lowing flock
 The shadows, the river and thickets of cooling Silvanus'
 rough wild;
 And banks that for long will lie silent are widowed of
 wandering winds.
 Thy mind is engrossed and o'erburdened with cares that
 infest every State,
 Solicitude planning defense against distantly threatening
 foes.
 A wisdom, a kindness not mortal tomorrow's reflection
 obscures,
 And smiles at the man who so foolishly strives for a fate
 not his own.
 Remember to make the best use of today, for the future
 shall be
 An uncertain river that sometimes in murmuring peace-
 fulness flows,
 But frequently, churning smooth stones and then whirling
 the flocks and the homes
 With thunder of neighboring mountains and forests of
 tree trunks up-torn,
 An angry untamable river its fury and madness bestows.
 The rule of himself and the only true living is his who
 may say
 When night on each day with its shadow has fallen:
 "Today I have lived;
 Let heaven's blue dome with black clouds be enwrapt or
 with sunshine illum'n'd,

Yet that which is done is forever, and Hercules' arm
 could not change
 Or recover the day that is past, the burden of hours that
 have flown.
 Now Chance as a goddess of serious, insolent mein, and
 her joy
 Is doling out insecure glories and playing with creatures
 on earth,
 Her favor one moment for me, but the next yet another's
 her smile.
 While Fortune remains I shall bless her; but if with
 swift wings she depart,
 Resigning her gifts and then wrapping myself in my
 goodness I seek
 With never a sigh lowly righteousness, dowerless, almost
 unknown.
 No more is it mine when the fury of African winds
 breaks the mast,
 To add to the others' my prayers for the safety of cargo
 and crew.
 Till finally favoring breezes shall bear me forth safe from
 the storm
 My first hope is placed in my trustworthy vessel, and
 then in my stars."

HERE AND THERE

Professor Charles H. Beeson, honorary member of
 Alpha, has returned from Rome where he was Annual
 Professor at the American School of Classical Studies last
 year. He has been doing some special research in the field
 of Latin manuscripts.

Professors Lindley R. Dean, honorary member of
 Zeta, and Walter Miller, honorary member of Alpha
 Mu, were members of the staff which conducted the
 Vergilian and Near East Cruises last summer. These
 cruises were sponsored by the Bureau of University
 Travel, Newton, Massachusetts. The Vergilian Cruise
 was a repetition of the two of 1930, and visited important
 places on the route of Aeneas. The Near East Cruise
 followed that with visits to Rhodes, Ba'albeck, Jerusalem,
 Cairo, Alexandria, and other places of importance in
 ancient and modern times.

As the NUNTIVS goes to press there is an exhibition
 of rare prints and editions of Vergil's *Aeneid* at Lehigh
 University. One feature of the exhibit is a first edition
 of Dryden's *Aeneid*, 1697. Some of the editions were
 provided for the occasion by Professor Horace W.
 Wright, honorary member of Alpha Epsilon.

LARES AND PENATES

ALPHA ANTICIPATES VERY PROSPEROUS YEAR

University of Chicago

By HAROLD B. DUNKEL

Alpha Chapter, with twenty-three active members, is looking forward to one of its best years. It is particularly fortunate in the cooperation and interest shown by the members of the faculty, many of whom are honorary members of Eta Sigma Phi. In past years the assistance and interest of the faculty have been admirable, but this year even a larger number have been attending the teas and aiding in the work of the chapter.

Because of the late date at which the University opens, plans for the year are still being formed, although the work of the chapter is well under way. The first meeting of the year was a formal business meeting of organization and planning. The second meeting was an open tea at which the members of Alpha Chapter urged all members of the University interested in classical studies to be present. The results in attendance and interest were very gratifying. The entertainment of the afternoon was furnished by Miss Gertrude Smith of the Greek Department, faculty adviser of Alpha Chapter, who gave an account of her recent trip to Greece during the past summer.

Alpha is planning to hold an initiation for at least six new members about Thanksgiving time. The initiation is to be held early in the evening and will be followed by a party of games. The chapter is working upon plans for some definite project for the year.

BETA HOLDS RUSHING PARTY

Northwestern University

By MILDRED HEARTT

Beta Chapter has twelve active members and thirteen pledges, and also three or four alumni who are taking graduate courses. The first social meeting was held at the home of Professor John A. Scott, on November 10. It was a rushing party, and invitations were issued to about fifty. Mrs. J. C. Murley played several piano selections, and Professor Scott spoke.

Later in the year Beta Chapter plans to entertain the freshmen of New Trier and Evanston Township High Schools at a reception. Professor Highbarger will show some of the slides of the trip he took to Greece this summer. Beta Chapter is also planning to award the Eta Sigma Phi medal to a member of each of these high schools.

The faculty sponsor for this year is Professor Alfred P. Dorjahn.

OPEN HOUSE AT GAMMA

Ohio University

By MADGE CAMPBELL

It is the custom of Gamma Chapter every year early in the season to hold an open house meeting to which the members of Classical Club and the teachers of Latin in the local schools are invited. This year (November 5) the number was unusually large, and the greatest interest was shown in the program. Gamma on this occasion offers a more varied program than is given at regular meetings.

The president, Steve Seech, opened the meeting with a special welcome to the guests. Following this the vice-president, Nettie Tarasuck, with the aid of slides gave a history of Eta

Sigma Phi and a resume of the honors that alumni and active members of Gamma have received on the Ohio campus.

One of the outstanding features of the program was an illustrated lecture by Professor H. F. Scott, who talked on "Roman Remains in Southern France." Professor Scott's first-hand knowledge of his subject made it doubly interesting.

Two members of the chapter, Ruth Park and Maxine Anderson, who, with others, attended the Ohio Classical Conference held at Marietta recently, gave a report of the meetings. Catherine Ziegler furnished some musical numbers.

The program ended with the presentation of a one-act comedy entitled *Helen's Husband*. The setting was Greek, and the dramatization was effective.

The first meeting of the year was held October 7 at the home of Professor Victor D. Hill. Plans for the year's activities were discussed, after which Miss Catherine Ziegler was initiated and Miss Idah Stuart was pledged. A social hour concluded the meeting.

Gamma Chapter has on the campus at present seventeen active members, three alumni, and three honorary members. The Chapter is very busy this year helping to put the NUNTIVS on a new basis. Steve Seech, chapter president, is treasurer of the NUNTIVS funds, and Nettie Tarasuck and Madge Campbell are associate editors. Other members of the chapter are also cooperating. Gamma is gratified, too, at the recent election of Miss Tarasuck, to Phi Beta Kappa and to Cresset, senior women's honorary. She was elected to Kappa Delta Pi during her junior year.

THREE INITIATED AT EPSILON

The University of Iowa

By ALPHA BRAUNWARTH

Epsilon Chapter is entering upon its annual program of festivities with the initiation of three new members, whose enlistment to the cause will increase the total resident enrollment of the chapter to twenty-one. The chapter, inspired by the example of its alumni (see "Res Gestae," page 4), and animated by the kindly interest of its faculty, anticipates a season of unprecedented activity.

ZETA HAS PLANS FOR
ACTIVE YEAR

Denison University

By WILLIAM D. POWELL

With twenty members in its organization this year, in addition to its faculty advisers, Zeta Chapter anticipates many enjoyable events. The members are planning a benefit movie for next month in order to raise funds to send delegates to the National Convention. Sometime next semester they will produce a Latin play which some of them are now translating. On the fifteenth of December they plan to have a banquet, and during that same week they are to sing Christmas carols in Latin.

At the first meeting of the year Miss Miriam Akers, one of the faculty advisers, gave a very interesting report of the Ohio Classical Conference. On November 17, at an open meeting, Professor L. R. Dean, head of the Classical Department, lectured on "The Vergilian Pilgrimage of 1931."

ETA WILL STUDY PLACES
IN ITALY

Florida State College for Women

By LILLIAN M. KOCHER

Eta Chapter began its year with six active members on the campus. At

the fall initiation service, which was held on November 14, four new members were admitted to the chapter.

At the first meeting it was decided to base the program for the year upon a study and discussion of the towns and places in Italy which have figured in Roman literature. The various spots will be studied with regard to their literary, historical, and archaeological significance, through informal lectures illustrated with lantern slides and pictures. In this way Eta Chapter hopes to gain a clearer, more intimate knowledge of the places in Italy that played a part in the lives of the great figures of Latin literature.

The chapter also plans to send out its annual news-letter to the alumnae in the near future. This has been done for the past several years, and has been found to further interest and contact between the chapter and the alumnae.

THETA

Indiana University

By WENONAH HATFIELD

At the first meeting of Theta Chapter the members discussed whether they would have a project as a group that would extend through the entire year, or would have individual programs. The project met with more favor, and a committee was appointed to work on the choice of one. The president, Mary Mae Persinger, gave a report of the Eta Sigma Phi Convention held last year at Cincinnati. Theta is making plans to send a delegate to the next convention, also.

KAPPA

Colorado College

The graduation exercises of last June greatly curtailed the membership of Kappa Chapter, leaving a total of only six, most of whom are honorary

members. Kappa regularly in the spring puts on a Greek play, and if the custom is followed this year an account of it will appear in a later issue of the NUNTIVS.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS
AT LAMBDA

University of Mississippi

By JOHN WADE

In previous years a student at the University of Mississippi was eligible to membership in Lambda Chapter only when he had grades of B or better for the freshman year and for the first semester of the sophomore year in Latin or Greek. At the first meeting this year the Chapter passed a resolution to the effect that any student who had made a grade of A on both semesters of Freshman Greek is also eligible. This new regulation makes three students eligible to membership at this time. The present enrollment consists of six active, one alumna, and two honorary members. The honorary members are Professor A. L. Bondurant of the Latin Department and Professor A. W. Milden of the Greek Department.

At the first meeting of the Chapter it was decided also that medals should be given to at least five of the high schools of the state, to be awarded to the students making the best record in Fourth-Year Latin.

EXTENSIVE PROGRAM THIS
YEAR AT NU

Morningside College

By ELIZABETH RIGGS

Nu Chapter this year numbers twelve, including three honorary members, one associate member, and eight active members. The first meeting of the year, October 5, was purely a business meeting given over to discussion of the year's work, appointment of committees, etc. A motion was made that the chapter

decorate a float for entrance in the Homecoming Parade, October 24, but as no second was forthcoming, the matter was dropped. Plans were made for continued sponsorship of the local Latin club, celebration of the Saturnalia festival, and the annual high school tea. Suggestions for the year's program were also offered.

At the second meeting, Miss Freda McCray, program chairman, announced the program determined on. Five meetings are to be spent on Greek plays, read in translation at meetings, five on Roman religion, and five on Roman plays, also read in translation. The president, Miss Betty Melson, gave a report on the historical background of Greek plays, and Miss Lucile Bryan gave a biographical sketch of Euripides. Plans were also made for formal initiation of two new members at the next meeting. Nu Chapter has definitely adopted the pledging system and is taking on two probationers this semester.

XI HOLDS "SAMPLE" PROGRAM

University of Kansas

By MARGUERITE DAVIES

Xi Chapter consists of fourteen members, six honorary, five active, and three associate. The chapter's first program was a "sample" program to which all prospective members were invited. Reports on archaeology, private life of the Romans, a sketch on *Corinna*, and a book review of Merejkowski's *Birth of the Gods* gave the newcomers some idea of the things Xi attempts to do at regular meetings. After the "sample" program there were Latin games and refreshments.

The members of Xi Chapter are planning to give a tea for the Latin teachers who attend the State Teachers Convention in Lawrence. Professor B. L. Ullman, honorary of

Alpha, who is to address one meeting, is expected to be present. Mrs. A. T. Walker is to pour. Both she and Professor Walker contribute largely to Xi Chapter's good times. The chapter is fortunate also in having as an honorary member Professor J. G. Brandt, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and faithful classicist.

Miss Mary Grant and Miss Winnie Lourance, both professors in the department, assist Xi Chapter in planning its programs. A Greek program with Greek songs and a study from some Greek play is the next project, and for Christmas a real Saturnalian revel is planned.

OMICRON PLEDGES SIXTEEN

University of Pennsylvania

By CORA BOUGHTON

Omicron Chapter began its year with only three active members: Cora Boughton, president, who will be graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in February; Ruth Jordan, vice president; and Leonard Snyder, treasurer. The first meeting was held November 12, and sixteen new members were elected. Omicron is planning to brace up in efficiency and enthusiasm so that it may be considered something really worthwhile on the campus.

Best of wishes, Omicron!

PI WILL STUDY ANTIQUITIES

Birmingham-Southern College

By MARTHA W. COFFEE

Pi Chapter consists of eight active members and two honorary members, the President of the College and the Professor of Latin and Greek. The chapter is sponsoring a Classical Club at Birmingham-Southern College. The club is open to all students of the classical languages, and those majoring or minoring in the department are especially urged to belong.

Pi Chapter held its first meeting of the school year October 17, at which

officers were elected and plans were laid for the initiation of new members. The topic chosen for study during the year was antiquities from the original sources.

RHO INITIATES FIVE

Drake University

By SYLVIA D. LIBLES

Rho Chapter this year consists of thirteen members, five of whom were initiated October 28th at an impressive ceremony followed by a formal dinner. After the dinner Mrs. Strauss, formerly Frances Goetzman, who is back at Drake as an instructor, gave an interesting talk on the origin of Hallowe'en. The following were initiated: Madelyn Rylands, Glendene Berry, Lawrence Bash, Sylvia Libles, and Jane Gehrig.

Rho Chapter's plans for the year, as roughly formulated, are to have reports on holidays of the Greeks and Romans and reviews of new books dealing with classical subjects.

SIGMA

Miami University

By MARGARET M. SHAW

Sigma Chapter has twenty active and five honorary members now on the campus. Most of the members were present at the first meeting, which was entirely upon business and the plans for the coming year. The chapter is working out a plan for putting on a play for the Latin classes of the high schools in Butler County. At present a committee is working on the selection of the most suitable play for the purpose, and on gaining the cooperation of other departments.

The second meeting was in the nature of a joint meeting with the Classical Club to hear Mrs. Marston Hodgin, an instructor of Latin at Miami, tell of her trip to Italy this summer (see "Res Gestae," page 6).

TAU GIVES A BENEFIT BRIDGE

University of Kentucky

By MARGARET ROWBOTHAM

Tau Chapter has sixteen members this year, thirteen active and three associate. The members gave a benefit bridge Friday, November 13, to raise money for the work of the chapter. There were fifteen tables in play. At present they have no further plans for the year formulated except the usual annual banquet in the spring.

UPSILON INITIATES TWELVE Mississippi State College for Women

By BETHEL FITE

Upsilon Chapter began its work for the year with sixteen student members, of whom twelve were initiated this year, one faculty member, and one alumni member, who is working on the campus in the department of foreign languages.

The first program was on linguistic and archaeological remains of the Romans in Britain, and the members of Upsilon Chapter plan to continue their study of archaeological remains in France and Northern Africa, returning perhaps to their first subject of linguistic remains in the English language.

PHI PLANS STATE CONTEST

West Virginia University

By NAOMI BOWMASTER

Phi Chapter is planning to conduct an open meeting at which all Latin students, whether members of Eta Sigma Phi or not, will be guests of the chapter. The members are sponsoring a contest between Latin clubs of the state.

OMEGA ADOPTS BY-LAWS

College of William and Mary

By ANNE SHAWEN

Omega Chapter held its initial

meeting of the year October 12, for the purpose of discussing activities for the coming year. Arrangements were made for the celebration of the Roman Saturnalia, at which Omega usually initiates its new members and at which Roman entertainment is always featured. Tentative plans were also made for the commemoration of the founding of Rome, April 21, on which occasion a public program will be presented. The performance will include a play in Latin and a pageant given by the Latin Club of the Matthew Whaley High School, under the supervision of Miss Geraldine Rowe, alumna of Eta Sigma Phi.

Omega's roll at present includes twelve active members, and a committee was appointed for the selection of prospective pledges from students majoring or minoring in Latin or Greek. Mr. J. T. Baldwin was appointed to draw up a set of by-laws for the chapter, and he presented these at a meeting on October 29; they were accepted by the members of the chapter. Among important new features will be the acceptance of junior members who have maintained an average of 85 on six semester hours of work into affiliation, but not into actual membership, with the chapter, and the admittance into the fraternity of only those students who have made a general average of 80 in all subjects and an average of 85 (B) in Latin or Greek. In order to do away with so many absences from meetings, the new by-laws instituted a rule providing that if a member miss two consecutive meetings, he be fined fifty cents for each of the two meetings missed, and that he be dropped from the roll upon the third unexcused absence. This rule, it was believed, would enable Omega Chapter to have a larger percentage of members present at each meeting.

A program committee, of Elizabeth Potterfield, Virginia Brown, and Louise Gunn, was selected, and this

committee is now working on a schedule of programs for the entire year. At the next meeting a list of prospective new members will be presented and voted upon at the meeting following that. Omega hopes soon to enlarge the chapter considerably and to begin in earnest its work. The members believe a most successful year lies before them.

FIFTEEN INITIATED AT ALPHA ALPHA

Winthrop College

By MARGARET JOHNSTON

Alpha Alpha Chapter has an enrollment this year of thirty-two members. On October 10 it initiated fifteen new members into the fraternity. After the formal initiation, a social hour followed, in which the neophytes were compelled to humble themselves before the goddess Minerva, visit the Delphic oracle, work crossword puzzles in Latin, and dramatize ancient myths.

The first programs of the year will deal with the Humanistic Age, Petrarch, Erasmus, Poggio Bracciolini and the search for the classical manuscripts, the invention of printing, the Aldine Press at Venice, and first editions of classical authors.

PROFESSOR FRANK J. MILLER SPEAKS TO ALPHA BETA

University of Denver

By ELIZABETH STOVALL

Alpha Beta Chapter has a membership of nine active and two honorary members. The chapter sponsors the Classical Club, the local classical organization, of which the students in the Classical Department who have maintained a satisfactory scholastic average are members.

At the first meeting of the year Professor Frank J. Miller, former professor of Latin at the University of Chicago, spoke on "The Development

of Language." Plans for the year include a study of noted classical authors in all fields.

ALPHA GAMMA

Southern Methodist University

Alpha Gamma Chapter reports that this year its membership roll is smaller than usual, there being ten active members and three pledges. Two of the pledges belong to Alpha Lambda Delta, national freshman women's scholastic fraternity, and the third is an honor student at the University.

Alpha Gamma hopes to strengthen its group by making use of the ability of its own members in the programs at the social meetings. Alternate programs will be presented by active members; the others by outsiders in various fields. For example, the members intend to ask the head of the history department to speak to them about some phase of Greek or Roman history, or an artist to discuss Greek or Roman art. Perhaps a conclave of teachers of different languages will be arranged, or a high school Latin teacher may speak about the situation of Latin in the high schools.

At the first meeting it was decided that business meetings should be held at the call of the president, and evening social meetings once a month. The new members were elected. The president announced that plans should be begun for sending a delegate to the National Convention.

TEA DANCE HELD BY ALPHA DELTA

Agnes Scott College

By CATHERINE BAKED

Alpha Delta Chapter entertained all the students taking Greek and Latin translation courses at a tea dance in Bucher Scott Gymnasium on Wednesday, October 14. A hundred and ten guests were invited. The

purpose of this social affair was to acquaint the students with Eta Sigma Phi and to inspire them to strive for membership. The officers of the fraternity and the faculty members in the Greek and Latin Departments composed the receiving line.

The present membership of Alpha Delta Chapter numbers thirteen active and four honorary members.

IMPRESSIVE INITIATION AT ALPHA EPSILON

Lehigh University

By SIDNEY L. LANCIT

Alpha Epsilon begins its year with seventeen active and seven honorary members. At the first meeting of the year seven new men were initiated. For entertainment at the ceremony the neophytes produced scenes from Plautus' *Mostellaria*, entirely in Latin. The honorary faculty members delivered speeches of welcome to the new men, and the feature of these speeches was an extemporaneous one entirely in Latin by Professor Earl Le V. Crum. The initiation was the most auspicious and successful one held since the founding of the chapter. The new men were especially impressed with the pins and keys which were given to them. The week following the initiation the new men appeared in classes dressed in the toga.

An innovation recently held at Lehigh was a joint meeting of Eta Sigma Phi with the Robert W. Blake Society, an honorary philosophy and psychology society. Professor Crum of Eta Sigma Phi delivered a lecture on "Practical Philosophy from Readings in Seneca," and Professor Becker of the Robert W. Blake Society spoke on "The Practical Import of Modern Philosophy." A general discussion was held after the meeting.

The plans which Alpha Epsilon is forming include several lectures by men prominent in the study of the

classics. The first speaker will be Professor Post of Haverford College. Last year a great deal of interest was aroused on the campus by the lecture of John Erskine entitled, "Vergil after 2000 Years," which was under the auspices of the chapter and was part of the observance of the Bimillennium of Vergil. Alpha Epsilon further intends this year to offer a medal to the best student in Sophomore Latin.

ALPHA THETA ADDRESSED BY PROFESSOR STURTEVANT

Hunter College

By ADELAIDE SCHREIBER

Alpha Theta Chapter recently elected fourteen new members. Initiation ceremonies were held at the Hotel Woodward. Professor E. H. Sturtevant, of Yale University, very kindly addressed the chapter on "Language, What Is It? What Is It For?"

The chapter is holding bi-monthly meetings at which different men are discussed and treated from scholarly points of view. Herodotus was last considered in essays by Ellen Weinberg and Adelaide Schreiber.

The Hunter College Chapter is extending an invitation to the New York University Chapter to come together some Friday evening at the Hunter Council Room.

ALPHA IOTA

University of South Carolina

By THEO. FELTON

Alpha Iota Chapter reports that the June graduating class badly crippled its enrollment, leaving only eight active members. On November 4 the members voted in about twenty new members, including both undergraduates and graduates doing M. A. work in the University. Miss Edith Broughton, who was a member of Alpha Alpha Chapter, is an associate member of Alpha Iota.

The first meeting held this year was a very informal social meeting at the home of Professor and Mrs. Green. Miss Marsh, the president, reread the national and local constitutions — it is very important for both to be kept fresh in the minds of Eta Sigma Phi members. Other matters of local interest only were discussed. The members decided on a plan designed to create a very sociable and friendly atmosphere in a chapter, that is, to meet in the homes of the town students quite often. The dignity of such a fraternity is tempered through these social meetings.

ALPHA NU PAYS TRIBUTE TO DECEASED PRESIDENT

Davidson College
By PAUL F. BROWN

The first meeting of the year at Alpha Nu Chapter was held in October with Vice-President Roger Ehloe in charge. The occasion was largely given over to tributes to the memory of the chapter's president, Sylvester Brown McLean, Jr. (see page 3). Mr. Ehloe is at present serving as acting president.

OUR YOUNGEST CHAPTER ALPHA PI

Gettysburg College
By HOWARD O. WALKER

Alpha Pi is the youngest chapter in the organization (see page 3). It shares with Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Nu the distinction of being the only chapters located in men's schools, and in which, therefore, only men are eligible to membership. There are thirteen active members, ten alumni near enough to be present at all meetings, and three honorary members.

The program for the current semester is devoted to the study of Greek art, papers upon architecture having already been given. Although the majority of the members of Alpha

Pi intend to enter the Theological Seminary, there is no lack of interest in the high school expansion plans of Eta Sigma Phi. A committee has been appointed to consider the presentation of a medal to the best Latin student in the local preparatory schools. Alpha Pi Chapter expects to derive much of value from its affiliation with the national society.

NO REPORTS

Delta, Franklin College.
Iota, University of Vermont.
Mu, University of Cincinnati.
Chi, Coe College.
Psi, Vanderbilt University.
Alpha Zeta, Washington Square College.
Alpha Eta, University of Michigan.
Alpha Kappa, University of Illinois.
Alpha Lambda, University of Oklahoma.
Alpha Mu, University of Missouri.
Alpha Xi, Washington University.
Alpha Omicron, Lawrence College.

FEMINA VIRO CUIDAM: Quis est ille homo deformis?

VIR: Est frater meus.

FEMINA: Ignosce, oro. Nune similitudinem video.

MARCUS: Erisne mea uxor?

CORNELIA: Vidistine patrem meum?

MARCUS: Certe. Sed te amo nihilominus.

Estne ille puer stabilis?

Stabilis? Immo vero est immobilis.

Femina cum marito ad medicum venit. Medicus thermometer in ore feminae posuit. Quae quidem propter thermometer os complura momenta temporis clausum habuit. Statim vir medico dixit, "Quanti thermometer vendis?"

Medal Report for 1930-1931

Mr. H. Lloyd Stow, Executive Secretary of Eta Sigma Phi and Registrar of the Eta Sigma Phi medal, presents the following report for the year ending October 30, 1931. The number of medals sold and the status of the fund should be sources of gratification to all.

MEDALS

Medals on hand 10/30	131
Medals purchased	450
	581
Medals sold	551
Medals, complimentary	1
Medals on hand 10/31	29
	581

RECEIPTS

Money on hand 10/30..	\$148.97
Sale of 551 medals....	909.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,058.12

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Medals.....	\$562.50
Exchange on Checks...	7.15
Telegrams	3.80
Express Charges	5.65
Printing	4.50
Post Office Box	1.00
Postage	31.66
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 616.26
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 441.86
Money Outstanding	3.30
BANK BALANCE	\$ 438.56

Estne maritus tuus in somno eius locutus?

Non! (iracunde) Nihil fecit aliud quam vultu sereno risit.

PUER STUDIOSUS: Poeta nascitur, non fit — "a poet is not fit to be born."

Nothing is said nowadays which has not been said before.

— Terence.

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