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AN INSPIRING NATIONAL CONVENTION

Good humor, hope, and confidence were the prevailing notes at the Twenty-first National Convention of the Fraternity, held at Athens, Ohio, April 22 and 23, 1949, on the invitation of Gamma Chapter at Ohio University. The Local Committee, headed by Marian Malham, Prytanis of Gamma Chapter and also National Treasurer, had made careful and complete preparations, and proceedings moved smoothly.

Though a complete Report on the Convention will be sent to all Chapters in the Minutes of the National Secretary, Mary Frances King, a few outstanding matters are here set down as being of particular interest and importance.

A total of fifteen Chapters was represented, as follows: Gamma, Ohio University; Zeta, Denison University; Pi, Birmingham-Southern College; Omega, College of William and Mary; Alpha Epsilon, Lehigh University; Alpha Xi, Washington University; Alpha Pi, Gettysburg College; Alpha Tau, Ohio State University; Alpha Upsilon, Wooster College; Alpha Phi, Millsaps College; Alpha Psi, Washington and Jefferson College; Beta Alpha, University of South Dakota; Beta Zeta, Saint Louis University; Beta Theta, Hampden-Sidney College; and Beta Iota, Wake Forest College.

Social events included a complimentary luncheon in Lindley Hall on April 22; a complimentary tea, later on the same day, tendered by President John C. Baker of Ohio University; a complimentary breakfast in Lindley Hall, on April 23; and a concluding tea, on the afternoon of the same day.

Entertainment included an illustrated lecture on "Classical Backgrounds", by Professor L. R. Dean of Denison University; a presentation of Theocritus' "The Women at the Adonis Festival" by the Department of Dramatic Art, of Ohio University; and a lecture on "An Ancient Voice and Some Modern Echos", by Emeritus Professor H. R. Wilson, of Ohio University.

Another highlight of the Convention was the initiation of honorary and active members, with the National Officers presiding, on April 22. Two Chapters, Zeta and Alpha Tau, were reactivated at this time.

WILKINS OF OMEGA NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Elliott Wilkins, junior at the College of William and Mary, home of Omega Chapter, was the unanimous choice of the delegates, at the Twenty-first Annual Convention, for Megas Prytanis of Eta Sigma Phi for 1949-1950. He will take office on September 1, 1949, the beginning of the Fraternity's fiscal year, and will be the second National President to come from Omega within a three year period.

As Megas Hyparchos, the Convention chose William Donovan of Alpha Xi Chapter, Washington University. Donovan has been very active on his own campus, and at the Convention served as Chairman of the Committee on Amendments. Donald Rodis, of Alpha Psi Chapter at Washington and Jefferson College, was elected Megas Grammateus. He had served on the Committee on Resolutions at the Convention. As Megas Chrysophylax, the Convention named Dolores Neff, of Gamma Chapter, at Ohio University. Thus for the third successive year the office of National Treasurer will be held by a member of Gamma Chapter.

Professor Gertrude Smith, of the University of Chicago, was reelected Honorary President. On the Board of Trustees, Professor Victor D. Hill of Ohio University succeeds Professor A. Pelzer Wagener as Chairman, and Professor Lillian B. Lawler of Hunter College succeeds Professor Horace W. Wright. Professor William C. Korfmacher of Saint Louis University was reelected Executive Secretary and Editor of The Nuntius.

BETA KAPPA, FIRST NEW CHAPTER

The newest Chapter of the Fraternity, and the first to be chartered since the close of World War II and the reactivation on a large scale of the Fraternity is Beta Kappa, at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, in Baltimore. Its petition was approved at the Twenty-first Annual Convention. On May 7, National President-elect Elliott Wilkins, with two associates from the College of William and Mary, installed the Chapter. Three honorary members, and seven active charter members, were initiated. Prytanis in the new Chapter will be Loretta Vogel, and Grammateus will be Ann Loretto Connor. Sister Mary Gratia is the faculty sponsor.

PLATO'S APOLOGY AND ITS MEANING FOR TODAY

(Editor's Note: Space restrictions in The Nuntius will not allow the publishing in full of any of the entries in the Fourth Annual Essay Contest on "Plato's Apology and Its Meaning for Today". Instead, extracts from some of the top papers are given herewith.)

FROM THE FIRST PLACE PAPER,
BY RALPH CANNON

An old man steps up to the speaker's stand before an austere group of judges assembled to hear his case. He states his defense, logically and unemotionally. The judges cast their votes, and he receives two hundred eighty-one unfavorable votes out of the five hundred one cast. Again, in a spirit of defiance bordering on impudence, he asserts that he deserves a reward, not a punishment. The jurors vote again, and he receives three hundred sixty unfavorable votes. A few days elapse, while his followers vainly urge him to flee, and then he drinks a cup of hemlock and dies.

His crime? The formal accusations charge him with disbelief in the gods of the State and the worship of strange new deities, and with the corrupting of the youth of Athens. His accusers? Meletus, son of a poet, offended by the old man's criticism of the poets; Anytus, man of property and general of the army, irritated at his criticism of his employing his son as a tanner when he could have done better things; and Lyco, whose complaints are not known. Perhaps behind the charges also is the fact that he once associated with the radicals Critias and Alcibiades.

So read the formal charges, and for these crimes the old man incurs a death befitting a criminal. . . .

FROM THE SECOND PLACE PAPER,
BY GEORGE KAHLBAUGH

First, Socrates sets out to make his defense against the old accusers. The old accusations were that Socrates is an evil-doer, a speculator in physics; and makes the worse cause appear the better. In his defense, Socrates denies these charges requesting that those who know him well verify his statement for others. He says that perhaps some men may have knowledge of such matters, but he says that he is certain that he has no such knowledge.

He then ascribes the source of his bad reputation to a certain human wisdom which he possesses. He offers the Oracle of Delphi as the witness of this peculiar wisdom which is his. The Oracle pronounced him wisest of all men. Setting

out to disprove the oracle by finding a man wiser than he, he began to question men who were reputed to be wise. In this procedure, he discovered that these men were not really wise but merely thought that they were. Therefore, he knew that he was wiser than they because he knew he knew nothing whereas they thought themselves to be wise. In this way, he became hated by those he showed to be ignorant. . . .

FROM THE THIRD PLACE PAPER,BY E. L. MOONEY

It is the peculiar virtue of the classics that they have succeeded in catching something of the essential and universal element of human life. When we sit down with Homer or Thucydides or Virgil it is not long before we realize that the people they are telling about are really in no way different from us. The fact that they move in a world where togas or lyres or bronze spears are the order of the day doesn't make any difference: this simply helps us realize the more that man as man is basically the same, no matter when he lives. And when we realize that the classics of 2500 years ago are in existence today only because thousands upon thousands of men during all that time have thought the same thing, the essential sameness of man comes home all the more clearly. . . .

FROM THE FOURTH PLACE PAPER,BY DONNA M. DILWORTH

The votes have been counted. Socrates is guilty. The penalty is death. In one sense, it is a great tragedy; in another sense, it is a great triumph. Truly it is a martyrdom, but to Socrates, "the completion of his career by the martyr's crown is a corona and not a disaster". The point at issue is that Socrates, whose whole life had been unselfishly devoted to the State, was untimely condemned to death by that very State. The fact that Socrates wisely looked upon death as a merciful release from troubles detracts not at all from the heinous injustice of his accusers for, he says, "they thought to injure me and they deserve blame for that". His own words express the situation perfectly: "It is not hard to escape death; it is much harder to escape wickedness for that runs faster than death. And now I, since I am slow and old, am caught by the slower runner, and my accusers, who are clever and quick, by the faster, wickedness. . . ."

CANNON OF WOFFORD
FIRST IN ESSAY CONTEST

Ralph A. Cannon, of Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, placed first in the Fourth Annual Essay Contest sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi, which this year was on the subject "Plato's Apology and Its Meaning for Today". Cannon, who resides at 293 Hydrick Street, in Spartanburg, was one of sixty-seven contestants representing thirty different colleges and universities participating in the contest this year. He will be awarded a prize of fifty dollars, out of a fund made available by an anonymous donor.

Second place was awarded to George Kahlbaugh, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; the prize is thirty-five dollars. Third place fell to E.L. Mooney, of Woodstock College, Woodstock, Maryland, with a prize of twenty-five dollars. Fourth place was won by Donna M. Dilworth, of Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan, with a prize of twenty dollars. Fifth place went to Charles A. Nicholas, Jr., of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, with a prize of twelve dollars and fifty cents. Sixth place was allotted to Ruth Polzin, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with a prize of seven dollars and fifty cents.

Judges were Professor Lillian B. Lawler, Hunter College, New York, Chairman; Professor Frank Sullivan, Loyola University, Los Angeles; and Mr. Ray Wittcoff, member of the Board of Directors of the Great Books Foundation in Chicago, Saint Louis.

Voting was by the "low point total" method, and the papers were not identified except by code number. Very interesting divergences were seen in the votes of the three judges. Total points for the winners were as follows: first place, thirteen points; second, twenty-six points; third, twenty-eight points; fourth, thirty-one points; fifth, thirty-three points; sixth, forty points.

FROM THE HONORARY PRESIDENT

"I wish to express my very sincere thanks to Eta Sigma Phi for the very great honor which they have conferred upon me by again electing me Honorary President of the fraternity. It is wholly undeserved, but, I assure you, very deeply appreciated. I hope the time will come when I can again really do something for the organization.

"Your account indicates that you had a successful meeting, and I tender my hearty congratulations".

Gertrude Smith,
The University of Chicago

EIGHT WINNERS OF THE FRESHMAN
SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

For the first time, this year, Eta Sigma Phi has been able to offer eight grants of fifty dollars each, assigned this semester but payable during the first semester of the college year of 1949-1950, and known as the "Freshman Scholarship Grant". The purpose is to foster the study of Greek, and the checks will be made available upon word from the registrar or other official of an accredited college or university that the winner is duly enrolled and is pursuing a course in the Greek language. Funds are available from the donor of the Essay Contest prizes.

Awards are being made as the result of an examination in Latin, based on a four-year course in high school, given through Eta Sigma Phi chapters, on April 2, 1949. A total of twenty-two papers, representing five chapters, was submitted. They were identified by code number only, and were judged by Dr. Leo Max Kaiser, instructor in classical languages at Saint Louis University.

The entrants through Sigma Chapter at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, swept the contest. Though all prizes are the same, the order of excellence was as follows; first, Daniel Mann, Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sigma); second, Dorothy Lorraine Gilber, Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sigma); third, Norman Statman, Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, Ohio (Sigma); fourth, Mary Moskes, Maury High School, Norfolk, Virginia (Omega); fifth, Carman Bloedow, Middletown High School, Middletown, Ohio (Sigma); sixth, Sue White, Middletown High School, Middletown, Ohio (Sigma); seventh, Carol Jamison, Phillips High School, Birmingham, Alabama (Pi); eighth, Elizabeth C. Goss, Eleanor McMain High School, New Orleans, Louisiana (Alpha Chi).

FROM A TRUSTEE-ELECT

"Your telegram of today's date (April 25, 1949), informing me that I had been elected one of the Trustees of the National Society of Eta Sigma Phi, thrilled and delighted me tremendously. The honor is a very high one, and I shall do my very best to be worthy of it.

"I have been deeply interested in Eta Sigma Phi ever since we formed the Chapter at the University of Iowa. I organized a Chapter at the University of Kansas also, and we had great fun with it. I hope that the Kansas Chapter may be re-activated. To my mind, the Fraternity has high potentialities for the enlisting of young people in the ranks of teachers of the classics, and, in general, for the creation of good 'public relations' for the classics. . . ."

Lillian B. Lawler,
Hunter College

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"QUI DABAT OLIM. . ."

"That Roman people", says Juvenal in a particularly bitter passage of his bitter tenth *Satire* (lines 78-81), "which once awarded supreme command, fasces, legions everything, now holds itself in check and is anxiously desirous of two things only--bread and games". Here, then, is the *locus classicus* for the *panem et circenses*, "bread and games", quotation that is so often on the lips of speakers and the pens of writers--at least those speakers and writers of a generation or so ago, when a well known Latinism might hope for recognition among some reasonable percentage of its hearers or readers.

As Juvenal puts the story, the Roman people was first itself corrupt--selling its votes rather than casting them at judgment's dictates. Then came the time when votes were no longer even sold, and when the people easily forgot all cares and responsibilities of state. Passing into a government paternalism, that same people soon bounded its interests with food to eat and entertainment to watch--forgetful of its glorious past, when the full sovereignty of the mighty Roman republic was in its own hands.

There is a tale and truth for the college graduate today in Juvenal's mordant recital. America holds, too, that the ultimate sovereignty resides with the people; "Governments", says the *Declaration of Independence*, "are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of governed". But lassitude, indifference, supine surrender to a policy of "let the government take care of us", can readily lead, in fact, to a loss of that popular sovereignty; for when sovereignty is not exercised by those to whom it truly belongs, there is ever the danger that another will step in, to usurp, to seize, to carry away.

"Our ancestors", says Pseudo-Lysias (*Funeral Oration* 19), "thought that it belonged to wild beasts to be ruled by one another through force, but that for human beings it was becoming to make a determination of justice, to persuade by reasoning, and actually to serve both these two through being ruled by law, and instructed by reason".

Those of us trained in the classical tradition have had ample evidence of the importance of justice and reasoning in human affairs; of the importance of the human individual both in his own right and as a member of society--an importance so great that modern dictatorship governments look askance on the teaching of the classical authors. How fully shall we carry these convictions with us in the practical affairs of our daily lives? How fast shall the barque of our individual lives hold fast to the anchor of the classical tradition?

Let there be no trading of independent individuality for modern bread and games!

A YEAR, AN EPOCH, AND THANKS!

This issue of *The Nuntius* brings to a close the academic year of 1948-1949, and also the "Silver Jubilee of Nationalization" year. The Fraternity, after a severe slump in the years of World War II, is again active. Its Twenty-first National Convention was one of good cheer and good hopes, marked by the reactivation of two Chapters and the admission of the first new Chapter since the War.

To the officers, Travis Ussery, William Johnson, Mary Frances King, and Marian Malham, hearty thanks for work well done. To the Board of Trustees and the Honorary President, equal gratitude. And a very special trumpet blare of recognition to retiring Chairman of the Board of Trustees Professor A. Pelzer Wagener, and retiring Trustee Professor Horace W. Wright! These men have displayed the liveliest interest, the deepest zeal, for the good of Eta Sigma Phi, and its present hopeful status is in no slight measure a tribute to their preserving toil.

CAMWS GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP TO
D. S. PARKER

Douglas S. Parker, undergraduate at the University of Michigan, has been awarded the five hundred dollar graduate Greek scholarship given annually by The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, it has been announced by Professor Russel M. Geer, of Tulane University, chairman of the Association's Committee on Awards. Professor Geer has also announced that the Association's five hundred dollar scholarship to aid a secondary school teacher to enjoy a summer's study at the American Academy in Rome has been awarded to Miss Lucile Cox, of E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, Virginia.

The Delcamp Scholarship Award, won by Parker, is open annually to an undergraduate completing his work in the semester of the grant, at an approved college within the territory of the Association. Decision this year was made on the basis of recommendations, the applicant's statements, and the translation at sight of a passage in Greek. The winner is free to choose his place of graduate study but must work for the master's degree in Greek.

The Semple Scholarship Grant was this year made on the basis of the applicant's record, statement, and answers to a questionnaire. It is expected that, for the summer of 1950, a similar award will be made to a secondary school teacher for study at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, with the cooperation of that institution.

Fellowships, scholarships, grants, prizes for contests, and the like, are rather numerous in the classical languages, through colleges and universities and classical organizations. Undergraduates are urged to be on the watch for them. Recently, the Editor of The Classical Outlook has been publishing listings of such opportunities.

MEMORIAL DAY--NOW AND IN THE PAST

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, delivered in the midst of a great conflict, began America's Memorial Day of May 30. Pericles, in 431 B. C., was likewise in the midst of a great conflict when he delivered the Funeral Oration reported in the second book of Thucydides. It is one of various state funeral orations over the dead fallen in battle preserved to us or reported to us from classical days: such as the Menexenus of Plato; Hypereides' oration over those who fell in the Lamian war; and the oration ascribed to Lysias on the dead in the expedition to aid the Corinthians (394-387 B.C.).

LATIN MASTER IN THE WHITE HOUSE

A matter of history now is Mr. Truman's rise to the defense of accuracy in a Latin quotation, as reported in an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, dated March 29, 1949. At a public dinner, Chief Justice Vinson had used the quotation, "Carthago delenda est", and Mr. Truman had said he believed the quotation ought rather to have been "Delenda est Carthago". Further, in view of rough going in the Senate over parts of his program of requested legislation, the President added, according to the report: "There have been statements in the Senate that 'Truman est delenda'".

Actually, a "source" for the quotation has been a bit difficult for past scholars to track down. The formula, "Ceterum (or praeterea) censeo Carthaginem esse delendam" seems to be without authority, according to Frank Gardner Moore, in his college edition of Cicero's De Senectute (page 31, footnote 4). Yet the story that Cato, after a visit to Africa about 155 B.C., insisted that Carthage's new prosperity demanded a complete destruction of the city, while Scipio Nasica counseled a more temperate course, is well attested.

See, for example, Florus, Epitome 1.31.4-5: "Cato inexplabili odio delendam esse Carthaginem, et cum de alio consuleretur, pronuntiabat, Scipio Nasica servandam, ne metu ablato aemulae urbis luxuriari felicitas inciperet". That is, "Cato, with a hatred that could not be quenched, kept saying, even when he was consulted on some other matter, that Carthage had to be destroyed; but Scipio Nasica said that it should be preserved, for fear that Rome, if it no longer had to fear a rival city, would suffer from prosperity utterly uncontrolled".

And here, clearly, the order of words, even though in indirect discourse, favors Mr. Truman's order over Mr. Vinson's. But the grammatical infelicity of "Truman est Delenda" still brings shudders.

NEW OFFICIAL JEWELER

One of the important actions taken at the Twenty-first Annual Convention was to authorize the Executive Secretary to conclude negotiations with the L. G. Balfour Company to become official jeweler to the Fraternity. This organization is nation-wide and makes a specialty of fraternity insignia. Further, it is willing to send its representatives to individual Chapters and to display its offerings, with a view to clearing orders through local Chapters. It was the feeling of the Convention that official emblems should be more generally worn, and that pledge pins should be displayed by all pledges.

AMONG THE CHAPTERSGAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY (ATHENS)

At the National Convention, Gamma's Report, as given by Jim Hontas, showed eight active members and fifteen pledges who during the year were required to present a one-act play to entertain the regular members. There were also quiz programs of mythological subjects.

ZETA, DENISON UNIVERSITY

Mary M. Mauer reported for Zeta at the Convention. The Chapter was being reactivated at the time of the Convention. Plans for reorganization, it was reported, were under way.

PI, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Ann Fleming reported at the Convention a membership of thirty-six persons in Pi. A chief project for the year has been a study of "The Characterization of Homer". There was a special celebration of the Birthday of Rome.

TAU, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

A note in the Classics News-Letter edited by Professor Jonah W. D. Skiles at the University of Kentucky announces an initiation in Tau for May 17. Five active and two honorary members will be inducted. The honorary members will be Dr. T. W. Rainey, Associate editor of the Lexington Leader, and Joe Jordan, columnist in the Lexington Leader.

PSI, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

In a letter to the Editor of The Nuntius, Jean Carlson, Secretary of Psi, writes that that Chapter had initiated eight new active members. During "Latin Week" talks were sponsored by Chapter members in the classics departments of local high schools and displays were put on bulletin boards. Particularly successful was the Roman banquet, held on April 5. Officers for the coming year are: President, William N. Hulsey, Jr.; Vice-President, Maurice Contor; Secretary, Jean Carlson; Treasurer, James LaPenna.

OMEGA, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

The Report for Omega, given by Elliott Wilkins, stated that the Chapter had twenty-five members and twelve initiates. There have been monthly meetings, and several guest lecturers have participated. Professor A. Pelzer Wagener gave an illustrated lecture on Roman life.

ALPHA EPSILON, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Jim Gill reported a membership of twenty-three, in addition to six associate memberships. Monthly meetings have been held at the homes of members, and the theme of discussion for the year was "Classical Poetry".

ALPHA XI, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Monthly meetings have been held, William Donovan reported. An annual picnic served to acquaint the new initiates with the older members. The main project of the year was the presentation of a series of five motion pictures open to the general public. Through activities such as these, the Chapter has built up a treasury of four hundred dollars. Since the Convention, Travis Ussery, Chapter and National President, has announced that the concluding picnic will be held as a gala event on June 1. Alpha Xi's last public motion picture program for the year was held on April 27. It represented the Chapter's continued interest in visual-aid material, such as had been reported on in detail at the Convention.

ALPHA OMICRON, LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Mary Hartzell informs the Editor of The Nuntius by cards of events in Alpha Omicron. On April 5, the Chapter heard a talk by one of its members, George Diamandopoulos, a Greek exchange student. In May, the annual tea party was planned for the High School Latin Club. Games and refreshments are had at this event. New Officers in the Chapter were elected as follows: President, Larry Hastings; Vice-President, George Diamandopoulos; Secretary, Joyce Valy; Treasurer, George Chandler; Nuntius Correspondent, LaVerne Mackay.

ALPHA PI, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Louis Hammen reported a Chapter membership of twenty persons and monthly meetings held at the homes of faculty members. The Chapter has sponsored the presentation of such Greek tragedies as the Orestes and the Medea. The programs are open to the entire college.

ALPHA RHO, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

Donald A. Stewart, retiring Treasurer of Alpha Rho, reports by letter an initiation of five men into active membership on May 12. Following this meeting, the new members were guests of the Chapter at the annual end of the year banquet. Officers for 1949-1950 are: President, Clarence D. Reeser, Jr.; Vice-President, Dallas D. Dorward; Secretary, Raymond Reed; Treasurer, Harold Iverson.

ALPHA TAU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Katherine Lorenz, of Alpha Tau, writes that a reactivation meeting was held on May 4; Frances Larcomb will be President of the Chapter for 1949-1950, and Katherine Lorenz will be Secretary.

ALPHA UPSILON, WOOSTER COLLEGE

Ralph Booth reported that Alpha Upsilon works in conjunction with the College Classical Club. There are five active members and a large group to be initiated. Lectures and discussions were held during the year.

ALPHA PHI, MILLSAPS COLLEGE

Alpha Phi, according to Dewey Buckley's Convention Report, has twenty-one members and plans to initiate eighteen more. There are also nine honorary members from the faculty. This past year saw a variety of programs, among them a lecture on "Plato" by Professor A.P. Hamilton, the sponsoring of two radio programs, and the presentation of a motion picture. A Roman banquet was held in one of Jacksonville's leading hotels. Alpha Phi was represented by a delegation at the Regional Conference sponsored by Lambda Chapter at the University of Mississippi.

ALPHA CHI, TULANE UNIVERSITY

In a letter of April 4, 1949, to the Editor of The Nuntius, Roy Huss reviews the program of Alpha Chi for the year. There was a Saturnalia party in December as a highlight. Some eleven new members were slated for initiation, and plans called for a lecture on "Plato's Republic" by Professor Nesbitt of the department of philosophy, and, later, an illustrated lecture on a classical subject.

ALPHA PSI,
WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE

At the Convention, Donald Rodis reported five members and eight pledges. Each pledge is required to prepare and present, at a regular Chapter meeting, a twenty-five minute paper on some classical subject. A party and a reactivation program were phases of the year's activities.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

At the Convention, James Rice reported a very active year for Beta Alpha. The Chapter has nineteen members and ten initiates. A continuing project of the Chapter, from year to year, is the attempt to accumulate sufficient funds in its Keith Memorial Scholarship to make it possible to present each year a scholarship to a worthy high school student.

BETA ZETA, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Mary Frances King, of Webster College of Saint Louis University, reported a membership of twenty-five in Beta Zeta. The Chapter has had its annual high school and freshman college contests. Since the Convention, plans were made for the concluding meeting, which is to be held on May 22 at the home of the faculty sponsor. On this occasion, Mr. Ray Wittcoff, member of the Board of Directors of the Great Books Foundation in Chicago, will be inducted into honorary membership. A Chapter picnic is being planned for a date towards the close of June.

BETA THETA, HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE

James Humphreys reported regular monthly meetings for Beta Theta. The chief topic for the year was a series of talks and discussions on famous characters in antiquity.

BETA IOTA, WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

George Mallone's Report noted eighteen active and five associate members in Beta Iota. During the year, the chief project was to attempt to bring classical drama to the campus. Professor Preston Epps, of the University of North Carolina, read a paper on "Greek Tragedy", and Professor R. P. Harland gave an address on "The Methods of Archaeology". Professor C. B. Earp's earlier letter to the National Treasurer had reported an initiation of twenty-two members on April 14, and an initiation banquet with forty-four persons present. Professor W. E. Caldwell, of the University of North Carolina, made an address on this occasion and was inducted into honorary membership.

"PERMANENTLY PRESERVING"
YOUR SHINGLE

The Perma Plaque Corporation, Los Angeles 27, California, has called the attention of the Executive Secretary to a method of "permanently preserving" shingles, charters, photographs, diplomas, and the like. Plastic laminated plaques are employed, and it is possible to have a shingle, for example, set up, without glass, in an ebony-and-gold-edged frame, with a protective plastic covering over the document. Those interested may want to write directly to the manufacturer.

RIPLEY AND VERGILIAN "RADIO"

In a recent Sunday series of "Believe It Or Not" items, Mr. Ripley quoted the Aeneid 6.850, "Describent radio et surgentia sidera dicent", as proof that Vergil, "in the year 30 B.C.", used the word "radio". Before we object that the Vergilian radio is an orthographic accident for present-day radio, let us note: (1) radio in the passage, of course means "rod" or "staff"; but (2) radius can also mean "ray", and it is from the word in this sense that English "radio" is derived.

CURRENTLY ACTIVE CHAPTERS

- Gamma: Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
Prytanis: Marian Malham
- Delta: Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana
Grammateus: C. Jack Scott
- Epsilon: State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
Chrysophylax: Roy Stoddard, Jr.
- Zeta: Denison University, Granville, Ohio
Adviser: Doctor Lindley R. Dean
- Theta: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Chrysophylax: Jo Ann Hartford
- Lambda: University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi
Prytanis: Florence Phyfer Krause
- Pi: Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama
Prytanis: James William Johnson
- Rho: Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
Adviser: Professor George E. McCracken
- Sigma: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
Chrysophylax: Russell Sawmiller
- Tau: University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
Grammateus: Ann Vaughn
- Upsilon: Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi
Prytanis: May Edington
- Psi: Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
Prytanis: Albert F. Bachleda
- Omega: College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia
Prytanis: Peter Boynton
- Alpha Delta: Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia
Prytanis: Kate Durr Elmore
- Alpha Epsilon: Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Prytanis: Rheiner T. Hutchins, II
- Alpha Theta: Hunter College, New York City, New York
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