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CONVENTION PART OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE



The Vulcan

The Twenty-eighth National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi will be held Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, 1956, at Birmingham, Alabama, on the invitation of Pi Chapter, Birmingham-Southern College. It is appropriate that the Convention should be held at this location this year, since the year 1956 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Birmingham-Southern College. The officials of the College are proud to have Eta Sigma Phi share in its centennial celebration, since they feel that the chapter of Eta Sigma Phi adds prestige to the College.

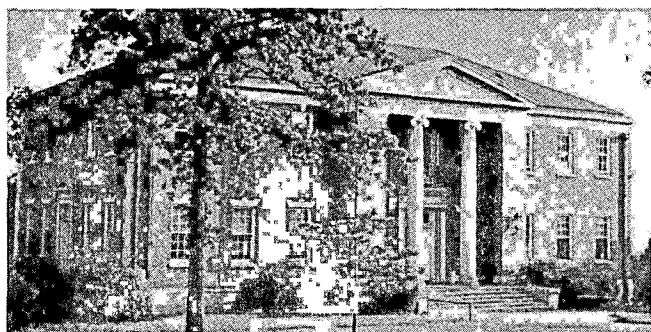
Southern University was founded at Greensboro, Alabama, in 1856 by the Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Later when the state was divided into two conferences, the North Alabama Con-

ference withdrew its support from Southern University and in 1898 founded North Alabama Conference College (later named Birmingham College) at Birmingham. On May 30, 1918, the two conferences consolidated these two institutions into Birmingham-Southern College, which opened in Birmingham on September 11, 1918. It is a fully accredited liberal arts college with chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Mortar Board. Pi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was founded here in 1927.

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A view of Vestavia.





Stockham Building, Birmingham-Southern College

TENTATIVE PROGRAM
TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Friday, April 13, 1956

Molton Room
Molton Hotel

- 8:00 A. M. Registration of Delegates
- 9:30 A. M. *First General Session*
Address of Welcome, Dr. Guy E. Snavelly,
President and Chancellor of Birmingham-
Southern College
Response, Mr. Joseph Gutierrez, President
of Eta Sigma Phi
Approval of Minutes of Twenty-seventh
National Convention
Roll Call of chapters, approval of creden-
tials
Chapter Reports
- 12:00 Luncheon for Grand Executive Council and
Board of Trustees
- 2:00 P. M. *Second General Session*
Appointment of Committees
Report on Expansion and Reactivation,
Vice-President Jeannine Hensley
Tour of Birmingham
- 6:30 P. M. Subscription Banquet (\$2.50)
Showing of Ray Garner's Movie *Greece*

This beautiful color movie, prepared through the cooperation of the Archaeological Institute of America, American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and the Greek Government, was made in Greece, with original music played by the Philharmonic Orchestra of Athens. It had its premier showing at the joint meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association last Christmas.

Saturday, April 14, 1956

Stockham Building
Birmingham-Southern College

- 9:30 A. M. *Third General Session*
A distinguished speaker to be announced
later will speak at this meeting.
Business meeting (continued)

- 12:00 Complimentary Luncheon
Greenboro Room
Birmingham-Southern College
- 2:00 P. M. *Fourth General Session*
Business meeting (concluded)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Molton Hotel will be the Convention headquarters. Arrangements have been made for rooms at the following prices: Single, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Double (twin beds), \$7.50; Double (double bed), \$6.50 to \$7.00; Additional bed in above rooms \$2.00 each. In the near future Pi Chapter will forward a reservation blank to all chapters.



**CONVENTION PART OF CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION OF BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN**

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The "Hilltop", site of the College, is located on the western boundary of the city of Birmingham. Below in Jones Valley stretches the city itself with a population of 360,000 (metropolitan population 601,000). Across the valley to the south atop Red Mountain stands (the statue of) Vulcan, who watches over the destiny of his city, famous for its steel production. Electra, standing on the Alabama Power Company Building, assists in protecting the city. Each night Vulcan's column in the *Birmingham News* gives his comments on his city and its activities. A torch in his hand burns red when one of his citizens has been escorted by Hermes to Charon's boat because of inability to cope with the traffic in a modern city but at other times it burns green. Further to the south, on Shades Mountain, is Vestavia, home of a former mayor, said by some to be a facsimile of the Temple of Vesta in Rome, but this statement does not have the approval of the Department of Classics of Birmingham-Southern College.

Spring is well advanced by April in Birmingham and many of the spring flowers are still in bloom. The weather is warm and pleasant and the atmosphere invigorating. Pi Chapter hopes that you will find a week-end in Alabama most enjoyable.

All chapters who are able should send delegates. Chapters located in the southern and eastern part of the country should make every effort to send representatives, since the convention next year will meet with a chapter located further north and west.

ALUMNI NEWS

Jack Roberts, *Gamma Alpha*, National President of Eta Sigma Phi 1954-55, married in August and he and his wife are now studying and teaching part time at the University of Illinois, where they both received fellowships in English for this year. Jack played a significant part in the commencement program of Indiana State

Teachers College last spring. Not only was he graduated *summa cum laude*, but he spoke for the entire student body at a farewell dinner in honor of the Dean of Instruction. Although Jack is teaching and doing graduate work in English, he is still very much interested in the Classics.

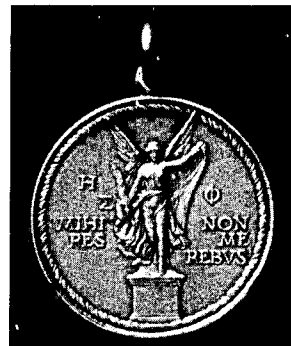
post-graduate work at the University of London on a Fullbright Scholarship. Bill says: "The readers of the *Nuntius* might be more interested in the fact that I was in Italy and Greece this last April. I devoured all of the antiquities in Fiesole, Rome, Pompeii, and Brindisium, saw Ulysses' ship on Corfu; toured Greece, see-

ing Mycenae, Tiryns, Argos, Epidauros, Corinth, Olympia, Delphi, and Athens; and loved it all wildly. Tell your readers that the poppies in Greece are truly blood-red, as Pindar said they were, and the Aegean is really wine-dark in the best Homeric fashion."

All chapters are urged to consider awarding the Eta Sigma Phi Medals to qualified students in their communities. These medals not only promote interest in the study of Latin among high school students but also publicize the Fraternity.



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James William ("Bill") Johnson, *Pi*, National Vice-President of Eta Sigma Phi 1948-49, is at present an Instructor in English in the Arts College of the University of Rochester, with his field of specialization the neo-classical period. He attended Harvard University on an American Council of learned Societies Fellowship and received his M. A. in 1950. He received his Ph. D. in 1954 from Vanderbilt University, where he held a teaching fellowship. The following year he did

Herbert Chester Hanson, *Beta*, is enrolled as a member of the June 1956 class of the American Institute for Foreign Trade at Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Arizona. The course of study at the Institute concentrates on techniques of international business administration, foreign languages, and characteristics of foreign countries. Herbert's knowledge of the Classics has no doubt proven invaluable in his current studies.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

The following are excerpts from a letter of Joseph Gutierrez, National President of Eta Sigma Phi, dated February 7, 1956:

"Kindly remind the Fraternity that the Convention is for the *whole* Fraternity. Each chapter should therefore hold a pre-Convention meeting at which it may elect its delegate. Each chapter is to instruct its delegate regarding any important matters to be brought up at the Convention. Thus, each delegate would really be a representative of his chapter. This will also insure efficiency as regards our business meetings.

"Please remind each chapter once again about the matter of membership requirements. This fact cannot be overemphasized as it deals with the very heart and soul of our Fraternity.

"Each chapter should be reminded of Article XIV Section 2a of the Constitution, i. e. delegates are to bring written reports to be read and submitted at the Convention. (Also Article X Section 5c).

"Each chapter is to study last year's minutes and decide whether or not to pass the proposed amendments. (Article VIII Section 2).

"These four points I think are very important and should be brought to the attention of the various chapters.

"It is my sincere hope that each chapter take these recommendations seriously — after all the Convention is the Fraternity in action, the integration of all its widespread chapters for future harmonious activity."

All members of Eta Sigma Phi are indebted to Professor William C. Korfmacher, Editor of the *Classical Bulletin*, for the interesting news item concerning our Fraternity in the December issue of the *Bulletin*. Your editor also appreciates his kind remarks about the *Nuntius*. The February issue, under the heading *Meetings of Classical Interest* announces our forthcoming Convention. It is of great value to have the work of our group brought to the attention of classical scholars.

Professor Davis M. Key passed away at his home in Birmingham, Alabama, January 25, 1956. He was a loyal member of Alpha Phi Chapter while President of Millsaps College and of Pi Chapter after he returned to Birmingham-Southern College as Head of the Department of Classics until his retirement in 1945. He was the father of Shelton Key, former National President of Eta Sigma Phi.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS

PI, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE

The members of Pi Chapter are enjoying a series of lectures this quarter. At the January meeting Professor G. R. Hernandez, Head of the Department of Spanish, gave a very entertaining account of *The Spaniards in Rome*, which brought to the attention of the chapter the contributions of natives of Spain to Roman literature and government. Professor John Alford, Visiting Professor of Art from the New England School of Design, discussed *The Classical Tradition in Art* in an illustrated lecture at the February meeting.

The chapter is making plans to award the Eta Sigma Phi Medal for second year students in the five high schools of the city. A member of the chapter who is a graduate of the high school will present the medal on Awards Day.

The Editor of the *Nuntius* is teaching a non-credit night course for adults in Greek and Roman Mythology this quarter. Twenty-four are enrolled in the course.

ALPHA OMICRON, LAWRENCE COLLEGE

As the last issue of the *Nuntius* was going to press the National Office received a letter from Professor M. P. Cunningham, Adviser of Alpha Omicron Chapter, in which he stated that the activities of Lawrence College were delayed this year since the College was late in starting in the fall as a result of a high incident of polio in the area. On December 8 two new members were initiated and the chapter is looking forward to initiating several more people who will be eligible later in the year. At the time of the letter the chapter was planning to produce Plautus' *Mostellaria* near the end of February. We hope that the chapter will send a report of this production to be included in a later issue of the *Nuntius*.

ALPHA RHO, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

The annual Christmas meeting of Alpha Rho Chapter was held in conjunction with the Classics Club of Cedar Crest College. Joseph Donchez, Prytanis of Alpha Rho

and National Treasurer of Eta Sigma Phi, says that this marks the renewal of a custom which had lapsed since the beginning of World War II. The social hour which followed a short business meeting featured Latin songs, games, and refreshments. It was announced that Mrs. Alice Talmadge of Cedar Crest College would be the speaker at the annual banquet. Films of ancient Greece and Rome were shown at the February meeting. The chapter is preparing to continue the awarding of medals to high school students who show exemplary proficiency in the Classics.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

John Wicks, Prytanis, and Lloyd Ballhagen, vice-president, of Beta Alpha Chapter announced two Latin contests for high school students at the state meeting of the Junior Classical League in Sioux Falls in December. They explained the rules of the contests to the 300 high school Latin students in attendance.

The chapter is sponsoring an essay contest (subject *Classical Myths that Live Today*) for all high school students in the state. First, second, and third place winners will be awarded a gold, silver, and bronze medal, respectively. Results of the contest will be announced in the local newspapers of the winners, and over the university broadcasting station, KUSD.

In another contest the high school of the state which submits the best report of its Latin Week observance will be awarded a handsome gold Roman lamp, a traveling trophy established last year. Sturgis High School was the 1955 winner with an outstanding scrapbook account.

This semester Professor Grace L. Beede, Adviser of Beta Alpha Chapter and a member of the Board of Trustees of Eta Sigma Phi, is presenting a series of classical myths on KUSD. To supplement the 14 mythological dramatizations entitled *On Winged Sandals to Olympus*, KUSD is sending out packets of illustrative pictures for students notebooks. A prize, a handsome book of Mythology, is being offered for the best student notebook submitted.

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AMONG THE CHAPTERS (Continued from Page 21)

This program and the contests are being sponsored by the Department of Classical Languages to revitalize Latin in South Dakota.

BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Beta Delta Chapter initiated six active members and two associate members on February 1. They also elected the following new officers: Prytanis, Bill Young; vice-president, Yvonne Huffaker; secretary, Eddie Morris; treasurer, Charles McMahon, sergeant-at-arms, George Cone.

BETA LAMBDA, MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

Beta Lambda Chapter held its January meeting on January 25, with Prytanis Virginia Zamrzla in charge. Cecilia Fitch, Loretto Moore, and Barbara Schuetz were initiated at this meeting and refreshments were served. The movie, *Art Treasures of the Vatican*, was enjoyed by all members. The meeting concluded with a lively discussion of three recent films: *Helen of Troy*, *Ulysses*, and *Alexander the Great*.

Beta Lambda followed the discussion on films of the January meeting with the showing of a colored filmstrip, *Ulysses*, based on the full length movie, at its February meeting. This program also included the Eta Sigma Phi song with saxophone accompaniment and report on Lorado Taft's *Little Museum of Greek Sculpture*, a museum comprising ninety pieces of world-famed Greek sculpture which is being exhibited in the Greek and Latin Department of the College.

BETA MU, BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Barbara Irwin, secretary, reports that Beta Mu Chapter had an enjoyable dinner meeting on November 10. Immediately after the dinner an initiation ceremony was held in which Joan Ryan and William Lloyd were received into Eta Sigma Phi. Following the initiation, Dr. Robert Andry of the Department of Religion showed color slides of Egypt which he made during his travels abroad.

GAMMA ALPHA, INDIANA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

Professor Gertrude Ewing, Adviser of Gamma Alpha Chapter, sent the National Office the interesting item

about Jack Roberts which appears in the Alumni News. She reports that again last December the chapter continued its annual project of singing Christmas carols in Latin at the local home for orphans and at nursing homes. In the spring, Gamma Alpha will be able to initiate some new members.

REPORTS JUST RECEIVED

OMEGA, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Joel Hurley, Hyparchos of Omega Chapter, is filling out the unexpired term of Prytanis Joshua Thompson, who was graduated in February. To judge from his report activities of the chapter are in capable hands. Recently the chapter attended a lecture on *Lucretius* by Dr. John Petersen Elder of Harvard University. On March 1 Dr. Richard K. Newman of the Department of Fine Arts of the College of William and Mary gave an illustrated lecture concerning *The Classic Tradition in Modern Architecture*, which was followed by "a spirited discussion which sharply split the group."

The chapter meets every two weeks. On March 15 there will be a student program, which will include slides, readings, and a general discussion of Greece and Rome. All language students in the Department of Classics will be guests at a reception on March 29. Although the programs for April are not ready to be announced at this time, the final meeting for the semester will be the annual picnic and election of officers for next year at the home of Dr. A. Pelzer Wagener.

ALPHA CHI, TULANE UNIVERSITY

Professor Graydon W. Regenos, Adviser of Alpha Chi Chapter, reports that on the evening of March 1 the Chapter initiated twelve new members. Following the initiation ceremonies the new members were guests at a banquet at the University Cafeteria. A highlight of the activities of Alpha Chi for this year will be a lecture on Sunday afternoon, April 29, by Professor George E. Mylonas of Washington University on *Mycenae, Her Citadel and Her Royal Graves*.

NEW INITIATES

The following is a list of initiates reported from December 15, 1955, to February 29, 1956:

Tau Chapter: Lenore Abney Baber, Mrs. Alice Boyd, Katharine Harelson, Nancy Ellen Hatfield, Mary Webber Vaughn, Richard F. Vinson, Jr., Anne Lee Dunaway (assoc.), Molly Hamilton Myles (assoc.).

Alpha Omicron: Nancy Goetz, William MacArthur.

Alpha Phi: Aubrey Ford, Ann Hupperich, Sam Jones, June Martin, Ann Ragland, Alfred Statnam, Fred Yerger.

Alpha Chi: Kay I. Bethune, William Baggett Coker, John Henry Hammel, III, John Lynn Hantel, Elizabeth Marshall, Anthony Clement Perley, Carolyn A. Roberts, Robert Edward Treuting, Woolen Hands Walshe, Anthony Milton Warren, Donald F. Watts, Walter Francis Wolf, Jr.

Alpha Omega: Marilyn Duncan, Sidney Strickland, John Milan, Will de Grummond, Cynthia Hair, Virginia Titus, Charles Cox, Sidney Ingram, Jack Worley, James H. Phillips.

Beta Alpha: Lloyd Ballhagen.

Beta Delta: Eddie Morris, Carol Cullen, Yvonne Huffaker, Jon Hatfield, Charles McMahon, George Cone.

Beta Zeta: Elizabeth Touhill, M. Cynthia Stevenson, James Stuardt, Douglas Westhoff, Colette Barclay, Justine Maier, James Dougherty, Thomas Bourke, Sue Hagerty, Mary Weigers, Barry Buermann, Jim Tracy, Elizabeth Garesche, Gerald O'Gorman, Lelia Conway, Frank Corcoran.

Beta Lambda: Cecelia Fitch, Loretto Moore, Barbara Schuetz.

Beta Mu: William Lloyd, Joan Ryan.

Beta Nu: Patty Sue Hess, Shirley Meeks, Irene Goldman, Barbara Pultz.

Beta Sigma: Gerald Braun, Carol L. Enright, Susan Evitts, Rita R. Hasley, Charles Marvin Hill, Peter J. Koch, Richard A. Matzek, Mary Anne T. Siderits, Mary Jeneane Wade, Rita Ann Wagner, Joseph J. Zedrosser, John A. Falvery, Eleanor T. Keating (associate), Virginia Regan (assoc.), and Roger P. Paar (honorary).

Gamma Gamma: Barbara Schuchardt, Franklin Lotter.



OWL KEY

Alternate Eta Sigma Phi
Membership Key

Illustrated above actual size is the new Owl key-- alternate Eta Sigma Phi membership key. It is fashioned of 10K yellow gold with black enamel background and a modeled owl with two garnet stones set in the eyes.

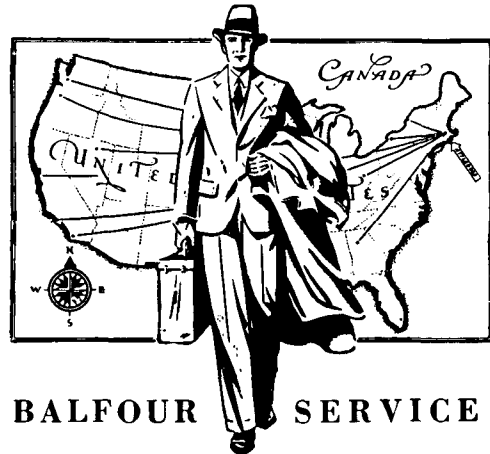
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